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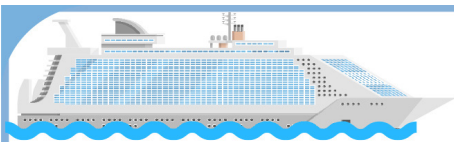
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TRAFFIC WOES



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Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

Date	Cruise Ship	Arrive-Depart	
Day	Ship	Arrival	Departure
1 March, 2020 Sunday	Marella Celebration	08:00	18:00
2 March, 2020 Monday	Azura	07:00	17:00
2 March, 2020 Monday	Norwegian Gem	10:00	18:00
3 March, 2020 Tuesday	Balmoral		
3 March, 2020 Tuesday	Costa Magica	07:00	17:00
3 March, 2020 Tuesday	AIDAperla	08:00	18:00
3 March, 2020 Tuesday	AIDAluna	09:00	19:00
4 March, 2020 Wednesday	Mein Schiff 2	07:00	19:00
4 March, 2020 Wednesday	Oceania Sirena	09:00	19:00

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 3/2

Max UV Index: 9 Very High
 Wind: E at 15 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 22 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

28°_{Hi}



Mostly sunny with a shower in spots

NIGHT 3/2

Wind: ENE at 13 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 20 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 25%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 0%
 Precipitation: 0.0 mm
 Rain: 0.0 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm

22°_{Lo}



Partly cloudy with a passing shower or two

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
6:24AM

Sunset AST
6:14PM



Duration
11:50 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
11:35 AM

Moonset AST
12:54AM



Duration
13:19hr

PM urges preparation, says corona virus inevitable

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda may have given its strongest indication to date of an evolving stance on the corona virus or Covid-19 epidemic that has caused thousands of deaths in China, where it started late last year, and other countries to which it has since spread.

Antigua and Barbuda and other countries of the region have since adopted stringent travel restrictions – as well as monitoring and quarantine protocols – in an effort to prevent the deadly virus from reaching the shores of the twin island state.

These have included turning back cruise ships headed for the islands' ports and who have on-board passengers exhibiting flu-like symptoms common to Covid-19 infection.

The tight vigilance and controls implemented by the Caribbean Community or CARICOM appear to have paid off, so far, with none of the member states having any confirmed cases.

The protocols for surveillance, monitoring, testing and quarantine that are in place within Antigua and Barbuda and the other CARICOM territories are guided and supported by regional, hemispheric and global health agencies; namely and respectively:

the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Writing Sunday on his personal Facebook page, Prime Minister Gaston Browne mooted what has been hailed as a sensible and pragmatic acceptance that Antigua and Barbuda nor any other country can hermetically seal itself from eventual infiltration by the dangerous pathogen.

He wrote thus: *The entry of Covid 19, Corona virus to our shores is inevitable. No need to panic, or become hysterical. We have established the protocols and infrastructure to contain its spread among the domestic population. In the meantime, kindly take the necessary precaution to protect yourselves from the Corona virus. Blessings.*

PM Browne's terse and to-the-point sensitization immediately drew several responses of respectful acknowledgment that the probable inevitability of Covid-19 arriving here is an inescapable reality for which the nation and region should prepare.

His admonition came not a moment too soon, as news also broke on Sunday that the Dominican Republic (DR) has encountered its first confirmed case of

Covid-19 in the person of an Italian man who reportedly arrived in the DR on February 22 without manifesting any symptoms at the time.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Health's **Risk Communications Committee on Coronavirus/COVID-19** has announced

an emergency meeting at 11:30 a.m. today Monday 2nd March 2020 "to discuss national preparedness issues".

The named venue for today's meeting is "the board room of the Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS)" at its headquarters premises on Nevis Street in St. John's.

ROAD NOTICE

During the week March 2nd – 6th March 2020 road rehabilitation work will continue on Friars Hill Road (FHR) and also on Sir George Walter Highway (SGWH) where a partial closure is eminent.

FRIARS HILL ROAD

Roadworks will begin between Caribbean Cinemas to North of Epicurean Dr. with single lane traffic and use the temporary traffic lights on FHR.

Date: Tuesday 3rd March 2020 Time: 7:00am to 3:00pm
Duration: 1 week

Drainage works will begin in phase 2 near Caribbean Cinemas and will last for a day.
Time: 7:00am- 3:30pm Duration: 1 Day

ROAD CLOSURE ON SIR GEORGE WALTER HWY. FLASHING TRAFFIC LIGHTS

The general public is advised that APUA will be undertaking works on SGWH between Dee's and Ace Gas Station. Old Parham Road and Sir Sidney Walling Hwy will remain fully open.

Date: 29th February 2020 - Time: 7:00am – 7:00pm Duration: 2 days
Diversion Map



The permanent traffic lights at Dee's Junction will be turned to flashing state to accommodate works in this area.

Additionally, elsewhere on SGWH:

1. Roadworks will begin between the solar energy farm to the solid waste office complex (Southbound lane). Single Lane Traffic will be in effect. Works to be completed on a half and half basis in an effort to avoid closing the intersection completely.

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2020

Time: 7:00am- 3:30pm

Duration: 1 week

2. Crossroad Drainage works scheduled this week near solar farm

Date: Wednesday 4th March 2020

Time: 7:00am – 3:30pm

Duration: 3 days

The motoring public may use Barnes/Powell's route to get to and from V.C. Bird Int. Airport in an effort to avoid traffic congestion during peak hours.

Pipe Laying Work Snarls Traffic

Traffic at one of the country's busiest inter-sections was severely hampered Saturday and Sunday as workers from the APUA Water Division carried out work on new water pipes over the weekend. Traffic was diverted from the Old Parham Road and Sir George Walter Highway (Airport Road) over the two days to allow the workmen to complete the final leg of the Sir George Walter Pipe Laying Project.

APUA Water Business manager, Ian Lewis, said the two days of work saw his men complete an exercise to tie the new pipes that have been laid underground as part of the Sir George Walter Road Rehabilitation project to the existing main water lines at the junction of these two busy roadways.



Over the two days traffic was diverted to several by-roads including Mahico Drive and Nellie Robinson Drive leading from Pigotts back to Sir Sydney Walling Highway (Factory Road).

The move was not however, without its controversies, one business on the Sir George Walter Highway had to post notices alongside the road closure signs to alert its customers that they were open as usual. One supervi-

sor of a popular supermarket along the Sir George Walter Highway complained about the lack of proper notification.

"We were not given proper advance notice. In fact, we were told the day before the work started. The closure has affected our business. That's why we were forced to put up a sign to let our customers know that we were open as usual," he explained. In response, Lewis

said the notice was placed in local papers and that APUA staff was also asked to do follow-up calls with the affected businesses ahead of the closure.

"However, he could not confirm whether the calls were made. With the work at the Sir George Walter Highway completed, Lewis said the next step is to undertake similar exercises at the Friar's High Road. This too is part of that road's rehabilitation exercises.

