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Pre-school graduation

Parliamentary representative for St Paul, E.P Chet Greene, participated in the graduation ceremony for the 11-Hours Sunshine Preschool held at the English Harbour Football field on Sunday afternoon. Greene also presented gifts to the pre-schoolers.

DAY 6/22

Max UV Index: 12 Extreme
 Wind: E at 26 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 30 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 25%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 0%
 Precipitation: 0.0 mm
 Rain: 0.0 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm

32°_{Hi}



Mostly sunny and pleasant

NIGHT 6/22

Wind: E at 18 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 28 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 40%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 0.5 mm
 Rain: 0.5 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 1
 Hours of Rain: 1

26°_{Lo}



Partly cloudy with a stray shower

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
5:35 AM

Sunset AST
6:44 PM



Duration
13:09 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
6:40 AM

Moonset AST
8:12 AM



Duration
13:32 hr

PM: No delays in June salaries

All public sector workers will receive their salaries and wages for the month of June on time!

That's the assurance coming from Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, who said the government has put systems in place to ensure that the salaries are paid on time despite the fact that government's revenues have declined because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Where the central government is concerned, government's revenues remain in a precarious position because of the shutdown although the situation has not worsened. Where there is a noticeable fall off is in the revenues for

both Social Security, the Medical Benefits Scheme and Education Levy," he reported.

In fact, the prime minister, who also holds the finance ministry portfolio, said he anticipates that the Social Security Scheme may be late in paying pensioners this month-end.

"However, where central government is concerned, I am confident that all occupational salaries and wages will be paid at the end of the month. That's because we have made certain provisions to ensure that payments are made on time," he declared.

PM Browne said he has a good team

working along with him to ensure that the business of government proceeds smoothly.

"We are committed to do what is necessary to pay public servants on time as we recognize that the public servant may be the only bread winner in the home at this time. We therefore have to do what we can to pay them so that they can put food on the table," he remarked.

According to Browne the government is going the extra mile to eliminate, as best as it can, the possibility of poverty running rampant in the country.

Father's Day mash-up!

A young woman was rushed to the Mount St. John's Medical Centre nursing injuries following a traffic accident on the Old Parham Road on Sunday af-

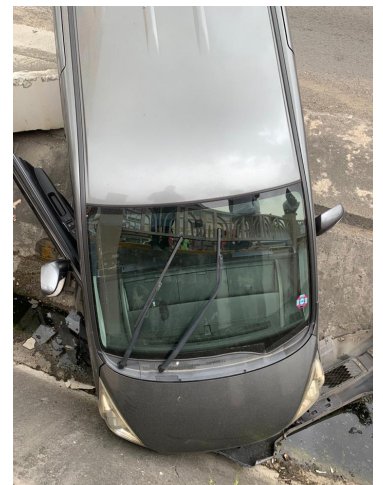
ternoon, Father's Day.

The accident happened just after 2:00 pm when according to reports two vehicles – a Suzuki Swift and a Honda Step-wagon – were

travelling from east to west.

It is alleged that driver of the Suzuki Swift missed the turn in for Futai Hyper market and abruptly applied brakes. When the driver of the Honda Step-wagon swerved to avoid hitting the Swift, both vehicles collided and ended up in the gutter in front of the supermarket.

The driver of the Swift sustained what has been described as minor injuries and was rushed to hospital, but the driver of the Step-wagon emerged unharmed.



The sight of the two vehicles side by side in the ditch created quite a spectacle attracting many onlookers.



World largest cruise vessel to dock in November

With approximately 85 persons working on the dredging and construction of the country's 5th port berth, Minister of Tourism, Charles 'Max' Fernandez, said that by the last week in October, work on the country's largest pier should be completed.

The tourism minister revealed this during a recently held tour of the pier. According to Fernandez, "We are between 70 and 75% completed from what I am told, we now have to complete this aspect of it then the pier would be completed. We



are also going to be looking at starting very shortly, the cleaning and dredging of the areas the ships would park at the entrance."

The minister continued, "We have to complete everything related to the port around the last week of October because the oasis class ship that is coming on the 11th of November. The



ship is coming just to ensure that everything is in place so next year when the season starts in full, there will be no problem." The idea of the test run, the minister explained, is to get feedback

from the cruise ship captain in regards to parking and turning around.

The Oasis Class cruise ship will be the largest cruise vessel to dock in Antigua. *cont'd on pg 5*



New vehicle amplifies COVID-19 contact tracing capabilities

The Ministry of Health says its “surveillance program has now been strengthened with a donation of a 5-seater 2020 Kia Seltos to support Antigua and Barbuda’s response to the COVID 19 Pandemic.”

In a brief handing over ceremony, the health ministry disclosed that “the funding grant is made available from the United States Government through USAID support to PAHO’s preparedness and response activities to combat the global Novel Coronavirus



outbreak in the Eastern Caribbean countries.”

The ministry stated that it is anticipated that the acquisition of this vehicle will support the surveillance pro-



gram through the strengthening of its contact tracing capabilities, early detection, screening, follow up and management of COVID 19 cases.

PAHO’s Administrative Secretary in Antigua and Barbuda, Rhea Ireland in her remarks noted the ongoing Technical Cooperation support to Antigua and Barbuda where approximately US\$287-thousand has been mobilized for the COVID-19 response, with approximately US\$983-thousand additional funds in the pipeline.

To date, the country has recorded a total of 26 COVID-19 cases, with only one case remaining and three COVID-19 related deaths.

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Though the cruise line industry has taken a massive hit from the financial fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tourism minister remains optimistic that the upcoming season will see an uptake in the cruise industry.

“My optimism stems from the fact that there is a tremendous amount of interest coming out of the cruise lines, especially coming out of Florida. A lot of people are now looking for shorter cruises, to spend less time on the cruise and so we are anticipating that it would be a good season,” Fernandez explained.

The new port will mark the newest cruise port in the region at completion. The port expansion and rehabilitation form a part of the government’s 30-year old lease agreement with Global Ports Holding, while the construction of the project is being spearheaded by Meridian Construction Company.

Joining the Tourism Minister during the media tour was Prime Minister, Gaston Browne.



PM Browne commented that he was impressed with the level of work being done and pleased with the progress of the project.

Also taking part in the walkthrough and media tour were Rawle Reynolds, Operations Manager, Ulises Torres, Project Manager, Conley Browne from Meridian Construction, and Donna Regis from GPH.



APUA denies complicity

APUA is refuting claims that it was negligent in an incident that led to a middle-aged man sustaining severe burns about his body from electric shock after he came into contact with one of the company's high tension electricity wires.

In a statement APUA said the man - Claimont Carrington - received the electrical shock at a construction site in Buckley's village on Thursday morning.

"At 10:38am on Thursday, June 18th, the main feeder supplying the area tripped and was de-energized due to a fault on the line. A fault crew

was dispatched promptly. A report was made that a man, who was carrying conductive material atop a scaffold on the construction site, came into contact with the high tension wire transmitting 11KV (11-thousand volts) of electricity," the statement said.

It added that due to the sensitivity of the network and efficiency of the protective system, once contact was made with the power line, the feeder tripped and the area was de-energized immediately.

"The power lines and infrastructure are approximately 30 ft. above ground and were existent before the com-

mencement of construction of the new structure," it stated.

The APUA Electricity Business Unit maintains a high response rate for reported electricity faults.

The Authority was not in receipt of a request to de-energize the line in the area where the construction works were being carried out. APUA empathizes with the family of the injured man and extends best wishes for his recovery.

Reports are that arrangements are being made to have the injured man flown to the United States for treatment to the severe burns he suffered.

Court appearance for drug-accused

The man charged last week with importing drugs into the country hidden in home appliances has a scheduled court appearance today to answer those charges.

Police say Darien Ander-

son Isaac, 37, of Renfrew has been charged in connection with the large quantity of cannabis that was seized at Deep Water Harbour last week.

Isaac has been charged

with possession of 40 ¼ pounds of cannabis, possession of cannabis with intent to transfer, being concerned in the supplying of cannabis, importation of cannabis and drug trafficking.

The drug was discovered inside a washing machine, a stove and a refrigerator coming out of Canada. The shipment was intercepted by the anti-drug unit and canine unit.

