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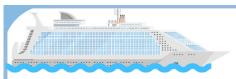
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Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

Date Cruise Ship		Arriv	Arrive-Depart	
12 March, 2020 Thursday	Norwegian Gem	08:00	17:00	
12 March, 2020 Thursday	Norwegian Epic	08:00	17:00	
13 March, 2020 Friday		08:00	18:00	
14 March, 2020 Saturday	→ Oceania Sirena	08:00	15:00	
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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 3/18

Max UV Index: 10 Very High
Wind: ENE at 17 km/h

Wind Gusts: 24 km/h

Probability of Precipitation: 45%

Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%

Precipitation: 1.2 mm

Rain: 1.2 mm

Snow: 0.0 cm

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Hours of Precipitation:

Hours of Rain:

Partly sunny with a shower in spots

NIGHT 3/18

Wind: ENE at 18 km/h

Wind Gusts: 26 km/ł

Probability of Precipitation: 41%

Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%

Precipitation: 0.6 mm

Rain: 0.6 mm

Snow: 0.0 cm

ce: 0.0 mm

Hours of Precipitation: 1

Hours of Rain: 1

Clear

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SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST 6:12AM

Sunset AST 6:18PM



Duration 12:06hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST 2:21 PM

Moonset AST 1:44AM



Duration 11:23hr

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Prime Minister, Cabinet, to meet with country's Major Stakeholders today

The ongoing worldwide pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus is creating history in Antigua and Barbuda as senior members of the opposition United Progressive Party (UPP) have been invited to attend today's Cabinet session.

This followed a meeting on Tuesday, when the Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, met with the Antigua and Barbuda Bankers' Association and bank managers as the initial start of talks with the financial sector. Prime Minister Browne stated that the talks were fruitful with a commitment of the banks to support the government initiatives towards fighting this unprecedented disease

Prime Minister Browne is expanding the round of discussions with the leadership of key sectors who have been invited to today's weekly cabinet meeting. The Cabinet customarily invites public and private experts in order to enhance the Cabinet's decision-making work and policies. However, today's Cabinet meeting will take a

slightly different format as multi sectoral stakeholders will appear before the cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda to map out the country's way forward amid the possible fallout from COVID-19.

Today, representatives from the Pensioners Association, The Antigua Barbuda Trades and Labour Union, The Antigua Workers Union, Antigua Barbuda Public Service Association, Chamber of Commerce and the Employers Federation have been invited to Cabinet in an effort to have a collective framework of government's and employer's response to the implications of the novel COVID-19 virus. The tourism sector is said to have faced the hardest hit from the financial fall out of COVID-19 thus far. Several resorts have already indicated downsizing and reduced workdays.

Major food wholesalers and supermarkets are also expected to come before the highest decision-making body of the land. Food security, has been referred to as one of the most salient issues currently faced



by the region.

Political comradery at this difficult time is also key on the agenda for the country's cabinet today.

Prime Minister Browne is said to have sent a special invitation to both the leader of the opposition party,. Harold Lovell, the leader of her Majesty opposition, Jamaal Pringle and Barbuda's representative, Trevor Walker. Having the administration opponents joining the cabinet session is said to indicate a more inclusive methodology in the plans for the COVID-19 reaction.

Though the multi sectoral stakeholders are expected to meet with the country's leaders in cabinet chambers, Prime Minister Browne has indicated that only two rep-

resentatives will come before cabinet at a time. This is in keeping with the country's social distancing preventative measures against COVID-19.

Tuesday, the Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, Molwyn Joseph reported that the country still has only one (1) confirmed case of COVID-19.

The Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rhonda Sealey Thomas also indicated that the patient is recovering well and remains in good condition. Six (6) persons remain in quarantine while some 90-94 persons were thoroughly screened coming in from Montserrat who shared similar travel history with patient zero.

During Tuesday's parliamentary debate, Pringle said this was a national emergency and that it was not the time to think party colours, but to rally in favour of Antigua and Barbuda. As a fete promoter himself, he gave his commitment to support the ban on such activities announced by the ministry of national festivals.

Murder accused remanded

The man charged with the murder of his brother following a family dispute last Friday, has been remanded in prison until May 26.

Police sources say 32-year old Leon Hawkins Jr. of York's appeared in the Magistrate Court Tuesday to answer the charge. Hawkins was charged on Monday with his brother's murder. His sibling, Kareem Santiago also

of York's, died at the Mount St John's Medical Centre after he was reportedly stabbed by Hawkins during a scuffle.

It is alleged both brothers got into an altercation over a domestic issue during which the accused allegedly armed himself with a sharp instrument, which he used to wound his brother.



Thirty-day ban on fetes in effect

Fete promoters in Antigua and Barbuda have agreed to exercise social responsibility by joining Ministry of Sports and Festivals to implement a ban on such activities over concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ministry convened a meeting on Monday with the promoters to discuss matter.

The meeting agreed that effective Monday 16 a ban has been placed on all events/fetes for a thirty-day (30) period.

"All event/fete promoters are encouraged to exercise increased social responsibility by using their respective platforms to spread positive awareness campaigns and support the practice of social distancing," a ministry statement said.

According to the statement, the ministry is recommending that at all bar operations and similar social events across the state, gatherings of more than fifty (50) persons should not be entertained.

"This also includes, but is not limited to, popular spots such as JR's, Area 51, Cloggy's, the weekly Shirley Heights Sunday evening activities and Church Crusades," the statement continued.

In seeking to ensure that it is clearly understood, the statement explains that these establishments and activities are not being asked to discontinue, but to restrict their numbers to fifty (50) persons for the next thirty days.

It continued that while the ministry



has all confidence that persons will voluntarily adhere to this inconvenience, it has requested, and has received, the support of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda in enforcing this ban.

However, the ministry is giving a commitment that the ban on all fetes and other events will be reviewed at the end of the thirty-day (30) period.

It also has indicated that it is still too early to make an announcement regarding Caribana in Barbuda or Antigua Carnival.

"We intend to be guided by the continued developments, and the Ministry of Health.

"The Ministry of Sports, Culture, National Festivals and the Arts wishes to express its continued support to all associations and federations, as well as all event organizers, promoters and entertainment providers and operators, as this pre-emptive measure seeks to prevent the contracting and spread of the Corona virus (COVID-19) in Antigua and Barbuda," the statement noted.

The Ministry of Sports has also

announced that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic announced by the World Health Organization, all participation and travel by all national associations and federations to games and championships have been banned until further notice.

Recognising that many athletes have been in training in preparation for the various sporting events, the ministry said it is the government's top priority to ensure the safety and well-being of all athletes and officials.

"To this end, a thirty-day (30) ban, effective Friday, March 13th, has been placed on all events relating to sporting activities," the ministry indicated.

This includes participation in both international and domestic sporting events, such as football, basketball, cricket, netball, volleyball and all other sporting disciplines, which have seasonal events and leagues currently ongoing.

