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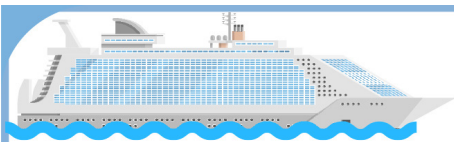
## A Nation mourns

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Lady Ava Ramsey



## Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

Date	Cruise Ship	Arrive-Depart	
19 February, 2020 <b>Wednesday</b>	Crown Princess	07:00	16:00
19 February, 2020 <b>Wednesday</b>	Mein Schiff 2	07:00	19:00
19 February, 2020 <b>Wednesday</b>	Silver Wind	08:00	19:00
20 February, 2020 <b>Thursday</b>	Norwegian Gem	08:00	17:00
20 February, 2020 <b>Thursday</b>	Seabourn Odyssey	08:00	23:00
20 February, 2020 <b>Thursday</b>	Marella Explorer 2	08:00	18:00
22 February, 2020 <b>Saturday</b>	Braemar		
23 February, 2020 <b>Sunday</b>	Oceania Riviera	07:00	16:00
25 February, 2020 <b>Tuesday</b>	MSC Divina	07:00	18:00

## The Living Word

Water into Hope

Read: John 4:4–14

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. John 7:37

Tom and Mark's ministry refreshes lives. This is clear in the video they share of a group of fully clad children laughing and dancing in the refreshing water of an open shower—their first ever. The men work with indigenous churches to install water filtration systems on wells in Haiti, easing and lengthening lives as diseases connected to contaminated water are prevented. Access to clean, fresh water gives the people hope for their future.

Jesus referred to "living water" in John 4 to capture a similar idea of a continual source of refreshment. Tired and thirsty, Jesus had asked a Samaritan woman for a drink (vv. 4–8). This request led to a conversation in which Jesus offered the woman "living water" (vv. 9–15)—water that would become a source of life and hope within them, like "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (v. 14).

We discover what this living water is later in John, when Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink," declaring that whoever believed in Him would have "rivers of living water [flowing] from within them." John explains, "By this he meant the Spirit" (7:37–39).

Through the Spirit, believers are united to Christ and have access to the boundless power, hope, and joy found in God. Like living water, the Spirit lives inside believers, refreshing and renewing us.

How has Jesus satisfied your thirst through His Spirit? How will you share what Jesus has done for you?

Dear God, thank You for leaving us Your Spirit. Work in us so that our lives point others to You.

### DAY 2/21

Max UV Index: 8 Very High  
 Wind: E at 13 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 32 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 40%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 0.5 mm  
 Rain: 0.5 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 1  
 Hours of Rain: 1

# 27° Hi



Partly sunny with a shower in places

### NIGHT 2/21

Wind: E at 7 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 18 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 41%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 0.6 mm  
 Rain: 0.6 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm

# 23° Lo



Mainly clear with a shower in places

### SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST  
6:31AM

Sunset AST  
6:11PM



Duration  
11:37 hr

### MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST  
5:12 AM

Moonset AST  
4:40 AM



Duration  
11:28 hr



# Police Roundup

## Armed robbery at superette

The police are investigating an armed robbery that happened at a superette on Wilkinson Cross Street in the Point Area on Monday night.

The police have confirmed that they are currently investigating the incident where a masked man entered the superette, assaulted the owner and demanded money. After the money was handed over to him, the masked man ran outside into a waiting vehicle with two men sitting inside. They made a quick getaway.

Police spokesman said an active investigation is underway to bring the perpetrators to justice.



He is asking anyone with information that may help the police solve the crime to come forward.

# Yacht fire at dockyard

A 125-foot yacht anchored at Nelson's Dockyard was partially damaged by a fire Thursday afternoon that is believed to have been caused by an electrical problem.

The All Saints Fire Station received a call about the distressed yacht at 3:42 pm and immediately rushed to the scene where they were

able to contain the fire thus saving the multimillion dollar yacht.

Reports are that the electrical panel was destroyed as the fire spread to the engine room and guest areas. The entire cabin was smoke-filled and the smoke damage is said to be extensive.

However, the quick action by the

firemen is believed to have saved the vessel from being destroyed by the fire.

The owner of the yacht is reported to be in Germany, but three crew members were living aboard the vessel at the time.

Although it is believed that the fire originated in the electrical panel, Fire Chief Elvis Weaver said an investigation will take place nonetheless to determine the precise cause.

Meanwhile, St John's firemen rushed to Bendals Thursday afternoon to put out a bush fire. No individual was hurt or property damaged by this bush fire.

Total fire calls for the year for all four fire stations – St John's, All saints, Johnson's Point and Coolidge – stand at 44.



# Alarm sounded about dangerous ganja-coke combo

A bizarre and previously unheard of technique of marijuana cultivation is reported to be one of the latest means by which young men are wrecking their sanity.

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda, in its latest post-Cabinet briefing notes, said the Attorney General reported to his colleagues this week that “several young men who have ingested a mixture of illicit drugs have become deranged.”

During the weekly post-Cabinet press briefing on Thursday morning, the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff, Ambassador Lionel “Max” Hurst, expanded on the initial revelations which

noted that “the adverse effects of the drugs cause permanent harm to the brain, and cause the men to suffer continuing hallucinations.”

According to Hurst, “It appears to be a mixture of cocaine, marijuana and some other anti-depressants that seemingly provide them with some ecstatic experience. But it is at a tremendous cost to them.”

He said apart from being “unlawful and illegal”, the drug cocktails make those who ingest them “do crazy things” necessitating emergency commitment to institutionalized psychiatric care and supervision.

“They are taken to Clarevue [Psychi-

atric Hospital] and subdued when their behavior is outside of normalcy and sometimes even violent,” Hurst stated, before adding, “We need to dedicate some additional resources to ensure they can be treated and seek recovery.”

Then came the bombshell revelation by the Chief of Staff who said, “As I understand it, they are now planting marijuana ... and are placing crystals of cocaine in the soil so that they become a part of the plant itself ... apparently, the plant then reflects this mutation that takes place when the cocaine is added to the soil ... It forms a very dangerous substance that can harm them for life.”

## Rodney confirmed: Dedication to duty unchanged

Newly appointed Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney, said his dedication to duty will not change now that he has been confirmed in the post.

Commissioner Rodney explained that he has been a police officer for over 38 years and that he has served in all positions of the force. “My attitude towards policing remains unchanged as I am still committed to such qualities as honesty, integrity coupled with strong beliefs in good customer service.

Noting that crime in Antigua and Barbuda is relatively low compared with other Caribbean states, Rodney said moving forward the force will build on the successes of the past while at

the same time come up with new strategies to further reduce crime. “Someone is affected by crime in society so it is our duty to do our best to keep criminal activity at a minimum,” he remarked.

One of his priorities is improving the human resources of the police force by providing opportunities for officers to improve their skills. Another is to improve the state of the buildings from which police officers

carry out their duties.

“There is need to improve the infrastructure as our buildings need repairs. In fact, some of the buildings housing police stations in the rural districts are in dire of disrepair,” he noted.

