



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

POINTEX PRESS

TRUSTED NEWS AND RESPECTED VIEWS

WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE 2020 | ISSUE 89 | www.pointville.com

PRICE **\$3**

YACHTING SECTOR RESILIENT

Story on Page 3



Cop suffers broken leg



See Page 2

Traffic cop suffers broken leg in accident

An officer attached to the Traffic Department of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda is hospitalized after the motorcycle he was riding was hit by a rig.

Constable Robert Dyer suffered a broken leg and received cuts and bruises in the accident that took place on Sir Sydney Walling Highway (Factory Road) in the vicinity of the OECS Civil Aviation Authority.

According to reports, both the container carrier truck and the police motorcyclist were travelling from east to west, when the truck attempted to turn right onto Lady Nugent Avenue.

Reports are as the driver was maneuvering the turn, the officer on his bike attempted to overtake the Mack truck and was hit in the process. Con-



stable Dyer was reportedly thrown several feet after he came in contact with the rig.

He was transported to hospital, where he was admitted and is undergoing treatment for his broken leg.



DAY 6/10

Max UV Index: 9 Very High
Wind: SE at 11 km/h
Wind Gusts: 17 km/h
Probability of Precipitation: 56%
Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
Precipitation: 2.2 mm
Rain: 2.2 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm
Hours of Precipitation: 1.5
Hours of Rain: 1.5

30°_{Hi}



Times of clouds and sun with a shower

NIGHT 8/10

Wind: ESE at 7 km/h
Wind Gusts: 17 km/h
Probability of Precipitation: 55%
Probability of Thunderstorms: 24%
Precipitation: 1.1 mm
Rain: 1.1 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm
Hours of Precipitation: 1
Hours of Rain: 1

25°_{Lo}



Increasing clouds with a passing shower

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
5:33 AM

Sunset AST
6:41 PM



Duration
13:08 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
11:11 PM

Moonset AST
10:52 AM



Duration
11:41 hr

Yachting sector most resilient

The yachting sector, a key sub-sector of the tourism industry, has been enjoying an extended season due to the coronavirus pandemic confirming the view that it is the most resilient aspect of the tourism.

Commissioner of the National Park Authority (NPA), Ann-Marie Martin, said the yachting season which normally ends at the end of Sailing Week, extended for several additional weeks because many of the yachts were 'stuck' in the Caribbean because of the closure of ports across Europe.

"I have always said, 'don't make a good crisis go to waste' and this pandemic has been good for us at the NPA with larger number than usual yachts and their crews staying over in Antigua. As a result, the businesses in the area that provide goods and services to the yachtees have had a very good season," she reported.

Martin described the sector as multilayered with an ownership ranging from the rich to the very wealthy, many of whom own the mega-yachts. She said the yachts that were in port over the past two months included visitors representing all groups.

The Parks Commissioner, who has many years experience in the sector, said the sector has proven its resilience many times over. "For example, back in the recession of 2008-9 the yachting sector was the first to recover and we proved it again following Hurricane Irma nearly three years ago," she explained.



plained.

While she could not provide data to support the sector's overall contribution to tourism and by extension the GDP, Martin said it was however quite significant. "The service providers in the area did well with the yachts staying longer in port as money is spent on docking fees at the marinas, to purchase fuel from WIOC, food from supermarkets, as well as other goods and services from other vendors," she stated.

And the NPA official is also predicting that the sector will rebound quicker than both the hotel or cruise sectors. "I am predicting that if we don't get hit by a hurricane this year, we will be having one of the biggest seasons ever later this year and into next year. This is because I have already been contacted by friends and clients especially out of Europe who complain that they are tired of being 'cooped' up for months because of the pandemic," she revealed.

Martin said the views expressed by prime minister, Gaston Browne, that Antigua and Barbuda should diversify its tourism product noting that the country could market itself as a 'safe non-COVID Zone' and invite yacht owners to base their vessels here for charters around the island or to neighbouring islands.

Along with marinas, fuel suppliers and supermarkets, car rental companies, yacht repair technicians, day workers are among the people who benefit from the yachting sector. The government also benefits from the taxes and fees that are paid directly and indirectly.

Meanwhile, Minister of Tourism, Charles Fernandez, has confirmed that the country may see a new record of yacht arrivals this year. Since the reopening of the country's border and



Commissioner of the National Park Authority (NPA), Ann-Marie Martin

the reopening of the tourism sector, there has been a record number of yachters seeking to dock in Antigua.

Fernandez highlighted that usually, the country would see the number of yacht arrivals to the country at approximately 150, however, since the implications of travel due to COVID-19, that figure is likely to increase.

The Tourism minister stated that "A number of them came to Antigua just before the shutdown because a lot of them couldn't go back to Europe and other parts of the world, so they came to Antigua or stayed in Antigua."

He went on to reveal that "we had a bumper yachting crowd in Antigua and Barbuda we were around 300 at one point."

"This year we are looking to set a yacht arrival record," the tourism minister added.

According to health officials, all yachts and pleasure crafts are still expected to dock at the Nevis Street pier in St. John's for Port Health clearance.

Fernandez indicated that with this system in place, managing and containing quarantine protocols may prove easier with port health on sight since the yachters "are usually already quarantined on their yachts".

The tourism minister added that with this trust in arrivals, it is a plus for the future of mariners.

ONDCP scores victory at the Privy Council

The London based Privy Council has dismissed the appeal of Ahmed Williams challenging the constitutionality of the civil forfeiture regime under the Money Laundering (Prevention) Act and the civil forfeiture order forfeiting his property to the Director of the ONDCP in his capacity as the Supervisory Authority.

Director of the ONDCP, Lt. Col Edward Croft commented on the Privy Council's decision, said: "The Office of the National Drug and Money Laundering Control Policy is pleased with the decision to dismiss the appeal in this matter."

The ruling he said buttresses the ONDCP in its mission to 'take the profit out of crime'. "It is our mission to ensure that criminals do not benefit from and enjoy the proceeds of their illegal activities. The legal framework



Director of the ONDCP, Lt. Col Edward Croft

provided by the Money Laundering Prevention Act has now been shown to be an effective piece of legislation and capable of achieving this objective," he noted.

Colonel Croft also expressed satisfaction with the Privy Council's as-

essment that the MLPA freezing and forfeiture regime did not breach section 3 of Antigua and Barbuda's Constitution, which concerns the right to possession of property. The forfeiture regime under the MLPA was found to be procedurally fair and the provisions of the MLPA were NOT found to be immeasurable, arbitrary or oppressive." Sections 7, 9 and 15 of the Constitution were also found NOT to be breached.

The Privy Council stated about the Money Laundering Prevention Act that "It has been enacted with an important legitimate aim, to try to ensure that persons who engage in money laundering activity do not profit from it, and it is reasonable for the burden of proof to be placed on the defendant, who can be expected to know the source of his income and assets."

Handover of Old Treasury building set for tomorrow

The Ministry of Works will officially hand over the keys for the Old Treasury Building that will now be used as the Civil Registry. The brief ceremony takes place tomorrow, Thursday.

This will be the third building officially handed over by the Ministry of Works for the year thus far. The refurbishment of the old treasury building follows the refurbishment of the old Board of Education building and the PDO building.

Minister of Works, Lennox Weston and Minister of Legal Affairs, Steadroy Benjamin are expected to be present at the handing over ceremony.

According to Weston, the ministry of works "doesn't do groundbreaking, we do openings."



Fully refurbished Old Treasury Building

Jet Ski operators air concerns

Jet Ski operators and several government agencies have reached wide agreement on several measures that will enhance the operations of the sector in Antigua and Barbuda.

A statement issued on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Defense Force (ABDF) said the Jet Ski operators have agreed to collaborate with stakeholders to improve the sector following consultations organized by the ABDF's Coast Guard division and the Antigua and Barbuda Department of Marine Services and Merchant Shipping ADOMS.

The Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard (ABDF CG), Lieutenant Commander Elroy Skerritt, and representatives of the Unit, along with the Director of ADOMS, H.E. Ambassador, Dwight Gardiner, met with eighteen (18) members of the Jet Ski group 'SKI-DADLI', to address public concerns surrounding Jet Ski operators.

Lieutenant Commander Elroy Skerritt outlined that there is a notion by the public of 'nuisance' associated with Jet Ski operations and therefore the meeting was designed to engage the group on best practices. He stated that the laws surrounding Jet Ski operations, namely the 'Small Craft Act' was examined and discussed.