NATURALISATION NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that Paul Savino of Proctor Point Road,
Falmouth, St. Paul, Antigua is applying to the Minister for Naturalisation and that any person who knows why Naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs.



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Country-wide lockdown not an option – PM Browne

The isolation facilities under construction at the old Holberton Hospital to deal with highly contagious diseases such as the current COVID-19 global pandemic will be completed by today and contractor will hand the facility over to the Ministry of Health by tomorrow at the latest.

That was disclosed in Parliament yesterday by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who said his government has so far spent millions to refurbish and equip the former Margetson Ward at Holberton in the urgent drive to get it ready as a vital link in efforts to contain the deadly virus, which has spread rapidly around the world since its outbreak in China late last year.

While COVID-19 is the immediate focus, the facility is intended as a purpose built disease prevention center that would serve to isolate suspected and confirmed cases of other serious contagion – several of which have been the subject of previous alerts, such as SARS, MERS, Bird Flu, Swine Flu, H1N1 and Ebola, among others.

Browne said although there was so far only one confirmed instance of COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda, "We must prepare for the eventuality of a heightened situation in which we will have several more cases, in which we may even end up with a number of ... individuals

who become sick as a result of COVID."

Preventing fatalities is a major aim of the measures being undertaken, the Prime Minister said, while appealing for all to embrace personal responsibility to avoid becoming infected or infect others.

Browne suggested that those deemed especially vulnerable to infection – such as the elderly and those with certain underlying health conditions – may do well to withdraw from normal interaction and enter into what he termed "self-hibernation, even in their own homes".

The Prime Minister repeated that the COVID-19 predicament could also present opportunities for greater self-sufficiency, especially in the area of domestic food security.

He took the opportunity to point out that should the cargo ships which bring food imports to Antigua and Barbuda were denied entry because of the pandemic, there would be a nationwide food crisis within 2-3 weeks because of the country's heavy dependence on food imports.

Browne said, Antigua and Barbuda stood to lose 75 percent of its revenue because of the COVID-19 crisis and the Citizenship by Investment Program (CIP) was not a promising source of replenishment, as it would be badly impacted as well.

"CIP is based on mobility, and when people cannot move, then clearly the demand for CIP is likely to fall."

The country cannot afford to be entirely risk averse and lock down the entire country, the Prime Minister stressed. "We have decided to pursue a balanced approach ... We cannot plunge an entire population into poverty," he stated.

Referring to the opposition, Browne said the COVID-19 crisis calls for a suspension of all partisan rhetoric.

Body temperature scanning as COVID-19 screening tightens

The economic damage from the COVID-19 global pandemic is hitting especially hard at countries which are heavily dependent on tourism, such as Antigua and Barbuda.

Speaking in Parliament on Tuesday, Tourism and Investment Minister, Charles Henry Fernandez said upheaval caused by the disease has begun to bite, with visitor arrivals already plunging.

He said this was the case in respect of tourists landing by air or via yachts and cruise ships.

"The cruise sector has practically closed down. I'm not aware of us having any ships between now and the next month, at least," he stated.

Speaking of actions being taken in response to the disease threat, Fernandez said screening has been increase within the yachting sector, which includes a system of pre-arrival declarations and scrutiny of

information.

A Tourism Task Force along with Immigration and Coast Guard personnel are part of the process to ensure compliance with guidelines and other measures to prevent and contain the corona virus that has taken thousands of lives worldwide and stoked fear in every corner of the globe.

In addition to filling out an Embarkation Form, passenger arriving in Antigua and Barbuda by air and sea will be required to provide information on their health status.

"When they come in at the airport, they will hand them (the forms) at the screening area, they will look at it. If it needs, depending on what is ticked, they may put them through secondary screening," Fernandez told the House of Representatives.

He added, "We are also going to be putting things and equipment in place to ensure temperature reading on arrival, plus temperature reading (for those) leaving."

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PM Browne's Statement in Parliament on COVID-19

Part 1

Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a brief statement on the COVID crisis that exists globally and here in Antigua and Barbuda. A few days ago, I had the unfortunate responsibility to inform the people of Antigua and Barbuda Barbuda that an individual had tested and confirmed positive - our first case of Caronavirus.

That individuals who is a 21 year old Caucasian who traveled here to join their parents, traveled from the United Kingdom via a British Airways flight.

However, we have been told that the individual had limited exposure to the rest of the domestic population and may have only been exposed to her parents. Since that individual has been isolated and her parents have been placed under quarantine, the individual and her parents are being monitored by health officials.

The information we have so far, is that individual is recovering rapidly and that the parents so far have not developed any of the symptoms. However, they are being tested for COVID and I believe in a matter of a couple of days that we would be in a position to confirm whether or not the parents would have tested positive and if there are others, for that matter, would have tested positive.

I did say during my national statement that admittedly, there could be others and we will ramp up our testing capabilities. In fact, we believe that by the end of this week we should be able to commence domestic testing.

We have some of the equipment on island and the additional reagents and other things that are required have been ordered and are expected to arrive here shortly. In fact, PAHO is on the ground and they will be providing training for medical professionals so that they could

ably handle individuals who have this infection or this virus. This training, I believe, will take place during the next 24 to 48 hours.

As you know Mr. Speaker, we are developing a purpose-built facility that is an infectious disease center, at the old Margetson Ward, at the former Holberton Hospital.

That facility is well advanced. We would have spent a few million dollars already to get it to the stage where it is at. We have been told by the contractors that this facility, at least the portion that will be utilized immediately, will be turned over to the government by Wednesday, no later than Thursday.

However, just today, we had a brief Cabinet Meeting in which we have devoted an additional 1.4 million dollars to further expand the facility, to include additional isolation and quarantine rooms and to add additional beds, because as far as practicable, we would wish to divert the traffic away from Mount St. John Medical Centre. So that purpose-built facility that will be designed now and in the future to handle any outbreak of infectious diseases.

Mr. Speaker, in order to build capacity to adjust the COVID issue, it is extremely expensive. It is costing the government of Antigua and Barbuda several million dollars already, and we know that as the disease or the virus persists and this crisis protracts, the health care costs will increase exponentially. But in any case, we're going the extra mile. We recognize that we have to do all in our power to protect the domestic population.

Luckily for us, the only confirmed case so far is an imported case. And to date, we do not have any evidence that it has spread to the domestic population, even though we suspect that it could

have based on other cases that may exist that we are not aware of as yet.

We believe that we must prepare for the eventuality of a heightened situation in which we will have several more cases in which we may even end up with a number of sick individuals who will become sick as a consequence of COVID. Therefore, we are literally scaling up our capacity to treat individuals, and our main objective is to ensure that there are no fatalities.

We all know that contracting COVID is not an automatic death sentence and we continue to act calm within the domestic population. For individuals to take personal responsibility, recognizing that the best solution to managing this risk is personal responsibility.

