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TOURISM STAKEHOLDERS: BRACE FOR THE WORST

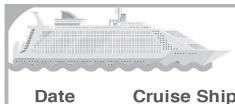
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Health Minister Molwyn Joseph tours quarantine and isolation facility at Margetson Ward with Medical Director at the Mount St John Medical Center Dr Albert Duncan, Dr. Linroy Christian and Dr. Sekeena Goodwin. See story on Page 4.

Local News





Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

			-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 mer work with indigenous churches to install water filtration systems or 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 3/11

Max UV Index: 8 Very High
Wind: ESE at 18 km/h
Wind Gusts: 26 km/h
Probability of Precipitation: 57%

Precipitation: 1.8 mm

Snow: 0.0 cm

Hours of Precipitation: 2

Times of clouds and sun with a passing shower or two

NIGHT 3/11

Wind: E at 15 km/h
Wind Gusts: 22 km/h

Probability of Precipitation: 3%

Probability of Thunderstorms: 0%

Precipitation: 0.0 mm

Rain: 0.0 mm

Snow: 0.0 cm

Ice: 0.0 mm

Partly cloudy

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST 6:18AM

Sunset AST 6:16PM



28°Hi

Duration 11:59 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST 8:30 PM

Moonset AST 8:39AM



Duration 12:09hr

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Tourism stakeholders: Brace for the Worst

Antigua and Barbuda like the rest of the Caribbean and the worldwide community that depend heavily on the travel and tourism industry...are being advised to 'hope for the best, but brace for the worst' as the spread of the COVID -19 virus cause panic and fear among the traveling public.

Both the Antigua Hotels Tourist Association (ABHTA) and the Antigua and Barbuda Cruise Tour-Association (ABC-TA) say the impact of the pandemic of these sectors could cost them millions in lost earnings. At the same time the Antigua and Barbuda Chamber of Industry and Commercial (ABCIC) wants to convene a meeting of its members to discuss the likely impact on the economy generally.

They are reacting to the recent announcement by the International Association of Travel Agents (IATA) that the airline industry worldwide is estimated to lose over US\$100 billion this year because of fears about the virus. Over the weekend, the US State Department advised Americans to avoid taking cruises over similar fears. The US State is closest to the Caribbean and where many of the cruise lines are headquartered, Florida has declared a statewide state of emergency.

ABHTA Vice Chairman, Alex DeBrito has confirmed that several properties have reported cancellations although he said it is too early to say what percentage of people have canceled. He explained that cancelations are mainly for near-term stay as some people with reservations later in the year have adopted a 'wait-andsee attitude.

He reported that many of the cancelations started in earnest after the airlines announced that they would cancelation for people changing their flights. "The cancelations are coming every day so we have asked our members to give us some data so that we can determine the overall impact on the industry," he told Point Express.

He drew comparison to the 2003 SARS outbreak where the industry took some six months to recovery. However, he fears that the impact could be greater than what happened with that virus. "SARS largely confined to Asia, but this COVID-19 virus is global with more and more countries reporting infections daily. Therefore, the impact could be at least six months, perhaps more," he forecasted.

DeBrito said his association is in constant contact with the ministries of health tourism discussing with them the way forward. Asked if his association will petition the government for tax or other relief, he answered, "its still too early for that."

For his part, ABCTA and Director of the Caribbean Cruise Association, Nathan Dundas, wants a regional approach to the problem. He said at the moment there's no uniformity in the protocols among the islands

on what would be the basis to accept a cruise ship or to turn away the vessel.

"We have one more significant month before the cruise season ends in the Caribbean. We must start to look forward to the next cruise season and hope that the COVID-19 is no longer around then. At this present time, it's important we work with the cruise lines through their difficult time," he suggested.

He believes that the same impact is being felt in the cont'd on pg 4

SECRETARY



Institution: The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus Location: St. John's, Antiqua 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
- recurrity 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

Local News



A sigh of relief - No confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda

As fears of the deadly coronavirus mount throughout the region, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, the Hon. Molwyn Joseph reassured the general public that there are "no confirmed cases of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda."

The health minister, while speaking to members of the media on March 10, 2020, said, "it is not a matter of if, but rather when, COVID-19 will arrive in Antigua and Barbuda."

The 'when' almost became a reality when Antigua and Barbuda had its first scare in what was feared to be a potential coronavirus patient. In a press statement to the media, the ministry indicated that such concern did not materialize into a confirmed case. The ministry said, "the Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment advises that the first suspect-

ed case of COVID-19 infection was tested yesterday by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). The case involved a 72-year-old female visitor from New Jersey who arrived on island on February 29, 2020 and later took ill on March 6, 2020. The patient was being cared for at a private facility and arrangements for the handling and management of the samples to be tested, were made by the Mount St. John's Medical Centre. Test samples were expeditiously transported to the CARPHA in Trinidad and the results were confirmed to be Negative on March 10, 2020." The health ministry noted.

Minister Joseph explained that the process of testing the individual involved both the MSJMC, EMS, the police and the Regional Security System (RSS). These steps, the minister illustrated forms a part of the govCoronavirus Disease 2019

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SYMPTOMS*



*Symptoms may appear 1 to 12 days following exposure to the virus



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ernment's COVID-19 protocol.

As preparation for the inevitable arrival of COVID-19 continues to intensifies, the health ministry has advised that the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), scheduled to arrive on island today,has rescheduled their arrival to another date. "The team of technicians is expected to conduct meetings, site visits, training and simulation exercises. Site visits will include a tour of the refurbished Margetson Ward at Holberton Hospital which isthe designated area for quarantining, isolation, treatment, and laboratory testing." The health ministry stated.