Meanwhile, the police are still seeking further assistance from the public to identify the body of a male, found dead on Wednesday, 10th June.

The man's body was found at Sutherlands in a stage of decomposition. He was dressed in a blue t-shirt and a pair of long Brown pants and black shoes. He is approximately 6ft in height, medium build and dark in complexion. He appeared to have had dreadlocks.

Anyone with information that can help the police make a positive identification can contact the Criminal Investigations Department at 462-3913 or 462-3914

Father's Day celebrations!

General Manager at Sandals Grande Antigua Resort & Spa, Matthew Cornall, who is also a father, rehydrated himself with a ginger-infused coconut.

This was a part of the resort's special emphasis on health for Father's Day.

Sporting activities were also being held, including Dad's Volleyball and Dad's Kayak Regatta.

Other initiatives were a Piano Sing-A-long and a social media competition where the winner received a free candlelight dinner for two on the resort.



Photo Courtesy Kenrick Kelsick



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES
FIVE ISLANDS CAMPUS, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA, WEST INDIES

SENIOR LECTURER/LECTURER

School of Management Sciences & Technology

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 2% of universities in Latin America and the Caribbean from a complement of over 2,000 registered universities.

The School of Management Sciences and Technology at the Five Islands Campus is seeking to fill six (6) vacancies in its research and teaching and learning portfolios. Applicants must be able to deliver content across multiple areas at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The available vacancies include:

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in General Management with the ability to teach in the areas of: Organizational Development, Team Building & Management, Compensation Management, Business Strategy & Policy, and Business, Governance & Society.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Finance with the ability to teach in the areas of: Financial Management, Financial Institutions & Markets, International Financial Management, Managing Financial Institutions,

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Accounting with the ability to teach in the areas of: Advanced Accounting Theory, Auditing, Advanced Financial Accounting, and Government Accounting.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Economics with the ability to teach in the areas of: Research Methods for Economists, History of Economic Thought, Finance & Development, and Advanced Financial Economics.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Marketing with the ability to teach in the areas of: Marketing Management, International Marketing, Marketing Research and Integrated Marketing Communication.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Tourism and Hospitality Management with the ability to teach in the areas of: International Tourism, Caribbean Tourism, Tourism Planning & Development, and Tourism Management.

QUALIFICATION, TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

- A Ph.D. or DBA level qualification in the relevant area of the Business and Management.
- Demonstrated scholarly research and publication record in Business and Management
- An appropriate record of teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels
- 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.
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- 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.

Candidates are required to submit a completed employment application form, curriculum vitae (inclusive of a statement on teaching and research interests) 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, can be obtained at <http://www.uwi.edu/jobs>, must be submitted. The final date for receipt of applications is July 10, 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.

Caribbean not involved in human trafficking

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, has made a strong defense of the countries of the Commonwealth Caribbean (CARICOM) regarding their use of Cuban health professionals in their health delivery systems.

PM Browne was responding to a proposed law introduced in the US Senate by Florida senator, Rick Scott, and supported by two other Republican senators with Cuban ties, Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz.

The proposed bill will

punish countries that utilize the Cuban doctors, nurses and other health professionals for what it describes as human trafficking. The bill claims that the Cuban government retains much of the proceeds paid for the health professionals' services. Therefore it is trafficking its health care workers and countries that utilize these workers are just as complicit.

But according to PM Browne, CARICOM countries have been utilizing the Cuban health brigades for

over thirty years to buttress their individual health care services.

"If they were to force us to get rid of the Cuban professionals it would dismantle our health care systems. This bill will create a problem for us and we will have to undertake lobbying efforts to protect our interests," Browne stated.

He said that as far as he is concerned Caribbean countries are not involved in human trafficking in any form and that he doesn't accept this new classification coming out of the proposed legislation.

The Antigua and Barbuda leader noted that the region

has always cooperated with the United States to curb human trafficking in the area and he deems it unfair for the proposed law to jeopardize the good works between the region and the US.

Browne is urging the US Embassy in Barbados to inform the US State Department of the potential harm that the legislation could do to the health care systems throughout the region.

"This type of policy would harm our countries and would undermine our normal good relations with the U.S. as it is dragging us innocently into a geo-political issue between the US and Cuba," he declared.

APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

These planned outages are necessary for our continuous upgrade and maintenance programme to provide reliable and consistent service to our customers.

Date: Monday 22nd June 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 12:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Herberts, All Saint Rd. and Law Pasture.

Date: Tuesday 23rd June 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 1:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Potters near the Pentecostal church.

Date: Wednesday 24th June 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 1:00 PM

Affected areas: Bendals, Body Pond, AMP and Green Castle areas.

Date: Thursday 25th June 2020

Time: 08:30AM - 1:00 PM

Affected areas: Section of Sutherlands north of Zachariah's apartment.

Kindly note that this schedule is subject to slight variation. Changes will be communicated on the APUA Facebook page.

Any service disruptions outside of this schedule were not anticipated. For further information and updates please call 311.



Dollar Barrel success

In just under three months since the Dollar Barrel initiative was re-introduced to help families cope with the COVID-19 pandemic...close to 13-hundred barrels have been processed.

Comptroller of Customs, Raju Boddu, said the programme was introduced by the government effective April 1, and it has been a success with families receiving assistance from their relatives abroad.

He said this time around items to help home-owners deal with COVID related issues were covered under the scheme. "This time, we eliminated clothing from the items that are approved. In its place, we introduced things such as hand sanitizers, baby wipes, toiletries, toilet paper and of course, food items," he revealed.

Under the programme, people importing these barrels pay 10 percent of the Revenue Recovery Charge (RRC) and pay a \$10.00 processing fee.

Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, hints that the programme is likely to continue as the government seeks ways to assist families in distress brought on by the pandemic.



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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 Humanities and Education.

QUALIFICATION, TRAINING & EXPERIENCE:

- A Ph.D. or other relevant doctoral level qualification.
- 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.
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The School of Humanities and Education seeks to fill three (3) posts. Applicants should also have at least 15 years of teaching experience as a trained teacher as well as evidence of research and publication at University level. Applicants must be able to deliver content across multiple areas of their specialization at the undergraduate and graduate levels. In addition, applicants should be able to teach one or more of the following core courses:

- Research Methods
- Curriculum Development
- Educational Assessment and Psychology

The available posts are as follows:

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Mathematics Education. Applicants should be able to teach a number of Mathematics content and method courses. Required specialized areas include Structure and Nature of Mathematics, the Teaching of Secondary Mathematics, Maths for Social Sciences and Statistical Methods.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Science Education. Applicants should be able to teach a number of Science content and method courses. Required specialized areas include The Structure and Nature of Science, The Teaching of Secondary Science as well as Chemistry, Biology and Physics content courses.

1 Senior Lecturer/Lecturer in Language/Literacy Education. Applicants should be able to teach a number of Language and Literacy content and method courses. Required specialized areas include Introduction to Morphology and Syntax, Pedagogical Issues in Language Arts and the Teaching of Secondary English.

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.

COVID-19: A catalyst for entrepreneurship Series:

What's the Scoop? Ice-cream business launched during COVID-19

By Angelica O'Donoghue

For many persons, COVID-19 has not only been a health pandemic, but also an economic crisis on a personal level. All around the world, many small businesses and entrepreneurs fought for their survival and their place with the world of work.

Survival in the face of adversity, is exactly how we can describe this week's COVID-19 catalyst for entrepreneurship feature.

Young Clara Lewis, a single mother, and a professional chef was laid off due to the economic fallout from COVID-19 and used the last bit of resources to launch what can be, one of the tastiest treats to hit the market.

Her story is nothing short of inspirational.