"He did not have a date when this will take place. Lewis explained that these pipe laying exercises are not part of APUA's programme to replace old water pipes throughout the distribution system. He said funding is still being sort for that project as discussions are ongoing with three banks with a view to getting the best arrangements. The banks are a consortium of local banks, NCB out of Jamaica and a bank in Puerto Rico. He disclosed that these negotiations should be completed by the end of the month.





GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA MINISTRY OF WORKS SECOND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT CLERK OF WORKS REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Government of Antigua and Barbuda (GOAB) has obtained financing from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) towards the cost of Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing to eligible payments under a contract for which this invitation is issued. Payments by CDB will be made only at the request of GOAB and upon approval by CDB and will be subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the Financing Agreement. The Financing Agreement prohibits withdrawal from the financing account for the purposes of any payment to persons or entities, or for any import of goods, if such payment or import, to the knowledge of CDB, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations. No party other than GOAB shall derive any rights from the Financing Agreement or have any claim to the proceeds of the Financing.

This Project is being implemented by the Ministry of Works (MoW), through the establishment of a Project Implementation Management Unit (PIMU). A Project Coordinator within the PIMU shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities. Engineering Consultants shall be retained by MoW to assist with the supervision of the contract.

MoW (hereinafter referred to as "the Employer") intends to engage the services of a Clerk of Works (CW) for the duration of the project implementation phase.

The objective of the consultancy is the effective and timely achievement of the project outputs and outcome(s) through efficient delivery of services.

CW will report to the Project Coordinator, PIMU or an officer designated and will be assigned exclusively to the unit. His/her duties will include, but will not be limited to:

1. Monitor and inspect work of construction contractor for assigned projects on behalf of the Consultant.
2. Review contract documents, drawings and specifications in order to maintain familiarity with assigned projects and insure construction contractor's full understanding of documents.
3. Review contractor shop drawings and provide comments on conformance/non-conformance to Resident Engineer
4. Act as liaison between consultant and contractor.
5. Conduct on-site observation and spot-checks of work in progress.
6. Ensure contract compliance by the contractor, such as conducting tests specified in contract and installing materials/equipment as specified in contract, and report deficiencies to Resident Engineer and contractor.
7. Provide reports on all on-site matters, including third-party inspections, progress, safety concerns, and causes for delay.
8. Maintain job-site files, documents, reports and daily log; prepare periodic reports for Project Manager as required.
9. Attend all job-site meetings in conjunction with project manager.
10. Receive, record, present for approval, and maintain custody of samples submitted by construction contractor.
11. Review requests for progress payments measurements submitted by construction contractor and forward with recommendations to Project Manager.
12. Perform related duties as assigned.

Prospective candidates must possess the minimum following qualifications:

1. Bachelor's degree in construction technology, quantity surveying, building science or related field and four years of related experience in civil construction in capacity such as clerk of the works or project manager's assistant.
2. Ability to read and interpret engineering drawings, specifications, codes, and other material pertinent to construction.
3. Working knowledge of civil construction components and systems.
4. Knowledge of construction materials means and methods.
5. Knowledge of applicable building codes, Life Safety and hazardous materials.
6. Excellent written and oral communication skills and ability to establish and maintain professional working relationships.
7. Ability to wear/use personal protective equipment as needed on construction site

The duration of the assignment is expected to be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

GOAB now invites interested eligible individuals to submit Expressions of Interest indicating qualification and experience required to provide these services.

Individual Consultant shall be eligible to participate if:

- (a) the persons are citizen or bona fide residents of an eligible country; and
- (b) in all cases, the consultant has no arrangement and undertakes not to make any arrangements, whereby any substantial part of the net profits or other tangible benefits of the contract will accrue or be paid to a person not a citizen or bona fide resident of an eligible country.

Eligible countries are member countries of CDB.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to qualifications and experience on similar assignments. All information must be submitted in English. Further information may be obtained from the third address below between 0800 and 1600 hours, Mondays to Fridays.

Four (4) hard copies of the Expressions of Interest must be received at the first address no later than 1500 hours local time on 30th March, 2020 and one electronic copy must be sent to CDB at the second address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission should include the name and address of the applicant and shall be clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Clerk of Works (CW) Second Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project "

Following the assessment of submissions, the most technically capable and appropriately experienced applicant will be invited to negotiate a contract to provide the consultancy services. GOAB reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not selecting any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

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Local News

Local builders accused of overcharging

Local building contractors have been admonished to refrain from overcharging clients through padded bills of quantities and other inflated costs for their services.

In making the impassioned plea on the weekend, Prime Minister Gaston Browne warned the price-gouging contractors that they risked

“pricing themselves out of the market”.

He said this pervasive overcharging for construction was being unleashed as much upon ordinary people looking to acquire their own residential dwellings, and against bigger investment projects such as hotels.

He referenced the slow-

ness in getting the planned Airport Marriott Hotel project as an example of a major investment shackled by bloated asking prices for materials and construction services.

“That project was given all the approvals and so on, and we had expected that the project would have started probably a few months ago. So I met with the contractor to find out exactly what was going on ... the contractor is also the developer. He is a very large contractor who does a few hundred million US dollars a year in various projects; road projects, building projects, and he also has a hotel,” Browne referenced in preparation for expounding his bigger point.

“He said to me that he had to put the hotel on pause, because when the bids came in for the project there were about three bids. One was as high as US\$48 million. He is trying to spend about US\$200,000 per key and he’s building about 120 or 125 rooms; so his budget is about US\$25 million.

“He’s already bought the land and so on. But he said if he had to pay nearly US\$50 million, doubling the price – considering that Marriott said to him he will only make a profit of about maybe US\$2 million a year – he says in that case he may have to wait about 20 years to turn a profit. That doesn’t make any sense,” the PM re-

lated.

Browne said the developer then said to him (the Prime Minister) that if he (the developer) could get his costs down, the project would proceed. The contractor-developer reportedly told the Prime Minister that he (the investor) could, of his own, get the hotel built at half the cost quoted by local bidders. But for that to happen, the unnamed man stated, he needed to bring in his own construction team.

Browne said Government did not agree to wholesale importation of construction workers for the project, but a compromise was struck whereby some workers would be brought in by the developer and others sourced locally.

He said the developer promised that with this mixed pool of human resource, he could get the hotel project completed within 18 months.

“The other issue that he said he noticed was that the bids that were sent to him, when he examined the various line items – like how much for sand, steel, stone, cement – he says that they were all padded. So, for example, he said that for a bundle of steel that sells on the international market for about US\$450, they were [billing] him here for US\$1,000. He said, ‘If that’s the case, you’re doubling my steel costs, and why

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“Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.” Is. 35:3

PRESS RELEASE

Climate - Smart Agriculture Project Combating Effects of Climate Change on local Agricultural Sector



With the negative effects of climate change being felt by farmers across the world, a timely partnership between the Sandals Foundation and the Gilbert Agricultural and Rural Development (GARD Center) led to the creation of a yearlong program which promoted and strengthened Climate - Smart Agriculture across Antigua and Barbuda, with a special focus on hydroponics. The Sandals and Yellow Bird Foundations provided over US\$42,000 funding for the program. We are also indebted to the Ministry of Agriculture through its Agricultural Extension Division who provided an Extension Officer as a trainer. CARDI and IICA were also integral partners over the period of this project.