Ambassador Gardiner emphasised that dialogue with the Jet Ski operators



was very instructive and it gave his department a better understanding of the need to create a safer environment for mariners and sea bathers alike. He admonished the operators to familiarize themselves with the regulations to better serve the public and protect all stakeholders in the tourism industry.

At the conclusion of the discussions, it was agreed that future engagements should be held to sensitize all stakeholders (mariners and sea bathers) on the regulations that exist, and the safety mechanisms associated with them. It was agreed that follow-up sessions will be held in the coming months.

The meeting also agreed on a number of best practices to improve safety of Jet Ski operations. These include:

1. Facilitating training sessions to formally orient new Jet Ski operators, in the areas of marine safety and the governing regulations.
2. The use of unique logo that is highly recognizable from a distance to identify and distinguish the group.

3. Exercising respect for all users of the sea to include sea bathers and other boat users.

4. Maintaining the rules that are in place to govern the operations of jet skis as outlined under the Small Craft Regulations.

5. Informing the Coast

Guard of any Jet Ski rallies that are organized by the group involving the participation of 10 or more bikes.

6. Facilitating a safety brief before the commencement of any rally with Jet Skis.

The engagement with Jet Ski operators forms part of the ABDF's programme to ensure that the laws governing the use of the country's territorial waters and beaches are enforced in the best interest of all citizens and visitors. Additional engagements with Jet Ski rentals, commercial and pleasure craft operators, and the general public will be organized by the ABDF and ADOMS.

VACANCY

Our client is seeking suitable applicants for the role:

MANAGER - GENERAL INSURANCE

The General Insurance Manager will be responsible for the management and supervision of the general department's operations. Responsibilities include managing adjusters, investigators, and appraisers as well as ensuring claims are processed in a timely manner and resolving issues that arise during processing. In addition, the manager will ensure the growth of the department in line with the company's mission and vision.

Skills

- Leadership and management skills
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Decision making skills
- Organizational skills
- Analytical skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite

Qualifications:

Education

- BSc. in Management, or related field.
- ACII certification (or in pursuit of similar qualification, e.g. CII certification) or equivalent
- Five (5) years' experience in Underwriting and Claims Management
- Proficiency in Policy and Contract wording
- Risk Management

Experience and Additional Competencies

- Five (5) years' experience in Financial Services
- Knowledge in reinsurance negotiations and reinsurance contracts
- Experience in the interpretation of financial statements

All interested persons should send a copy of their application to include a CV and Cover Letter to nibbsandassociates268@gmail.com — Deadline: June 15th, 2020

CMC donates boxes of fresh fruits to nurses

Nurses continue to play a pivotal role in the fight against COVID-19. This statement set the tone when management and staff of the Central Marketing Cooperation (CMC) decided to donate boxes filled with fresh fruits to the nursing association.

Donating on behalf of the board of directors of CMC, Chairman Clarence Pilgrim remarked, "This is a special donation to a special group of persons who have worked steadfastly throughout this pandemic."

"We are grateful for the work that they have done and this is a small token of our appreciation."



The chairman went on to explain that though the token may seem small, it was an indication that the nurses are appreciated for all that they do.

Soria Dupie-Winston, President of the Nurses Association collected the donated produce on behalf of the association along with her first and second Vice

presidents Arlea Gregory and Michelle Lyons.

Dupie-Winston expressed her appreciation at the gesture stating that it is very kind and timely.

"As you know fruits are very vital during this time to ensure our immune system is well boosted and we appreciate your kind and thoughtful gesture," the nurses' president said as she accepted the donation.

During the donation ceremony, CMC management underscored the importance of showing appreciation in any possible way.

"We are aware of what you do and we value it because the risk you take every day for us, we would like you to know we are mindful of it and this is why we have brought to you this small token of appreciation," CMC Management added.



Sandals undertakes new training

Sandals Resorts International has announced new training initiatives for its team members at its Antigua and Barbuda and other locations.

A company statement said it is offering the additional learning opportunities through its robust online Learning Management System, Cornerstone on Demand.

“The LMS is the latest in the company’s well-documented history of investing in team members’ growth and development, and is in addition to the Sandals Corporate Univer-

sity’s (SCU) previous investment of over US\$1M in scholarships to team members pursuing high school equivalency courses, professional certification programmes, Associate Degrees, Bachelor’s Degrees and Post-Graduate Degrees,” the release stated.

The SCU was launched in 2012 under the direction of Deputy Chairman, Adam Stewart, to formalize the company’s mission to instill, encourage and reward team members’ commitment to life-long learning and to position

team members to be able to realise their full potential.

The LMS which offers a range of courses in multiple disciplines and subject areas, has seen increased traffic since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with team members turning to the portal to pursue a range of courses and enhance their skill sets.

According to the company’s Learning, Development and Service Standards Director, Dr. Phillip Brown, the company has seen an almost 40 per cent increase in the number of team members starting

and completing courses since the pandemic forced the closure of the resorts across the region.

He said, “We are very happy to see this increased use of our learning management system. It tells us that our team members are taking charge of their learning and development and are using the time away from work productively.

“We are extremely proud of our team members and their efforts to enhance their skills and we look forward to reopening our resorts with an even stronger, well-trained team.”

TO: HER WORSHIP
The Licensing Magistrate
Magistrate’s Court
Gray’s Farm
St. John’s
Antigua.

TO: HER WORSHIP
Magistrate for District “A”
Magistrate’s Court
Gray’s Farm
St. John’s
Antigua.

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Police Headquarters
American Road
St. John’s
Antigua.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE
FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS
FOUR PATHS ENTERPRISE

I, LYNDON WESLEY JOSEPH, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate’s Court, Grays Farm, St. John’s, Antigua on Thursday 2nd day of July, 2020 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises know as “**Four Paths Enterprise**” situated at Bendals Road, in the Parish of St. John’s, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 27th May, 2020

.....
 Lyndon Wesley Joseph
 268-788-2402

TO: HER WORSHIP
The Licensing Magistrate
Magistrate’s Court
Gray’s Farm
St. John’s
Antigua.

TO: HER WORSHIP
Magistrate for District “A”
Magistrate’s Court
Gray’s Farm
St. John’s
Antigua.

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Police Headquarters
American Road
St. John’s
Antigua.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A BOTTLE LICENCE
FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS
EVER BLESS VARIETIES

I, Kayla Amanda Simon, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate’s Court, Gray’s Farm, St. John’s Antigua on Thursday 2nd July, 2020 next ensuing for a Bottle license in respect of premises known as “**Ever Bless Varieties**” situated at Gray’s Farm in the Parish of St. John’s, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (3) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 29th May, 2020

.....
 Kayla Amanda Simon
 268-775-4825

Digicel Antigua and Barbuda names first female CEO

Digicel Antigua and Barbuda has created history when it named Joanna Shamarie Spencer, an Antigua and Barbuda national, as its new Chief Executive Officer and the first female to head one of the major telecoms companies.

In a media release, Digicel said Spencer's main and immediate focus will be returning the market to growth and leading a team of over sixty employees in delivering the best value to customers, along with a reliable LTE & TDD network, whilst adopting a digital-first approach. As part of this role, she is also responsible for Digicel Montserrat where she will focus on helping to grow the business' GSM and Digicel Play operations.

"I am delighted about this new journey to lead both Digicel Antigua and Montserrat, especially during these uncertain times. As we continue to evolve into a digital operator, and work on becoming our customers' digital lifestyle partner, I look forward to working with the team to provide reliable service for all Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat," Spencer stated. The release noted that as an Antigua and Barbuda national, the new CEO has in-depth insight into the values, passions and culture of the people, which she can leverage, with her team, to deliver the best mobile and data experiences to customers across the country.

Spencer joined Digicel in



Joanna Shamarie Spencer

2011 as Assistant Finance Manager and was later appointed as Finance Manager for the Caribbean Cable Communication Group of Companies & Digicel An-

guilla in 2013.

She later returned home to Antigua as the Financial Controller in 2016, before relocating to St. Lucia to join the Centre of Excellence as FP&A Manager for BVI, Antigua and Barbuda and Montserrat in 2017. In 2019, Spencer returned to Antigua once again and was appointed as West Indies Region North CFO serving Antigua, Anguilla, St. Kitts & Montserrat. Apart from the telecoms industry, Spencer has worked in the hospitality industry in Antigua and Barbuda.

Joanna holds a BA in Accounting and Finance and is a member of ACCA. She brings a strong level of Financial Control in the markets she serves and has vast knowledge across other areas of the business.