Government cannot manage this risk exclusively. It requires the entire population and even those who visit our shores to take responsibility and to follow the international protocols that have been established to ensure social distancing.

To ensure, too, that we continue to practice good hygiene. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap; to cough into tissue, covering our mouth and nose and discarding that tissue safely or to cough into our arm, whenever we have to cough. Those who may have any symptoms are asked to engage in self-quarantine.

We want individuals to err on the side of caution and to work on the presumption that any form of respiratory or upper respiratory tract infection, any cough, any sneezing, persistent cough, dry cough, high temperature, etc. could be as a result of COVID and to quarantine and isolate as appropriate.

We have also asked individuals not to expose our health practitioners, especially our doctors, by walking into the

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offices. Call your doctors or the hotline that has been established by the Ministry of Health and to explain their conditions so that the health official or officials as appropriate, could equip themselves before they receive them. They have the necessary protective clothing so that they can do the examination and to take any blood sample that that may be necessary for testing.

Again, I cannot over reiterate the importance of self-discipline and responsibility. It is the most effective way to manage this risk and we are recommending to those who are vulnerable, our senior citizens, those who are pregnant and also individuals who have certain preconditions - people with uncontrollable NCDs, those who may have cardiovascular disease, for them to take special precautions.

It may be necessary for them to perhaps enter into a phase of self-hibernation, even within their homes, because we have to assume that those of us who are active, that we run the risk of contracting the virus.

And whereas healthy individuals may be affected in a limited way and will recover quickly, we do not want to have a situation in which they transfer the disease to those who are vulnerable and then we end up with a significant number of fatalities.

I made a point, too, that we have to be our brother's keeper and we must take responsibility starting within our homes to ensure that we do not transfer COVID to vulnerable individuals within our homes. To encourage our senior citizens and other vulnerable ones to self-hibernate, and not to become involved in any large social gathering.

I want to make the point here, too and nobody should misconstrue this as though we are not believers, but, even the church could be an area of vulnerability. We know many of our senior citizens; they are God fearing. They are people of faith and obviously they believe in worshipping, but we believe that at this point the risk is such that even within a church we must manage the risk of transferring COVID, especially to our senior citizens.

No institution will be exempt in terms of managing this risk. We're not necessarily asking for the closure of churches. That is a decision that will have to be taken after consultations. But we believe that our spiritual leaders, that they too have to take responsibility and to ensure that they do not unnecessarily expose their parishioners, especially senior ones to the risk of contracting COVID.

You recognize that government would have taken a position to ban certain large gatherings, over 50 individuals or more. Let me make it abundantly clear. It applies to even bars with large gatherings, like Shirley Heights.

Even though we say that there is no ban on bars and restaurants, where these bars and restaurants have gatherings of hundreds of people, they are prohibited from so doing. And in the unlikely event that they fail to cooperate, we are asking the population to take responsibility and not to attend those gatherings.

We understand the economic aspects and I will address that issue, but the health of the people comes first. As I said before, the best way to handle this risk is through personal responsibility and discipline. There's absolutely no substitute for personal responsibility and discipline. We have to take responsibility for managing our exposure. Even our youth, and as much as the disease is unlikely to affect them the way it affects senior citizens, we should also protect them as well.

Now that we have decided to accelerate the closure of schools, we have to ensure that they do not congregate in communities and become infected and as a result, taking the virus back into their homes and spreading the virus to their parents and grandparents.

The adage that it takes a village to raise a child, this is one time that we need to take responsibility. If you see young individuals on the streets loitering, all of us, not only law enforcement and the truant officers, but all of us as citizens and residents of this country, we have a responsibility to encourage them to go back into their homes.

The situation could protract and could last several months. The longer it last, the more devastating the economic consequences will be because Antigua and Barbuda is one of the most tourism-dependent countries in the world. I know there are many people who would second guess us and say, oh, why did you not diversify the country's economy?

I have to tell you, diversification or economic diversification is not a new issue. Many governments that have tried, but we all know that many would have tried to diversify the country's economy, and almost invariably would have been destroyed by other powers. We tried gaming, and tried offshore banking. It is not a case that we did not try.

We have to understand that these are not countries that are replete with resources. We have limited mineral and human resources, and economic diversification is not as easy as people may anticipate it could be or should be. What I do accept, however, is that we need to produce more clearly.

The situation now with COVID, although it represents a serious threat will also present some opportunities for us - opportunities for us to become more responsible.

Opportunities for us to produce more to make sure that we can become more self-sufficient, to pay closer attention to our food security and I should make the point here, too, that its not governments that grow food, its private individuals. So we need more private individuals to become involved in farming and manufacturing as we seek to become more self directly reliant. And I think food security is really the priority.

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We at Island Provision would like to share with you the public a recent communication from our partners Sanpellegrino.

San Pellegrino Products Safe For Consumption

-World Health Organization (W.H.O), Italian Institute of Health (I.S.S)-

"At Sanpellegrino, we share global concerns over the spread and impact on public health of Covid-19, monitoring the fast-changing scenario and shaping our behaviors consequently.

Since the beginning of this outbreak, Sanpellegrino's priority has been to safeguard the health and safety of our employees, partners, suppliers and consumers. We are following the World Health Organization's strategy of disease containment and are continuing to take all measures to prevent the risk of disease transmission.

We have been ensuring strict compliance with the provisions issued by the competent National (Italian) Authorities.

We would like to remark that all of our products remain completely safe for consumption. Covid-19 is not transmitted through foods and beverages, as both national and international health authorities - including WHO and the Italian National Institute of Health (Istituto Superiore di Sanità - ISS) have confirmed. Sanpellegrino always maintains the highest levels of food safety for all of our products.

Furthermore, with special focus to mineral water bottling, Sanpellegrino reiterates that this is already - by its very nature - an intrinsically safe activity, since by law it must take place in conditions that ensure the utmost levels of hygiene, so as to guarantee that original purity that makes it stand out and to prevent any form of contamination.

We continue to monitor the situation very closely. We follow the advice of public health organizations and work with authorities in affected countries to reduce the risk of infection.

The Management of the Island Provision Group remains at your disposal for any further inquires.

Ayre scaling down operations

employers, Calvin Ayre of the Ayre Group, says it is implementing a group-wide social-distancing, work-fromhome policy.

A company spokesman said this entails allowing employees whose duties will enable them to work remotely, to do so. This measure is being implemented to protect the health and well-being of the employees of the companies operating in the building.

The Group, like many other organizations since the announcement of the novel Corona virus, has been advocating among its staff to exercise a proper hygiene

One of the largest private regime and has gone above and beyond providing its employees with the relevant information surrounding COVID-19. The Group feels that enacting social distancing is an effective measure to help stop the spread.

> The spokesman said staff of all Ayre Group companies, including Bodog Beach Club, Calvin Air Helicopters and the Calvin Ayre Foundation, will continue to be remunerated during this period of reducing unnecessary contact.

> Meanwhile, the Bodog Beach Club will be temporarily closed until further notice, as the company monitors the effects of COVID-19.