Clara, owns and operates an ice-

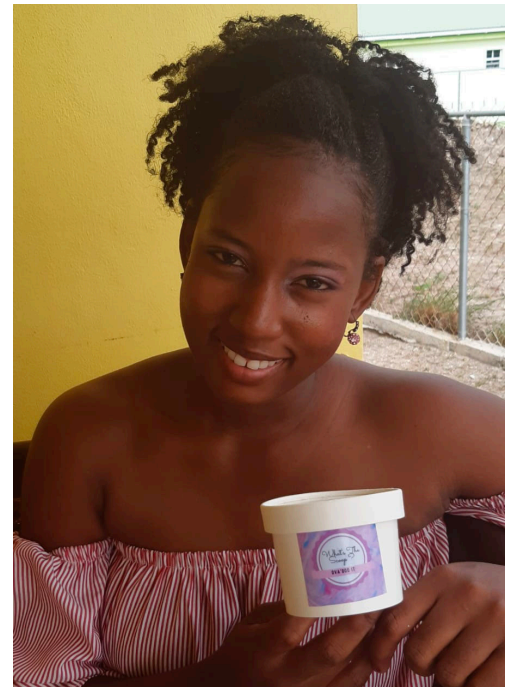


cream business called, 'What's The Scoop?' which she started at the beginning of the month.

After being granted the opportunity to taste her cold treats, we had to truly find out, what's the scoop with her.

What's the scoop? Is a locally produced homemade ice-cream business. Creating ice-cream from some of your favorite fruits, flavors, and everyday ingredients, which can be purchased and or delivered with ease.

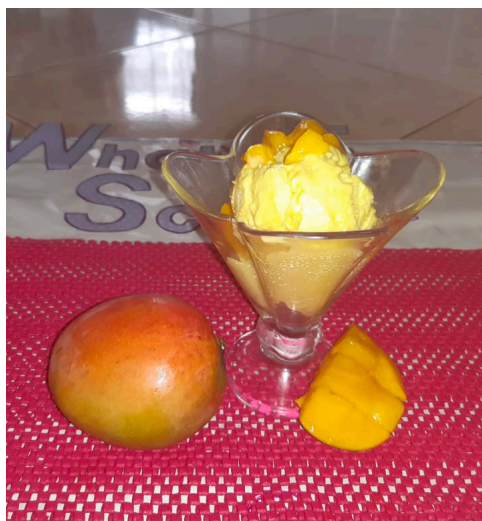
Clara explains that after being laid



Clara Lewis

off from work at a resort and running desperately low on funds, she had to find a way to support her and her young son. The talented young chef understood the peculiar economic climate around her, but she was deter-

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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:

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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.

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mined to use her talent, her skill set and drive to find a way to provide for her child.

So how did Clara, with no job, and no funds start an ice-cream business?

Well, according to the young business owner, "I started with my last 100 dol-

lars. I made that \$100 from selling mangoes."

Picking and selling mangoes is quite common around the island since the seasonal fruit came to bare. Making one hundred (\$100) from the sale of the seasonal fruit propelled her to reinvest her profit into the young

budding business she enjoys today. Naturally, Lewis stated that the first flavor of her ice-cream was mango.

Given the current climate and limited movements of persons, Clara indicated that despite COVID-19, her young business has been successful thus far.

When asked if COVID-19 has impacted her business, Lewis exclaimed, "Good! To have a business started during a pandemic as this, with sales every day since I started is amazing!"

The young entrepreneur explained that she has capitalized on the COVID situation. With profitable sales every day, Lewis attributes it to the fact that her ice-cream "is homemade, tasty, and affordable."

Though she has not recognized any business similar to hers at the moment, Clara disclosed that she does intend to expand the business.



"Yes, I do see my business expanding in the future. By being consistent and developing a business relationship with new customers and bigger businesses," she illustrated.

It must be noted that we found out about Clara when she walked into our doors promoting and giving samples of her work!

We were also informed that the country's leader, Prime Minister Gaston Browne also got the opportunity to sample some of her work and was impressed by her tasty delights and ambition. It was revealed over the weekend that PM Browne has pledged \$5000 towards her business growth and development.

Before concluding the brief sit-down with Clara, the young business owner took the time to give some succinct advice to other budding entrepreneurs, "Take the risk!! You will never know the possibility of your dream until you start chasing it."

To find out more about 'What's the scoop?' ice-cream, visit her social media platform on Facebook: What's the Scoop?



VILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS/GUARDIANS NOTICE

Distribution of Report Cards

DATES	CLASS
Monday 22 June	Kindergarten
Tuesday 23 June	Grade 1
Wednesday 24 June	Grade 2
Thursday 25 June	Grade 3 & 4
Friday 26 June	Grade 5

FACE MASK MUST BE WORN WHEN ENTERING THE SCHOOL CAMPUS.
ALL SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOLS MUST TO BE ADHERED TO




DO NOT JUMP RED SIGNAL

CHECK YOUR SPEED MONT

OBEY TRAFFIC RULES

DRIVE SAFELY



ATB
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA TRANSPORT BOARD

A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

WATER DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE 2020

OVALS, ST JOHN'S CITY (EAST OF CORN ALLEY),
GRAY'S HILL/GRAYS CRESCENT, MICHAEL'S VILLAGE,
PRINCESS ST., CAMACHO'S AVE.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY 5:00AM-2:00PM

FIVE ISLANDS TO YEPTONS, HAWKS BILL, GALLEY BAY

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SUNDAY 5:00AM-1:00PM

SIDE HILL TO HATTON, COOKS HILL/ COOKS HILL ESTATE

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 5:00AM-1:00PM

NORTH SOUND, CASSADA GARDENS #1,2,3

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 5:00AM-1:00PM

ANCHORAGE ROAD, MCKINNONS, HALYCON
PARADISE VIEW, FRIARS HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT,
LONGFORDS, CEDAR VALLEY SPRINGS, MT PLEASANT,
CASSADA GARDENS #4-7, CEDAR VALLEY GARDENS

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(HIGH AREAS), WEATHERILLS

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY 7:00PM-1:00AM

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BAYVIEW HOUSING PROJECT, LIGHTFOOT (WEST)
PAYNTERS (SOUTH), FITCHES CREEK
SOCIAL SECURITY HOUSING PROJECT

TUESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY, 5:00AM-1:00PM

POTTERS (WEST), HERBERTS (EAST), SUTHERLANDS,
CARNIVAL GARDENS, ST.JOHNSON'S VILLAGE,
FACTORY ROAD,SKERRITS PASTURE (SOUTH)
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BELLE VIEW HEIGHTS, ST. CLAIRE HEIGHTS, MATTHEWS
HERBERTS (WEST), ALL SAINTS (WEST), CLARKES HILL
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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 2:00PM-7:00PM

DIAMONDS, SEATONS, WILLIKIES, WILLIKIES (SOUTH),
GLANVILLES, LONG BAY, DIAN POINT

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By NEIL HARTNELL

The Bahamian government is breathing a sigh of relief that it did not award Nassau cruise port's multi-million dollar transformation to the cruise line consortium given COVID-19's disruption, a Cabinet minister has revealed.

Dionisio D'Aguilar, Minister of Tourism and Aviation, told Tribune Business that Prince George Wharf's redevelopment would now likely be facing several years' delay had it done so with the cruise industry reeling from its worldwide closure and multi-billion dollar losses due to the pandemic.

He argued that the COVID-19 fall-out had further justified the government's selection of Global Ports Holding, the Turkish-headquartered, London-listed port operator, as the winning bidder for a 25-year concession that obligates it to redevelop, operate and maintain The Bahamas' main cruise tourism gateway. D'Aguilar admitted his surprise that Nassau Cruise Port Ltd, the 49 percent-owned Global Ports subsidiary, had exceeded its \$130m target with the two-week bond capital raising that closed on Friday. He added that "this is how a public private partnership (PPP) should be done" with the ma-

Phew! Govts Relief Port Not Given To Cruise Lines

jority of funding generated by Bahamian investors rather than coming from overseas sources, which happened with Lynden Pindling International Airport's (LPIA) funding. The minister also took a swipe at the Government's political opponents, pointing out that the massive infrastructure works associated with the cruise port upgrade "have not cost the Bahamian government one dollar". He accused persons who believed the Public Treasury and, by extension, Bahamian taxpayers should finance all capital works project of being "so 20th century" in their mindset and outlook. "I was pleasantly surprised that even in these uncertain times Nassau Cruise Port Ltd was able to go into the market, target \$130m and exceed that," Mr. D'Aguilar told Tribune Business. "I say to all the naysayers: It didn't cost the Bahamian government a single dollar to raise the money to redevelop that port.

