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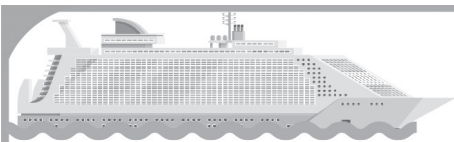
WEEKEND TRAGEDY!

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National Parks Authority unveiled 400 names of enslaved Nelson's Dockyard workers discovered in what would have been lost archival records.



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 3/9

Max UV Index: 9 Very High
 Wind: ENE at 22 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 30 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 62%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 2.9 mm
 Rain: 2.9 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 1.5
 Hours of Rain: 1.5

28° Hi



Times of clouds and sun with a couple of showers

NIGHT 3/9

Wind: E at 20 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 28 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 56%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 1.5 mm
 Rain: 1.5 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 1
 Hours of Rain: 1

23° Lo



Partly cloudy with a shower

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
6:19AM

Sunset AST
6:16PM



Duration
11:57 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
6:27 PM

Moonset AST
7:08AM



Duration
12:41hr

Tragedy at North Sound

A dark cloud of sadness hung over what was anticipated to be an exciting weekend of drag races at the North Sound International Raceway, when popular driver, 45-year old Marcus Williams, lost his life when the car he was driving ran off the track and crashed violently into a tree on Saturday night.

Thousands of spectators witnessed the tragedy and collectively gasped in horror when the Honda Civic failed to stop at the end of the race. Instead, it failed to slow down, flipped several times before crashing into the tree. Williams, a husband, father, and friend to many died on the spot.

The event was Brian Kelsick Cup Champion of Champions drag racing competition that attracted drivers and their vehicles from Antigua and Barbuda and several neighbouring islands.

According to eyewitnesses, “the race car continued passed the finishing line, sped out of control and flipped before colliding with a tree... the car looked like rumble at the end.”

Though investigations into the cause of the accident are still ongoing, a press release from the Antigua Barbuda Drag racing Association (ABDRA), stated that “the fatal accident occurred on Saturday, 7th March 2020 at about 7:45 pm at the end of the racetrack beyond the designated ‘Shut Down’ area where there is adequate distance for any race car to slow down to a complete stop.” The release continued to state



that, “All safety precautions with regards to the raceway were followed and the ambulance and Fire Department were on the compound at the time of the accident... The Honda Civic that Williams was piloting passed all safety precautions and scrutineering procedures prior to the participation in the event aforementioned.”

Though the scheduled races continued over the weekend, hundreds of tributes poured over social media from across the region immediately after the tragic incident.

President of the ABDRA, Gene Mason also reacted to the loss of one of their drivers on social media. “This is never the kind of speech, I would like to report back to my members as a President of this association. Especially to a wife now without a husband, children that are now without a father, a team without a solid member, fans without someone to cheer for, friends without someone to call on and the world now

missing a really good soul.

“Death is untimely, it is never planned and even when we know it is inevitable when that day comes, it is still hard

to overcome especially from a person so close to us. The thought to cancel this event outright crossed our minds. We have guests from visiting countries we are playing host to, we have our country to represent today and this would be something I’m sure Marcus would love for us to do. Join us today as we give a moment of silence in loving memory of our fallen brother and let’s give these guys a race they’ll never forget as we are truly Champion of Champions!” the president wrote.

The drag race competition ended last evening with scores of supporters and racers from across the region vying for the inaugural Brian Kelsick Championship cup.

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 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

King Negroes Unveiled - True pillars of Dockyard

Last evening, history was created by uncovering history. The names of hundreds of enslaved naval ship workers were discovered in what would have been lost archival records.

The discovery, made through the efforts of The National Parks Authority opened what is now being described as an extension of Antiguan colonial history.

The story all started on the 8th of March 1744, when an explosion ripped through the newly established Dockyard.

According to historical records, gun powder taken out of the magazines in the Royal Navy ships in port were stored in tents on the shore. A spark ignited the barrels leading to a massive explosion, killing eight enslaved Africans. The names recorded were Billey, London, James Soe, Caramantee Quamono, Dick, Joe, Scipio, and Johnno.

Chairman of National Parks, Ambassador Author Thomas, in his welcome at the unveiling event, reflected on the significance of the discovery.

“Their loss notwithstanding, work on the Dockyard continued reliant on enslaved black labour to maintain the facilities and repair the warships. These men occupied every skilled position to wit: carpenters, shipwrights, blacksmiths and sailmakers comprising more than 75% of the entire workforce. These included men named Antigua the Blacksmith, Colin the Sawyer, Kingston the Carpenter, and James the Shipwright. To date, research has uncovered more than 400 names of men who toiled here. Hundreds more are waiting to be uncovered. Without these African men, the Dockyard could not have functioned. Today, here, on



the 8th of March, the anniversary of a terrible event, but one which brings us closer to our history.

“We commemorate the Africans who were brought here and forced to build this place, recognize their skill and craftsmanship, and restore them and their names to their rightful place in Dockyard’s history.” Ambassador Thomas stated.

Since the death of these eight men was recorded, it led to a quest to uncover who were the other workers at the Naval dockyard and the role these enslaved men and women played in the development of what is now considered one of the world’s most iconic, historical landscape.

According to Andy Liburd of National Parks, “while most, if not all, of these names, represent names forced onto these men by their enslavers, we believe that it still represents a person; an individual, with a name and a life, and there is power in speaking and remembering them.”

Last evening’s commemorative event evoked a sense of solace and community activism as the National Parks Authority sought to acknowledge the many lives that contributed to the development of Nelsons Dockyard.

According to the organizers, the commemorative

event will officially be named the ‘8 March Project’. However, it will not only be about uncovering the past but also how it has foraged the present.

Heritage Resources Officer in the Heritage Department of the NPA Desley Gardner revealed that hundreds more enslaved Africans are being identified and the 8th March every year will serve to bring attention to their place in history.

“The 8 March Project is not just about the past. It is also about the present and the future. Using these names as a start, we are working on a genealogical project, connecting contemporary families with their ancestors and celebrating the traditions, skills, and continuity of our cultural landscape,” Gardner explained.

“We invite any person or organization who wishes to participate in pulling together these resources, family histories, and collective knowledge to get involved and help uncover our African past, and make sure that Dockyard History is African History.”

Scores of community activists and organizations attended the inaugural event last evening which featured cultural presentations, innovations and the unveiling exhibition.



To mark International Women's Day we are holding a COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY COMPETITION

Are you interested in international affairs? Do you want to understand more about what the UK is doing in Antigua and Barbuda? Ever wonder what diplomats do?

