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Murder convict gets 21-year prison term

The High Court has sentenced Corey Mills to 21 years in prison for murdering Syrian businessman, Mazem Daher, in 2016.

The sentence was imposed by Justice Ann-Marie Smith on Tuesday.

Mills and co-accused, Ian Daniel and Shane Buckley, were charged with committing the crime at Daher's restaurant on Old Parham Road on the evening of 23rd April, 2016.

Charges against Buckley were subsequently dropped.

The men reportedly entered the establishment and robbed Daher of money. The businessman was fatally shot in the process.

The 38-year-old national of Syria was discovered lying on the floor of his restaurant with a gunshot wound to his upper body.

The crime was captured on CCTV cameras and it assisted police greatly in solving the case.

At sentencing, Corey Mills of Clare Hall was informed that his 21-year sentence will be eligible for review after he has served 10 years. Additionally, he is to receive counseling and, as part of his rehabilitation, must enter a remedial reading programme.

As for Ian Daniel of Skerritts pasture, he pleaded guilty to manslaughter and will be sentenced upon the completion of a psychiatric evaluation requested by his attorney.



Corey Mills

DAY 7/29

Max UV Index: 3 Moderate
 Wind: ESE at 37 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 70 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 70%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 45%
 Precipitation: 10.2 mm
 Rain: 10.2 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 6
 Hours of Rain: 6

29°_{Hi}



Some wind and rain from Tropical Storm Isaias

NIGHT 7/29

Wind: SE at 37 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 57 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 72%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 60%
 Precipitation: 20.3 mm
 Rain: 20.3 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 6
 Hours of Rain: 6

26°_{Lo}



Some wind and rain from Tropical Storm Isaias;
 excessive rain can cause flooding and mudslides

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
 5:46 AM

Sunset AST
 6:41 PM



Duration
 12:55 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
 2:20 PM

Moonset AST
 1:53 AM



Duration
 11:33 hr

Go to your playstore and download the app Cap Cap and change the country setting to Antigua and Barbuda.

National advisory: Stay at home

All residents Antigua and Barbuda are being advised to stay home today, Wednesday, as the country is currently under the effects of a tropical storm.

The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) issued a bulletin overnight advising the public of this development. "Acting on the advice of the Hon. Prime Minister, Gaston Browne and after consultation with the Antigua and Barbuda Met Office regarding the threat posed by the weather system, today Wednesday 29, July will be a national shut down," the bulletin stated.

It said that this means that except for first response agencies and essential workers in the private and public sectors, all other workers should remain at home.

Meanwhile, the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority has announced the closure of the VC Bird International Airport effective 6:00 yesterday. The announcement said the airport has been closed due to the passage of a tropical weather system across the Leeward Islands.

Based on the advice of the Antigua and Barbuda Meteorological Services, a further update will be issued as to when the VC Bird International will be re-opened for normal flight operations.

The latest weather report issued last night at 11:00 o'clock said a small craft warning is now in effect until Thursday.

It said strong winds associated with the development of Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine are expected to cause the threat levels, at sea, to rise to extreme, with the potential of devastating to catastrophic impacts the life and property of mariners.

Winds: East-northeast, turning clockwise to southeast by this afternoon, increasing to 33 to 63 km/h (18 to 34 knots; 21 to 39 mph), with strong gusts to around 102 km/h (55 knots; 62 mph).

Seas (significant wave heights): 3 to 5.5 metres (10 to 18 feet), occasionally or locally reaching near 7 metres (23 feet). Dominant wave period is 8 to 11 seconds.

Impacts (possible/likely/expected): Loss of life; injuries; sea search and rescue disruptions; cancellations to sea transportation; scarcity of sea food; damage or loss of boats and fishing equipment; cancellation to marine recreation and businesses and economic losses.

A small craft warning means that wind speeds, in this case, of 41 km/h or higher (22 knots or higher) and or wind waves and or wind swells of 9 feet or greater are expected to produce hazardous wave conditions to small crafts.

Instructions

Small craft operators should stay in port and safeguard their vessels.

The Met Office is advising all residents to continue to monitor these hazardous, life-threatening marine conditions. Stay tuned to updates coming out of the Met Office via antiguamet.com



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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

APUA 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Preparedness

ST. JOHN'S Antigua, July 28, 2020 - The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) would like to assure the public of its readiness for the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season. Earlier in the year, we began our preparation by ensuring additional resources were secured and stocked in the event of infrastructural damage to our network.

We would like to reaffirm our established Storm/Hurricane protocols:

- The APUA Water Business Unit has activated its hurricane preparedness plan whereby water is presently being channeled to the various water storage facilities across the island. Persons are also reminded that sea conditions affect our ability to produce water, as such, water production will commence once sea conditions have calmed.
- The APUA Electricity Business Unit will try its best to maintain power distribution throughout the passage of the storm providing it is safe to do so. Any disruption in service will be addressed after the storm. Customers who may experience any light flickering or voltage fluctuation are urged to switch off their main electrical breaker.
- The APUA Telecommunications Business Unit would like to remind customers to unplug modems and other communication devices to prevent damage due to power surges caused by lightning. Please preserve your mobile phone battery during a storm and activate your phone's energy saving mode. Please do not attempt to sever telephone wires that are hanging low.
- After the storm, once APUA receives the all clear from our Met Office a thorough assessment of the electricity network will be conducted in order to begin service restoration. Restoration will be handled according to the established guidelines and in the safest and most efficient way.

We thank our customers for their patience and understanding and wish for their continued safety during the storm.

No politics!

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has assured concerned citizens and residents that the steps being taken to safeguard the country against the spread of COVID-19 are in no way political.

The assurance given by the prime minister was a direct response to protest action taken by a group of persons who gathered outside the parliament building on Tuesday.

The head of government left his office on Tuesday morning and crossed Queen

Elizabeth Highway to speak with the boisterous group of protesters who gathered to voice their displeasure at his administration's decisions regarding the State of Emergency and resulting curfew and mandatory wearing of masks in public places.

The protest was organized by the social media influencer and Parham resident known online as Jaye Trute.

While some protesters remained noisy and defiant, there were others willing to listen to what Prime Minister Browne had to say.



"We locked down the country early in the pandemic and we did it to protect the nation. So if you have to give up some of your freedom in order to bring COVID-19 under control, it is for the benefit of everyone. We are not doing this for any political reasons; we are trying to protect the population as we don't want any community spread," Browne explained.

The prime minister con-

tinued that if the disease is allowed to escalate to the level of community spread, many persons, including the protesters and their loved ones, could fall ill or lose their lives.

"When you have these types of pandemics, people have to give up some of their freedoms. It is not a political issue; it is a health issue and we have the police to ensure the rules [are fol-

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lowed and] that people wear their masks," he stated.

Confirming that the police only act in the best interest of the public, PM Browne also urged those listening to join in ensuring that their friends and family wear face masks and to report persons in public places who fail to comply. As schools prepare to reopen, one protestor inquired how the government intends to ensure the safety of children and

educators. To this the prime minister indicated that social distancing measures will be enforced in schools the same as in all other public spaces.

"Some classes will have to be held outside as we strive to minimize the spread among our young people," he declared.

In an attempt to calm the crowd, the prime minister said as a nation 'we have to improvise' and continued that working in unison toward solutions 'we will make it'.

Congratulations extended to another graduate

Another Antiguan and Barbudan student has done her country proud by attaining a Master's degree in Health and Wellness Management.

She is Esther Gregory-Pilgrim who graduated with honours from the American College of Education.

Gregory-Pilgrim, who also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Educational Psychology and Guidance Counselling, has been an educator, in the employ of the Ministry of Education, for the past twenty-one years.

Now pursuing a doctorate degree, Gregory-Pilgrim is Head of Department - Home Economics, at the Antigua Girls' High School. She has also lectured part-time at the Department of Teacher Education.

