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# WIOC SIGNS HISTORIC DEAL!

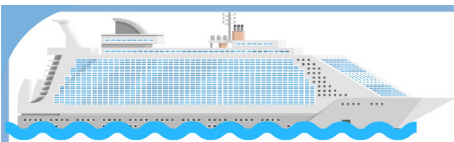
*West Indies Oil Company to share business with Rubis*

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## Caribbean Union Bank expands operation - Pg 4



**Airport Taxi Men Satisfied! - Pg 10**



## Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

Date	Cruise Ship	Arrive-Depart	
5 March, 2020 Thursday	Marella Explorer 2	08:00	18:00
5 March, 2020 Thursday	Seabourn Odyssey	08:00	23:00
5 March, 2020 Thursday	Costa Favolosa	08:00	18:00
7 March, 2020 Saturday	Oceania Riviera	08:00	23:00
8 March, 2020 Sunday	Marella Celebration	08:00	18:00
9 March, 2020 Monday	Costa Luminosa	08:00	17:00
10 March, 2020 Tuesday	Viking Sea		
10 March, 2020 Tuesday	Britannia	07:00	18:00
10 March, 2020 Tuesday	Crown Princess	09:00	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 3/6

Max UV Index: 9 Very High  
 Wind: E at 17 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 33 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 43%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 0.9 mm  
 Rain: 0.9 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 1  
 Hours of Rain: 1

# 29° Hi



Partly sunny with a shower in the area

### NIGHT 3/6

Wind: ESE at 15 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 22 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 55%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%  
 Precipitation: 1.2 mm  
 Rain: 1.2 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 1  
 Hours of Rain: 1

# 22° Lo



Mainly clear

### SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST  
6:21AM

Sunset AST  
6:15PM



Duration  
11:54 hr

### MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST  
3:16 AM

Moonset AST  
4:39AM



Duration  
13:27hr



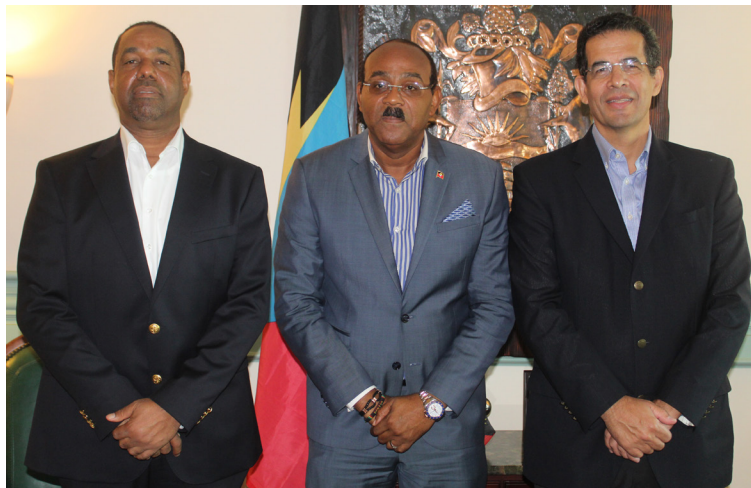
## Rubis and WIOC sign agreement

The West Indies Oil Company and the French multinational fuel supply company Rubis have signed an agreement to share the business of supplying aviation fuel to aircraft.

This service, said to be quite lucrative, was previously monopolized by Rubis and its American predecessor enterprises Chevron-Texaco.

The signing took place Thursday at the Office of the Prime Minister, and WIOC CEO Gregory Georges was the first to speak. "Approximately 9-10 months ago, the Honorable Prime Minister – as the representative of the major shareholder – asked that Rubis and West Indies Oil Company form a partnership in order to enter the aviation services providing fuel at the V.C. Bird International Airport ... I say it's an historic agreement because in the 55 years of operation in this market between Antigua and Dominica, we have not been in there providing fuel at the airport. Effective after this agreement is signed, we are now a joint player in the joint operation at the airport."

Georges explained that "It took approximately 9-10 months to pen the agreement because these joint operations agreements are very complex, they're very technical, and it's imperative that we try to ensure that both parties are fairly dealt with in these agreements."



*From left: WIOC CEO Gregory Georges, Prime Minister Gaston Browne, and Mauricio Nicholls of Rubis.*

Georges was also upbeat about the skills transfers that he envisages taking place as a result of the agreement. "We are now going to gain experience with a very solid business partner who is in the aviation business throughout the region and, I believe, in parts of Africa as well."

Mauricio Nicholls of Rubis said his company brings to the partnership "substantial experience in the supply of aviation fuels not only in the region, but globally" since it supplies 18 airports in the regions, as well as others in Europe and Africa.

"We are part of the IATA (International Air Traffic Association) strategic partner program [which] as a fuel supplier to the airlines. IATA requires certain standards to be applied for the supply of fuel to airlines. We are very aware of what those requirements are and we are fully in compliance ..."

Prime Minister Gaston Browne said it was no fluke

that his government is now partnering with Rubis. "It is part of a deliberate economic strategy to facilitate greater ownership. As far as practicable, we will want to support individual and, cer-

tainly, private sector ownership. But where these investments are extremely large and private entities are unable to participate, the government through its various business entities will establish those partnerships for the benefit of the people. We have chosen Rubis in this particular in this particular case as a very reliable partner ... They were partnering with another private entity in the past and my government took a policy decision that, going forward, they had to partner with West Indies Oil Company to ensure that some of those profits are retained within the domestic society."

### SECRETARY



Institution: The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus  
 Location: St. John's, Antigua  
 Type: Full-Time

#### MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB:

To perform secretarial functions and related duties to enhance confidentiality and efficiency within the department.

- The successful candidate will be required to perform secretarial and clerical duties by:
- Taking dictation, minutes of meetings etc. and reproducing same in a format such as letters, memos, speeches, reports etc.
  - Typing/word processing, duplicating confidential documents, reports, manuscripts etc.
  - Typing/word processing general correspondence etc.
  - Maintaining a filing system of all documents, and other work-related material, ensuring security and easy retrieval.
  - Processing incoming and outgoing mail in a manner to enhance speedy and efficient dispatch from and distribution within the department.
  - Maintaining an up to date departmental diary of appointments, meetings etc.
  - Preparation of bills, collection of fees for telephone fax and photocopying machines and dispatch same to Bank/Bursary.
  - Assisting in the production of final documents, collating and circulating departmental documents.
  - Assisting with organizing seminars, conferences, meetings etc.
  - Receiving, routing and making telephone calls.
  - Receiving, routing and sending fax messages.
  - Managing of departmental imprest
  - The maintenance of an adequate office supply etc.

Applicants are required to submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae with the names and contact details of three (3) referees. These should be sent by electronic mail to [hr.fiveislands.uwimona.edu](mailto:hr.fiveislands.uwimona.edu) and addressed to:

The Director  
 Finance and Administration  
 The University of the West Indies  
 Five Islands Campus  
 St. John's, Antigua

The final date for receipt of applications is Friday, March 20, 2020.