NOTICE:

TO: The Licensing Magistrate Magistrate's Court St. John's, Antigua

To: The District "B" Magistrate, Magistrate Court, St. John's, Antigua

To: The Commissioner of Police, Police Headquarters, American Road St. John's, Antigua

We, PATRICK ALFANSO VALENTINE JR. and MARCEL LA C. TURNER-VALENTINE of Lightfoot West, in the Parish of St. Georges, in the state of Antigua and Barbuda DO HEREBY GIVE you notice that it is my intention to apply at the next special session, to be held at the Magistrate's Court, St. John's, Antigua on the 02nd day of April, 2020 for a Tavern License in respect of my business known as "Parking Lot Snackette" situate at Johnson's Village in the Parish of St. John's, in Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap, 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda 1992 Revised Edition.

Dated 17th Day March 2020

Luann M. De Costa LGES Inc. Attorney-at-Law & Notary Public

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CXC exams to be postponed

National assessments and May/June sittings of CXC administered examinations will likely be administered later than their scheduled times.

Measures taken in response to COVID-19 in the region have educators returning to the drawing board.

Minister of Education, Science and Technology, Michael Browne, says ministers of education within the region have been meeting and changes, if implemented, will not only affect Antigua and Barbuda.

In a statement, the Carib-

bean Examinations Council (CXC®) said it takes note of the developments concerning COVID-19 in general, and its impact on the CARICOM region in particular.

Browne announced that the CXC has already closed its offices in Barbados and Jamaica with no dates of possible re-opening.

This comes as education ministers across the region are giving serious thought to delaying all the normal school activities that take place in September to January next year.

He said a whole range of

examinations and assessments including the primary school assessments will likely be postponed until later in the year.

Accordingly, CXC convened a meeting with representatives from the Ministries of Education to discuss the administration of the regional examinations and the respective National protocols.

The Council presented

and discussed various scenarios as it relates to the

administration of its examinations. stating council will continue to work with the governments of the various territories to arrive at a regional consensus and will update the public accordingly.

The education minister explains re-scheduling of assessments will not be unique to this country.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FORM P7 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 FIRST 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 **SOLICIOTRS**

SECRETARY



nstitution: 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

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

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Water for Buckley's, Oliver's and Montrula

APUA currently expanding its water delivery network into the Buckley's area that has been under-served by this commodity for many years.

The authority said it is in the heart of the first phase of the mainline extensions taking place in the Buckley's, Oliver's and Montrula areas.

Project Head and Consumer Services Engineer, Mc-Clure Simon, said that 5,850 feet of mainlines which trans-

lates to approximately 1.1 miles of pipe are being laid in the area.

This will allow APUA to service 78-101 parcels of land in the first phase. Simon further explains that when the project is completed, approximately 305 parcels will have the infrastructure necessary to receive water service.

"The area will be supplied with water from the largest water catchment utilized by



Mainline extension in Oliver's East, Buckley's area.

the APUA; Potworks Dam via the De Lapps Treatment Plant.

"If Potworks is no longer available for extraction, water will be channeled from the Crabbs Reverse Osmosis Plant to the area," he disclosed.

APUA said the first phase comprises the laying of distribution mains and a transmission main connecting the storage tank near the Buckley's Primary School to the storage tank in the Oliver's East area and the construction of a pump station.

According to the authority the project commenced in mid-February and it is expected to be completed by the end of April, 2020 barring any delays in light of recent regional and international events.



Storage tank in Oliver's East, Buckley's area with a capacity of 500,000 gallons

OAS ambassador says planned meeting in Washington is 'dangerous'

A group of ambassadors to the Organization of American States, a multilateral body for the Western Hemisphere, is objecting to a decision to move forward with a long-scheduled meeting in Washington on Friday to elect its secretary general, arguing that the session will contradict health recommendations issued by the White House to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Several nations are officially requesting a postponement of the meeting at the OAS's Washington headquarters because many of the delegates are over 65 and have preexisting health conditions.

"To proceed with this meeting in circumstances where the president of the

United States has said that no gatherings should be larger than 10 people and the CDC has warned against anything over 50 people is extremely dangerous, reckless and irresponsible," said Ambassador Ronald Sanders of Antigua and Barbuda.

On Tuesday, Gonzalo Espariz, the OAS spokesman, initially said the session would be limited to about 100 people — which would have violated recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He later clarified that attendance will be kept to under 50 people to follow guidelines and said the OAS would require delegates to observe social distancing.

The White House on Monday said

that meetings should be limited to 10 people.

Any vote delay, Espariz said, must be enacted by the member states.

Representatives from the member states discussed a delay on Monday, he said, but had not come to agreement on changing the date.

Josué Fiallo, OAS ambassador from the Dominican Republic, described that call as simply "informative," with no vote taken, and called for the OAS to find a way to delay the vote.

"After listening to President Trump yesterday, we think we should follow the most recent guidelines for social distancing and avoid gatherings," Fiallo said.

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MSJMC cancels all non-essential procedures

The country's lone public cancelling all elective surhealth facility is cancelling all non-essential medical procedures until further notice. This comes as many sectors across the island scale back or bring activities to a complete halt because of the ongoing coronavirus outbreak.

A statement from MS-JMC said many appointments are being cancelled to enable social distancing and keep everyone safe. It noted that care teams are reviewing appointments, and patients will be contacted regarding their appointment status. Care teams are also reviewing other ways to be in contact with patients, including via phone calls and other online mediums.

However, according to the statement patients will still have access to essential treatments such as cancer care, antenatal (high-risk) care, and kidney dialysis.

Additionally, MSJMC is

geries. An elective surgery is one that has been previously scheduled and which a doctor has carefully reviewed and feels it is safe to cancel at this time.

The statement disclosed that the decision was made with guidance from the Medical Director. This will free up beds for patients most in need of care. It will also reduce exposure risks to our patients and families, as well as hospital staff. The hospital assures that patients will be contacted by phone if their surgery is impacted.

The new guidelines will not apply to emergency sur-

"Planned imaging procedures such as ultrasound. computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRIs), mammograms and non-invasive cardiology testing will not be cancelled at this time. However, the hospital is appealing to referring physicians to be mindful of the current situation and refer only urgent cases for imaging studies," the statement urged.