A dedicated and enthusiastic educator, Gregory-Pilgrim strongly believes that to become an effective teacher it is essential to equip oneself with the educational tools afforded by higher education in order to scaffold students to their highest achievement.

She desires to utilize the knowledge she has garnered to assist in improving the standards of health and wellness education in Antigua and Barbuda.

Pedestrians, Bicyclists and Motorcyclists Safety

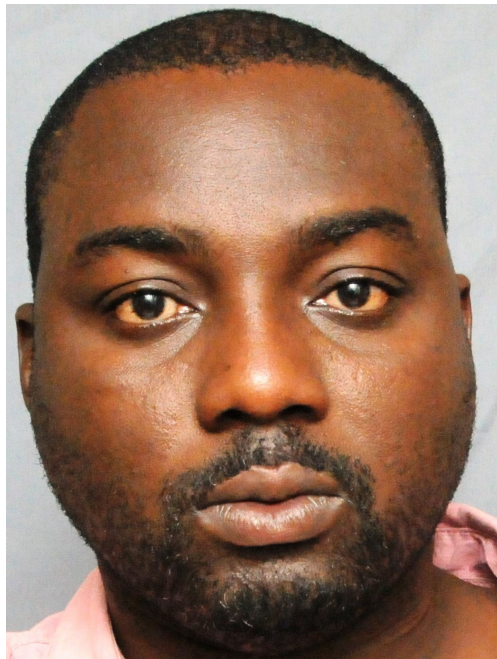
No matter what the errand or occasion, leaving your home during a hurricane or disaster is not recommended. Winds upwards of 35mph can affect your safety in a car.



A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board



Police appeal for peaceful resolutions



Kenworth Charles

The police are reiterating their appeal to the public to find peaceful ways of resolving disputes and other disagreements.

This comes after a Newfield man, Kenworth Charles, 36, was remanded in custody following a court appearance on Tuesday where he faced the charge of murder in the death of Fitzroy Robins of Point.

Robins' death late Saturday night resulted from what the police say was a stabbing incident.

The deceased and Charles were involved in a dispute during which the accused is alleged to have used a knife to inflict stab wounds about Robins' upper body.

At his court hearing Tuesday, Charles was remanded into custody until his next court appearance.

In a statement, the police communications unit, STRATCOM, issued an appeal to residents of Antigua and Barbuda, especially men, to find more amicable and less confrontational ways to settle their differences.

A disagreement between individuals, they advised, does not have to resort to violence or a tragic situation.

Just last month, a family dispute in Potters resulted in an uncle allegedly taking the life of his nephew in a stabbing incident.

Mount St. John's Medical Centre adds additional doctor on staff

The Mount St. John's Medical Centre (MSJMC) has announced that pediatrician, Lashorn Christian, M.D., has joined its medical staff.

According to MSJMC, Dr. Christian, who is an Antiguan, was based in Jamaica for the past ten years completing her education and training in pediatric medicine.

"I'm excited to join the team at Mount St. John's Medical Centre. I look forward to working with the pediatrics staff to provide quality children's healthcare to the children of our community," Dr. Christian said.

MSJMC also used the opportunity to relay some of Dr. Christian's impressive resume.

The hospital indicated that, "Dr. Christian graduated from the Latin American School of Medicine, La Habana Cuba. She completed her specialty training in Pediatrics at the University of the West Indies, Mona Campus, Jamaica. Following this, she joined the Department of Pedi-



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Lashorn Christian MD—
MSJMC Pediatrician

atrics at the Bustamante Hospital for Children."

Commenting on Dr. Christian's appointment, Dr. Albert Duncan, Medical Director at MSJMC said, "We remain committed to the recruitment of highly skilled physicians. This furthers our mission of delivering

quality, patient-centered healthcare to the communities we serve."

According to the hospital, Dr. Christian will provide service at the MSJMC Pediatric Department. There, she will spearhead a pediatric clinic at the hospital's Outpatient Clinic each Tuesday from 11am.



Anthony Smith Jr., left, Gladys Potter, centre, and Algernon Watts, were announced as UPP candidates.

UPP names three more candidates

Another group of candidates who will contest the next general elections on the United Progressive Party (UPP) ticket has been an-

nounced. On Tuesday, the UPP announced that Gladys Potter, Anthony Smith Jr. and Algernon Watts will represent the UPP in the constituencies

of St. John's Rural South, All Saints West and St. George respectively.

As the political party is expected to field candidates in

each of the sixteen constituencies on Antigua, it is expected that additional candidates will be revealed in due course.

Tender Notice

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority Water Business Unit is inviting tenders for the transportation of its Shift Workers. Additional information regarding the number of workers to be transported, transportation route, shift schedule, station locations and pick-up points can be provided.

Interested parties must submit closed written bids for the supply of this service and address it to:

Attn: Water Business Unit Manager
 Re: Shift Workers Transportation Tender
 Antigua Public Utilities Authority
 4th Floor ABC Building
 Cnr. Independence Ave. & High Street
 St. John's, Antigua

Deadline for submission is August 15th, 2020

For further information please call 480-7170.



BEFORE THE STORM

- Review your emergency plan with every member of your household, every member should know the safest place in your house.
- Ensure that all spouting and gutters leading to cisterns and tanks are cleaned. It is best to disconnect the spouting leading to cisterns to avoid contaminating your water source during the storm.
- Collect adequate water supplies to last at least 3 to 5 days. Depending on conditions APUA water may not be available until sufficient water quality tests are completed.
- Ensure that cell phones are fully charged. Avoid logging into social media and playing games to preserve battery life. Ensure that there is a landline phone that doesn't require electricity.
- Never connect generators to your electrical panel or fuse box. Have a qualified electrician install a transfer switch to isolate your generator from the APUA power. Improper installation can feed electricity back into the power lines endangering workers and equipment.

DURING THE STORM

- If power is lost or you plan to evacuate your home, unplug all sensitive electronic appliances or turn off your main breaker box.
- Stay inside. Even if it looks calm, don't go outside. Wait until you hear or see an official message that the storm is over.

AFTER THE STORM

- Always assume that fallen or low hanging wires are energized and dangerous. Call us at 311 to report damaged wires or poles.
- If your home has been damaged during a storm, look for possible unsafe situations caused by damage to the electrical system. If you see sparks, broken or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off the electricity at the main breaker box.
- If you are without electricity and want to use a portable generator, make sure it is in a well-ventilated area. Remember do NOT connect the generator to your home's electrical panel or fuse boxes. Have a qualified electrician install a transfer switch to isolate your generator from the APUA power.
- Wires can be hidden between fallen debris. Exercise extreme caution during post storm clean up.
- Be sure to wait 10 to 15 minutes before turning on appliances after power is restored.

Government House West Wing restoration nearing completion

In a welcome contribution to the development of a historic cultural site, the Calvin Ayre Foundation (CAF) has led a project to restore the West Wing buildings at Government House through sponsorship.

According to CAF, it has donated just over EC\$2.1M to the project, which got underway in April 2019.

His Excellency, Sir Rodney Williams has expressed gratitude to CAF for embracing the vision to assist in the restoration of one of the historic and architectural symbols of the nation.

“This,” he said, “enables us to leave a richer legacy for present and fu-



ture generations.”

Now nearing completion, Her Excellency, Lady Sandra Williams, said she is happy to see the vision of the restoration process

smoothly transition to a close.

Giving an update on the project development, Lady Sandra stated, “The restoration of the West Wing

of Government House is a perfect example of how a responsible private sector entity has committed to the preservation of the nation’s culture and history.

“This project will ultimately be a remarkable addition to the tourism product inventory, as Government House will offer attractive tours to visitors.

“We are extremely grateful to all who have played their part, and especially to the Calvin Ayre Foundation, for their invaluable contribution.”

