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a plane crash**



Delmar Johnson. *See story on Page 3*



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**MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00am - 10:30am**



ABAA dispells plane crash rumors

On Thursday, the country was alarmed by reports that they may have been an air-plane crash at the V. C. Bird International Airport.

Social media was soon abuzz with rumors of a crash and photographs of a smoke filled area near the airport began to circulate online.

It was soon revealed, how-

ever, that the supposed crash was actually a simulation exercise that had been carried out by the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority (ABAA). The ABAA carried out the exercise in order to test the efficacy of the national response that would be activated in the event of an aircraft emergency.



According to the ABAA, "The drill replicated an aircraft accident of a 737 aircraft caused by severe wind shear and a strong crosswind as the plane approached the V. C. Bird International for landing shortly before mid-morning on Thursday. The airport was officially closed as a result and re-

opened some hours after for the resumption of regular commercial operations."

The ABAA explained that part of the drill utilized all of Antigua and Barbuda's emergency services, including the EMS, Fire Services, the Police, the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force

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DAY 9/11

Wind: WNW at 2 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 7 km/h
 Humidity: 69%
 Dew Point: 23° C
 Cloud Cover: 23%
 Visibility: 9 km
 Probability of Precipitation: 52%
 Precipitation: 0.5 mm
 Rain: 0.5 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm

31° Hi



Partly sunny with a brief shower or two

NIGHT 9/11

Wind: WNW at 2 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 9 km/h
 Humidity: 73%
 Dew Point: 22° C
 Cloud Cover: 20%
 Visibility: 10 km
 Probability of Precipitation: 25%
 Precipitation: 0.0 mm
 Rain: 0.0 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm

27° Lo



Mostly clear

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
5:55 AM

Sunset AST
6:33 PM



Duration
12:17 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
12:04PM

Moonset AST
1:35 AM



Duration
13:31 hr

Jamaican national wanted

A Jamaican national is being pursued by immigration officials after running afoul of the law.

The Immigration Department has issued a wanted poster identifying Delmar Johnson, 34, who escaped from the department's detention centre prior to being deported.

Johnson is described as being dark in complexion, approximately 5 feet 7 inches in height, of slim build and weighing approximately 150 lbs.

"The assistance of the general public is being sought in locating the subject.

"Johnson is wanted after escaping

custody. Anyone with information of the whereabouts of the wanted man is asked to contact the Immigration Enforcement Unit at 464-3245 or 464-3141 or contact the nearest Police Station," the wanted poster stated.

The department is also advising the public against assisting or harbouring Johnson.

The Immigration Department is also warning persons that they should not approach the wanted man.

Johnson was released from Her Majesty's Prison after being ordered to leave the state when he escaped from immigration officials.



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and other relevant agencies that fall under the National Emergency Operations Centre. This call to action was signaled as an "activation" protocol.

The authority continued, "The Airport's Emergency Centre was activated and provided overall management of the activity under the watchful eyes of the National Office of Disaster Services. Key agencies and the critical departments of the entire airline community were engaged as a measure of overall effectiveness in dealing with an incident of this magnitude."

The emergency drill was conducted as part of a requirement by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The requirement states that, "Contracting States must conduct a full scale emergency exercise at intervals not exceeding two



years, and partial emergency exercises in the intervening year, to ensure that any deficiencies found during the full scale aerodrome emergency exercise have been corrected."

Director of Safety and Security Avery Henry said he was satisfied with the outcome of the drill.

"I am very pleased we were able to hold the exercise at this time since we are now able to assess our strengths and our weaknesses so that we can move im-



mediately to make improvements in this critical area of our emergency operations."

Henry also thanked the National Office of Disaster

Services and its team led by Director Philmore Mullin for the support and guidance they provided in the execution of the exercise.



St. Paul primary schools receive supplies

Students of Cobbs Cross Primary, Liberta Primary and Bethel Seventh Day Adventists have become the latest beneficiaries of school supplies from Member of Parliament for St. Paul, E.P Chet Greene.

Books, geometry sets, pencils and school bags were among the items donated on Wednesday morning by Minister Greene and his team.

Greene, who made a presentation to schools in the area last week, indicated that there had been additional requests for assistance as many parents have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

demic.

He said that as a national and community leader he is compelled to go the extra mile in order to help those in need.

The gifts to the Liberta Primary School were made possible through a donation from the Falmouth Harbour Marina. General Manager, Robert 'Bobby' Reis said that as a corporate citizen the company feels a responsibility to give back to the community.

During the ceremony, face masks were presented to each school by a representative of the community mask making initiative organized by Greene.



Barbuda's secession request goes to Parliament

A showdown is set to take place when a resolution is introduced at the next sitting of Parliament to address the Barbuda's Council's request to secede from Antigua.

The government is taking the unprecedented step of presenting the matter to the Parliament after it received a letter from the Barbuda Council requesting that discussions commence on the separation of Antigua from Barbuda.

In the letter dated 31st August, 2020, Council Secretary, Paul Nedd, informed Cabinet Secretary, Konata Lee, that the Council wished to secede from Antigua in order to determine a separate future for Barbuda and its people.

The letter continued that this move had become necessary as a result of the Gaston Browne administration's neglect of the Barbudan people which only intensified after the passage of Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Adding that the Council had no choice but to expose the mistreatment the Barbudan people have been subjected to, Nedd went on to cite the Barbuda Land Act of 2007, the declaration by the prime minister that Barbudans are 'squatters' along with the 'derogatory name calling' of Barbudans by the

head of government as justification for the Council's move.