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destinations by all the local stakeholders. "It will be a bad financial year for all the tour operators and ship agents and restaurants and bars and duty-free shops, vendors, taxi drivers etc," he opined

According to Dundas the cruise lines have taken a beaten both in their stock value and their profit margins. "The stock markets currently show the impact on the Cruise Lines with two of the major Cruise Lines stocks dropping from 12% profit to minus eight percent(-8%) between January and February. It will be a bad year for the

cruise lines," he declared.

Dundas is reminding the region that when disasters hit the area the Cruise Lines still returned even while there was rebuilding to assist in the recovery.

The cruise official said the region should not compromise on its people's health and well-being, but he wants a common approach on how it deals with the issue. He is recommending as broad-based committee to look after the problem and to arrive at a package of solutions that will benefit all stakeholders.

"I would suggest the need for a steer-

ing committee in all of the destinations make up of both private and public sector professionals and technicians in health, tourism, ships agent, and tour operators.

"They could then have a main steering committee at CARICOM level that would then coordinate the common criteria and approach that can be taken in handling of the cruise ships. The Cruise Industry is an important one for the region and our common approach to its handling during this unprecedented time will determine in a significant way our cruise tourism future, he contended.

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'Traffic Tips at your fingertips'online platform hits Antigua

With an increased number of traffic related incidents in Antigua and Barbuda, a group of students from the UWI Open Campus Digital Media Management course decided to launch a convenient go-to-site for all traffic and road related news and information.

Traffic Tips at your Fingertips aims at being Antigua's number one source for driving etiquette, traffic rules and daily updates.

The online platform utilizes social media hubs such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to educate, edify and disseminate information related to driving etiquette, traffic rules,

With an increased num- guides and daily updates.

The University students stated that the course required each group to create a brand that will either be a benefit to a business, community or be educational.

"Every day when you read the news, or simply drive around the island, there are always accidents. Some that could have been easily avoidable.

"Yes, we complain about speedbumps and bad roads but traffic accidents are becoming too common place," one student commented.

"This is why we opted to create a brand that will both benefit and educate the public at large. "This brand is a necessity.

"So, let us refresh your traffic code, give you roadworks update or simply have a real discussion on traffic management, right in the palm of your hand or at your fingertips," another student chimed in.

We encourage you to provide your feedback and we hope that you would Like, Follow and Share our journey with us.

You can follow us on Facebook! twitter | Instagram at traffictips 268.



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 Lindsy Thompson, for a day in May.



Resident British Commissioner Thompso

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 & lindsy.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

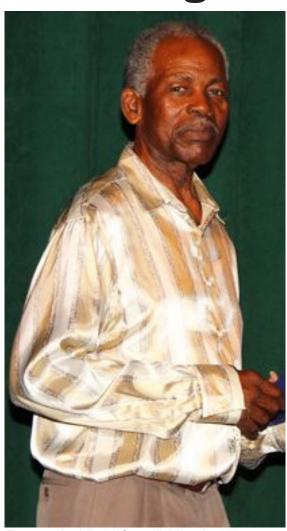
TRAFFIC TIPS
At Your
Fingertips

Competition closes on 31 March 2020 @ 11:59 pm

Local News



Manning - A man for all seasons



Eustace Archibald Cornell 'Manning' Henry.

A tribute by Petra Williams

A man for all Seasons!! Family man, pan man, post man, culture man, a sports man carnival man, politics man, a disciplined man, a listening man, a taxi man! I could go on and on in the quest to describe a man for all seasons Eustace Archibald Cornell 'Manning' Henry.

Known to most of us for his lifetime of service contributing to the growth and development of the steel pan as an instrument, a business and a way of life, though Manning is physically gone from us the foundation he has laid for pan in Antigua and Barbuda is embedded in our psyche and will be his lasting legacy. He is a founding member of the oldest steelband in the world with the honour of having suggested the bands eventual name, Hells Gate. He would go on to captain the band from 1959 to 1978. He was also the Band's pan builder and tuner until he handed over the reins to his son whom he trained. As a result of Manning dedication Hells Gate Steel Orchestra remains the only band nationally with 100% locally built instruments.

Manning was central to the development of pan in the early years. He was a part of those who faced the ire of those who felt that the instrument and the then declared cacophony emanating were not fit and proper for society. Notwithstanding, there was persistence by founding fathers and with the eventual support from select, well placed mainstream members of the community the instrument and the players gained widespread acceptance.

He was responsible for training hundreds of students in the art of pan playing. In recognition of his outstanding contribution the Hells Gate Steel Orchestra opened the Eustace 'Manning" Henry Steel Pan Academy in 2002. The Academy provides tutoring in pan for individuals age 5 to 70 years.

Manning skillfully balanced family life, earning an income and developing his cultural passion. Along with his wife of sixty (60) years Audrey

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Henry, Eustace sired nine (9) children of whom two (2) are deceased. His primary source of income was as a Postman at the General Post Office where he worked until he retired at age 60. Despite his strong commitment to cultural development and numerous attempts he was never transferred to the Department of Culture. Manning worked as a taxi operator for a number of years after retiring.

He invested significant sums of his financial resources into the development of the band, in addition to his extensive personal investment. He successfully incorporated his children into the band at an early age and facilitated the passing of the baton to ensure the continued





survival of the institution.

Manning's involvement in his community extended to politics. He was an active member of the ALP for an extended period, rising to the ranks of Chairman of the Branch of St. John's City West. He also supported the development of various community institutions and the work of the Spring Garden's Moravian Church. The roundabout just outside the Deep Water Harbour was named in

his honour, in response to requests for a street in the Community to be so name.

Eustace was honoured for his long service and outstanding work to nation's cultural development in 2015 when he received the Grand Cross of Most Illustrious Order of Merit. The nation joins the family to celebrate the invaluable contribution of Eustace Archibald Cornell 'Manning' Henry in this this season of his passing.