He noted that the police within the force is not unique as on a weekly basis different categories of government workers take industrial action over poor working conditions.



*Newly appointed Commissioner of Police, Atlee Rodney*

Rodney promises to mount an aggressive lobbying effort to secure much needed repairs to make the physical conditions under which officers function more conducive to good performances.

## Haitian FM statements on Venezuela condemned

Antigua and Barbuda’s Prime Minister Gaston Browne is taking issue with statements made by the Foreign Minister of Haiti regarding the current situation in Venezuela.

In their communique issued Wednesday following their intersessional meeting in

Barbados, Heads of Government agreed to dispatch a mission to Haiti to observe the situation there. “Heads of Government reviewed the situation in Haiti, and recognised the complexity of the issues. They

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# Choksi abused CIP

Indian fugitive, Mehul Chinubhai Choksi, who makes Antigua and Barbuda his current home after he acquired citizenship under the country's Citizenship By Investment Programme (CIP) has been accused of harming the image of the programme.

That's the view of the Indian High Commissioner to Guyana, Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts-Nevis, Dr. K.J Srinivasa, who spoke to journalists at a press briefing during his current visit to St John's. He said Choksi decision to travel to Antigua and Barbuda under the CIP was an abuse of the system.

"His action is not only an abuse of CIP, but it also conveys an image of the programme that is not in the best interest of Antigua and Barbuda," Dr. Srinivasa contends. He said India wants the experience of Choksi to be a 'one-off' and he believes the Antigua and Barbuda government wants the same too.

He said the 60-year old businessman is wanted by the Judicial Authorities of



*Indian fugitive, Mehul Chinubhai Choksi*

India for criminal conspiracy, criminal breach of trust, cheating and dishonesty including delivery of property, corruption and money laundering. He accused Choksi of taking 'tax-payers' money from India and while his government wants a speedy resolution of the matter, he fully understands the position of the Antigua and Barbuda government of non-interference in the judicial process.

"Both countries are democracies and as such, we respect each other's sovereignty and integrity. We understand from the Antigua and Barbuda government that the matter is being given due consideration at the highest levels. We are told the matter is before



*Indian High Commissioner to Guyana, Antigua and Barbuda and St Kitts-Nevis, Dr. K.J Srinivasa.*

the court in various stages with a recent hearing held on February 13," he stated.

The diplomat said his country is careful in how it handles this case as it doesn't want to give the appearance that it is putting pressure on another sovereign country. He said the evidence against the fugitive is 'overwhelming' and once the case runs its course through the legal system 'we would be happy to take custody of Mr Choksi'.

Asked if the matter involving Choksi has harmed the relationship between Antigua

and Barbuda and India, Dr. Srinivasa said 'no' that this was not the case. "We cannot let years of friendship become strained because of one man," he declared.

He said rather than strained relations, India has committed to increase its assistance to Antigua and Barbuda in the areas of education, culture and technology.

India is increasing the number of scholarships it is offering students from Antigua and Barbuda to sixteen, up from four. He disclosed that fourteen students are already in India with two more due to leave next month.

India also wants to send yoga practitioners to teach this form of meditation and exercise to people in Antigua and Barbuda. He said yoga has helped to combat non-communicable diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. He noted that the people of India are in love with the Rhythms of the Caribbean and he wish to have a collaboration between musicians from both places.

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recognised there was a multiplicity of views as to the way forward. Heads of Government agreed to dispatch a team of senior officials led by the Secretary-General to Haiti to meet with all relevant stakeholders," the statement said.

Describing it as an utter disregard, disrespect and contempt for CARICOM Heads of Government, coming from a Foreign Minister of the Com-

munity, PM Browne said Foreign Minister, Bocchit Edmond, is seeking to justify Haiti's brown-nosing of the policies of others, in lieu of their protection, to keep Moïse and his regime in power.

"Unfortunately, while the protectors of the regime turn a blind eye, the crisis in Haiti is rapidly deteriorating, making the situation in Venezuela pale in comparison," he opined.

Under the circumstances, Browne is

of the view that the Maduro regime has greater legitimacy than the Moïse regime, 'yet Edmond has the unmitigated gall to condemn Maduro's administration'. This comes while his government is ruling by decree against the will of the majority of the Haitian people.

It is Haiti and those who follow them, to promote the agenda of others, that's dividing Caricom and placing Caricom's unity under strain, the prime minister declared.



By Sir Ronald Sanders

*(The writer is Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and at Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)*

Global attention to Guyana has focussed on the current campaigning for general elections due on March 2. Reports indicate a vigorous campaign with the country's newly found resources in oil and gas very much on the minds of the contesting political parties.

While the election campaign is proceeding and the electorate awaits the date on which the majority will decide which party forms the next government and who will be the President of the country, the long-standing contention between Guyana and Venezuela has been ambling its way through the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at The Hague.

Three weeks after the general election, the ICJ

# Guyana-Venezuela and international law

will begin four days of legal arguments, between 23 and 27 March, from Guyana and Venezuelan teams on whether the Court has jurisdiction to pronounce a judgement. It is important to emphasise that this hearing is to determine whether the Court has jurisdiction; it is not yet concerned with the merits of the case which the Court will hear if it decides that it is properly vested with jurisdiction.

The Venezuelan Government disputes the ICJ's jurisdiction. In a statement issued on 29 November 2019, the authorities in Caracas said it "reiterates its historical position on the lack of jurisdiction of that international body". Calling the Guyana application to the Court "absurd and disturbing", the Venezuelan government revealed that it had informed the ICJ of its position in a memorandum the day before.

Conveniently ignored by the Venezuelan government is the binding international Award of 1899 that established and demarcated the boundary between Guyana and Venezuela. That boundary had been accepted, respected and even protected by Venezuela for almost 60 years until 1965 when Guyana's independence from Britain was set to take place the follow-

ing year. Venezuela resurrected an unsubstantiated claim, attributed to one of its long dead lawyers from the 1899 arbitral process, that the US Chief Justice – one of the Arbitrators – had been bribed. It is upon this shaky and shady allegation that Venezuela asserts the nullity of the 1899 award.

In any event, it was the ICJ that had decided it wished to hold a hearing on the matter of jurisdiction, inviting Guyana and Venezuela to submit arguments. Having informed the Court on 18 June 2010 that "Venezuela would not participate in the proceedings", the Venezuelan government nonetheless submitted its memorandum. However, it remains unclear whether legal representatives of the Venezuelan government will turn up to make arguments before the Court in accordance with the Court's advice.

What is clear is that the Venezuelan government does not want any legal arbitration of its territorial claim; instead it wants Guyana to halt the ICJ proceedings and "to recommence the negotiation for a definitive solution". That negotiation would be between the Venezuela and Guyana governments – one that has been on-going in different formats since 1965 and

which made no progress because there was no shift from the Venezuelan position that it has "historic and legitimate rights over the 'Guayana Esequiba' since its own birth in 1810".

Venezuelan governments have not been averse to flexing their military muscle by invading Guyanese territory and seizing ships in Guyana's territorial waters. These instances are well-recorded.

It should be noted that the Maduro government's continuing claim to two-thirds of Guyana is matched by the position of leaders of opposition parties, including Juan Guaidó who some governments regard as the President of Venezuela.