According to Executive Director of CAF, Corinna Delowsky, the project, which utilized skilled laborers from Her Majesty’s Prison, will include a museum, an art gallery and a restaurant, and will be

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a positive addition to the St. John's landscape once the tourism market returns to some semblance of normalcy.

Added to this, Delowsky said the project provided an avenue to spur economic activity during the Covid-19 pandemic.

"We were fully committed to getting our local staff and contractors back to work after the lockdown as soon as we were able," Delowsky remarked.

"It should be a testament to the resilience of Antigua in the face of the recent economic downturn and send a message that



we are back in business."

The project is being handled by local contractor, Challenger's Enterprises Ltd. whose Managing Di-

rector, Vernon Challenger, has expressed pride at being able to contribute his company's expertise to the work done on the his-

toric edifice.

According to CAF, the restoration project is expected to be completed by mid-September.

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Medical equipment left to the elements in Barbuda

Millions of dollars worth of medical equipment and materials sent to Barbuda for use in the newly refurbished Hanna Thomas Hospital have been left outside in the open and remain unsecured with a tropical storm heading toward the country.

According to head of the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), Philmore Mullin, he is 'very unhappy' that little effort has been made to properly store the donated equipment in the completed part of the hospital for their safety and security.

"These are the beds for the hospital in Barbuda we sent over three weeks ago and



they are still outside in the weather. This is part of over two million dollars worth of equipment sent to the island so far," Mullin remarked.

He acknowledged, however, that the electronic equipment which formed part donation to the hospital has been secured inside the

building.

The NODS head said he is dismayed by the Barbuda Council's apparent lack of appreciation for the donated

equipment.

Photographs have been widely circulated in which piles of hospital beds and other items were shown strewn about in the open and exposed to the elements. Mullin said that those images will not engender charitable individuals or organisations to make further donations.

"This can't be right. One of those beds lying outside costs in the region of \$5000. You can't treat people's money like that," he declared.



GG supports CHF's activities

The Commonwealth Heritage Fund (CHF) has announced its work programme for the upcoming calendar year and projects in Antigua and Barbuda are among activities to be financed by the United Kingdom based charitable organisation.

The newly appointed Founding Patron of the CHF Governor General, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, has expressed support for the organization's slate of activities scheduled for 2021. The Governor General also specifically commended the CHF on their initiatives in Antigua and Barbuda.

According to Sir Rodney, the CHF Trustees have been working closely with the project team on the restoration of Government House, which is being undertaken with the support of the Calvin Ayre Foundation and Preservation Green LLC.

The conservation management plan (CMP) which Donald Insall & Associates,



Governor General, His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams

the heritage preservation consultants recommended by CHF, has produced for Government House is an exemplar of best practice, not just for Antigua and Barbuda, but for the entire Caribbean.

The Forum has developed a Commonwealth Heritage at Risk (CHAR) project to carry out digital inventories of historic buildings and sites at risk in Commonwealth countries.

Concerning this development, Sir Rodney remarked, "No other organization does this. This is our mission, and I am privileged to be its founding patron."

CHAR will use the internationally recognized Arches programme and be managed by Texas A&M University in the USA and Oxford Brookes University in the UK. It will be particularly useful for small island states such as those in the Caribbean, where local capacity is limited.

The project has two primary objectives: 1. to ensure that buildings and sites have adequate statutory pro-

tection; and 2. to identify those most at risk in order to help find creative solutions for their adaptation to beneficial new uses before they are lost to humanity forever.

The adaptation and re-use of historic buildings is a key aspect of sustainable development with a vital role to play in the battle against climate change.

The initiative involves working in conjunction with local heritage bodies to train their personnel in analytical and digital survey techniques and conservation-led regeneration.

The project will enhance local skills, create jobs, develop local capacity and build resilience in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

Pilot projects are under discussion for development in Pakistan, Lagos, Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago.



POSTPONED

DE BREAKFAST FETE

ORGANIZERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OUR PATRONS WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US IN THE PAST.

AS WE ARE ALL AWARE DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT PROTOCOLS BECAUSE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WE ARE UNABLE TO HOST OUR FETE THIS YEAR.

KEEP LISTENING FOR THE NEW DATE.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAY SAFE AND OBSERVE THE GOVERNMENT PROTOCOLS.

CARIFESTA dates announced

A date has been announced for the Caribbean Festival of Arts (CARIFESTA) which will be staged in Antigua and Barbuda. This is the first event of its kind to be held in the OECS sub-region.

Minister responsible for festivals, Daryl Matthew, says the XV edition of the festival will be held from 12th -22nd August, 2021.

Last year, Trinidad and Tobago passed the baton to Antigua and Barbuda as the next host country of the premier event which showcases the art and talent of Caribbean people.

The new dates were revised from those originally intended as there were issues surrounding plans to stage CARIFESTA immediately

following the carnival celebrations.

“That will make it very difficult for the Jamaicans who comprise one of the largest delegations attending CARIFESTA to be here from the start. Secondly, there was concern about possible burn-out of persons working behind the scenes, who, having come off of Carnival Monday and Tuesday, are then required to go straight into CARIFESTA. Then there was the issue of traffic through the airport where some delegations would have been slated to arrive on Carnival Tuesday during that major activity,” the minister explained.

Matthew said the decision was made to delay the start of the regional event for a week

to allow persons to regroup while simultaneously allowing for time to prepare a dedicated greeting area at the airport for arriving delegations.

The festivals minister also revealed that Antigua and Barbuda is engaging regional and international organizations, including the CARICOM secretariat, for financial support.

“We made it clear to the CARICOM secretariat that this is not an Antigua and Barbuda festival but a CARICOM festival, so they too must bear part of the financial responsibility to ensure the success of the festival and they have agreed,” Matthew disclosed.

Minister Matthew pointed out that Antigua and Barbuda is ahead in its planning for CARIFESTA XV adding that the committee is holding frequent meetings with CARICOM officials in which they

are updated on the progress being made.

According to Matthew, the venues have been finalized for the activities which will be staged along with a schedule of events.

Additionally, with the coming of COVID-19, the minister noted that the organizers have now been forced to factor the pandemic into their deliberations.

“How do we deal with health and safety in a new normal? With our fingers crossed we are hoping that by this time next year the world would have come to grips with that health crisis, however, we still expect that there will be some anxiety that persons will have going into large crowds. So how do you ensure that that anxiety is eased and how do you mitigate against the potential spread of such a disease?” he queried.

NOTICE-PROSTATE SCREENING

The lions club & Dr. Dwayne Thwaites with assistance from, Dr. Brian Cohen, Dr. Daniel Caruso, Dr. Obinna Okewenna & Dr. Christopher Gomez would like to inform the public that prostate screening 2020 has been postponed until further notice due to the logistics with social distancing due to the covid-19 pandemic. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support in our efforts to keep the men of our nation healthy. Please continue to stay safe and observe the government protocols. A special thank you to our sponsors from 2019:

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Annual prostate cancer screening postponed

The annual prostate cancer screening clinic, organized jointly by the Antigua Lion's Club and urologist, Dr. Dwayne 'Baba' Thwaites, has been postponed.

The event, which is held in August each year, has attracted a growing number of men and has been credited with helping to save many lives. The clinic has also helped focus attention on men's health and has encouraged men to become more involved in their own health care. Last year more than one thousand men participated in the clinic.

The organisers said it became necessary to postpone the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the logistical issues which have arisen as a result of the ongoing health crisis.

There is no immediate word on when the clinic is likely to be rescheduled.



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GOVERNMENT OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA *Office of the Prime Minister*

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July 27, 2020

Prime Minister Mia Mottley
Prime Minister's Office
Bridgetown, Barbados

Dear Prime Minister,



I have learned of the death of my friend and colleague, Professor Owen Arthur, former Prime Minister of Barbados. The region has lost one of its most thoughtful, intelligent and iconic sons, and Antigua and Barbuda has lost an unrelenting ally.