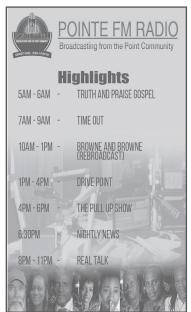
Hells Gate Steel Orchestra Panorama Song 2019 - Fire Under Me Foot



Twenty-six winners awarded in Women of Wadadli Awards

Sunday evening, the Directorate of Gender Affairs (DoGA) within the Ministry of Social Transformation, Human Resource Development, Youth, and Gender Affairs honoured 25 women and one private-sector agency for their outstanding service to the nation of Antigua & Barbuda at the Women of Wadadli Awards Gala.

The event, held at the Sandals Grande Antigua Resort, was the first national award ceremony of its kind designed to specifically highlight women's contributions to national development and promoting gender equality.





DoGA Executive Director, Farmala Jacobs, said that this year's celebration of International

Women's Day is especially significant and that the Woman of Wadadli Awards aimed to recognize the unsung heroes among

"This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration & Platform for Action.

Women have made and continue to make remarkable contributions to the development of Antigua and Barbuda.

These contributions can often be overlooked so we decided to spotlight the work of women in this year's International Women's Day activity."

Adopted in 1995 in Beijing China, the Beijing Declaration & Platform for Action outlines twelve (12) critical areas of concern including women's education, political participation, healthcare, and the girl child, and is considered the most progressive roadmap for the empowerment of women and girls globally.

The awards were distributed in three (3) categories. The Woman of Wadadli Awards were presented to women of at least 30 years of age who have made exceptional contributions to their specific field of interest and the empowerment MFA, GCM of women and girls nationallv.

The Minister of Gender Affairs Woman to Watch Award was given to a woman under age 30 making significant progress in her profession, and the Dame Gwendolyn Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award was given to a woman over 55 years of age who has made significant contributions to national development and the promotion of gender equality throughout her lifetime.

An additional award, the Prime Minister's Corporate Citizen Award, was granted to a private sector agency that promotes gender equality through its policies and programmes.

The selection committee selected the following list of winners from a field of approximately 100 nominations.

Woman of Wadadli Awards _ Agriculture Novella Payne Banking & Finance Dawn Soleyn Business, Industry, Commerce -Valarie Hodge Community Changemaker – Barbara Arindell Culinary Arts - Coleen A.S. Bryden & Sons Simpson

Culture - Heather Doram,

Economic Development -Roberta Williams Education – Joann Boulos Callias Environmental Activism -Andrea Otto Fashion – Noreen Phillips Fine Arts – Zahra Airall

Human Rights Activism -Dr. Cleon Athill Healthcare – Dr. Jillia Bird Law – E. Ann Henry, QC Literature – Joanne C. Hillhouse Media & Communications - Mickel Brann Music & Entertainment -Marion Byron Political Leadership - Dr. Jacqui Quinn Religion – Kai Davis Science & Technology -Mako Williams Sports-Renee-Edwards Ambrose Tourism - Vashti Ramsey Casimir Trade Unionism – Nathalie Payne

Minister of Gender Affairs Woman to Watch Award Shawnisha Hector Dame Gwendolyn Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award E. Ann Henry, QC Prime Minister's Corporate Citizen Award

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In her presentation at ceremony, Honourable Minister of Social Transformation. Human Resource Development, Youth, and Gender Affairs, Samantha Marshall, recognized the awardees as activists in their own right, noting that Civil Society Activism is essential to good governance and to achieving the goal of gender equality.

"Today... we celebrate civil society as equal partners [with the government]. We need your activism, we need your partnership, we need your voices to keep us accountable, and we need your actions to help propel us forward."

Prime Minister, Gaston Browne was also present to present to Corporate Citizen Award.

The Woman of Wadadli Awards Gala was sponsored in part by the Caribbean Union Bank (CUB). CUB's General Manager, Karen Richardson noted the importance of promoting women's empowerment in the banking sector sustainable development.

"Small businesses, are the drivers of the economy and women are increasingly becoming entrepreneurs. As a local institution, Caribbean Union Bank is pleased to offer financing options to these businesses and we are also especially pleased to partner with the Directorate of Gender Affairs on the Women of Wadadli Awards," she said.

The business categories were sponsored by the Antigua and Barbuda Employers Federation (ABEF).

The President of the ABEF. Sherrie-Ann Brazier assisted with the distribution of the awards for the following five (5) categories; Banking and Finance, Business, Industry and Commerce, Culinary Arts, Tourism and Trade Unionism.

Recipient of the Dame Gwendolyn Tonge Lifetime Legacy Award, E. Ann Henry QC offered a response on behalf of the awardees. In her remarks, she expressed gratitude to the Ministry of Social Transformation and the Directorate of Gender Affairs for the recognition of women.

She also reminded those present that while "One woman can make a difference, together we can rock this world."

The featured speaker Amina Doherty congratulated all awardees for their hard work and dedication to improving the lives of women and girls.

The year 2020 also marks 40 years since the founding of the Women's desk, the agency that ultimately became The Directorate of Gender Affairs.

Two members of the organisation's staff, Mrs. Sarathine Mayers, and Mrs. Keren Isaac were awarded for over 30 years of service to the department.

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.

- 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
- Ensuring that employees are suitably trained in the proper use and maintenance of assigned PPE and that employees use the PPE as
- 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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Local News



The Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission (ABRSC) extends deep fraternal commendations to the Antigua and Barbuda National Parks Authority (ABNPA) the ceremony held Sunday, 8th March 2020, commemorating the lives of eight African men lost through a tragic explosion during

His name can

the construction of the Antigua Naval Dockyard on 8th March 1774. It was coincidentally on 8th March 1737 that the last of the heroes of the King Court rebellion was murdered by British plantation owners, Ms. Edith Oladele who was in attendance, reminded us.