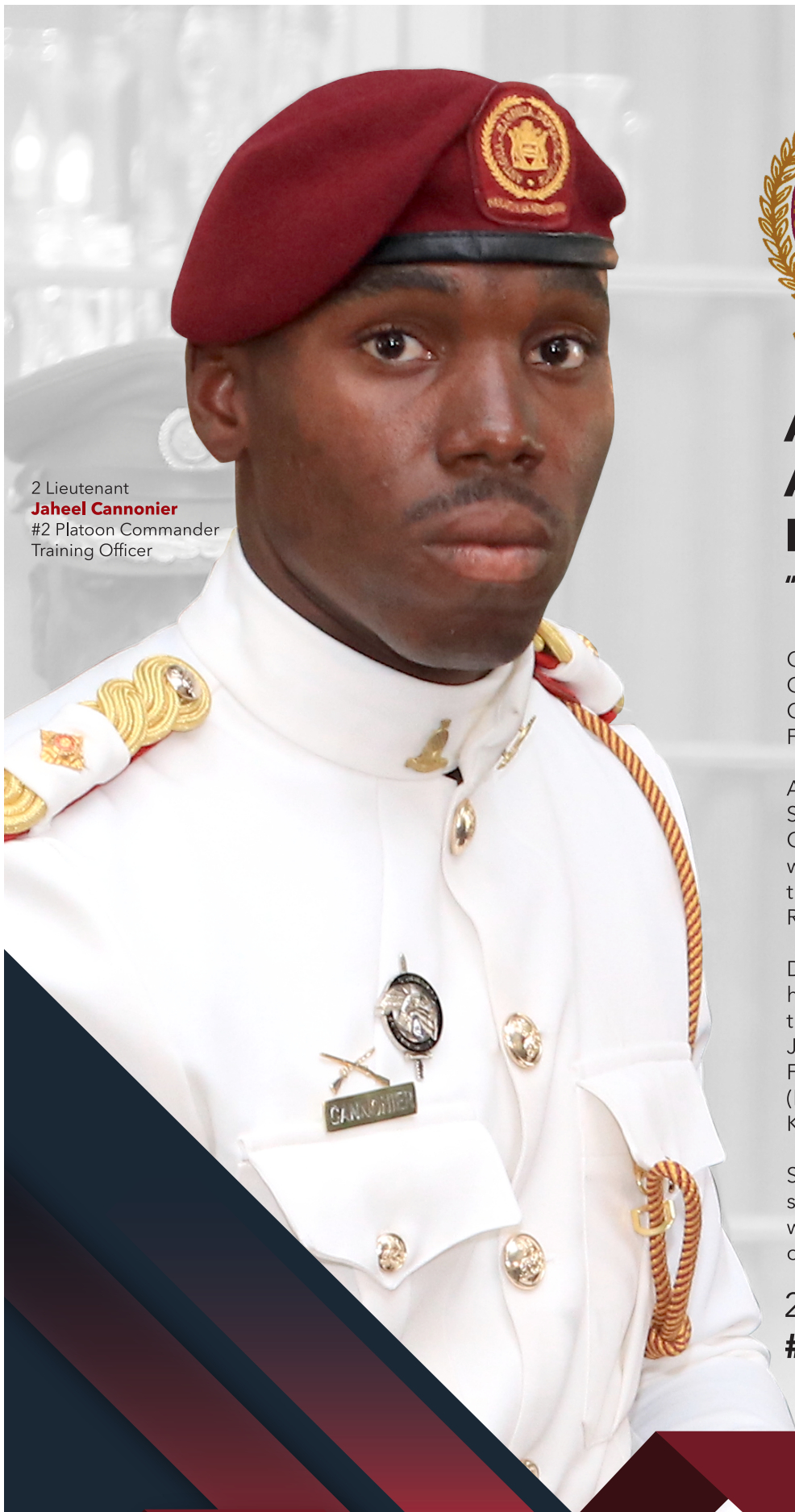
CHECK YOUR SPEED MONTH

SLOW DOWN
YOU LIVE HERE, WE LIVE HERE

DRIVE SAFELY

The speed bumps in the road of life are meant to slow you down, not stop Completely.

ATB
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA TRANSPORT BOARD
A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board



2 Lieutenant
Jaheel Cannonier
#2 Platoon Commander
Training Officer



ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEFENCE FORCE

"Always Ready to Serve"

On May 18, 2020 Second Lieutenant Jaheel Cannonier assumed the position of Training Officer of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force.

A graduate of the Princess Margaret Secondary School and the University of the West Indies Open Campus, Second Lieutenant Cannonier, who is also #2 Platoon Commander, has been trained in Martinique, Guyana and the People's Republic of China.

During his five year career in the ABDF, Cannonier has also completed or participated in other training exercises and operations, to include the Joint task force training and operations, Basic First Aid (Red Cross), Mass Casualty Emergencies (NODS) and of Regional Security System Peace Keeping Operation - Dominica.

Second Lieutenant Jaheel Cannonier believes strongly in the ABDF Core Values. "Through hard work, determination, perseverance and consistency anything is attainable."

2 Lieutenant Jaheel Cannonier
#armyproud

Former scholarship recipient gives back

A former recipient of the Prime Minister Scholarship Programme, Kemal Nicholson, has made a monetary donation to the Mount St. John Medical Centre for the purchasing of personal protective equipment (PPE) items for the nurses at the hospital.

“Antigua and Barbuda has done a lot for me by providing me with a scholarship enabling me to gain my first degree in Political Science and certification in the Russian language. It is only fitting that during this time when our nurses are at the forefront waging a war against the dreaded COVID virus that we support them in any way possible. It is my pleasure to give back to a country that has done so much for me,” Nicholson said.

The contribution of EC\$10,000 was

presented by Chairperson of the Prime Minister’s Scholarship Programme, Maurice Merchant on behalf of Nicholson who now resides and works in Moscow, Russia, as First Secretary in the Embassy of Grenada to the Russian Federation.

Accepting the donation was Director of Nursing at the Mount St. John Medical Centre, Jacqueline Jno Baptiste who outlined that the donation is timely and it is commendable that Nicholson has seen it fit to remember the nurses at this time when they are working around the clock to ensure that citizens, residents and visitors remain safe and healthy.

“I urge others to follow Nicholson’s lead and give back to their community and to non-profit organisations. There are many institutions and groupings such as the nurses who could benefit from the goodwill of benefactors,” Jno Baptiste stated.

Nicholson, who credits his alma mater, the St. Joseph’s Academy for inculcating



in him the need to be of service to others, has served as the student representative for Antigua and Barbuda students in the Russian Federation. During the COVID crisis he has been providing emotional and financial support to the students.





Way of Life!

Unlock your
**FUN
Side**



VITARA

Starting at

\$76,600

Live on the fun side
with Suzuki!

Unlock your funside with A New 2020 Suzuki Vitara.
Chose your colour, your style, your way of life.

>>> UPGRADED FEATURES

- Power Windows
- Bluetooth
- 4WD Drive
- Reverse Camera
- Parking Sensors
- Touch Screen
- Automatic AC
- Automatic Wipers
- And Headlamps

INCLUDES

- Free Licensing and Insurance
- Registration and Plates
- Gas And Service

*On The Spot Financing Available



**GIVE US A CALL 481-2500
OR VISIT ON OLD PARHAM ROAD, CHOSE AND DRIVE**

No Personal Protective Equipment shortages

The Ministry of Health has refuted claims that the Emergency Services Unit (EMS) and the Browne's Avenue Clinic were running short of key COVID-19 fighting equipment.

The allegations were published in an online newspaper as a letter to the editor which claimed the health departments were facing challenges in the absence of having proper PPE.

However, Ministry officials have categorically denied any suggestions of a shortage. EMS Spokesperson Morvin Fiedtkou, who is also responsible for requesting supplies from the Central Store within the Ministry, revealed that the EMS storeroom currently has a stock of approximately 2000 PPE's which includes masks, gowns, and gloves.

The spokesperson stated that there is an adequate supply of the equipment

for staff since their protection is of paramount importance.

To maintain optimal use, the spokesperson explained that a system is in place to manage, use and distribution.

According to Fiedtkou, "one PPE is used for the 8-hour workday unless the case arises where a patient exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, for example, a cough, at which point the Emergency Medical Technician is then provided with another PPE to minimize the risk of transmission."