Nedd said these and other incidents created a strain on the failing relationship between Antigua and Barbuda. He further expressed the view that Barbuda was being used as a bread basket for Antigua, which is evidenced by the use and abuse of the island's resources without benefit to their people.

The contentious issue will be introduced in the Lower House, by way of a resolution next Thursday.

Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, said the matter is not one from which the government will

shy away.

"For Antigua and Barbuda to consider at this stage the giveaway of one third of its resources and to let it walk away is incomprehensible, it's unthinkable. So at this time the government's position will be well laid out in our presentations. The resolution would likely be a negative resolution but nonetheless everyone will have a chance to have their say," he remarked.

Nicholas told reporters that Barbuda is important to the country as a whole and there are no plans to change that.

"The resources that are on Barbuda get into the

national economic mix so that we can build infrastructure and provide services throughout the country. The almost religious fervor by which Barbudans associate with questions of the land is something that we note, but we are not going to be afraid of it. It is a matter of law that the lands on Barbuda are vested in the crown; it's incontestable and we are going to go forward on that basis," Nicholas declared.

The minister acknowledged that the tone of the discussions between the islands could be improved and he expressed the hope that this would be one of the outcomes of the debate.



PM congratulates Goddard on expansion

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has offered his government's congratulations to the Goddard Catering Group on the opening of its new multi-million dollar facility on the Sir George Walter Highway.

In his remarks at the opening, Browne highlighted the company's long history in Antigua and Barbuda having opened its doors in 1974.

During this time Goddard Catering has provided many opportunities for nationals.

"Goddard Catering has offered training for our people in catering and food preparation services.

"It is an international company that is required to satisfy the required standards," Browne noted.

The prime minister also congratulated the company for diversifying its product offerings adding that



Utilities Minister, Sir Robin Yearwood, Station Manager GCG Antigua, Mario Colindres, PM Gaston Browne and GCG Regional Manager, Pedro Corbin

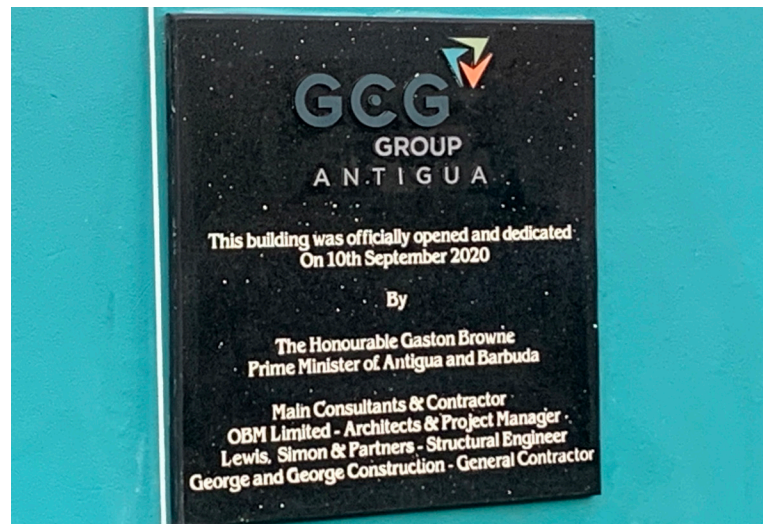
this was a hallmark of the company's competence and competitiveness.

Goddard Catering Group opened its new state-of-the-

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PM Browne and Mario Colindres formally cut the ribbon to the multi-million dollar facility



Home-porting under consideration

At least one cruise company has initiated dialogue with the government to establish layover or home-porting arrangement in St. John's.

In order to reduce costs to the company, it is proposing that its crew layover in St. John's before heading off on new cruises.

Several ports in the Caribbean have been approached setting off competition between regional ports for favour with the company.

Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, says the government views the pro-

posal as an economic opportunity.

"It is an opportunity for some onshore business to get an economic lift. We are in the preliminary stages of the discussion but we have to consider all the issues relative to that including the safety protocols specifically related to COVID," he explained.

Discussion was held on crew members who may test positive for Coronavirus.

Nicholas noted while the crew is not expected to come ashore, should they

fall ill with COVID-19, facilities onshore will be made available to them with the caveat that this does not affect the country's COVID-19 statistics. These particulars, he said, are now being fine tuned.

This week's post-Cabinet Notes revealed that the General Manager of the Deepwater Harbour was invited to the meeting to address the home-porting proposal which at least one cruise line has made in its effort to reduce the cost of passengers flying its pas-

sengers to Antigua. Upon arrival here, passengers will board the vessel. Similarly crew will arrive to and depart from the V. C. Bird International Airport.

The Cabinet revealed that the final decision on which Caribbean port will receive home-port status will likely be determined by cost.

The Cabinet warned against a race to the bottom and has cautioned the company's general manager to decide on the basis of a defined policy set by the Cabinet.



PM Browne assists GCG Station Manager with unveiling the plaque

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art complex in Antigua on Thursday.

The \$18 million investment is expected to provide a major fillip to the company's plans for diversifying its operations.

The Goddard Catering Group is primarily engaged

in airline catering..

The company also provides catering services for local events.

Goddard Catering operates in thirteen Caribbean territories. Its Regional Manager is Pedro Corbin, who is based at the new facility.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA COMPANIES ACT, 1995

In the matter of
GLOBAL EXCHANGE
(ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA) LIMITED
 (In Voluntarily Liquidation)
 Members' Winding-up

On August 31, 2020 the Shareholders of the above-named company duly consented to the following special resolution.

"RESOLVED that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Cleveland Seaforth of Cnr. Factory Road & Carnival Gardens, St. John's, Antigua be appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up".