The University thanks all applicants, however, due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates

# Caribbean Union Bank opens new doors on Factory Road

Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) has officially opened its third and newest branch at the Starling Business Center on Factory Road. The colorful ceremony was held on Thursday afternoon and attended by numerous dignitaries, staff, representatives of the media and other invited guests.

General Manager Karen Richardson lauded CUB's strategic partnership with government which she said had, among other things, "provided the impetus for realizing our redefined strategy – engagement banking."

Richardson said "A new vision was born: to be the premier engagement bank within the Caribbean. And since then, we have recorded favorable performances over the last few years – turning the corner by achieving and sustaining organic profits; and we are positioning ourselves to continuing on that growth trajectory."

She said "the essence of engagement banking [is about] building re-



lationships through sound financial advice – no gimmicks -- while providing convenience in banking ... We are elated to open the nation's first named engagement bank ... this branch is the epitome of engagement banking. As you enter the doors, you will be taken on a journey beyond customer service to customer engagement; from the warm greeting by our engagement ambassador, to the comfortable seating and virtual queuing system, to our self-engagement station which allows you to perform banking on the go, to our intimate engagement meet-

ing rooms which provide the privacy needed for these real conversations ..."

Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Hon. Gaston Browne, said Caribbean Union Bank had justified the \$30 million investment his government had made in CUB five years ago, despite the naysaying of detractors.

"We can boast now that Caribbean Union Bank is a well-capitalized bank and bank that is turning a profit ... It was a sensible transaction designed to strengthen the bank, to save the bank, to save jobs, and to ensure that we could have transitioned the bank from a loss-making institution into a profit-making one – and it has worked. Our investment in the Caribbean Union Bank was done with the understanding that there would be consistent returns for the Government and for the people of Antigua and Barbuda ... We can say that this investment is a highly performing one."

## ECLAC holds high-level meetings with PM Browne and Minister Greene

On Thursday, The Honourable Prime Minister Gaston Browne and Foreign Minister, the Honourable E. P. Chet Greene welcomed a four-member

delegation from the Economic Commission of Latin American and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The delegation's presence forms a part of the technical assistance

framework of the institution towards the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Agenda- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The three-day country mission commenced on 4th March 2020 and encompasses a multi stake holder approach consisting of discussions with representatives from the private and government sectors, the academic community and other civil society entities. The team is being hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

which assumed ministerial portfolio responsibility in 2019 to coordinate the implementation efforts of the twin-island state.

Additionally, the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda in keeping with the nation's international obligations, recently approved the establishment of a Core Technical Committee, charged with coordinating the preparations for the nation's first voluntary national review to be tabled at the United Na-

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*High-level discussions Held on Antigua's Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals.*



## Government and Rubis at peace over gas stations

The government of Prime Minister Gaston Browne and French multinational fuel provider Rubis appear to have quietly settled their differences away from the public view where a brief but intense spat erupted in late 2016 over control of local petroleum retail dealerships.

It happened when Rubis whose franchise and branding dominates local service stations, indicated its intention to take over the operation and management of these retail units, commonly referred to as gas station, thereby controlling the entire supply chain from importation to end user.

In the process, several well-known local businessmen, who had committed decades of their lives and strenuous labor to the growth and survival of these businesses would be pushed out and the future of their many close-knit employees left hanging in the balance of uncertainty.

These were just some of the perils that Prime Minister Gaston Browne and his Cabinet of Ministers foresaw and resisted with uncompromising and unrelenting vehemence.

The government made it clear that it was a violation of its domestic commercial and trading policies for monopolization of the supply chain to



*Prime Minister Gaston Browne, and Mauricio Nicholls of Rubis.*

take place and warned that it would do everything within its power to block and disrupt any efforts by Rubis to brush aside the local gas station dealers.

Nothing further was heard about this matter and many took for granted that Rubis had relented in the face of furious pushback, as the status quo of local gas station ownership – as far as could be ascertained – remained unchanged.

What is undeniable is that the relationship, since then, between Rubis and the governments has evolved from one of antagonism – at least on that issue – to one of partnership with the state-owned West Indies Oil Company.

On Thursday, at the Prime Minister's Office, WIOC and Rubis signed a 15 year agreement to share the business of supply aviation fuels to aircraft at the V.C. Bird International Airport, thereby ending Rubis' monopoly on the lucrative deal.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne and senior Rubis regional executive Mauricio Nicholls answered questions about whether Rubis had ever formally repudiated its contentious intent.

Reticent diplomacy seemed to be the preference of PM Browne on this occasion when he replied that, "Rubis, obviously, is a very reliable partner; a significant shareholder or stakeholder, for that matter, in the energy business. They understand the policies of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda, and they always do whatever is necessary to conform."

Insistent on also answering the question, Nicholls stated thus: "Rubis has several stations here in Antigua and we have always relied on Antiguanians to operate the service stations and we will always rely on them. We are not going to take them over, we are not going to operate them directly. We will always rely on Antiguan entrepreneurs to run our service stations. That has always been the case historically. That will continue to be the case."

With a broad smile, Prime Minister Browne chipped in with a closing comeback: "So, you got a definitive statement from Rubis, which is in keeping with the policy of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda."

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tions. This committee is to be chaired by the Director of International Trade, Ms. Joy-Marie King and will report to the Cabinet Ministerial Sub-Committee for the SDGs and the Blue Economy chaired by the Honourable Chet Greene.

The delegation from ECLAC will also take the opportunity to engage with officials from the Ministry of Finance on the Debt Swap for Climate Adaptation pilot project. This project aims at responding to the Caribbean's vulnerabilities to climate change, natural disasters and high indebtedness.



*Sheldon McLean Economic Affairs Officer, (ECLAC) meets with PM Browne in office.*



# Local News

## Top Carnival Influencers excited to return to Antigua Carnival 2020

Antigua, St. John's - Having had an amazing experience at Antigua Carnival 2019, Crista 'Bahamianista' Strachan and Global Carnivalist, two of the region's top trusted Carnival Influencers, will return for a second year to enjoy the Caribbean's Greatest Summer Festival. Through their 2019 partnership with the Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority (ABTA), Festivals Commission, with hosts Insane Carnival and Top Shelf Events, the bloggers enjoyed an authentic and fun-filled trip which included not only official Antigua Carnival events but also private parties, mas, luxury accommodations and tour excursions. For 2020, both Influencers will be partnering with Insane Carnival and The Carnival Boutique (TCB).

Insane Carnival is the reigning Antigua Carnival Band Of The Year and has grown significantly as a force to be reckoned with since establishing itself in 2013 from band leader Captain Lenroy Browne's parent company Insane Boot Camp (IBC). Insane's objective is to provide a premium carnival experience to visiting patrons and local masqueraders, while The Carnival Boutique is a company that designs unique Caribbean Destination Car-



Crista 'Bahamianista' Strachan (photo credit: Sydney Codrington)



Chav Da Kid, Culture Curator and Carnival Chaser



Insane Carnival Troopers

nival trips catering to both the budget and luxe traveller. The curated trip base packages can be customized through add-on services and products to ensure visitors receive the overall experience they deserve.