The spokesman added that a surveillance team has been put in place to screen calls to determine whether the patient is at low risk or high risk of having COVID-19. If the call is low risk, the regular EMTs will go on that call. However, if the call is deemed to be high risk, the Infectious Disease Control Unit will respond with the appropriate PPE.

The health ministry also indicated that even though the call may be considered to be a low risk, all of the EMTs are still adorned with PPE.

In responding to other allegations of PPE shortages, the head nurse with responsibility for the Browne's Avenue Clinic stated that she is disappointed with the false information being pur-



ported to the public in a local news publication titled "Browne's Avenue clinic called out for lack of resources".

In a statement from the health ministry, the head nurses said, "the clinic is well equipped with Personal Protective Equipment for the members of staff for its daily operations."

She indicated that should the need arise for additional supplies at any point in time, a request is made to the Central Stores, and once approved, the supplies are delivered to the clinic.

The head nurse explained that "every patient has their hands sprayed with hand sanitizer or 70% based alcohol to protect both the staff and clients from transmission".

The health ministry indicated that a hand washing station will be installed at the facility in short order.

The head nurse reiterated her disappointment by stating "I am disappointed an employee would take these accusations to the media before voicing the concerns with her but noted that the accusations are "false and baseless."



DIRECT ONLINE BILL PAYMENT

www.apua.ag

Pay your water and
electricity bills online,
just like that!

#JustLikeThat



HOW TO REGISTER!

STEP 1: Go to www.apua.ag

STEP 2: Click 'Pay Water & Electricity'.

Get your bill in hand and find the following:

- Your account number. This is your
Location No. & Customer Number.

For example: **E123456789-123456789**

- Meter number

For example: **A12345678**

STEP 3: Click 'Register', fill in your 'Login Details'
and 'Personal Details'.

Make sure your email address is active.

STEP 4: Click 'Register Now'.

STEP 5: Confirm your email address to activate then
login and proceed!

HOW TO PAY ONLINE!

STEP 1: Login to your APUA account.

STEP 2: View your current balance and click
'\$ Pay Bill'.

STEP 3: Enter the amount you wish to pay. Click
'\$ Pay My Bill' then click 'Continue'.

STEP 4: Fill in your card information. Click
'Submit Payment'.

Payment complete! Your receipt will be emailed to
you.

Please note that payment updates will be shown on
the account the following business day.

For customer support, please email us at
customerservice@apua.ag or call **(268) 480-7150**.

Visit our website at www.apua.ag
and sign up now to pay online!

Maintaining Communication During the Lay Off

There is definitely a slew of buzz words that have taken over the airways over the last few months. The more popular ones being coronavirus, COVID, pandemic, social distancing, lay-off, and furlough just to name a few. But what an individual employee may be hearing each time these words are mentioned could be any of the following: missed car payments, missed mortgage payments, inability to pay school fees, loss of primary/ secondary income, insufficient food stock, and the list could go on and on.

Employers now have the added responsibility to be careful, empathetic, and consistent in what they are communicating to their employees. As such we offer the following tips.

1. Be open and honest. We all know that this is an unprecedented situation for everyone. Not many alive today have seen a pandemic bring the world economy to its knees. Your workers, therefore, do not expect you to have all the answers right away but they can expect you to be open and honest in your communications to them. If the company is unaware when persons are likely to return, inform them. If there is a need for a partial return to work inform all staff on what roles and functions will resume and under what conditions they will.

2. Be swift but decisive. In this pandemic season the

flood gates of information have opened and are flowing at the speed of light. Employers have to be able to dissect and decipher incoming information to determine what is share-worthy with their furloughed staff and what is not. Each day will pose a new challenge as things are changing rapidly with opens, closures, supply chains, regulations, legislation, and more. An employer has to be able to act quickly on incoming information. Having a real-time connection with laid-off staff will be important to prevent the spread of misinformation.

3. Be caring. At a time like this a little compassion goes a long way. Setting up a common space for employer-employee interaction will go a long way in maintaining contact with your workforce. A company chat group on Whatsapp can be a good source of sharing information as well as checking up on staff to see how they are coping with the pandemic. Be sure to set guidelines and parameters to ensure confidentiality and privacy is maintained. An individual approach can be utilized for individual employees who are more reserved and for more confidential information.

4. Be willing to listen. Communication is a two-way street. Now more than ever the input of employees is valuable to ensure that both parties can implement proto-



cols to make the best of the situation. Employees see the work in ways that their superiors may not and can offer valuable insight to ensure that any reorganization of work is carried out with efficiency.

5. Be continuous. Employers and employees should be willing to continue along this vain once the pandemic has subsided. Undoubtedly, there will be additional changes to be made going forward into the new normal. Companies have a great advantage to build upon the camaraderie and community that may have come as a result of the pandemic. Nothing here is to be taken for granted as both entities would have realized how interdependent their needs are to the success of the company and the overall economy.

Additionally, companies will realize that there is no one size fits all solution. Owners/Managers/Leaders will have to test and retest scenarios and solutions to see what options work best for both parties. Through open, honest, and

continuous communication the company and the employees have the opportunity to establish a communications framework that can carry forward to ensure that viability, trust, and camaraderie are maintained. The quality of your communication with your staff during this time may be the very thing that the working relationship going forward is built on.

The Human Resource Professionals of Antigua and Barbuda (HRPAB) is a registered non-profit, professional association dedicated to the advancement of the HR profession for national development. We began assembling informally from 2009 and legally registered in 2011. HRPAB's growing membership represents private and public organizations as well as independent consultants specializing in one or more areas of human resource management and development. Membership is offered for three categories: professional, non-professional and honorary.

SENIOR LECTURER/LECTURER

School of Health and Behavioural Sciences

The University of the West Indies (UWI) is a dynamic, international institution serving the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean. Its faculties and institutes offer a wide range of undergraduate, masters and doctoral programmes in Humanities and Education, Science and Technology, Engineering, Law, Medical Sciences, Sport and the Social Sciences. The institution represents the oldest of its kind within the region and has been responsible for producing outstanding leaders who have made remarkable contributions to regional development. In 2019, the UWI placed 32nd among the 150 best ranked universities across Latin America and the Caribbean, according to the Times Higher Education (THE) Latin America University Rankings. After 71 years The UWI remains the number 1 ranked university, out of more than 200 registered universities in the Caribbean. The UWI is currently within the top 3% of universities in Latin America and the Caribbean from a complement of over 2,000 registered universities.

The Five Islands Campus is seeking to fill positions of Senior Lecturer/Lecturer on the Five Islands Campus in Antigua & Barbuda. The Senior Lecturer/Lecturer will provide academic leadership for the School of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

QUALIFICATION, TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

- A Ph.D. or other doctoral level qualification.
- A specialized certificate in Nursing Education is preferred.
- Demonstrated scholarly research and a significant potential for carrying out scholarly research.
- An appropriate record of teaching combined with a willingness to undertake training in teaching at the tertiary level.
- Experience in the administration of internship programmes.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Teach bachelor's and master's level courses in their area of specialization.
- Supervise master's and doctoral research.
- Develop new courses and programmes.
- Modify and upgrade course material on an ongoing basis.
- Be involved in interdisciplinary collaboration.
- Develop innovative research.
- Advise and supervise students at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- Coordinate internships and other student programmes.
- Participate in campus-related and outreach activities.
- Conduct original, high quality scholarly research for publication in leading academic journals.
- undertake an appropriate teaching and administrative load.
- Provide scholarly inputs into the School's outreach programmes.
- Develop funding proposals and raise funds to support scholarly research.
- Participate in relevant university committees and boards.
- Provide leadership, as required in support of the overall strategy of the School.

The School of Health and Behavioural Sciences seeks to fill three (3) posts. Applicants must be able to deliver content across multiple areas at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The available posts are as follows:

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Anatomy and Physiology. Specialized areas in Nursing to include Human Anatomy and Physiology, Human Pathophysiology, and Health Assessment.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Epidemiology and Research Methodology. Specialized areas in Nursing to include Epidemiology, Health Informatics, Research Methodology and Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Nursing.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Nursing Care. Specialized areas in Nursing to include The Nursing Process, Nursing Care of Adults, Clinical Practicum (8 weeks clinical) and, Patient And Health Care Worker Safety.

Applicants are required to submit a completed employment application form, curriculum vitae giving particulars of qualifications, experience, the names and addresses of at least three (3) references (one of whom should be from your current organization) and copies of academic qualifications. These are to be sent by electronic mail to hr.fiveislands@uwi.edu addressed to the **Director of Administration and Finance, The University of the West Indies, Five Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies.** Full CV and application forms, which must be completed and can be obtained at <http://www.uwi.edu/jobs>, must be submitted. The final date for receipt of applications is June 29, 2020. In order to expedite the appointment procedures, applicants are advised to ask their referees to send reports under confidential cover to the above address without waiting to be contacted.