We are offering the chance for two women between the ages of 18-25 years the chance to shadow our Resident British Commissioner, Ms Lindsay Thompson, for a day in May.



Resident British Commissioner Thompson

To apply you must:

1. Be female, aged 18-25, and a resident of Antigua and Barbuda
2. Be following @LT_in_AandB on Twitter & lindsay.thompsonuk on Instagram
3. Be following UKinCaribbean on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram
4. Create a video not more than 90 seconds identifying challenges to gender equality in Antigua and Barbuda and recommendations to address these challenges
5. Post video on your social media accounts with hashtag: #RBC4adayA&B
6. Email the link of your post to RBC.AntiguaandBarbuda@fco.gov.uk

Competition closes on 31 March 2020 @ 11:59 pm

Government yet to collect, despite profitable CUB – PM Browne

Although Caribbean Union Bank (CUB) had been told that it was expected to generate profits from which Government expected a return on its \$30 million investment in the previously struggling financial institution, the country's leader and finance minister says his administration has good reason to be patient about waiting to actual collecting dividends.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne provided this explanation during Saturday's *Browne and Browne Show* on *Pointe FM*, two days after he delivered the keynote address for the opening of CUB's third branch at the Starling Business Center on Factory Road.

Speaking of the **Private-Public Equity Partnerships** which his Government has entered into with several local business entities in the last five years in order to save them from going under due to acute under-capitalization, Browne said one condition of his administration's rescuing involvement was that "These entities must operate efficiently; they must generate profits."

He said this was something he had clearly spelt out to CUB's chairman, Brian Stuart Young, before committing that mammoth \$30 million dollar injection from the public treasury.

"Even before we invested in CUB, I said to Brian Stuart Young 'Look, we're going to make this investment, but on an annual basis make sure you have our cheque'.

But the former commercial and investment banker went on to reveal that; so far, CUB "has not been able to send us a cheque, in the sense that they have had a significant capital deficit. So, when they take care of that accumulated capital deficit – I believe, maybe, by the end of this year they should clear that; I think it was about \$12 million – then, from next year, we expect to start to collect a cheque from CUB, maybe about 3-4 million dollars a year as a return on our investment, our return on equity."

Providing even further insight into CUB's remarkable turnaround, aided by his government's intervention, Browne disclosed that "The actual asset itself, there has been capital gain ... the share value has increased by 25 percent. So, our asset that was before valued at \$30 million, is now \$38 million; probably now going about \$39 [million] because we are about three months into the year; \$39 million based on projected profits for this year. And by the end of this year, it should be in the forties, 40-something million dollars."

According to the Prime

Minister, CUB provided further proof that "this model is working well for us. It's a bespoke model ... It's our own little practical program of literally investing in private firms where the private sector is unable to do it.

Browne stressed that his government's "empowerment capitalism" economic model was in no way intended to "compete with the private sector" or "crowd out investments".

He stated: "If anything, we are crowding in investments. We are literally facilitating investments in which the private sector alone may



Prime Minister Gaston Browne, left, and CUB's chairman, Brian Stuart Young.

not be able to do so."

The Prime Minister said he has advised Caribbean Union Bank that his "government expects them to not be gouging customers with fees".

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: Wednesday, 11th March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 12:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Liberta, going towards Evergreen Rd. area.

Date: Wednesday, 11th March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: Section of Liberta, south of the primary school.

Date: Thursday, 12th March 2020

Time: 08:30 AM - 01:00 PM

Affected areas: Coolidge, AUA, Free trade zone, ABBIT and Camp Blizard.

Date: Friday, 13th March 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 11:00 AM

Affected areas: Section of Glanville, east of the Anglican church.

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.



Local News

Trade Minister interacts with businessmen at Article 164 Consultation

People involved in the manufacturing of water or paints in Antigua and Barbuda are to get protection from the government under an initiative announced by the government.

The announcement comes from Trade Minister, E.P Chet Greene, who told a consultation on Friday of the government's rationale for implementing the measures.

He explained that Article 164 of the CARICOM Treaty provides protection for manufacturers in the OECS, because it was recognized that these industries face challenges that their counterparts in the larger territories did not. These include higher energy and labour costs.

At the formation of the OECS, certain industries were divided among these states and all were to be offered protection from com-

petition emanating from the larger territories.

Greene further explained that for some time now the larger territories have largely ignored Article 164 and among the effects has been the total wiping out of a once burgeoning manufacturing sector in Antigua and Barbuda.

"This government is 'gong ho' about industrial development. We recognize that we can't compete in all areas, but for those areas where we feel that we have a competitive advantage we want to offer protection to those industries," he reiterated.

The trade minister said the initiative starts with protection for water and for paints but the intention is to expand the list of products that will get protection over time.

Greene drew reference to Trinidad and Tobago with

much lower energy costs and Jamaica where its larger population makes it able to achieve economies of scale, meaning to its raw materials will be less costly than for a similar company in Antigua and Barbuda.

One area, where he believes the country has an advantage is in the area of peace and security. He said several businessmen especially from Trinidad and Tobago are seriously giving Antigua and Barbuda consideration for setting up companies in St John's.

"These are mostly businessmen who are senior in years and who are 'feed up' with the crime situation in that country. They want to move to a place where they feel safe and secure and we offer such comforts," he stated.

Greene disclosed that the Cabinet gave him the 'greenlight' to pursue addi-



Trade Minister, E.P Chet Greene

tional manufacturing business to St John's and peace and security form an integral part of the 'sales pitch'.

The trade minister referenced the currently global health crisis caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its impact on the travel industry. "What COVID-19 has taught us is that we can't place all our hopes on the tourism industry. This means that we have to develop our manufacturing sector as a matter of urgency," he declared.

ACB, Ministry Of Ed. mount successful fair



Students of the Fair engaged with representative from the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology

Organizers of the annual International College Fair that brings educational institutions, parents and students with representatives of a local bank...are hailing the successful staging of the event this year.

It was the sixteen year of collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Antigua Commercial Bank (ACB) to stage the event that attracts close to one thousand people annually.

It was staged at the MultiPurpose Cultural and Exhibition Centre this

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past week.

According to coordinator from the Ministry, Andrea Airall, the numbers this year were down from last year when it topped nine hundred, however, there was no let up in the intensity.

"This year we had just about 500 plus students and parents.

"Although we had less students than last year.... feedback from the exhibitors indicated that the students who attended were more focused and more engaging," she explained.

Airall noted there were more parents accompanying their children this year, which she described as a very good sign.

