

HOME-SCHOOLING NOT AUTOMATIC



Director of Education, Clare Browne



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Like father, like son

Business and sports executive, Neil Cochrane, has announced his intention to seek the nomination for the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party for the All Saints East and St. Luke constituency.

Cochrane's father, the late Eustace Cochrane, represented the constituency for consecutive terms in the 1980's and now the younger Cochrane says he wants to follow in his father's footsteps.

"I have made the decision that the time has come for me to follow on the great work my father did in the constituency. We had many



Neil Cochrane

conversations over the years prior to his passing and I feel that this is the right time

for me to step up and provide dynamic, innovative and committed leadership to

the people in the constituency." he declared.

Cochrane revealed that he has already established a core team of individuals who will assist him in achieving his goal.

The ABLP narrowly lost the seat in the 2018 general elections when Leader of the Opposition, Jamale Pringle, edged out Colin James by 11 votes.

The ABLP is likely to hold a primary to determine the eventual candidate as several individuals, including James, have expressed an interest in being part of the party's team in the next general elections.

<p>DAY 8/19</p> <p>Max UV Index: 11 Extreme Wind: E at 22 km/h Wind Gusts: 28 km/h Probability of Precipitation: 55% Probability of Thunderstorms: 20% Precipitation: 1.0 mm Rain: 1.0 mm Snow: 0.0 cm Ice: 0.0 mm Hours of Precipitation: 1 Hours of Rain: 1</p> <p>Partly sunny with a passing shower</p>  <p>31° Hi</p>	<p>NIGHT 8/19</p> <p>Wind: ENE at 19 km/h Wind Gusts: 24 km/h Probability of Precipitation: 56% Probability of Thunderstorms: 29% Precipitation: 1.5 mm Rain: 1.5 mm Snow: 0.0 cm Ice: 0.0 mm Hours of Precipitation: 1 Hours of Rain: 1</p> <p>Mainly clear and warm with a shower</p>  <p>25° Lo</p>
<p>SUNRISE/SUNSET</p> <p>Sunrise AST 5:31 AM</p> <p>Sunset AST 6:29 PM</p> <p>Duration 12:38 hr</p> 	<p>MOONRISE/MOONSET</p> <p>Moonrise AST 6:15 PM</p> <p>Moonset AST 7:18 AM</p> <p>Duration 13:03 hr</p> 

Homeschooling not automatic

The Ministry of Education is advising parents who have decided to homeschool their children while it is an option, the laws related to education must be followed.

On the heels of the government's recent announcement of detailed plans for handling the COVID-19 pandemic ahead of the new academic year in September, many parents have indicated that they are contemplating whether to allow their children to return to traditional classroom settings.

The Ministry of Education has acknowledged the parents' concerns over their children's well being which raised the conversation concerning homeschooling.

According to the Director of Education, Clare Browne, however, parents are required, by law, to obtain the permission and approval of the ministry to homeschool their children. This process begins with the parent making an application to the ministry and approval is dependent on the parent's ability to satisfy all of the requirements involved.

Browne was adamant that the law must be followed as it is in the best interest of the child and other stakeholders in education.

"A parent just doesn't come to the ministry and make a claim that he/she has come just register a



Director of Education, Clare Browne

child. An application form for a home education programme must be completed and submitted to the Director of Education. We have created a form which is uploaded on the ministry's website and parents are advised to download and complete the form.

"One of the requirements for the application is the submission of an education plan to the DoE," Browne explained.

He stated that the law requires that the education plan should be submitted to the ministry at least three months prior to the start of the school term.

The plan that is to be submitted must detail a three year teaching plan providing details for each individual year, Browne explained.

"In addition, the education plan shall include a description of the learning activities for the student that will comply with the goals and objectives set out in Section 3 (3) of the Education Act and the education plan shall be based on the national curriculum as established by the minister by law," he indicated.



If approval is granted for homeschooling, the Ministry of Education is mandated to provide oversight in ensuring the child or children are on the same academic level as students in their age group who are attending school. If this is found to be lacking, the programme can be discontinued by the Director of Education.

Another prerequisite of the application for homeschooling pertains to the qualifications of those who will be responsible for teaching.

"The parent need not instruct the child himself/herself. The parent could engage someone to do this, but the person must have the minimum qualification as other teachers in the public school system," Browne added.

The minimum qualifica-

tion accepted by the ministry is an associate degree.

Director Browne pointed out, however, that an application for homeschooling does not guarantee that permission will be granted.

"An application is no guarantee that permission will be granted. An application is an application and the law says it is the right of a parent to homeschool a child if he/she chooses but with certain conditions.

"If those conditions are not met then it is more than likely that the application will be denied.

"We have to protect children in spite of the times. We have to ensure our children are protected and are given a quality education," he remarked.

If an application for homeschooling is denied, the applicant may appeal the decision.

Rodney explains police strategies

With public interest in the state of police investigations into the murder of Customs Officer, Nigel Christian still high, police say there are good reasons why they can't reveal too much information at this time.

This response from the police comes as unease in some quarters of society over the homicide remains elevated.

Police Commissioner, Atlee Rodney, said he appreciates the public's desire for information on the progress in the case however, the police have to weigh that concern with the need to maintain confidentiality regarding the information in hand.

"We must also bear in mind that potential suspects are listening to radio broadcasts as sometimes we have those conversations as though suspects are not listening; but they are listening to hear where we are with our investigations and other key facts about our case," he remarked.

The commissioner indicated that police have been 'quite a bit' of work in the case and he commended his officers for going the extra mile to ensure a successful outcome.

"I must commend the investigators for the work they have been doing since day one in this case. Every day they go beyond the call of duty to get additional information, interview other persons, record statements



Police Commissioner, Atlee Rodney

or gather things that may be of evidential value later," he noted.

According to the commissioner with all this work being done, the police are unable to provide too much details as they wish not to 'show their hands'.

"Some of the people who are of interest are listening, their lawyers are listening and making notes so we have to exercise caution with how we proceed," he warned.

Rodney repeated his call for patience from the public as the investigation, now more than a month old, continues.

Meanwhile, Nigel Chris-

tian's uncle, Tyrone Hill, says the family is making preparations for his funeral which is scheduled for Thursday 27th August, 2020.

Christian was abducted from his McKinnon's home on 10th July by four men who were allegedly dressed in army fatigues. Shortly after, his body was discovered in New Winthorpes.

His murder has sparked national outrage and a major investigation is underway to bring to justice those responsible for committing the crime.

Hill said an autopsy was completed two Saturdays ago and the police have giv-

en the family the all clear to complete funeral arrangements.

Besides the funeral plans which they have been told they can finalize, Hill said they have not received very much information from the police regarding the investigation.

Hill said it continues to be an emotional time for the family, especially for one of Nigel's sisters who resides overseas.

Nevertheless, Hill says they are pressing ahead and remain optimistic that those responsible for murdering his nephew will be arrested and that justice will be served.

St John's tsunami ready

The city of St. John's and two disaster districts, St. John's City West and St. John's City South, have been designated as being Tsunami Ready through a programme developed by the United Nations Educational and Scientific Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).