CHTA Calls For Major Tour Operators To Settle Debts With Caribbean Hotels

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) is calling for one of the world's largest leisure, travel, and tourism companies, TUI Group (Touristik Union International), to reimburse Caribbean hotels and resorts for services received.

Last April, CHTA appealed for a response from tour operators which had failed to reimburse hotels for first quarter stays by travelers who had made their payments to them well in advance of their travel.

"Most tour operators honoured their obligations, and we've been pleased to see that a number of those who had delayed reimbursements have settled since our appeal in April," said Frank Comito, CHTA's CEO and Director General.

"But millions of dollars in reimbursements remain obligated and are jeopardising the hoteliers' survival and ability to meet obligations, like taxes and labour expenses, because of the holdout by TUI and several other tour operators."

In a letter to Andrew Flintham, Managing Director of TUI's United Kingdom and Ireland operations, Comito said he wanted the company to join its competitors in settling debts to Caribbean hotels whose survival is under threat.

The CHTA chief executive also described efforts by TUI



CEO and Director General of Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association, Frank Comito

to advance amendments to payment terms for future contracts – which are even more onerous for hoteliers – and would be tied to receiving the Q1 payments that are contractually owed as "unreasonable and untenable".

By failing to pay, TUI appears to be in breach of exist-

ing contractual obligations, Comito said, noting that these distressed hotels have been longstanding loyal partners, directly contributing to the build of TUI's Caribbean book of business.

The Caribbean private sector leader noted with great interest the public statement of apology

that Flintham recently made to travelers who are also awaiting cancellation reimbursements.

"While a similar sentiment would be appropriate to your loyal and longstanding partner hotels in the Caribbean... we urge your support in expediting the reimbursement of these obligations."

Barbados: Cuban nurses strong despite bus attack



Barbados Ambassador to CARICOM David Comissiong

Police has launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding injuries to two Cuban nurses from an object which was thrown into their chartered bus on Saturday night. However, Ambassador to CARICOM David Comissiong is suspicious about the motive behind the incident.

He told Barbados TODAY the scenario is foreign to Barbados' culture which suggests to him that this is the work of an agent provocateur and "dirty politics".

Comissiong believes that whoever carried out the unlawful act or whoever prompted them to do it, has calculated that it would make front page news in Barbados and eventually regionally and internationally.

"To unthinking people, it might even give the false impression that this was some negative expression by the people of Barbados. So I am very suspicious of this act. I am very suspicious of who is behind it and more importantly what is behind it and what negative propaganda effect they intended this incident to have.

"It is not fair to Barbados, it does a disservice to Barbados and whoever did it, or whoever set up that person to do it is definitely not a friend of the Barbadian nation," he said.

Barbados TODAY understands the incident occurred just after 7 p.m. when the nurses were on their way from the isolation facility at Harrison's Point, St Lucy. It is also understood that the driver of the bus

immediately returned to the facility. Comissiong said the Barbadian people have generally shown the Cuban health professionals nothing but love, acceptance and respect for the critical work they are doing in Barbados.

He said generally speaking the people of Barbados have a great empathy and respect for the people of Cuba not just these medical personnel.

"There are many Cuban coaches who work in the school system in Barbados, who work with various sporting clubs in Barbados and the Barbadian people show them nothing but love and respect," he said.

The ambassador said he was happy the nurses were not seriously injured by the object

which smashed one of the windows resulting in the minor injuries to the two nurses who were treated at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH).

He said from his interaction with relevant Cuban authorities, the nurses are not fazed by what happened. Comissiong said he understands that coming from a sophisticated political culture, the nurses fully understand "the little dirty political games that some people play".

"So the nurses will in no way attribute this to the Barbadian people or hold this against the Barbadian people. The nurses are too politically sophisticated for that," he said.

Executive Chairman of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital (QEH) Juliette Bynoe-Sutherland said she, along with Minister of Health and Wellness Lt Colonel Jeffrey Bostic and the hospital's management team are awaiting the results of police investigations into the matter.

She said she visited the Cuban team at their residence to ensure that all was well.

"I am sure from speaking to their captain that the incident will not impact their morale. We will attend to the immediate issue of their safety enroute. As a Barbadian, this has to be aberration of some kind and I leave it to the outcome of the police report to shape our long-term response," Bynoe-Sutherland said.

Trinidad: Cops, soldiers to be charged for abusing homeless man



DCP (Ag) McDonald Jacob speaks at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) media briefing on June 9, 2020

Two police officers and two soldiers will be charged for abusing a homeless man while on patrol in the Port of Spain district on March 28.

The lawmen allegedly forced the homeless man to consume alcohol and do exercises on George Street, Port of Spain.

The incident, which was

recorded and shared to Facebook, sparked outrage from social media users. Speaking at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's (TTPS) media briefing on Tuesday, DCP (Ag) McDonald Jacob said charges will be brought against the four officers. "The officers went about locating the persons in-

involved in the incident and continued the investigation. A file was submitted and they got instructions from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). But before that even occurred, both police officers were in fact charged for discreditable conduct." The investigators are today presently at the DPP's

office finalising the various charges to be brought against the four officers. There will be various charges, ranging to assault and mischief in public office."

He said the investigation is expected to come to a closure by the end of the week.

GOT NEWS

BECOME A CITIZEN JOURNALIST!

SHARE YOUR NEWS AND VIEWS WITH US.
CALL: 268 562 4989 | EMAIL: NEW@POINTVILL.AG



Guyana Presidential Election Data Shows Opposition Leader Wins Recount

Preliminary data published by Guyana's elections commission shows that opposition candidate Irfaan Ali has won a recount of votes in March's presidential election following accusations the tally was manipulated, Reuters is reporting.

President David Granger had claimed victory despite observer groups and diplomats from the United States and the European Union saying there were irregularities in the count.

While Guyana's election commission has yet to officially declare results, initial data shows Ali's opposition People's Progressive Party secured enough votes to win 33 seats in the 65-seat legislature, according to Reuters.

Granger's APNU+AFC party has reportedly secured enough votes to take 31 seats.

The 40-year-old Ali is expected to be sworn in as president.

The opposition had said the results from the largest voting district had been inflated to put Granger ahead of Ali.

Guyana's top court found the district's electoral head had not counted votes in accordance with electoral laws, eventually leading to a country-wide recount.



Irfaan Ali, presidential candidate for Guyana's opposition People's Progressive Party, meets with supporters ahead of the March 2, 2020 presidential election in Georgetown on January 18, 2020.

US Senate confirms first Black service chief in 'historic' vote

The Senate on Tuesday unanimously confirmed General Charles Brown Jr as chief of staff of the US Air Force, making him the first Black officer to lead one of the nation's military services.

Vice President Mike Pence took the unusual step of presiding over the vote, something he usually does to break ties. But Brown's confirmation, 98-0, was not close. Pence called the moment "historic."

The vote came as the Trump administration and the mostly white Senate Republican conference grapple with the aftermath of the killing of George Floyd in police custody in Minneapolis.

Protests have convulsed the nation alongside the coronavirus pandemic, with racial discrimination being the common thread between them. The vote in Washington, DC overlapped with Floyd's funeral in Houston.

Brown most recently served as the commander of US Pacific Air Forces. He is a fighter pilot, with more than 2,900 flying hours, including 130 in combat.

He posted a video on social media Friday describing a lifetime of dealing with racial bias and the struggle to fit in to a predominantly white society.

"I'm thinking about my Air

Force career where I was often the only African American in my squadron or, as a senior officer, the only African American in the room," he said in a raw tone. "I'm thinking about wearing the same flight suit with the same wings on my chest as my peers and being questioned by another military member: 'Are you a pilot?'"

Brown was commissioned in 1984 as a distinguished graduate of the ROTC program at Texas Tech University.

He has served in a variety of positions at the squadron and wing levels, and commanded a fighter squadron and two fighter wings. He also was an F-16 instructor at the US Air Force Weapons School.

The military, with African Americans making up a little more than 17 percent of its active-duty ranks, is more racially diverse than the country, which is 13 percent African American, according to 2019 Census estimates.

The Army is the most diverse with more than 21 percent African Americans, while the Marine Corp is the least, with 10 percent. Black Americans make up about 17 percent of the Navy and less than 15 percent of the Air Force.