Venezuela has traditionally wanted negotiations with Guyana instead of arbitration by international legal machinery because successive governments have felt that their larger population, superior military might, and greater wealth (from oil and gas) placed them in a powerful position. Bigger and more powerful countries, regardless of their ideological stripe, prefer to deal directly with weaker countries precisely because the strong can bully the weak and, in so doing, get their way without regard to justice.

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Throughout the entire period of this Venezuelan claim, Guyana has been relatively poor, lacking in military strength and of no particular strategic interest to the hemispheric or international community. All of Guyana's options for development were constrained by that reality. In part, it explains why the Guyana government was anxious to settle a deal with Exxon Mobil and others for the production of oil and gas.

As of 2020, Guyana officially joined the ranks of petroleum-producing states, and a big one as well. While Guyana is still a militarily weak nation, its economic standing will improve on the back of oil and gas reserves. Further, there will be far greater international interest in the preservation of Guyana's sovereignty and territorial integrity than there was

before.

But the risk posed by Venezuela remains, despite its current weak economic situation and its fragile military circumstances. In time, these conditions could change while the ambition for claiming two-thirds of Guyana remains. That is why the Guyana government is right to pursue legal recourse at the ICJ as many other nations have done from the time of the Court's inception. Settlement of the issue will come only from lawful resolution.

The 15-nation Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries have always stated their support for Guyana in the territorial claim from Venezuela, notwithstanding the close relationship that developed between some of their governments and the Chavez/Maduro governments because of the benefits of the now defunct PetroCa-

ribe arrangements.

At their Thirty-First Inter-Sessional Meeting in Barbados on 18-19 February, CARICOM Heads of Government repeated their "full support for the judicial process that is intended to bring a peaceful and definitive end to the long-standing controversy between the two countries". They did so while reiterating "their firm and unswerving support for the maintenance and preservation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Guyana".

This unanimous decision of the meeting - to stand up for a determination of the Guyana-Venezuela boundary under the rule of international law by the world's highest Court - was one of its better outcomes, showing real value for membership of the treaty organisation.

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To whom it may concern:

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The Ministry of Civil Aviation is advertising vacant positions for Air Traffic Controller Assistant within the Air Traffic Services (ATS) at the V.C. Bird International Airport.

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- Initial shortlisting does not guarantee a placement into the V.C. Bird Air Traffic Services.
- Applicants must be between the ages of eighteen (18) to twenty Four (24) years and should successfully qualify for a Class 3 Medical Certificate and Psychiatric Evaluation.

**Applications should reach the Office of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Utilities, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Energy no later than 28th February 2020.**

*Please note, only suitable applicants will be contacted.*

  
Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Public Utilities, Civil Aviation, Transport and Energy

Cc: Sir Robin Yearwood- Minister of Public Utilities, Civil Aviation, Transportation and Energy

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# ‘Fort James will remain completely ours’ – Hurst

The traditional and very popular recreational activities that take place at Fort James every year on Labour Day will in no way be restricted, curtailed or compromised by a major tourism development planned for the area.

That assurance from the Government of Antigua and Barbuda was given by the Prime Minister’s Chief of Staff, Ambassador Lionel “Max” Hurst, during the weekly post-Cabinet press briefing on Thursday morning.

The Fort James Development is a collaborative undertaking between Government – through the Ministry of Tourism and Investment – and Royal Caribbean Cruises, which operates a majority of the numerous cruise ships that visit Antigua and Barbuda every year during the annual cruise tourism season.

Royal Caribbean has committed to investing millions in the Royal Beach Club that is expected to feature an amusement park and other entertainment facilities to considerably increase and improve the tourism experience for cruise passengers who visit Antigua and are desirous of treating themselves to some landside or off-ship fun and enjoyment of the destination.

On Thursday morning, Ambassador Hurst responded to a reporter’s question about the exact location of the planned Royal Beach Club and whether this would limit the access that locals have hitherto been granted in that area.

“The beaches will continue to be accessible to the entire public at all times,” Hurst stated categorically. “But the object is to ensure that on

Labour Day there is nothing that will impede the large numbers of people who drive there and who celebrate on Labour Day.

“This has been going on since 1951 and, as a consequence, you can imagine that it is not an event we hope to bring to an end.”

He noted that while “Fort James is historic ... it is also decrepit ... The object is to bring it back to life again and ensure that this important part of our history is not lost as a result of carelessness.

“We are going to invest millions of dollars in Fort James. Royal Caribbean Cruises is also going to be investing somewhere close to US\$100 million.”

Hurst stressed that locals would also have access to the Royal Beach Club when it becomes operational.

## Accord reached on protocols for cruise ships

Officials from the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) and the government have arrived at a consensus on how to handle passengers visiting aboard a cruise vessel who may show signs of infection with the coronavirus.

This happened this week when the FCCA team visited the country for talks with officials in both the public and private sectors.

Chief on their minds was the protocols that have been

put in place by Antigua and Barbuda to counter the spread of the coronavirus (Covid 19) especially as it pertains to cruise vessels visiting St John’s Harbour.

Sources close to the talks said the prior arrangement when anyone took sick aboard a visiting cruise ship, the vessel’s medical officer would contact their local agent, who in turn would notify the Ministry of Health.

However, during this

week’s talks, it was agreed that the ship’s medical officer would speak directly with the Chief Medical Officer, who will discuss the situation with a team that includes the ministers of health and tourism.

That team will make a determination on whether the ship is allowed to dock and passengers are allowed to come ashore dependent on the medical risk as assessed by the CMO.

The FCCA team also met

with representatives of the Hadeed Group to discuss the tourism project development at Side Hill, which the prime minister announced during the 2020 National Budget presentation.

A spokesman for the group said the discussions went ‘very well’.

“They liked the project we are proposing to undertake to further boost the country’s tourism development.” The spokesman stated.

# Obituaries

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## Lady Ava Ramsey passes

There is an outpouring of quiet across the country following the news that Lady Ava Lake-Ramsey has died.

The widow of the late Dr. Prince Ramsey passed away in Jamaica on Wednesday, where she was receiving medical treatment.

Lady Ramsey reportedly suffered a heart attack approximately two weeks ago and was warded in the Intensive Care Unit of Mount St. John's Medical Centre (MS-JMC).

Thereafter, she reportedly suffered a series of heart attacks and had to be sedated before arrangements were made for her to be me-

divac to Jamaica for advanced treatment.. News came on Wednesday that she passed away. Lady Ava Ramsey was quiet, and unassuming, a permanent fixture alongside her late husband. She was a career banker and retired after decades of service to the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Her passing comes nine months after Dr. Prince Ramsey lost his battle to cancer. One of her last public appearances was in Paradise View when the local government department of the Ministry of Social Transformation named a street in her late husband's honour.

## Mother of 'Burning Flames' Dies

The woman who gave birth to three of the original members of the popular Burning Fames band has died.

Agneta Isaac Edwards died on Wednesday at the Mount St John's Medical Centre at what family members described as 'old age'.