Filed on behalf of the Applicant/Claiman O. Adams Affidavit No. 3 Exhibits: 2

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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BETWEEN:

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Applicant/Claimant

and

ANTHONY VELARDI

Respondent/Defendant

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

I, ONEEKA ADAMS, of All Saints Village in the Parish of St. Paul's, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, HEREBY MAKE OATH and says as follows:-

- 1. I am a legal Secretary in the Chambers of Peyton J. V. Knight & Associates situate at Upper Newgate Street, St. John's, Antigua, Attorney-at-Law for the Applicant/Claimant, and subject to the supervision of my superior I have clerical conduct of this matter to my charge and I am duly authorized to make this affidavit.
- 2. The facts and matters deposed to herein are within my knowledge unless otherwise stated. Insofar as they are within my own knowledge, the facts and matters deposed of are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Where I rely on matters not within my knowledge, the source I rely on for my information and on which my belief is based are the persons or documents I refer to or both.
- 3. The Applicant/Claimant Joan Francis is the owner of the property situated at Newgate Street and Corner of Bank Alley, in the parish of St John's, Antigua. That our Applicant/Claimant ordinarily resides in the United States of America. The Respondent/Defendant Mr. Velardi was at all material times the tenant of the Applicant/Claimant and had been in occupation of the said property from 2003 to 2017. The property was used as an Office space by the Defendant as he had operated a number of casinos in Antigua. The Casinos have closed down and the Respondent/Defendant was evicted from our Client's property as he had failed to pay rent.
- 4. That although he vacated the property, he had not settled the outstanding rent balances owed. Thus, the Applicant/Claimant filed claim against the Defendant on the 19th day of March 2018 to recover the monies owed by the Defendant To Defendant was served with the Claim and Judgment in default of Defence was entered on the 12th day of July, 2018 in favor of the Claimant in the sum of Forty Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars and Eighty Two Cents Eastern Caribbean Currency (\$49,163.82). The said Judgment was amended to correct the last name of the Defendant on the 20th of February, 2020. A copy Judgment in default of Defence dated 12th July, 2018 and Judgment in default of Defence dated 20th of July 2020 is attached and collectively marked "OA1".
- 5. That since Judgment was obtained, the Respondent/Defendant has not sought to have the debt settled and as such the debt remains outstanding to date. The total debt outstanding inclusive of interest and costs is Fifty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Nine Dollars and Eighty Six Cents Eastern Caribbean Currency (\$52,909,86) to date.
- 6. That I am aware that the Applicant/Claimant has been informed by our Mr. Peyton J. V. Knight, that the Respondent/Defendant owns lands in Antigua; and the sale of a parcel of land will be able to settle the debt, interests and costs. The Respondent/Defendant and Judgment Debtor Mr. Anthony Velardi is registered proprietor of a parcel of land more particularly described as Registration Section: South West, Block Number: 55 1186A, Parcel Number: 406. A copy of the register for the said parcel of land is attached and marked "OA2".
- 7. That the purpose for the sale is to satisfy the Judgment Debt, interest and costs, and the Applicant/Claimant has been advised by Mr. Peyton J. V. Knight that proceeding this way is the fastest way that the Judgment amount will be settled as the Defendant has not shown any interest in having matter settled. Thus, a public sale by way of an auction would be most advantageous and appropriate as it will be the quickest way of alerting many individuals of the sale of property. In that regard we are proposing that Mr. Trevor Santos or Mr. Nathaniel James conducts the said auction.
- 8. That the Applicant/Claimant has been trying to recover the outstanding rent owed by the Defendant for approximately three years, and Judgment has been entered against the Defendant for almost two years. That the Respondent/Defendant has been uncooperative and has neglected the outstanding balance.
- Thus, in the circumstances we ask this Honorable Court for an Order that the Application of the Applicant/Claimant be granted.
- The statements made herein are true to the best of my knowledge information and belief.

AFFIRMED at the High Court of Justice)
Parliament Drive, St. John's, Antigua)
this American day of Edankary, 2020)
before me:-

ONEEKA ADAMS

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CERTIFICATE OF EXHIBITS

These are the exhibits mentioned in the Affidavit in Support of **ONEEKA ADAMS** hereto annexed and marked "OA1" and "OA2".

Dated the day of February, 2020

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ANTHONY VELARDI

Defendant

JUDGMENT IN DEFAULT OF DEFENCE

Dated the 5th day of July, 2018

Entered the Do day of Jelsuary, 2020

NO DEFENCE having been filed by ANTHONY VELARDI, the Defendant in this matter:

AND UPON a Request for Judgment in Default filed on the 5^{th} day of July 2018 on behalf of the Claimant JOAN FRANCIS.

IT IS THIS DAY ADJUDGED that the Defendant do pay to the Claimant the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Three Dollars and Eighty-Two Cents (EC \$49,163.82) Eastern Caribbean Currency.

By the Court

Registrar

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

By Judgment having been entered for the Applicant/Claimant JOAN FRANCIS in the sum of Forty Nine Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars and Eighty Two Cents Eastern Caribbean Currency (\$49,163.82) inclusive of costs; the total debt outstanding inclusive of interest and costs is Fifty Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Nine Dollars and Eighty Six Cents Eastern Caribbean Currency (\$52,909.86) to date and the Defendant having failed or refused to satisfy the debt in full and; for the sale of the proposed parcel of land. The Claimant hereby applies to the Court for an Order:-

- For the Sale of the parcel of land towards the satisfaction of the same plus interest, of the right title and interest of the said Defendant in and to the parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto.
- 2. For Access to the parcel of land to conduct a Valuation of same.
- 3. For the land to be sold by Public Auction.

The Grounds of the Application are that:

- Judgment was entered in favour of the Applicant/Claimant, and to date still remains unsatisfied and the Respondent/Defendant has not sought to settle the debt owed.
- The Respondent/Defendant and Judgment Debtors Mr. Anthony Velardi is the registered proprietor of the said parcel of land more particularly described as:

REGISTRATION SECTION

BLOCK

PARCEL

SOUTH WEST

55 1186A

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3. The sale of the land will satisfy the Judgment amount, interest and costs.

Dated the day of February, 2020

Peyton J. V. Knight
Peyton J. V. Knight & Associates
Solicitors for the Applicant/Claimant

NOTICE:

OR

The [Judge in Chambers] [a Master] will deal with this application by -

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pursuant to part 5.14 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

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JOAN FRANCIS

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ANTHONY VELARDI ORDER

Respondent/Defendant

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE DAMAN KOLSICK (IN CHAMBERS)
DATED THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020
ENTERED THE 11^{SC} DAY OF MARCH, 2020

 $\underline{\textbf{UPON APPLICATION}} \text{ of the Applicant/Claimant dated the } 3^{rd} \text{ day of March, 2020;}$

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

That the Applicant/Claimant is allowed to serve Amended Judgment in Default dated 20th
February 2020; the Notice of Application for Sale, Affidavit in Support and Draft Order all
dated 21st February 2020 on the Respondent/Defendant ANTHONY VELARDI via
Newspaper Advertisement.