The Center wishes to sincerely thank the Sandals Foundation for this partnership which allowed the Center to spearhead the ‘Hydroponics movement’ on Antigua in 2019, with over 125 participants trained in various aspects of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). This training raised the awareness on CSA and engaged youth and women to make sustainable decisions for their future and the future of our local agricultural sector.

A demonstration hydroponic unit at the GARD Center for future training courses in hydroponics was constructed. Mini hydroponic units were established at Jennings Secondary School; Trinity Academy and Pares Primary School. Persons living with disabilities from various communities

have also undergone training in Hydroponics in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda Association of Persons Living with Disabilities.

About GARD Center: GARD Center is a grassroots non-profit, non-government organization which operates under the auspices of the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas (MCCA). For the past thirty (30) years the Center has been working ardently with at-risk youth; men and women in the community to engage them in various forms of agriculture for sustainability in this 21st century.

About the Sandals Foundation: A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, The Sandals Foundation was created to continue and to expand upon the philanthropic work that Sandals Resorts International has undertaken. It is the culmination of three decades of dedication to playing a meaningful role in the lives of the communities where we operate across the Caribbean. The Sandals Foundation funds projects in three core areas: education, community and the environment.

Villa Primary crowns Calypso Monarch

The Villa Primary school completed its Black History Month activities in grand style with a calypso competition among its students.

The competition was staged at the school last Thursday with a total of ten participants, both males and females. It was the fourth staging of the event held as part of the school's activities to mark the month of February as the internationally observed Black History Month.

At the end of the competition, held under the theme: **Black people, Let**

your past guide four future, Calypso Lilly emerged winner, followed by Lyrical Weapon in second place and Calypso P in third.

Coordinator of the event, Delina Greene, described the competition as being of a very high standard. "We plan this and other events to unearth the many latent talents that exist within the students here at Villa Primary. We want to introduce them to competitions such as this at an early age so that they can sharpen their skills as they grow and improve in the future," she stated.



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should I do that when I can buy it on the international market for \$450'."

Browne said he assured the developer that local suppliers could be found who would provide the needed materials at a far lower and acceptable cost – and after just a few phone calls he was able to do just that, to the satisfaction of the investor.

But it was "the lesson to be learned from all this", that the Prime Minister focused on most keenly during his account of the situation during the Saturday, March 1st live broadcast of the *Browne and Browne Show* on Pointe FM 99.1.

"Our contractors now need to look at how they do their costing, and they need to professionalize their costing. Maybe our larger contractors, if they can't do it themselves, need to get the services of a quantity surveyor when they have these large contracts."

Browne said many local contractors were just arbitrarily plucking prices out of the air for building projects, without any systematic basis or formula for calculating costs and add-ons

for labour, profit margins and other expenses. "So they'll look at a plan and, depending on who the person is, the price per square foot changes. You can see that even with home construction."

Bringing down the gavel of warning, he stated: "If they continue like that, they will be pricing themselves out of the market, and they cannot be charging people based on how much money they think they have; so when a foreign investor comes to the country and they believe the person has money, they try to extort as much as possible."

The Prime Minister had his own specific suggestions to avoid the building construction price-gouging. "If a bundle of steel costs you \$2,000, you put down 2,000 EC dollars for the bundle of steel; because you have to assume that these investors are so sophisticated, they are going to check.

"You don't put \$3,000 so you're trying to get a 50 percent profit on the steel; 20 yards of sand is \$1,200; you don't put down \$2,000 so you can make an \$800 profit on the sand. That's what they've been doing, padding it."

Browne said after truthfully stating all these costs, the contractor "could add something like 5-percent for contingencies", plus a reasonable profit margin of 15-20 percent, then the contractor could have a more straight-up negotiation with the investor about whether the latter's budgeting for the project was realistic or not.

The Prime Minister said there was a lesson in this for all developers, including homeowners that they should scrutinize, verify and query bills of quantities presented to them by contractors.

He also advised overcharging contractors that they were making themselves uncompetitive and unlikely to attract high volumes of work if they earned bad reputations for inflated or padded costs on individual projects.

"It's like they factor their pension, everything, into that one job. If a contractor here is going to charge a local about ... \$400 to \$500 a square foot to build a property, you're depriving that person of an opportunity to build a home ... And when they can't get work, they blame the government."

King Frank-I: A King Indeed!

Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to Ethiopia Lennox Franklyn Francis, more commonly recognized as Rastafarian Elder, King Frank-I, is currently visiting Ghana, in West Africa, where he has been honoured by the Rastafarian community there.

Ras King Frank-I was recently entooled (crowned) by the Mpese Royal Family

of Ghana, as such his name has been extended to include, Tafari Nil Ayeh Osabu Mpese 1st. The Mpese Royal Family is a Royal Rastafarian Chieftaincy Order with a Royal support structure, imitates and instituted within the Rastafari and Diasporan Community.

While in Ghana, Ras King Frank-I will deliver the keynote address at the 5th Na-

tional RasTafari Conference that takes place today at Kpaqndo in the Volta Region of Ghana.

The theme for this year's conference in 'Beyond the Year of Return: the Role of RasTafari and Traditional Rulers'. This year's conference also marks the 11th anniversary of the formation of the RasTafari Council, Ghana on a day where Ethiopians and RasTafari worldwide celebrate the victory of the Battle of Adwa, Ethiopia (1896).

In the letter of invitation, Ras King Frank-I was sin-

gled out for his many years of experience working with the RasTafari globally and in Antigua and Barbuda in particular, and his interactions with the government on the issues of Repatriation and Reparations. "We deem it an honour to have you deliver this keynote address on this theme," the invitation letter penned by President Ahuma Bosco Ocansey.

The Antigua and Barbuda Rastafarian Elder will also participate in this week's independence celebrations in Ghana.

**WILL ANNEXED FORM P7 (b):
Rule 15
THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
(Probate)**

**In the Estate of JAMES VESTA FRANCIS aka JAMES THEODORE DREW
FRANCIS aka JAMES THEODORE DREW late of Liberta, St. Paul's,
Antigua, Deceased
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
FIRST PUBLICATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JOAN FRANCIS** formerly of Newgate Street, in the Parish of St. John's, in the state of Antigua and Barbuda, presently residing in 668 East 225th Street, Bronx New York, in the United States of America for a Grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed of the above named deceased who died on 12th day of September, 2014 without revoking a will bearing the date of 6th day of September, 1999 wherein the Applicant is the sister and beneficiary of the estate. Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration with Will Annexed to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.
Dated this 27th day of February, 2020

JOAN FRANCIS

Filed by Peyton J. V. Knight of Peyton J. V. Knight & Associates, Attorneys-at-law whose address for service is Upper Newgate Street, P. O. Box 131, St. John's Antigua, and pknightlaw@g-mail.com and (268)-562-1653.