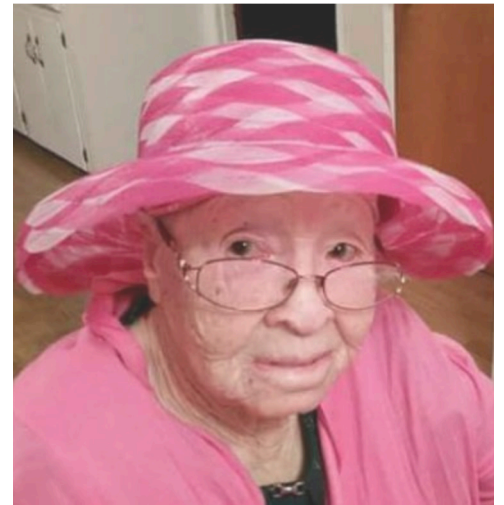
She was the mother of 13 including Toriano 'Onyan' Edwards, Clarence "Oungku" Edwards and David 'Krocus' Edwards. As well as grandmother to Rhone 'Fox' Watkins.

Toriano described her as 'a very

good' mother who instilled in her children a strong sense of discipline and honesty.

He noted that whenever one of her children returned home with something he/she did not leave home with, her refrain was always, "carry um back".

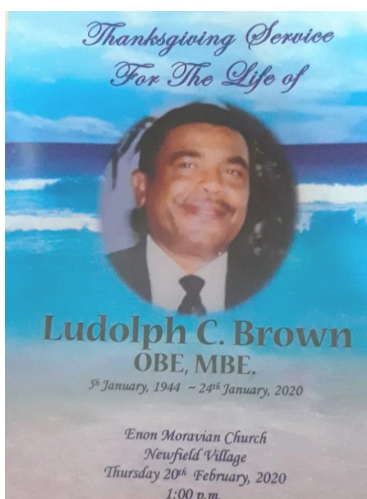
It was at her home in Potters that the band practiced and honed their skills that allowed them to conquer the soca world. They have performed to sold out crowds in many of the top capitals



of the world.

Burning Flames have also influenced many bands and soca artists including Machel Montano, the top soca performer today.

## Former Accountant General laid to rest



One of the longest serving and highly respected Accountant General, Rudolph Brown, was laid to rest Thursday afternoon at his home church cemetery in Newfield.

Brown not only held the reins of the country's finances, but for many years he served as treasurer of the Eastern West Indies Province of the Moravian

Church.

Retired Bishop, Dr Kingsley Lewis, who participated in the funeral said of Browne, "I served with him on that Provincial Board for approximately three years and give thanks for his service then, particularly as he was a very busy person in his public avocation as Accountant General.

Given the long hours he worked, I am sure many others in his position would not have taken on the task of Provincial Treasurer, which can often be a frustrating one."

Brown has received a number of accolades for his many years of outstanding public service including an MBE from Her Majesty, the Queen.





## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of Marine Ecosystems Protected Area Trust Inc.

## Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Marine Ecosystems Protected Area Trust Inc. (the "Company") which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the statements of comprehensive income, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the period then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2016, and its financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities ("IFRS for SMEs").

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Eastern Caribbean, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRS for SMEs and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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## Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of the Company's internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in the Company's internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

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## Marine Ecosystems Protected Area Trust Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2016

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Note	December 31, 2016 \$
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents		171,117
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>171,117</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accrued expenses		35,454
Deferred revenue	7	135,383
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>170,837</b>
Fund balances		
Unrestricted net assets		280
<b>Total fund balances</b>		<b>280</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>		<b>171,117</b>

The notes on pages 1 to 8 are an integral part of these financial statements.



Approved by the Board of Directors on November 25, 2019

Ashton Williams Treasurer Garry Gorse Chairman

## Marine Ecosystems Protected Area Trust Inc.

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the period ended December 31, 2016

(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Notes	Period May 22, 2015 to December 31, 2016 \$
Grant revenue	6	144,368
Operating expense		
General and administrative expense	4	(144,088)
<b>Total operating income for the period</b>		<b>280</b>

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## Marine Ecosystems Protected Area Trust Inc.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the period ended December 31, 2016

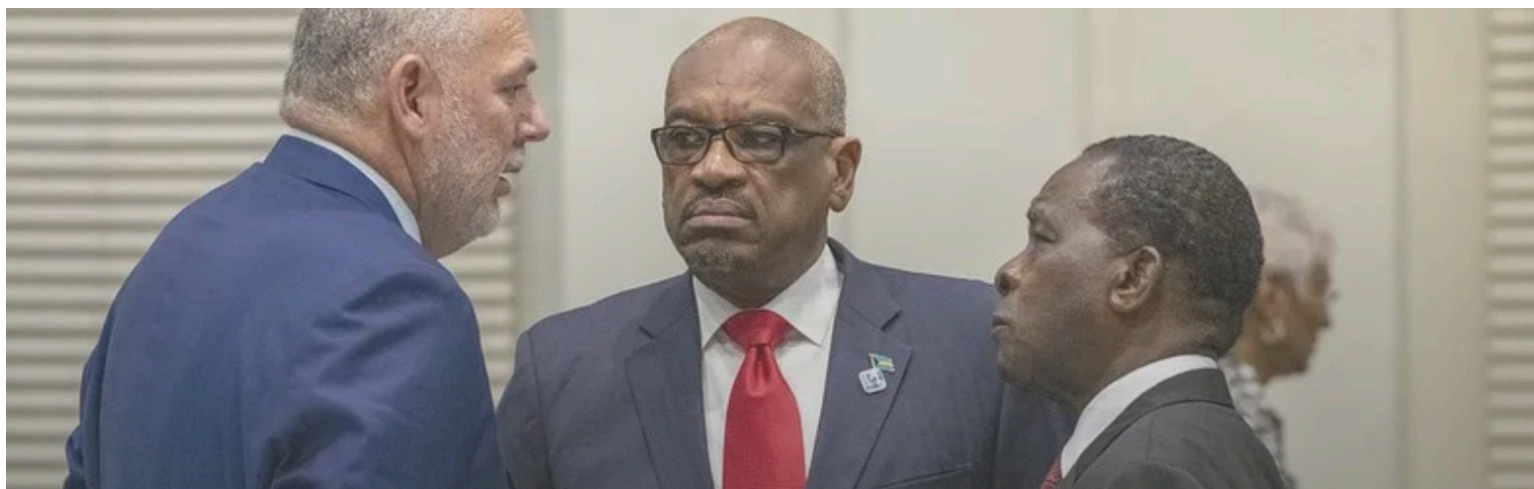
(expressed in Eastern Caribbean dollars)

	Note	Period May 22, 2015 to December 31, 2016 \$
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Operating income for the period		280
Changes in working capital:		
Accrued expenses		35,454
Deferred revenue	7	135,383
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>		<b>171,117</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents for the period</b>		<b>171,117</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</b>		<b>—</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</b>		<b>171,117</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		171,117

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# CARICOM wants inter-governmental tax body to set standards, rules



Prime Ministers Allen Chastanet of Saint Lucia, Dr. Hubert Minnis of The Bahamas and Dr. Keith Mitchell of Grenada in discussion at the Meeting

CARICOM Heads of Government have reiterated the call for the creation of an “appropriate intergovernmental tax body with the adequate means and powers to set standards and rules” which support an equitable and universal approach to an international tax governance infrastructure.

