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# PM DRAWS 'LINE IN THE SAND'

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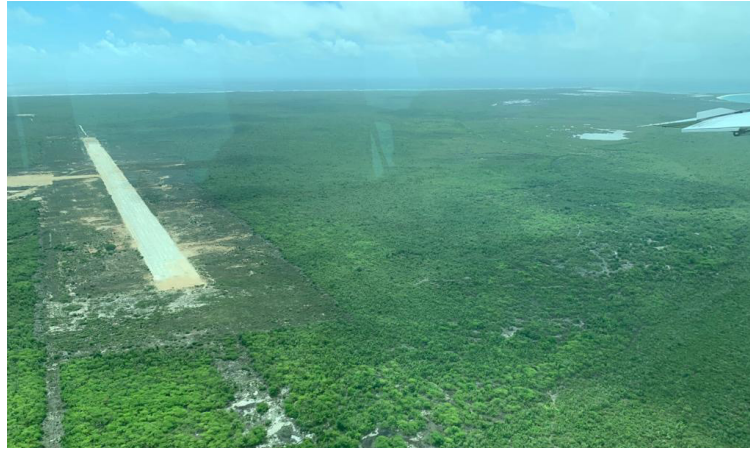
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latest killing**

# PM draws 'line in the sand'

The members of the Barbuda Council and the island's constituency representative, Trevor Walker, have been put on notice: any further attempts to derail work on the Peace Love and Harmony (PLH) project on the sister isle will not be tolerated.

The warning came from Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, who has accused Walker and members of the Council of 'attempting to stymie the development of the project'.

Speaking on the weekend radio programme, Browne and Browne on Pointe FM, PM Browne said the Council has a history of creating problems with any develop-



*Aerial view of the airstrip in Barbuda.*

ment project earmarked for Barbuda, but as prime minister he is 'drawing a line in the sand' as those attempts must come to an end.

"I don't understand why Trevor and members of the Council continue to create confusion. Every single project that comes to Bar-

buda they try to create problems. There's not one project that those individuals have not tried to derail, but I have said to them, if it's one time that a government is going to put its foot down and deal with them when they break the law, it's my government," Browne cau-

tioned.

Adding that his word is his bond, PM Browne said the project is too important to the future of Antigua and Barbuda to allow a 'handful of people' to frustrate and hold the project to ransom.

"If Trevor Walker and the others continue to break the law over there they will be arrested and hauled before the courts. We are going to insist that the police should do their work and when they bring charges and they are found guilty, they will face the consequences," he declared.

Browne said there's nothing political about his decision. Rather, it is intended

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## DAY 7/27

Max UV Index: 13 Extreme  
 Wind: ENE at 18 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 24 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 63%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 29%  
 Precipitation: 3.2 mm  
 Rain: 3.2 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 2  
 Hours of Rain: 2

# 31° Hi



Intervals of clouds and sunshine with a couple of showers

## NIGHT 7/27

Wind: ENE at 18 km/h  
 Wind Gusts: 22 km/h  
 Probability of Precipitation: 60%  
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 24%  
 Precipitation: 2.0 mm  
 Rain: 2.0 mm  
 Snow: 0.0 cm  
 Ice: 0.0 mm  
 Hours of Precipitation: 1.5  
 Hours of Rain: 1.5

# 26° Lo



Patchy clouds and warm with a couple of showers

## SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST  
 5:46 AM

Sunset AST  
 6:41 PM



Duration  
 12:55 hr

## MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST  
 12:21 PM

Moonset AST  
 12:17 AM



Duration  
 11:59 hr



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to minimise the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic on the economy.

He further indicated that the weekend meeting of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU) determined that all its member countries, including Antigua and Barbuda, are projected to suffer a decline in their economies of between fifteen and twenty percent.

"The ECCU is predicting that it may take as long as five years for its member countries to recover from the economic impact based on how long the economy took to recover under the UPP stewardship during the global financial meltdown in 2008-2009," he explained.

The prime minister said the ECCU has presented an option for countries to borrow as a way out of the crisis, but he is of the view that borrowing will only bring short term relief.

"The answer is for us to attract more and more investments to grow our way out of the crisis. We expect that the PLH project, and another to be undertaken by Ambassador Calvin Ayre, as two of the projects upon which the government will depend to lift the country out of the economic doldrums in a much shorter time, perhaps within eighteen months," he stated.

PM Browne also dismissed as untrue the claims of one Barbuda Council member that PLH owes the Council lease monies. According to Browne, PLH advanced money to the Council to allow the body to clear outstanding payments to its staff. A portion of the money advanced to the Council also went toward the construction of the island's new airport runway.

"What they are doing is making unreasonable demands on the people. They

are terrorizing them!" Browne stated emphatically.

Another source of contention concerns attempts by the council to break the

lease held by PLH to mine sand on the lands under development.

Browne revealed that he proposed to the Council that they should move sand mining off shore with possible assistance from PLH, however the Council showed disinterest in the proposition.

"My word to the people of Antigua and Barbuda: this is one state! Investments are the only sure way to recover from the pandemic. We were able to turn around the economy quickly after we took over from the UPP in 2014. We did it in record time and we can do it again but the only way we can do it is by embracing these projects," PM Browne advised.



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# Campaign against illegal dumping nabs four people

The National Solid Waste Management Authority (NSWMA) is determined to bring an end to the problem of illegal dumping of garbage at multiple sites across Antigua and as an indication of its seriousness, four people have been hauled before the courts and fined.

ANSWMA statement said the four offending litterbugs were convicted under the provisions of the Litter Control and Prevention Act 2019.

The first case was that of Shawn McKenzie who pleaded guilty to illegal

dumping in Denfields.

He has been ordered to pay three thousand dollars or spend six months in prison.

Carol Bailey, who also pleaded guilty to illegally dumping garbage in Denfields, has been ordered to pay three thousand dollars or spend six months in prison. Bailey has since paid the fine.

Steve Hurst and Everton Burkes also pleaded guilty to illegally dumping in Freetown and Side Hill respectively. As punishment, both men were ordered to

provide trucking services to the National Solid Waste Management Authority for a period of six months. They will spend six months in prison if they default.

All matters were presided over by Chief Magistrate, Joanne Walsh.

Two other illegal dumping cases involving Ramey Brown and George Purcell have also been taken before the court, however their matters have been adjourned until 26th October, 2020.

Meanwhile, authorities are investigating another case of illegal dumping that took place near the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium last Thursday morning. The owner of the vehicle in-

involved in the incident has been identified, but according to reports, another person was operating the vehicle at the time the incident occurred.

The police and NSWMA authorities are now attempting to identify the driver so that charges can be brought.

General Manager of the National Solid Waste Management Authority, Daryl Spencer, is pleased that these sentences have been handed down against individuals who continue to disregard the Litter Control and Prevention Act 2019.

He is continuing to urge the public to play its part in maintaining a cleaner and greener Antigua and Barbuda.

## Man held in country's latest killing

A Newfield man is currently in custody assisting the police with their investigations into the circumstances surrounding the death of Fitzroy Robins, 44, of All Saints.