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Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to Ethiopia Lennox Franklyn Francis, commonly known as King Frank-I.

Caribbean sharpen preparedness for COVID 19

Health Minister, Molwyn Joseph, was among Caribbean leaders attending a special emergency meeting of CARICOM Heads in Barbados on Sunday to address the potential threat from the coronavirus, COVID 19.

Joseph represented Prime Minister Gaston Browne, 'with full authority' to make decisions on behalf of the government and people of Antigua and Barbuda.

The meeting came as at least two Caribbean territories, St Baths and the Dominican Republic have reported confirmed cases of the virus, and health officials feel that its just 'a matter of time' before oth-

er countries in the region confirm cases of their own.

Minister Joseph chairs the CARICOM special Working Group to formulate recommendations/protocols for a possible regional response to the COVID-19 disease. He was appointed during a special virtual conference of health ministers held last Wednesday.

Sunday's meeting was an attempt by regional leaders to ramp up preparedness in advance of any case of the virus reaching their shores and to take such measures at the highest level of decision making in their respective territories.

The meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Mia

Amor Mottley, who is also chairman of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and it attracted officials from tourism, labour and the private sector.

On Saturday, Mottley said it was critical that CARICOM members come up with a strategy to deal with the virus, especially after some countries refused entry to cruise liners amidst fears of people with the virus being on board.

The meeting had heavy involvement from the Florida and Caribbean Cruise Association, the Caribbean



Health Minister, Molwyn Joseph

Public Health Agency, and the Pan American Health Organisation.

Pilot faces life in prison

Pilot Colin Murraine faces life imprisonment after being found guilty of Drug charges on Friday. He will be sentenced on March 17. Murraine was charged with several drug offences after he was found in possession of 100 pounds of cocaine February 2018.

Murraine was intercepted while he was already seated in the aircraft at the VC Bird International Airport and was minutes away from take-off.



The pilot told the court that he did not know what was in suitcases found aboard the aircraft. Clearly, the jurors in the case did not buy his version of the events.

APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

These planned outages are necessary for our continuous upgrade and maintenance programme to provide reliable and consistent service to our customers.

Date: Monday, 2nd March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30AM

Affected areas: Upper section of St. John's street near Public Works.

Date: Tuesday, 3rd March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 01:00PM

Affected areas: Bolans area.

Date: Thursday, 5th March 2020

Time: 08:30 AM - 01:00 PM

Affected areas: New Field, St. Phillip, Freetown, Half Moon Bay, Mill Reef & Browne Bay area.

Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page.

Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.



Annual College Fair starts today



Hundreds of people are expected to attend the annual International College Fair that takes place at the Multi-Purpose Cultural Centre on Tuesday. However, the opening exercises take place this afternoon.

Organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB), the one-day event brings scores of universities and colleges in contact with students and their parents seeking to pursue higher education.

This is the 17th year of this event and the aim is to organize an event that brings all interested parties together to explore options for higher education,” Andrea Airall of the ministry told PointExpress newspaper. The opening ceremony takes place this afternoon at the Antigua Girls High School. This will be followed by a seminar on college preparation where four young people who recently completed their studies will share their experiences with those in attendance.

Approximately twenty local, regional and international institutions of higher learning will participate in the fair. Each institution will have a booth staffed by representatives who will provide information

on course offerings, how to apply as well as information on career choices.

Airall said the fair is being promoted as a ‘family event’ as it is expected that students will attend in the company of their parents. “We know that students cannot make decisions on financial matters so we always promote the idea that parents should be intimately involved in the process,” she added.

The education official also feels that parents and their children should attend from as early as when the child is in third form or at least 18 to 24 months before the child graduates. “This will give a sense of the financial commitment that would be required to enable the student to pursue his/her area of study,” she indicated. ACB has partnered with the ministry since the inception of the programme as it uses the opportunity to promote its services in the area of student loans.

This year, two government agencies - APUA and the Department of the Environment – will also participate in the fair using the occasion to educate attendees of the different career choices available within their entities.

Regional travel taxes comparatively low – Fedee

(BARBADOS TODAY)

– While defending the level of taxes on regional air travel, Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) Dominic Fedee is suggesting that governments consider moving away from a blanket approach of applying the taxes. Fedee, Minister of Tourism in St Lucia, gave this suggestion on Wednesday as he responded to a question during the CTO's annual review of the region's tourism performance.

He explained that while he did not believe the taxes were too high, he believed that countries in the region could apply the level of taxes based on the distance of the trip.

"I can see that inter-regionally Caribbean island to island is something we need to look at because what individual countries have done is they have sort of used a broad-based approach. So even though St Lucia is 35 minutes away from Barbados, the tax that both countries have applied doesn't match up on the distance," said Fedee. "But on a short distance an airline can only charge so much. Therefore, it doesn't give the regional carrier that much wiggle room on which they could be competitive. So I get that point,



Photo caption: Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation (CTO) Hon. Dominic Fedee, Minister of Tourism – St. Lucia

and I think more and more ministers of finance around the region are beginning to appreciate that, and the dialogue and the discussions are ongoing. But it really does take a long time to arrive at a consensus that is going to be workable," he said. In some cases, the taxes on regional travel can reach as high as 190 per cent of the base fare.

In addition to a number of existing fees, Barbados implemented a new US\$35 airport service charge in the form of a departure tax for those travelling within the region effective October 2018.

This tax, officials said would go towards the improvement of the island's airport. A year prior, St Lu-

cia had also implemented a US\$35 Airport Development Tax.

Fedee said overall he did not believe government taxes were too high, adding that the cost of regional travel was not the only factor limiting more residents from moving around in the Caribbean. He argued that even when oil prices would dip airlines still would not reduce their prices due to their "revenue strategy".

"So it says to me that the taxes are not the only factor," he said.

Fedee said the taxes on regional travel were comparable with other international destinations and insisted that they were necessary to help countries develop their tourism in-

frastructure.

"The thing is that governments are going to look for ways to build and replace ailing tourism infrastructure, and if tourism is their business then what you are going to see is that tourism might be susceptible to some of those taxes. When compared to the rest of the world I think the taxes in the Caribbean are still quite low," he said. "Let's not only look at airline taxes, but let's look at room and head taxes as well. You go to some of our main cities in some of our industrialized countries you see that the tax rate is comparatively higher. So I think that we are low in comparison to a lot of places," he insisted.