The call was made Wednesday against the background of the blacklisting of countries by the European Union (EU). The strategy of blacklisting and de-risking leads to the withdrawal of correspondent banking services. The EU has used its tax good governance standard to label some Caribbean countries as non-cooperative tax jurisdictions, despite the fact that the countries in question are not designated as non-compliant by the relevant regulatory authorities, such as the Financial Action Task Force and the OECD Global Forum.

At their just-concluded 31st Intersessional Meeting in Bridgetown, Barbados, CARICOM Heads of Government dealt with the subjects of blacklisting, derisking and correspondent banking. They have deemed blacklisting as an existential threat to the economic security of CARICOM Member States.

According to the Communique is-

sued at the conclusion of the Meeting, the Heads of Government stressed that the defensive tax measures threatened by the European States could have serious financial repercussions on vulnerable CARICOM States and their ability to attract the investments needed to build resilient economies.

“The measures have the potential of causing devastating economic, social and political consequences for our States as a result of the harm that will be inflicted on our global image, our economic competitiveness and resource mobilisation efforts,” the Communique read.

The Region has been consistent in its characterisation of blacklisting and its domino effects on Member States and has been intensifying its advocacy against the EU’s stance. Late last year, for example, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Hon Gaston Browne led a high-level delegation to a Round Table with the United States Congress Financial Services Committee. The “mutuality of interest” of the Caribbean and the US was acknowledged during the Round Table. Prime Minister Browne argued that the process of de-risking which has led to a withdrawal of relations by some US

banks from Caribbean banks, posed a serious threat to the Region’s welfare, including its capacity to import goods from the US. There was acknowledgement also that the impact of withdrawal of correspondent banking relations was felt not only in financial terms, but in the critical role it plays in global trade, investment and other financial services.



Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, the Hon Gaston Browne at the Meeting

Heads of Government expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet with members of the United States Congress Financial Services Committee

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# Regional News

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tee to address the deleterious impact of de-risking on CARICOM Member States. That meeting resulted in a number of outcomes aimed at building the capacity of respondent banks in the Community and changing the risk perception of CARICOM States by US Government agencies. Heads of Government commended the CARICOM Ambassadors in Washington DC, USA, for their sterling work in advancing the CARICOM Advocacy against De-Risking,” the Communique said.

The Round Table was but one of the interventions CARICOM has been making. From Bucharest to Basseterre, Heads of Government, the CARICOM

Secretary-General and other Community spokespersons have been bringing attention to the matter, seeking understanding and international advocacy of governments on the Community’s behalf. As the Heads of Government were meeting, the EU’s Economic and Financial Affairs Council announced that several CARICOM Member States had met the requirements of tax governance.

Of the 16 jurisdictions the EU’s Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) removed from Annex II, five were CARICOM Member States – Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, and St. Kitts and Nevis, and two

were Associate Members – Bermuda, and the British Virgin Islands.

The countries, ECOFIN said, had “managed to implement all the necessary reforms to comply with EU tax good governance principles ahead of the agreed deadline and are therefore removed from Annex II”. Member States welcomed the news.

“This news of our removal from the EU list affirms that The Bahamas takes its position as a global financial center very seriously. Coming off this list was not an easy process. We engaged many stakeholders and executed a

comprehensive strategy to not only address the EU’s concerns but also to defend the jurisdiction against recent attacks on the legitimacy of our financial services business,” said Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of The Bahamas, K. Peter Turnquest.


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## Amazon says it will begin collecting 17.5 per cent vat

After several false starts, the Mia-Mottley administration appears to have made another major breakthrough in its bid to collect Value Added Tax (VAT) on online purchases.

Multinational e-commerce giant, on Monday informed customers of Amazon Web Service (AWS), its subsidiary, that from March 1, 2020, it would begin to charge Value Added Tax at a rate of 17.5% to Barbadian customers.

in which it noted that the new measures are consistent with tax legislation which came into effect on December 1, 2019. The company said that a tax compliant invoice would be issued to Barbadian customers from April 1 this year.

The correspondence was reportedly sent to all AWS customers whose records indicate that their Billing Address or Contact Address is in Barbados. It explained to

their details by visiting the Billing Address and Contact Address page of the AWS Billing Console.

“Tax invoices will appear in the Bills page of the AWS Billing Console along with your anniversary and subscription summary invoices starting on April 1, 2020,” the email further explained.

“If you receive your anniversary or subscription invoices via email today, you will also receive tax invoices

“Amazon tax”, announced during Prime Minister Mia Mottley’s June 2018 budget was initially to begin in October of that year but was shifted two months later to December 1 and then to December 15th.

The following year, legislation was introduced to allow the Barbados Revenue Authority (BRA) to outsource tax-collecting powers to an online third-party and the measure was to be introduced by July 1. This also was unsuccessful.

When first introduced, numerous businessmen including former Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) President, Eddy Abed praised the move for placing local retailers and wholesalers on a level playing field with their overseas counterparts. Smaller businesses, however, complained that the measures could cripple their chances of survival by significantly increasing their costs.

Nevertheless, changes were made to the Value Added Tax Act last December adding further scrutiny to the VAT collection process.

Shortly after, current BCCI president Trisha Tannis expressed concern about compliance from popular international online companies like Amazon, Wal-Mart, Alibaba.



Article by Kareem Smith

AWS provides on-demand cloud computing platforms and APIs to individuals, companies, and governments, on a metered pay-as-you-go basis. The Seattle-based company detailed its intention in an email correspondence titled “Important Announcement”

customers that the website calculates taxes based on the customer location, which is determined by Amazon’s Account Location hierarchy. To ensure compliance, Amazon has urged Barbadian residents whose accounts are not listed in Barbados, to update

via email starting on April 1, 2020,” it added.

Barbados TODAY’s efforts to reach Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs Ryan Straughn for a comment on the developments were unsuccessful.

The measure known as the



## OECS PPS Strengthens Emergency Preparedness for Disease Outbreaks



*The OECS Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (PPS) attends training to improve emergency supply chain processes for disease outbreaks such as COVID19*

In an effort to improve its emergency response capacity, the OECS Commission partnered with USAID's Global Health Supply Chain – Procurement and Supply Management (GHSC-PSM) Programme to host a workshop on Emergency Supply Chain (ESC) Preparedness in Saint Lucia from 12-13th February 2020. The two-day workshop sought to develop and strengthen operational plans for responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases in the region such as the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Comprised of a series of working sessions covering

scenarios for different disease outbreaks, key staff members of the Commission in Saint Lucia, which included the OECS Pharmaceutical Procurement Service (PPS), were trained to manage the response, procurement and provision of health supplies during emergency situations.

The sessions also implemented a set of 'Playbook' materials that provided guidance on preparatory measures that can be taken to optimise operating procedures for the management of health supplies during emergencies.



British  
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## NEWS RELEASE

The UK is delivering a two-day workshop in Antigua and Barbuda as part of its Commonwealth Cyber Security Programme.