"We were happy about this because although ultimately the students are going to select their areas of study, parents are financially responsible and so both having direct access to the information mean that they can make informed decisions in the best interests of both parties." She added.

As a partner in organizing the fair for close to twenty years, ACB said they too were happy with the involvement of both students and their parents.

"The Fair gave students and parents from all corners of Antigua & Barbuda the opportunity to network with local, regional and international tertiary level educational institutions

as well as representatives of our bank who offer advice on how their various courses of study may be financed," an ACB spokesman said.

Many international universities were on exhibition, including Seneca College of Ontario Canada, University of Calgary of Alberta Canada, Ontario Tech University, Webster Leiden Campus, Edinburg Napier University of Scotland, Marymount Manhattan College, Monroe College, Newcastle Law School, Midwestern State University, American University of Barbados, and St. Georges University of Grenada.

Several local tertiary institutions, such as the University of the West Indies, Antigua & Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute, Antigua State College, Antigua Flight Academy and Antigua & Barbuda Institute for Continuing Education (ABICE), the Confucius Institute Antigua Barbuda were also present.

ACB directly engaged with all attendees about tertiary education lending products available from the bank.

Consumer Lending Department Representative, Stanfield Thomas and Marketing Research Representative, Sasha Jarvis were on hand to guide students and their guardians in their search for the best financing package.

VACANCY

HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTOR

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

The Health & Safety Inspector is responsible for maintaining and improving safety in the workplace by identifying, assessing conditions and procedures of work which could produce accidents and losses. The Inspector will also contribute to developing accident-prevention and loss-control. Maintain an effective information system/program which identify hazards, risks and the steps required to eliminate or control them.

Key duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Performing Health & Safety functions in any of the Authority's core Business Units (BU's) - Water, Electricity, Telecoms, Head Office.
- Notifying the Health Safety & Wellness Officer (HSWO) and BU Manager of accidents or incidents involving employees immediately, on receipt of a report.
- Notifying the HSWO and BU Manager of accidents or incidents involving damage to property within twenty-four (24) hours of a report being received.
- Completing preliminary accident/incident investigations within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence of an incident/accident.
- Developing specifications for hazard specific safety devices and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sourcing and selecting vendors of the required devices and ensuring that the appropriate stock of these items is maintained.
- Ensuring that employees are suitably trained in the proper use and maintenance of assigned PPE and that employees use the PPE as stipulated.
- Causing a task or equipment to cease operation in a timely manner whenever there are clear indications of imminent danger.
- Documenting and maintaining records, inclusive of complaints received, observed safety violations and actions taken.
- Identifying training needs.
- Submitting monthly reports to the HSWO in a timely manner.

The ideal candidate should possess the following:

- Minimum of an Associate's Degree or equivalent in Occupational Health & Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Biology, Chemistry or a related field
- Diploma/Certification in Occupational Health and Safety or related field;
- A suitable combination of experience and qualification
- Attention to detail with excellent communication skills
- Proficiency with MS Office suite of applications
- A valid driver's license and a vehicle.

Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

The Human Resources Manager
Antigua Public Utilities Authority
P.O. Box 416
Crn. High Street & Independence Avenue
St. Johns, Antigua
OR Email: hr@apua.ag

Deadline for application is 18th March, 2020

** Only suitable applicants will be acknowledged **
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Pending HMB court decision under fire

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has struck a defiant and daring note in the face of what he says is a pending judicial ruling that will force the Government to pay millions outstanding to the owners of the former Half Moon Bay Hotel, compulsorily acquired by the

state many years ago.

The resort, located near Freetown in the eastern part of Antigua, was flattened by Hurricane Luis in 1995 and never rebuilt by its owners who were apparently unable to raise the necessary capital for restoration.

The property languished

and deteriorated from disuse and abandonment for close to a decade, becoming overgrown with bush and serving mainly as a haven for vagrants and thieves who used it as a staging area and loot-stash to burglarize homes in nearby communities.

Prime Minister Browne has made no secret of what he says is an unnamed judge's issuance of a garnishment order against the National Asset Management Company (NAMCO) to forcibly collect the payment of arrears due to the group of American investors that once owned the prestigious 5-star resort.

"There is a judge that recently – or, if he has not, he is about to – issue a garnish-ee order on NAMCO without taking into consideration the economic circumstances of the country.

«Now, that garnishee order, ostensibly, is to repay the Half Moon Bay debt in full," Browne stated on Point FM's Browne and Browne Show last Saturday.

Saying he wanted to choose his words carefully, but clearly not mincing them, the PM continued: "I think that is just a perverted position for any judge to take. Because, first of all, what the judge will be doing is to make Half Moon Bay a

preferred creditor."

He said his government has already paid the US\$23 million sale price of the property plus "some of the interest costs.

"In fact, I'm told that there may be a balance of some \$2.8 million on the principal. We have given a commitment that within 30 days we will clear that amount, and we will end up owing maybe another US\$15-17 million in interest."

He continued: "For a judge now to force us to pay that and to garnish NAMCO's assets, I think that is extremely inappropriate ... That judge may be looking at the legal aspect, but he also has to look at the economic aspect. He has to look at the economic position of the country.

"Right now we are faced with one of the most significant threats for maybe the last 100 years, the COVID-19.

"We are struggling to find resources to respond to COVID; and to go and prioritize a payment to a lady [former HMB managing director Natalia Querard] who already got \$23 million. And, by the way, this payment he (the judge) is trying to prioritize is interest payment in which the people of Antigua and Barbuda got no

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Rule 15

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

(Probate)

In the Estate of TEON JERIORN CONNOR late of Willikies Village, St. Phillip's, Antigua and Barbuda, Deceased ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT SECOND PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed **KEATH CONNOR** of Willikies Village, St. Phillip's Parish, in the state of Antigua and Barbuda for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the grandson of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 6th day of March 2019.

Any person having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 10th day of March 2020

KEATH CONNOR

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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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION

**PEYTON J. V. KNIGHT & ASSOCIATES
SOLICITORS**

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value.”

The Prime Minister, who also holds the portfolios for Finance and Corporate Governance, added that, “We’re not saying we’re not paying, but we need time. We have other creditors. We have lots of contractors who worked for the Government over the years who have not been paid, and you are telling me that a judge should have a right to just go and put a creditor at the top of the food chain and demand we must pay them.”

Asked by program host Senator Colin O’Neal Browne what would be the next step, the Prime Minister acknowledged the Constitutional separation of powers between the Executive branch of Government which he heads and the Judiciary. He said that was the reason for him being so careful with his statements and pronouncements on the matter, but he nevertheless felt entitled to “express an opinion on a decision of a judge if I believe it is flawed”.