According to the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), the designation means the areas are better prepared to save lives from tsunamis through planning, education and awareness and emergency managers have strengthened their local operations.

Prior to attaining Tsunami Ready recognition, several activities were completed. These included producing easily understood tsunami evacuation maps, developing and distributing public education materials, holding at least three outreach or educational activities, conducting an annual tsunami community exercise and establishing a reliable 24-hour warning point to receive official tsunami threats.

During a ceremony on Tuesday at NODS, Minister with responsibility for Disaster Affairs, Hon. Dean Jonas, presented tsunami ready certificates from UNESCO to the Director of NODS, Philmore Mullin, and representatives for both districts.

Disaster Coordinator, John Dunnah, accepted on behalf of his counterpart

for St. John's City South, Marcus Scott, while Tamme Thomas, a resident of St. John's City West, received the certificate on behalf of Blondell Gunthorpe-Hopkins, District Disaster Coordinator for St. John's City West.

Minister Jonas said the St. John's Tsunami Plan is a significant achievement as the devastating effects of tsunamis are well known. As a result of this, he continued, it is important to have a carefully devised tsunami preparedness plan as a third of the population resides in St. Johns.

According to the NODS' Director Mullin, additional districts, including Barbuda, will soon come on board.




Director of NODS, Philmore Mullin

The Tsunami Ready Programme was instituted by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO which is based in France with support from the European

Commission Humanitarian Aid Department's Disaster Preparedness Programme (DIPECHO) and the Barbados-based Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC).

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A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

Attorney General pens letters to Concerned Citizens

Attorney General, Steadroy Benjamin, has written to the group, Concerned Citizens, insisting that “the government has acted responsibly” in the Nigel Christian murder probe.

The group has been agitating through protests for external assistance in solving the murder of the customs officer. The group wants experts from Scotland Yard, the FBI or the Canadian Mounted Police to join local investigators, as they are of the opinion that the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda may be lacking in key areas critical to solving the crime.

In a letter dated 5th August, 2020, the attorney general informed Concerned Citizens that contact was made with the FBI and Scotland Yard. While he did not reveal the nature of the agreements that may have been arrived at, Benjamin appealed for those demand-



Attorney General, Steadroy Benjamin

ing justice to allow the police to execute their duties. He also expressed confidence that the experienced and professional officers in the force will ensure justice is served.

In an earlier communication of 14th July, 2020, the attorney general stated the police force must be allowed to carry out its duties and, if a request is

made for assistance, the government will move expeditiously to fulfill that request.

Minister Benjamin declared, “It is good governance that the Executive does not involve itself in the operations of state institutions and state authorities.”

He told the group he has never involved himself in the internal operations of the police service and he does not intend to do so now.

The Concerned Citizens staged their third protest on Tuesday outside the Attorney General’s Chambers. They attracted far less support during this third protest than the others staged in the past. Despite the small turn out, their message demanding justice for Nigel Christian and their insistence on external assistance for the police to be provided was clear.

ERC compiling final report

The high powered, multi-sectoral Economic Recovery Committee (ERC) is nearing the completion of its work and a final report is now being prepared.

A source close to the committee said the ERC Secretariat is collecting reports from its sub-committees and confirmed that many of those reports are already in hand. The committees whose reports have not yet been submitted are expected to do so by the end of the week.

The source revealed that a matrix for the final report has been developed with

emphasis being placed on the language being used in the final document.

“We want the final document to be written in a simple format so that it may be easily understood by all,” the source noted.

Once the ERC’s final report has been completed, it will be presented to the Parliament and the media by the end of the month.

“We met this week and it was a very intense meeting as we worked on fine tuning the report in anticipation of the presentation to the public,” the source added.

Already, one committee has announced its intention

to host a business forum where it will discuss several of the proposals which are ready for presentation to the public.

That forum will likely take place at the end of September at Willoughby Bay where a major development has been planned.

While the work of the ERC is nearing completion, several proposals for agro-industries have been submitted. These include traditional farming as well as agro-processing and meat and poultry production.

The ERC was established by the Cabinet to plan the way forward for Antigua

and Barbuda in the post-COVID era.

It brings together representatives from the government, Bankers Association, Hotel and Tourist Association, Chamber of Commerce, Employers Federation, both the Antigua and Barbuda Workers Union and the Antigua Trades and Labour Union, the Antigua Barbuda Airport Authority, two former ministers of government and one of the country’s leading importers.

The Public Service Association was also invited but did not participate in any of the meetings.

Two major polyclinics mark health services upgrade

Healthcare services in Antigua and Barbuda are expected to receive a major upgrade with the completion of two polyclinics.

The project, executed by China-Aid Antigua and Barbuda, consists of two community centers which include polyclinics, community service centers. Corresponding offices, and supporting facilities are located at the Blackburn Park in the Villa area while the other is located in Glanvilles, St. Philips.

According to a representative from the Chinese Embassy in Antigua and Barbuda, both polyclinics have been



completed and are receiving finishing touches. Roads leading to the facilities are now being paved by the Ministry

of Works. Following a final inspection of the projects by a Chinese team of *cont'd on pg 8*



GARD Center through its partnership and generous donation of the Mill Reef Fund continues distribution of its Single Mother's Care Package initiative. On August 6th, 2020 fifty (50) mothers received their monthly packages as volunteers of the Center worked the day before to ensure the packages are ready for collection. These packages included the basic food items and necessities to provide for themselves and their children after becoming unemployed by the COVID -19 pandemic.

The expression of sentiments and the appreciative look on the faces of these mothers was heartwarming. Through the words of one of the mothers who wishes Mill Reef Fund to know how grateful they are said, "You made a huge impact on my life and that of my family in this very difficult time. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

Once again GARD Center Staff and Board of Directors express thanks to the Mill Reef Fund for their continued support, donation, and empowerment as we assist our Youth, men and Women in Antigua and Barbuda.

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technicians, the projects will be handed over to the government.

The project, which commenced on November 30th, 2018 after a ground-breaking ceremony at Glanvilles, took twenty months and ten days to complete. According to the project's description details, while it was originally scheduled to take sixteen months to complete there was a four month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the China-Aid, the centers will serve two main purposes.

"After the project is completed, it will mainly provide residents with basic medical services, public health

services, and carry out community service activities. Project I, the community clinic building divides into five major functional parts: preventive health care area, health education area, comprehensive diagnosis and treatment area, rehabilitation training area, and administrative and logistics supporting area. The community service center is divided into four functional areas: auditorium, education, and training area, athlete changing room, and logistics supporting area," China-Aid disclosed.

Project II, the community clinic building, is divided into five major functional areas: preventive health area, health education area, comprehensive diagnosis and treatment area, rehabilitation training area, and administrative and logistics supporting area. The community service center is divided into three functional areas: auditorium, education and training, and logistics supporting area.

A description of the medical services that will be offered in both facilities

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was also highlighted.