The people of Barbados knew Owen Arthur in ways that his CARICOM colleagues can only imagine. His roots were planted deep in the regional dream of integration; he was locked-in to this grand future by the castle of his love for the Caribbean people and their institutions.

Most recently, when appointed by Barbados as the Chairman of LIAT, he evinced his commitment to the future of our regional air carrier. He encouraged me to fight on to save LIAT from liquidation, embracing it as a regional institution that was worthy of a future. When I spoke with him last, from my Cabinet meeting room, he congratulated the shareholder governments for making the compromise that has led to LIAT's re-organization.

Honourable Owen Arthur hosted US President Bill Clinton, in Bridgetown, more than two decades ago. In the planning and execution of that visit, his CARICOM partners played significant roles. The Honourable Lester Bird, Prime Minister then, remembers him as a regional stalwart who acted unrelentingly to strengthen the CARICOM, which he regarded as a legacy of past Heads of the Barbados Government.

Professor Owen Arthur will be missed by many, and he certainly will be missed by Antigua and Barbuda. His embrace of our regional ambitions was throttled by his determination to achieve success in all fields, and to ensure a place for all at the table of regional integration.

We extend our deepest condolences to his wife, his children and his extended family.

May the gods of our ancestors guide his feet in the afterlife.

Respectfully,

Honourable Gaston Browne
Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

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July 28, 2020

Honourable Mia Mottley M.P.
Prime Minister
Prime Minister's Office
Bridgetown, Barbados

Dear Prime Minister:



Please accept my condolences on the passing of the Honourable Owen Arthur, the longest-serving Prime Minister of Barbados who was my dearest friend. I extend condolences to his wife and children, and to the Barbados government and people.

When serving as Prime Minister, Owen Arthur attended several meetings of the Heads of the Organization of East Caribbean States (OECS) and sought to bring Barbados into the fold. His ambition was not realized since he was unable to persuade several in his administration to agree. The multi-year effort on his part attested to the high degree of integration which he sought to achieve within our Caribbean.

I regard Owen Arthur as one of the region's most articulate, constructive and daring integrationists. He recognized the important work undertaken by earlier generations of Caribbean leaders, dating back to 1947, and wanted to build on the inherited legacy. His commitment to CARICOM and its expansive objectives, since its 1973 founding, was exceptional.

Honourable Owen Arthur was an intellectual of the highest order. He understood the economic challenges which small island developing states face, and was critical in devising strategies for Barbados that caused his country to score outstandingly on the United Nations Human Development Index. His leadership and skill were applauded by the express faith of the people of Barbados.

Honourable Owen Arthur was still working to advance regional integration up until the moment of his death, as Chairman of LIAT. He will be sorely missed by the Caribbean people.

I thank you, Prime Minister, for receiving this writing and take this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest regard and esteem.

Honourable Lester Bird K.C.N.H.
Former Prime Minister
Antigua and Barbuda

Owen Arthur tribute From Sir Shridath Ramphal

“Barbados has lost a great son. CARICOM has lost a great West Indian. We are all the poorer for Owen’s going.

His last leadership role was to Chair the Commonwealth’s Observer Mission to the Guyana elections where he distinguished himself for his courage in speaking truth to power. May his memory be honoured in the upholding of his candour.

And may CARICOM for all time be guided by his credo of regional integra-



tion that marked his service to Barbados and the Caribbean Community entire.”

Sir Ronald Sanders on OWEN ARTHUR

“Owen Arthur and I had been talking almost every-day over the last few weeks, until he was admitted to hospital. He was deeply troubled by events in Guyana and about matters concerning LIAT. Most of all, he was worried by dangers of fragmentation in the Caribbean Community in whose

cause he worked to the very end. He richly deserves to be remembered as an outstanding Caribbean Champion”.

NOTE: Sir Ronald Sanders is a veteran Caribbean diplomat, presently serving as Antigua and Barbuda’s Ambassador to the United States and the OAS.

Tribute to Owen Arthur

**By Ambassador
Dr. Clarence Henry**

By Ambassador Dr. Clarence Henry On behalf of the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda, I wish to convey heartfelt condolences to the Government and people of Barbados on the passing of a Caribbean icon. During his tenure as Prime Minister and even out of Office, Owen Arthur contributed enormously to the furtherance of Caribbean integration particularly the CSME. His counsel shall surely be missed particularly at this time as CARICOM struggles to overcome the evolving challenges impacting the individual and collective economies.

I recall that Arthur always shared the concerns of the LDCs especially the OECS in the context of the Caribbean integration movement. He understood that CARICOM would never realize its true potential until and unless the LDCs are given

a fair opportunity to share fully in the benefits of the integration project.

To Arthur’s credit, and history shall record he authored an empirical study “Integration of the LDCs into CARICOM”. A real defender of the interests and aspirations of our smaller territories.

Moreover, Arthur was a frank and forthright Caribbean leader whose vision of building a strong regional identity was grounded in practical efforts and rightly could be credited as a champion, soldier and an honest broker of our civilization. We shall miss Sir Arthur, this former Prime Minister. May his excellent soul find peace in the arms of the Lord, and his service to us all be recorded and remembered as a great man.

Once again our deepest condolences.

Opinion

Open Letter for Caribbean Cruise Tourism

We are fast approaching the month of August 2020 in the midst of a pandemic and a traditional slow cruise tourism period.

We usually, at this time of the year, are in preparation mode for the upcoming winter season and behind the scenes, away from the view of the public, there is a constant flow of bookings made for cruise ships and communication of services. Plans are put in place for the expected thousands of passengers arriving at our shores on a daily basis.

As stated however, for the first time in our lives, in this era, we are facing a pandemic that has had a devastating effect on cruise tourism.

The cruise lines we know are eager to resume business and cruise tourism stakeholders in the Caribbean are likewise eager to return to work.

The livelihood of thousands of persons in the Caribbean, and the future of our families and many businesses, depend on this sector of tourism.

The challenge both entities face however, is the pandemic. We have never faced a pandemic before in the cruise tourism industry. Never!

How do we restart the cruise tourism industry in the midst of a pandemic?

The other relevant question is: should we even contemplate having a cruise season in the middle of a pandemic?

The health authorities



are the ones we depend on during this pandemic for advice and it is evident that the experts in our main market, the USA, do not yet have clear answers.

Health authorities in the Caribbean face a similar dilemma as they too grapple with the pandemic in other areas of our day to day life. Added to this they must now also provide answers on how we ought to deal with the return of thousands of tourists to our islands daily.

Until a vaccine is found for COVID-19, we will continue to face very uncertain times that will have a significant impact on our cruise tourism product.

What do we do? What can we do?

Cruise lines are eager to restart under strict guidelines and protocols which they have presented to the US-based Center for Disease Control (CDC) along with other relevant authorities. This is an indication that industry leaders are being proactive in their attempts to make preparations for the resumption of the industry even during the pan-

demic.

No doubt, health authorities in the Caribbean are similarly looking at ways that we in the Caribbean can possibly restart cruise tourism.

The key will be to resume the industry in as safe an environment as possible, if it is possible to do so safely.

As you can see from the 'if's' and 'possibles', this is where we are. A position of uncertainty!

It is important, if and when the sector resumes, that the Caribbean region takes a COMMON approach. Health organizations across the Caribbean are adequately equipped to guide the process and devise common protocols for all destinations across the region to follow.

The importance of this common approach and protocols cannot be overemphasized.

Visitors must have clear guidelines regarding what is expected of them and the safety measures being implemented in order to avoid becoming confused while traveling from island to island.

The protocols and guidelines that have been implemented in St. Lucia, Jamaica and in St. Maarten could be modeled as they are easy to follow.

Should our health officials implement such protocols, our local authorities would have the benefit of being able to adjust the models used elsewhere to suit the domestic need relying heavily for input from health experts across the region.