For Bahaminista, it was a no-brainer decision when it came to returning to the island this summer. She says, "Antigua Carnival is the perfect combination of fetes, road, relaxation. It was such a refreshing, unique

and PURE carnival vibe; really and truly nothing that I've ever experienced before anywhere else". Both Bahaminista and Global Carnivalist detailed blog reviews of Antigua Carni-

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val were seen and shared across the globe, prompting many to add Antigua Carnival to their 2020 bucket list. For Crista, one of the most memorable things about her experience was her mas costume by Janna Costume Designs. "Insane Carnival is one of a few carnival bands region wide that truly brings a theme to life in a carnival costume. I felt like a true Kente Queen with one of the most elaborate and jaw dropping costumes I'm sure I will ever wear in my life." With Insane Carnival's 3-day social media launch set for this coming weekend, Crista jokingly remarked that she is literally on pins and needles waiting to see how they will bring the depiction of their theme 'Metropolis' to life.

2019 was truly a successful Carnival for Antigua, as the festival through their influencer and social media marketing partnerships were able to reach a wider audience. TCB has already recorded a large number of bookings mostly from US visitors for 2020. Packages include accommodations, fetes and events, j'ouvert, glam hub services, airport and event transportation and Monday and Tuesday mas with Insane Carnival. Visitors can add island excursions to their trip, and also request that a personal photographer be added to their package. There is also the TCB #partywithyacrew campaign which creates customized travel trips for groups of 10 persons or

more, with the 11th person receiving a free trip to Antigua Carnival (excluding airfare).

The Carnival Boutique logistical team is headed by Amber C. Edwards, who is also the Virtual Systems Builder and Integrator for the company. Amber has previously worked with ABTA, CDE and The Black Travel Club. She was also Bahaminista and Global Carnivalist's 2019 Antigua Carnival Transportation Coordinator. The Carnival Boutique's Antigua Carnival partnerships also include local Culture Curator and Carnival Chaser Chav Da Kid, whose social media platform continues to increase his regional and international visibility and audience.

#partywithyacrew is the overall Antigua Carnival theme for The Carnival Boutique as visitors, Carnival Chasers and Influencers, with booked TCB trips, will be treated to a top-notch experience that they will never forget. Antiguan residents as well as returning nationals can also enjoy the benefits of TCB when they purchase the Antigua Carnival Starter Pack option on the company's website shop page. For more information on TCB packages and the terms and conditions of the #partywithyacrew campaign visit [www.thecarnivalboutique.com](http://www.thecarnivalboutique.com). Packages can only be purchased online. Persons can also email the team of Concierge Coordinators directly at [info@thecarnivalboutique.com](mailto:info@thecarnivalboutique.com)

## 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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# Masquerade by Venezuelan Academics to avoid rule of law

By Sir Ronald Sanders

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My less than 1,000 words commentary, on the case before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) between Guyana and Venezuela, provoked a response of 2,069 words from two academics of Universidad Central de Venezuela. The response merits reply if only because the authors, Kenneth Ramirez and Mirna Yonis, have attempted to masquerade their political position as an objective academic analysis. In their lengthy response, the two authors devoted 688 words to the internal politics of Guyana and its general elections. This is a complete irrelevance to Venezuela's claim to two-thirds of Guyana and to the question of whether the ICJ has jurisdiction to arbitrate the contention between the two countries. Their demeaning narrative of Guyana's domestic politics highlights their intent to delegitimize the country. Suffice to say that Guyana's internal political discourse has been conducted within the framework of law. Further, it has been firmly established, by scholarship and demonstrated positions, that the political parties and the people of Guyana are united in their resistance to territorial claims by any group in Venezuela. The bias of the authors was revealed in two further statements in their response. The first was their assertion that Nicolas Maduro, the de facto Venezuela President has a "well earned, bad reputation". This placed them in the

camp of the opposition parties in Venezuela which have been even more strident than the Chavez/Maduro governments in aggressively laying claim to Guyanese territory.

The second was their pronouncement that there are a few Caribbean diplomats at the Organization of American States (OAS) that support Maduro "in the name of the principle of non-intervention". They are right that non-intervention in the internal affairs of states is a settled principle in the OAS, reflected in its binding Charter, and in the United Nations, and that Caribbean diplomats uphold the rule of law.

The authors would evidently prefer Caribbean diplomats to discard principle and law in favour of the agenda of opposition forces in Venezuela. That will not happen; not because of any bias to one or other political group in Venezuela, but because Caribbean countries have consistently adumbrated the position that Venezuela's internal political impasse must be settled by Venezuelans, and, further, that the rules and norms of international institutions should not be twisted to the advantage of one side or the other, nor for the benefit of any external interests. As for the actual case before the ICJ, remarkably the authors boldly state that UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, in referring the contention to the ICJ, "misunderstand and exceeded his authority" given under a 1966 agreement signed in Geneva by the parties. They impugn the integrity of the Secretary-General and the considerable capacity of the UN legal machinery, suggesting that, despite every other determination made on international matters, this one is wrong simply because it does not accord with their preferences.

The UN Charter recognizes that "legal disputes should as a general rule be referred



by the parties to the ICJ in accordance with the provisions of the Statute of the Court". The Statute of the Court, which is an integral part of the UN Charter, clearly states that: "The jurisdiction of the Court comprises all cases which the parties refer to it and all matters specially provided for in the Charter of the United Nations or in treaties and conventions in force".

The authors claim that, by going to the ICJ, Guyana broke the spirit of the 1966 agreement to negotiate bilaterally. But they conveniently ignore the reality that Venezuela verbalized negotiation while executing aggression. Numerous examples lay bare that story, among them: Venezuela's invasion and occupation of Ankoko Island in 1996 and its illegal occupation ever since; President Raul Leoni in July 1968, claiming "sovereignty" over a twelve-mile strip of Guyana's continental shelf; a decree by President Nicolás Maduro in May 2015, creating the "Atlantic coast of Venezuela" which included Guyana's territorial waters in the Atlantic Ocean off the Essequibo region; and by other well recorded acts of aggres-

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sion. As a basis for discarding international arbitration, the Authors claim that “Venezuela has a inveterate doctrine of foreign policy that consist in not submit issues related with its territorial integrity to adjudicative methods that involve the settlement of these disputes by international tribunals”. In other words, unlike every other country in the world – large ones like the United States and small ones like the Marshall Islands – Venezuela prefers the use of its superior military and economic power to impose its will on a militarily weaker and, up until recently, a poor state. And to the authors, this big stick approach, away from the watchful eye of the world’s legal machinery, is perfectly right.

Staggeringly, these authors who claim academic credentials – and presumably, therefore, scholastic objectivity – state that the Arbitral Award of 1899, which settled the boundaries between Venezuela and Guyana, “was decided behind its (Venezuela’s) backs and enforced under the threat of coercion of the great powers”. It is little wonder that with Professors such as these, Venezuelan students imbibe, as fact, the myth of a legitimate claim to two-thirds of Guyana.