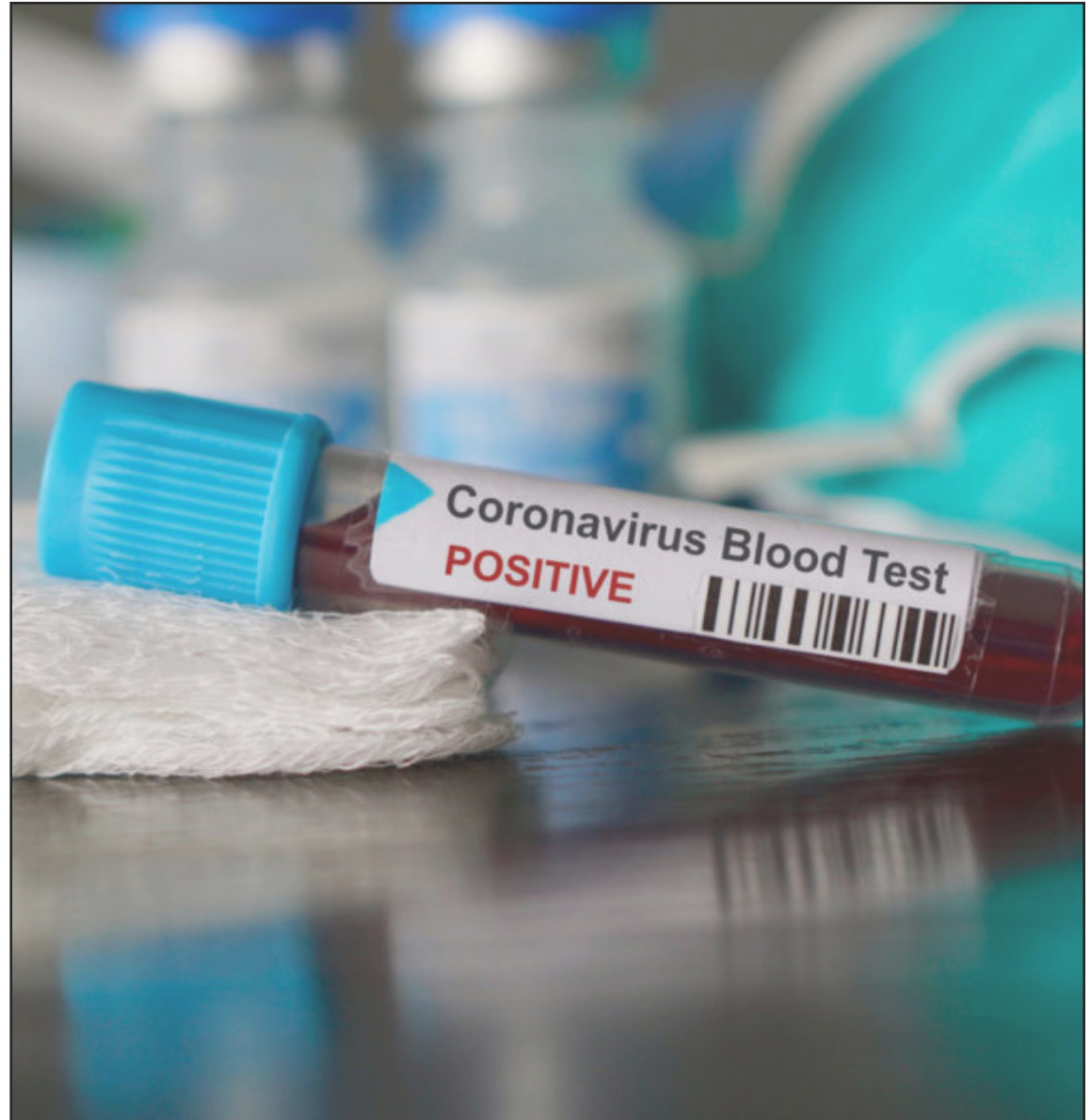
Confirmed cases of Coronavirus on St. Barths, two at LCF hospital.

MARIGOT/ Basse-terre:--- 3 cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed as positive in the northern islands by the Pasteur laboratory in Guadeloupe, which is now able to carry out the analyses. He is a resident of Saint Barthélemy and his parents who came to visit.

The resident of Saint-Barthélemy is currently confined to his home with daily surveillance. His state of health is not worrying.

His parents are in solitary confinement at the Saint-Martin hospital and are closely followed. Their state of health is not worrying. Samples from people who have been in contact are being analyzed or carried out. There are, in addition, two other possible cases with a couple of residents in Saint-Martin who returned from vacation in the Oise. Their samples are being processed.

To date, there are no possible or confirmed cases in Guadeloupe. However, as the Director-General of WHO has said, "the virus has no borders" and the potential risk of having cases worldwide is very high. It should be noted that the strongest possibility of entry of the virus into Guadeloupe is the arrival of asymptomatic people, either visiting or returning home, who will not declare the infection until a few days



later. This is the reason why the strategy to fight against this infection is information on the behaviors to adopt when the symptoms appear (call 15, isolate yourself, have as little contact as possible with your loved ones, wear a mask. when sick), sampling and analysis when the case is classified as possible by the SAMU and/or infectiologists; and finally, the care adapted to each case.

What favors the spread are contacts of less than one meter fifty for a period of at least ten minutes but above all contamination by the hands. In fact, the hands are brought to the face on average every minute and encourage the entry of the virus through the eyes, nose, and mouth.

So, to avoid the spread, you absolutely must avoid kissing to say hello, avoid shaking hands, wash your

hands at least every hour, use hydro-alcoholic solutions, sneeze in your elbow, use disposable handkerchiefs. Wearing the mask in the absence of disease is not useful because it is mainly the hands that carry the virus. Masks are useful for sick people when they are in the presence of other people and for caregivers who are in close contact with the sick.



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Guyanese to vote for new government Today!

More than 660,000 people are eligible to vote in a general election on Monday as Guyana moves towards charting a new future that undoubtedly will be shaped by the significant amount of revenue it will receive as the world's newest oil producing country.

The polls are coming more than a year after the David Granger coalition administration was defeated in an opposition-inspired motion of no confidence that saw a government legislator switching sides and eliminating the government's slender one-seat majority in the 65-member National Assembly.

While the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has said 11 political parties have met the criteria to contest the regional and general elections, political observers agree that the poll will be a straight contest between the ruling coalition – A Partnership for National Unity (APNU)



– and the main opposition People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C).

The opposition party had been calling for the elections to be held within 90 days after the December 2018 defeat of the government in the Parliament in keeping with the provisions of the Constitution, but legal manoeuvres allowed the APNU administration to remain in power, even though in some instances it was described as a lame duck government.

Unlike most of the other Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries, Guyana does not use the “first past the post system in electing its government, relying instead on proportional representation.

The political parties were required to submit three separate lists to contest both the general and regional elections, with the elections to the National Assembly being drawn from two lists, namely the National Top-Up List and the 10 Geo-

graphic Constituency lists.

A total of 40 parliamentary seats can be drawn from the National Top Up list and following the elections, the total number of valid votes cast is divided into 40 and parties are allocated seats according to who has the greatest number of votes.