The eight, we were told at the ceremonial launch of the 8 March Project, were part of a crew of one hundred and seventy Africans who were either military men, or those few 'free' (of shackles) or those who provided leased enslaved labour and proficient technical skills to the British Naval command demanding the construction of the dockyard.

ABNPA through its Chairperson Ambassador Arthur Thomas and the Parks Commissioner, Anne Marie Martin must be complimented for enabling the dispatch of two researchers to the British colonial historical records before more are destroyed - records that reveal, sometimes in gruesome detail the crimes against humanity which the slave trade and slavery are. We were told that the researchers found more than they sought. And what they found has deepened resolve to use the power of this 'new' knowledge towards community empowerment and the normalization of Africa in our history, in our lives. Ms Desley Gardner, a Heritage Resources Officer told us this. She said that the project '...was not just about the past. It is also about the present and the future...we are working on a genealogical project...celebrating traditions, skills and continuity of our cultural landscape.'

The recognition that 'Dockyard History is African History' is an enormous leap into our self-definition. It helps to dispel the 'slave' image that is still lodged in the minds of too many of our people. African people, enslaved by the share power of guns and ammunition in the



WHAT IS?

ENERGY EFFICIENCY means "doing more with less" or "reducing amount of energy required" Put another way, it means investing in products and services that utilize less energy but still perform in a satisfactory manner to give us





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RAISE THE ENERGY AWARENESS OF YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR STAFF. Let them know what your energy bills are. Simple changes in their behaviour can lead to significant energy savings and reduction in your electricity bills.

This flyer is produced by the Government of Antigua & Barbuda. It is funded by the Global Environment Facili-ty-United Nations Environment Programme (GEF- UN Environment) Energy for Sustainable Development in Carib-bean Buildings (ESD) Project, with support from the Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC). The project aims to reduce energy consumption in buildings and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.









THE ENERGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN CARIBBEAN BUILDINGS PROJECT

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first instance, came to these shores with skills. They knew the art and science of working black metals (iron and steel); they were builders – practitioners in all the trades; they knew the seas – after all, they were here in our lands before Columbus; they knew religion and humanity. They were people captured and kidnapped from civilizations that had already inflamed world cultures.

The understanding that 'Dockyard History is African History', Ambassador Thomas told us, called for wider recognition of the four hundred Africans and African creoles who toiled at the Dockyard...and by my extension...those who toiled to build the Court House and Shirley Heights, Government House, Clarence House, and the estate houses...you get the drift: commemoration and celebration of our African heritage.

'Dockyard History is African History' can be made incisively clear by removing the name of the British warmonger Nelson from its name. Is 'Antigua Dockyard' difficult to conceive? Would the captains of the luxury yachts spurn the Antigua Dockyard where shelter is guaranteed, where port and other services are excellent and where races and prizes are exciting?

I do not suggest this in disrespect of Nelson. He has been voted as the ninth best Briton and they have showered him with honours. The plaque on his tomb reads: 'The Most Noble Lord

Horatio Nelson, Viscount and Baron Nelson, of the Nile and of Burnham Thorpe in the County of Norfolk, Baron Nelson of the Nile and of Hilborough in the said County, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Vice Admiral of the White Squadron of the Fleet, Commander in Chief of his Majesty's Ships and Vessels in the Mediterranean, Duke of Bronté in the Kingdom of Sicily, Knight Grand Cross of the Sicilian Order of St Ferdinand and of Merit, Member of the OttomanOrder of the Crescent, Knight Grand Commander of the Order of St Joachim.

We cannot add to that. His name can go. He was around here for only three years, mainly on sea and we do not have a formed impression that he cared for Antigua. His name can go.

We pledge support to the Parks Authority in whatever way we can in the execution of its 8 *March Project*.

Dorbrene E. O'Marde Chair/Antigua and Barbuda Reparations Support Commission





Regional News



Ja Repatriates Assets From Embassy In Caracas - Finance Ministry Waived More Than \$7m In Taxes In 2019

In what appears to be the clearest signal of a break in diplomatic relations with Venezuela, Jamaica has not only closed its diplomatic mission in Caracas, but has repatriated all assets housed there. The finance ministry, in July last year, granted a waiver for the removal and return of assets belonging to the Jamaican Government valuing more than \$7 million, four months after Foreign Minister Kamina Johnson Smith announced the temporary closure.

Information from the finance ministry via its website showed that on July 4, 2019, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade applied for the waiver of several taxes for the return of assets. The Ministry of Finance, in its description of the application, said that approval had been granted following a "request for waiver of duty charges due to the temporary closure of the Embassy of Jamaica in Caracas, Venezuela, and the items returning to Jamaica".

Information showed that the waiver was sought and approved for goods valued \$3.2 million in common external tariff (CET); \$3.2 million in general consumption taxes; and \$700,000 special consumption taxes (SCT).

In announcing the temporary closure of the embassy, effective April 1 2020, Johnson Smith said in a statement,



Foreign Minister, Hon. Kamina Johnson Smith.

"As we have previously stated publicly, we have been monitoring circumstances related to the operations of the embassy, both in the wider context of our diplomatic representation review, as well as in the particular circumstances of the mission in Caracas. The ministry, along with its embassy, has been experiencing significant challenges in the operations at the post for some time, and temporary closure is now the practical solution." She said that for the last two years leading up to the decision to close, the ministry had been "reviewing its resident diplomatic presence overseas due to the ever-changing global environment and the emergence of new patterns of trade and investment as well as technical and economic cooperation". Johnson Smith further noted that during closure of the embassy in Caracas, the management of Jamaica's relations with Venezuela will be undertaken from the ministry's headquarters in Kingston.