Robins' lifeless body was found lying on the ground at Bay Street, Villa at around 11:25pm on Friday July 24, 2020. When discovered, he appeared to have sustained multiple stab wounds to his upper body.

It is alleged the deceased and another male were involved in an altercation which led to a struggle. The man allegedly armed himself with a sharp object which he used to inflict the fatal wounds to Robins.

Robins was pronounced dead by a medical doctor at approximately 1:00am on Saturday July 25.



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## YIDA Development Project in full swing

Over the weekend, Prime Minister Gaston Browne revealed that the mega development within the Special Economic Zone, the YIDA Project, is well underway.

PM Browne explained that the 5% of the YIDA Development completed so far, represents a magnitude of infrastructural development. The project is being solely financed by the investor, YIDA.

Speaking about the project on Saturday, PM Browne said “I think this project will do extremely well. If we had to follow the naysayers we would not have allowed for this project to proceed. YIDA and so on have contributed to the economic growth we have seen over the years.”

With half of a four lane road completed, a number of waterway bridges and several buildings under construction, the YIDA project has completed the first 5% of the overall projected development.

The YIDA project, which will sit on a total of 2,000 acres of land when complet-

ed, will be the largest development ever undertaken by any investor in the country.

“It is not accelerating as fast as we anticipated but it’s still nonetheless a very impressive project,” PM Browne stated.

According to Browne, the YIDA project also completed a USD\$20 million factory about eighteen months ago that makes windows,



doors and galvanize sheeting.

PM Browne expressed confidence that the country will make a rapid recovery

following the COVID-19 crisis based on the progress of several investment projects across Antigua and Barbuda.

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# All in a day's work

A busy round of engagements were on Friday's agenda for Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade Minister, E.P Chet Greene.

In the mid-morning, he formally handed over medical, and other supplies, to the St. John's Hospice which is located on the compound of the former Holberton Hospital.

During a brief ceremony, Greene presented wheel chairs, six beds (two with pails), commodes, mattresses, shower chairs, bleach, disinfectants, toilet paper and other supplies.

The items turned over to the hospice were made available by the Antigua and Barbuda High Commission in London along with Antigua and Barbuda's diplomats across several other European capitals.

Accepting the donation on behalf of the hospice was the institution's administrator, Cathlyn Gil-



kes, who indicated that the hospice currently has three occupants in residence.

Later in the morning following this first engagement, Minister Greene attended a ceremony intended to hail the work and example of the Venezuelan Liberator, Simon Bolivar.

This event was held at the Simon Bolivar Park at bust of the outstanding South American, who played an integral role in liberating the people of his own country as well as

those of many other countries on the continent.

During the ceremony, a wreath was laid at Simon Bolivar's bust by the minister who was joined by resident Venezuelan Ambassador, Carmen Velasquez.

Also on hand to witness the event were the staff of the Venezuelan Embassy, the Cuban Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda, Maria Esther Cabrera and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Af-



fairs, Anthony Liverpool.

The occasion was staged to mark the 237th anniversary of the birth of Simon Bolivar.

Following the ceremony, Minister Greene toured the National Garment Manufacturing Initiative (NGMI) which falls under his portfolio and is located at the Simon Bolivar Park.

The NGMI is currently producing biodegradable shopping bags, face masks, and school uniforms. During the visit Greene held informal discussions with senior staff including Manager, Lance Bromfield, Operations Officer, Belinda Lake and Quality Control Officer, Marilyn Bromfield.

At present, the NGMI has a staff count of 26.







## FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY COMMISSION

The early forecast by the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Service indicates that the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season will likely be above normal and unusually destructive. As we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that you minimize the impact of the risks associated with the hurricane season. As a policyholder, you must play your role to ensure that before a natural disaster, the benefits you should receive from your insurance policies will be sufficient to cover the cost of recovery. In this regard, you should consider the following:

1. Review your insurance policy and ensure that you know what your policy covers and what it excludes;
2. Do NOT underinsure as this may affect your ability to return to the state that was in effect prior to the hurricane event. Discuss your exposure with your mortgage providers and lending institutions.
3. Ensure that you know how and when to file a claim with your insurance company. Do NOT wait until it is too late.

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## Virtual Party Monarch finalists named

The names of the finalists participating in the first ever Virtual Party Monarch Competition, organized by the Antigua and Barbuda Festivals Commission (ABFC), have been released.

Dubbed the '2020 Gimme Soca Party Monarch Competition (Virtual Event)' the finalists are; Blade, Destiny, Ezzy Rattigan, Island Prince, Jashan, Lyricksman, Natural Rampler, Naycha Kid, Ricardo Drue, Set On and Zamoni. The alternate contestant is Janine.

The competition will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 8 p.m. at Dean William Lake Centre and will be broadcast live via social media.

The first of its kind to be held in Antigua and Barbuda, the event is styled as a two-round competition composed of a preliminary elimination and the final event.

For the preliminary event, songs were adjudicated based on the submitted music tracks only. A panel of judges then selected ten finalists from the many submissions to participate in the Virtual Party Monarch on Emancipation Day.

During the event, each artist will perform with the accompanying band.

This year, Antigua and Barbuda would have celebrated its 63rd Anniversary of Carnival. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the decision was taken to cancel the annual summer festival in order to preserve the health and safety of citizens and residents as this remains the first priority of the government and health officials.

Responding to many appeals to the ABFC to host an event to keep the spirit of Carnival alive this year, the

Government of Antigua and Barbuda made the decision to host a Virtual Party Monarch, merging two of the nation's favourite elements, soca music and a festive competition.

By staging the virtual competition social conversation is kept alive while allowing persons to enjoy the spirit of Antigua and Barbuda's culture and Carnival conveniently using their mobile devices from the comfort of their homes.

Every soca artiste and entertainer has been affected by the pandemic, and as such, this competition will provide a beneficial avenue through which they can expose their talents to Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of the world.

The artistes will compete for a financial incentive of \$15,000 which will go to the winner with the runners-up receiving consolation prizes.



### REGISTRATION NOTICE

The Antigua & Barbuda Social Security Board wishes to remind the public that our Registration Office continues to operate by **appointment only**.

To make an appointment, you may contact our Office via email [[customerserv@socialsecurity.gov.ag](mailto:customerserv@socialsecurity.gov.ag)] or by calling 736-3000/1/2/3.

Registration Forms for employees, employers and self-employed persons can be accessed via our web site [[www.socialsecurity.gov.ag](http://www.socialsecurity.gov.ag)].

Please note that valid passports and/or valid work permits are requirements for card renewals.

The Registration Office operates daily from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. until further notice.

--MANAGEMENT--

### 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. Please note that electricity will be suppressed during period of maintenance

Date: Monday 27th July 2020  
Time: 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Affected areas: Section of New Field near the clinic

Date: Monday 27th July 2020  
Time: 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Affected areas: Section of Willikies near call sign

Date: Wednesday 29th July 2020  
Time: 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Affected areas: Section of Piccadilly south of cotton house

Date: Friday 31st July 2020  
Time: 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Affected areas: Buckleys and Buckleys Ext.