“Medical services mainly include seven parts, which are outpatient service, emergency and referral, diagnosis and treatment technology, inspection and testing, medication service, rehabilitation service, and dental service.

“Public health services mainly include community health diagnosis, residents’ health file management, health consulting services, vaccination, health management of key populations, and health management of main diseases. After completion, the community clinic will have the functions of primary graded diagnosis and treatment, health diagnosis and treatment, health care, health education, and



health screening, etc.”

Along with the physical buildings, the polyclinics are also outfitted with well over a hundred units of medical grade equipment and accessories for the use within the outpatient, pharmacy, emergency, dental, laboratory and technology functioning sections.

“The project cares partic-

ularly for the livelihood of people. The completion of the project will generate big social benefits in Antigua and promote the improvement of Antiguan medical and health services and people’s health level, deepen the friendship between the peoples of China and Antigua and meet the goal of a China-Aid project,” it was

further disclosed in the project document.

The project was first made public during a groundbreaking ceremony in 2018 which was attended by Prime Minister Gaston Browne, Member of Parliament, Sir Robin Yearwood and former Chinese Ambassador to Antigua and Barbuda Wang Xianmin.





Cabinet's oversight of water issue continues

The Cabinet of Ministers, the highest executive authority in Antigua and Barbuda, is taking a keen interest in developments relating to solving the critical water supply issue in the country.

Cabinet spokesman, Lionel "Max" Hurst, said the Cabinet is quite aware that water is a critical necessity to homeowners and businesses. He continued that it is Cabinet's intention to ensure that the outstanding issues related to a steady supply of water to all consumers are resolved as soon as practicable.

APUA, meantime, has launched a project to replace several miles of old pipelines that continuously leak which has contributed to the disruptions in the supply of water. This project is expected to last eighteen months.

"As a demonstration of its concern, the Cabinet has asked that both the General Manager of APUA, Esworth Martin and Water Business Manager, Ian Lewis, attend the weekly sessions to provide members with updates on the progress of the upgrade. There will be no slacking in Cabinet's

resolve to have this project completed with as little disruption as possible," Hurst reported.

He disclosed that the Cabinet plans to visit one of the reverse osmosis plants and receive a first hand view of the pipe replacement project now underway. No date has been set for these visits.

The old pipes are being replaced with more durable polyethylene pipes.

As part of the project, two Cabinet ministers have been asked to work along with APUA on the project.

Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, is to ensure the smooth flow of information to the public as the replacement exercise will involve significant disruption to vehicular traffic, especially when pipes in St. John's are being replaced. It is expected that state media will provide regular updates and information to the public regarding the changes to traffic flow and other issues which may arise.

Works Minister, Lennox Weston, joins the team to ensure that road ways are promptly reconstructed after the new network of pipes are laid.



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UK offers funding for clean growth projects in Antigua and Barbuda

Antigua and Barbuda nationals seeking funding for 'Clean Growth' projects may be able to receive assistance from the United Kingdom government.

A release from the British High Commission office in St. John's said funding for 'Clean Growth' projects is being made available through the UK Environment Fund (UKEF) which is providing opportunities to support clean growth initiatives in the Caribbean.

It has identified 'Clean Growth' as any project that encompasses work that will aid in growing a country's national income while cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Applications are now being welcomed for 'Clean Growth' projects that fall within the following categories:

Renewable energy

Including:

production
transmission
appliances and products

Energy efficiency

Including:

new and refurbished buildings
energy storage
district heating
smart grids
appliances and products

Pollution prevention and control

Including:

reduction of air emissions
greenhouse gas control
soil remediation
waste prevention
waste reduction
waste recycling
energy/emission efficient waste to energy

Environmentally sustainable management of living natural resources and land use

Including:

environmentally sustainable agriculture
environmentally sustainable animal husbandry
climate smart farm inputs, such as, biological crop protection or drip-irrigation

environmentally sustainable fishery and aquaculture
environmentally sustainable forestry, including afforestation or reforestation

preservation or restoration of natural landscapes

Terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity conservation

Including:

the protection of coastal, marine and watershed environments

Clean transportation

Including:

electric, hybrid, public, rail, non-motorised, multi-modal transportation

infrastructure for clean energy vehicles

reduction of harmful emissions

Sustainable water and wastewater management

Including:

sustainable infrastructure for clean and/or drinking water

wastewater treatment

sustainable urban drainage systems

river training and other forms of flooding mitigation

Climate change adaptation

Including:

information support systems, such as climate observation and early warning systems

Eco-efficient and/or circular economy adapted products, production technologies and processes

Including:

development and introduction of environmentally sustainable products, with an eco-label or environmental certification

resource-efficient packaging and distribution

Green buildings

Including:

buildings that meet regional, national or internationally recognised standards or certifications.

Persons desirous of discussing their eligibility for UKEF support are being invited to direct their enquiries to the Department for International Trade, British High Commission Bridgetown Barbados, via the email address: commercial.bridgetown@fco.gov.uk.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

3 MILLION IMPERIAL GALLONS PER DAY REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT AT WILLOUGHBY BAY IN BETHESDA

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority (APUA) wishes to invite eligible parties to express interest in the construction of a three million imperial gallon per day Reverse Osmosis Plant at Willoughby Bay in Bethesda as the Authority seeks to fulfill its mandate of ensuring the provision of an adequate supply of water to meet the daily demand.

The expression of interest should make provision for an Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) arrangement with APUA. It should be noted that APUA will be responsible for the civil and building works for the pumping station, product tanks, the building housing the main equipment and the electricity supply to the various equipment.

Interested parties should provide their company's background information outlining competence and experience in relevant areas including curriculum vitae of key personnel to be involved in the project and featured projects or clients. The information provided should focus on the installation of Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plants, especially with capacity in the range of 3.0 million imperial gallons per day. Statement of interested parties experience relevant to supply and installation of RO Plants of similar capacity in the Caribbean, Central American, South American or relatively small markets similar to this project. Interested parties should present a general plan that includes a preliminary list of main equipment manufacturers etc.

In the assessment of submissions, consideration will be given to technical competence, qualifications and experience (especially related experience on similar projects), financial capability and existing commitments. All information must be submitted in English.

APUA reserves the right to accept or reject late applications or to cancel the present invitation partially or in its entirety. It will not be bound to assign any reason for not short-listing any applicant and will not defray any costs incurred by any applicant in the preparation and submission of Expressions of Interest.

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT ELIGIBLE EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PLEASE VISIT THE HOME PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE: <http://www.apua.ag>

Deadline for the submission of Expressions of Interest is **Monday 31st August by 4:00pm.**



Update on the Report of the Chancellor's Commission on Governance

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica — The Commission on Governance established in December 2018 by Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) Mr Robert Bermudez, to review the University's operations, has completed its report. The Report will be reviewed by stakeholders of The UWI in the coming weeks and subsequently shared publicly.

Chaired by Sir Dennis Byron, former President of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Chancellor's Commission on Governance engaged in wide ranging consultations with internal and external university stakeholders in the discharge of its mandate: to examine the performance of The UWI, including its management practices, issues of transparency and accountability.