NO STANDING

The Sunday Gleaner could not ascertain what, if any, relations Jamaica has with Venezuela as at March 4, 2019. Jamaica currently has no standing in the South American oil-producing country, since the relationship began to fizzle after Venezuela's 49 per cent shares in the Kings-

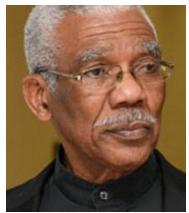
ton-based oil refinery, Petrojam, was expropriated by the Jamaican Government via emergency legislation. The shares were held by PDV-Caribe – a subsidiary of the Venezuelan state-owned firm Petroleos de Venezuela (Pd-VSA). The expropriation came after Jamaica, in January 2019, voted with 18 other members of the Organization of American States (OAS) not to recognise Nicolás Maduro's second term in office as Venezuela's president. In June 2018, the OAS General Assembly adopted a similar resolution.

Jamaica said then that, "The fundamental values and principles, including the maintenance of the rule of law, respect for human rights and democracy, as well as non-intervention in the internal affairs of states, remain pertinent considerations." Even as Jamaica seized the shares, it still maintained the embassy there, until last year. Venezuela's political crisis has been rising since the disputed 2018 election. Several countries have not recognised Maduro's legitimacy, citing the absence of the opposition, which did not participate in the election. Since then, there has been a failed attempt to overthrow Maduro as well as failed efforts to install Juan Guaido. who is backed by the United States, as the president.

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Granger confident of swift and peaceful resolution to political impasse



President David Granger

President David Granger is confident that there will be a peaceful, lawful resolution to the current political standstill in a short period of time. In one of his few statements to the public since the gener-

March 2, 2020, Granger, who him in allowing the Elections is Leader of A Partnership for National Unity + Alliance for Change (APNU+AFC), acknowledged that there has been uncertainty and unease since the declaration of the region four results. But he maintained that there is clear Constitutional independence for the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM). As such, he stated categorically that he cannot, did not, and will not interfere in the work of GECOM. He said that he, at all times, acted in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of Guyana. Continuing, the President urged that calm and peace be maintained,

Commission to execute its legal and procedural mandate to deliver credible elections. He said that the Opposition had intimidated the returning Clairmont Mingo, causing an interruption of his work.Further, in acknowledging that the Opposition has asked the Supreme Court to prevent GECOM from making a declaration of the final results, Granger said that though it is right to wait on the Court – as GECOM Chair, Justice (ret'd) Claudette Singh has urged – he is sure that the Opposition has been disseminating a false narrative. This, he added, is reflected in the al and regional elections of and that the people must join tabulation it has published of disharmony."

its statements of poll for region four. The President gave a stern condemnation of the violence that has occurred recently, and assured that security forces have been working tirelessly to bring back order and justice. "It is my sworn duty, as President, to uphold the Constitution and keep our citizens safe. I intend to do so. I will not allow political malefactors to hijack our democracy and compromise public order and human safety. Law and order will be maintained." "Guyanese will continue to live with each other. We must not allow ourselves to be provoked into taking any action which will engender hate or

US, Canada discuss democracy in Guyana





US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, Chrystia Freeland

The Governments of the Canada and the United States have been in talks about supporting the democratic transition in Guyana.

This was revealed in a tweet by US Secretary of State, Mike Pompeo, after a meeting he had with the Canadian deputy Prime Minister, Chrystia Freeland.

The discussion also included, according to Pompeo, the importance of the strength of the Organisation of American States (OAS). The OAS has fielded an observer mission for Guyana's 2020 elections, and is one of the international observer groups who were threatened by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Karen Cum-

mings with a revocation of accreditation. The OAS has called for the tabulation of the election result to be conducted in accordance with all necessary legal, procedural requirements. Pompeo's tweet follows public statements by several governments and regional organizations, stating their concern for the integrity of the electoral process in Guyana. Statements have come from Norway, France, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, CARICOM and others.

The matter of whether the verification of the region four general and regional elections results is a legal necessity is in the Court and will be examined today.

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Economist: Crisis likely if virus not contained

-Marlon Madden

With many Caribbean economies still performing below par, there are mounting fears among officials about the devastating impact the dreaded COVID-19 could have on the region's bread and butter tourism industry and related sectors.

This warning was sounded on Monday as the University of the West Indies (UWI) hosted a Vice-Chancellor's Forum – COVID 19: Partnering in the Caribbean's Response.

While panellists pointed out that governments and the university were working closely with national and regional institutions to minimize the threat to the region, they agreed that should the virus, which originated in China, reach our shores, it could have devastating consequences.

Director of Economics at the Barbados-based Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) Dr Justin Ram warned that Barbados and other regional states were in no position to deal with a health crisis since they were already in a "tough place" economically, coupled with other developmental challenges including unemployment and a decline in population growth.

"On top of this we are likely to be dealing with a major crisis if it is not contained quickly," warned Ram.

He told the gathering that after a simulation by the IDB to determine the impact of the virus on at least one economy, it was determined that it could have a far-reaching impact, putting a dent in the tourism industry, negatively affecting wholesale, retail and transportation, fracturing supply chains and reducing productivity.

"If we have a hit on tourism, it is not only the tourism industry that is likely to be impacted. There are also



Dr Justin Ram, Director of Economics Caribbean Development Bank

these indirect impacts. So for example, in some of our countries the agriculture sector provides significant inputs to tourism, and if tourism is impacted there is a reduced demand and there will be a knock-on reduced demand for agricultural products and knock-on reduced demand for taxi drivers," he explained.

He warned there was likely to be a decrease in well-being, an impact on jobs and lower tax yields due to the knock-on effects in a reduction in tourism.

The tourism industry alone directly employs some 2.4 million people, contributing just over US\$60 billion or 15.5 per cent to the region's gross domestic product.

Ram said with the region importing "quite a lot" from other regions including the US, if COVID 19 was to have a greater impact in the United States our supply chains are likely to

be impacted.