At the last Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 2018, the UK committed to support cyber security capacity building in the Commonwealth. £5.5m has been allocated through the Foreign and Commonwealth (FCO)'s Commonwealth Cyber Programme.

The workshop is being delivered by Get Safe Online, a UK-based non-profit organization. The workshop participants include Senior Government Officers and leaders in the business community.

During the Opening Ceremony, Resident British Commissioner to Antigua and Barbuda, Ms Lindsay Thompson, noted the importance of the workshop in order for people to realise the benefits that come from a digital life, while avoiding its pitfalls.

In his opening remarks, the Minister of Information, Hon. Melford Nicholas, shared the need to drive informational technology forward as a critical component. The workshop will move to St Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada next week. More information about the Get Safe Online campaign, and online safety information, can be found at [getsafeonline.ag](http://getsafeonline.ag).



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## Russia is looking to help Trump win in 2020, election security official told lawmakers

Washington (CNN)The intelligence community's top election security official delivered a briefing to lawmakers last week warning them that the intelligence community believes Russia is already taking steps to interfere in the 2020 election with the goal of helping President Donald Trump win, three sources familiar with the matter tell CNN.

Last week's briefing, led by election security official Shelby Pierson and first reported by The New York Times, addressed the overall picture of Russia's efforts, including hacking, weaponizing social media and attacks on election infrastructure, one of the sources said.

The briefers said Russia does favor Trump, but that helping Trump wasn't the only thing they were trying to do as it was also designed

to raise questions about the integrity of the elections process, the source added.

Trump became irate in a meeting with outgoing acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire last week for allowing the information about Russia's meddling efforts to be included in the briefing, a White House official said.

Russia's interference in the 2016 election -- which the US intelligence community believes was aimed at boosting Trump's candidacy and hurting his opponent, Hillary Clinton -- led to special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. The prospect of further interference in 2020 will further test US defenses against foreign meddling, which Trump has repeatedly downplayed as he has dismissed any suggestion that Kremlin influ-

ence played a role in his election.

Pierson's briefing was not well received by either Trump or House Republicans who were present, sources tell CNN. When Trump learned of it, he seemed most frustrated that House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff, a Democrat who has been a prominent critic, was included in the briefing, according to a person familiar with the matter.

Trump believed that Schiff in particular would use the information to try and undermine him over the coming months as he runs for election, the person said, and Trump blamed Maguire for the information getting to Schiff.

On Wednesday, Trump announced he was naming Richard Grenell, a staunch

loyalist and current US ambassador to Germany, as acting DNI despite him not having experience in intelligence. A source familiar with internal discussions said White House officials saw Grenell as a good stop-gap solution for the acting DNI vacancy as time was running out on Maguire's time in the position and because of Trump's dissatisfaction with Maguire due to the intelligence briefing.

Grenell was already being considered for other White House positions when filling the DNI position became a pressing need, the source said.

James Clapper, who served as director of national intelligence under President Barack Obama, told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room" Thursday evening that it is "quite predictable" Russia would again try to interfere in the election.

"This is not a big surprise, but it illustrates the tremendous challenge that the intelligence community has where they're teeing up facts that our President doesn't want to hear, and with a result that the messenger got shot in the form of Joe Maguire being asked to leave," Clapper said.





## Ethiopian 18th Century crown returns home from Netherlands

*An 18th Century Ethiopian crown has been returned home after being hidden in a Dutch flat for more than 20 years.*

Ethiopian Sirak Asfaw, who fled to the Netherlands in the late 1970s, found the crown in 1998 in the suitcase of a visitor and realised it was stolen.

The management consultant protected it until he alerted a historian and Dutch police of his discovery last year. On Thursday, Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received the crown, thought to be one of just 20 in existence.

The crown has depictions of Jesus Christ, God and the Holy Spirit, as well as Jesus' disciples, and was probably given to a church by the powerful warlord Welde Sellase hundreds of years ago.

In a tweet, Mr Abiy said he was grateful to Mr Sirak and the Dutch government for the return of the "precious crown".



The crown has depictions of Jesus Christ

## Trump ally Roger Stone sentenced to 40 months in prison



*The longtime Trump adviser was convicted last year of witness tampering and lying to US Congress.*

Donald Trump's longtime adviser Roger Stone was sentenced to 40 months in prison as part of a case that has roiled the Justice Department and drawn the US president's ire. Stone was convicted on charges including lying to a congressional panel investigating Russian interference in the 2016 United States presidential election.

US District Judge Amy Berman Jackson handed down the sentence after Stone's lawyer asked that the veteran Republican operative receive no prison time.

Stone's belligerence and lies represent "a threat to our democracy", the judge said in a stern lecture during the hours-long sentencing

hearing. "He was not prosecuted - as some have complained - for standing up for the president. He was prosecuted for covering up for the president," Jackson said. "There was nothing unfair, phoney or disgraceful about the investigation or the prosecution," Jackson added, citing words that Trump has used.

The judge also said Stone "knew exactly what he was doing" when he posted an image on social media last year that positioned a gun's cross-hairs over her head.

"The defendant engaged in threatening and intimidating conduct toward the court," Jackson said.

"This is intolerable to the administration of justice," she added.

## Irish PM Leo Varadkar resigns, retains caretaker role



Varadkar's resignation as taoiseach, or prime minister, follows a February 8 election, which saw his party lose seats.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar resigned on Thursday, but stayed on as interim leader while the country's three main parties battle out coalition talks after an in-

conclusive election.

Varadkar, Ireland's first openly gay leader, tendered his resignation as taoiseach, or prime minister, to President Michael Higgins after

the first sitting of Ireland's lower house of parliament since a February 8 election, which radically recast the political landscape.

"In accordance with the

constitution, the taoiseach and the government will continue to carry on their duties until successors have been appointed," a govern-

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ment statement said.

Parties in the 160-seat chamber - the Dail Eireann - convened and nominated candidates to lead a new government as taoiseach, but with none commanding a majority, the Dail was adjourned until March 5.

Sinn Fein leader Mary Lou McDonald received the most votes backing her.

At 45, it was far short of the 80 needed to take office but it was a symbolic victory reflecting the surge the nationalist party enjoyed in the election.

Sinn Fein, which once served as the political wing of paramilitary the Irish Republican Army (IRA), became the second-biggest party with 37 seats - break-

ing the historic duopoly of centre-right parties Fine Gael and Fianna Fail.

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Micheal Martin's Fian-na Fail party won the most seats in the election at 38, but suffered significant losses on the party's 2016 wins.

He received the backing of 41 lawmakers in Thursday's contest.