He said the separation of powers notwithstanding, “Where I feel the people of Antigua and Barbuda [are] getting a raw deal, and then I’m going to object.”

The Prime Minister revealed that he has “sent a message on Friday by our attorney that the judge is asking me to give an undertaking that we will not sell any of the assets or shares of NAMCO, because maybe

consideration is being given to attaching those assets. And I sent back a message to tell him that I am not giving him any such undertaking. So if he [wants to] put me in jail, he can put me in jail.”

He said Querard was the one hindering the Half Moon Bay redevelopment by the preponderance of litigation she has brought against the government and the new developers in multiple jurisdictions.

“And you are telling me now that our investment arm, that has nothing to do with Half Moon Bay, that we are trying to set up ... a vulnerable institution that has just started, that needs money to carry out its obligations, you are now literally going to tie up those assets to satisfy a creditor who maybe does not even need the money.”

Browne said he wanted to signal his “public disgust with that type of [judicial] consideration. You can’t just look at the law. Yes, we owe her. Yes, the Constitution of Antigua and Barbuda says that we must pay, and we will pay.”

The Prime Minister vowed that should the reportedly pending decision be handed down, his government would appeal.

“But I just want to say to the future judges, members on the Bench, we all live in a society and you cannot just look at the law alone. You have to look at the impact on people’s lives.”

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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Sir Trevor: ABDF is in good hands

The man who heads for the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force for over thirty years...is stepping down this month, bringing an end to an illustrious career and service to the country and people of Antigua and Barbuda.

In a statement issued by the government, it announced that on March 20, 2020 Colonel Sir Trevor Thomas, KCN, Chief of Defence Staff will be retiring from the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force. Sir Trevor has served in the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force for over forty (40) years, rising through the ranks to Chief of Defence Staff, a position he has held for thirty (30) years.

Sir Trevor will formally hand over command of the military force to incoming Chief of Defence Staff, Colonel Telbert L. Benjamin at a Change of Command Parade at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium.

With just over a week before he formally retires, Sir Trevor said he is honoured to have serviced his country faithfully for as long as he has. He has also offered a ringing endorsement for his successor, Col. Benjamin.

"Having spent over 40 years between the ADF and the ABDF, most of which I commanded the ABDF for approximately 30 years, I probably had the longest tenure in all of the Commonwealth Defence Forces and the first Chief of Defence



photo compliments ABDF: Colonel Sir Trevor Thomas, KCN, Chief of Defence Staff congratulating incoming Chief of Defence Staff Colonel Telbert L. Benjamin

Staff to be Knighted while in office. As I look back, I am indeed honoured and satisfied to have served my country of which I am proud," the outgoing commander stated.

He noted that while others chose to serve in other country's military, he made a conscious decision not only to serve Antigua and Barbuda, but to develop its Defence and Security architecture, noting that he hopes to continue to serve in other capacity.

"Much has been accomplished under my command and more will be under the new leadership. Regrettably, I had hoped to complete the ABDF Defence Review but time was against its completion. However, I am confident my replacement Col Telbert Benjamin will do an exceedingly good job, doing justice to the process," he declared.

According to Sir Trevor, the incoming commander's capabilities, his outstanding

military capacity and the presence of a good team to support him, the ABDF is indeed, in good hands.

Colonel Benjamin enlisted in the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force in 1995 and has held numerous appointments to include Platoon Commander 1997 to 2002, Tactical Advisor to the Commissioner of Police for CWC 2007 from 2006 to 2007, Company Commander from 2007 to 2009, Staff Officer Operations and Training in the Force HQ from 2009 to 2019, and Commanding Officer 1st Battalion Antigua Barbuda Regiment from 2019 to 2020.

In addition to the appointment letter mentioned he was the liaison officer to the Conference of the Armies of the Americas (CAA) from 2010 to 2017 and Liaison officer to the Conference of Defence Ministers of the Americas from 2013 to 2017. Colonel Benjamin has also been a member of

the directing staff of the Regional Security System Staff and Command course, eventually rising to the post of Academic Director.

The Change of Command Parade to be held at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium on 20th March 2020, is the first of its kind in the history of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force.

It is expected to be an occasion full of pomp and circumstance attended by senior officials in the government, including the Governor General, the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet and other government officials, family members and well-wishers.

The Defence Force was established in 1897 and consisted of 1 company of Infantry and 1 company of mounted cavalry. Most males between the ages of 18 and 45 who earned more than 50 GBP annually were required to serve.

In 1914, the Force was put on active service due to the commencement of the 1st World War. During the period of the 2nd World War, the Antigua Defence Force became part of the Leeward Islands Battalion and towards the end of 1943; ADF members were deployed to Europe as part of the 1st Battalion, The Caribbean Regiment and returned in 1946. The Force was disbanded in 1952 as it had no Headquarters and was reactivated in 1956 under the Command of Captain E.M. Blackman.



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COVID-19 task force amps up education and awareness campaign

As of March 8, 2020, The Ministry of Health, Wellness, and the Environment wishes to assure the public that there are no suspected cases of Coronavirus/ COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda. The Ministry continues to monitor the air and seaports and will advise regarding any travel updates.

According to Pan American Health Organization, PAHO, "In the last ten days, 14 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean have reported confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), in addition to the United States and Canada." As of this Friday, March

6th, 2020, 257 cases were confirmed in ten countries and four territories in the Region (Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, French Guiana, Martinique, Mexico, San Bartolome, San Martin, and the United States).

Based on this, the Caribbean Public Health Agency, CARPHA has upgraded the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to the Caribbean Region to Very High.

In Antigua and Barbuda, the national COVID-19 task force is continuing to keep a close eye on ALL international and regional developments

as cases of the COVID-19 moves closer to home. Education and awareness campaigns throughout the island have commenced within community groups and work offices.

This campaign is expected to amplify within the week with several scheduled media appearances, community and stakeholder engagements.

Approved awareness posters will also be distributed throughout the island with a focus on identifiable prevention and preparation tips.

Further, intensified work on the retrofitted quarantine center at the Margetson ward is nearing completion. This refurbished ward at the Holberton Hospital will be equipped

to handle any outbreak of the COVID-19 here in Antigua and Barbuda, including quarantining, isolation, treatment and laboratory testing. A team from PAHO is expected on island this week.

As COVID-19 spreads internationally, it's important to know the symptoms and practice preventative measures.

Symptoms include coughing, a high temperature, and shortness of breath.

The Ministry also reminds the general public to exercise proper hand hygiene as well as take general measures against becoming ill. The latter includes adequate rest and hydration and the avoidance of sick persons.