"Think about what could happen if we can't import our food from the United States. Do we have the contingencies in place to allow us to get our food from other source markets and how quickly can those contingencies be put in place?" he said.

He also warned that a health crisis in the Caribbean could lead to lower primary balances for governments, higher public debt and low economic growth.

The economist cautioned that putting monetary policies in place would have very little impact and suggested that governments come up with a fiscal response instead.

"There needs to be a fiscal response when it comes to dealing with this particular crisis," said Ram.

"I think the policy response needs to be on the demand side. We have to think about how we support the econ-

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omy at this time . . . we have to think about how we support labour markets and how we support the private sector. Governments should sufficiently think about resourcing our hospitals and primary care facilities at this point with the right amount of labour and financial resources," said Ram.

He also suggested that governments start thinking about providing health insurance to help the less fortunate pay for medical bills associated with the virus.

"Governments should also be encouraged to support and encourage sick paid leave because if you have guaranteed sick paid leave it is going to be easy for you to self-quarantine, and that is going to be critical at this point. It can be an instant stabilizer in the economy because we don't want a situation where we are saying stay at home and you don't have an income," he said. Ram said private sector firms

were likely to suffer liquidity crunches because of falling demand, and therefore governments should be thinking about offering "temporary tax and wage relief as automatic stabilizers".

"Financial intermediaries might need to become part of the act in the fiscal response, because we need to ask for forbearance to borrowers at this point if things become critical, because it doesn't make sense for a financial intermediary to be hounding down a lender when they can't pay. You have to think about the long-term."

He also pointed to the need for digitization, adding that this would become critical in the need for medical check-ups. Ram said digital technology would also be critical to help people to continue to carry out transactions.

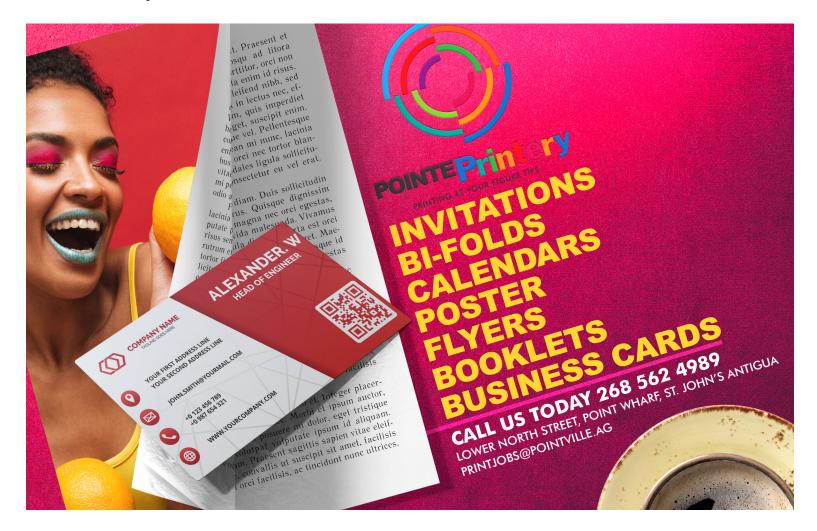
Officials have predicted that global tourism could witness a reduction of between one per cent and three per cent as a result of the COVID-19 dis-

ease and the industry could lose between US\$30 million and US450 million as a result.

Dr Michelle McLeod, Head of the UWI Centre for Hotel and Tourism Management in the Bahamas, said she was confident adequate steps were being taken in the region to deal with the threat of the virus.

However, she agreed there could be some devastating impact on the tourism industry.

"In terms of the impact on employment in particular, if you are looking at the cruise ship industry we have a number of small micro and small enterprises – store vendors, taxi operators and attractions that are all part of that cruise industry – we have to be particularly concerned as to what measures can be put in place. The impact on employment of these very important operators would not be as great," said McLeod.



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"The virus does not discriminate," said Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton.

Jamaica has confirmed first COVID-19 infection

Jamaica confirmed its first imported case of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on Tuesday 10th March 2020.

Below is the statement from Minister of Health and Wellness Dr Christopher Tufton regarding the patient:

The patient is a Jamaican female who had travelled from the United Kingdom, which has cases of COVID-19. She arrived in the island on March 4, presented to the public health system on March 9, and has been in isolation since then.

Based on the patient's travel history and symptoms, health professionals suspected COVID-19. A clinical sample was collected and sent to the National

Influenza Centre, where laboratory tests confirmed the diagnosis today at approximately 11:00 am. The patient and family members have been informed.

The patient's infection was travel-related. However, steps are being taken to prevent the risk of community spread.

These measures include:

- The dispatch of a health team to the home of the patient for assessment and initiation of public health measures.
- The identification and contact tracing for all possible exposed persons.
- Meeting of ministry officials with members of staff at the hospital and the necessary interventions put in place.



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Coronavirus: Troops sent to New York 'containment zone'

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced a one-mile (1.6km) coronavirus "containment zone" around a town north of New York City. New Rochelle has seen "probably the largest cluster" of US cases, he said. National Guard troops will be used to clean schools in the town and deliver food to any quarantined individuals. The death toll in Italy, one of the countries worst hit by the virus, rose to 631 as the authorities placed the whole country in lockdown.

The latest increase in deaths in Italy - 168 - is the biggest the country has recorded in a single day, and the total number of cases went from 9,172 to 10,149.

Italy's death toll is the highest outside China. which recorded its lowest number of new infections, just 19, on Tuesday.

China, where the virus was first detected, has seen

a total of 80,754 confirmed cases, with 3,136 deaths.

What does containment mean?

New York state has 173 active cases, the most in the US, and 108 of them are in Westchester County, where New Rochelle is located.