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DRAFT ORDER

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE (IN CHAMBERS)

DATED THE DAY OF ,20

ENTERED THE DAY OF ,20

UPON APPLICATION of the Applicant/Claimant dated the __ day of _____,

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AND UPON READING the said Application and Affidavit in Support of Oneeka

Adams sworn to and filed on the __ day of _____, 20_;

AND UPON HEARING Peyton J. V. Knight, counsel for the Applicant/Claimant;

IT IS ORDERED THAT: -

- That an order be given that Mr. Lesroy Samuel Valuator or Mr. Vier Dublin Valuator is given the authority to enter the premises to conduct a valuation of the property: Registration Section: South West, Block Number: 55 1186A, Parcel Number: 406.
- For an Order of Sale towards the satisfaction of the same plus interest, of the right title and interest of the said Respondents/Defendants in and to the parcel of land described in the Schedule hereto.
- The right title and interest of the above named Respondents/Defendants and Judgment Debtors in and to the land registered as -

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Be sold by public auction.

- That the reserve price of the said parcels of land be the forced sale values as indicated in the valuation report of the Valuator.
- That the sale be advertised by one publication per week for three consecutive weeks in one daily newspaper circulating in the island, the last such advertisement to be placed on the actual day of the sale.
- 6. That in the event that no sale is achieved at the first or any subsequent auction, the auctioneer is hereby authorized to adjourn the said sale to fortnightly intervals at a reserve price reduced by 10% in each event of an unsuccessful attempt at auction without need for the Claimant to make further application to the Court, with each adjourned sale to be advertised in two further issues of a local newspaper circulating in the island, the last such advertisement to be placed on the actual day of each sale.
- The proceeds of the sale be deposited with the Applicant's/Claimant's Solicitors and that the same be applied as follows: -
 - To the payment in full satisfaction of the judgment herein, interest, costs and expenses incurred in and about this auction;
 - b. To the payment of any taxes and rates then attaching to the land; and
 - c. The remainder of monies, if any, to be paid to the Respondents/ Defendants.

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BY THE COURT

Local News





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ANTIGUA & BARBUDA



Citizens and Residents of Antigua and Barbuda

Your health and safety is our top priority, particularly in the wake of the global spread of the corona virus, COVID 19. I believe that it is important for all of us to continue to protect ourselves. This includes staying informed with accurate data and scientific information provided by trusted sources such as the Ministry of Health, our hospitals and information on the official websites of established regional and international organizations such as the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). Note, I referenced the official websites since many on social media are creating fake messages under the names of a number of international organizations, to create baseless fear, hysteria and incorrect healthcare practices.

The nation's authorities have been careful to provide important information on social distancing, adopting a healthy lifestyle to include scaled up sanitation practices, a healthy diet, adequate rest and exercise and isolation when ill. We must also heed the warn-

MESSAGE TO THE NATION RE THE COVID 19 GLOBAL THREAT FROM THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

HIS EXCELLENCY SIR RODNEY WILLIAMS GCMG, KGN, KSt.J, MBBS, PhD(h.c)

ings of health care professionals to identify the signs and symptoms of the Corona Virus with a view to contacting the relevant health care providers at the local hotline provided.

Our government has been working with partners around the clock to build on our existing plans to deal with reducing the spread of this virus on the local level. Yes, it is very contagious, but it is also not a danger to the vast majority of the people who do contract it. I am confident that our local authorities will continue constant surveillance efforts and ongoing dialogue with all the stakeholders inclusive of health care experts, infectious disease and public health experts in the region and abroad so that we can make appropriate adjustments along the way.

Ultimate success in overcoming this challenge requires that all citizens and residents play their part in the fight against the spread of COVID 19.

These simple precautions will help prevent the spread of the flu and other respiratory illnesses:

- Practicing social distancing as announced and as needed
- Using alternative methods to shaking hands or embracing others as much as possible
- Covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze, using a clean, single use tissue which should be properly disposed of after use or using the inside of your elbow.
- Frequent washing of your hands with soap and warm water and using hand sanitizers with the required percentage of alco-

hol.

- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces that are frequently touched such as doorknobs and countertops with household cleaning spray or wipes.
- Staying at home and calling your health care provider if you have a fever or feel sick.
- Thinking ahead about how you can care for yourselves and your loved ones if the virus starts to spread within your home or community.

To our business owners, I appeal to you to resist the temptation to overprice your goods and services, which may be in higher

demand, while our people seek to overcome the challenges of this new viral illness.

I close by expressing thanks to all across our public and private sector personnel and organizations who have been doing their part to respond appropriately to the presence of COVID 19. Citizens and Residents of Antigua and Barbuda, we are living in extraordinary times. I encourage us all to be prayerful, watchful and hopeful as we work and learn together to overcome this challenge.

God Bless us all. God bless Antigua and Barbuda

EMPLOYMENT



Job Opportunities

We are looking for: Carpenters
Masons

Masons Plumbers Subcontractors General Contractors/Painters Supervisors/Foremen Project Managers Steel Workers Tilers

Requirements:

- Candidates must be legally entitled to work in Antigua and Barbuda.
- Candidates have to be registered with the Statutory bodies (Social Security, Medical Benefits, Board of Education & Inland Revenue)
- Subcontractors must be registered and compliant with Authorities.

Send applications by mail to **P.O. Box W1211, Woods Mall** or by email to **squareone@candw.ag**. Please include information of previous experiences and projects you have worked on.

Once we receive your documents appointments for interviews will be scheduled.

The Manager Square One Ltd Antigua & Barbuda W.I

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UPP issues advice on COVID-19

The United Progressive Party wants the Government of Antigua and Barbuda to take immediate steps to implement the following social and economic measures and national response mechanisms in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

These include several social measures;

- 1. Immediate evaluation of Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices at elder care facilities and implementation of strict Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) guidelines, provided to all through customized educational campaigns.
- 2. Mandatory enforcement of health & safety and Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) practices for all sanitation and janitorial workers in public and private sectors. Evaluate the knowledge levels and ensure implementation through customized educational campaigns.
- 3. Provide Daily updates at a designated time on local aspects of COVID-19 and the latest available information and advice from WHO, PAHO and CARPHA.
- 4. Encourage public and private sector employers to exercise flexible vacation leave regimes to facilitate any required COVID-19 social distancing.

- 1. Temporary ABST relief on goods and services essential for COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), defense and mitigation, which are not currently ABST exempt.
- 2. Enforce price control on goods and services essential for COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control (IPC), defense and mitigation, which are not currently subject to price control.
- 3. Delay the implementation of planned new taxes and increased tax collection regimes in the 2020 budget, especially those that will impact the spending power of individuals and businesses.
- 4. Expand the Peoples Benefit Programme to cover persons outside the social safety net, whose economic state seriously compromises their ability to practice Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) measures.
- 5. Introduce a programme of unemployment relief to assist those persons impacted by a COVID-19 stimulated downturn in business
- 6. Encourage banks and o ther financial institutions to adopt a proactive approach with respect to payments of loans, mortgages and credit cards bills, based on circumstances within their client portfolios, through Call or Contact Programmes.
 - 7. Design and implement

- tax concession packages and grant relief or deferral on particular taxes, for local businesses.
- 8. Roll back of work permit and renewal fees to ease financial pressure on employees and employers alike.
- 9. Remove ABST from telecommunications services to incentivize and motivate "precautionary self-isolation" to reduce community transmission risks.
- 10. Suspend all utility disconnections by APUA for unemployed persons.