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GCA score hattrick in reading competition

For the 3rd year in a row, a student from the Grace Christian Academy has emerged as the winner of the Rotary Club of Antigua's Book Reading Competition.

Amaya King edged out 13 competitors in the keenly contested event, which took place at the Methodist Church Hall on Saturday.

Her composure and delivery captured the judges' attention in all of the segments of the competition which took place in three parts.

The “Boy from Willow Bend”, written by local author, Joanne. C. Hillhouse, was this year’s featured book.

In round 1, the participants were required to read a portion of the book. There were two participants each from the Grace Christian Academy, the Sunnysdale Primary School, Temple Academy, St. Peter's Primary, TOR Memorial, Bendals Primary School and Wesleyan Junior Academy.

The top five were then chosen to compete in round two, which had two parts; reading another chosen segment from the book and the presentation of an article in the form of a news television broadcast.

The finalists were Ama-
ya King and Royan Norton
from the Grace Christian
Academy, Adrian Clarke
from the Temple Academy,
Janeil Lambert from the
Weslyan Junior Academy

and Jelisa Graham from the Sunnydale Primary School.

After the analysis of both rounds, Adrian Clarke was adjudged 3rd place, Jelisa Graham 2nd place and Amaya King was the victor.

Past President and current Vice President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, Arthur Thomas, in his opening remarks, emphasized that the club is committed to playing a significant role in advancing literacy in Antigua and Barbuda.

He further encouraged parents and teachers to be guiding beacons of encouragement for the youth, in developing their oratorical and literacy skills.

Chairperson of the Competition, Denise Limerick, indicated that she was happy with the level of enthusiasm and participation from the students and by extension their schools.

The Rotary Club of Anti-



gua extends thanks to all of the sponsors who came forward to support the competition.

These include: The Antigua Commercial Bank, AS Bryden and Sons, Happy Kids, APUA INET, Paper Clips, Harpers, Joanne.C. Hillhouse, Rotarian Past President Evangeline Allen,

Rotarian Elisa Graham and Tucker-on-the-Grill with Nica. Special thanks were also extended to the Cushion Club and members of the media, for their support of the initiative.

The Competition was hosted by Past President of the Rotary Club of Antigua, Ato Kentish.

Did you know Detroit was the first US city to use stop signs, lane markings, and traffic signals?

Around 1908, the city realised the sheer volume of people driving around with no experience (remember, anyone could drive without restrictions) and no boundaries – in terms of signage – was resulting in what the city believed to be avoidable deaths.



Regional News

Statement by the CARICOM Election Observation

Mission on Tabulation Process in Guyana's Elections

The CARICOM ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION accepts that the tabulation process which commenced on Wednesday March 4, 2020 using the Statements of Poll and which was in accord with the legislative provisions of Section 84 of the Representation of the People Act Cap 1.03 Revised Edition of the Laws of Guyana, was interrupted and remains incomplete.

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Until this occurs, the outcome of the elections of March 2, 2020, cannot be reliably proclaimed.

In this regard, the Mission supports the Joint Statement issued on March 6, 2020, by International Observer Missions from the Commonwealth, the Organization of American States, the European Union and The Carter Center and urges GECOM to proceed with the establishment of the results for Region 4, in accordance with the law.

The Mission appeals to the Political Parties and the People of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to co-operate with the process, by honoring the subscribed codes of conduct.



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Photo - Journalist and Photo Editor Bryan Cummings passes



CUMMINGS... was known mostly for his coverage of sports, particularly track and field

Jamaica Observer Photo Editor Bryan Cummings lost a long battle with cancer last night. He was 56.

Cummings, who joined the Observer in December 1994, was known mostly for his coverage of sports, particularly track and field, and provided coverage of many Olympic Games and World Championships over many years for the newspaper.

In July 2012, Cummings and co-authors Hubert Law-

rence and Michael Grant launched the book, *The Power and The Glory*, the world's first comprehensive illustrated history of Jamaican athletics. The book contains pictures and speeches from as way back as 1928.

Guest speaker at the launch was then Jamaica Olympic Association President Mike Fennell. "Bryan was easily one of the best photographers to have worked in print media in Jamaica," Observer

Executive Editor - Publications Vernon Davidson said last night.

"While he distinguished himself as a sports photographer, he also provided our readers with excellent coverage of Jamaican life in the areas of news and human interest photography which not only added vibrancy to the newspaper's pages, but also earned him many accolades at the annual National Journalism Awards staged by the Press Association of Jamaica," Davidson said.

"The Observer editorial staff were particularly pleased that he was able to join us at our Christmas lunch last December, despite the fact that he was ailing," Davidson added. "We extend our condolence to his family, especially his sons Adam and Nicholas."

Observer Senior Associate Editor Pete Sankey said Cummings "put up a brave fight with his illness and will surely be missed. He loved his craft, and his work will surely be remembered, especially his coverage of the

Olympics and the World Championships". Cummings, who was actually born in Guyana, lived in Jamaica for most of his life. He attended Munro College, which he represented in track and field.

Before joining the Observer he worked at the Jamaica Information Service

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CJ rules High Court has jurisdiction to hear Guyana election verification matter

Guyana's Chief Justice Roxanne George on Sunday ruled that the High Court has jurisdiction to hear the matter over whether the Returning Officer for Region 4 should be forced to return to the verification process before declaring results for the region's elections.

The decision essentially means that the Guyana Elections Commission has to await the outcome of the matter before it could move ahead with any final declaration as an injunction granted to the People's Progressive Party remains in place.

The Chief Justice has now set Tuesday, March 10 as the date when she will hear arguments and receive submissions in the matter.

A decision could come before the end of the week.

The Attorney representing the Chief Elections Officer and the Returning Officer, Senior Counsel Neil Boston told reporters after the ruling that he is disappointed

at the decision but will move ahead with preparing his submissions.

Boston argued that the Court ought not to be hearing the matter because the elections are still in process. The Chief Justice disagreed with that position, although agreeing that some of the matters that were raised before her might be best suited for an election petition as covered by law.

Attorney Anil Nandlall is representing the People's Progressive Party Civic. He said the decision today by the Chief Justice keeps everything as is since all parties will have to await her final ruling on the matter.

"She has made a decision that the Court has jurisdiction to hear a matter that we raised, which is whether or not Mingo (Returning Officer) should have complied with Section 84. The Court said yes and the Chief Justice said that the injunctions are going to remain in place

so obviously whatever is beyond the jurisdiction of the Court, the Court will not hear it, but the Court has pronounced that it has the jurisdiction to hear and determine the relevant issue," Nandlall said. Earlier today, the Guyana Elections Commission in a statement

said the Elections Commission will not flout the laws of Guyana and therefore the Commission will not set any meeting to consider any final report on the results of the elections, as had been requested by the Chief Elections Officer.