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.





## COVID-19 lockdown affects fuel consumption

It is now evident that practically all business sectors in Antigua and Barbuda have been adversely affected by the coronavirus pandemic that forced the country into a lockdown for just over two months.

The latest sector to record a reduction in revenues is transportation with the country's lone supplier of petroleum products, the West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) reporting a reduction in its revenues.

The disclosure came from Prime Minister Gaston Browne under whose ministerial portfolio responsibility for WIOC falls.

"We have seen a reduction in the consumption of petrol, so whereas in the past we would have seen a payments in the region of



\$10-\$11million in taxes and another \$8 million in dividends, I suspect we may see a significant reduction this year because of COVID but we are hoping that for 2021 things would return to normal," he remarked.

The irony, according to the prime minister, is that the first quarter earnings for

the year had already outpaced the corresponding period for last year.

"The earnings for the first quarter of the year were the highest in the history of WIOC. This tells you how hot the economy was for the first three months," he stated.

Browne disclosed that

WIOC currently has one of the largest fuel storage facilities in the English speaking Caribbean, ranking behind only Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica.

With an aggressive programme to create its 'tank farm', the prime minister revealed that WIOC now has in place storage capacity for 1.8 million barrels of fuel.

The company also stores a significant amount of Liquid Petroleum Gas for a regional clientele.

In order to simplify WIOC's storage capacity data, Prime Minister Brown explained that the company would be capable of powering New York City for up to nine months.

He described WIOC as 'a major asset' for Antigua and Barbuda with a value of over US\$100 million.

Antigua and Barbuda owns fifty-one percent of WIOC's shares.



# LIAT Administrator named... reorganization process starts

A court-appointed administrator has been identified to handle the affairs of LIAT as the process of reorganizing the financially troubled airline moves forward.

The man who will take on this responsibility is Cleveland Seaforth, a Senior Partner with the accounting firm, BDO.

Seaforth's appointment follows a petition filed in the High Court before Justice Damian Kensick (ag) by Prime Minister, Gaston Browne, in which he requested that the court name an administrator for LIAT under the provisions of the recently amended Companies Act of Antigua and Barbuda.

"The judge consented to the petition and he gave re-



lief for the appointment of the administrator. The order resulted in an automatic stay against all shareholders, directors and even creditors. So the meeting that was planned for this Friday by the shareholders and directors to wind-up the airline is now redundant as there is a stay on all such actions," Prime Minister

Browne revealed.

The prime minister reiterated that difficult times still lie ahead for the airline as it must now face the challenge of raising the required capital to return to operation within a reasonable time.

"We do have a number of prospective shareholders both private and public who

have shown an interest. This week we will be accelerating meetings with them and if we get some workable proposals we plan to turn them over to the administrator," he indicated.

It will then be up to the administrator to determine whether the plans are viable and if they can help restore LIAT to good health.

"The reorganization of the airline is a daunting task, but we have never been deterred by daunting tasks; we face them head on," PM Browne declared.

He acknowledged as much as US\$75 - US\$100 million will be necessary to get LIAT back into the skies.

Browne remains confident, however, that despite the challenges LIAT will rise again ought to be able to command at least fifty percent of the market share that it enjoyed prior to the onset of the pandemic.

He further underscored the importance of LIAT to the Antigua and Barbuda economy as the company contributes between 1.2 to 1.5 percent to the country's gross domestic product.

The prime minister also expressed the hope that LIAT's employees will be able to receive some portion of their severance and urged them to cooperate with the administrator as it may be necessary to take a cut in the money due to them in interest of saving LIAT and their livelihoods.

## NOTICE



### STAPLETON LN - A NO PARKING ZONE - ONE WEEK CLOSURE

Ongoing road infrastructure rehabilitation work on Friars Hill road will result in the closure of the Stapleton Lane. As a result of this road closure, there will be one-way access to Stapleton Lane from the roundabout at Old Parham Road.

**CLOSURE LIMITS:** The junction of Stapleton Lane and Friars Hill Road

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# COVID-19: A catalyst for entrepreneurship Series:



## A fight to survive; Roberts Delicious Pizza beats the odds against COVID-19

By: Angelica O'Donoghue

When one thinks of the true effects of COVID-19, a single question is often asked out loud, "How will we get back to normal?"

This question embodies the living reality of most businesses in our local economy.

According to the Associated Press, "Small businesses around the world are fighting for survival amid the economic fallout from the coronavirus pandemic. Whether they make it will affect not just local economies but the fabric of communities."

This week's entrepreneurship feature highlights how one proud business owner is managing to ride out the horrendous waves of COVID-19.

Roberts Delicious Pizza, Wings and T'ings, owned by Chaldane R. Roberts, started in January 2020, just before the world turned upside down.

Chaldane explained that his love for pizza, and drive to operate his own business, propelled him to become a food vendor at a few secondary schools before deciding to open his own permanent

base. "At the time I began taking my passion seriously, there were a few businesses similar to mine and a handful of Syrian-owned restaurants around, but I lacked financing and the proper guidance on starting a business of that nature so I kind of figured everything out by trial and error," Chaldane explained.

The young entrepreneur admitted that he needed financing when he first began his operation however he soon realised that there were not many options available to him. Despite this challenge, Robert's delicious pizza quickly became a household name in the Paynters and Piggotts communities.

Then came along COVID-19 which changed his way of life.

"COVID-19 has impacted the business in both a good and bad way. Good because now I've had the opportunity of a lot of exposure due to circumstances, bad because I had just started from the location this year and things were just starting to level off when COVID-19 spread to our island causing





a complete lockdown which put me out of operation for a short while having to start almost from scratch with stock again when we were allowed to reopen,” Robert explained solemnly.

Although COVID-19 impacted this business financially, Chaldane shared that this wasn’t his only struggle. “My biggest struggle has been the financial struggle and management of time. I try to read as much material as I possibly can on my industry and time management and, from time to time, I embark on different fund raising projects to fund my business to take it to the next level,” Mr. Roberts said.

A positive attitude has also been key to weathering the storm. The young entrepreneur explained where one door closed, he managed to open another and he has been capitalizing on the realities of COVID-19 through innovation.

Chaldane said, “The business has been able to capitalize on the COVID-19 situation because we offer

delivery as a service and many people opted for that service because they preferred not to make contact with many people during the early stages of the lockdown and it was ideal for that market.” Though there have been a number of eateries popping up since the government imposed lockdown, Chaldane indicated that he is not worried about competition as his business model is unique.

Roberts also revealed that he is optimistic about the future and sees his business expanding.

“I see the business expanding in the future, offering a different type of delivery service here in Antigua where persons could track their meal on a delivery app from the time their order is made to the time it reaches their door. I also intend to begin mass production of pizza crusts and franchising in the future,” Chaldane said. As is the norm for this business feature, this week’s entrepreneur offered his own advice to other business



owners. “In these times, make up your mind to put in maximum hours. When others are sleeping or partying, opt to put that time you would have been using to do these things into improving your business. Study your business. Spend at least

half an hour a day reading in your industry and trying to make your product better for your customers. The better your product, the more customer you attract and the more successful your business will be!”