"Imagine if we were waiting on government, and if the cruise consortium had got it. I think the Government made the right decision. I think it's [the port] going to get the attention it needs. There is no doubt that the cruise industry will come back and be much more robust. "The port will be well-positioned to take advantage of this rebound, and it will keep the port of Nassau as one of the premier destinations for cruises in the Caribbean." Global Ports Holding's main competition for the Nassau cruise port deal came from a

consortium of four cruise lines - Carnival, Disney, Norwegian and Royal Caribbean - who also teamed with a Bahamian investor group. However, their bid was rejected amid concerns over what some perceived as the cruise lines' "conflict of interest", since they would be both operator and customer if the group was selected as Prince George Wharf's manager. And the port would also directly compete with their multiple Bahamian private islands, with some likening their involvement to "the fox guarding the hen house".

The cruise lines also came under increasing scrutiny by many Bahamians amid the perception they retain the vast majority of the industry's economic benefits, while this nation gets the crumbs, especially given their increased reliance on the same private islands where they control the majority of attractions and activities.

Meanwhile, Nassau Cruise Port Ltd had sought a mix of \$80m in Bahamian currency, and \$50m in US dollars, to finance Prince George Wharf's redevelopment through the next 16 months, which will carry it through into phase three. Mr D'Aguilar said it was "very important" that Bahamian investors, rather than their overseas counterparts, had provided the bulk of the financing.

"This is how a PPP should be done," he told this newspaper. "In the past, when we did the other gateway, LPIA, 75 percent of the money raised was from non-Bahamians. We're

allowing Bahamian institutional investors a place to invest their money and get a return on Bahamian assets, and these Bahamian institutions represent many, many Bahamian pensioners and investment groups.

"These people that think government must do these things and take on infrastructure projects are so 20th century. In a country that has so many ports and airports, there's no way the Government of The Bahamas can ever be expected to keep these vital pieces of infrastructure modernised and state-of-the-art.

"We have these problems with the Family Island airports. There's only so many the Government will be able to fix. That is a wonderful model that the Government has to enter into; a PPP to upgrade and modernise vital pieces of the tourism infrastructure."

Around 20,000 Bahamian retail investors will be given an opportunity to own part of Prince George Wharf once the offering of shares in The Bahamas Investment Fund takes place next year. That fund will own a 49 percent equity stake in the project.

Global Ports Holding's matching contribution will take total equity funding to \$74.3m. This, combined with another \$80m debt financing raise scheduled for 2021, will provide the funding for the "superstructure" phase three of the cruise port's transformation, with a new passenger arrivals building, Junkanoo Museum, and amphitheatre.



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Caribbean Business Leaders Worried About Second Wave Of COVID-19



Mike Bynoe, PwC East Caribbean Territory Leader

A new survey conducted by the audit, tax and advisory firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), has found that the greatest concern for Caribbean businesses is a new wave of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The sixth COVID-19 CFO Pulse Survey, which was conducted between June 1-11, involved 989 chief financial officers (CFO) in 23 countries including over 40 CFOs in the Caribbean.

The majority of CFOs sur-

veyed in the Caribbean expect COVID-19 to decrease revenue/profits by 10 per cent. Most Caribbean CFOs (70 per cent as compared to 63 per cent globally) cite offering new or enhanced products or services as most important to rebuilding or enhancing their revenue streams. None are considering making cuts to digital transformation or cybersecurity. "As Bahamians begin to return to the workplace, organisation's need to consider how they will support employ-

ees to adapt to new working conditions and realities, which may range from adjusting to re-configured office layouts to the adoption of new behaviours designed to promote safety," said Prince Rahming, PwC Bahamas territory leader. "Only about a third of Caribbean region CFOs say they are very confident about their company's ability to manage their employees' well-being and morale, yet these are factors that may significantly affect productivity and possibly the pace

of future economic recovery," he added. PwC Bahamas advisory partner, Kevin Cambridge, said "given the current economic landscape, organisations are seeing the need now more than ever to implement an effective digital strategy to leverage the benefits of technology. "Equally important is the need to ensure that robust human capital engagement remains aligned as the driving force to achieve desired corporate goals." According to the survey, 77 per cent of Caribbean CFOs say they are implementing cost containment, while 50 are considering deferring or cancelling planned investments as a result of COVID-19.

However, 32 per cent say in the next month they expect a productivity loss due to lack of remote work capabilities, while 34 per cent say in the next month they expect a change in staffing due to low/slow demand.

Most are very confident that on return to the workplace, they can meet customers' safety expectations, while 82 per cent are very confident they can provide clear response and shut-down protocols if COVID-19 cases in their area rose significantly or if there was a second wave of infections. A significant number of Caribbean CFOs (77 per cent) say the current work flexibility will make the company better in the long run while 59 per cent say the current situation has resulted in better resiliency and agility which will make the company better in the long run.

‘Sorry is not enough’, Caribbean States Say of British Slavery Apologies

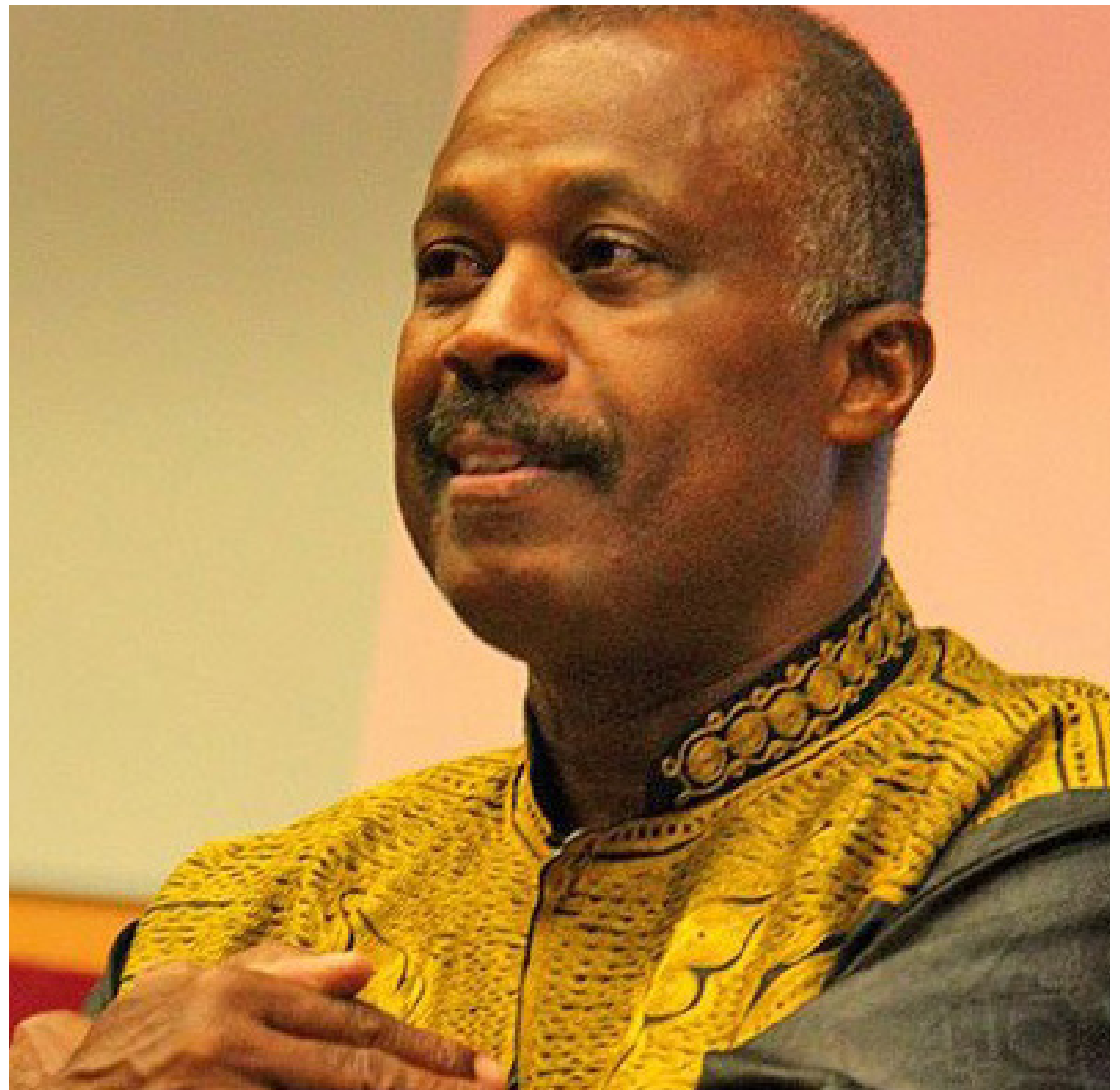
“Unfortunately, one cannot go back and remake the history but you can make atonement: it is not enough to make your apology as a public spectacle, it is not enough to present it as public relations exercise. It is not about public relations – it is about a negotiated settlement whereby everyone finds closure within a moral framework. To say sorry and issue a press release is disrespectful – it does not fly with the people who were victimised.” – Professor Hilary Beckles

British financial institutions that benefited from slavery such as Lloyd’s of London should go further than saying sorry for their role in the Atlantic slave trade and atone for their sins by funding Caribbean development, the region’s countries said.