Now is the time for our health officials to get to work developing these protocols. We cannot wait until the cruise sector announces its return to operation to come up with solutions that will benefit the entire Caribbean.

It is hoped that we would have learnt a lesson in preparedness stemming from several inconsistencies that occurred in the closing months of the last winter season which saw ships being refused entrance to some ports while being allowed into others.

We don't want to see a repeat of this confusion and misinformation. Not with the lives of our people at risk.

It is hoped that health authorities will seek a common approach towards this vital industry to the benefit of all our stakeholders in the Caribbean.

Nathan Dundas
General Manager
Bryson's Shipping Antigua
& Director of Caribbean
Shipping Association

Process brings to implement St Lucian cannabis industry



Commerce and Investment Minister, Hon Bradley Felix

Commerce and Investment Minister Hon Bradley Felix spoke with reporters earlier today (July 28), announcing that the Cabinet of Ministers had given the go ahead for legislation to be drafted for a cannabis industry in St Lucia.

Minister Felix said: “We are here this afternoon as a result of a voice note which, no pun intended, has been blazing up over the social media.”

The minister referred to a voice note in circulation from Cannabis Movement of Saint Lucia Chairman Andre de Caires in which he spoke of full legalization of cannabis coming to St Lucia.

Minister Felix corrected the record and defined what exactly was agreed upon at Cabinet on Monday (July 27): “At yesterday’s Cabinet meeting there was consensus with regards to authorizing the Ministry of Commerce and the Attorney General chambers to draft the legislative and the regulatory framework to assist in the implementation of a cannabis industry. That also included looking at personal use, religious use and medicinal use.”

Felix said that the setting up of a ‘license regime’ to govern the industry was also covered.

The minister added that authorization was also given regarding

looking into the expungement of records for people incarcerated for charges with “amounts of less than 30 grams, without having a violent attachment to it.”

In addressing the ‘blazing’ voice note in circulation, Felix said: “I can appreciate that Mr de Caires in all of his exuberance, because he has been one who has been at the helm of fighting for a different outlook on the cannabis industry for I think over 20 years, I guess he jumped ahead and shared information with his colleagues and I noted in the voice note that he spoke to full legalization. I have since called on Mr de Caires and said: ‘I never indicated to you full legalization, what I said to you this

morning was the scope of our discussion.’”

Felix explained further: “When a matter is sent to the AG’s chambers, what comes out is a draft framework, subsequently it will come to Cabinet but it will have to be reviewed by various agencies, for example the Bar Association and other agencies, in terms of reviewing these things and giving us their feedback. Then we go to Cabinet with that final decision. Cabinet also reviews the draft legislation in terms of going forward to parliament.

So this is where we are. The work has just started as it relates to formalizing that framework.”

Jamaican named new head of International Trade Centre

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has announced the appointment of Pamela Coke-Hamilton of Jamaica as Executive Director of the International Trade Centre (ITC), the joint agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the World Trade Organization (WTO), for trade and international business development.

She succeeds Arancha González Laya of Spain to whom the Secretary-General has expressed appreciation for her dedicated service to the Organization.

Currently Director of the Division on International Trade and Commodities at UNCTAD, Ms. Coke-Hamilton brings a breadth of experience and expertise in trade-related capacity-building and sustainable development, having served with the Jamaican Government, the Caribbean Forum (CARIFORUM) Member States in trade negotiations and multilateral institutions, including the Organization of American States and Inter-American Development Bank. She previously served as Executive Director of the Caribbean Export Development Agency, strengthening the capacity of private sector and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through investment promotion. She brings a deep understanding of the challenges

faced by vulnerable economies such as the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) having designed tailored interventions. She has worked extensively with the private sector across the African Caribbean and Pacific countries as well as with universities and academia to build trade-related institutional strength within Member States. As a strong proponent of gender equality and mainstreaming in trade, she established the Women Empowered through Export (WE-Xport) platform to address the disadvantages women owned firms experience in accessing markets.

Ms. Coke-Hamilton will be leading the organization at a pivotal moment given the catastrophic impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has unleashed on the global trading system, particularly on MSMEs in developing countries, with ITC required to play a vital role in assisting in building stronger and more resilient businesses and countries.

She holds a Juris Doctor in Law from Georgetown University and an undergraduate degree in International Relations from the University of the West Indies. She is fluent in English, advanced in French with a working knowledge of Spanish.



Pamela Coke-Hamilton

Hefty hotel quarantine bills for returning Vincies

| Description | Quantity | Rate | Amount |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 Ocean View Room- Double | 5 Night(s) | EC\$228.00 | EC\$885.60 |
| 10% Service Charge | | | EC\$114.00 |
| 11% VAT | | | EC\$125.40 |
| Government Levy | | | EC\$15.00 |
| Subtotal: | | | EC\$1,140.00 |

A number of returning Vincentians felt the financial impact, last Saturday, of the last-minute protocols put in place by their government, which required them to spend five nights in a hotel, at their expense, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The government announced the new protocols after the country recorded 19 cases of COVID-19 linked to the first two American Airlines flights from Miami on July 11 and 18 — the first flights since the air bridge was closed in March.

“I sent my hotel quarantine bill to you. I feel it for locals who do not have the money to pay this and had to pay it or their passports will be seized,” a Vincentian-American told iWitness News Saturday night.

The returning national showed us a bill for a total of EC\$1,140: for their five-night stay (EC\$885), a 10% service charge (EC\$114), 11% vat (EC\$125) and Government Levy (EC\$15).

“The hotel bill is too much. I saw two ladies sitting outside waiting for someone to come pay their hotel bill. A lady with two kids had to wait for her husband to pay the bill. She had her teenage daughter and 1-year-old son,” one returning national told iWitness News.

“There were people, Vincentians, who have their homes that are forced to pay this money. They were brought here and had to wait outside for family members to bring money to them,” the national said.

The source told iWitness

News that there were police officers stationed at the hotel and the in-quarantine guests could only receive food from their relatives. “We are not allowed to give our family anything we brought for them.”

iWitness News was reliably informed that one person who returned home for the funeral of a close relative was only allowed to give the burial suit they brought from the United States to their St. Vincent-based relatives after pleading with police officers to contact their superiors and seek permission to do so. “This is insane. And the people who broke quarantine from previous flights are not being reprimanded,” another returning national told iWitness News.

The national was referring to

the refusal of the government to use against quarantine breakers the amendment to the Public Health Act that was passed in Parliament in April for that specific purpose. The government had said that it prefers to use moral suasion than to use the law in its attempts to justify non-enforcement of the law, which could see persons fined as much as EC\$2,000 for each day that they breach their quarantine.

The source felt that other returning nationals were being punished for the actions of their fellow citizens who had breached the quarantine without consequence.

They said that a government employee had been among the alleged quarantine-breakers.

Malaysia's Ex-prime minister gets 12 years in jail for corruption



Malaysia's former Prime Minister Najib Razak arrives at court on Tuesday morning. A judge found him guilty on all seven count

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak has been sentenced to serve 12 years in jail after a court in Kuala Lumpur found him guilty of corruption in the first of several cases linked to the alleged theft of billions of dollars from the state fund, 1MDB.

Tuesday's ruling makes Najib the first Malaysian leader to be convicted of corruption.

But the 67-year-old remains free as Judge Mohamad Nazlan Ghazali granted a stay order on the execution of Najib's sentence, pending an appeal.

"Surely, I am not satisfied with the result," Najib told reporters as he exited Kuala Lumpur's High Court.

"But within our system, the high court is the first court and

the decision was only made by one judge. We have the benefit of an appeal," he added, vowing to "continue the effort to clear my name".

The guilty verdict against Najib relates to his role in diverting an estimated 42 million ringgit (\$9.87m) from SRC International, a unit of 1MDB, into his personal bank accounts. The judge had found the former prime minister guilty on all seven charges filed against him.