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30th day of September, 2020 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims, to the Liquidator at P.O. Box 3109, St. John's, Antigua, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefits of any distribution made before such debts are proven.

Cleveland Seaforth
 Liquidator

Bench warrant against Asot Michael discharged

The civil case against Member of Parliament for St. Peter, Asot Michael, was adjourned until September 21, 2020, when he appeared in court on Thursday morning.

Michael presented himself to the court after a bench warrant was issued for his arrest by Chief Magistrate Joanne Walsh because he failed to appear before the court on a civil matter.

His appearance on Thursday resulted in the bench warrant being discharged.

Michael offered humble apologies to Chief Magistrate Walsh for failing to present himself to the court on September 9th.

Although Michael's defense attor-



Member of Parliament for St. Peter, Asot Michael

neys have described the civil suit as 'outrageous', the St. Peter MP explained that he had 'absolutely no intention of disrespecting the Court' and was absent due to illness.

He continued that he had been suffering low blood pressure and chest

pains for more than a week which eventually resulted in him being transported by ambulance to the Mount St. John's Medical Centre.

Subsequent to being treated at the hospital, he also visited ophthalmologist, Dr. Ian Walwyn, last Friday to receive treatment for a ruptured blood vessel in his left eye.

Michael said he had been heavily sedated during his illness resulting in his inability to appear before the Court.

In the interest of preventing further delays to the court, and in the interest of the swift execution of justice, Michael instructed his attorneys request that the Court grant a continuance of the matter in his absence.

Governor General to spearhead Caribbean Wellness Day

Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams, will spearhead activities to mark the observance of Caribbean Wellness Day 2020 tomorrow.

In addition to Education and the preservation of History and Heritage, Health and Wellness are among the platforms to which Sir Rodney and Lady Williams have pledged their support.

Last month, Sir Rodney launched the 'Don't Quit, Get Fit' programme with the support of the Halo Foundation.

This initiative is designed to sensitize the nation to the importance of leading healthy lifestyles through

regular exercise, proper dietary habits and the awareness of the factors that predispose to non-communicable diseases.

The staff of the Office of the Governor General are active participants in the 'Don't Quit, Get Fit' and Caribbean Wellness Day activities.

Meanwhile, Governor General Williams has commended national sports icons Sir Richie Richardson and Team Island Girls and the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Unit in the Ministry of Health and other groups who are engaged in the activities to mark the annual occasion.



Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams

Caribbean Wellness Day was introduced by CARICOM in 2007 in response to the high prevalence of

non-communicable diseases such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus and obesity in the Caribbean.

Sandals Antigua GM tours Wallings Nature Reserve

Sandals Grande Antigua Resort & Spa General Manager, Matthew Cornall, has taken his first official tour of the newly refurbished administrative building at the Wallings Nature Reserve.

The structural upgrades were made possible by a US\$27,000 donation from the Sandals Foundation earlier this year.

Work on the building began in February and included the construction



of a deck, shed, electrical work, painting, tiling and guttering. The improved

facility also boasts a wheelchair-accessible bathroom, four water tanks, security

cameras and a solar panel system.

Information signs will also be installed along the surrounding hiking trails in order to highlight the area's biodiversity.

The Wallings Nature Reserve project was undertaken as part of outreach intended to meet the objectives of the Sandals Foundation – community, education and the environment.

Cornall's tour was led by the reserve's Executive Director, Refica Attwood.



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DPP won't seek death penalty in Christian's murder

The Director of Public Prosecution will not pursue the death penalty against the people responsible for Nigel Christian's murder.

This assurance has been given to the United Kingdom whose help is being sought in the Christian homicide investigation.

This was a condition demanded by UK authorities if a request by Antigua and Barbuda for assistance from Scotland Yard with the investigation of the murder of the former Customs officer was to be granted.

Foreign Affairs Minister, E.P Chet Greene, has now revealed that Director of Public Prosecution, Anthony Armstrong dispatched a communiqué to London in which a commitment was given that his office would not pursue a death penalty case.

Greene made it clear that it was proper for the matter to be pursued by the Office

of the DPP and not the executive. Greene also disclosed that when he commented on the issue earlier this week, he was unaware that the DPP had already moved to respond to the UK's terms for assistance.

A look at DPP Armstrong's letter to UK authorities revealed that several factors were carefully considered before responding to the conditions outlined by the British.

"In the event that a person or persons is or are charged, persecuted and convicted for the murder of the late customs officer, Nigel Christian, the Director of Public Prosecution will not at the start of the trial, during the trial or completion of the trial upon conviction seek the death penalty," Armstrong's said.

The letter did not, however, state that the death penalty will be removed from the books entirely.



Nigel Christian

Although capital punishment has not been carried out since the early 1990s in Antigua and Barbuda, it remains an available penalty for homicide under the laws of the state.

This week, Foreign Affairs Minister Greene confirmed that the executive arm of government was unwilling to meddle with the affairs of the judiciary with respect to

capital punishment as that issue falls under the authority of the judiciary.

He said until the people of Antigua and Barbuda decide in a referendum that they no longer wish to have capital punishment as a penalty for crimes against the State, he will continue to take the position that this is a matter best left to under the purview of the courts.



WITH KHAN KC CORDICE & PETRA WILLIAMS

**TUESDAY
5PM-6PM**

Janice Sutherland to head local chapter of Caribbean Women in Leadership

A national chapter of the regional organisation, Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWiL) organization has been established.

Following the recent election of a national executive on 8th September, CIWiL announced on Thursday that the CIWiL Antigua and Barbuda National Chapter had been formed.

Antigua and Barbuda is now home to the organisation's fourth regional National Chapter.