The Report contains recommendations to improve the operations of the University. It comes at a time when the higher education sector globally is being impacted by challenges of financing, increased diversity and changes in modes of delivery and programming.

In the Caribbean, with economies



Sir Dennis Byron

already stagnating and bearing the unexpected brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic, issues of transparency and accountability to the many stakeholders of The UWI are paramount. Recommendations will be shared following requisite stakeholder consultations.

Each member of the Chancellor's Commission brought unique perspectives and expertise to the review process. In addition to Sir Dennis, the Commission members include Sir Elliott Mottley, retired jurist; Mr. Darrion Narine, former President of the Guild of Students at the St. Au-

gustine campus; Professor E. Nigel Harris, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of The UWI; Mrs. Angela Hamel-Smith, Justice of the Industrial Court in Trinidad and Tobago; Ambassador Didacus Jules, Director-General of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States and former Registrar of the Caribbean Examinations Council; Mrs. Jacqueline Sharp, former President of the Alumni Association of The UWI; Dr. Beverly Pereira, former University Counsel; and Mr. Richard Byles, Governor of the Bank of Jamaica.

The Commissioners have graciously agreed to continue to be available to Chancellor Bermudez until December 31, 2020 while the Report is considered.

Chancellor Bermudez has conveyed his thanks to the Commissioners for their dedication and commitment to the charge delivered to them as well as his appreciation for their willingness to continue to engage until December 31, 2020.

There have been two previous Chancellor's Commissions that reported in

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UWI Five Islands campus.

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1996 and 2006. The first convened by former Chancellor, Sir Shridath Ramphal resulted in the creation of several institution-wide boards including the Board for Undergraduate Studies and the Board for Graduate Studies and Research, to develop and oversee policy, as well as the restructuring of some faculties to improve overall efficiency in decision-making and to reduce costs.

In 2006, the Commission convened by former Chancellor, Sir George Alleyne built upon the work of the earlier Commission, with

recommendations aimed at continuing to improve the composition and functioning of the major organs of governance of the University at Centre and campus levels. The underpinning philosophy was to ensure that The UWI remained a relevant and respected regional institution, essential to the development of the Caribbean.

The 2006 Report also examined the possible mechanisms to preserve and strengthen the image and presence of the University in what were then called the “non-Campus” countries. The UWI Open Campus,

established in 2008 through the amalgamation of several existing entities including The UWI Distance Education Centre, to better serve those countries, is one of the manifestations of that Report.

The global higher education landscape has changed significantly since 2006. Trends such as technological advances, declining funding from traditional sources, internationalisation strategies, increased student diversity, and increased demands for performance and accountability by stakeholders, are impacting on how universities operate.

The UWI faces all of these challenges and in 2020, the still-unfolding COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the financial challenges as UWI contributing Governments deal with contracting economies and increasing domestic demands.

This infers increased accountability to our Governments and all stakeholders, and we thank them for all that they continue to do for the institution.

It is anticipated that the recommendations of this 2020 Report will help to improve institutional accountability and efficiency at The UWI.

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APNU+AFC names parliamentarians; Granger out

THE country's main political opposition, the A Partnership for National Unity and Alliance For Change (APNU+AFC) coalition, has submitted its list of parliamentarians who will feature in the 12th Parliament, to the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM).

The Guyana Chronicle was reliably informed that former President and Leader of APNU, David Granger, has taken a step back, and will not be returning to Parliament.

Granger has been at the helm of the coalition since 2011, when he was elected Leader of the People's National Congress Reform (PNC/R) – the largest party in the coalition.

This publication was told that the coalition, since being unseated as government by the People's Progressive Party Civic (PPP/C), at the recent General and Regional Elections, had regrouped and did some introspection.

PNC Chairman, Volda Lawrence; party General Secretary, Amna Ally; former Chairman, Basil Williams and former General Secretary, Aubrey Norton will not be returning to the House.

However, senior functionaries of APNU and AFC, namely Joe Harmon, Raphael Trotman, Khemraj Ramjattan, David Patterson, Dr. Karen Cummings, Cathy Hughes, Nicolette Henry, Dawn Hastings-Williams,

Annette Ferguson and Hemraj Rajkumar are slated to return to Parliament, likely as front benchers.

Some of the other persons who are said to be on the list, which was submitted to GECOM, include former Magistrate, Geeta Chandan-Edmond; Attorney-at-Law, Roysdale Forde; Sherod Duncan; Juretha Fernandes; Trade Unionist, Coretta McDonald; and Ganesh Mahipaul. Most of those persons were actively campaigning for the coalition during the lead-up to the March 2, General and Regional Elections.

Under the revised Cummingsburg Accord, the AFC will only get 30 per cent of the seats secured by the coalition in the National Assembly based on a new 70:30 ratio agreed upon with APNU. The formula will also guide the allocation of seats at the level of the Regional Democratic Councils (RDCs). Under the old accord, the formula was 60:40.

It is unclear whether the opposition will be heading to parliament when it's convened, but senior member of APNU+AFC, Amna Ally, confirmed that their list has been submitted to GECOM.

There has been no sitting of the National Assembly since May, 2019. This was due mainly to the passage of a motion of no-confidence against the former AP-



AFC Leader, Khemraj Ramjattan

NU+AFC Government.

The then parliamentary opposition had secured the support of then government Member of Parliament, Charrandass Persaud, to get an edge over the government in House, in December, 2018.

Although the motion was passed in the National Assembly, there were a slew of legal challenges which protracted the process and allowed sittings to be convened. Those

sitting were, however, only attended by members on the then governing side, as members of the then parliamentary opposition had committed to attending Parliament only after the completion of General and Regional Elections.

Those elections have since been held and though there was a five-month impasse after polling day, on March 2, 2020, the end result was a victory for the PPP/C.

The new PPP/C govern-

ment gained 233,336 votes at the March 2 General and Regional Elections and will enter the 12th Parliament with 33 seats as it moves to take the country forward.

The APNU+AFC with 217,920 votes, will have 31 seats while the jointer list of A New United Guyana (ANUG), the Liberty and Justice Party (LJP) and The New Movement (TNM) with 5,214 votes will be allocated one seat.

And, although the APNU+AFC coalition plans to challenge the results of those elections in an elections peti-

tion, which Ally said will be filed soon, the declaration of results and official completion of the process paves the way for a return to the National Assembly.

A date for the convening of parliament has not been set, but upon their return to Parliament, MPs will elect a Speaker to preside over the proceedings of the House. The Speaker oversees the administration of the House and chairs several committees, including the Parliamentary Management Committee.

The Speaker is also the spokesperson and representa-

tive of the National Assembly in its relations with the executive and other bodies outside of the House. The last Speaker of the National Assembly was Dr. Barton Scotland.

The passage of a National Budget will also be high on the agenda, as the country is already eight months into the year and is faced with the challenges caused by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As a result of COVID-19, Parliament will be held at the Arthur Chung Conference Centre, Minister responsible for Parliamentary Affairs and

Governance, Gail Teixeira has confirmed.