Guyana's Chief Justice Roxanne George

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Saudi crackdown widens amid reports of further arrests of royals

-Aljazeera

A roundup of royals and aides has widened in Saudi Arabia, according to several reports, in what is believed to be the latest crackdown by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS), the kingdom's de facto ruler, against potential challengers to his power.

On Saturday, a day after it was reported two senior members of the royal family were detained over an alleged coup plot, US media outlets said Prince Nayef bin Ahmed, a former army head of intelligence, was also among those being held.

Separately, the Wall Street Journal reported on Saturday the sweep broadened to include dozens of interior ministry officials, senior army officers and others suspected of supporting a coup attempt.

It came a day after the Journal cited sources familiar with the matter as saying masked guards with the royal court on Friday arrested Prince Ahmed bin Abdulaziz, a younger brother of King Salman, and Prince Mohammed bin Nayef, the king's nephew and a former crown prince. The guards

also detained a brother of Mohammed bin Nayef.

There has been no official comment from Saudi authorities on the arrests.

"There are some kinds of rumours and innuendos that there's turmoil within the family in the form of criticism, but that doesn't justify being arrested as criminals, with masked security forces coming to their rooms and yanking them out of their private residences," Khalil Jahshan, executive director of the Arab Center in Washington, DC, told Al Jazeera.

The arrests of the king's younger and beloved brother Prince Ahmed and the king's nephew and former counterterrorism czar Prince Mohammed came after what one person in Saudi Arabia with knowledge of the situation described as an accumulation of behaviour that was provocative to the leadership.

The source added the arrests sent a message to anyone in the royal family feeling disenfranchised: Stop grumbling and toe the line, because if Prince Ahmed can be arrested, any prince can and will be.

The detentions also raised speculation about the health



Minister of Health Photo caption: No official comment by Saudi Arabia as reports say authorities broaden crackdown after detention of two senior royals. The and Wellness Dr Christopher Tufton

of 84-year-old King Salman and whether MBS's succession to the throne was imminent, but on Sunday the official Saudi Press Agency released images of the king presiding over the swearing-in ceremony of newly appointed Saudi ambassadors to Ukraine and Uruguay.

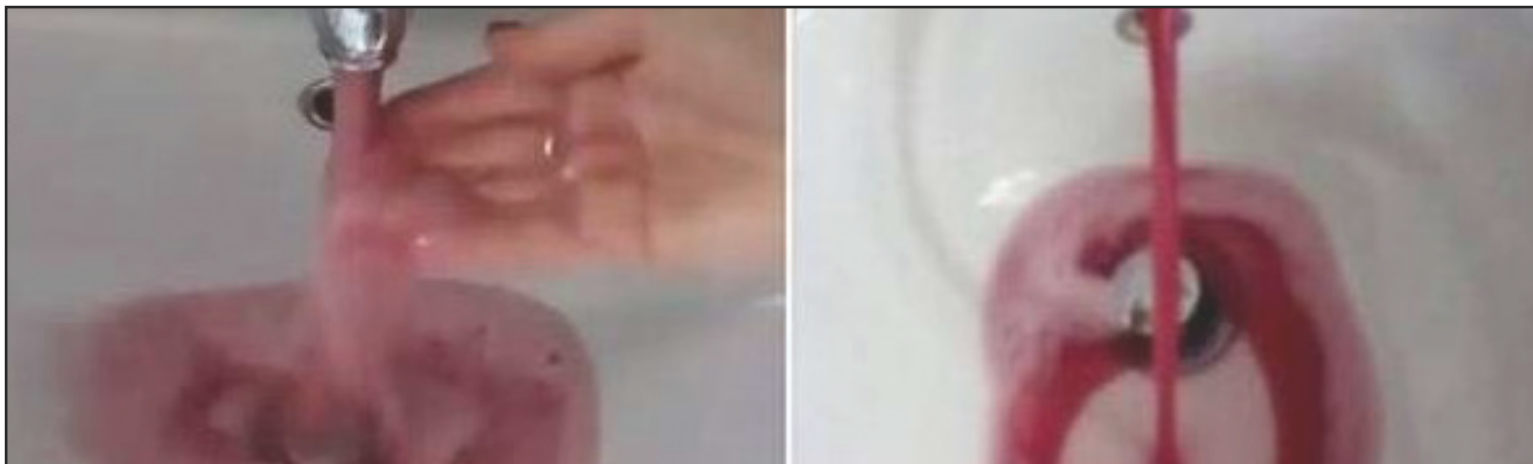
The Middle East Eye quoted sources as saying on Sunday the arrests were meant to ease the transition of power so Prince Mohammed

can become king ahead of the November G20 meeting, which will be held in the Saudi capital, Riyadh.

"He wants to be sure while his father is there he becomes the king," one source told the online news site.

The sources also said MBS is concerned US President Donald Trump may not be re-elected with all Democratic candidates being critics of the crown prince.

A malfunction causes red wine to flow from faucets in an Italian town



Who wouldn't love it if red wine started flowing from their kitchen sink?

CNN

For a few hours Wednesday, residents of the northern Italian town of Castelvetro realized they could have their Lambrusco not just from bottles -- but also from their faucets and shower heads. A malfunction at a local winery caused 1,000 liters of ready-to-be-bottled wine to leak into the water pipes.

The glitch lasted about three hours and impacted about 20 homes, said Giorgia Mezzacqui, deputy mayor of Castelvetro, about 10 miles south of Modena. The local government posted on its Facebook page that the leak didn't pose any health risks. The incident provided a moment of levity to the town that's in the midst of the coronavirus crisis -- which has hit northern Italy the hardest.

"At a time where we have very little to smile about, I'm glad we brought some levity to others," Mezzacqui told CNN. "Hopefully some day they'll remember us and will

want to come visit us."

What happened

Here's what happened, according to the Cantina Settecane winery. The malfunction was caused by a faulty valve in the washing circuit within the bottling line. Lambrusco Grasparossa, a local specialty, seeped through the town's water lines due to its pressure, the winery said in a statement obtained by CNN.


Fabrizio Amorotti, commercial manager at Cantina Settecane, said the malfunction "was appreciated by many. Some clients in the areas called us to warn us about it, and to share they were bottling the wine!"