More than 10 million Africans were shackled into the Atlantic slave trade by European nations between the 15th and 19th centuries. Those who survived the often brutal voyage, ended up toiling on plantations in the Americas.

While the history of Europe’s scramble for African slaves has been widely known for centuries, the death of George Floyd in the United States has prompted a sweeping global reassessment of racism and the financing of the slave trade.

The Lloyd’s of London insurance market apologised on Thursday for its “shameful” role in the 18th Century At-



Professor Hilary Beckles

lantic slave trade and pledged to fund opportunities for black and ethnic minority people.

But a regional alliance of Caribbean countries said that Britain’s institutions should go much further than simply apologising and give some of the wealth back to the Caribbean by funding development at the epicentre of the slave trade.

“It is not enough to say sorry,” said Hilary Beckles, chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission which was set up by Caribbean countries to seek reparations from former colonial powers such as the United Kingdom, France and Portugal.

“We are not asking for anything as mendicant as handing

out cheques to people on street corners,” Beckles told Reuters from Jamaica. “The issue of money is secondary, but in this instance the moral discharge of one’s duty does require in a market economy that you contribute towards development.”

There was no immediate reply from Lloyd’s of London to a request for comment.

Trinidad: Where is the outrage over the killing of two-year-old girl?



Trinidad and Tobago Commissioner of Police, Gary Griffith

Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith is questioning the lack of public outcry over the death of a two-year-old girl, who was gunned down in Tunapuna on Friday night. The child's father was also killed in the attack.

In a Facebook post on Saturday, Griffith criticised what he described as the "selected outcry" among some in society. It follows a series of Black Lives Matter protests in Trinidad and Tobago. The Top Cop questioned when he can expect to obtain requests for marches, and protests against such "acts of barbarous brutality" against

the nation's children.

Griffith said he expects the various lines of outreach to communities including the 555, TTPS App, and 482-GARY, to be overrun with credible information to be transformed into intelligence to support the swift capture of these "monsters."

The Top Cop said he also expects a mass outcry on social media and the many platforms for justice for the child and the many children we have lost to senseless gang violence.

Griffith also hit out at social media bloggers, activists and newspaper editorials.

"I await the sound and fury

by activists, politicians, and newspaper editorials, calling on communities to work with the Police to bring these perpetrators to immediate justice, along with demands for justice and to "call their names", or is this outburst, hurt and pain, conveniently felt only when the Police are involved? I trust I will be tagged by social media bloggers (paid and otherwise), who will use their time to post everything I say, wear and do, to utilize their energies in encouraging persons, if they saw something to say something; very much in the same vein when a 'police involved'

shooting takes place, when everyone sees and knows."

Griffith said every life lost is one life too many, and should be treated as heinous.

"However, when murderous gangsters, intentionally point their illegal weapons at their target, and proceed to pull that trigger regardless of who their target may be, and takes the life of an innocent, a baby no less, demands equal outcry. If this doesn't move us to work together, I am not certain what can."

Barbados: Scores rally in Heroes Square calling for removal of Nelson Statue

Most of those who gathered in Heroes Square, The City on Saturday advocating for the removal of the Nelson Statue from that location were young people. The youth carried their placards with messages expressing how they feel about the issue, vocally expressed outrage at the presence of the statue in The City, and even delivered passionate speeches.

They demanded that the statue be removed now. A few even suggested that the people of Barbados join hands to physically pull it down themselves. Lord Nelson is not our hero, one placard read.

Chairperson of the Caribbean Regional Youth Council, Roshanna Trim lamented that no man who said “he would rather die before he saw us free” should be glorified in Bridgetown. Trim made it clear that no man that thought it was acceptable for people to be used as property to propel economies should stand in the centre of Bridgetown in 2020.

“When I come to Bridgetown I want to see things that recognise who I am. I want to see my identity glorified. I want to see the people who have fought and who have stood up for persons like me, for Barbadians in general, in Heroes Square. My children and my grandchildren, our grandchildren, should see something that they can identify with.

“In this moment it is not about whose lives matter most, it is not about us saying that

we will take away any rights of anybody else. We are saying that in a society where there have been tears and a hierarchy as it relates to race, in this moment we will stand for it no more. Nelson must come down, whether he comes down because the Government moves him or Bajans decide to move him at this moment,” Trim said to a rousing round of applause.

Former journalist Alex Downes who was motivated to start an online petition to call for the removal of the statue after watching the highly publicized death of American, George Floyd, reported to the gathering that he was pleased that the petition has thus far received more than 10 000 signatures.

The young man said he was also pleased that people are talking and agitating for change to end the struggle, which came about as a result of oppression.

“This is a collective movement and if we keep it up I know we [will] see change,” Downes said.

According to historian Trevor Marshall, he was happy to see the number of young people who turned out to lend their support to what he described as the worthy cause of calling for the statue to be removed from where it does not belong.

“It is up to the millennial. I am extremely pleased to see the amount of young people here. I am seeing a rainbow



collection of whites, blacks, and Indians here and they are all motivated by the urge for social justice because the statue represents the worst possible oppression. What we have tried today is to show through logic and through basic historical facts that Nelson never defended Barbados,” Marshall said.

Marshall argued that Nelson’s contribution to Barbados was modest.

“The only thing that Horatio Nelson did to, for and in Barbados is that he ate food, he drank rum and wine, he defecated, he urinated, and he did nothing else for Barbados.

Marshall also issued the re-

minder that the Government of Barbados committed itself 13 years ago to removing the statue. “So you have to urge them, you have to urge them to exercise political will to remove the statue,” Marshall said.

According to history, the statue of Admiral Viscount Horatio Nelson that stands in National Heroes Square was erected in March 1813. The erection at the time so infuriated the enslaved persons of the period because of its location, that within three years in April 1816 the greatest slave uprising in Barbados’ history took place, which is known as the Bussa Rebellion.

British companies apologize for ties to slavery

Two major British companies have acknowledged their historic ties to the slave trade and pledged new financial support to black and minority ethnic communities.

Lloyd's of London, the world's oldest insurance market, and pub chain Greene King said in statements late Wednesday that they would take steps to make their businesses more racially inclusive and provide financial support to black and minority ethnic groups.

The companies are highlighted in a University College London database exploring the legacies of British slave ownership. Companies with links to Lloyds Banking Group (LYG), Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) and Barclays (BCS) are also mentioned.

Britain enslaved 3.1 million Africans between 1640 and 1807, transporting them to colonies around the world, according to Historic England, a public body. The database shows that the family of Simon Fraser, a founding subscriber of Lloyd's of London, owned slaves on an estate in what is now Guyana.

"Lloyd's has a long and rich history dating back over 330 years, but there are some aspects of our history that we are not proud of," the company, which insured slave ships, said in a statement. "In particular, we are sorry for the role played by the Lloyd's market in the eighteenth and nineteenth Century slave trade. This was an



Protesters throw a statue of Edward Colston into a nearby river during a Black Lives Matter protest.

appalling and shameful period of English history, as well as our own, and we condemn the indefensible wrongdoing that occurred," it added.