According to the organisation, "Caribbean Women in Leadership (CIWiL) is a non-partisan and independent organisation, established to monitor and strengthen the work of increasing women's leadership, decision-making and political participation in the region through advocacy, networking, research, and capacity building."

The local chapter is composed of Antiguan and Barbudan female leaders and future leaders across several sectors including politics, business and non-governmental organisations.

At the end of the elections, Digicel Chief Executive Officer, author and life coach, Janice Sutherland was named Chairperson of the National Chapter



Janice Sutherland while Independent Senator, Bakesha Francis-James, was elected Vice Chairperson.

The other elected executive members of the chapter include Marian Barbara Hesse, Merchant and Secretary/ Coordinator, Calisha Spencer, Treasurer and award-winning entrepreneur, Chaneil Imhoff, Public Relations Officer.

In welcoming the executive to the regional organization, CIWiL President Lady A. Anande Trotman-Joseph offered congratulations and encouragement to the incoming executive.

"Congratulations to all the sisters who have stepped up to be part of Team Antigua and Barbuda. We commend and salute you on this journey of transforma-



Calisha Spencer

tional leadership joining women across our region. You have our solidarity and support. Know that there are other women just like you with very similar stories all wanting better for our sisters across the region. I welcome you to this movement of women."

Antigua and Barbuda now joins CIWiL members in St. Kitts and Nevis, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, and Trinidad and Tobago.

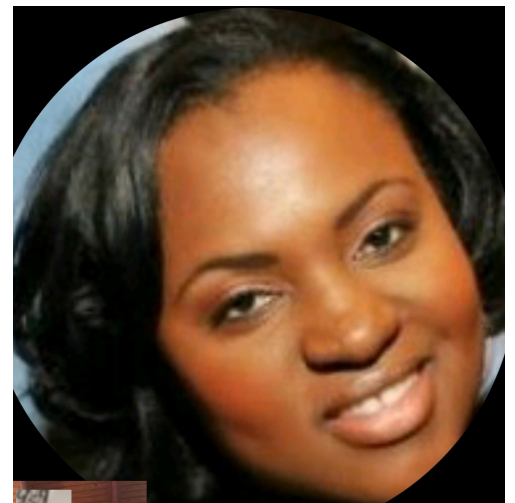
The organisation has pledged its continued commitment to women leaders and aspiring women leaders as it works toward women's equality in leadership throughout the region.



Chaneil Imhoff



Bakesha Francis-James



Marian Barbara Hesse

Building named to honour UWI's Sir Hilary

Chancellor of The University of the West Indies (UWI), President of Universities Caribbean, and Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, has been paid special tribute by having the administration building at the Cave Hill Campus named in his honour.

The building now bears the name Hilary McDonald Beckles Administration Complex.

The iconic four storey structure was conceptualised by Sir Hilary, during his tenure as principal at Cave Hill to reflect the architectural motif of the Golden Stool of the Ashanti that serves as a symbol of cultural identity and the collective wisdom of elders and ancestors. Sir Hilary invited the Asantehene, or King of the Ashanti, Otumfuo Osei Tutu II of Ghana to Barbados to lay the foundation plaque.

The building was opened in April 2010.

Principal, Professor, the Most Honourable Eudine Barriteau, said the Cave Hill campus community, and wider UWI family, fully supported the honour given Sir Hilary's more than forty years of contributions to the development of the university, and his current leadership of The UWI's management of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It is entirely appropriate for him to be saluted through the naming of that building in which decisions are made that give the institution its direction and governance. He is someone renowned for his decisive role and leadership qualities," she said. Professor Barriteau also hailed Sir Hilary's advocacy work in the areas of social



justice and minority economic enfranchisement, adding, "He is someone who thinks ahead of the times. His emphasis on reparatory justice is one example."

Sir Hilary served the Cave Hill Campus as the University's youngest appointed Personal Professor, Head of the History Department, and Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Education before assuming the office of Principal, which he held for 13 years between 2002 and 2015.

He is a globally distinguished academic whose wide ranging scholarship includes gender research, an international thought leader, transformational education administrator, United Nations Committee official, private sector director of major corporations, and expert in sport history, science and practice. He holds Barbados' highest national honour, Commander Knight of St Andrew, in acknowledgment of his distinguished service in the field of education, culture and sport. He also holds the second highest national recognition from the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Sisserou Award of Honour.

During his tenure as principal of the Cave Hill Campus, Sir Hilary transformed the academic, funding and infrastructural environment,

creating new and innovative programmes and facilities that enabled the campus to thrive. These developments meant that the enrolment of the campus could move from the 3,000 range to the 9,000 range within the context of a scientific system that monitored the relationship between quantity and quality. The academic quality management system at Cave Hill became highly respected by national and international experts. Working with the Owen Arthur Regime he successfully negotiated the acquisition of 50 acres of additional lands at the Lazaretto for expansion, reflecting the commitment to the quality remit.

Sir Hilary has a deep interest in the identity issues of the built environment. Never accepting up front a design brief, he worked closely with the best local architects to fulfill his passion by conceptualising, sketching, and co-designing the many iconic buildings on the campus. These include: the Errol Barrow Centre for Creative Imagination building that reflects the indigenous creole culture; the 'China/India' building that hosts the Confucius Institute, reflecting the regional Asian heritage; the Administration Building, celebrating African culture; and the CLICO and Sagico buildings with majestic Ro-

man pillars that reflect the European legacy. The Usain Bolt Sport Complex was conceived and designed to celebrate the blended beauty of Barbados' land and sea environments. Cave Hill now has a unique multicultural built environment that celebrates human cultural diversity. The iconic 3Ws Oval serves as the centrepiece of identity cohesion with the Mandela Freedom Park as an open invitation.