Castelvetro, in the heart of the Emilia-Romagna region, is normally a destination for food and wine enthusiasts from all over the world. Since the outbreak though, 80% of tourism structures in the area have had cancellations, Deputy Mayor Mezzacqui said.

Small towns such as Castelvetro are "the engine

propelling an extraordinary everybody's help to survive," nation, but now we need even she told CNN.

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Wally Browne, her many nieces and nephews.
May she continue to rest in peace!

Italy quarantines 16 million people over coronavirus fears

Rome, Italy - Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte has ordered the lockdown of the country's northern region of Lombardy and 14 provinces in an attempt to halt the spread of a new coronavirus.

The move, announced on Saturday, places some 16 million people in the new red zones until April 3.

"We understand that these measures will require sacrifices, but this is the movement of self-responsibility," Conte said in a news conference on Sunday.

The drastic move comes after tests revealed a big increase in the number of coronavirus infections. In its daily update, Italy's civil protection agency said on Saturday that the number of infected people rose by 1,247, bringing the total to 5,883.

Among those infected is the head of the co-ruling Democratic Party, Nicola Zingaretti.

In addition to Lombardy, the quarantine area has been extended to the provinces of Modena, Parma, Piacenza, Reggio Emilia, Rimini, Pesaro e Urbino, Venezia, Padova, Treviso, Asti, Vercelli, Novara, Verbano Cusio Ossola and Alessandria.

The government's decision restricts all movements in the quarantined area. Police forces will patrol the roads in these provinces.

Those who enter or exit the region without a significant and "not deferrable" work reason or a health emergency will be fined.

"This is not a ban on any movement, but citizens will have to justify them," Conte said.

Museums are closed and any sorts of civil ceremonies, including funerals, are suspended. Bars and pubs that can guarantee a distance of one metre (3.3



In a drastic attempt to curb the epidemic, Italy limits the movement of a quarter of its population until April 3.

feet) between customers are open but will close their doors at 6pm.

Gyms, swimming pools, theatres and betting shops will close and athletes will be forced to train indoors without any crowd.

"We must act to avoid the spread of the infection and the overload of our health system," Conte said.

In recent days, concerns have been raised over the availability of intensive care for the most vulnerable and affected patients.

Running out of space

On Friday, the association of medical directors (ANAAO) sounded an alarm over a lack of beds in intensive care wards in Lombardy hospitals.

Almost 95 percent of those wards are full, the organisation added. "We foresee 18,000 patients admitted to hospitals by March 26. Around 2,700 to 3,200 of these will require intensive care," Antonio Pesenti, coordinator of intensive care units in Lombardy, told the Corriere della Sera newspaper.

"Today, we already have over 1,000 patients in intensive care or whose condition can get worse at any time."

Regional authorities have sceptically accepted the new decision by the prime minister. "It goes in the right direction, but I must underline that it looks quite messy," said Lombardy Governor Attilio Fontana of the right-wing League party. Luca Zaia, another League leader and president of the Veneto region, which includes Venice and other cities entered in the red zone, has fiercely opposed the decree, considering it "excessive".

"We are dealing with some limited clusters that don't affect the overall general population, so I cannot understand the reason behind such a disproportionate action," Zaia wrote on Facebook. Carlo Calenda, head of the liberal Action party, believes the real problem lay in the vagueness of the orders. "It's impossible to adopt these them. Do you block the roads with the army?", he tweeted early in the morning.

AGS, Jennings win in Schools Cricket

In the Ministry of Sports Under-15 Cricket league last week Antigua Grammar School and Jennings Secondary recorded victories.

Clare Hall Secondary in their contest against AGS were bowled out for 121 with Jewel Andrew stroking 43 and Kimberly Anthony added 36.

Ronaldo Antigua bagged 5 for 23 in 3.5 overs and Xavin Peterson grabbed 2 for 14 in four overs.

Tigress top Cutting edge

In the ABFA Female program over the weekend Tigress F.C enjoyed success while Fort Road and Lady Hoppers failed to find the back of the net.

Playing at the Technical Center last Friday Tigress edged out Cutting Edged 1-nil in-front of a large gathering in the first encounter.

The featured game between Fort Road and Lady-Hoppers failed to live up to the hype and ended 0-0.

A day earlier Trendsetters and Wadadli F.C played to a 1-1 draw.

Australia beat India in Women's World Cup

Australia beat India at MCG.

Australia demolished India by 85 runs to win their fifth Women's T20 World Cup title in front of 86,174 at Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Batting first the host accumulated 184 for 5 off 20 overs. Beth Mooney and Alyssa Healy smashed 78 and 75 respectively.

Megan Schutt 4 for 18, Jonassen 3 for 20 restricted the Indians to only 99.



Antigua Grammar responded decisively getting to 122 for 6. Xanden Hobson was unbeaten on 46 and

Tyree Moore made 24 leading their school to a four wicket victory.

Jennings Secondary was

dominant over Pares Secondary School winning by nine wickets in their encounter.

Police Cricket team prepare for SVG tournament

The Antigua and Barbuda Royal Police Force Cricket team will leave the island early next month for a regional T/20 Cricket tournament in St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The local officers have started preparations and are engaged in the Sir Curtley Ambrose One-Day competition.

The tournament started in 2011 between St. Vincent and Grenada before other countries joined in 2014.



The Tournament is held during the Easter period and this year the event will bowl off on April 3 and

end on the 13.

Seven Regional Forces will battle for this year title won by Barbados in 2019.

Wings hosts Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out

The CPTSA Wings Sports Club will be hosting its 17th annual Gillian Brazier Basketball Shoot-Out, April 5 to the 12 at the JSC Sports Complex.

Five (5) teams will participate in this year event, including two Canadian teams from the Juel of Ontario League.

The other teams are Wings, Wadadli Ballers and Cyclones.

Juel of Ontario is the defending champions.