A total of 25 parliamentary seats can be drawn from the Geographic Constituency lists and the parties allocated seats according to who has the greatest number of votes. (CMC)



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Coronavirus: first case of virus in the Caribbean as Dominican Republic reports man tested positive

Health officials in the Dominican Republic on Sunday reported the first confirmed case of the new coronavirus in the tourist-rich Caribbean, while British cruise ship passengers who had been trapped at sea due to virus fears were finally set to come home.

Public Health Minister Rafael Sánchez Cárdenas said a 62-year-old Italian man had arrived in the country on February 22 without showing symptoms. He was being treated in isolation at a military hospital and “has not shown serious complications.” The announcement

came shortly before the Braemar cruise ship that had been denied entry to the Dominican Republic due to the virus fears at last found a place to dock – the Dutch territory of St Maarten.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines said Sunday that two chartered airliners would carry passengers back to Britain. Other passengers, who had been expected to board the vessel on Friday in the Dominican Republic, were being flown to St Maarten to embark there.

Dominican officials had barred the ship due to reports that a few of those aboard

had a flu-like illness, but the cruise line said none had symptoms consistent with the new virus. It was one of at least three cruise ships turned away from Caribbean ports over the past week due to concerns over possible viral infections, though no passengers on any of the ships has been confirmed to have the disease.

The broader Latin America region has reported several other cases of the COVID-19 illness since midweek. Mexico has reported four cases, Brazil two and Ecuador one, all involving people who had travelled recently to Europe.



Photo caption: People participate in a mass march to protest the suspension of nationwide municipal elections last Sunday, in Santo Domingo. Photo: Reuters

Chinese manufacturing hits record low amid coronavirus outbreak



Economic data shows the virus is hitting Chinese factories harder than the 2008 financial crisis

Factory activity in China fell at a record rate in February, as manufacturers closed their operations to contain the spread of coronavirus.

The country's official measure of manufacturing activity - the Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) - dropped to 35.7 from 50 in January.

It shows the virus is having a bigger impact than the financial crisis that shook the world last decade.

The data also suggests that factories are struggling to find enough workers.

PMI figures - calculated with data from monthly surveys of private sector companies - are a key indicator of a country's economic health, and can move financial markets.

China makes up a third of world manufacturing and is the world's largest exporter, so this PMI drop - well below analysts' expectations - will have a knock-on effect on other countries. Restrictions in place in the so-called "factory of the world" have also affected companies such as Apple, Diageo, Jaguar Land Rover

and Volkswagen, which rely on China's production and consumer market. The big question now is how quickly factories can return to normal. Many are dependent on China's 300 million migrant workers, a third of whom are still not working because of quarantine rules.

According to Bloomberg Economics, Chinese factories were operating at 60% to 70% of capacity this week. It is expected that China's economic growth will take a significant hit in the first half of this year because of the impact coronavirus

has had on business and spending in the country.

Stock markets around the world fell dramatically this week after a surge in the number of companies warning about the impact of the outbreak on firms. There was one silver lining to the fall in Chinese output though: Nasa said pollution monitoring satellites had detected significant decreases in nitrogen dioxide over the country, which evidence suggests is "at least partly" related to the economic slowdown caused by the outbreak.

Italy reports a 50% increase in confirmed coronavirus cases

Italy reported a 50% increase in coronavirus cases Sunday, as the US further restricted travel and the famed La Scala opera house closed. Italy's Civil Protection Authority reported the country now has 1,694 confirmed coronavirus cases, up from 1,128 confirmed cases on Saturday. Thirty-four people have died.

Italy has the most coronavirus cases of any country outside of Asia.

Delta Air Lines is suspending its US flights to Milan, the carrier announced Sunday. The last flight out will be depart New York on Monday. The last return flight will be on Tuesday.

Delta said it will resume flights to Milan on May 1. Rome flights are not affected. Concerns affecting cultural institutions

In Milan, the La Scala opera house will be closed until March 8, according to a notice on its official website.

"In relation to the diffusion of the coronavirus, the prime minister has decreed the suspension of all events and initiatives and of all meeting in public places, including cultural ones, until Sunday 8 March," says a notice on the opera house's website.

"In compliance with these provisions, all performances and events open to the public at La Scala until 8 March

are cancelled," it said.

In Lombardy, the northern Italian region at the center of the country's outbreak, 1 in 10 of confirmed coronavirus cases involve medical personnel, according to Paola Stringa, a press officer for the Lombardy regional government.

The welfare assessor in charge of regional health care in Lombardy, Giulio Gallera, told reporters on Saturday that the region is evaluating whether to dedicate an entire hospital to coronavirus patients.

"We have given the instruction to hospital to swab all the patients that come in with respiratory diseases symptoms. It's important to preserve the well-being of medical personnel, which today represents the 10% of the infected," Gallera said.

Italy has put several cities and towns in the country's north on lockdown, banning people from entering or leaving affected areas, suspending public events and closing attractions, such as museums, to the public, according to the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control. The measure effectively put an estimated 100,000 people under quarantine. In Paris, The Louvre remained closed Sunday, the museum said in a statement to CNN.

The Louvre said its closing wasn't ordered by the



A worker sanitizes a car on a regional train in Milan on Friday.

government, which Saturday canceled all public gatherings of 5,000 people or more in confined spaces. That included the Paris Half Marathon on Sunday. France has recorded 100 cases and two deaths. UN calls increases 'deeply disturbing' The Trump administration said Saturday that it was raising the travel advisory level for parts of Italy and South Korea where the coronavirus has spread widely. On Sunday, Trump said in a tweet that people will be screened for coronavirus upon arriving in the US if they are traveling from high-risk countries.

Katie Miller, a spokes-

woman for Vice President Mike Pence, clarified to CNN what is covered under the screening measures Trump mentioned in his tweet.

"There is already screening for those coming into the United States for those who have been in China in the last 14 days. This will be expanded to Italy and South Korea," Miller said. "Additionally we are currently working on exit screening from South Korea, Italy, and other European Nations as needed."

The UN called the increase of cases in Italy, Iran and South Korea "deeply concerning."

Afghan peace deal hits first snag over prisoner releases

KABUL, Afghanistan -- Afghanistan's president said Sunday that he will not free thousands of Taliban prisoners ahead of all-Afghan power-sharing talks set for next week, publicly disagreeing with a timetable for a speedy prisoner release laid out just a day earlier in a U.S.-Taliban peace agreement.

President Ashraf Ghani's comments pointed to the first hitch in implementing the fragile deal, which is aimed at ending America's longest war after more than 18 years and getting rival Afghan factions to agree on their country's future.

Still, the U.S. has said a planned U.S. troop withdrawal over the next 14 months is linked to the Taliban's counter-terrorism performance, not to progress in intra-Afghan talks. Washington's Peace Envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, who served as America's first ambassador to Afghanistan after the 2001 U.S. invasion, spent the past 17 months running on-again, off-again talks with the Taliban to hammer out the agreement.