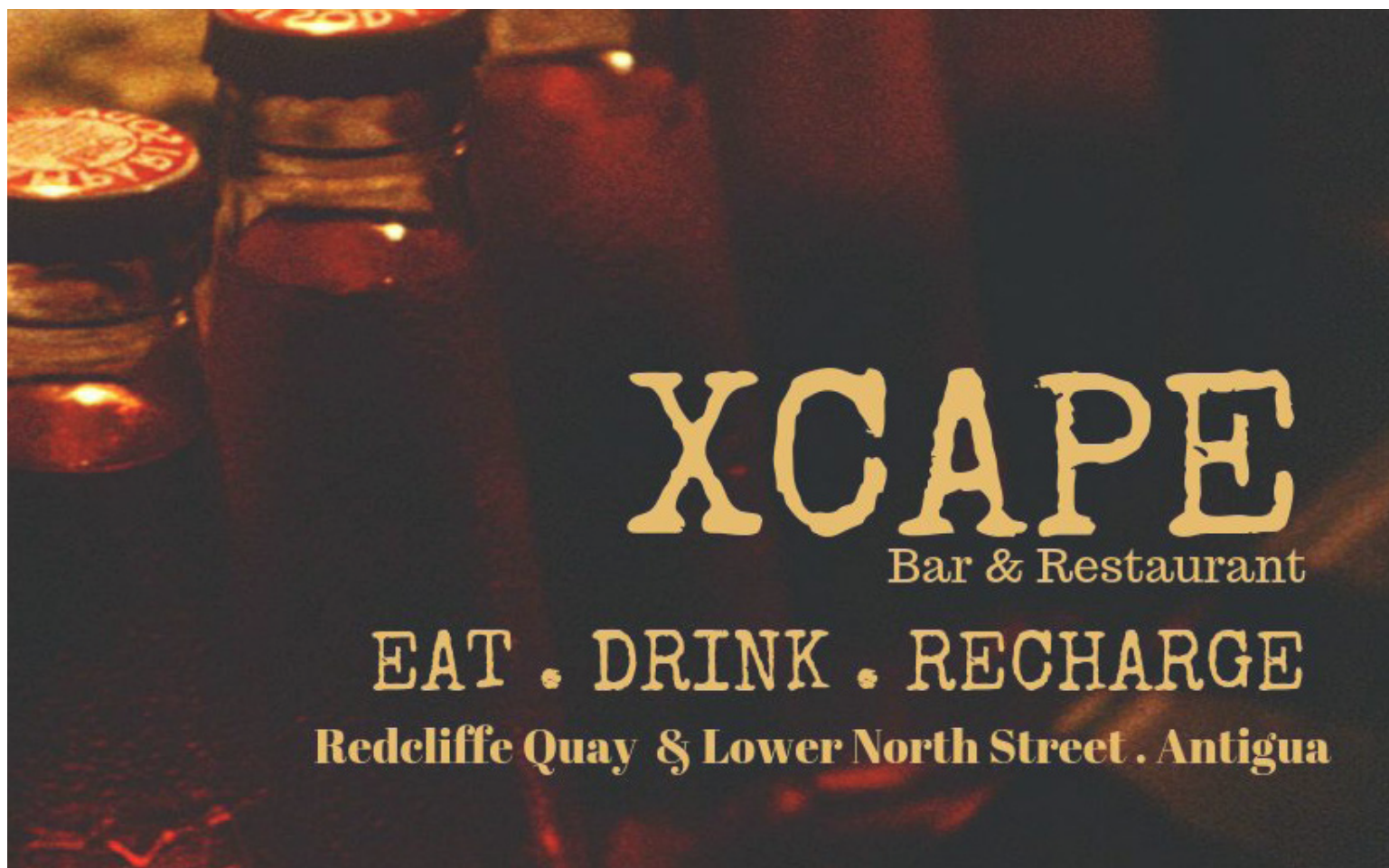
Sinn Fein has been his-

torically associated with the IRA, which fought British rule in Northern Ireland for decades until the late 1990s, when a peace agreement largely ended violence that left more than 3,000 dead on all sides.

It won the popular vote with 24.5 percent of first preference ballots and picked up 14 seats by attracting voters with a campaign focusing on Ireland's housing shortage and health crisis.

But its flagship policy on Irish unity is likely to be a top issue if it gains power.

It wants a referendum on uniting the two parts of the island within five years.



## Your Stars Foretold



Aries

### Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

The pioneer and trailblazer of the horoscope wheel, Aries energy helps us initiate, fight for our beliefs and fearlessly put ourselves out there.



Libra

### Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

The balanced beautifier of the horoscope family, Libra energy inspires us to seek peace, harmony and cooperation—and to do it with style and grace.



Taurus

### Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

The persistent provider of the horoscope family, Taurus energy helps us seek security, enjoy earthly pleasures and get the job done.



Scorpio

### Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

The most intense and focused of the horoscope signs, Scorpio energy helps us dive deep, merge our superpowers and form bonds that are built to last.



Gemini

### Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

The most versatile and vibrant horoscope sign, Gemini energy helps us communicate, collaborate and fly our freak flags at full mast.



Sagittarius

### Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

The worldly adventurer of the horoscope wheel, Sagittarius energy inspires us to dream big, chase the impossible and take fearless risks.



Cancer

### Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

The natural nurturer of the horoscope wheel, Cancer energy helps us connect with our feelings, plant deep roots and feather our family nests.



Capricorn

### Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

The measured master planner of the horoscope family, Capricorn energy teaches us the power of structure and long-term goals.



Leo

### Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

The drama queen and regal ruler of the horoscope clan, Leo energy helps us shine, express ourselves boldly and wear our hearts on our sleeves.



Aquarius

### Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

The mad scientist and humanitarian of the horoscope wheel, futuristic Aquarius energy helps us innovate and unite for social justice.



Virgo

### Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

The masterful helper of the horoscope wheel, Virgo energy teaches us to serve, do impeccable work and prioritize wellbeing—of ourselves, our loved ones and the planet.



Pisces

### Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

The dreamer and healer of the horoscope family, Pisces energy awakens compassion, imagination and artistry, uniting us as one.

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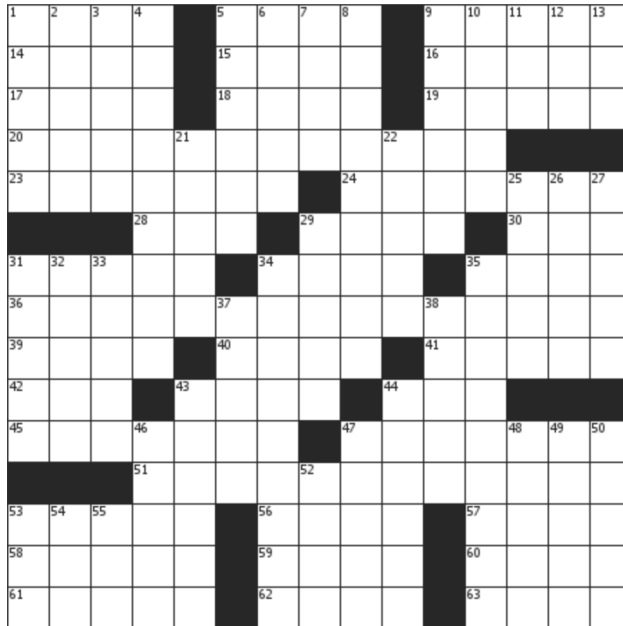