Documentary evidence shows that the Arbitration Panel that produced the 1899 boundary settlement included the Chief Justice of the United States of America, Weston Fuller, who was nominated by no less a person than the President of Venezuela. Far from “behind Venezuela’s back”, the Venezuelan President was frontal in the composition of the Panel. Further, the arbitration gave to Venezuela “the

mouth of the Orinoco and control of the Oronoco basin”.

So, delighted was the Venezuelan government with the award that the Venezuelan Ambassador to London, Jose Andrade, the brother of President, Ignacio Andrade, declared: “Greatly indeed did justice shine through when in spite of all, in the determining of the frontier the exclusive dominion of the Orinoco was granted to us, which is the principal aim we set ourselves to obtain through arbitration”.

Successive Venezuelan governments jealously protected their acquisition of more territory and the new border until 1962, when political ambition resurrected an unsubstantiated claim, attributed to one of its long dead lawyers from the 1899 arbitral process, that the US Chief Justice – Venezuela’s own appointed arbitrator – had been bribed. But, since the award gave Venezuela what it proclaimed was its desire, for what purpose was the US Chief Justice bribed?

If the authors are so certain of the rightness of the Venezuela contention, then there should be no fear of the ICJ – after all, as the saying goes, “truth will out”.



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## VACANCY

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The Antigua Public Utilities Authority is now seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Health & Safety Inspector.

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- Notifying the HSWO and BU Manager of accidents or incidents involving damage to property within twenty-four (24) hours of a report being received.
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St. Johns, Antigua  
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#### Deadline for application is 18th March, 2020

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# PM Browne seeks resolution with concerned Taxi Operators

Prime Minister Gaston Browne held a one-hour meeting at his office with ten members of the Airport Taxi (Association) Company in order to examine a number of troubling issues which the drivers are seeking to have addressed, in short order.

The taxi drivers pleaded, that the repairs now taking place on the Sir George Walter Highway can be disconcerting, and they would prefer to use Burma Road behind the runway; however, the road is used primarily by trucks and is filled with potholes. The Prime Minister immediately called the Minister of Works and the Direc-

tor of Public Works. It was agreed, that the Burma Road will be graded and compacted on the weekend so that the drivers will be more comfortable.

During the roundtable meeting PM Browne reminded the concerned drivers that some \$65 million dollars are available from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for road rebuilding. Old Parham Road, Factory Road, the Valley Road, the Falmouth Highway, and several secondary roads will be addressed after the two major Highways are completed.

A number of other issues were also tabled during the



*Mr. Ian Joseph, President of the Airport along with members of the Airport Taxi Association met with Prime Minister Gaston Browne in his Cabinet room on Thursday.*

sit down with the country's leader. The drivers complained that they have not been granted an increase in their fares for nearly 15 years. The Prime Minister immediately called the General Manager of the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board and asked that a meaningful review take place. The Head of Government also called the Minister of Tourism and directed that all the players get together in the coming week to review the fares, and to make a recommendation to Cabinet. However, any increase would not be implemented until the start of the next tourism season.

The drivers also asked the Prime Minister to intervene with the airport security who has ordered the drivers to play their Warri out of sight of the disembarking tourists. Because there is no way to summon them from a far-away place, the drivers proposed that a greeting shed be constructed to house a small steel band ensemble which could double as a covered space for the drivers who play Warri while waiting for

disembarking tourists. There was an agreement with the Airport Authority personnel to negotiate an acceptable alternative.

The drivers also expressed an interest in operating a "bed-and-breakfast" (BnB) operation of about 40 rooms and sought to be granted land near the airport that is suitable. At about \$5.00 or \$6.00 per square foot, valuable land near the airport could be sold to the 90-person association, if they would agree to have all shareholders raise the capital to build 40 rooms. To service the loan and to have capital, all 90 members would pay \$500 monthly for about 10 years to meet capital requirements. The drivers agreed that it could be done, and they determined to sell the project to their membership at their next general meeting.

The drivers left the meeting fully optimistic and very satisfied that their concerns were addressed. The Prime Minister asked them to stay in touch in order to ensure follow-up and implementation.

## PROBATE FORM P7

### Rule 15

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In the Estate of COLIN ALPHONSO HANLEY late of A. Goodwin Street, Marble Hill, St. John's, Antigua, Deceased  
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
1ST PUBLICATION

**TAKE NOTICE** that an application has been filed by **NEIL PATRICK EDWARDS** of 500 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 1806, Toronto, Canada, Executor for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 15th day of August, 2018 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 12th day of July, 2018, wherein the Applicant is the Sole Executor. Any person having an objection to the application for the grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

**Dated this 4th day of March, 2020**

Filed by JOHNSON GARDINER, Attorneys-at-law whose address for service is 51A St. Mary's Street, St. John's, Antigua.  
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## Antigua and Barbuda continues cultural relationship with Guadeloupe

Over the last few years, Antigua and Barbuda has had a longstanding relationship with the French Island of Guadeloupe, specifically in the field of culture and the arts.

On a recently concluded trip to Guadeloupe, representatives from the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission and the Department of Culture discussed upcoming plans with top Guadeloupian officials to further the exchange of culture between both countries.

Spearheading the dele-

gation, Mrs Petley Knight, Director of National Festivals, met with several key officials including Madame Marie-Luce Penchard, Mayor of the capital city, Bass-Terre and Mr Laurent Bernier, Mayor of Saint-Francois, to host discussions relating to enhancing the efforts of cultural relations. During the visit, the country was also celebrating its annual Carnival, which is described as one of the most important festivities in the French Antilles, spanning a period of two months with elements of song, dance and several costumed parades. As such,



the delegation also had the opportunity to observe and participate in the latter part of Guadeloupe's Carnival,

in which several parades were staged over a period of three days, including the

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Parade of Dimanche Gras in the city of Pointe-à-Pitre; Parade by night of Lundi Gras and the Mardi Gras Giga Parade, both in Basse-Terre.

Antiguan and Barbudan talents were also on display during these parades to showcase elements of our Nation's culture through on-the-road artistic presentations by RT Performers, which is the brainchild of former Queen of Carnival, Mrs Raneé Laronde-Thomas. In 2018 and 2019, Guadeloupean Mas troupes added a true cultural element to Antigua's Carnival Monday and Tuesday parades. As such, a number of new mas

troupes, such as Nasyon A Nèg Mawon (Maroon Nation – English) and Yo Men, among several others, have expressed an interest to join the 2020 summer festival. Meanwhile, last year's featured troupe, Mas K'Mawon have also indicated their desire to return this year. Fernand Sonor, President of the Guadeloupe Carnival and Festival Federation, and other members of the Federation conveyed their pleasure to host the Antiguan and Barbudan Delegation in Guadeloupe, and on the same token Director of Festivals, Mrs Knight echoed similar sentiments while anticipating the continued cultural exchange between both countries in 2020.