Teixeira explained that to minimise the risk of infection, the Parliament will also reduce the number of staff and invitees during the sitting while ministers and MPs will be seated in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

The parliamentary affairs minister noted that the first sitting is yet to be decided, but as part of the coronavirus regime, a number of restrictions and measures will be in place.

Trinidad: Night shelter launched for San Fernando's homeless

A night shelter has been launched for the socially displaced in San Fernando, complete with hot showers, daily meals and even a recreational area.

The San Fernando Center for Displaced Persons said in a social media update that the opening of the shelter was attended by San Fernando Mayor Junia Regrello and Richard Hart of the Revival Time Assembly Church.

'We have officially launched the Night Shelter! After months of preparation, and much delays due to COVID-19, we have finally launched the Night Shelter.'

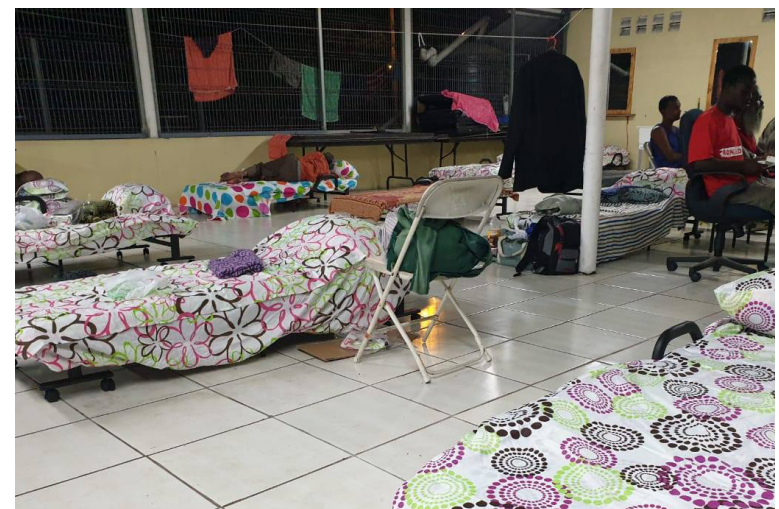
The group thanked those who provided support and showed photos of the facility which included cot beds and a small recreational area. 'We thank all those who have contributed and supported this initiative from the get go. It has been a lot of hard work to put everything together.'

'There is still a lot of work to be done to completely transform the venue into a proper living space. However, after speaking with the homeless, we recognized the dire need for a safe and secure place for them to stay especially due to the social and the economic factors plaguing them.'

The group said they are providing both breakfast and dinner daily to those in need, along with showers, clothing, and washing facilities for their clothes.

'We are now providing meals on a daily basis which includes dinner and breakfast. Showers, clothing, entertainment and washing facilities (for clothes) are also available to them.'

Anyone who is able to help sponsor meals or make a donation, can contact the Caribbean Dawah Association or send funds to their account at RBC, account number 110000004253731.



St Lucia seeing alarming increase in deadly canine parvovirus



Saint Lucian Veterinarian Dr Keith Scotland is alarmed by a noted increase in the number of canine parvovirus cases currently being seen on the island compared to previous years. Canine parvovirus infection or Parvo is a highly contagious and potentially fatal viral illness that affects dogs.

“Parvovirus is a disease which affects mainly puppies and young adult dogs,” the senior veterinarian said.

The illness is extremely contagious and extremely dangerous to dogs because they can easily be exposed to it and get infected.

The virus usually manifests in one of two forms: intestinal or cardiac. “The disease is spread from direct dog-to-dog contact, contaminated feces, flies, ticks, fleas, and human beings as a result of them stepping in contaminated areas, therefore, carrying it to their dogs,” Dr Scotland said, adding, “Most dogs that contract parvo will experience intestinal issues, but young puppies may get the cardiac version, which can be fatal.”

According to him: “Every year there seems to be a small outbreak, usually with the change in temperature and weather and coincides with the period when dogs have pups because dogs have pups twice a year and since it affects pups you find it is most prevalent in pups.

This year it seems to be more virulent, I have seen it for periods about a month or two, then it stops or gets a lot weaker and we save a lot of these animals, but this year it has been going on for longer and I have seen animals I have never seen before upwards of eight months sometimes some of them a year and a half that supposedly got vaccinated but in spite of that still contract the virus,” Scotland observed. “I have never seen this before,” he declared. Due to how contagious it is and that it is potentially fatal, parvo has come to be seen as the ‘COVID-19’ for dogs recently.

According to Dr Scotland, dogs can recover with early detection, however, it may be costly in some cases.

Symptoms include:

- Severe diarrhea with blood
- Vomiting
- Rapid weight loss
- Lack of appetite
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Dehydration

Dr Scotland advises: “Once you notice the animal is not its usual self, seek medical assistance from a Vet, we have very effective tests we can do to find out if it’s positive. The animals need fluids, they need to be on intravenous or sometimes fluids under the skin depending on what you use, they need to be on antibiotics, they need to be on something to keep their blood sugar up, etc. Without veterinary care, your dog’s illness may become fatal.”

Bahamas PM: Non-compliance causing rapid spread of COVID-19

Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis yesterday said COVID-19 continues to spread rapidly due to the failure of many people in The Bahamas to adhere to the health measures to mitigate against the virus. “The sooner we bring the virus under control the shorter the time will be to return to few restrictive measures,” Minnis said during a national address.

The prime minister announced an immediate seven-day lockdown for New Providence and a continuation of the lockdown in Grand Bahama for seven more days beginning Tuesday.

“Unfortunately, too many people are not taking the current lockdowns and health measures seriously. “Some people are gathering in groups in their neighborhoods; some are going out when unnecessary; some are not following health guidelines when out in public; some are going out visiting friends and family. “Some people are even having socials and parties.” “The virus is spreading rapidly because of the failure of many to adhere to life-saving and preventative measures. “But I also again acknowledge and thank all of those who have followed the health guidelines over the many months. “Thank you sincerely for your cooperation.”

Yesterday, there were 14 additional confirmed cases — all in New Providence pushing the total to 1,329.

There have been 731 confirmed cases in New Providence, 461 in Grand Bahama, 45 in Bimini, inclusive of Cat Cay, 44 in



Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis

Abaco, 14 in the Berry Islands, eight on Cat Island, five on Exuma, one in Eleuthera, two in Inagua, one in Andros, and 17 cases pending locations. A total of 1,116 cases were active. Aggressive contact tracing According to the prime minister, 87 percent of the confirmed cases on the Grand Bahama had been contacted and were being monitored, while 80 percent of the contacts of those cases had been identified through contact tracing. Similarly, of the confirmed

cases in New Providence, 82 percent had been contacted and where being monitored, while 80 percent of their contacts had been identified through contact tracing. Minnis said this was “great news” and boded well to curbing the spread of the virus.

He said aggressive contact tracing was ongoing.

On Friday, health officials revealed there was a backlog of some 800 pending samples.