These structures were created in order to radically improve the pedagogical and educational capacity of the campus with new and innovative academic programmes, and an aggressive postgraduate training and research culture. From the Creative Arts to the Faculty of Medicine, the School of Business and Student Services, academic disciplines and student support systems were empowered in this way.

Sir Hilary, commenting on the honour said, "My entire professional life has been dedicated to perfecting a contribution to the art and science of decolonization and nation building within the context of institutional and public education. It has been by necessity a highly discursive experience, and therefore inevitably contentious. One's head is always buried in the work at hand, and this expression of generosity from my peers gave cause to lift it and smile. I feel very blessed by this recognition and accept it as a tribute to all my very noble colleagues, staff and students, who I know worked and are working very hard for the campus and university, enabling our collective results to be viable, sustainable and visible."



VACANCY

Our Client is seeking to fill the position of Accounting Manager. Please see the requirements for employment. Suitable Candidates are asked to send a letter of application and CV to the following email address: zanetrainingconsultancy@gmail.com

Application period will expire on 25th September

PURPOSE OF THE JOB:

To manage the accounting operations by controlling and verifying our financial transactions. The person filling this position will be responsible for maintenance of the company's accounting software and maintaining accurate financial records to secure the financial health of the organization.

SECONDARY FUNCTIONS:

Undertaking any other duties that would normally be expected of an Accountant as a consequence of holding the position

EDUCATION, QUALIFICATION AND SKILLS

- Must have a BSc in Accounts
- Must have professional qualification at the CPA, ACCA, CGA or CMA level

REQUIRED:

- Knowledge of accounting principles and practices
- Knowledge of finance principles
- Knowledge of IFRS Standards
- Technical accounting Skills
- Extensive working knowledge of the QuickBooks Accounting Software, both the Accounting and the Point Of Sale Software and Microsoft Excel
- Good interpersonal skills and organizational skills
- Excellent written and oral communication skills

EXPERIENCE:

A minimum of 5 years work experience managing an accounting department is a requirement. Priority will be given to qualified applicants with wholesale and retail experience.

Opinion

Internal strife making Guyana a continuing regional problem

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the U.S. and the OAS. He is also a senior fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and at Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)

Once again, Guyana is causing regional and international worry following two sets of killings of young men (two of African origin and two of Indian origin) that have sparked the flames of communal violence and threaten to engulf the country.

The facts of these killings are yet unknown and unestablished. As this commentary is being written, the Police are still in the process of investigating the crimes. What should be a period of national support to find the perpetrators and deliver justice, has been misused to promote violence and civil disturbance.

Justice for the four persons who have been killed is necessary, but justice is not about assuming facts, acting lawlessly and exploiting emotional sentiment to further the ambitions of a few politicians.

Following the first killings of the African-Guyanese teenagers, Isaiah and Joel Henry, supporters of the opposition, APNU-AFC, blocked main highways and confronted Police. Hooligans took advantage of the protests to commit atrocities which included beatings. The following day, two Indo-Guyanese were killed – one of them a 17-year old, Hareshi Singh, and the other Prettipaul Hargobon who was beaten to death by a crowd.

Commendably, Volda Lawrence, the Chairman of the People's National Congress Reform (PNCR), the main party in the opposition APNU, made

a public statement, saying: "I am calling on every single member of the People's National Congress Reform, irrespective of your status, I am saying that we cannot continue. This carnage must stop." Similar strong statements from the Opposition leader in Parliament, Mr Joseph Harmon, and former President David Granger, would be the responsible thing for them to do.

Guyanese, who lived through Guyana's destructive and haunting racial violence between 1962 and 1964, worry that a similar disaster is being promoted, which could not be controlled or stopped without foreign military intervention. In the 1962-64 period, Guyana was a British Colony and British troops intervened. Nonetheless, the considerable loss of life and property wounded the country and scarred the society.

Addressing the present situation, Guyana's President, Irfaan Ali, assured the Guyanese people that his government "will work to bring justice to every single person who has been affected in these circumstances". He announced that he would be approaching the British Government and the Caribbean Regional Security System for help in investigating the killings. He should include a forensic investigator in his request. An external qualified investigator would help to give confidence to the thoroughness of investigations.

President Ali also said that he is "exploring the commissioning of an International Commission of Inquiry to look at every aspect of this situation". However, he should also consider how, as a nation, Guyana will, internally, address the racial issue that has been exploited for so long. International



By Sir Ronald Sanders

Commissions might be helpful, but as in South Africa and Northern Ireland, it is in Guyana that solutions to communal strife must be found.

In this, he should follow the lead of a remarkable Guyanese – Mr. Gladstone Henry, the father of one of the murdered boys. Mr. Henry has publicly declared, "I am not supporting immoral protesting. As a family we want justice (but) we as a nation cannot be fighting each other".

Therefore, consideration might be given to the creation of a "One Guyana Commission", to explore practical steps that can be taken to cement Guyana's one society. The work of the Commission should be countrywide, listening to the free contention of all voices, concerning ways in which every Guyanese can honour the strands of their ancestral heritage while celebrating their uniquely blended Guyanese civilization, with equal opportunities for all.

An observation made by Joshua
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Hyles in his book, 'Guiana and the Shadows of Empire' is compelling: "Country studies of Guyana point out that the country's disparate ethnic groups have come to resemble one another culturally and physically more than those of their (racial) countries of origin". In other words, what Hyles is saying is that a person of Indian or African origin living in Guyana often exhibits more cultural and physical similarities to a person of Indian or African origin in Guyana than another Indian or African abroad.