She added that the opportunity to promote Antigua's Carnival to the French citizens via several radio and television outlets was truly immeasurable and with the exploration of increasing ferry and airline services

between both countries, attendance to our Carnival this year will increase. She is optimistic that Antigua and Barbuda's participation

in Guadeloupe's 2021 Carnival, will also grow incrementally.



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# Local News

## Nicholas: Council overstepped it's bounds

A move by the Barbuda Council to 'interfere' with the lease signed between the government and the developers of the PHL Project, has been described as an attempt by the council to 'encroach' beyond its legal powers to an area where the central government has full authority.

That is the assessment of the Minister of Information, Melford Nicholas, who addressed the media on the issue at the post-Cabinet briefing on Thursday. Nicholas said that the matter was discussed at length during Wednesday's Cabinet session. To provide clarity to the Cabinet, the solicitor general and a team of lawyers from his chambers were invited to the meeting.

At issue, according to Nicholas, is the need to rebuild Barbuda following the devastation of the island caused by Hurricane Irma in 2017. The question, he explained, is whether to merely rebuild Barbuda as it was before, or whether to use the opportunity to rebuild the island better and more resilient to hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The minister said the government chose the latter. In doing so, he further explained that the government had to engage foreign donors and agencies to assist with the task. However, while he concedes that the going has been slow, he said the government gets no credit for the work done so far, instead it is often faced with a barrage of criticism and demands from the coun-

cil and many residents.

Nicholas described the situation as 'untenable' as Antiguanians are not able to make similar demands on the government. "It's an inequitable situation that cannot continue," he declared.

He detailed the government's objectives on the island as quite simple: It wants to develop the island to a point where it becomes self-sustaining, providing for its own needs, driven by the private sector.

"We also want to change the infrastructural development on the island. We also want to see the development of green energy resources on the island to fuel its growth and we want to address the question of the lease of lands," he added.

Nicholas read a letter from the Barbuda Council addressed to the developers of PLH describing the content as an attempt to intimidate the developers, while at the same time taking unto itself authority that it does not have.

The Cabinet Notes distributed by spokesman, Lionel Max Hurst, said the Cabinet discussed at length the question: 'To what extent can *The Barbuda Act* be amended without amending the Constitution in which the Act is entrenched?'

According to the Notes... this issue was easily answered since there is specific language which limits the actions of parliament without a referendum among registered voters, and other limitations imposed by the Constitution.



Minister of Information, Melford Nicholas

Other questions raised include the following;

a) Can the central government bring sand mining in Barbuda under the control of a competent authority? By amending *The Beach Protection Act* in order to include Barbuda, and not Antigua only, the mining of sand will be brought under the jurisdiction of the same body that is charged with protections of beaches in Antigua.

b) Can the central government bring the issue of providing leases and subleases for land on Barbuda under the Cabinet's/Governor General's exclusive control? The lawyers all agreed in the affirmative and pointed to three pieces of legislation and an Appeals Court decision of 2002.

**LAWS OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA, CAP. 42 (30<sup>th</sup> April, 1904)**

*The 1904 Barbuda Act:*  
Part II

**Tenure of Lands by Inhabitants of the Island**

*5. All lands within the Island of Barbuda are hereby vested in the Governor-General on behalf of the Crown and shall be dealt with in ac-*

*cordance with the provisions of this crown.*

(1) All persons inhabiting the Island of Barbuda shall be and are hereby declared to be tenants of the Crown; and such persons shall neither hold nor deal with any land situated within the said island save and except as hereinafter appears by the provisions of this Act and subject to any by-law made by the (Barbuda) Council in that behalf.

(2) ***Nothing in this section shall be construed as precluding the grant by the Crown of any interest in or over any piece or parcel of land within Barbuda to any person whether or not that person is an inhabitant of Barbuda.***

The Notes took the view that *The Barbuda Act*, seventy years following the end of chattel slavery, or in 1904, was adopted by the Legislature which made clear that Barbuda is crown property and the Barbudans are tenants. This deliberate assertion by the law may have been intended to cure the Barbudans and others of any mistaken belief that Barbuda was not the Crown's.



## Scores turn out for JCI Antigua Business Seminar

For five (5) unbroken years, JCI Antigua has sought to engage the business community through personal and professional development, and this year was no different. On Thursday, March 5th, almost one hundred professionals from across the private and public sector convened at the Multi-purpose center for an intense and interactive professional development seminar.

Under the theme “Enhancing Customer Excellence & Experience” the business seminar focused on customer service with a specific target towards all businesses that interact with customers daily. The participants got the unique opportunity to examine the many facets of providing optimal customer service within the work environment. Topics such as the art of customer service in fostering long term relationships, understanding the bottom line of customer service, incorporating online customer service to enhance your brand and boosting your emotional intelligence to provide exceptional customer service were all covered in the one-day seminar. With al-

most 100 professionals gathered, the sessions were conducted by JCI Senator Clovis St. Romain, who focused on fostering relationships as art in customer service, while Marcella Andrea, principal consultant at NIA COMMS illustrated how incorporating online customer service and marketing techniques can impact both customer service and brand development.

Though business and personnel development played a major part in the seminar, dealing with mental and emotional intelligence were also highlighted as key factors for the success of any business which provides customer service. Conducted by Mrs. Feona Charles-Richards, newly appointed Director of the Family and Social Services Division, many participants learned how emotional intelligence can boost productivity in the workforce and retain customers.

President of JCI Antigua, Ms. Andrea Smithen, in giving her commendations, praised the organizers for a successful event. “I am proud of the Business Seminars Co-Chairs, Delicia Bonny and Terressa Edwards and

Committee for the top-class production of our 5th annual Professionalism in Customer Care Seminar. The feedback received from the participants was very encouraging and they indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the day and grew through the invaluable information imparted. It was a packed house as well.

Thanks also to the facilitators including our very own Senator Clovis. They were engaging and demonstrated their excellence in the field as always.” President Andrea stated.

The JCI Antigua Customer Service Business Seminar witnessed almost 100 participants for the one-day event.



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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
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**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 5th day of March, 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 pknightslaw@gmail.com and (268)-562-1653.

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# US Ambassador Slams CARICOM Chair For Calling US, CARICOM Bully

Donald Tapia, United States (US) ambassador to Jamaica, has dismissed an accusation by CARICOM Chairman and Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley that the North American superpower is attempting to split the 15-member regional bloc. In January, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo travelled to Jamaica for a two-day working visit with select heads of government in CARICOM, a move that Mottley criticised as an attempt to divide and rule.

Neither Mottley nor a representative from Barbados attended the meeting, which was believed to be part of a campaign to shore up votes for incumbent Organization

of American States Secretary General Luis Almagro.

Almagro is openly hostile towards Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and has sided with the US in lobbying for his replacement as that country's leader by opposition congressman Juan Guaidó. Addressing a Lions Club of Kingston meeting yesterday at The Jamaica Pegasus, Tapia categorically rejected the assertion.