Yesterday, the prime minister said progress was being made on

clearing the backlog of pending cases and the full resources of the government was being used to address the matter.

The prime minister noted the second wave of cases has placed an “exceptional strain” on the healthcare system, and aggressive measures were needed to avoid its collapse.

He said without more restrictive measures, “it will take a very long time to bring the virus under control”.

World Health Organization's struggle for a global COVID-19 vaccine plan

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Tuesday urged countries to join a global pact aimed at ensuring less wealthy countries have access to COVID-19 vaccines, warning about the risks from so-called “vaccine nationalism.” Here is a look at the WHO’s plan and the approaches by wealthier nations. The COVAX global vaccines facility is a program designed to pool funds from wealthier countries and non-profits to develop a COVID-19 vaccine and distribute it equitably around the world. Its aim is to deliver 2 billion doses of effective, approved COVID-19 vaccines by the end of 2021.

The details of the program are still being hashed out ahead of an Aug. 31 deadline for nations to join. It is led by the WHO, along with the Gavi vaccine alliance, and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

COVAX is part of a broader program, called the Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, that works to ensure that vaccines, treatments, diagnostic tests and other healthcare resources are broadly available to combat the pandemic.

They have focused on securing vaccines for their own citizens, striking deals for the first doses even as data has yet to prove the vaccines to be effective. Governments including United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, and the European Union have spent tens of billions of dollars on deals with



vaccine makers such as Pfizer Inc (PFE.N), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ.N), AstraZeneca Plc (AZN.L) and others. The United States alone has committed nearly \$11 billion for development, testing, manufacture and stockpiling of hundreds of millions of doses. Russia and China are also working on vaccines and have already begun vaccinating some of their citizens. The ACT Accelerator is financed by a variety of nonprofits and governments. It is aiming to raise about \$31

billion.

So far, the COVAX facility has attracted interest from 92 poorer countries hoping for voluntary donations and 80 wealthier countries, a number little changed from a month ago, that would finance the scheme, according to the WHO.

The WHO has expressed concern that wealthier countries hoarding vaccines for their own citizens could impede efforts to end the pandemic.

“We need to prevent vac-

cine nationalism,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said during a Tuesday virtual briefing. “Sharing finite supplies strategically and globally is actually in each country’s national interest.”

WHO leaders have said that developing a coordinated global distribution system for COVID-19 vaccines that prioritize those at greatest risk of getting sick, such as healthcare workers, would help curb the spread of coronavirus worldwide.

Mali president, PM held by mutinying soldiers

Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and Prime Minister Boubou Cisse have been detained by mutinying soldiers in the capital, Bamako, in a dramatic escalation of a months-long crisis in the country. The development on Tuesday came hours after soldiers took up arms and staged a mutiny at a key base in Kati, a town close to Bamako.

The army was expected to deliver a statement later in the day, while countries in West Africa, along with former colonial power France, the European Union and the African Union, denounced the actions of the soldiers and warned against any unconstitutional change of power.

The events came amid a weeks-long political crisis that has seen opposition protesters taking to the streets to demand the departure of Keita, accusing him of allowing the country's economy to collapse and mishandling a worsening security situation. Mali's years-long conflict, in which ideologically-motivated armed groups have stoked ethnic tensions while jockeying for power, has spilled into the neighbouring countries of Niger and Burkina Faso, destabilising the wider Sahel region and creating a massive humanitarian crisis.

Earlier on Tuesday, opposition protesters gathered at a square in Bamako in a show of support for the soldiers, while foreign embassies advised their citizens to stay indoors.

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned the arrest of Keita



President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and Prime Minister Boubou Cisse

and members of the government, calling for their immediate release, spokesman Stephane Dujarric said in a statement.

Guterres called for "the immediate restoration of constitutional order and rule of law in Mali", read the statement.

The UN Security Council will hold on Wednesday afternoon an emergency meeting to discuss the current situation in Mali.

The session was requested by France and Niger and will take place behind closed doors, a senior UN diplomat told AFP news agency on condition of anonymity.

The European Union "strongly condemns the coup attempt under way in Mali and rejects any unconstitutional changes," the block's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said on Twitter.

"This can in no way be a response to the deep socio-political crisis that has hit Mali for several months." Keita and Cisse are both being held by rebel soldiers, a senior government official confirmed to the AFP news agency.

"The prime minister and the president were driven by rebel soldiers to Kati in armoured vehicles," said Boubou Doucoure, who works as Cisse's director of communications.

US stocks hit new high after coronavirus crash

A key US stock index has hit a new high despite ongoing worries about the sharp economic impact of the pandemic.

The S&P 500, one of the widest and most prominent US market measures, inched higher on Tuesday to close at 3,389.78 - about three points above its 19 February record.

Other US indexes have also rebounded. The Nasdaq hit another record after surpassing its prior high in June while the Dow Jones Industrial Average is within about 5% of its February record. US shares have been on an upward path since 23 March, when America's central bank announced a slew of unprecedented economic support measures. But when the pandemic set in and markets tumbled more than 33%, such a rapid market recovery seemed nearly unthinkable, said William Delwiche, an investment strategist at Baird. "To be even having this conversation right now is remarkable," he said. He said the strength and speed of the rebound was especially surprising, given America's continuing struggle to contain the coronavirus and ongoing concerns about the economy. The US saw its sharpest quarterly contraction on record in the three months to July, amid widespread lockdowns.

"It's not surprising that we had a meaningful recovery, but that over the last couple of months we've continued to rally... I'm shocked that we're having this conversation," Mr Delwiche said.

Analysts say the recovery is partly due to Federal Reserve moves and other stimulus, as well as demand from investors who are confident the economy will heal and see few better opportunities to make money than on the stock markets.

While surprising, such a speedy market rebound is not unprecedented, said Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at CFRA Research. By his calculations, it's actually the third fastest rise to a new high for the S&P after such a deep fall since 1929.

But the gains in the US have outstripped many other markets. London's FTSE 100 remains about 20% lower than its January high, while France's CAC 40 is off about 19%.

Japan, which has seen its Nikkei 225 index climb back to roughly 4% of its pre-crisis high, has benefited from both aggressive government stimulus and relative success at controlling the virus without mass lockdowns. The unusual strength of the US rebound comes from its tech companies, such as Apple, Microsoft and Amazon, which have been seen as winners despite lockdowns, along with companies in areas like cloud computing and machine learning.

"We would not be flirting with all-time highs were it not for technology," said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at US Bank Wealth Management. Shares in the S&P 500's tech sector have climbed roughly 25% so far this year,



The New York Stock Exchange reopened for in-person trading in May after closing the trading floor in March

even as other areas remain flat or negative. The energy sector, for example, is down roughly 37% since the beginning of January, while financials are down about 20%.

Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices, said that's a warning sign for those who might want to see the new S&P 500 high as a signal about the broader economy.

"There's big dispersion between those that have done well and those that have done poorly," he said.

Overall, the S&P 500 is up about 5% since the start of the year. But of the 500 companies in the index, more than half have shares trading lower than they were start of the year, he said. And that's even though the big companies in the S&P

500 index are better equipped to withstand a downturn than many smaller firms.