But there is a much greater racial divide within the active-duty military based on



General Charles Brown Jr, the first African American chief of staff of the United States Air Force, speaks during a Senate Armed Services Committee confirmation hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC

rank. Nineteen percent of active-duty enlisted troops are black, but they make up only percent of the officer corps. Of those, there are just 71 who are

general or flag officers, wearing one to four stars, including only two who have attained the top four-star rank.

Burundi President Pierre Nkurunziza dies of 'cardiac arrest' at 55

Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza, aged 55, has died after suffering a cardiac arrest, the government says.

He was admitted to hospital on Saturday after feeling unwell, his condition improved but on Monday he had a cardiac arrest and efforts to revive him were unsuccessful, officials say.

After 15 years in power, Mr Nkurunziza was due to step down in August.

In 2015, the announcement that he would run for a third term plunged the country into chaos.

It sparked anger as some questioned the legality of a third-term bid.

There was a failed coup attempt, hundreds of people died in clashes and tens of thousands fled the country.

After a change in the constitution, he was able to run for a further term in last month's election but he decided to retire and was to be known as the "supreme guide to patriotism".

He was also due to receive a \$540,000 (£440,000) retirement pay-out and a luxury villa.

Pierre Nkurunziza was loved and feared in equal measure - loved by those who felt he lived up to his promises when he was elected after the civil war, and feared by his political opponents.

When the former rebel lead-



Pierre Nkurunziza was campaigning for his party's candidate in last month's presidential election.

er took office in 2005, at the age of 40, the country that had been brutally torn apart by an ethnic conflict that had killed about 300,000 over a decade.

Young, optimistic and charismatic, he managed to live up to everyone's expectations by uniting people and rebuilding the economy. Between 2006 and 2011, the president - known for his preaching and love of football - received seven international awards for his peace-building efforts.

But after a decade in pow-

er, his reputation took a nose dive and the unity he had built collapsed when he organised a referendum to allow him to stand for a third term. Deadly protests erupted, there was a coup attempt and hundreds of thousands of people fled the country.

After this he only left the country officially once - by car to neighbouring Tanzania. The UN accused him of oppressing the opposition and killing and abducting opponents, accusations vehemently denied by

Burundi's government.

Despite suspicions that he planned to stay on for a fourth term, he did not stand in elections in May, which were held despite coronavirus.

He and his wife Denise, who had five children together and adopted several others, regularly organised prayer gatherings - and the man who was to become Burundi's "supreme guide to patriotism" put all his successes down to God, including what he said the country's success against Covid-19.

The border spat between India and China is turning into an all-out media war

China and India's latest border dispute may have mainly involved scuffles and troop maneuvers on the ground, but it has been all-out war in the respective countries' media.

Tensions have been growing in the Himalayas along one of the world's longest land borders, with New Delhi and Beijing both accusing the other of overstepping the Line of Actual Control (LAC) that separates the two. The territory has long been disputed, erupting into numerous minor conflicts and diplomatic spats since a bloody war between the countries in 1962.

On Saturday, military leaders met at the border to "peacefully resolve the situation in the border areas," according to a statement from India's foreign ministry. Even today, just what occurred on the ground in the highly militarized region remains unclear -- in part because the main body of this distinctly 21st-century conflict has so far mostly played out through propaganda, strategic leaks and aggressive posturing in the media.

Ahead of Saturday's meeting, Chinese broadcasters aired footage of People's Liberation Army (PLA) maneuvers in the region -- complete



China and India have been engaged in an ongoing border dispute along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Himalayas.

with planes and trucks full of troops -- in what state media described as "demonstrating China's capability of quickly reinforcing border defenses when necessary." Unconfirmed -- and in some cases, debunked -- videos have also circulated on both Chinese and Indian social media purporting to show troop incursions and scuffles between soldiers. Writing in India's *Hindustan Times*, strategic affairs analyst Shishir Gupta said Sunday that Chinese reports on PLA maneuvers

were part of a "disinformation campaign" designed to sap Indian resolve, and "overwhelm the enemy into panic so that his capacity to negotiate is weakened." Both Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi have built public support in large part on nationalism and a promise of future greatness. This often translates into jingoism and aggressive rhetoric, particularly when playing to a domestic audience.

Such an approach was ev-

idenced in Chinese coverage of the PLA maneuvers in the Himalayas. Equally, despite Delhi's announcement Saturday of easing tensions, leading Indian government figures struck an aggressive tone Monday, with Home Affairs Minister Amit Shah telling a rally of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that "any intrusion into the the borders of India will be punished."

"Some used to say that US and Israel were the only countries which were willing and capable of avenging every drop of the blood of their soldiers," Shah said. "(Modi) has added India to that list."

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh also weighed in Monday, saying: "I would remind everyone, India's leadership will not let our self respect suffer. India's policy is clear, we won't hurt any country's integrity and dignity. At the same time we will not let any country to hurt our integrity."

Their statements came amid growing pressure from opposition parties to take a stronger line, with the Congress party's Rahul Gandhi repeating claims that Delhi was downplaying the scale of the Chinese incursion, saying in a tweet "the media is muzzled and terrified. The truth seems dormant."

WHO clarifies comments on asymptomatic spread of coronavirus: 'There's much unknown'

The World Health Organization tried on Tuesday to clear up confusing comments about how often people can spread the coronavirus when they do not have symptoms.

The organization held a live Q&A on its social media pages to address questions about comments made by a WHO official that suggested asymptomatic people only rarely spread Covid-19.

The comments appeared to directly contradict guidance from public health organizations, including the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which have said about a third of coronavirus infections may be asymptomatic. The CDC also estimates that 40% of coronavirus transmission is occurring before people feel sick, meaning they are pre-symptomatic.

But it may boil down to how one defines "asymptomatic."

The organization held a live Q&A on its social media pages to address questions about comments made by a WHO official that suggested asymptomatic people only rarely spread Covid-19.

The comments appeared to directly contradict guidance from public health organizations, including the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which have said about a third of coronavirus infections may be asymptomatic. The CDC also estimates that 40% of coronavirus transmission is occurring before people

feel sick, meaning they are pre-symptomatic.

But it may boil down to how one defines "asymptomatic."

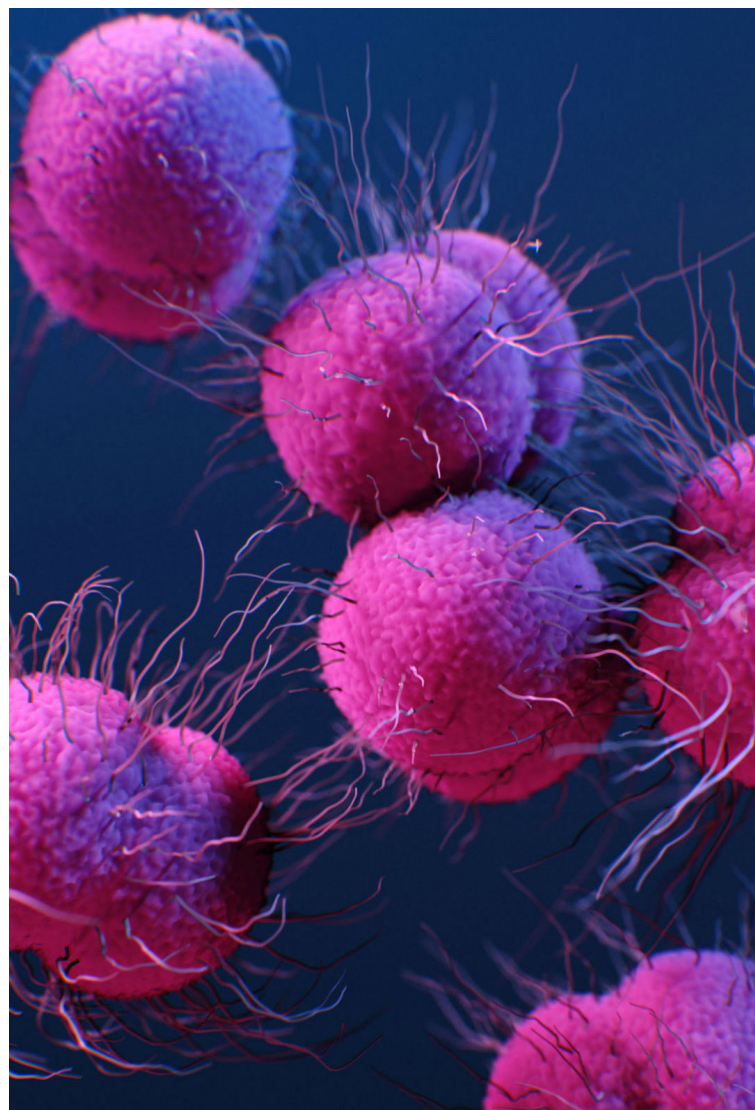
"The majority of transmission that we know about is that people who have symptoms transmit the virus to other people through infectious droplets -- but there are a subset of people who don't develop symptoms, and to truly understand how many people don't have symptoms, we don't actually have that answered yet," Van Kerkhove said.