"I find that the prosecution has successfully proven its case beyond a reasonable doubt. I therefore find the accused guilty and convict the accused on all seven charges," Mohamad said.

He then ordered Najib to pay

a fine of 210 million ringgit (\$49m) and gave him 12 years in jail on one count of abuse of power, 10 years each for three counts of criminal breach of trust and 10 years each for three counts of money laundering.

But the judge also ordered the sentences to run concurrently, meaning Najib will serve 12 years in prison.

The conviction comes just six days after the high court ordered Najib to pay the government as much as 1.69 billion ringgit (\$400m) in unpaid taxes and penalties, covering the years from 2011 to 2017.

Prior to the sentencing, Datuk V Sithambaram, the lead prosecutor in the case, had called for a ruling that serves "as a precedent for all in public

office that no one is above the law".

Najib then took the dock to defend himself, insisting that he was not aware of the SRC payment into his bank accounts.

"I did not demand the 42 million nor was it offered to me. There is no witness who can say so," he said.

Prosecutors had argued that Najib played a direct role and gave instructions to deposit the 42 million ringgit into his bank accounts, which was later used for political funding, the purchase of luxury goods and renovations on his property.

But the former prime minister's lead defence lawyer, Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, said Najib was "not part of the conspiracy" to defraud the government, laying the blame on party-loving fugitive Malaysian financier Jho Low.

When news of the guilty verdict reached Najib's supporters gathered outside Kuala Lumpur's High Court some cried while others shouted, "Long live my boss." Some also condemned the judge's verdict as "political vengeance".

Later when Najib exited the court building, the crowd cheered and chanted his name.

Lim Wei Jiet, a Malaysian constitutional lawyer, called Tuesday's ruling "historical" because it marked the first time a former leader has been convicted of an offence.

Suspension of sentences pending an appeal was normal, he said.

Donald Trump Jr suspended from tweeting after Covid misinformation post

The action followed a post by Donald Trump Jr containing a video clip discussing the benefits of hydroxychloroquine.

Some, including President Trump, have suggested the anti-malaria drug works as a preventative measure against coronavirus, despite medical studies that indicate the contrary.

Twitter said the post had violated its Covid-19 misinformation rules.

Donald Trump Jr will still be able to browse Twitter and send direct messages in the interim.

Twitter told the BBC: "We are taking action in line with our policy."

The main US social media sites have all taken measures to crack down on misinformation about the coronavirus.

Andy Surabian, a spokesman for Donald Trump Jr told the BBC the decision had been "beyond the pale".

"Twitter suspending Don Jr for sharing a viral video of medical professionals discussing their views on hydroxychloroquine is further proof that big tech is intent on killing free expression online, and is another instance of them committing election interference to stifle Republican voices," he said.

"While there is indeed much disagreement in the medical community about the effi-



Donald Trump Jr

cacy of hydroxychloroquine in treating coronavirus, there have been studies reported by mainstream outlets like CNN, suggesting that it may in fact be an effective treatment.

"Those pretending otherwise are lying for political reasons."

This is the latest move by Twitter to crack down on coronavirus misinformation - and the latest escalation in its clash with President Trump and his allies.

This latest step to restrict the account of the President's son will no doubt add fuel to the fire, with more cries of censorship from the President's supporters.

Misleading, harmful claims about hydroxychloroquine

have been promoted by public figures and politicians throughout the pandemic.

Discussions about the drug have become just as polarised as the ongoing debate about masks that is happening online.

The video shared by Donald Trump Jr yesterday was emblematic of this, featuring people claiming to be doctors who support Trump. They suggested that studies indicating the drug was not effective were "fake science".

With pressure mounting on social media sites to act more quickly and decisively about coronavirus misinformation, this move perhaps should not come as a surprise.

But Twitter has not flagged

claims the US President has made about hydroxychloroquine himself.

Where it opts to draw the line will be a difficult - and politicised - decision.

In signs that the conflict between Trump and Twitter is not abating, the President has asked the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to file a petition to look at how social media companies moderate content.

The petition asks the Federal Communications Commission to reconsider rules that shield social media providers from liability for content posted by their users, but still let them remove posts they deem to be objectionable.

US-China spats rattle world, prompting calls for unity

Antagonisms between the United States and China are rattling governments around the world, prompting a German official to warn of “Cold War 2.0” and Kenya’s president to appeal for unity to fight the coronavirus pandemic. Global trade already was depressed by the 2-year-old tariff war between the world’s two biggest economies. That rancor has spread to include Hong Kong, Chinese Muslims, spying accusations and control of the South China Sea. Caught in the middle, other governments are trying to defend their own interests.

Chancellor Angela Merkel’s government wants to preserve trade and cooperation on global warming but says a security law tightening Beijing’s control over Hong Kong is a “difficult issue.”

The Hong Kong security law’s potential disruption of the autonomy Beijing promised to the former British colony is no reason to stop talking but is “a worrying development,” Merkel said.

Europe’s biggest economy has yet to take a final position on Chinese tech giant Huawei despite U.S. pressure to exclude its equipment from next-generation telecom networks as a possible security risk. “China is an important partner for us but also a competitor,” Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said in a state-



ment after a videoconference Friday with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi. Peter Beyer, the government’s coordinator for trans-Atlantic cooperation, expressed alarm in an interview with the Redaktions Netzwerk Deutschland newspaper group. “We are experiencing the beginning of a Cold War 2.0,” Beyer said. He criticized both sides but said, “the U.S. is our most important partner outside the EU, and that is how it will stay.” President Emmanuel Macron calls President Donald Trump “my friend” but is trying to avoid riling Beijing.

France has not echoed Trump’s criticism of Beijing’s handling of the coronavirus, but legislators applauded Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian last week when he condemned abuses of minority

Uighurs in China’s northwest.

Le Drian mentioned “mass arrests, disappearances, forced labor, forced sterilizations, the destruction of Uighur cultural heritage.” He said France has asked that the camps be closed. “All these practices are unacceptable,” the minister said. “We condemn them.” Trump’s ambivalence toward U.S. allies and flouting of diplomatic norms has alarmed France.

“Sino-American tensions don’t benefit France,” said Valerie Niquet of the Foundation for Strategic Research, a think tank. “We share the same interests as the United States towards China, we adopt more or less the same positions, so it doesn’t bring us any positive element.”

Europe’s “strategic relations” with China will be an

issue for the European Union while Germany holds the rotating presidency of the 27-nation bloc, Merkel said this month. EU foreign ministers have not managed to agree on a common position on China. Regarding Hong Kong, options include closer scrutiny of exports of sensitive technology to the territory and changing visa policies for its residents. But there is no talk of economic sanctions or targeting Chinese officials with penalties.

“The message is that the recent actions change the rules,” said the top EU foreign policy official, Josep Borrell. “This will require a revision of our approach and will clearly have an impact on our relations.”

Australia tells U.S. it has no intention of injuring important China ties

The United States and close ally Australia held high-level talks on China and agreed on the need to uphold a rules-based global order, but the Australian foreign minister stressed Canberra's relationship with Beijing was important and it had no intention of hurting it.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary Mark Esper held two days of talks in Washington with their Australian counterparts, who had flown around the world for the meetings despite the COVID-19 pandemic and face two weeks of quarantine on their return.

At a joint news conference on Tuesday, Pompeo praised Australia for standing up to pressure from China and said Washington and Canberra would continue to work together to reassert the rule of law in the South China Sea, where China has been pressing its claims. That has led to friction with other countries in the region and concerns about freedom of navigation.

Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne said the United States and Australia shared a commitment to the rule of law and had reiterated their commitment to hold countries to account for breaches, such as China's erosion of freedoms in Hong Kong.

She said the two sides had also agreed to form a working group to monitor and respond to harmful disinformation and would look at ways to expand cooper-

ation on infectious diseases, including access to vaccines.