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# Letter from America: An empire unglued

It is an odd thing to live in the United States right now. The greatest empire in the history of the world has devolved into a twisted, macabre, grotesque caricature of itself, and the world looks on in astonishment and horror. My good, dear friend Heidi texts from Cologne, Germany about unidentified government agents snatching Black Lives Matter protesters off the streets of Portland, Oregon and forcing them, with heavy weaponry, into unmarked vans. "This is fascism, no?" she writes. I reply. "Well, yes, it is."

On night 52 of the Portland protests, a Wall of Moms shows up, to protect the protesters. Mothers in bicycle helmets facing off against government agents equipped for war. The agents wear camouflage, in a city, at night. The point isn't to blend in – it's to intimidate and frighten. And federal agents that normally guard the border tear gas the mothers. Mothers. That's what we've come to as a country.

But it doesn't work. Instead of scaring off protesters, protester ranks swell, as columnists around the country warn of creeping fascism.

It gets worse.

In the midst of a global pandemic, President Trump pulls out of the World Health Organization and threatens to cut funding to the CDC,

something he already did well before the pandemic struck – despite clear warnings from the outgoing Obama administration that a pandemic would almost certainly strike at some point.

In October 2019, prestigious Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore ranked the US first among 195 countries in pandemic readiness, and number one in all six categories surveyed. Eight months later the US is number one in COVID-19 infections. Number one in deaths. And Trump, in astonishing tone-deafness, brags about the Hopkins study. With a population of 331 million, the US has 142,000 deaths. With a population of 95 million and four percent of US per capita GDP, Vietnam has zero deaths.

My good friend Peter Millard is an MD and epidemiologist. I tell him Trump could scarcely kill more people with COVID-19 if he tried. Peter agrees.

As COVID-19 tears through the South and Southwest, cities in Georgia try to mandate face masks in public, but Georgia Governor Brian Kemp blocks the move. Atlanta, the biggest city in Georgia, mandates masks anyway, and Kemp sues the city. In an extraordinary move, Kemp personally sues Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms, who is isolating at home with



BY LAWRENCE REICHARD

COVID-19. In our greatest crisis since World War II, we're at war with ourselves. We're eating our own.

Kemp shouldn't even be governor. In 2018, he stole the election against the dynamic, charismatic African American Stacey Abrams, former minority leader of the Georgia House of Representatives. Kemp was Georgia secretary of state from 2010 to 2018 and he oversaw the closing of 1,688 polling places and the purging of 340,000 voters. Kemp "won" the election by 54,763 votes.

A secretary of state overseeing an election in which he himself was a candidate. We have become a banana republic.

On June 23, 2020, Ken-

tucky held a primary election in which more than 95% of the state's polling places were closed. Louisville, with a population of 600,000, had one polling place. The media barely noticed.

In a July 19 on-camera interview with Chris Wallace of Fox News, Trump refused to commit to respecting the outcome of his upcoming November 3 re-election bid.

And none of this is imagined, invented or exaggerated. I couldn't possibly make this up.

But there are signs of hope. The Portland protests show no signs of ending. Or even slowing down. In the 58 days since the police murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Floyd's name



has become known the world over and has ignited a global fight for racial justice and equality such as the world had never seen before.

Even corporate America is behind it. Even golf, game of the rich and the corporate. Golf tournaments on TV are now regularly interrupted by 30-second heartfelt racial justice messages delivered by black sports icons. As the messages say, there's no turning back. Though events are still playing out, history has spoken. And Trump is lining up solidly on the wrong side of this history.

As stated in a New York Times opinion piece, Trump knows only one song. It's a song of anger, resentment, bitterness, hate and division. But it's not playing. Trump's numbers are in veritable free fall and he may take Republican control of the senate with him, reducing Senate Majority leader, kingmaker, and Trump enabler Mitch McConnell to a backbench status little above that of the teenage senate pages that scurry around the chamber floor delivering messages here and there.

History suggests Trump

may be heading for the biggest defeat in 231 years of US presidential elections, perhaps eclipsing incumbent Richard Nixon's 60.7% to 37.5% thrashing of George McGovern in 1972. The strain is showing. Trump has for decades craved public praise and adulation, and now he faces the biggest test of public approval of his life. Will he respect the November results? He is already laying the groundwork for not accepting them. He has already said the election will be fraudulent, because of mail-in ballots, something the US has used for more than 150 years, and which Trump himself uses.

But Trump may have made a key mistake. On June 1 Trump used tear gas to clear a path through a peaceful protest for the sake of an election-style photo op, holding up a bible – upside down – in front of a Washington church. This from a man who rarely goes to church. General Mark Milley, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Secretary of Defense Mark Esper went with him. Both men later said they didn't

know where they were going or for what purpose. It's hard to say what's more shocking: that they – the country's highest military figures – didn't know where they were going, or that they publicly admitted they didn't know.

But the damage was done. Trump had humiliated these career military officers before the world.

In another extraordinary move, both men later expressed regret, for being duped and for allowing themselves to be used as campaign props. And in a point missed by American media, Black Lives Matter likely played a role in those remarkable mea culpas, as BLM has unleashed a global tsunami of reckoning.

Those public expressions of regret must have been deeply humiliating to Trump, but the man who has tweeted 200 times in one day, was silent on this abject rebuke of his rule. The rebuke was reminiscent of congressional testimony earlier in the Trump era in which a high-ranking Pentagon official assured a congressional committee the military

would not let Trump get the country into an ill-advised war. It is a measure of surreal nature of these times that such unprecedented testimony barely raised an eyebrow in the US media.

Given all this, it's hard to imagine the military would allow Trump to not abide by November's verdict. But all indications are that Trump doesn't have the requisite fortitude anyway. Trump has threatened military action against Iran, Venezuela and North Korea, but aside from the seemingly endless US presence in Iraq and Afghanistan – which he inherited – all Trump has done in three and a half years is bomb a far corner of a Syrian air force base where there were, perhaps by design, no Syrian forces. And when peaceful Black Lives Matter protesters gathered outside the White House, Trump hid in a White House basement bunker intended for use in nuclear war. Trump later claimed he was inspecting the bunker, a claim widely ridiculed in the media.

No, Donald Trump won't refuse to leave if he loses. He doesn't have the guts.

# GOT NEWS

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## Nigerians charged with lottery scamming in Jamaica



Two Nigerian nationals have been arrested and charged locally for suspected lottery scamming.

They have been identified as 34-year-old Folashade Bakare and 32-year-old Yusuf Abiodun Bakare, both of Lagos in Nigeria.

The foreigners, who were residing locally in Bogue Heights, St James, were arrested at the

Sangster International Airport in the parish on Wednesday.

Police report that the two were collecting packages at the cargo section of the airport when a package was searched and customs officers discovered that it contained bank cards. The pair reportedly could not satisfactorily account for the items and the

police were called in.