New York City, 25 miles (40km) south of New Rochelle, has 36 confirmed cases of the virus in its population of eight million people. Mr. Cuomo said there would be no travel restrictions in New Rochelle (population 77,000) but large meeting points in the area would be closed. Schools, gathering places and businesses in the virus hot spot will be closed for two weeks. Officials will also set up a coronavirus testing facility at a local hospital.

"It is a dramatic action but it is the largest cluster in the country and this is literally a matter of life and death,"



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo says travel is not restricted in and out of the city

Mr Cuomo said, adding that numbers of cases were "going up unabated" in New Rochelle. "You're not containing people. You're containing facilities." A synagogue is at the centre of the New Rochelle outbreak, local media report.

A man in his 50s who attended religious services is believed to be "patient zero" in the region. Around 1,000 people associated with the temple are now under quarantine.



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Trump proposes eliminating payroll tax through the end of the year

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump told lawmakers he wants a payroll tax cut that would last at least through the election to give consumer spending a jolt as the coronavirus threatens to cripple economic growth.

The president told Republicans at a closed-door lunch Tuesday that he wants the payroll tax rate to drop to zero through the end of the year, according to a White House and a Senate official.

Another White House official added that different timelines were discussed. Trump is currently backing only those that would stretch through at least November or December, with some talk of expanding the cuts beyond 2020. The official argued that anything shorter would be bad politically and make less economic sense, with the impact of the coronavirus likely to stretch through the summer.

Trump has made the growing economy, record stock market numbers and low unemployment a keystone of his re-election pitch, sometimes telling crowds that they have no choice but to vote for him or else their retirement savings will be at risk. Under the president's timeline, he would ensure that the tax is zeroed out throughout his re-election campaign.

Trump also repeated to senators his comments from Monday expressing a desire for federal assistance to provide paid sick leave, loans for small businesses and tax relief for specific industries, according to White House aides and senators who attended the lunch.

Help for the oil industry was also discussed, senators said. The White House is considering federal assistance for the shale oil industry, which has been hit hard by the oil price collapse this week, a White House official said. But the official cautioned that the situation is still fluid and that any aid would not be on the level of an industry bailout.

Payroll taxes, which are distinct from income taxes, are paid by both employers and employees, with workers paying 6.2 percent of their salaries up to \$137,000 to fund Social Security and employers matching that amount. The cut applies only to those who get paychecks, so it would provide little relief to people who are laid off as a result of an economic downturn.

"They are talking about specific industries that would be hurt the worst and to try and get first of all this payroll tax deduction," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., who, like the president, is up for re-election this year.



Trump proposes payroll tax cut, other measures to offset coronavirus economic damage

"So I think that's at the top of my list as having immediate impact. My view is whatever you do, you want to roll it through the end of the year."

But Perdue admitted that the stimulus tool would not help everyone.

"If you're not getting paid, that doesn't help," said Perdue, a member of the Banking and Budget committees.

The tax cuts and other forms of major economic stimulus would have to be approved by Congress to go into effect, so they would require support from Democrats. Trump's allies in Congress have publicly been told to put politics aside and work with Democrats to pass an economic assistance package.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., met Tuesday with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to discuss the outlines of a stimulus package. Asked whether any measure could pass this week before recess, Pelosi said that she "will see" and that Democrats are readying their own package.

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Saudi Arabia increases oil output to record high

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates -- Saudi Arabia's state-run oil giant Saudi Aramco said Tuesday it would increase its crude oil production to 12.3 million barrels a day in April, a record amount.

The move seemed to make good on the country's promise over the weekend to increase output after Russia refused to cooperate on cutting production. That led to a 25% plunge in the price of crude on Monday, the sharpest decline seen since the 1991 Gulf War. International benchmark Brent crude traded up more than 8% Tuesday over \$37 a barrel.

In a filing to Riyadh's Tadawul stock market Tuesday, Aramco said the increase in production represented a rise of 300,000 barrels per day. Analysts said that likely would involve releasing stored barrels as well. Russia later responded by saying it too could increase output.

"The company has agreed with its customers to provide them with such volumes starting 1 April 2020," Aramco said in the filing. "The company expects that this will have a positive, long-term financial effect."

Saudi Aramco shares, whose trade briefly halted before announcing the production decision, closed up 9.88% in trading to 31.15 riyals, or \$8.30, giving the world's most-valuable company a valuation of \$1.66 trillion. That's still below its initial public offering price of 32 riyals in December.

It came a day after Aramco shares collapsed by 10% and were pulled from trading for reaching the Tadawul's maximum permitted loss in a day, dropping its valuation to \$1.4 trillion. Aramco had offered only a sliver of its shares on the Tadawul for investors.

Aramco's decision likely will flood global energy markets and put further pressure on prices. The company had reached \$2 trillion in early days of trading in December.

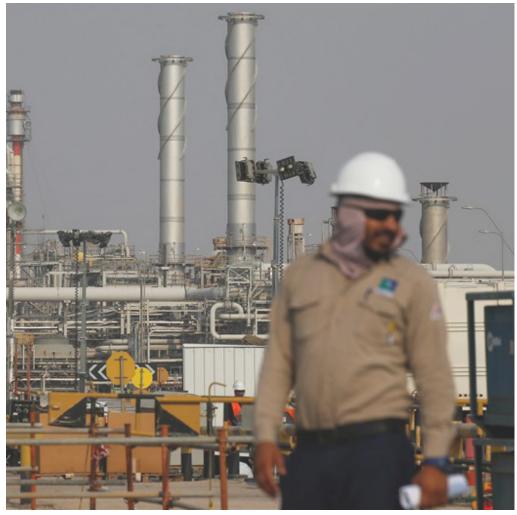
The lower oil prices come as there's less demand for air travel amid the spread of the new coronavirus around the world, further depressing prices. However, that likely will push down gasoline prices at the pump for Americans. On average, a gallon of regular unleaded in the U.S. sold for \$2.36 a gallon, according to AAA, down from \$2.43 a month ago. Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak sought to project confidence, saying in an inter-

view broadcast by Russian state television Tuesday that "despite the decrease of prices and volatility that we are witnessing today, our sector stays competitive."