The games will start at 5:00pm with two matches each day. Admission \$10.00 E.C

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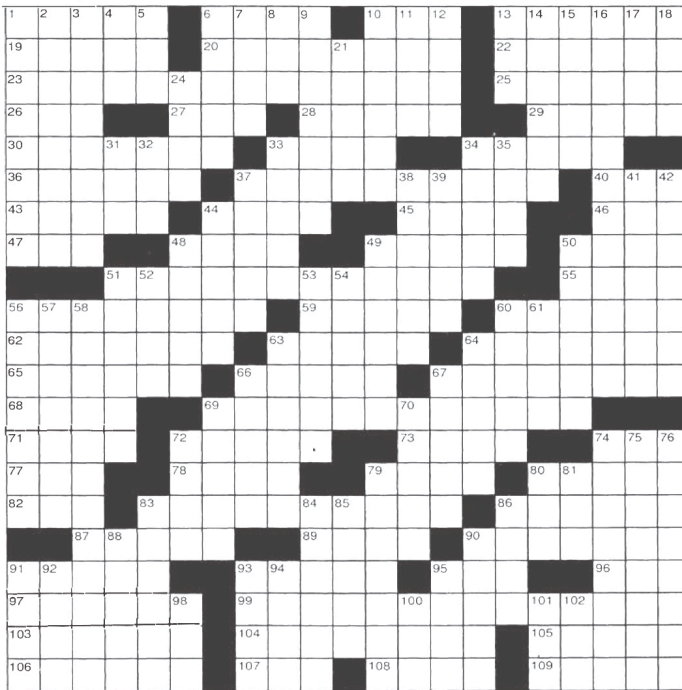
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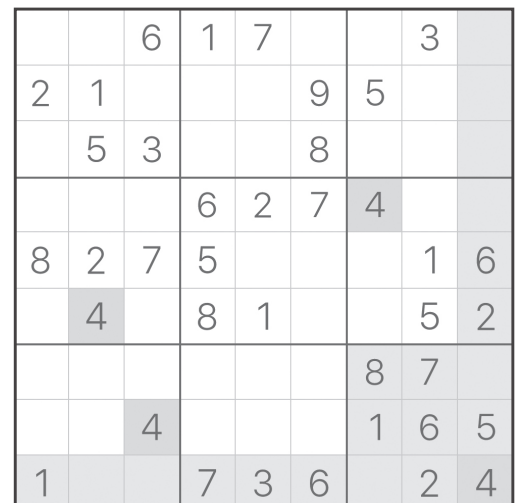
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Police draw with Freetown in One-Day Competition

Antigua Commercial Bank Sir. Curtley Ambrose One-Day Competition

In the Antigua Commercial Bank Sir. Curtley Ambrose One-Day Competition yesterday (Sunday) Police and Freetown played to a draw. Police 179 for 8, Vincent Shadrach Jr. 69, Jarel Phillip 3 for 35. Freetown 111 for 5, Jarel Phillip 57 not out, Shadrach Jr. 3 for 20.

Pigotts defeated Seasons. Seatons 170 all out, Eron Lawrence 60, Karime Smith 5 for 19. Pigotts 202, Daren Benta 124, Joel Andrew 52, Nevince Hector 5 for 28.

John Hughes 76 all out, Dwayne Fordyce 7 for 25, Mahico 160 for 6 winning by four wickets, Dwayne Fordyce 60, Darren Dunnah 45, Livingston Roberst 2 for 35.

A day earlier (Saturday) Police, Urlings, St. Paul's and Mahico enjoyed success.

Police swept past John Hughes by 162 runs.

Batting first the Law-men posted 162 for two. John Hughes in reply was embarrassingly bowled out for 44. James Cornelius 5 for 8 and Vincent Shadrach Jr. 4 for 11.

St. Paul's defeated Seatons by three wickets. St. Paul's 142 for 7, Derrick Benta 39. Seatons were bowled out for 54.

Urlings stood strong over Pigotts. Pigotts 134 all out, Jarin Jarvis 29, Trevor Erskin 4 for 29, Elroy Francis 5 for 36. Urlings 169 for 6 Glenroy Weekes 78, Trevor Erskin 27 and Clever Martin 4 for 31.

Newfield 59 all out, Osafa Bourne 22, Dwayne Fordyce 4 for 26. Mahico 210 for 4 Stephan Fane 66, Omar Francis 54, Dwayne Fordyce 31. Osafa Bourne 2 for 48.

Sir Viv Stadium hosts week of activities

The management and staff at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium will host a week of activities from May 10 to the 16.

The week will feature Church service, Health fair, Staff Fun day, Exhibition, Soup Kitchen, staff awards, Food/Fair and Cricket match before ending with a cycling exhibition involving 13 laps around the stadium to celebrate the 13 years of the facility existence.

Appearing on Pointe FM TIMEOUT Program last week was Tara Mason Events Manager, with Asabi Charles and Alana Abbott from the protocol department.

Mason said that the week of activities is geared towards creating a better working environment while sensitizing the public about the many areas available for

events.

The Events manager added that management mission is to increase revenue, keep the events business afloat, improve customer service, and continue to provide great service to the public.

Recently a small fee of \$2.00 USD was implemented for overseas visitors to the stadium to assist with the high maintenance cost of the facility.



From left: Keithroy Blacks, Asabi Charles, Alana Abbott and Tara Mason.

Wings host Youth Football Festival

The CPTSA Wings Sports Club will be host the 9th, Annual Wings Youth Football Festival on Saturday, March 28.

The Youth festival will be held at the ABFA Technical Training Center starting with a short Opening Ceremony including a march past of all the competing Youth Clubs.

Registration is \$10 per player in the Under-7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and Girls Under-20.

Meanwhile a technical meeting will be



held on March 13, at the Christ King High School at 5:00pm. All Youth Football Clubs are kindly asked to send a representative.

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Parham upset Hoppers

Cool and Smooth Greenbay Hoppers wasted an opportunity to wrestle away the lead from Grenades yesterday (Sunday) when they went under to the resurging Parham 2-1 at the ARG.

Playing in the first game of a triple header national striker Trevaughn Peter-Reds Harriet did the damage netting in the 31 and 78. A Ricardo Dennis own goal was the Greenbay men lone strike.

In the second Fixture Swetes and Ranger played to a 2-2 draw. Terry Roberts gave Rangers the lead in the 16 minutes before Shakkimba Yaya Williams equalized for Swetes in the 17. Rangers took the lead for a second time via Damien Francis goal in the 21, but again Swetes equalized through SVG international Ahzino Solomon.

In the featured encounter last night, Liberta Blackhawks and Piggots Bullets played to a 1-1 draw. Miguel Her-

andez put the defending champions ahead in the first minute but Bullets responded in the 58th minute via a Dayan Hernandez goal.

All Saints United were winners over a lack-luster Old Road team on Saturday.

The men from South, who have been up and down all season wasted a number of opportunities in the first half, and were eventually punished by a young All Saints team.

On Target for the winner was Reon Cuffy in the 22, and Bernardo Milford in 81 to give the Schyan Jeffers led team a tight 2-1 victory.

Armando Curuneaux had the lone strike for the loser in the 27.

In the featured game between league leaders Grenades and Five Island saw the Grenades leave the gate open for Hoppers. They wasted a number of opportunities and the men from west defended with heart as the game ended Nil-all.

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