During the investigation that followed, identity information belonging to other persons were allegedly found. A search of their premises revealed additional devices that reportedly contained identity information of persons residing overseas, police said.

They were subsequently

charged with breaches of the Law Reform (Fraudulent Transactions) (Special Provisions) Act and the Immigration Act.

The suspects will appear in the St James Parish Court on Wednesday, July 29 to answer to the charges.



## Trinidad: CARICOM observers couldn't meet 14-day quarantine costs

**Looppt-** The Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) said CARICOM observers who were invited to monitor the upcoming August 10 general election were unable to afford the costs associated with the mandatory 14-day quarantine.

In a statement issued Sunday (July 26), the OPM said:

'Both organizations have advised of their inability to meet the cost associated with the 14-day quarantine period required for entry into Trinidad and Tobago which is an integral part of our management of the COVID-19 pandemic.'

'Specifically, they cited constraints due to financial strictures that disallow them from meeting this cost.'

The response comes after Opposition Leader Kamla Persad-Bissessar asked for clarity on their attendance during the general election.

According to the statement, Dr Rowley extended invitations to observers on July 9, 2020 to consider sending Election Observation Missions, and said they were told of the mandatory 14-day quarantine.

'It was indicated then, that as part of our COVID-19 protocol, we were requiring that all entrants to Trinidad and Tobago agree to mandatory quarantine for 14 days prior to any mixing with the local population.'

The OPM said: 'it was advised that selected observers should arrive in Trinidad and Tobago by July 24, 2020 in preparation for the designated exercise to take place after the mandatory quar-

antine'. The OPM said in order to ensure there was no conflict of interest, government did not offer to cover the costs of the quarantine accommodation.

'To ensure the integrity of the contribution of the Missions (recommendations and the report of Observation Missions), it is deemed necessary that the host Government (Trinidad and Tobago) not cover the costs related to the quarantine of members of the Election Observation Missions.' The OPM added that requests were made for potential Commonwealth benefactors to help with the costs but no one has come forward:

'Requests have been made by Trinidad and Tobago to potential benefactors within the Commonwealth community to cover these costs. To date, no definitive positive results have been obtained and the timely arrival has expired if persons were to follow the established mandatory protocol.' 'In the event that any alternative arrangement for travel becomes available, such requests will be subject to conditions laid down by the Chief Medical Officer in the most facilitatory and safe way.' 'The Government of Trinidad and Tobago continues to persevere in attempting to secure the necessary resources and modalities to encourage the arrival of at least one Election Observation Mission. At this time it appears that only a CARICOM mission might be available if health protocols can be met.'

The response comes after Persad-Bissessar accused Dr Rowley of trying to mislead



*In this photo dated July 17, 2020, Dr Rowley walks with supporters to file his nomination papers in Carenage for the August 10 general election.*

the population, after saying at a Friday night event that he was unsure whether the observers would be attending. She said the associated costs were to be paid by the Secretariat: 'Dr Rowley is once again trying to mislead the population. The Prime Minister is well aware that revised guidelines for Commonwealth election observation were agreed to and released at the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in 2018, which he attended. 'During that meeting of CHOGM, it was stated that the new guidelines "adopt best practice, as also reflected in the Declaration of Principles on International Election Observation, and will ensure the on-going integrity, value and impact of Commonwealth observer missions as they continue to support the strengthening of electoral democracy and the political rights

of Commonwealth citizens.'" Section 8.2 of these guidelines states: "The costs of each observer mission are covered by the Secretariat. No funds are sought from the host member country being observed..."

She accused government of attempting to 'stall the process':

'Rowley's actions can now be viewed as an attempt to not only stall the process so that Observer teams would not have enough time to enter the country and undergo the mandatory 14-day quarantine, but a deliberate attempt to hoodwink the population mere days before the election, and avoid scrutiny.'

She said she would be calling on Dr Rowley to 'act immediately to put the necessary arrangements in place so we will not be left without Observer teams for the first time in our recent electoral history.'

# St. Vincent: Preacher gets 30 years for raping child

An assistant pastor was, on Thursday, jailed for 30 years — a life sentence — for raping a female member of his congregation three times when she was between age 5 and 7.

Delroy Fraser, 43, faced a maximum of 30 years on each of the three counts of rape that a nine-member jury, which included six females, unanimously convicted him of the crime last week Tuesday, July 14. He was convicted after a trial in which he opted to not testify and called no witnesses in his defence.

Instead, he relied on an interview with the police in which he denied having committed the offences. Delroy Fraser, 43, a father of five, committed the crimes between Jan. 1, 2014 and Dec. 31, 2016 in Canouan.

Fraser, who is originally from Barrouallie, was the assistant pastor at a church where the child and her mother fellowshiped in Canouan.

He committed his crimes against the child when he took her — along with his own infant daughter — to the beach with her mother's consent.

Fraser would place his own child on the beach when he took his victim, now 11 years old, into the sea where he performed the vile acts on her.

The child told the court that as she grew taller, Fraser took her further into the sea to facilitate his sex crime.

In the trial, the court heard that Fraser was a close friend of

the child whose mother trusted him to take care of the child during their beach trips.

Fraser had threatened the child, telling her that something worse would happen if she told anyone.

Even during the period when he was violating the child, Fraser visited her house where he would sit, eat, laugh and interact with her family.

However, one day, during a sermon, a preacher prophesied that someone on the altar would be exposed.

This gave the child the courage to report the crime to her mother. The pastor of the church was told of the child's report and the cleric summoned a meeting of the church leaders. Fraser was invited to respond to the child's claim but did not explicitly deny her allegation. The pastor reported the matter to the police who launched an investigation.

As part of the investigation, a medical examination of the child's vagina found signs of "significant physical trauma", Justice Brian Cottle said in summarising the fact of the case. The signs were consistent with sexual assault multiple times over a protracted period.

In his sentencing remarks at High Court No. 1 in Kingstown, Justice Cottle said that at the trial the child impressed the court "as a very intelligent, articulate young lady".

He said he hopes and prays that "the almost unspeakable



*Police officers escort rapist preacher Delroy Fraser to prison to serve his 30-year sentence on Thursday.*

crimes which she has had to endure would not destroy a person who shows so much promise at such an early age".

In a victim impact statement,

the child told the court that she had been shattered emotionally and has had to endure the suffering for such a long time partly because she feared for



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the safety of her mother.

She said that she had contemplated suicide, having had to endure graphic flashbacks and nightmares.

The experience had forced her to lose trust in all men, the victim said. Justice Cottle noted that Fraser knew that the child was growing up without a father in her household, adding that Fraser should have been filling that role but, rather, abused her in the worst way possible.

The judge said that in addition to the child's physical and psychological scars, Fraser assaulted her spiritually as she spent a lot of time in church and her faith is important to her. He said it was largely because of the child's faith and the sup-

port she has received from her church community that helped her to overcome the impact of Fraser's predatory behaviour.

"By violating her, the prisoner robbed her of her innocence," Justice Cottle said, adding that the child had suffered a grievous wrong which can never be corrected.