- 11. Provide an emergency credit guarantee programme with local financial institutions to support local businesses.
- 12. Encourage a flexible vacation leave regime among public and private sector employers.
- 13. Relax agriculture land rent collections to incentivise food production.
- 14. Facilitate agriculture input suppliers to import and maintain adequate supplies in advance of cessation of ship arrivals.



Ministry of Sports, Culture, National Festivals & the Arts

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PRESS RELEASE

 $Ministry\ of\ Sports,\ Culture,\ National\ Festivals\ and\ the\ Arts\ Announces\ Thirty-Day\ Ban\ on\ All\ Events$

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Tuesday 17th March 2020 (St. John's, Antigua) On Friday 13th, the Ministry of Sports, Culture, National Festivals and the Arts announced that as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic announced by the World Health Organization, all participation and travel by all National Associations and Federations to games and championships have been banned until further notice.

Although many of our athletes would have trained tremendously in preparation to attend these games and championships, it is the Government's top priority to ensure the safety and well-being of all athletes and officials.

To this end, a thirty-day ban, effective Friday March 13th, has been placed on all events relating to sporting activities. This includes our participation in both international and domestic sporting events, such as football, basketball, cricket, netball, volleyball and all other sporting disciplines, which have seasonal events and leagues currently ongoing.

As it relates to fetes and events, a meeting was convened with all Event/Fete Promoters to discuss the ongoing issue of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and its impact on events in Antigua and Barbuda. During the meeting, it was announced that effective Monday 16th March, a ban has been placed on all events/fetes for a thirty-day period.

All event/fete promoters are encouraged to exercise increased social responsibility by using their respective platforms to spread positive awareness campaigns and support the practice of social distancing. We recommend that at all bar operations and similar social events across the State, gatherings of more than fifty (50) persons should not be entertained. This also includes, but is not limited to, popular spots such as JR's, Area 51, Cloggy's, the weekly Shirley Heights Sunday evening activities and Church Crusades.

For clarity, these establishments and activities are not being asked to discontinue, but to restrict their numbers to fifty (50) persons for the next thirty days.

While we have all confidence that persons will voluntarily adhere to this inconvenience, we have requested, and have received, the support of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda in enforcing this ban.

All bans and limitations placed on the various events will be reviewed at the end of the thirty-day period.

At this time, we will refrain from making any announcements regarding the postponement or cancellation of Barbuda Caribana or Antigua Carnival 2020. We intend to be guided by the continued developments, and the Ministry of Health.

The Ministry of Sports, Culture, National Festivals and the Arts wishes to express its continued support to all associations and federations, as well as all event organizers, promoters and entertainment providers and operators, as this pre-emptive measure seeks to prevent the contracting and spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Antigua and Barbuda.

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Regional News



St. Lucia's PM Allen Chastanet selfquarantined, tested for COVID-19

St Lucia's Prime Minister Allen Chastanet on Tuesday, 17th March 2020 was feeling unwell and in accordance with the established protocols went into self-quarantine, a statement issued by the Office of the Prime Minister said.

"In keeping with the protocols as advised by the Chief Medical Officer, the Prime Minister has been tested for COVID-19 and we await the results.

"As soon as the results are available the public will be informed," it added. The statement issued below stated: "Please note that Prime Minister Honourable Allen Chastanet was as of this morning feeling unwell and in accordance with the established protocols went into self-quarantine. The prime minister immediately stayed away from all of his meetings and engagements.

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As soon as the results are available, the public will be informed."



Prime Minister Honourable Allen Chasta-

PM Harris, Caribbean leaders engage IMF on COVID-19 impact, outlook

On Monday, March 16, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, Dr. the Honourable Timothy Harris, joined other leaders, Ministers of Finance and Central Bank Governors from across the region on a conference call with representatives of the Washington, D.C.-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) to discuss primarily the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) on the economies of Caribbean countries.

St. Kitts and Nevis' participation in this exercise formed part of the Government's overall efforts to manage the fallout in the likelihood the novel coronavirus reaches the Federation and to bring onboard the expertise of all relevant stakeholders, whether nationally, regionally and internationally, in this regard. The discus-



St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister, The Hon. Timothy Harris.

sions centered on the topic, "Recent World Economic Developments, COVID-19 Impact and Outlook, and How the Fund can Help." It was facilitated by Mr. Alejandro Werner, Director of the Western Hemisphere Department of the IMF.

In his contribution to the exercise, Prime Minister

Harris indicated that St. Kitts and Nevis is the smallest independent state in the IMF's western hemisphere division with very limited resources.

He further noted that, "Like most Caribbean states, we are heavily dependent on tourism; we have a small but important export manufacturing sector, and all of these are going to come under significant stress, and we would certainly rely upon the advice of the IMF to minimize the adverse impact."

To date, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in St. Kitts and Nevis.

Prime Minister Harris was supported in the meeting by his Cabinet colleagues Deputy Prime Minister, the Honourable Shawn Richards; Senior Minister the Honourable Vance Amory; the Honourable Ian Patches Liburd: the Honourable Lindsay Grant; the Honourable Eugene Hamilton and the Honourable Wendy Phipps. Also present were Cabinet Secretary, Mrs. Josephine Huggins; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Hilary Hazel and Deputy Financial Secretary, Mrs. Sylvia Gumbs.

International

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White House eyes giving Americans checks to combat economic impact of outbreak

WASHINGTON — The White House announced Tuesday that it is pitching a \$1 trillion economic package to combat the coronavirus outbreak, \$250 billion of which would be used for direct payments to Americans.

"We have put a proposal on the table that would inject 1 trillion dollars into the economy," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Capitol Hill after meeting with Senate Republicans to discuss the White House's plan.

"This is a combination of loans. This is a combination of direct checks to individuals. This is a combination of liquidity for small businesses," Mnuchin continued.

The White House said that if Congress acts quickly, checks could go out to Americans by late April. But that could still leave millions of workers scrambling to make rent and other payments that



It is unclear who would be eligible for the emergency money and how much would be offered, but the White House stressed the need for immediate economic relief.

are due at the beginning of the month.

The White House first floated the proposal of sending checks directly to Americans during a news conference earlier Tuesday morning.

"Americans need cash now, and the president wants to get cash now," Mnuchin said. "And I mean now in the next two weeks."

President Donald Trump, who had initially floated a payroll tax holiday, said he favored more immediate action that could inject cash into Americans' pockets faster than waiting for the next payday.

"I think we are going to do something that gets money to them as quickly as possible," Trump said. "We will have a pretty good idea at the end of the day what we will be doing."

It is unclear who would get money and how much, but Mnuchin indicated that it would be aimed toward those most hurt by the outbreak.

"We don't need to send people who make a million dollars a year checks," Mnuchin said.