At the same time, she said Australia did not agree on everything with Beijing - or with the United States.

"The relationship that we have with China is important. And we have no intention of injuring it," she said. "But nor do we intend to do things that are contrary to our interests."

She said Australia and the United States had a shared interest in an Asia-Pacific region that was free, prosperous and secure and were broadly aligned on issues, including China.

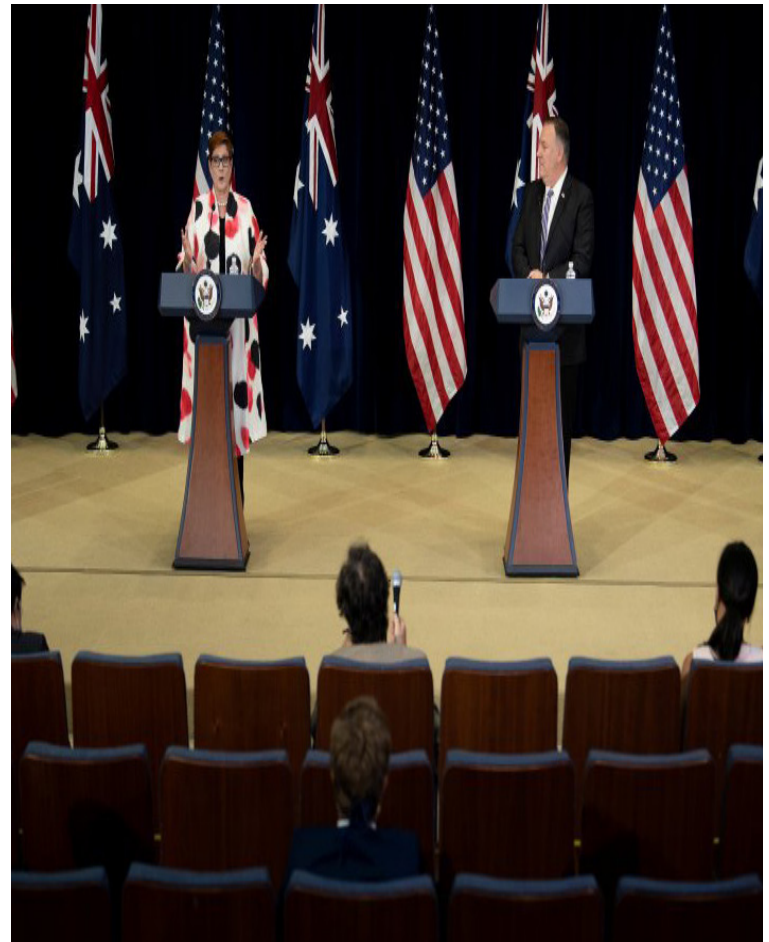
"We don't agree on everything though. And that's part of a respectful relationship, is part of a relationship that has endured over 100 years of 'mateship.'"

Payne did not elaborate on disagreements with Washington, but said Australia made its own decisions and judgments based on its national interests and security.

"We deal with China in the same way. We have a strong economic engagement, other engagement, and it works in the interests of both countries."

Pompeo, a persistent and forceful critic of Beijing, said in a speech last week that Washington and its allies must use "more creative and assertive ways" to press China to change its ways and called it the "mission of our time."

Pompeo also said then it may be time for "a new grouping of like-minded nations, a new al-



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo looks on as he meets with Australia's Foreign Minister Marise Payne at the State Department in Washington, U.S., July 27, 2020

liance of democracies" for this purpose. Pompeo has been criticized by some for the speech, given the confrontational approach the Trump administration has taken towards some traditional allies, including in Europe, over issues such as trade.

Payne declined to comment on it specifically, but said, "the Secretary's speeches are his own, Australia's positions are our own," even if the countries operated on the basis of shared values.

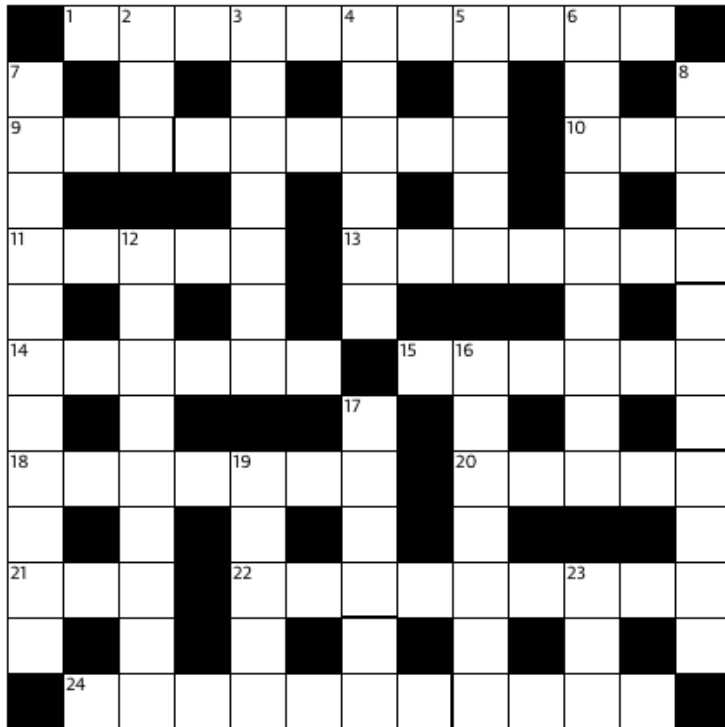
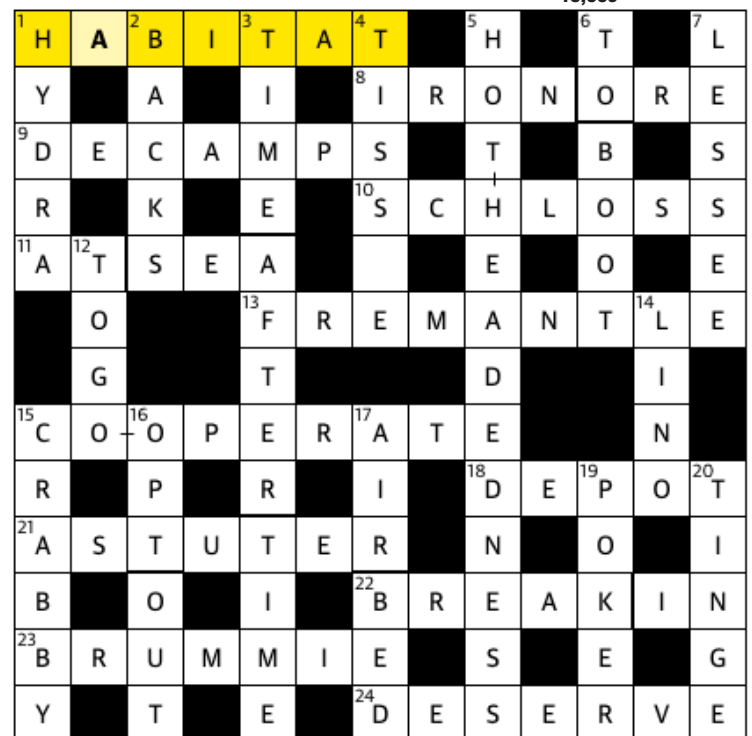
Responding to a question, Pompeo rejected the suggestion that the administration's approach was unworkable.

"This isn't about picking America versus China," he said.

"This is about choosing freedom and democracy against tyranny and authoritarian regime, and I am confident that the democracies, our transatlantic Alliance ...know precisely, which side of that debate they want to be on."