"We've come a long way and there's a lot of optimism in there and that is concerning," Mr Silverblatt said. "If we don't get what we expect - disappointment is not a good item in the market."

Mr Sandven said unless prospects for the wider economy improve further gains will be limited. Political questions - about whether Washington will approve further economic stimulus and how the US presidential election will play out - could also mean a bumpy ride ahead for investors, he added.

"Clearly there's a lot of optimism riding on a return to growth in 2021," Mr Sandven said. "But there's reason for caution."

Young people driving coronavirus spread, WHO warns



WHO says risky behaviour among young people after lockdowns is a possible explanation for the trend

The spread of the novel coronavirus is being increasingly driven by people aged in their 20s, 30s and 40s who are unaware they are infected because they have no or mild symptoms, the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned.

Because many people from this age range are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms of COVID-19, they unknowingly pass on the virus to others, Takeshi Kasai, WHO's regional director for the Western Pacific

said on Tuesday.

"This increases the risk of spillovers to the most vulnerable, the elderly, the sick in long-term care, people who live in densely populated urban areas and underserved rural areas."

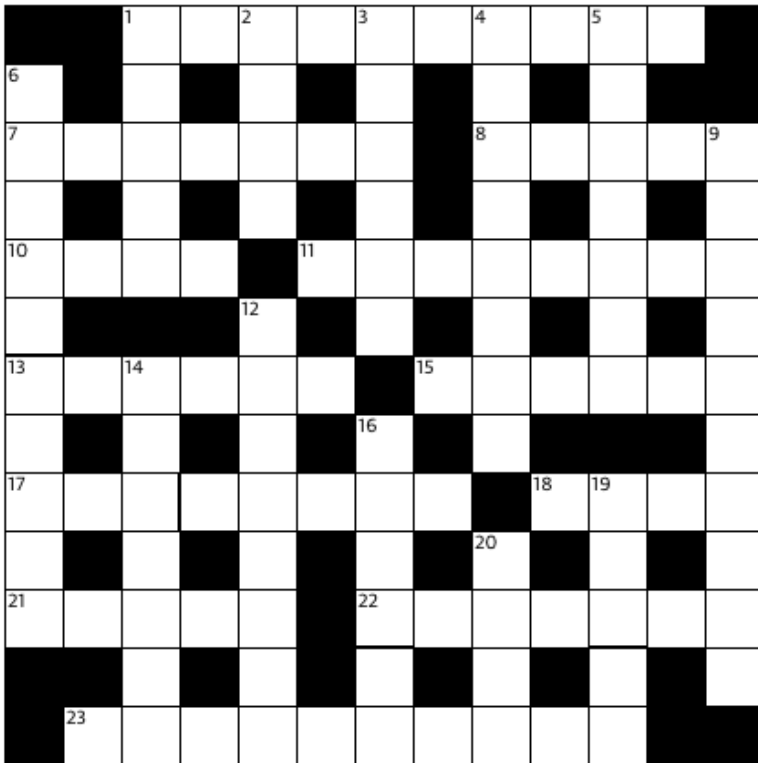
An analysis of six million cases with detailed information reported to the WHO between February 24 and July 12 showed an increase in the proportion of children and young people infected. According to the data shared with Al Jazeera, the pro-

portion of affected children aged zero to four grew from 0.3 percent to 2.2 percent, those aged five to 14 years grew from 0.8 percent to 4.6 percent, while those aged 15 to 24 grew from 4.5 to 15 percent of the total cases analysed. "While we see differences across regions, we do see a consistent shift towards more younger people being reported among COVID-19 cases," the WHO told Al Jazeera. "There are a few possible explanations for these trends, including a rise

in risky behaviour among young people after lockdowns and other public health and social measures were lifted, expanded availability of testing, and an increased spread of COVID-19 across communities," it added. Globally, the coronavirus pandemic has infected 21.8 people, according to data collected by Johns Hopkins University, while more than 13.8 million have recovered. At least 774,000 people have died.

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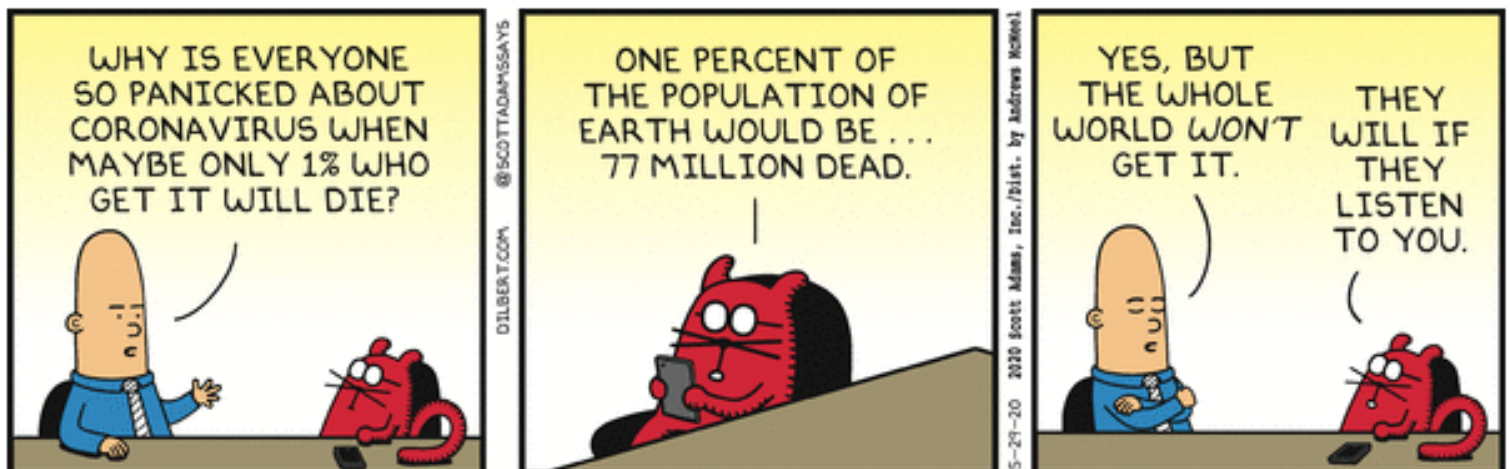
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- 13 Side roads (6)
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- 1 Shade of pink (5)
- 2 Bovine creatures (4)
- 3 Insectivorous plant (6)
- 4 Enclosures for birds (8)
- 5 Mountain-dwelling antelope (7)
- 6 On the level (5,5)
- 9 Take by force (10)
- 12 Slavic alphabet (8)
- 14 Greet (7)
- 16 Closely confined (4,2)
- 19 Get into trouble (3,2)
- 20 Green ornamental stone (4)