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Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Put an extra spring in your step, Aries. The slow, steady pace may be something that you're comfortable with, but note that the situations of the day call for something much more dynamic and brave.



Libra (Sen 23 - Oct 22)

Don't be a pushover today, Libra. This is your time to lead. At least get your opinion out in the open and let it be known to the people around you. Put some passion in your day in order to liven things up and get the energy moving. A powerful transformation may take place within you as you start to wield your power instead of give it blindly away to others.



Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Be prepared for all-out combat with people today, Taurus, even though this is pretty much the opposite of your normal style. In fact, "opposite" is the name of the game for you today. Don't be surprised if you walk into an ice cream shop wanting vanilla and all they have is chocolate. Remember to not get upset by these types of situations over which you simply have no control.



Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

You have a great deal of power at your disposal today, Scorpio. You should keep in mind that just about anything you wish for will come true. Don't waste words or actions. Concentrate your energy and focus it on one or two important things instead of dispersing it and thereby diluting your overall power. There isn't anything to fear on a day like this.



Gemini

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Control is apt to be a big theme for you and the people around you today, Gemini. You'll find such a brutal dispute over who is holding the reins that once someone finally gets a firm hold of them, he or she is apt to take the situation to the extreme. There's an aggressive tone to things that can't easily be ignored. Keep an eye on your associates on a day like this.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Be careful of getting into fights today, Sagittarius. However, if a squabble or altercation of some sort seems inevitable, don't shrink away and hide. It's important that you face the source of the attack and stand up to whomever or whatever is getting in your path. Conjure up the warrior inside you and you might surprise yourself with the incredible power you have within.



Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

In general, things should be going extremely well for you today, Cancer, so don't miss this opportunity to pursue your dreams in every sense of the word. Do things with passion and don't hold back. Remember that your mind and will are the only things stopping you from getting where you want to be. There's a great deal of magnetism at your disposal today, so enlist others to help you.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Issues regarding freedom are apt to come up today in more ways than one, Capricorn. These issues could be connected with opportunities for adventure and travel. Although you initially want to dive into this promised freedom, take time to reflect on what you need in your current situation before making any final decision. Don't forget the other people in your life and how such actions might affect them and your relationships.



Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

You may feel anxious today, even more so than usual, Leo. Your nerves may be quite jittery, and there's a feeling that you may not be on exactly the right track. More than likely, what you need to do is simply calm down and relax. Let your brain slow down and think clearly without the distraction of many people telling you what to do.



Aguarius

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

There is a great deal of startup energy working for you today, Aquarius. You may feel as if you're walking on hot couch. This isn't a good day to sit on the couch watching TV. The coals will burn you for sure. It's important that you keep moving. Engage in activities that exercise your mind as well as body. You'll feel much better if you can point to something and say that you created it.



6Virga

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Other people are the most important aspect of your day today, Virgo. You'll find that things might get a bit difficult and unruly alone, but if you connect with others, even the most challenging task becomes almost effortless. One toothpick is easily broken, but 50 toothpicks together are as strong as steel. Conjure up this power created by a force of people who all share a common goal.



Pisces

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Your energy will light up any room you enter today, Pisces. Feel free to take advantage of this incredible magnetism by initiating and encouraging others to join you in creative activities and bold adventures. However, be careful that your head doesn't get too big. You can be proud without becoming egotistical; otherwise you'll end up losing your followers before you even get started.



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Sports News

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2020 Primary School Football competition cancelled

The Ministry of Sports has cancelled the 2020 Primary School Football competition which kicked off two weeks ago.

Coordinator of the School Football Programs, Rohan Porridge Benjamin said that, a decision was reached after the Ministry of Education issued a directive to all educational institutions in Antigua and Barbuda that Schools will close early for Easter Vacation from Monday, 16 March to Friday, March 27.

The Ministry of Education made the decision to mitigate the impact of the spread of COVID-19.

Benjamin noted that it's very difficult to host schools tournaments after Easter leading to the cancellation until 2021.



Archer condemns racist abuse

England bowler Jofra Archer has condemned racist abuse on social media after posting a series of messages he has received.

24-year-old The Bajan-born who helped England win the 2019 World Cup, said the issue needed to be addressed properly.

He put screenshots of racist messages on his instagram story Monday evening.

I will never understand how people feel so freely to say these things to another human being he noted.

It's not the first time Archer has spoke about racist abuse. He was racially abused at the end of the first Test against New Zealand as he scored a second innings 30 during England's defeat in Mount Maunganui last November.



Rohan Porridge Benjamin

Benjamin weighs in on postponement of local leagues

Premier League Champions Liberta Blackhawks Rohan Porridge Benjamin believe the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association need to find a way through dialog with its members to make a decision on the outcome of local leagues.

Talking on the TIME-OUT Program on Point FM Benjamin suggested that with the 30 day break and players not been allowed to train the ABFA may need to declare winners in the different divisions.

In a discussion with Coach of the Cool and Smooth Empire team Veron Epilus Edwards Jr. host of the Timeout program both individuals discuss demoting the bottom two teams while promoting 4 teams moving to a 12 team competition for one season.

During the 2020/21 season demoting four teams and promoting two returning the balance back to a 10 team competition in 2021/22.

The former national

Coach of the defending coach says there is a clause in matters not provided for in the constitution that gives the ABFA through its competition committee to make certain decisions.

> Porridge says teams with foreign based players will incur heavy financial burden and the players need to return home to their families.

> Grenades presently lead the premier league standings on 31 points with two games remaining followed by Hoppers on second with 29.

> In the First Division Empire lead with 42 points from 18 outings followed by Sap on 41 from 20. Villa has 39 from 17 and Tryum 39 from 19 games.

> In the second division Garden Stars and Bendals on 51 lead one zone followed by Lion Hill on 47 and English Harbour on 46.

> In the other zone Progressors with 43, Young Lions with 40 lead the standings. Green City on 37 and Bethesda on 30 follow closely.





Football Player profile: Rakeem Beauty Joseph

Empire striker Rakeem er European territories. Beauty Joseph has penned a four contract with a legal representative to assist him pursue his professional dream of playing football in Europe or North America.

Sunday under the watchful eyes of his Coach Veron Epilus Edwards Jr. the 19 year old made the move which will see him fly out for trials in Croatia and oth-

The USVI international said it's his first step to success and he looks forward to the upcoming challenges which he discuss with his new agent who will attend to all his affairs over the next four years.

He noted that he want to be successful to create a pathway for fellow players from the Gray's Green community and Antigua.

Rakeem presently leads the First Division with 19 strikes from 15 appearanc-

The left footer was identified two weeks ago by European scout Brian King who was in attendance at Willikies when Empire beat

the host 3-2. Joseph netted a hattrick in the encounter.

King said Rakeem reminds him of Tammy Abraham who presently plays for Chelsea and believes with his speed, aggression and ability to score goals both with his feet and head has a bright professional future.



Rakeem Beauty Joseph with Brian King, part of his new management team.





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