In analysing the aggravating features of the case, the court noted that the complainant was between 5 and 7 years old, three decades younger than her assailant. Justice Cottle said he found that the case involved extreme physiological harm, adding that because of the age difference and the fact that the child was less than 10 years old, he placed the offence in the high category — in that it

resulted in extreme psychological harm. He also said that there was abuse of trust, noting that Fraser was a family friend and the assistant pastor at the complainant's church.

The court found that there was a degree of planning in the assaults and that the child was also threatened.

He noted that the crime was carried out in the presence of the defendant's young child.

Justice Cottle said that while the defendant's child was young, the child would have appreciated that something strange was befalling the complainant. The court also found that the complainant was especially vulnerable, in light of her age. The court concluded that the aggravating feature of

the crime outweighed the mitigating features, and adjusted the starting point of 20 years upwards by three years.

The judge deducted one year for the mitigating features of the offender, he being a first time offender.

This left the court with a sentence of 22 years on the first count. The court further sentenced Fraser to five years on the second count and three years on the third count and ordered that the sentences run consecutively.

He said that the sentences for count two and three were significantly lower because of the totality principle, which says that the total sentences should reflect the overall criminality.

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## Police and protesters clash in violent weekend across the US

Protests took a violent turn in several U.S. cities over the weekend, with demonstrators squaring off against federal agents outside a courthouse in Portland, Oregon, forcing police in Seattle to retreat into a station house and setting fire to vehicles in California and Virginia. A protest against police violence in Austin, Texas, turned deadly when a witness says the driver of a car that drove through a crowd of marchers opened fire on an armed demonstrator who approached the vehicle. And someone was shot and wounded in Aurora, Colorado, after a car drove through a protest there, authorities said.

The unrest Saturday and early Sunday stemmed from the weeks of protests over racial injustice and the police treatment of people of color that flared up after the May 25 death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Floyd, who was Black and handcuffed, died after a white police officer used his knee to pin down Floyd's neck for nearly eight minutes while Floyd begged for air.

In Seattle, police officers retreated into a precinct station early Sunday, hours after large demonstrations in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Some demonstrators lingered after officers filed into the department's East Precinct around 1 a.m., but most cleared out a short time later, according to video posted online.

At a late-night news con-



*Federal officers launch tear gas at a group of demonstrators during a Black Lives Matter protest at the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse Sunday, July 26, 2020, in Portland, Ore*

ference, Seattle police Chief Carmen Best called for peace. Rocks, bottles, fireworks and mortars were fired at police during the weekend unrest, and police said they arrested at least 45 people for assaults on officers, obstruction and failure to disperse. Twenty-one officers were hurt, with most of their injuries considered minor, police said.

In Portland, thousands of people gathered Saturday evening for another night of protests over George Floyd's killing and the presence of federal agents recently sent to the city by President Donald Trump. Protesters breached a fence surrounding the city's federal courthouse building where the

agents have been stationed.

Police declared the situation to be a riot and at around 1:20 a.m., they began ordering people to leave the area surrounding the courthouse or risk arrest, saying on Twitter that the violence had created "a grave risk" to the public. About 20 minutes later, federal officers and local police could be seen attempting to clear the area and deploying tear gas, however protesters remained past 2:30 a.m., forming lines across intersections and holding makeshift shields as police patrolled and closed blocks abutting the area. Multiple arrests were made, but it wasn't immediately clear how many.

In the Texas capital of Austin,

a protester was shot and killed Saturday night after witnesses say he approached a car that had driven through a march against police violence. In video streamed live on Facebook, a car can be heard honking before several shots ring out and protesters start screaming and scattering for cover. Police could then be seen tending to someone lying in the street.

Michael Capochiano, who attended the protest, told the Austin American-Statesman that the slain protester had a rifle and that the car's driver fired several shots at him before speeding away. Police said the driver was detained and was cooperating with investigators.



## Body of John Lewis makes final journey over Selma bridge

The late United States Representative John Lewis crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, for the final time on Sunday as remembrances continue for the civil rights legend.

A crowd began gathering near the bridge that became a landmark in the fight for racial justice when Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten there 55 years ago on "Bloody Sunday," a key event in the fight for voting rights for Black Americans.

A horse-drawn hearse retraced the route through Selma from Brown Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where the 1965 march began.

As the wagon approached the bridge, members of the crowd shouted "Thank you, John Lewis!" and "Good trouble" - the phrase Lewis used to describe his tangles with white authorities during the civil rights movement.

Some crowd members sang the gospel song Woke Up This Morning With My Mind Stayed on Jesus. Later, some onlookers sang the civil rights anthem We Shall Overcome and similar tunes.

The hearse paused atop the bridge over the Alabama River as the cicadas sang in the summer heat.

On the south side of the bridge, where Lewis was beaten by Alabama state troopers in 1965, family members placed roses that the carriage rolled over, marking the spot where Lewis spilled his blood and suf-



*Lewis and other civil rights marchers were beaten there 55 years ago on 'Bloody Sunday', a key event in the fight for voting rights for Black Americans*

fered a severe head injury.

As a military honour guard lifted Lewis's coffin from the wagon into an automobile hearse, state troopers saluted Lewis.

A native of Pike County, Alabama, Lewis became involved in the civil rights movement as a young man.

In 1965, he and other marchers, calling for equal rights for all voters regardless of race, were beaten in Selma as segregationist Alabama Governor George Wallace ordered a crackdown.

The news coverage of the event help galvanise support for the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Amid current national anti-racism protests and a movement to abolish Confederate

monuments and symbols, calls have grown to rename the bridge in honour of Lewis.

It is currently named after Edmund Winston Pettus, a former Confederate brigadier general and leader of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan.

Lewis's body will later be brought to the Alabama Capitol in the afternoon to lie in repose.

A series of events began on Saturday in Lewis's hometown of Troy, Alabama, to pay tribute to the late congressman and his legacy. He will lie in state at the US Capitol next week before his private funeral on Thursday at Atlanta's historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, which the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr once led.

Frank and Ellen Hill drove

for more than four hours from Monroe, Louisiana, to watch the procession.

Frank Hill, 60, said he remembers, as an African American child, watching news footage of Lewis and other civil rights marchers being beaten by law enforcement officers.

"I had to come back and see John Lewis cross the bridge for the last time," said Hill. It's funny to see the state troopers here to honour and respect him rather than beat the crap out of him," Hill told The Associated Press.

Lewis, 80, died on July 17, several months after he was diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.

## Russian navy to get hypersonic nuclear weapons: Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin has said the Russian navy will be armed with hypersonic nuclear weapons and underwater nuclear drones.

The weapons, some of which have yet to be deployed, include the Poseidon underwater nuclear drone, designed to be carried by submarines, and the Tsirkon (Zircon) hypersonic cruise missile, which can be deployed on surface ships.

The combination of speed, manoeuvrability, and altitude of hypersonic missiles, capable of travelling at more than five times the speed of sound, makes them difficult to track and intercept.

Putin, who said he does not want an arms race, has often spoken of a new generation of Russian nuclear weapons he says are unequalled and can hit almost anywhere in the world. Some Western experts have questioned how advanced they are.