"We do know that some people who are asymptomatic, or some people who don't have symptoms, can transmit the virus on," she said. "So what we need to better understand is how many of the people in the population don't have symptoms and separately how many of those individuals go on to transmit to others."

On Monday, Van Kerkhove had said that what appear to be asymptomatic cases of Covid-19 often turn out to be cases of mild disease.

"When we actually go back and we say how many of them were truly asymptomatic, we find out that many have really mild disease," Van Kerkhove said on Monday.

"They're not quote-unquote Covid symptoms -- meaning they may not have developed fever yet, they may not have had a significant cough, or they may not have shortness of breath -- but some may have mild disease," Van Kerkhove



said. "Having said that, we do know that there can be people who are truly asymptomatic."

Van Kerkhove added that she was referring to reports from WHO member states when she made her comments on Monday.

"What I was referring to yesterday in the press conference were very few studies -- some two or three studies that had been published that actually try to follow asymptomatic cases, so people who are infected, over time, and then look at all

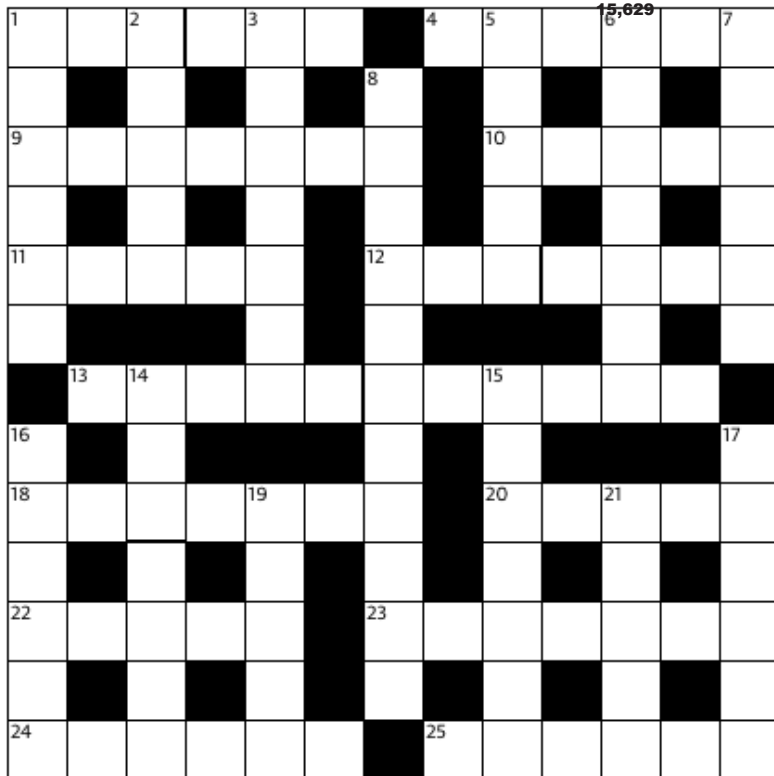
of their contacts and see how many additional people were infected," Van Kerkhove said.

"And that's a very small subset of studies. So I was responding to a question at the press conference. I wasn't stating a policy of WHO or anything like that," she said. "Because this is a major unknown, because there are so many unknowns around this, some modeling groups have tried to estimate what is the proportion of asymptomatic people that may transmit."

QUICK CROSSWORD

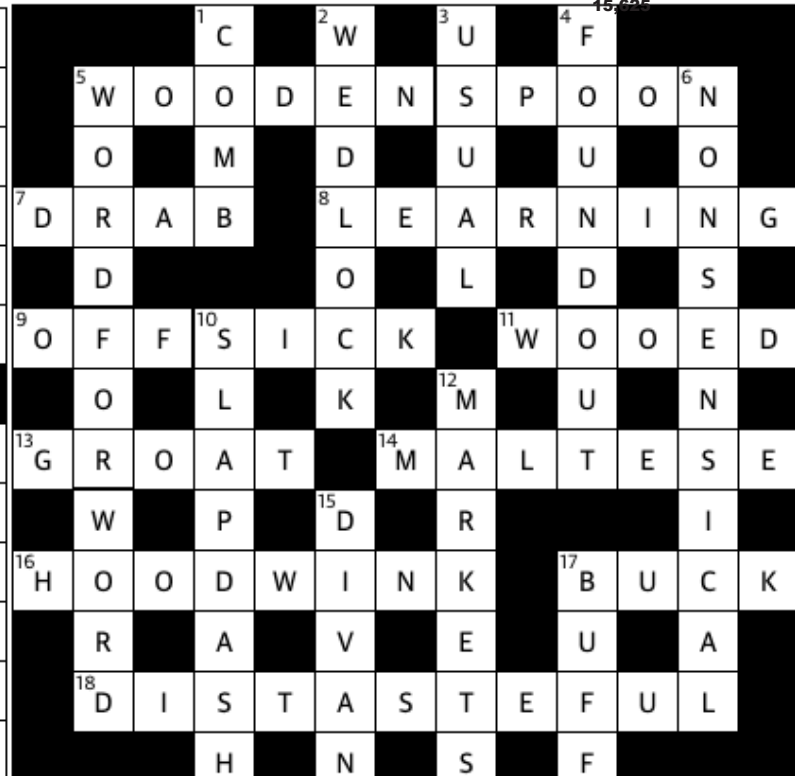
Quick crossword No

15,629



Quick crossword No

15,625



Across

- 1 A real stinker? (3,3)
- 4 Gossamer trap (6)
- 9 Internet seminar (7)
- 10 Problem? (5)
- 11 Helicopter lifter (5)
- 12 Cricket's 'on' (3,4)
- 13 Out-of-this world travel (5,6)
- 18 American pit viper (informal) (7)
- 20 Vice ____ (Latin) (5)
- 22 Tusk substance (5)
- 23 Father, Son and Holy Spirit (7)
- 24 Contemporary (6)
- 25 Bottom (6)

Down

- 1 Watch out for (6)
- 2 Accounting entry recording sums that are 5 (5)
- 3 Non-specific (7)
- 5 Unpaid (5)
- 6 Splenetic (7)
- 7 Bitter maker? (6)
- 8 Snowball (11)
- 14 Tins for mogs and dogs? (3,4)
- 15 Statement of money to be paid (7)
- 16 Obviously correct and verified statement (6)
- 17 Huckleberry Finn's friend Tom ____ (6)

CARTOON CORNER

Garfield



DAILY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Your creative talents may be percolating in the background. You might be slightly irritated if family matters interfere with your desire for a bit of quiet time to pursue your pet projects. Consider putting your love life on the back burner.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Someone or something that stirs your interest and arouses excitement could be on your mind. Take time to dabble or experiment without committing yourself to anything permanent. Hold off on making major purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your imagination and think far ahead instead of throwing a pity party due to limitations beyond your control. You may feel you aren't making progress, but be patient: You won't necessarily lose ground.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make peace with any pangs of guilt that might occur when you spend more than anticipated. By delegating business or household errands to other people, you can reserve more time for your own pet interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may think you're spinning your wheels, but a little time and perspective might reveal the progress you're really making. Find a way to do something useful when you have some free time on your hands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The plans you would like to make with someone may be hard to actualize. Your reaction may be to abruptly change your plans or abandon them altogether rather than be left dangling.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A significant other or household member could champion your cause or support your dreams in an unusual way. You might find that spending some more time at home improves your outlook and offers unexpected benefits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do the right thing even if things go wrong. You might find that what looked like a mistake was just an indication that a minor change was needed. Keep thinking positively and everything that seems problematic should evaporate.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You absorb Vitamin D from sunshine; try to avoid absorbing energy from negative people. An increased sensitivity to your surroundings can make it important to avoid unhappy people and unpleasant settings.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You know that to get the best you usually must spend more, but your inner Scrooge will urge you to economize. Until that inner battle between feast and famine is over, perhaps it's best to hold off on a purchase.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New apps and gadgets might be endlessly fascinating and can capture your imagination. This probably isn't a good time to invest money in new toys, but you can always download a free sample to take a closer look.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Stand pat and don't give up. If you try to begin something new, you may end up feeling that you are swimming against the currents. Don't let yourself become demoralized based on unsubstantiated worries.