The company said it values an "inclusive culture" and has committed to a number of new diversity initiatives, including a program to attract and retain black and minority ethnic workers. It said it will review employee policies and the way it presents its history, and provide an undisclosed amount of money to organizations promoting opportunity for black and minority ethnic groups.

Greene King founder Benjamin Greene was compensated

by the UK government when he relinquished slaves on his sugar cane plantations in the West Indies, according to University College London. The money he was paid would be worth nearly £3.6 million (\$4.5 million) today, according to the university.

"It is inexcusable that one of our founders profited from slavery and argued against its abolition in the 1800s," Greene King CEO, Nick Mackenzie said in a statement. "Today, I am proud that we employ 38,000 people across the UK from all backgrounds and that racism and discrimination have no place at Greene King," he

added.

Mackenzie said the chain, which was purchased last year by a company belonging to Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing, plans to make a "substantial investment" to benefit the black and minority ethnic community, and support race diversity in its business. The Telegraph was first to report the news.

The University College London database also shows that individuals linked to firms later absorbed by Lloyds Banking Group, RBS and Barclays received compensation for slaves.

"A lot has changed during the

300 year history of our brands and while we have much within our heritage to be proud of, we can't be proud of it all," a Lloyds Bank spokesperson said in a statement. "Like any institution that is so interwoven with our country's history, we must acknowledge and learn from our past," the spokesperson added.

Lloyds Bank said that in 2018 it committed to filling 10% of all positions and 8% of senior management roles with individuals from a black, Asian or minority ethnic background by the end of 2020.

RBS (RBS) said in a statement that it has looked into its historic links with slavery "extensively" over the past 15 years, and opened its archives up to academics and historians to conduct their own research. The bank said it has set up a task force led by black and minority ethnic employees to look at what more it can do to tackle racial inequality, including financial contributions to black and minority ethnic groups.

Barclays acknowledged that its history "is being examined following recent events."

"We can't change what's gone before us, only how we go forward. We are committed as a bank to do more to further foster our culture of inclusiveness, equality and diversity, for our colleagues, and the customers and clients we serve," a spokesperson said.

Slave owners compensated

Black Lives Matter protests have erupted across the United Kingdom in recent weeks after George Floyd, an unarmed black man, was killed by a police officer in the United States.

UK protesters tore down a statue of slave trader Edward Colston in Bristol on June 7 and tossed it into a nearby river.

There have been calls to remove several other statues of historical figures who supported slavery and colonialism, and London mayor Sadiq Khan is reviewing the capital's statues and street names with a view to remove any with links to slavery. Oxford University's Oriel College said Wednesday that it wishes to remove a statue of colonialist Cecil Rhodes.

Major companies around the world are also grappling with how to address racial injustice. Many have pledged to increase minority hiring and some have donated to charitable organizations.

A handful have even taken steps to acknowledge past racist behavior or problematic branding. The corporate owners of Cream of Wheat, Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben's have pledged to review or overhaul the brands, which have long been criticized for perpetuating racial stereotypes.

When colonial slavery was abolished in 1833 the British government paid £20 million (\$25 million) to compensate slave owners, while the enslaved received nothing. In today's terms that equates to around £16.5 billion (\$20.6 billion), Historic England said on its website. The money the UK government borrowed to fund the Slavery Abolition Act was fully repaid only in 2015 due to the type of financial instrument used, according to the UK Treasury.

Zimbabwe's Health Minister charged in COVID-19 graft case



Zimbabwe's health minister on Saturday was charged with criminal abuse of duty as a public officer, accused of illegally awarding a multi-million-dollar contract for COVID-19 medical supplies to a shadowy company that sold the government \$28 face masks and other materials at inflated prices.

The country's anti-corruption agency arrested Obadiah Moyo on Friday and the government cancelled the contracts following public uproar.

One of President Emmerson Mnangagwa's sons was forced to issue a statement denying a link to the company after pictures emerged of the Zimbabwean representative of the firm enjoying the company of the president and his wife and sons at several events. The representative, Delish Nguwaya, and some top officials of the national drugs procurement agency are already facing criminal charges related to the scandal.

Nguwaya is accused of lying in saying the company was a drugs manufacturing company based in Switzerland, "whereas it was merely a consulting company with no experience in the manufacture of drug and

medical products," according to the charge sheet.

The health minister, a former hospital administrator, faces a fine or up to 15 years in prison if convicted. He was granted bail and will be back in court on July 31. The prosecution originally opposed bail, arguing he could flee before the conclusion of the case, but did not request that in court.

According to the charge sheet, Moyo "exerted pressure" on his subordinates to award the contracts worth \$60 million last year and this year.

The scandal comes as health professionals including nurses and doctors in Zimbabwe are on strike demanding to be paid their salaries in U.S. dollars. They argue that inflation that is now above 750% and the erosion of the value of local currency have rendered incomes worthless. Most traders charge for their goods in U.S. dollars in the southern African country that has long faced economic collapse.

The health professionals also have complained about lack of adequate protective gear as the number of coronavirus cases rises. Zimbabwe has nearly 500 cases.

Donald Trump: Tulsa rally fails to draw expected crowds amid virus fears



Donald Trump's rally took place in front of a smaller than expected crowd

US President Donald Trump has held his first campaign rally since the US coronavirus lockdown began, in front of a smaller than expected crowd.

Mr Trump had boasted earlier this week that almost a million people had requested tickets for the event at Tulsa's Bank of Oklahoma Center.

But the 19,000-seat arena was far from full and plans for him to address an outside "overflow" area were abandoned.

There had been concerns about holding the rally during the pandemic.

Coronavirus was one issue Mr Trump touched on in his wide-ranging, almost two-

hour-long speech to cheering supporters in Oklahoma, a Republican heartland.

Mr Trump said he told officials to slow down Covid-19 testing because so many cases were being detected, in remarks later described as a joke.

Those attending the rally had to sign a waiver protecting the Trump campaign from responsibility for any illness. Hours before the event began, officials said six staff members involved in organising the rally had tested positive.

However, it is unclear why attendance was lower than initially anticipated. Mr Trump referred to those in the

stadium as "warriors", while blaming the media and protesters for keeping supporters away. There were some volatile scenes outside the venue but no serious trouble was reported.

Mr Trump's re-election campaign event was one of the biggest indoor gatherings held in the US since the country's Covid-19 outbreak began, and came at a time when Oklahoma is seeing a rise in confirmed cases.

More than 2.2 million cases of Covid-19 and 119,000 associated deaths have been reported in the US, according to data from Johns Hopkins University.

In his opening remarks, Mr Trump said there had been "very bad people outside, they were doing bad things", but did not elaborate. Black Lives Matter activists were among the counter-protesters to gather outside the venue before the event.

On the coronavirus response, Mr Trump said he had encouraged officials to slow down testing because it led to more cases being discovered. He described testing as a "double-edged sword".

"Here is the bad part: When you do testing to that extent, you are going to find more people, you will find more cases," he told the cheering crowd. "So I said 'slow the testing down'. They test and they test." The coronavirus, Mr Trump said, had many

names, including "Kung Flu", a xenophobic term that appears to be a reference to China, where Covid-19 originated.

Almost 120,000 people have died with Covid-19 in the US since the pandemic began, a number that health experts say could have been much higher had testing not been ramped up. Testing, health officials say, is important to understand where and how widely coronavirus is spreading, and therefore prevent further deaths.

A White House official later said the president was "obviously kidding" about Covid-19 testing.

Taking aim at his Democratic presidential rival, Mr Trump described Joe Biden as "a helpless puppet of the radical left".

The president also struck a combative tone when he touched on anti-racism protests - and the toppling of statues - which began after the killing of an unarmed black man, George Floyd, by police in Minneapolis.

"The unhinged left-wing mob is trying to vandalise our history, desecrate our monuments - our beautiful monuments - tear down our statues and punish, cancel and persecute anyone who does not conform to their demands for absolute and total control. We're not conforming," he told the crowd.