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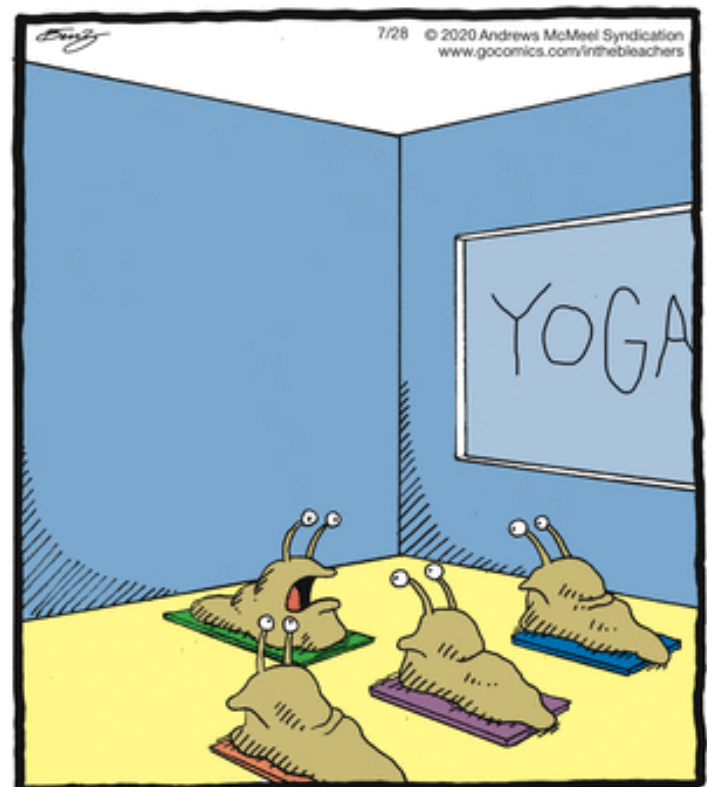
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 9 Holiest fast day of the Jewish calendar (3,6)
 10 Buddy (3)
 11 Italian leader of the 1497 English expedition to the east coast of today's Canada (5)
 13 Neat and tidy (7)
 14 Moderate (6)
 15 Freud's sex drive (6)
 18 Atomic (7)
 20 Fame — style (5)
 21 Trumpland? (3)
 22 Indirect expression used in place of an offensive one (9)
 24 Aircraft's undercarriage (7,4)

Down

- 2 Finished edge of a piece of cloth (3)
 3 Make damp (7)
 4 Use (6)
 5 Horrifying — sensational (5)
 6 Unbiased (9)
 7 With the same time period — shuns coy Ron (anag) (11)
 8 Delay having to make a decision (4,3,4)
 12 Close-fitting woollen head cover (9)
 16 RMS Titanic's nemesis (7)
 17 Come by (4,2)
 19 Correct (5)
 23 Princess in a Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera (3)

CARTOON CORNER

In the Bleachers



"After slug pose, we'll switch to slug pose, and then go back to slug pose."



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Enjoy the encouragement of others but know that achieving serenity is an inside job. Though you may feel resistant to change and want to stick with the tried and true, change might be what you need to realize your full potential.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Some key issues are clear now, so it might be time for a heart-to-heart discussion. Use your common sense when there are excessive demands on your wallet. Apply initiative when adaptation to change is needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might hesitate to exceed your budget, but there are no limits on how much you can love. You can discuss major purchases and reach a conclusion if you and a partner spend quality time planning together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to business. Focus on your work and on pleasing your loved ones. Avoid spreading potentially hurtful gossip. Remember that whatever you put out there will return to you in kind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): They say that rolling stones gather no moss, but if they roll down a hill, they can cause an avalanche. You certainly enjoy having your freedom, but you could inadvertently initiate something that creates consequences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Open your mind; seek information from new and different sources. The key to a better future might lie in chance meetings and a wider array of friendships that spark thoughts and empower you to develop new goals.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): What you hear may not be what you get. Pledges you counted on might not be honored and could put you in a quandary. Dig beneath surface appearances, as it could be a case of mixed-up communications and not a broken promise.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Adopting a self-reliant and independent attitude might seem the perfect answer to any problems, but that might be challenging for others to handle. An abrupt shift of perspective or plans could be perceived as an act of disloyalty.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Once you are out of the woods, everything looks brighter and the path ahead is clearer. Your doubts are likely behind you, and it's easier to forge ahead with your plans. A romantic partner might be on your mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your friends support your high ideals. However, you may get more than you bargained for if you participate in a group activity. An individual may surprise you with ill-considered advice or by dominating the proceedings.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): At times, a loved one may be difficult to understand, but this person will likely go to bat for you when necessary. Just because someone close develops a passion for a new subject does not mean they love you any less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Words can't always convey all the feelings you want to express. Prove that your heart is in the right place by showing that you're willing to forgive and forget. A romantic partner might be your best friend, too.

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Blatant disregard in UEFA FFP case says CAS

Manchester City showed a “blatant disregard to co-operating with UEFA’s investigation into potential Financial Fair Play (FFP) breaches, says Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS).

That despite CAS overturning City’s two-year ban from European competition, which was issued by UEFA in February.

The club’s fine was also cut from 30 million euros to 10 million euros.

CAS’ written findings also say a majority of its panel found the failure to cooperate was a severe breach, however, they did not find that the lack of co-operation was decisive in the charges of breaching



FFP rules being dismissed. The panel is of the view

that UEFA by no means filed frivolous charges against City but, based on the evidence, the panel

cannot reach the conclusion that disguised funding was paid, the report released on Tuesday said.

Message from MSJMC

Due to the Tropical Storm Warning in effect for Antigua & Barbuda, the community is kindly asked to note that all outpatient clinics and elective surgeries scheduled for Wednesday July 29, 2020 at Mount St. John’s Medical Centre have been canceled. The affected clinics include the following:

- Antenatal
- Eye Screening
- Oncology
- Ophthalmology
- Medicine
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Surgery

Our Emergency Room will remain open throughout the storm. However we are asking persons not to risk going outdoors unnecessarily. PLEASE NOTE: If you are having a medical emergency, such as difficulty breathing, call 911.



Stuart Broad takes 500th test wicket

Stuart Broad became only the second England bowler to reach 500 test wickets on the fifth day of the third test against West Indies at Emirates Old Trafford.

The fast bowler, 34, removed Kraigg Braithwaite to follow teammate, James Anderson, in reaching the landmark.

Only six other bowlers in history have taken more wickets than Broad, who was playing in his 140th Test match.

Broad also took the final wicket as England completed a 269 run win.

Broad was left out of the first test leaving him angry and explaining his frustration to the media.

Upon his return, he took 16 wickets in two Tests at an average of 10.93.

Michael Vaughn, former England captain who gave Broad his first Test cap in 2007 against Sri Lanka, said



Stuart Broad

Broad is not just great for English cricket, but for the game.

Broad has taken five wickets in an innings 17 times.



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England lift Wisden Trophy

NOTICE

THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CXC EXAMINATIONS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY JULY 29, 2020 HAVE BEEN CANCELLED IN LIGHT OF THE NATIONAL SHUTDOWN.

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THESE EXAMINATIONS WILL BE ADVISED ONCE RECEIVED FROM THE CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL.



July 28, 2020

DEWS

Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes' outstanding bowling sent England on their way to completing a 2-1 series victory over West Indies on the final day of the third Test at Emirates Old Trafford.

Broad had Braithwaite LBW to become only the fourth bowler, and second England player after James Anderson, to reach the landmark of 500 Test wickets. He would later take the final wicket to complete his third 10-wicket haul in Tests.

Braithwaite was the first man to fall, West Indies

having resumed on 10-2 chasing 399 or, more perhaps more aptly, needing to bat out a day.

Chris Woakes bagged 5-50 as England escaped the showers to bowl West Indies out for 129, winning by 269 and recapturing the Wisden Trophy.

Scores in the game: England 369 and 226-2 declared. Burns 90, Root 68, Sibley 56. West Indies 197 and 129.

England won by 269 runs, to secure the series 2-1

The series will ever be remembered as the first Test series to be played behind closed doors and in a bio-secure environment.