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Keep your temper on a tight leash in the week ahead even when it's tempting to let it loose. You may be happiest when working as a team with some friendly people, but be discreet and avoid being too playful.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): If you can't win a war of wits, you may try to compete with your wallet. In the week ahead you may consider casually spending money just to prove a point. Avoid the temptation to please others no matter the cost.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Handling fast-paced activities and results-driven people may deplete your storehouse of social skills in the week ahead. Take a second look at bills, emails and proposals, as you might miss the fine print.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): To make money, sometimes you must spend money. However, during the upcoming week you might notice that expenditures outweigh the benefits. You may suffer from an illusion that you are in total control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Once you have a goal in mind, it may be difficult to stop thinking about it. Avoid any relentless quest for now, as this may offend friends or partners who feel left out of the equation. Be energetic but not headstrong this week.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): In the week ahead, keep your sights fixed on achieving major long-term goals even when new ideas, desires and distractions crop up. Don't accept vague answers or ask misleading questions when money is involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Your head might not understand what your heart already knows. At some point during the upcoming week you might realize that one of your best ideas was a mere fantasy. Don't take a casual flirtation too seriously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your warmth and friendliness are potent tonics best used in small doses as this week unfolds. Focus on finding long-term solutions to temporary financial problems. Don't be too proud to ask for advice or guidance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You probably know best when it comes to handling your resources as this week unfolds. Some people may urge you to spend today and pay tomorrow, but you have a long-term vision of prosperity to bank on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your generosity knows no bounds, but someone else may count on that. A co-worker or acquaintance may inadvertently cause you financial hardship. In the week ahead, remember "neither a borrower nor a lender be."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone in your intimate circle could rub you the wrong way during the week to come. Abrasive individuals in the workplace could put you on your guard as well. Don't take criticism personally but see the lesson.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Staging an intervention in an effective way may require all your diplomatic skills and your gentlest management. You may find yourself dealing with anger issues in the week ahead when someone doesn't get their way.

Ex-Test stars endorse revival cricket camp

Sir Curtly Ambrose and his former West Indies teammate, Ridley Jacobs, have given their blessings to a five day cricket camp which aims to revive the game in their home village, Swetes.

About fifty boys and girls were introduced to the fundamentals of the game during the opening of the Rufus Lewis branded Swetes Revival Cricket Camp on Monday.

It is the camp's goal to encourage the resumption of hardball cricket in the community.

The camp is named for village elder, Rufus Lewis, who parented the outstanding cricketer, Enoch Lewis, who was proclaimed one of the best batsmen not to have played Test cricket.

Over the course of the camp, the hope is to increase interest in the sport among the 5 -15 year age group.

Cricket West Indies and the Antigua & Barbuda Cricket Association have



partnered with the organisers in providing gear and equipment for the initiative.

Sir Curtly Ambrose, considered by many as the greatest fast bowler of all time, and Ridley Jacobs, a former West Indies captain and outstanding wicket-keeper and batsman, were in attendance at the opening and encouraged the budding cricketers to love the game.

“Prepare your body and mind to work hard and at the end of the day,” said Sir Curtly, “you will be successful.”



“It will not be easy. People will tell you you can't make it. Use those negative comments and turn them into positive. You want to be the best cricketer you can be. Prepare to work hard. Make sacrifices. Be committed. Once you do those things I'm sure you'll make it to the top,” he encouraged.

Sir Curtly played 98 Test matches for the West Indies. Widely acknowledged as one of the greatest fast bowlers to have played the sport, he took 405 Test wickets at an average of 20.99 and topped the ICC Player Rankings for much of his career to be rated the best bowler in the world.

He impressed upon the youngsters the importance of learning all they can.

“Having played the game myself you can't fool me. I'll be around myself to look at what's going on. I'll know if you are doing better or not. Take all the knowledge and experience you can from the coaches,” he said.

Jacobs, the Coordinator of School *cont'd on pg 27*



PSG book a spot in the 2020 UEFA Champions League finals

Paris St. Germain have secured a spot in the 2020 Champions League finals with a 3-nil victory over German Club RB Leipzig in an entertaining semi final in Lisbon on Tuesday.

One of Europe's big spenders with a massive budget, but also one of the biggest underachievers on the European stage, PSG, led by the world's most expensive player, Neymar, seized the opportunity to complement goals from Marquinhos, Angel di Maria and Juan Bernat.

The German club made a number of mistakes trying to play out of the back. For most of the game French sensation Kylian Mbbappe and Brazilian Neymar terrorized the Leipzig backline.

PSG will find out who they face on Sunday's final when five time winners



Bayern Munich play Lyon in the other semifinal today.

The vast sums of money pumped into the French club by owners Qatar Sports Investments since 2011 has en-

abled them to dominate domestically. In Europe not so much, but they now have the platform to win the coveted prize, the Champion League Trophy and be branded the best in Europe.

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Cricket in the Ministry of Sports, called on the parents to support their children.

"We need your support," said the left-hander, who made his Test match debut in 1998 on his 31st birthday.

"I'm hoping some of the parents will come out and support these youngsters to help us make these youngsters good and better players," said Jacobs who played 65 Tests in six years.

"I really think that this is

a very good initiative. Over the [past few] years you look at Swetes and there's no cricket playing.

"This I think this will revive cricket and I hope that in the not too distant future we'll see more international players [from Swetes]."

During his Test career, Jacobs took over 200 catches behind the stumps, making him only the second West Indies keeper to achieve the feat, after Jeff Dujon. He also played 147 ODIs.



Under the guidance of head instructor and certified coach, Abdiel Hughes, the participants were taught the rudiments of how to bat on the first day of camp at the

Swetes Playing Field. The camp concludes on Friday when all the youngsters, as well as the top participants, will be recognised during the closing ceremony.



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Intelligent, powerful and athletic



Soniya Sonice Jones, a graduate of the Princess Margaret Secondary School, is the leading female sprinter on the island with a bright future on and off the track. The 17-year-old, has been blessed with talent, power and intelligence.

Jones has kept this legacy alive and is quietly making her mark in athletics locally and regionally.

The daughter of former 400 meter national champion, Evans “Jawaki” Jones and Antigua and Barbuda sprint queen in the 1990’s, “Sonia Williams” young Jones specializes in the 100 and 200 meter events.

To date, the young star has clocked a personal best time of 11.49 in the

100 meter and 24.17 in the 200 meter events. Soniya secured a bronze medal at her first CARIFTA games in 2018 in the 100 meter event, qualified for World Juniors Under-20 Championship and participated in the Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Jones was also National Junior Sportswoman of the year in 2018 and back to back sportswoman of the year 2018, 2019 at the Princess Margaret Secondary School from which she graduated with eight CXC subjects.

In a recent conversation with the powerfully built sprinter, she told PointeXpress that COVID-19 has been a blessing in disguise.

“Just a few weeks before CARIFTA, I got injured and the break has given me time to rehabilitate,” Soniya explained.



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“On the other hand, coronavirus blocked an opportunity for me to head out to University,” Jones continued regretfully.

“My ultimate goal is to excel in university on the track and in the classroom, setting a platform for a professional career as a sprinter. An Olympic medal is also on my radar while aspiring to become a physiotherapist and business owner,” the ambitious young woman added.

DEWS