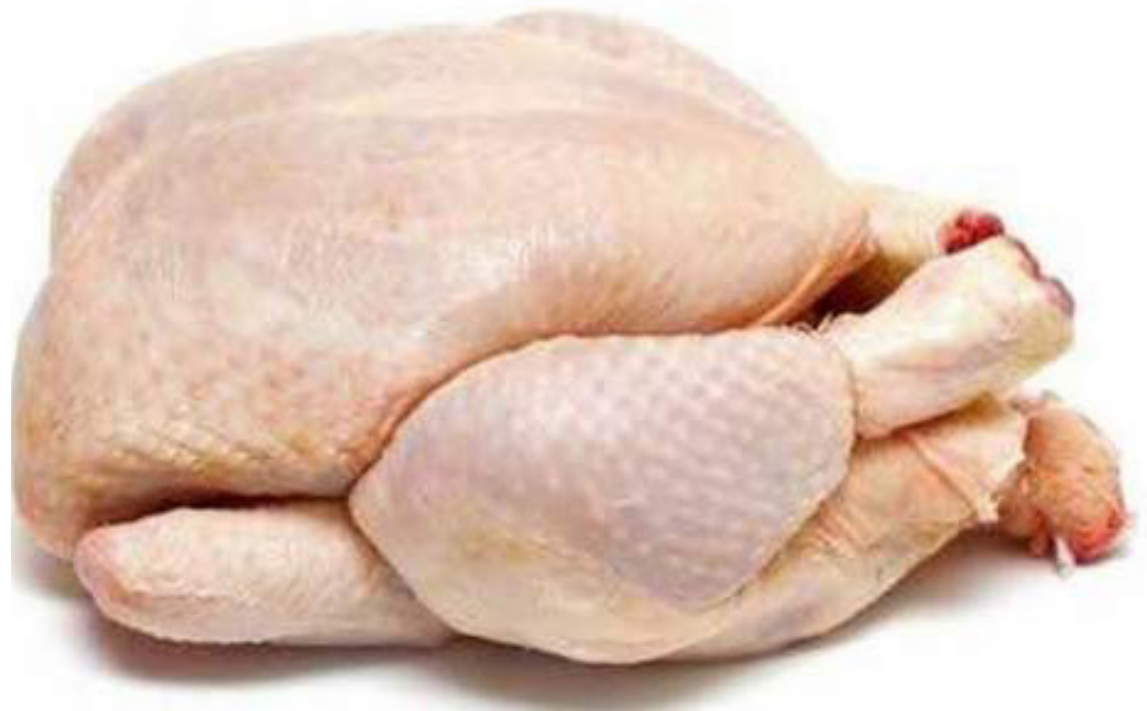
China bans some US chicken, shuts Pepsi plant to fight virus

China banned imports from a top US poultry producer and ordered a Beijing Pepsi factory to close Sunday as authorities clamped down on food production and distribution amid a new coronavirus cluster in the capital.

Health officials also reported 22 new virus cases in Beijing, where they have tested more than two million residents as they seek to contain a wave of new infections linked to a wholesale market in the capital. Imports of frozen chicken from Tyson Foods have been “temporarily suspended”, the General Administration of Customs said, after a virus outbreak was found at one of the company’s production facilities in the US.

Products from the firm that have already arrived in China will be confiscated, the statement said. US food and drinks giant PepsiCo was also ordered to shut down one of its snack-making plants in Beijing after several employees tested positive, company spokeswoman Fan Zhimin said.

She added that 87 close contacts had been traced and quarantined. More than 220 people have so far tested positive from the new Beijing clusters that have been traced to chopping boards used to handle imported salmon at the city’s Xinfadi market. The market supplies more than 70 per cent of Beijing’s fresh produce and has been closed, with officials on Friday advising citizens to



dispose of frozen seafood and bean products bought there.

Officials on Friday also announced a nationwide campaign to inspect all fresh products coming from “high-risk countries” following reports of new virus clusters at plants in Germany and the US.

Authorities are targeting those who work in restaurants, supermarkets, markets and food delivery couriers for testing, according to Gao Xiaojun of the Beijing Municipal Health Commission.

Dozens of communities have also been sealed off in the city to contain the spread, with residents told to avoid non-essential travel and schools closed.

- One million tests -

Authorities are conducting tests in batches, according to Gao, allowing them to process up to one million per day.

The new infections reported Sunday include a nurse – the first health worker to test positive since the re-emergence of the virus just over a week ago.

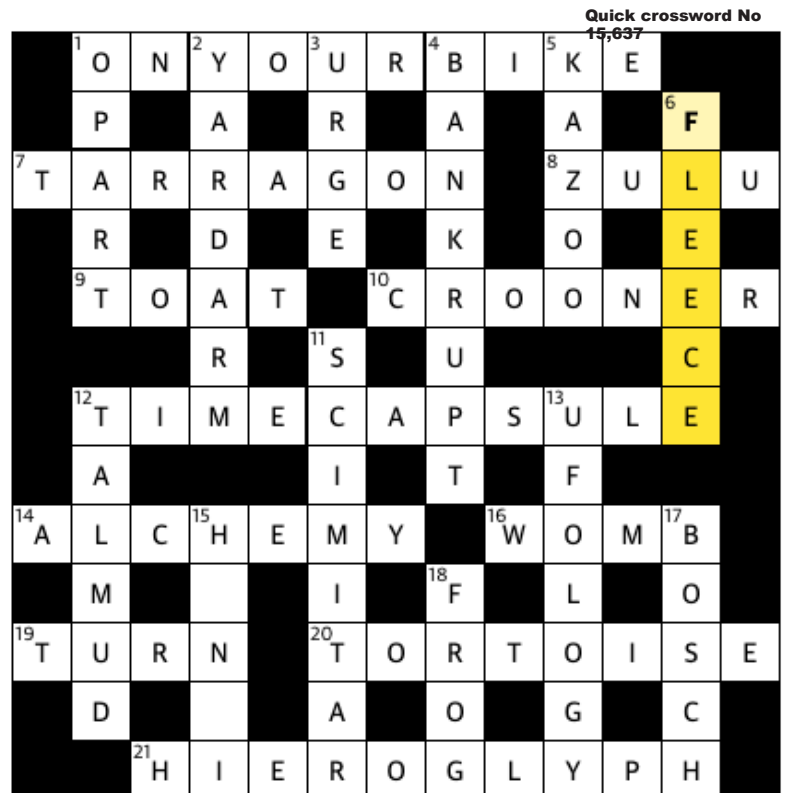
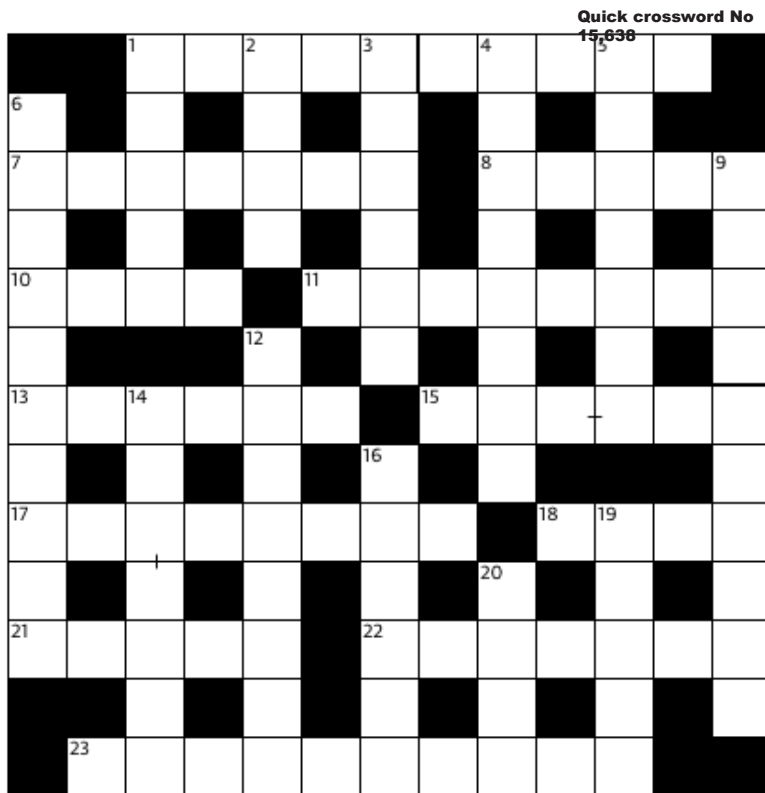
The chief epidemiologist at

the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention told reporters Friday that the new outbreak had been “brought under control”, but Beijing would still see new cases.