This is a truism for any Guyanese of Indian or African origin who has travelled to India or Africa. Those, who have visited the lands of their ancestors, recognize that their visceral homeland is Guyana. The challenges of language of tribe, of cast, of culture set aside Guyanese, except Amerindians, from the distant lands of their ancestors.

Guyanese – of all races – have resided together for almost two centuries. In doing so, a Guyanese civilization has been woven from strands that originated in other lands – in India, Africa, Europe, China and in Guyana itself. What has been created is a unique blend that is Guyanese.

Together, the two main groups in Guyana – people whose ancestors came from Africa and India – are a formidable force. The British colonizers and plantation owners knew that very well, which is why they employed the strategy of divide and rule; a strategy continued by self-serving local politicians. In the words of Lord Varys in the television series, *Game of Thrones*: «He would see this country burn if he could be King of the ashes.»

Guyanese should free themselves from the 'race' trap if they are to avoid despoiling their country and robbing

themselves of the very high quality of life that their recent oil and gas production offers.

In the past, violence in Guyana has led to refugees, migration, and instability in the region. Neither the countries of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) nor the nations of the Americas would sit-by and watch Guyana descend into civil strife and violence now. Such a development would have consequences for them, and they will undoubtedly act if circumstances demand it.

For the time being neighbouring states will keep a watchful eye, hoping that good sense will prevail among all the politicians in Guyana to calm emotions and maintain stability.

Guyana must become part of the solution to the region's challenges, not continually be part of its problems.

Responses and previous commentaries: www.sirronaldsanders.com

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION LAND AT FITCHES CREEK

Instructed by **Peyton Knight & Associates Attorneys** – At –Law, we shall sell by Public Auction on **Thursday 1st day of October, at 11:00 AM**, one parcel of land situated at Fitches Creek registered as: **Registration Section: North Central; Block #12 2292B; Parcel #: 266 measuring 0.26 acre or approximately 11,325.60 square feet**. It is owned by Marlon and Alice Ho – Tack.

The property consist of one parcel of land.

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St. Johns
Antigua.

To: The Commissioner of Police
Police Headquarters
American Road
St. Johns
Antigua.

To: Your Worship
St. Johns Magistrate Court
Gray's Farm
St. Johns
Antigua.

Dear Sir/ Madame,

Re: Notice- Application for Tavern Licence

I, Julie –Ann Natalie Aska of Cassada Gardens, with registered business situate at Sutherlands in St. Johns Antigua and Barbuda **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the liquor licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Gray's Farm, St. John's, Antigua on Thursday 1st October, 2020 next ensuring for a Liquor Licensing Pursuant to section (11) (5) of the Licensing (intoxication Liquor) Act Cap. 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda 1992 Revised Edition, in respect of premises known as "Chrome Enterprise" situated at Sutherlands in the parish of St. Johns, Antigua and Barbuda.

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Dominica cancels 2020 World Creole Music Festival

(SKNnews) A decision has made to cancel the top signature event of Dominica, the World Creole Music Festival.

The event, which was scheduled for October 23, 24 and 25, would have been the 22nd edition of the event.

The World Creole Music Festival saw a footfall of over 20,000 attendees in 2019, and the event has served as a strong economic stimulant for the island.

The Honorable Denise Charles, the Minister for Tourism, International Transport and Maritime Initiatives, officially announced the cancellation of the event stating during an interview on August 28.

She said that the country would have loved to have the World Creole Music Festival, but as these are challenging times and the health and safety of the citizens is a priority and, the government has taken the decision to cancel



the World Creole Music Festival for 2020.

The decision of cancelling the World Creole Music Festival was extremely important.

The Dominica Festivals Committee did thorough consultation with approximately forty diverse stakeholders and the members of the Dominica Festivals Committee. All of them have played a vital role in the implementation and success of the festival over the years.

Miss Charles also said to the patrons of the importance of the protocols established for COVID-19, she stated that they have to adhere to the protocols, as a government, they cannot encourage mass gathering activities till things come under control.

Given the current world pandemic, an assessment was done of the status of the current source markets to include Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Lucia, St. Maarten, Antigua and by extension North America and Europe (France, England).

The analysis included the number of COVID-19 active cases, border restrictions and the overall ability of individuals to travel.

It was concluded that there is uncertainty as it relates to airline capacity and frequency and that new protocols for travel and mass gatherings may hinder the experience for patrons significantly.

T&T Police advise: Report sour 'sou sou' incidents to police

(LoopTT) Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jayson Forde is calling on members of all 'blessings circles' and ill-advised 'sou sou' circles to report their experiences to the police.

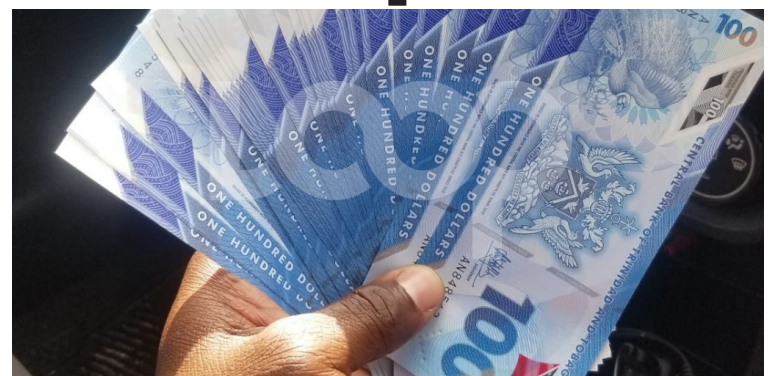
A sou sou, traditionally, is an agreement made among a group of people where they all contribute equal amounts of money either months or weekly, in an effort to save money. At the beginning, each person is made aware of when their payment or 'hand' will be made and they are expected to continue making

their payments until the cycle is up.