He said that in the short-term, Russia can increase output to 200,000-300,000 barrels a day and could eventually boost it to 500,000 barrels a day.

At the same time, he noted that Russia remains open for new talks with OPEC.

"I want to say that the doors are not closed," he said. "We have scheduled further meetings to estimate the situation on the market for May-June."



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Raphael dominates AUA Triathlon

Aurelien Raphael was too good for the rest of the field. French national Champion Aurelien Raphael dominated the field in the AUA Triathlon winning in a new course record of 1 hour 57 minutes.

In second, was Jeffery Kelsick, followed by Shawn Weathered in third and Ricardo Dinato and Timothy Thomas in fourth and fifth respectively.

In the female section Jane Hanson took the honors followed by Distinguin Maya and Alisha David.

Pedram Segolcne was fourth and Celine Merino fifth.







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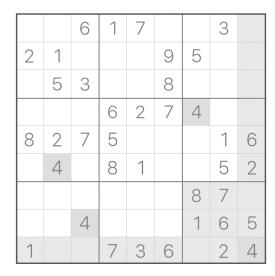
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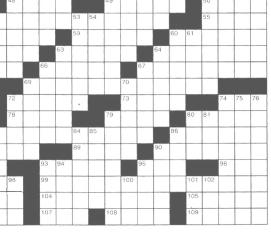
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Lots of goals in ABFA Second Division

Lion Hill F.C , Bendals and Master Ballerz was dominant in the ABFA Second division on Monday.

Former Premier League Champions Lion Hill hammered Glanvilles 7-nil led by a hattrick from Calroy Douglas and a double from Rickroy Johnson. Also on target were Keron Prince and Cassel Southwell.

Master Ballerz trounced Mahico Stars 7-zip with three goals from Dalton Lewis. Ronaldo Foster scored twice while Keithlyn Samuel and Kaleel Hill added a goal each.

Bendals continued their good form led by dynamic striker Alvah Guishard brushing aside Freemans Village 5-0. Guishard found the back of the net on two occasions, with help coming from Jeron Samuel, Omego Otto and Jahbendigo Jacobs.

Also successful on Mon-



The crowd came out to witness Second Division football.

day was English Habour who rolled over Urlings 3-0. Their goals came via strikes from Nigel Graham, Wayne Phillip and Allan Martin.

Action continued in the second tier yesterday (Tuesday) with Young Lions of Old Road dismantling Young Warriors 6-nil. Zavier Joseph found the back of the net in the 22, 45, and 52. He was assisted with goals by Nicholas Caybe who scored twice and Beresford Rogers. Earthquake inched past

CPTSA Wings 1-0 via a Jordan Francis 29 minute conversion

Tamo F.C edged past Jennings United 1-nil. Jahiem Dyett scored the lone goal.

Blackburn Palace went under to JSC Progressors 3-0 with Jamie Harris, Alex Browne and Danroy Thomas inflicting the damage.

Green City and Bethesda F.C played to a 1-1 draw. Renato Archibald gave Bethesda the lead in the 28 before Teshawn Hobson equalized in the 35.

In the Second division today (Wednesday) 5'P's F.C Wadadli will tackle Attacking Saints 4:20pm at the Technical Center, followed by Garden Stars and Real Blizzard at the same venue.

Bolans and Sap will clash in a round south derby at 4:20pm in Bolans, Fort Road will host Aston Villa and the game between Empire and Tryum has been postponed to Friday at Cashew Hill.

Coolidge Cricket Facility continues rebrand

The rebranding of the former Sticky Wicket continues.

Cricket West Indies (CWI) and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda collaborated to purchase Sticky Wicket facility now rebranded the Coolidge Cricket Facility.

Appearing on the TIMEOUT program on Pointe FM earlier this week General Manager Nelly Yeates says the facility is a mixture of sports, entertainment and leisure. But she was quick to emphasize the operations is cricket centered first.

CWI hosts most of its camps at the ground. There are a number of areas available for rent including the Verandah, Restaurant, Car-Park, and the field.



General Manager of the Coolidge Cricket Facility Nelly Yeates

A number of fetes and other events will be hosted there for the upcoming Carnival season and Nelly noted that Pink Nick, where the field will be covered in Pink and a wedding has been

booked on the field.

Yeates says a concerted effort is made by the ground staff which features a young lady Portia to keep the field and court-yard lush and beautiful.

The manager added that plans are in the pipeline to upgrade the Museum area featuring most of Cricket West Indies legends.

Presently, six pitches are been prepared to make the environment as comfortable as possible for CWI and visiting teams. Management has plans to reach out to overseas cricket teams and schools who might want to travel to the Caribbean for preseason training or matches.





Football player profile - Kieron Richards

Meet national player Kieron Richards.

Standing 6'1, 200 pounds meet Grenades midfielder Kieron Richards.

The national player was introduced to the sport at age 5 playing with Ottos Rangers coach by Tamo where he quickly developed a love for the game.

The graduate of the Jennings Secondary School credits Ottos Rangers for his development as a player. Richards has represented Rangers, Swetes, Bassa, All Saints United, and Grenades who presently lead the ABFA Premier Division.

The 25 year old dream to become a professional player, a goal he believed can be attained by the end of the year.

The defensive midfielder is confident his team will lift their first Premier league title this season.

His favorite player is Paul Pogba, who he labeled a complete midfielder.

Grenades presently on 31 points two ahead of Hoppers on 29 has two rounds of matches left to complete their mission.



Kieron Richards



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