The outbreak has also spread to Tongzhou, the administrative hub in Beijing where key government offices are located, health officials said Sunday.

Infections brought in by Chinese nationals returning home had accounted for the majority of recent cases until the Beijing cluster.

QUICK CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Nearby game? (5,5)
- 7 Cause of irritation (7)
- 8 Deduce (5)
- 10 Light fawn colour (4)
- 11 German or Austrian motorway (8)
- 13 Bear-like (6)
- 15 Daylight robbery (informal) (3-3)
- 17 Leave behind (8)
- 18 Sleepy gape (4)
- 21 Given under oath (5)
- 22 Diminish (7)
- 23 Short movement between main parts of a symphony (10)

Down

- 1 Pilsner, for example (5)
- 2 Signals for action (4)
- 3 Hit hard (6)
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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Your innocent flirtations may just be a habit or a way of passing time for you, but someone may take it seriously. In the week to come, think of every meeting as a chance to show that you are sincere and real.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): It's the first day of summer, and your fancy may turn to thoughts of business affairs and money-making activities rather than love. Tackle practical subjects like your bank balance as the week begins.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Play life like a game of chess. Sometimes it is necessary to sacrifice something unimportant in order to win the game. In the upcoming week, you can put your brainpower to work and upgrade your financial status.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There is a New Moon in your sign, and although you cannot see it, you might feel it as the upcoming week unfolds. You may feel better able to express yourself once you accept your strengths as well as your limitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is hard to find a rainbow without seeing a little rain first. A few bumps may lessen your confidence in the beginning of the week, but your optimism will quickly return. You might prefer to think through a strategy by yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Turn obstacles and dropped balls into learning opportunities. Take a few ideas that have been floating around in your head and put them into motion this week. You and a partner can draw up viable plans and find practical solutions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Some of your fantasies might come true, but there is a reason they're fantasies. Try not to make irrevocable decisions or major purchases unless they make good sense. You must be perceptive enough to read the writing on the wall.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ideas may be too big to handle alone. You could get a project off the ground if there's a good supporting cast to help you in the upcoming week. If you don't have all the answers, at least you know how to get them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have the hammer and someone else has the nails. In the week to come, you and a partner can work together to achieve your dreams. Your powerful enthusiasm can be the driving force behind intricate plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The first day of summer can light up your life. Not only is the day longer but your patience can last longer, too. As the week unwinds, you may grow closer and more comfortable with a partner or special someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The difference between failure and success could depend on whether you phone it in or do your best. Remember in the week ahead that a task done correctly the first time will not need to be done again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): In the upcoming week you might be tempted to spend time on frivolous things that could rattle your bank account. Put creative energy to good use by focusing on a new artistic project or educational experience.

West Indies wouldn't swap pace attack

West Indies Wicket Keeper, Shane Dorwich, has said he would not trade any of the team's seam attack for England pace ace, Jofra Archer.

"We have a wonderful bowling line-up and I'm happy with the team" says Dorwich. The three-Test series versus England starts July 8.

Wicket-keeper Dorwich hailed his fellow Bajan and England quick as an amazing talent but maintained that the West Indies are more than happy with their bowling line-up.



Shane Dorwich

Barbados-born Archer path from West Indies Under-19's omission to England glory is well documented but Dorwich says the tourists are happy to take on their compatriot.

Asked if he would rather have Archer in the West Indies line-up than face him, Dorwich replied "No I think he made his decision in terms of where his career is going to go, and I wish him

all the best."

England three-Test series against the West Indies will start at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton on July 8, with all matches held behind closed doors given continued fallout from coronavirus.

Dorwich believes the tourists pace options of Kumar Roach, Alzarri Joseph, Jason Holder, Chemar Holder, Shannon Gabriel can cause England a host of problems.

"We have a well-versed attack and I look forward to seeing them bowl in this series," he concluded.

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Growing up rubbing shoulders with the great Allen brothers

Basil Morgan the pride and joy of the Emerald Isle, Montserrat, grew up rubbing shoulders with Jim Allen regarded as one of the greatest batsman the OECS has ever produced.

"Jim and George Allen were my childhood friends and we grew up a stone's throw away from each other," Morgan said.

The former international umpire started his journey in cricket as a statistician but made his debut for Montserrat at the age of 17 as an off-break bowler and remembers his most treasured moment in cricket taking four wickets (4/31) against Antigua and Barbuda which included Sir Vivian Richards, Sir Andy Roberts and Guy Yearwood.

Before Morgan started his successful career as a cricketer and an umpire he contributed as a statistician, groundsman, and scorer. Morgan can be considered a well rounded man in the sport as



he has made many friends and admirers.

"I started as a school umpire after I was approach at the tender age of 15 to assist a senior umpire in a game I did fairly well which led to the gentleman approaching my mother to encourage me to take up umpiring. I joined the Cricket Association as the youngest member in 1980 and was encouraged to take my exams which I failed on the first attempt but on my second exams I was highest of all the participants in the Caribbean with 90%," he recalled.

Morgan believes that the umpires



from the smaller islands did not get a fair chance to excel with the umpires from the bigger islands being favored.

Basil Elliott Walton Morgan made his first international appearance in a game featuring West Indies versus New Zealand at Kingstown April 6, 1996, and his last ODI, West Indies vs South Africa, May 5, 2001, at St. Georges.

The pride and joy of Montserrat who enjoyed a lifelong relationship with soca great Arrow officiated 15 one-day internationals.

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Googled cricket in the US to find where I could get involved which created a path to state trials and eventually trials for selection to the US cricket team," he recalled.

According to Burton people came from all over the States to try out for the team but he performed well and made the line-up.

Burton who is presently employed by the Antigua Public Utilities in the Human Resource department, studied at Thurgood Marshall Academy, Old Westbury, and UWI Cave Hill.

He describes himself as a proud Antiguan and Barbu-

dan and who has a Masters in International Management and Spanish after gaining a Degree in Management Information Systems.

Speaking to the Timeout program on Point FM and the PointExpress, it was obvious that Regis Burton is an articulate, intelligent, and educated young man, who is a future leader with several callers, on hearing him for the first time, calling in and expressing positive views on his future.

Administration is in his mirror as Burton hope to play a role in the development of the sport moving forward.





Don't let the limitations around you be an excuse

Regis Burton former national under-13 and 19 cricketer said he never made the limitations around him be an excuse.

Coming from the small community of Lightfoot where very little sport is played Burton was introduced to cricket at a fairly late age of 11 while at the St. Michael primary school when his physical education teacher, former Leeward islands player, T. Willy, introduced him to the sport.

"T. Willy encouraged my mother to bring me to his cricket academy; an offer she accepted and my destiny

in sports and life got started," Burton stated.

Burton said he was inspired by the opportunity to rub shoulders with Hayden Walsh Snr. and Junior, who were operating an academy next to T. Willy. The inspiration, he said, came from watching Walsh Jr. decked out in full cricketing gears.

"The former Sticky Wicket was our play ground on Saturdays and Walsh Snr. and T. Willy (Pacer Williams) had structured programs Regis noted.

For someone who started late, Burton's adaptation to the sport and rise were quick

as he led his secondary school the Antigua Grammar to league championship at the Antigua Recreation Ground.

"I learned to score and accumulate runs playing with Rising Sun, and Mahico who gave me the opportunity to travel to England," he offered.

Burton has memories of participating in the Leeward Islands Under-13 tournament in St. Kitts while occupying a hotel with no electricity and no water in the pool. "That experience toughened us at a early age," Burton, a former United States player, said, "because all we wanted to do was play cricket. We also had to raise our funds for the tour which



taught us responsibility."

Burton represented the United States in the 2010 world cup in New Zealand after making an educational choice to pursue his studies in the US.

"After arriving in New York, there were not much cricket been played so I

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