The U.S.-Taliban deal signed Saturday in the Middle Eastern State of Qatar envisions the release of up to 5,000 Taliban prisoners by the Afghan government ahead of talks between Afghan factions meant to begin March 10 in the Norwegian capital of Oslo. The Taliban would release up to 1,000 prisoners. Ghani told a news conference in the Afghan capital of Kabul on Sunday that this wasn't a promise the United States could make. He said the release of any prisoners was a decision for his government to take and that he wasn't ready to release prisoners before the start of negotiations.

"The request has been made by the United States for the release of prisoners and it can be part of the negotiations but it cannot be a precondition," Ghani said.

The U.S.-Taliban deal is seen as a his-



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toric opportunity to extricate the United States from Afghanistan, a nation convulsed by conflict since the Soviet invasion in December 1979. Yet it could also unravel quickly, particularly if the Taliban fail to deliver on a promise that no terror attacks would be launched from Afghan soil.

The intra-Afghan talks between squabbling political factions and rival Taliban in Afghanistan are even more intricate — even if a potential failure might not slow the withdrawal of American forces.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said he considered a prisoner exchange an important confidence-building measure.

"Everything is interconnected," he said Sunday about the agreement's 14-month timeframe.

"The prisoner exchange will be one of the first confidence-building measures, so it will remain a very critical step that we need to push forward," he added.

U.S. officials, travelling with Secretary of State Pompeo on his return to America, noted that the agreement stipulates "up to" 5,000 prisoners would be released, without referring specifically

to Ghani's statements.

President Donald Trump told reporters Saturday at the White House that he will be "meeting personally with Taliban leaders in the not-too-distant future," and described the group as "tired of war."

He did not say where or why he plans to meet with Taliban leaders. He said he thinks they are serious about the deal they signed but warned that if it fails, the U.S. could restart combat.

"We think we'll be successful in the end," he said, referring to all-Afghan peace talks and a final U.S. exit.

But he also warned: "If bad things happen, we'll go back" in with military firepower.

Many Afghans, however, have welcomed the possibility of peace.

Afghans in eastern Nangarhar posted pictures of dozens of men dancing in the street to celebrate the signing. In eastern Khost province, a Taliban stronghold, the night sky was alight with red tracer bullets fired by celebrating residents. Footballers in southern Helmand Province, also a Taliban stronghold that has seen heavy violence, began a three-day soccer tournament to celebrate the signing.

Oklahoma college recruiter fired for allegedly lining up teens by skin color, 'nappiest' hair

By Doha Madani

An Oklahoma college recruiter was fired after allegedly lining students up by skin color and hair texture during a high school visit. Students at Harding Charter Preparatory in Oklahoma City said a recruiter for Oklahoma Christian University barely spoke about the school before having them line up during a visit Monday, NBC affiliate KFOR reported.

Korey Todd told KFOR he felt uncomfortable during the gym assembly meant for 11th graders at the high school. Todd said that it didn't seem the recruiter was "knowledgeable on how to speak to people."

"He was like, 'Let's play a little game,'" Todd said. "He said, 'Okay, everyone now line up from darkest to lightest skin complexion.'"

Another student, Rio Brown, told KFOR that the recruiter also told students with the "nappiest hair" to stand in the back.



Photo caption: Oklahoma Christian University.

"Teachers left. They were crying and they were offended," Brown said. "Their faces just looked disgusted. I know they had a talk with him after, like, 'That's not okay.'" Steven Stefanick, principal at Harding Charter Preparatory, said in a statement Friday that school administrators were working with Oklahoma Christian University in regard to the hurtful "group activity."

"The Harding Charter Preparatory High School governance board, administration, and staff does not condone any behavior and/or language that undermines our community's values," Stefanick said. "Our community, from its inception, has valued diversity, inclusion, and a safe and supportive learning environment."

Oklahoma Christian Uni-

versity said in a statement to NBC News that the recruiter, who was not identified, was no longer with the school and that administrators did not approve the "inappropriate activity" in advance. "Admissions staff are scheduled to visit the academy Monday to apologize to Harding students and staff on behalf of the University," the university statement said.

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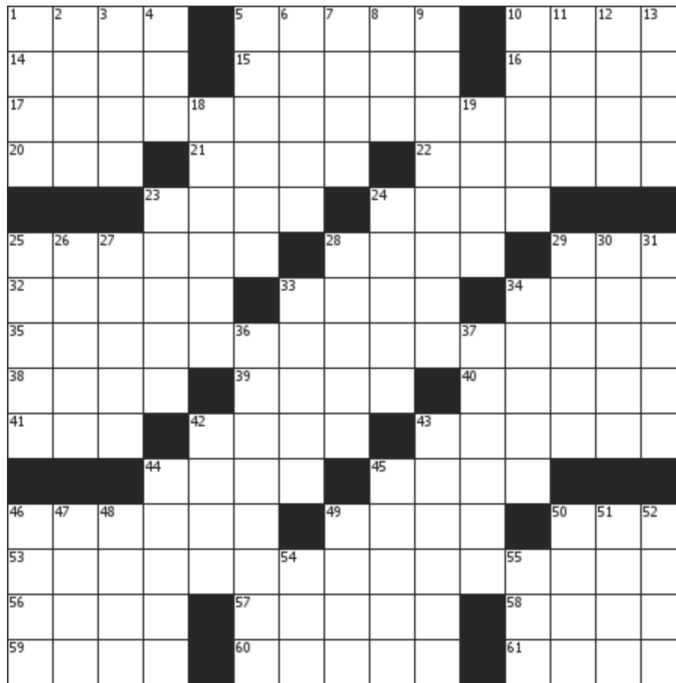
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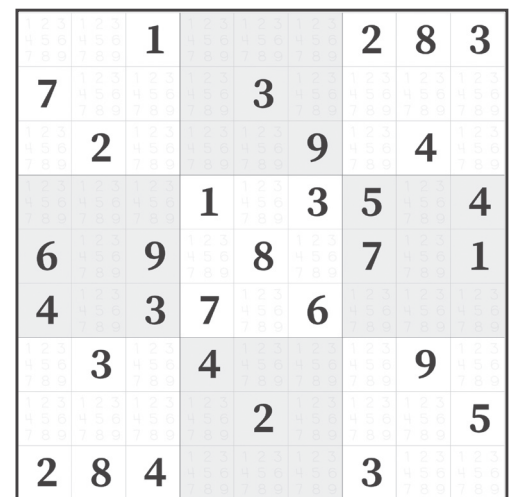
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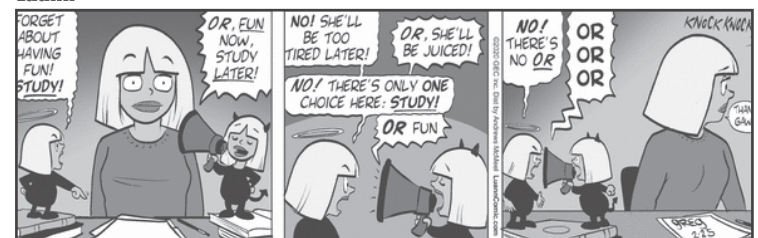
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Cutting Edge, Lady Hoppers, Trendsetters win matches

Cutting Edge, Lady Hoppers and Trendsetters all enjoyed the winning circle last Thursday and Friday at the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association Technical Center at Paynters.