CLASSIFIEDS

G. MIGHTY PHARMACY

located @ NEVIS STREET, St. John's, Antigua is looking for a full-time pharmacist with two (2) to (5) years of experience. Call 462-8911 to be Qualified !!!!!

VILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

*Registration begins 3rd-12th June, 2020

*Scheduled Hours 9:30am - 1:00pm

*Registration Requirements

1. Passport Size Photo
2. Birth Certificate Health Card
3. Parents ID for Proof of Address

*Registration Fee is \$70.00 which includes:
P.E Shirt, P.E Skirt & Pant

*Face mask must be worn when entering the school campus.

*All social distancing protocols must be adhered too

Anthony Merrick: I am underpaid and disrespected

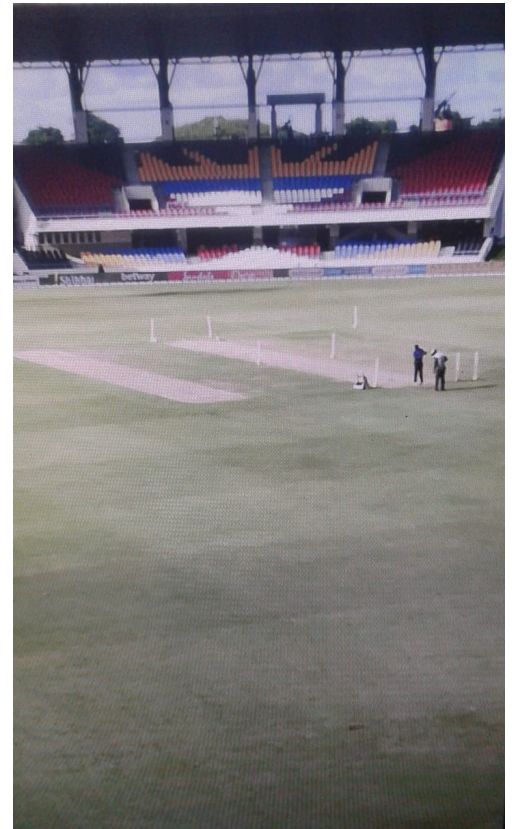
Anthony Merrick, Antigua and Barbuda, Leeward Islands, West Indies A, Kent, Warwickshire fast bowler gave his country everything, but as the head groundsman at the Sir. Vivian Richards Stadium is highly underpaid.

Merrick started his career at the age of eight in the All Saints community at the Mc Pond playing field doing everything bowling, batting, wicket-keeping and learning to prepare pitches as was demanded back in the 1970's if you were to be associated with a team.

Merrick worked his way into a star studded national team in 1980 with players such as Gene Gould as captain, Enoch Lewis, John Archibald, Keith Fredrick and Mervyn Richards in the lineup.

The former Kent player who spent six years in the English Country circuit formed a deadly partnership with John Ferris that is etched in the history of Antigua cricket history.

But the burning issue is that someone
cont'd on pg 27



POINTE Printery
PRINTING AT YOUR FINGER TIPS

**INVITATIONS
BI-FOLDS
CALENDARS
POSTER
FLYERS
BOOKLETS
BUSINESS CARDS**

CALL US TODAY 268 562 4989
LOWER NORTH STREET, POINT WHARF, ST. JOHN'S ANTIGUA
PRINTJOBS@POINTVILLE.AG

ALEXANDER.W
HEAD OF ENGINEER

COMPANY NAME
TAGLINE GOES HERE

YOUR FIRST ADDRESS LINE
YOUR SECOND ADDRESS LINE

JOHN.SMITH@YOURMAIL.COM

+0 123 456 789
+0 987 654 321

WWW.YOURCOMPANY.COM

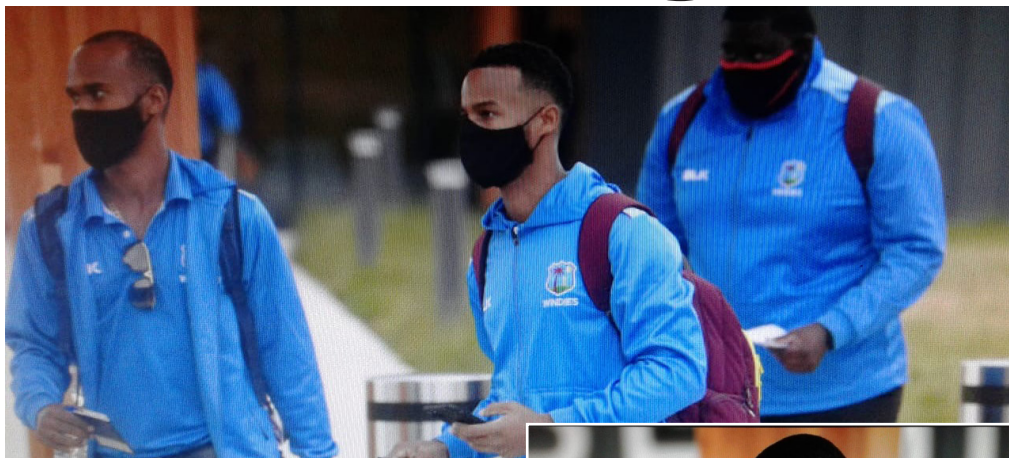
Integer placer-
Morbi et ipsum auctor,
eget tristique
ipsum id aliquam.
connullis ut suscipit sit amet, facilisis
orci facilisis, ac tincidunt nunc ultrices.

West Indies begin cricket tour of England

West Indies arrived in Manchester early Tuesday morning for the Sandals England Tour 2020 as they continue the journey towards the resumption of international cricket.

Jason Holder's team will now get acclimatized to life in the United Kingdom as they prepare to face England in three Test matches.

The playing squad plus reserves will be based at Emirates Oval Trafford, for the quarantine period. While there, they will have the training and net



sessions, under the guidance of head coach Phil Simmons and his experience coaching staff.

Rakeem Cornwall is embarking on his first Test tour of England and on arrival immediately posted a video updating fans on his new living conditions as he caught up with a bit of news on television.

The Test matches will be the first in-



ternational competitions to be played anywhere in the world since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.

cont'd from pg 26

who represented, coached and is now the head grounds man at the Sir Vivian Richards stadium, is highly underpaid.

The manager at the Stadium Keithroy Blacks described Merrick as a humble hard worker who is totally dedicated to his job.

But **PointeXpress** has learned that the former national player and coach is paid less than \$2,500.00 monthly with no traveling and duty allowance which most would consider disrespectful for someone who represented his country for over ten years.

"I was paid a certain

amount of monies but when the board handed over the stadium under the previous government, my salary was reduced by a thousand dollars," Merrick said, "but I am hoping that this can be rectified in the near future."

The former Antigua pacer said he will continue to do his duties diligently as a professional no matter what. "I harbour no regrets on my career. Most people think I should have made it into the West Indies team but I am happy with my body of work."

PointeXpress spoke to a high level official in the Ministry of Sports who in-

dicated that he too, shares Merrick's concern and he is

working to rectify the situation.





Island Girls: Beautiful, intelligent, elite athletes

The Island Girls are a group of ladies who are adventurous, fearless, mentally, physically and spiritually tough.

Meet Kevinia Francis, Elvira Bell, Christal Clashings, Samara Emmanuel, role models, elite athletes who made Antigua and Barbuda proud after crossing the Atlantic in 47 days and eight hours as the only black and all female team to cross the Atlantic in the Talisker Whisky Challenge.

It took courage, confidence, and intelligence to accomplish what these young ladies achieved.

Talking with PointXpress, the ladies expressed



the difficulty of the task but articulated they came out learning to work as a team in difficult times.

Each individual had a spe-

cific role but when they had difficulties they banded as a unit for the benefit of the cause.

Their boat name the Jean Mary is made from Carbon Fibre with two satellite phone the ladies completed

a grueling exercise sailing into English Harbour Nelson Dockyard with hundreds of proud nationals and residents in attendance.

Would you do it again as question from the PointXpress reporter, "Yes because we did not finish where we wanted to," Kevinia Francis explained.

DEWS