Speaking on Sunday in St Petersburg at an annual naval parade that showcases Russia's best warships, nuclear submarines and naval aviation, Putin said the navy's capabilities were growing and it would get 40 new vessels this year.

He did not specify when it would receive new hypersonic weapons, but suggested that day was drawing closer.



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"The widespread deployment of advanced digital technologies that have no equals in the world, including hypersonic strike systems and underwater drones, will give the fleet unique advantages and increased combat capabilities," Putin said.

In a separate statement released via Russian news

agencies, the defence ministry said testing of the Belgorod, the first submarine capable of carrying the Poseidon drones, was under way and testing of the weapons systems was nearing completion.

"Work is being successfully completed to create modern weapons systems for the navy," it was cited as saying.

Putin last year threatened to deploy hypersonic missiles on ships and submarines that could lurk outside US territorial waters if the United States moved to deploy intermediate-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

Washington has not deployed such missiles in Europe, but Moscow is worried it might.



## Nantes cathedral fire: Volunteer admits starting blaze, says lawyer



*Staff member sanitises hands of students at a school in Soweto township in Johannesburg, South Africa*

A church volunteer has admitted starting a fire that devastated the cathedral in the French city of Nantes last week, his lawyer has said. The Rwandan refugee, who worked as a warden at the cathedral, was rearrested on Saturday night. No motive for the fire, which destroyed the cathedral's 17th Century organ as well as historic stained-glass windows, has been given.

His lawyer told reporters his

client felt "relief" after confessing. "It's someone who is scared, who is somehow overwhelmed," his lawyer, Quentin Chabert, was quoted as saying by Reuters news agency.

The 39-year-old volunteer, who has not been named, was initially detained for questioning after the blaze but then released without charge. He had been in charge of locking up the Saint-Pierre-et-Saint-Paul cathedral

the day before the blaze on 18 July. Officials had previously said that the fire was believed to have been arson and had been started in three different places.

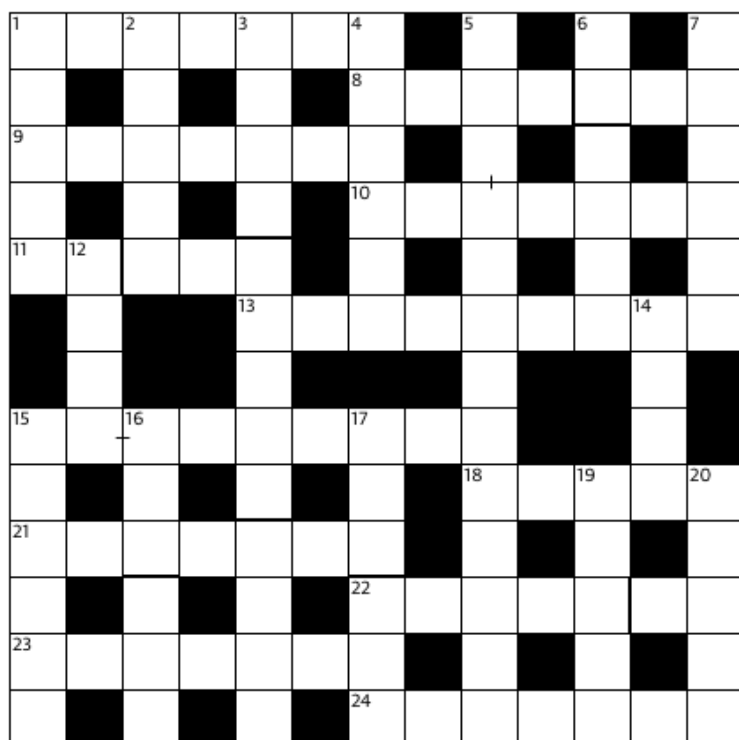
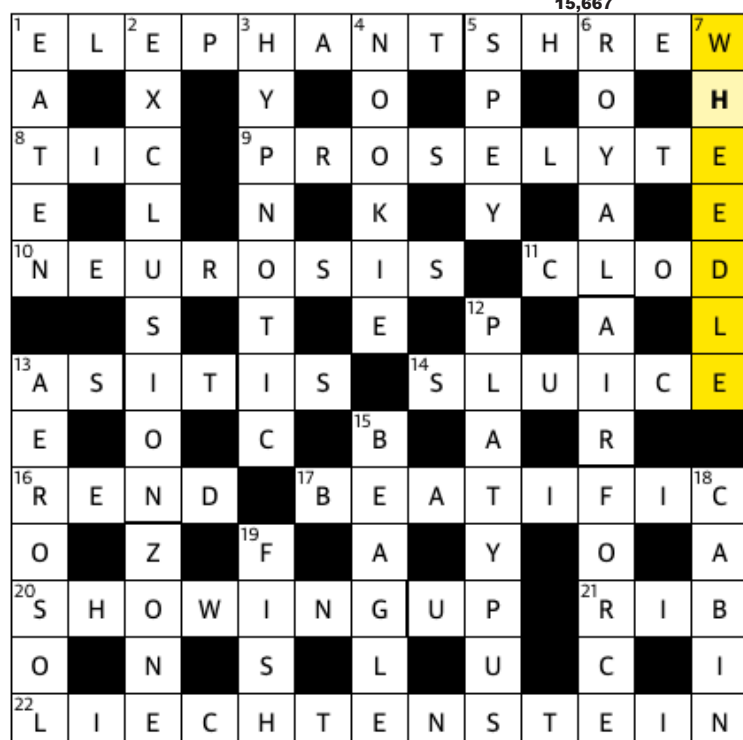
Nantes prosecutor Pierre Sennes said on Saturday that the man had been charged with "destruction and damage by fire" and could face up to 10 years in prison and €150,000 (\$175,000; £135,000) in fines, according to the AFP news agency. Around

100 firefighters managed to stop the flames from destroying the main structure at the cathedral. French Prime Minister Jean Castex praised their "professionalism, courage and self-control".

The fire comes about 15 months after a blaze nearly destroyed Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

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## Across

- 1 Natural environment (7)  
 8 Haematite, for example — Nero or I (anag) (4,3)  
 9 Absconds (7)  
 10 German castle (7)  
 11 Bewildered (2,3)  
 13 City serving Perth, Australia as its port (9)  
 15 Play ball (2-7)  
 18 Storehouse (5)  
 21 Smarter (7)  
 22 Enter forcibly (5,2)  
 23 Person from Birmingham (7)  
 24 Merit (7)

## Down

- 1 Many-headed snake slain by Hercules (5)  
 2 Defensive players (5)  
 3 Repeatedly (4,5,4)  
 4 Disposable handkerchief (6)  
 5 These dashed on (anag) — impetuosity (3-10)  
 6 As well (2,4)  
 7 Tenant (6)  
 12 French-speaking West African country, capital Lomé (4)  
 14 Floor covering (abbr) (4)  
 15 Peevish (6)  
 16 Decide not to participate (3,3)  
 17 Inflatable mattress (3,3)  
 19 Fire iron (5)  
 20 Slight but perceptible amount (5)

## CARTOON CORNER

### In the Bleachers



Dewey gets trapped in a bunker.





**ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19):** Take the high road even if it seems simpler to do otherwise. Good karma is always welcome, and when you maintain your integrity, you earn not only self-respect but also respect from others. Play the long game.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):** You might encounter mistakes or become involved in disputes. These problems will be more easily resolved with a “give them the benefit of the doubt” attitude. In the upcoming week you can learn something that will be helpful and uplifting.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A boost in your thinking processes adds fuel to the fire of your enthusiasm. You might be prompted to act quickly, but if you wait until the second half of the week to put plans in motion, the results will be better.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don’t rush ahead without forethought, whether you’re driving on the roads or challenged to a debate. Avoid confrontations and focus on achieving a compromise whenever there is a disagreement in the upcoming week.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Keep your credit card on ice until you really need it. It is possible you want something for the wrong reasons. Later this week you may have the unique opportunity to take charge or make major advances at work.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone could be overeager to jump into action and get you involved. Today isn’t a good time to launch a new enterprise, but if you clear up any misunderstandings, there could be an excellent opportunity for success later this week.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.):** Someone’s brashness or tendency to jump the gun could feel wrong. Don’t let a misunderstanding interfere with your desire to reach long-term goals or disturb the tranquility of a relationship this week.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Some chemistry is romantic, but when the wrong energies come in contact, there could be an unpleasant reaction. Hold off on initiating new relationships and wait until later in the week to make crucial decisions.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Someone close may get burned from playing with fire. Meddling with controversial subjects might leave you vulnerable to a misunderstanding. Later this week you can make wiser and more profitable decisions.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Pursuing goals early in the week ahead may start to seem futile. You may think you’re making progress but could end up back where you started. Wait until later in the week to launch important plans.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Combine astute observations of how things really are with dreams of how you’d like things to be. Wait until the middle of the week, when the timing is better, to put inspired plans into motion with a partner.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Don’t make any financial commitments or romantic promises until all the pros and cons are weighed on the scales of common sense. The second part of the week will offer better opportunities for lasting success.

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# West Indies need a miracle on the fifth and final day

The West Indies need a miracle on the fifth and final day, today (Monday), of the third Test against England at the Emirates Old Trafford if they are to retain the Wisden Trophy they won eighteen months ago in the Caribbean.

The Caribbean team needs 399 to win in the series which is now tied 1-1.

Scores in the game: England 369 and 226/2 declared. West Indies 197 and 10 for 2 heading into the 5th and final day.



# Barcelona president expects Lionel Messi to sign new deal

Barcelona President, Josep Maria Bartomeu, says he has no doubt Argentina international, Lionel Messi, will sign a new contract with the club.

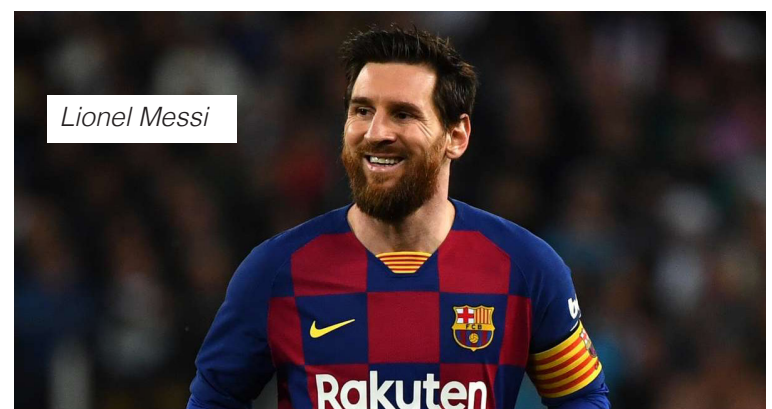
The 33-year-old's contract expires in 2021.

"Messi has said many times he wants to retire here and I have no doubt that he will," Bartomeu told Mundo Deportivo.

Barcelona finished five points behind Real Madrid who won La Liga.

Messi won the La Liga Golden Boot with 25 goals and has hinted that things have to change at the club.

Barcelona play the second leg of their Champions League last 16 tie against Napoli on 8 August with the score 1-1 from the first match in February.





## Action on the final day in the 2020/21 Premier League

Aston Villa secured their Premier League survival at the expense of Bournemouth and Watford as Manchester United and Chelsea earned Champions League places on a dramatic final day.

A 1-1 draw at West Ham was enough to see Villa finish one point clear of the bottom three, as Watford lost 3-2 at Arsenal and Bournemouth were relegated despite winning at Everton.

Manchester United, who needed a point to beat Leicester 2-0 to gain a Champions League spot and Chelsea, defeated Wolves 2-nil to finish fourth.

Bournemouth, Watford



and Norwich are relegated while Liverpool crown champions, Man City, Chelsea will play in the Manchester United and Champions League.

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Byron Andrew, Wadadli Elite coach administrator.



Coach Wanga Armstrong, Wadadli Elite head coach.

## The Dream team

Byron Andrew and Wanga Armstrong have quietly but efficiently produced some of Antigua and Barbuda's best talent in basketball.

Both gentlemen, who are devoted, born-again Christians, have formed a partnership that is harvesting some of the richest talent on the island.

Wadadli Elite is creating pathways for many young basketball players to enter Prep Schools and Universities in the United States.

Andrew, a former basketball player both locally and in university, told PointeXpress recently that his experience in sports has as-

sisted him both in life and his business and he is now passing this knowledge on to young men and women across the island.

"We foster an environment of respect, hard work, discipline and education," Andrew said.

"We have reached the point where we don't go looking for players; they find us based on our track record of developing and assisting young athletes further their skills and education," he continued.

Wadadli Elite, which has a fantastic network with top Prep School and College coaches in the USA, presently has a number of play-

ers who are either enrolled in these schools or will soon leave to take advantage of these opportunities.

Head Coach, Wanga Armstrong, in an appearance on "TIMEOUT" on Pointe FM said that emphasis is placed on fundamentals, hard work and discipline as the bar at Wadadli Elite is set very high.

"We do not condone certain behavior and if you come to Elite and are not willing to make the adjustment you will become uncomfortable and leave," Wanga noted.

We don't condone poor behavior and set an environment that produces educated, articulate, intelligent students willing to learn and hungry for success," Armstrong went on.

He further explained, "COVID-19 has slowed us down. We were expected in New York this summer and had many plans, but we are making the necessary adjustments and have stayed in contact with our players to make sure they remain focused."

Some of the players produced by Wadadli Elite, and who are presently overseas or will soon leave, are Jevante Valerie, 6ft 5in 210lbs, in Calusa Prep in Florida; 7 footer, Jumine Charles and Jaden Andrew at Victory Rock Prep One of Division One Kentucky Recruiting Grounds; Ahmani Brown at Mitchell College, Eric Joseph Jr. and Jevon Andrew, who head to Florida Atlantic and Florida National respectively, and Sheldon Gomes Jr., who is at Western University in Canada.

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