However, an uprise in a new money sharing method disguised as a sou sou has been noticed. Police, the Ministry of Finance and the Financial Intelligence Unit have all come out imploring citizens to stay away.

Speaking at the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service's Weekly Media Briefing, DCP Forde said that despite the uncertainty surround the practice, the police will still try to be of service.

"Like any other interaction



if you enter and are aggrieved and made a report it will be investigated and if persons are found culpable, then we will take the necessary action within the ambits of the law," he said.

Various social media users

have come out, admitting that they were bamboozled in their sou sou circles.

Some have even claimed that administrators of the circles have gone missing, taking the members' money with them.

Guyana asks Britain, RSS to help probe killings; inquiry planned

(DemeraraWave) President Irfaan Ali Wednesday night announced that Guyana has asked the United Kingdom (UK) and the Caribbean Regional Security System (RSS) to probe the killing of three youths over the past three days and violent unrest in West Coast Berbice that has resulted in severe injuries, robberies and damage to property.

“In consultation with the Guyana Police Force, I have engaged the mechanism in which I will be reaching out to the British Government and the RSS, which is the Regional Security System to come to Guyana in support of the Guyana Police Force’s investigative capacity,” he said.

Autopsies on the mutilated bodies of Isaiah and Joel Henry were conducted Wednesday and the bodies handed over to the families for burial. Seven people- including the owner of the coconut estate at Cotton Tree village where Henrys’ bodies were found, his son, a handyman and coconut vendors-remained in custody. Attorney-at-Law Nigel Hughes reportedly captured video and pictures of the autopsies to provide to an international forensic investigator. The opposition A Partnership for National Unity+Alliance For Change (APNU+AFC) has also called for an impartial and professional probe as it has no confidence in Crime Chief, Senior Superintendent Wendell Blenheim.

Dr. Ali also announced that he was mulling an international Commission of Inquiry into the events surrounding the killings and would ask the United Nations (UN) for help to possibly punish perpetrators or racial hostility. “I have asked the Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs to explore, within the United Nations system, all



President Irfaan Ali

means available to hold to account, all those who spread race hate and instigate racial strife,” the President said.

The President said as part of efforts to bring to justice all those responsible for the killings and associated events, he was considering holding a Commission of Inquiry.

“We need to understand who instigated, what was instigated and as a result, I am exploring the commissioning of an International Commission of Inquiry (COI) to look at every aspect of this situation, to look beyond what took place on the ground, to look at the behaviours that came about as a result of statements made. The COI is important for us to have a comprehensive understanding as to what took place,” he said.

“The events surrounding these horrific and barbaric acts of murder and the criminality that saw the loss of property, that saw even the loss of lives, people being chopped, robbed and brutally assaulted, require a more comprehensive and holistic review and as such, we need to get to the bottom of this,” the President added.

He said those planned three steps

would be aimed at getting a comprehensive and holistic picture as to all the events surrounding what took place. Dr. Ali said he was confident that the Guyana Police Force and the Guyana Defence Force would restore order in keeping with all available resources, laws, protocols and guidelines to ensure the situation does not escalate. The President promised “to bring justice to every single person who has been affected in these circumstances.”

Hours after he blamed Leader of the People’s National Congress Reform (PNCR), David Granger and Opposition Leader Joseph Harmon for opportunistically using the brutal slayings of the Henrys to confront the illegitimate People’s Progressive Party (PPP) administration, the President flayed those who wanted to score political points from such tragic circumstances.

“The time has come for us to deal with this issue very frontally. The time has come for us to deal with it very seriously and no one must believe that they can use situations like these for any political gain. There is no gain whether politically, socially, econom-

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Teachers must have ‘office hours’; some schools require students to wear uniforms online

(BVI NEWS) In an effort to create a sound educational structure during this online learning school year, teachers will be required to have consultation hours and some schools will require students to wear school uniforms during live online sessions.

This is according to Chief Education Officer Connie George who recently said the Ministry of Education has been working to create an atmosphere for online students that will reflect the physical school environment.

“A school day will run from 9 am to 2:30 pm, of course, with the lunch and the breaks in between as usual. So we want it to look exactly like it would have looked if they were actually getting up in the morning and going off to school,” she said.

“We are encouraging what we are calling office hours for the teacher where at that time, they would be able to zero in on the one child or



the two children who would need extra attention or extra help with special education or extra the reading time,” the Chief Education Officer added.

Parents encouraged to create structure

To assist with the ministry’s intended goal, George is asking for parents to create a daily atmosphere within their household that

would resemble the usual pre-COVID school morning pattern.

“You need to have a good structure for the child at home.

“The child must feel like ‘I am going to school’. So they must be asked to get up at a certain time, have their bath and their breakfast and get themselves ready.”

Uniform wearing by some

schools

To further assist with conditioning the minds of students, George said that some schools have taken the extra step of requesting their students to wear uniforms during the online classes.

“I know that some schools have encouraged children to put on their school uniforms so that when they open the camera everybody is wearing their school uniforms. That’s not mandated, but it does help the child to fall in line and recognise, ‘yes I am really going to school’,” she explained.

The 2020/2021 academic year for local public schools is set to begin on September 21.

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ically, morally or culturally. There is no gain that you can get out of this. The only persons who lose are the families who are suffering, the people who received and who were inflicted with blows and loss of property and the country; the credibility and image of our country suffers greatly,” he said.