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### Across

1. 12-point type
5. 406, in Roman numerals
9. Attack like a bee
14. Mosque's prayer leader
15. Colored
16. German sub
17. Brazilian soccer player
18. Reason to use Stridex
19. Partner of John, Paul, and George
20. Do the cover art for a Stephen King novel?
23. Test or separation follower
24. Gave what for
28. Mystery author Josephine
29. "The Annals of the Roman People" historian
30. Yasir Arafat's gp.
31. Exhausted
34. Imogene of "Your Show of Shows"
35. Apple alternative, in body shapes
36. Reserved time to read a Stephen King novel?
39. Burke's first name on "Burke's Law"
40. Mandible
41. Cognizant of one's surroundings
42. Shoot with a ray gun
43. Hydrant attachment
44. Barely make, with "out"
45. Whiteboard necessities
47. Be in charge of
51. Buy a Stephen King novel?
53. One way to play it
56. 2000, but not 0
57. Discourteous
58. Half of a TV transmission
59. James \_\_\_ Jones
60. Picture on a desktop
61. Blue cartoon creature
62. Cart used for hauling goods
63. Seats in front of the pulpit



### Down

1. "\_\_\_ Passes" (Rumer Godden novel)
2. "That is to say..."
3. Cup
4. Fireplace, hot tub, etc.
5. Extremely talkative
6. Brittany or Aquitaine, once
7. Start of Caesar's boast
8. Like the cousins on "The Patty Duke Show"
9. Certainly
10. Former Ford model, for short
11. It's either positive or negative
12. Henpeck
13. 1964 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
21. "The Brandon \_\_\_ Story" (1998 documentary)
22. "Bell, Book and Candle" actress Kim
25. "The Bartered Bride," e.g.
26. Special talent
27. Strength
29. "My Fair Lady" composer Frederick
31. Stun
32. 1996 presidential candidate Alexander
33. Parkinson's treatment
34. Unable to see straight?
35. Misuse of authority
37. Icelandic singer/actress in "Dancer in the Dark"
38. Forged artwork
43. Learn about
44. The \_\_\_ Brothers ("Wake Up Little Susie" duo)
46. Riser and tread, combined
47. "Batman" police chief
48. Liquor, slangily
49. Provide (with)
50. \_\_\_ Crush (band formed on "Popstars")
52. Eye drop
53. Four-year degrees (abbr.)
54. "That was delicious!"
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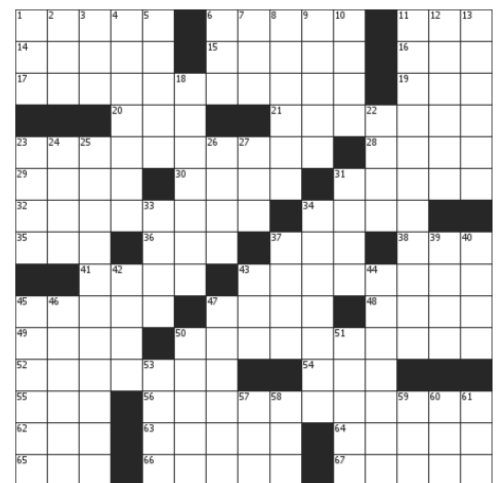
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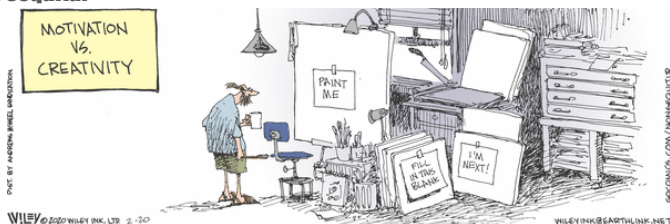
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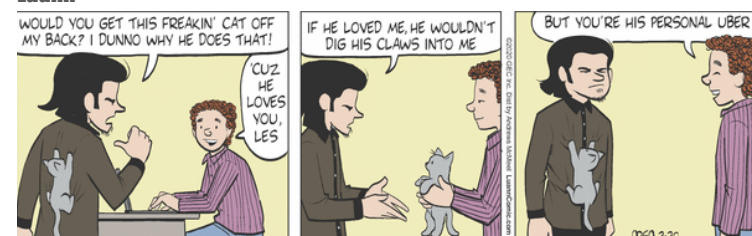


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### Garfield



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## Young football star on the rise

Ratijah Hulk Davis 17 years old, 6'3, 250 pounds from the Village of Grays Farm is one of the rising football stars in Antigua and Barbuda.

Davis who recently graduated from the Princess Margret High School is the leader of the most successful Club Cool and Smooth Empire defense in the ABFA First Division Program.

Hulk as he is affectionately known started playing at the tender age of 7 when he was convince by National Under -20 coach George Cajawawa Warner to learn the sport.

The national Under 17 player who won 3 high school championships two under 15's and one under 20 said he learned a lot participating in the school football program.

Hulk as he is affectionately known has three internationally caps and one goal at the under 17 level playing against Belize, Dominican Republic, Dominica an experience he says were very challenging competing against players who were bigger and faster.

Empire is presently second in the First Division behind Sap with two

games in hand and Ratijah believe the team chances of promotion this season is very good.

He added as a young unit they are learning fast even though they underestimated by most of their opponents because of their youth and size.

Davis says he is confident that once his team is

promoted they can be successful with the players presently on the roster and there is no need to import players.

His goal is to become a professional player and assist his family financially.

Empire's next outing is Saturday against West Ham at the Antigua Recreation ground at 3pm.



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## AGS, CHSS enjoy success in U-15 cricket

Antigua Grammar School (AGS) were victorious in School under-15 cricket program yesterday (Thursday) at Jennings. Batting first Jennings could only muster 99 for 9 from 25 overs. Malinga Bruneyp top scored with 24.

Matthew Miller, Tanez Francis and Micah McKenzie destroyed Jennings picking up three wickets each. In response AGS made 92 for 5 from 12.2 overs. T. Moore made 31 and X Hopson was in good form on 25 not out guiding his team home.

At Rising Sun Ground Clare Hall Secondary enjoyed success over Novell Richards Academy.





# Sports

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FRIDAY 21TH FEBRUARY 2020

## Raphael to return for AUA Rohrman Triathlon

The reigning French Sprint Triathlon Champion Aurelien Raphael has confirmed his return to Antigua to defend his title in the AUA Rohrman Triathlon on Saturday March 7th 2020.

Raphael, a former European Junior Champion will also take part in the Jumby Bay Rohrman Barbuda on Sunday March 8th.

Raphael won the Antigua title in 2019 in stunning fashion, breaking the two hour barrier and setting a course record of 1 hour 57 minutes, and 21 seconds, for the 1,500 meter swim, 40km bike, and 10k run.

Raphael's confirmed presence has already attracted a contingent of over 20 French amateur athletes who will test themselves against him, in one of the only triathlons in the world which allows amateur triathletes to race side by side with pro athletes.

The AUA Rohrman Antigua features 10 triathlons including junior age groups of 6 and un-



der, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15. The adult's events include Olympic, Sprint and mini distances both available in the individual or team formats.

The event continues with a second day for the Jumby Bay Fund Rohrman Barbuda which involves running events along with fun activities such as tug a war.

The Rohrman is a triathlon festival named in honour of the late Jonathan Rohr, a former triathlete and AUA student.