"Jamaica, the Caribbean, CARICOM, and so forth, are so important to us as a south border that we need to start building the Caribbean, not only Jamaica, but the Caribbean."... When Secretary Pompeo came here about

a month ago, they said that the United States was trying to split (CARICOM). We weren't trying to split. Every member, every one of the 15 members of CARICOM was invited, but the subject, they didn't like the subject, so they refused to come, they decided not to come," Tapia said. The US diplomat, who took up his post as ambassador to Jamaica last August, suggested that the meeting was outside of the remit of the CARICOM. Tapia insisted that Mottley and others ought not to interfere in the sovereign dealings and foreign policy of any country.

"It's her duty to try and put her arms around CARICOM, which she did, but

at the same time, you are a sovereign nation. You have different foreign policies, so, therefore, what she is saying was incorrect ...," Tapia said. The ambassador also made it clear that the US would not interfere in Jamaica's political processes. "One of the things that I want to point out to you or make a broad statement, the United States of America doesn't get involved in the political field here in Jamaica. We are here as a guest of Jamaica," he said. "It is not up to the United States or any country to tell people how to vote because the fact is, Jamaicans have to determine the type of government they want to govern them."



US Ambassador Donald Tapia (left) has a light moment with Robert Lawrence, president of the Lions Club of Kingston, at a luncheon meeting at The Jamaica Pegasus in New Kingston on Wednesday



## American Found Dead In MoBay Hotel Room - Bloodied Body Had Multiple Stab Wounds

Hopeton Bucknor/Gleaner Writer

An American visitor has become the latest murder victim in western Jamaica after his body, with multiple stab wounds, was found inside a hotel room in Montego Bay yesterday.

Investigators attached to the western city's Freeport Police Station have identified the deceased man as Pheodore Walling, who is of a Michigan address in the United States. He was a guest at Hotel Gloriana, where his body was discovered. The American's death coincided with a strong defence of the country's travel industry by US Ambassador Donald Tapia, who emphasised yesterday that Jamaica was a safe place for tourists. Speaking at a Lions Club of Kingston meeting at The Jamaica Pegasus, Tapia argued that the impact of violent crime on the hospitality industry was negligible, though he acknowledged



In Jamaica, at the end of January, 116 people were murdered, an eight percent increase over the corresponding period last year, when 104 persons were killed.

that he was constantly asked about murders. "The place is safe. There are certain areas that are very bad, but overall, when you look at Jamaica is safe. They do not attack the tourists ... so they are not affecting tourism," he said. "... So (crime's) one of the things we need to get off the front page and put on Page 18 or 16, not on the front page." Crime affects 0.1 per cent of tourists, the Ministry of Tourism has said. However, Walling's death has left Jan-

et Silvera, the president of the Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, quite concerned as with the tourism sector already facing worrying threats from the global coronavirus outbreak, this killing could further unsettle the sector.

"Jamaica is already fighting with the fallout as it relates to the coronavirus, so the death of a tourist is just more bad news," said Silvera. "One would want to believe a visitor to the island would be safe ... . In fact,

99 per cent of our visitors usually enjoy incident-free vacations." According to the police, Walling arrived on the island recently and was staying at the popular property, which is located along Godfrey Dyer Boulevard. It is unclear whether he was a business or leisure traveller. Based on reports from the police, about 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, a housekeeper raised an alarm when she stumbled on the body, which was on its back on a blood-soaked bed. Walling was last seen alive on Tuesday afternoon, a source at Hotel Gloriana told The Gleaner. At the time, he was reportedly seen in the company of an unidentified male.

He is the third person to be murdered in St James this week and the 14th since the start of the year. St James is one of eight police divisions under a state of emergency. Murders have risen nationally by 11.5 per cent, with more than 230 people slain up to February 29.

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## Elizabeth Warren bows out of US presidential race



*Warren's exit dashed hopes that Democrats would get another try at putting a woman up against President Donald Trump*

Elizabeth Warren, who electrified progressives with her “plan for everything” and strong message of economic populism, dropped out of the Democratic presidential race on Thursday. The exit came days after the one-time front-runner could not win a single Super Tuesday state, not even her own.

Speaking to reporters Thursday outside her home in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Warren said she’d likely endorse one of the two major candidates left in the race, Joe Biden or Bernie Sanders, but “not today”.

“I need some space and I need a little time right now,”

she said, standing next to her husband, Bruce Mann, and golden retriever, Bailey.

Warren’s voice cracked when she talked about meeting so many little girls while campaigning around the country for the past year and knowing they “are going to have to wait four more years,” at least, to see a woman in the White House.

Warren added: “I have no regrets at all. This has been the honor of a lifetime.”

Warren’s exit extinguished hopes that Democrats would get another try at putting a woman up against President Donald Trump. For much of the past year, the Massachu-

setts senator’s campaign had all the markers of success, robust poll numbers, impressive fundraising and a sprawling political infrastructure that featured staffers on the ground across the country. She was squeezed out, though, by Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, who had an immovable base of voters she needed to advance. Warren never finished higher than third in the first four states and was routed on Super Tuesday, failing to win any of the 14 states voting and placing an embarrassing third in Massachusetts, behind former Vice President Joe Biden and Sanders. Her exit from the race

following Senator Amy Klobuchar’s departure leaves the Democratic field with just one female candidate: Hawaii Representative Tulsi Gabbard, who has collected only one delegate towards the nomination. It was an unexpected twist for a party that had used the votes and energy of women to retake control of the House, primarily with female candidates, just two years ago. Warren, 70, began her White House bid polling near the back of an impossibly crowded field, used wonky policy prowess to rocket to frontrunner status by the fall, then saw her support evaporate almost as quickly.



## Harvey Weinstein moved to jail after having heart surgery



Harvey Weinstein is awaiting sentencing after being found guilty of two sexual assault charges, including rape

Harvey Weinstein has been moved Rikers Island jail in New York City after undergoing heart surgery.

The ex-movie mogul was convicted last month of two sexual assaults, including rape, at his trial on 25 February. After the trial, he complained of chest pains and was taken to hospital where he had a stent implant to remove a blockage, a spokesperson said. He is due to be sentenced on 11 March, and faces up to 25 years in prison for the convictions relating to two women. Weinstein was cleared of the most serious counts of

predatory sexual assault and first-degree rape. But he was found guilty of third-degree rape and a first-degree criminal sexual act. His lawyers say he will appeal. Many of Weinstein's accusers, along with other critics, had expressed frustration at the news of his hospital transfer, arguing that he should be held in jail. His lawyers told local media that neither he nor they had any power over the decision. "It was a New York City Department of Corrections decision, that that was the most suitable place for a 67-year-old

man with a laundry list of illnesses who went from being in a walker to being in a wheelchair," lawyer Arthur Aidala told The Hollywood Reporter. The former movie executive still faces charges in Los Angeles of assaulting two women in 2013, and there are other cases under review. In all, at least 80 women had accused him of sexual misconduct stretching back decades, including actresses Gwyneth Paltrow, Uma Thurman and Salma Hayek. Most of those complaints, however, have not led to criminal charges, as they are beyond the statute of limitations - meaning they happened too long ago.