Donesha Samuel and Alexis Garcia goals were too much for Grenades F.C as Cutting Edged won 2-nil last Thursday.

On Friday in-front of a large crowd Lady Hoppers eased past Wadadli



United 2-0.

Emma Bellerzaire netted in the 18 and 37 for the ladies from Green-bay.

In the featured game the trend were set by



Trendsetters who inched past Tigress 2-1.

Luan Tomilson scored in the 31 and 52 while Portia Davis pulled one back in the 60 for Tigress.



West Indies women lose to England

West Indies lost to England by 46 runs and are out of the ICC Women's T/20 world Cup.

The defeat on Sunday night at the Sydney ground

was the second in three matches and left West Indies third spot on the group B point table.

England posted 143 for 7 off 20 overs with Natt Sciv-

er top scoring with 57.

In reply, the Caribbean ladies could only muster 97 for 9 off 20 overs with Lee-Ann Kirby making 20 and Sophie Ecclestone grabbing

3 for 7.

England moved on to the semifinal stage.



Sir Novelle Richards top Pares Secondary

Sir Novelle Richards Academy stood strong over Pares Secondary in the boy's under-15 Ministry of Sports Cricket League last Friday.

Batting first Pares were bundled out for 91 with Orian Tongue top scoring with 24

and Shawn Balgobin picking up 3 for 17 for SNRA.

The Potters based school raced to 93 for 3 in 10.4 overs securing a 7 wickets victory.

Jared JnoBaptiste accumulated a well played 47.

Windies lose final ODI

West Indies fell short in their third and final One day International against Sri Lanka yesterday (Sunday).

Sri Lanka 307 all out of 50 overs, Kusal Mendis 55, Alzarri Joseph 4 for 65. In reply West Indies 301 for 9 off 50 overs. Shai Hope 72, Sunil Ambris 60, Angelo Matthews 4 for 59.

The two teams will remain in Kandy for a two match T/20 Series at the same venue.

The matches will be played on Wednesday, March 4th, and Friday. First ball daily 9:30 Eastern Caribbean time.

Rodney and team win tournament

In commanding fashion, Leon "Kuma" Rodney and company made it two wins in a row in the three man scramble tournament at Cedar Valley on Sunday.

Just as they did two weeks ago, the alliance of Rodney, Marlon George and Kareem Doherty swung their way to title honors, as they finished ahead of the star studded field.

The trio took home the first gross prizes thanks to their eighteen hole score of 59, eleven under par.

In the Net section, the fight went right down to the wire and in the end

it emerged a tie between Dwayne Hill and company and Daniel "Baka" Bailey and company.

Bailey and his partners Wilston Charles and Michelle Millington came home in 54.9 net, the same as Hill, Gary Morris and Dave Christian.

Eleven teams consisting of three players each took part in the championship.

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Lots of action in local football

In the first encounter in the ABFA premier division on Saturday Liberta Blackhawks and Parham played to an exciting 4-all draw.

The score were 3-3 in the first half with spectators voicing their opinion on the poor defensive display by both teams and the numerous mistakes. On target for Liberta Jahmarley Stevens, Ricardo Dennis own goal, Clarence Marsh, and Oshane Blackwood.

For Parham a Miguel Hernandez own-goal got them on the way followed by strikes from Daryan James, Trevaughn Harriete and Nazir Mc Burnette penalty.

Piggotts Bullets and Rangers followed with barely much to write or talk about. Both teams were flat and lacking in ideas as to how to find the back of the net. The encounter ended nil-all.

Finally, the much anticipated game between Cool and Smooth Hoppers and



Hoppers vs. Swetes



Liberta and Parham players



Parham team



All Saints United vs Five Islands

Swetes arrived and it had patrons on the edge of their seats with end to end play.

But it was Hoppers needing to stay in striking distance of league leaders Grenades who took more of their chances in open play to walk away with a 4-2 victory. Yoandir Puga Estevez had a hattrick as he electrified the over 3000 spectators in attendance with goals in the 16, 43 and 73. Talented Rodney Lawrence added the other goal.

Kemoui Alexander scored in the 38th for Swetes but wasted an opportunity few minutes after to equalize only to see Hoppers go straight down the field adding their third. He would be quiet disappointed, defender Chad Williams scored in the wrong goal in the 52.

Hoppers now move to 28 points one behind Grenades.



ABFA officials sporting their new headphones in the feature game on Saturday. This marked the first time game officials used headphones during a game.

A day earlier Fort Road trashed Poters 5-1 in the ABFA first division, that game was followed by All Saints United who were comfortable winners over Five Islands who continue to fade 3-1. Kwaizim Theodore opened the scoring in the 15 for All Saints followed by conversions from Ajarnie Thomas and Bernardo Milford. Darian Jaime scored in the 82 for the men from the west.

In the featured game of the evening much was expected of Old Road against Grenades but they fail to come to the dance and Grenades strolled to a comfortable 3-1 victory on strikes from Jairo Escobar, Gregson President and Stephan Smith. Seaquean Millington scored the lone goal for the men from south.



Rangers and Bullets players



Rangers players



Grenades players



Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Federation hosts nationals

The Antigua and Barbuda Swimming Federation hosted its nationals over the weekend at the Vipers Swim Club.

PointeXpress visited the event yesterday (Sunday) where families and friends gathered to support the young athletes.

The overall performance of the swimmers on show was impressive with three of the participants Keitanya Skepple, Kaylee Warner and Tiven Benjamin in fantastic form.

Nine year old Skepple the daughter of former national football striker Kerry Arab Skepple was dominant in the 100 meter breast stroke, 200 free-style, and 400 free style.

Keitanya started swimming at 4 years old when her parents took her to Vipers to



Kaylee Warner learn to swim.

Head coach Wayne Mitchell quickly realized he had discovered a diamond in the rough and had a conversation with her parents to encourage her to focus on the sport.

Mitchell, when quizzed about her potential, articulated that she has all the qualities to become a top class female swimmer.

Also in fine form was 6 year old Kaylee Warner a young intelligent athlete



Keitanya Skepple with a bright smile.

Warnner stamped her authority in her age group in the 50 meter and, 100 meter breaststroke.

Tiven Benjamin won in the 800 free style, 200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke, 200 meter freestyle and 150 breaststroke.

Keep an eye on these three young athletes as they continued to excel in swimming one of the most organized and successful sporting organization on the island.



Tevin Benjamin



Former National Footballer Kerry Arab Skepple and Tim-out Co-host Vernon Springer at the Vipers swim club.