The allegations were at the centre of the #MeToo movement that prompted women to go public with misconduct allegations against powerful men. The movie executive once enjoyed phenomenal success with Oscar winners such as Pulp Fiction, Good Will Hunting, The King's Speech and Shakespeare in Love. What did the trial deal with?

Weinstein - who denied all charges - was convicted of sexually assaulting former production assistant Mimi Hiley in 2006 and raping Jessica Mann, a former aspiring actress, in 2013. The judge ordered him sent to jail immediately. A third-degree rape charge in New York is defined as engaging in sexual intercourse with a person who is incapable of consent, or under age 17, or who has not given consent for a reason other than the inability to consent. Prosecutors portrayed Weinstein as a serial predator who used his position of power in Hollywood to manipulate and attack women. The defence team said sex between the movie executive and the accusers was consensual, and that the accusers simply wanted to advance their careers. The allegations amounted to "regret renamed as rape", the defence said. Two of the accusers kept in contact with Weinstein and had sex with him after the alleged attacks, they pointed out.



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## Bodies 'pile up' in morgue as Iran feels strain of coronavirus

Dozens of bodies sheathed in black bags line the floor of an Iranian morgue, while workers in protective suits and masks busily walk among them. It's unclear which, if any, of the people whose bodies lie in the morgue were infected with the coronavirus gripping the country, in this footage from inside Qom's Behesht-e Masoumeh morgue.

And here lies a huge problem for Iran, which is one of the worst-hit countries outside China, with more than 3,500 people infected and at least 107 dead from the virus, according to officials.

Under Islamic tradition in Iran, corpses are typically washed with soap and water before burial. But two medical workers in Qom told CNN that in some cases precautions related to the outbreak are preventing staff from observing traditional Islamic guidelines for burial. Instead, they said the bodies of those confirmed to have coronavirus at the time of death are being treated with calcium oxide, to prevent them from contaminating the soil once buried in cemeteries. The sources spoke to CNN anonymously, for fear of reprisals from Iran's security apparatus.

Testing for the virus takes time, delaying burials and creating a "pile up" of bodies at the morgue, said Behesht-e Masoumeh morgue director, Ali Ramezani, in a report on Iranian state TV, IRIB. "What we are dealing with is



*Iran is one of the countries worst hit by the novel coronavirus outbreak and has officially recorded 92 deaths and 2,922 cases of infection. Some fear the government is underestimating the magnitude of the epidemic.*

how to handle the bodies of coronavirus victims versus non-coronavirus victims as the instructions for burial are different," said Ramezani.

He added: "Some families prefer that we keep their deceased, for a day or two, until their test results are completed."

"And if the results come back negative, then there is no need to treat the deceased according to guidelines outlined for coronavirus victims, and the family can bury the deceased wherever they have planned to bury them."

One person has been arrested for allegedly circulating video from inside the morgue, which state broadcaster IRIB confirmed was filmed inside Qom's Behesht-e Masoumeh.

Their case has been referred to the Judiciary, according to a report from Iran's semi-official news agency ISNA. Friday prayers canceled

The apparent backlog of bodies for burial comes as Iran grapples with a rapid rise in coronavirus cases. The country had 591 new positive cases recorded since Wednes-

day, the country's health ministry spokesman Kianush Jahanpour said Thursday.

He added that 739 people have also recovered from the virus and left hospital. All of Iran's 31 provinces have been hit with the virus, the health ministry announced Thursday. The capital Tehran has the highest number at 1,523, while the city of Qom, the reported epicenter of Iran's epidemic, had 386 confirmed cases.

Iran, along with Italy, has the highest recorded number of deaths from the virus outside of China, at 107.

The country has come under pressure from other Middle Eastern nations -- including Iraq, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain -- which have reported cases with links to the Iranian city of Qom, where several holy sites are regularly visited by large crowds.

Iran has banned Friday prayers in the centers of all provinces across the country for the second week in a row, to help curb the spread of the virus. Schools and universities have also been shut,

while concerts and sports events have been canceled.

On Thursday, Health Minister Saeed Namaki announced a national plan to tackle the virus that will include all 17,000 health centers and 9,000 medical clinics in every part of the country, according to IRNA.

Under the plan, some infected people will have to stay home under quarantine but continue receiving medical supplies. Those with more serious conditions will stay in hospital, Namaki said.

The number of medical facilities to test for the virus will more than double to 40 by the end of the week, he added.

Earlier in the week, the Health Ministry also announced it would be activating a nationwide team of 300,000 health workers and specialists to defeat the spread of the virus.

The country also plans to temporarily release 54,000 people from prisons as it tackles the epidemic. However Iran's Judiciary spokesman Gholamhossein Esmaili did not elaborate on where they would be kept or how authorities would keep track of them.

Iranian officials initially reassured its nationals that the virus would be contained, but it was difficult to convince Iranians that was the case as 23 members of parliament tested positive for the virus and an adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei died on Monday.



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### THE MENU

#### Monday

Stew Chicken  
Steam Fish  
Soup of the day served with:  
Rice & Peas  
Steam Veggies  
Green Salad

#### Tuesday

Baked Chicken  
Stew Beef  
Fry Fish (local/Fillet)  
Served with:  
Steam Vegetables  
White Rice  
Stew Beans  
Macaroni Pie  
Green Salad

#### Wednesday

Turkey & Beans  
Curry Chicken  
Fry Fish  
Served with:  
Black-eye peas stew  
Potato Salad  
Green salad  
Rosemary Rice  
Provisions

#### Thursday

Stew Oxtail  
Soup of the Day  
Baked Chicken  
Served with:  
Green Salad  
Red Bean  
Rice  
Macaroni Pie  
Mash Potato  
Sautéed Green Bananas & Plantain

#### Friday

Grilled Pork  
Stew Pork  
Barbecue Chicken

Sides Garlic Pasta  
Green Salad  
Sweet Potato Pie  
Provisions - Boiled Sweet  
Potatoes, Plantain, Green  
Bananas

#### Saturday

Fry Fish  
Season Rice  
Bull Foot Soup

Sides Veggies Fry Rice  
Pasta, Green Salad  
Bakes

#### Other Sides

Burgers, Fries/Veggies  
Pizza  
Chicken with Fries

#### Entertainments

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Dancing - Sundays

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hangout, live music, friendly Bartender  
Cheap drinks, Great atmosphere, nice  
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#### Prices per meal

\$10, 15  
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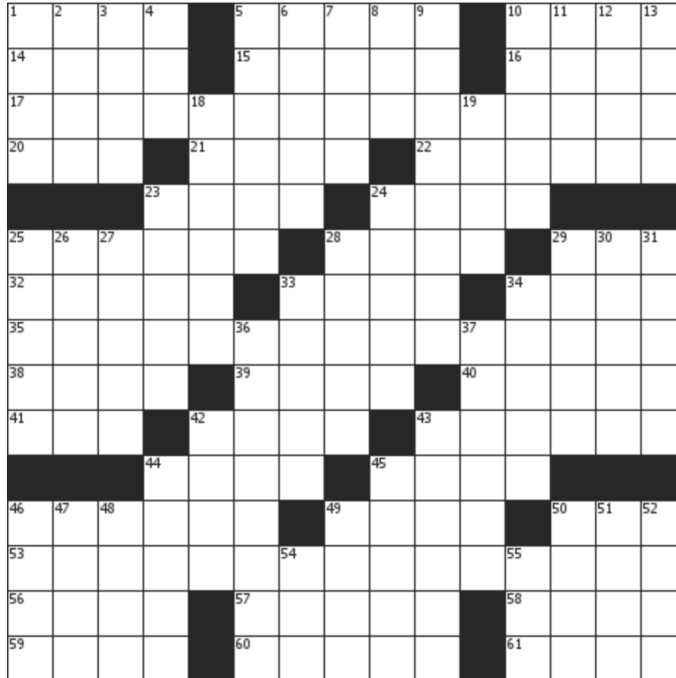
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Across

1. Shrews
5. Standard
10. Ga. Tech grad, perhaps
14. Distinctive atmosphere
15. Part of UNCF
16. Peeve
17. Fodder for Freud
20. Lengthen (with "to")
21. Thai temples
22. Quieted a crying baby
23. History muse
24. It may be checkered
25. Handicap
28. Classify
29. Patty Hearst's kidnap grp.
32. Carolers' selections
33. Diva \_\_\_\_ Te Kanawa
34. Tuftlike mass
35. Not the best way to live
38. Ages upon ages
39. Pipe fittings
40. Mountain ridge
41. Docs' helpers
42. Beseached
43. Did a teacher's job
44. Sad comment
45. Baseball Hall of Famer Vaughan
46. Mythical inferior deity
49. "That makes sense"
50. Something the picky pick?
53. Ready for battle
56. Bridle attachment
57. Like Harvard's walls
58. Costa \_\_\_\_
59. Cigarette substances
60. Shrewd
61. K-12, scholastically



### Down

1. Magellan org.
2. First word of a famous song title
3. Crossword puzzle part
4. Easy mark
5. Not just
6. Heated argument
7. Cries of aversion
8. "Chances \_\_\_\_"
9. Fictional ladies' man
10. Dadaist Max
11. Near, poetically
12. Model airplane kit requirement
13. Wind instrument
18. Wise, figuratively
19. Give the boot to
23. Eases one's anxiety
24. Cork and Corfu, for two
25. Deduce
26. Dummkopf
27. Lowly workers
28. Blind or broad attachment
29. Turned on an axis
30. Lenya or Lehmann
31. Yearned
33. What believers may fall on
34. Quick raid
36. View from the Maine coast
37. Food source
42. Walk heavily
43. Excessively desirous
44. Revival shouts
45. Beyond the pale?
46. Pub missile
47. Environs
48. Kuwaiti noble
49. "Put \_\_\_\_ writing"
50. First name among moonwalkers
51. Sumac souvenir, perhaps
52. Laotian's neighbor
54. Breakfast of centurions?
55. Before, in poesy

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			1	3	5			4
6	9		8		7			1
4	3	7		6				
	3	4				9		
				2				5
2	8	4				3		

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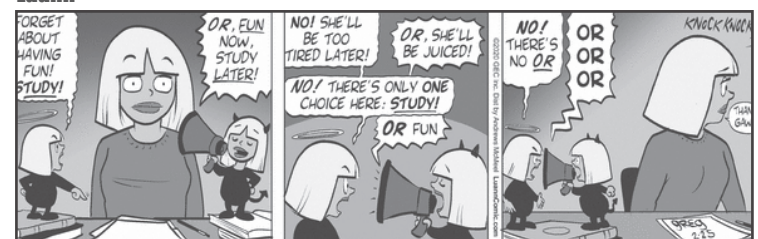
### Cathy



### Garfield



### Luann





# Empire back on top

Cool and Smooth Empire jumped back to the top of the table yesterday (Thursday) with a 3-2 victory over Willikies in their neck of the woods.

Willikies opened the scor-

ing putting the men from west on the back foot early, but the 13 times premier league champions responded through Rakeem "Beauty" Joseph, who netted twice in the first half leading Em-

pire to a 2-1 half time lead and take his league leading tally to 19 strikes from 15 games.

But the men from east responded within 2 minutes in the second half to bring the game level with the home crowd fully behind them.

In a fairly even contested affair for the most part, the game went back and forth, but with 3 minutes left in the game Empire big tall de-



fender Ratijah "Hulk" Davis took one of his customary big throws.

Beauty, for the second time in the game, got on the end of his sharp throw-in to complete his hattrick and send his team back to the top of the table.

Empire now moved to 42 points from 189 outings ahead of Tryum on 39 who have appeared in 19 games. Sap has 38 from 19 and Villa 36 from 16.

The first division is heating up and the next two rounds of matches will decide the fate of the top two teams.

At the game was European Scout Brian King from Norway a former professional goal keeper in England, who immediately showed his interest calling him a monster in front of goal.



Arlene Josiah, vice president of Empire with former professional player and scout from Norway Brian King.



Brian King, left, with Rakeem Joseph.



Empire team.



Willikies team.

## Tamo F.C. and Bluejays win matches

In the ABFA Football program Tamo F.C., and Bluejays, was victorious.

Blue jays rebounded from their 1-nil defeat to Empire last week at home to

brush aside West ham 3-0. On target was Keon Greene in the 26, Dennie Henry and Cassiano Samuel in the 40 and 63 respectively.

Blue jays maintain their 5<sup>th</sup> position

in the division one on 33 points.

Bolans and Fort Road played to a nil-all draw and in second division Tamo F.C eased past Blackburn Palace 2-0.



## Female Football Player profile: Akeilah Hillouse

At the tender age of 8 Akeilah Hillhouse and her niece Melanie Johnson joined the Bolans Primary school female football team.

Akeilah did not have much regard for the sport, but she soon evolved into something spectacular.

Known by the Alias Gran-

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ny the fans would often carry her off the field after her outstanding displays. In 1996 she was awarded MVP leading to her first cap for

the senior female national team against the powerful Trinidad and Tobago.

Granny attended the Jennings Secondary School

before leaving for College setting off to Webber University in Florida where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management.

Currently Akeilah is the president of the Sap football Club and first vice president of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association where she serves as the chairperson of the marketing committee.

Hillhouse is a certified coach and then first and only female to play in the ABFA premier league.

Her favorite music is pop, team Arsenal, Movie Pretty Woman, favorite player Mia Hamm, food, Macoroni and Jerk Chicken.

The left footer who was lethal in front of goal future plans are to contribute to the overall development of the sport.

Keep an eye on one of the most instrumental woman in football and a hall of fame in female football.