17-year old Haresh Singh was killed and motorcycle burnt as he was heading to his farm aback Number Three Village, West Coast Berbice. Later Wednesday afternoon, 34-year old Chatterpaul Harripaul called Roy of Bath Settlement was beaten to death after, according to police, he exited his car and fired his shotgun at a crowd of protesters about 60 metres away.

Dozens of Amazon's own products have been reported as dangerous

(CNN) When firefighters arrived at Austin Parra's home on January 12, 2017, they could see smoke and the charred remnants of an office chair outside.

Parra, then 20, had been transported to the hospital. His mother explained to firefighters that her son's chair caught on fire while he was sleeping, and he was burned as he carried the flaming chair outside.

Anthony Dignoti, the Wethersfield, Connecticut, fire marshal in charge of investigating the incident, could see that the door and door frame were damaged by the fire as well. He noticed bowls strewn about, which he wrote in his official report had been filled with water in an attempt to extinguish the fire.

But most interesting to Dignoti was a white USB cord. Part of the cord was hanging off the chair and still intact, but the other side was stuck to the seat and had melted into a bare wire, he said in his report and an interview with CNN.

Dignoti ultimately concluded that the fire originated with the cord Parra was using to charge his cellphone. His report stated the cord experienced a short circuit, and while it was unclear why this happened, "the heat produced by the cord ignited the upholstery for the office chair."

The cord had been branded with the name of the world's largest online retailer: Amazon.

It was sold by one of Amazon's popular private label lines, AmazonBasics, which offers budget-friendly products including consumer electronics, household appliances, home goods and office accessories.

Launched in 2009, AmazonBasics has grown to offer more than 5,000 products, according to the retailer. Its mission: identifying everyday items that Amazon



The fire at Austin Parra's home originated with an AmazonBasics USB cord, Fire Marshal Anthony Dignoti determined.

can create at a similar or higher quality and lower price point when compared to existing name brands -- a strategy also employed by companies such as Costco and Target.

A growing number of AmazonBasics products, which the company promotes heavily on its site, have become best-sellers since the line's inception, and many have ratings above four stars, according to Marketplace Pulse research. In recent months, the online retailer's sales have been soaring as millions of Americans have been staying at home -- and in many cases working remotely -- during the ongoing pandemic.

But consumers have raised serious safety concerns about AmazonBasics items in complaints to government regulators and in reviews posted on Amazon's own website. Since 2016, at least

1,500 reviews, covering more than 70 items, have described products exploding, catching on fire, smoking, melting, causing electrical malfunctions or otherwise posing risks, according to an analysis of AmazonBasics electronics and appliances listed on its website.

The reviews identified represent a small fraction of the overall purchases of the products, and fires caused by consumer electronics are not unique to Amazon branded items. User error can also be a factor, as can faulty or aging wiring within a home or a defective device being used in conjunction with the product.

But when well-made and used properly by consumers, electronics like those sold under the AmazonBasics name should rarely pose dangers, said electrical engineers interviewed by CNN.

Huge fire at Beirut port sows panic after last month's blast

(AP) A huge fire broke out at Beirut's port Thursday, raising new panic among residents still struggling with the traumatic effects of the catastrophic explosion at the same site last month.

Some sought safety in closed bathrooms or threw open their windows to guard against shattering glass in case of another blast; others piled into cars to flee the capital.

Dark smoke and the smell of toxic fumes enveloped Beirut in the evening as army helicopters circled and sprayed water over the orange flames, helping firefighters on the ground.

It was unclear what caused the blaze at the port, which was decimated by the Aug. 4 explosion when nearly 3,000 tons of ammonium nitrate blew up, sending out a shock wave that killed nearly 200 people and caused widespread damage.

The Lebanese army said the fire started in the port's duty free zone amid containers of tires, oil and other flammable materials.

Fabrizio Carboni, regional director for the International Red Cross, tweeted that the warehouse on fire is where his organization stores thousands of food parcels and oil, risking the serious disruption of humanitarian operations.

Port director Bassem al-Qaisi told Voice of Leba-



Black smoke rises from a fire at warehouses at the seaport of Beirut, Lebanon yesterday.

non radio that the fire started in a warehouse containing barrels of cooking oil and later spread to where tires were piled. He added it was too early to say if it began as "the result of heat or some other mistake."

In a sign of the ever-widening gulf of distrust after the explosion, many Lebanese accused politicians of deliberately trying to destroy evidence at the port that led to the blast. Thursday's fire was the second mysterious blaze there this week, following a small fire on Tuesday that also caused some panic but was quickly extinguished.

Lebanon is gripped by an unprecedented economic crisis and financial collapse,

blamed on decades of mismanagement and corruption by an entrenched political class. Last month's blast is seen as the culmination of leaders unable to manage the country's affairs or protect its people. So far, authorities have been unable to provide answers about the explosion, and there has been no accountability for it.

For Dana Awad, a mother of two girls, the fire brought back memories of the tremor that shook her Beirut neighborhood before the explosion.

"We opened all windows and are in the corridor right now," Awad said as they sought safety in a hallway. "I am still feeling the earth

shake. Living a flashback."

Jennifer Moorehead, Save the Children's country director in Lebanon, said the fire will inevitably bring back distressing memories to many Lebanese children who are still trying to recover from last month's blast.

"Children in Beirut have experienced a terrible shock and they need time to recover; today's fire and panic will only make things worse," she said.

Najat Saliba, a professor specializing in atmospheric chemistry at the American University of Beirut, tweeted warnings for the elderly and children to protect themselves or even to leave the city if possible until the smoke cleared.

EU mulls legal action against UK over plan to break Brexit deal

(Aljazeera) The United Kingdom and the European Union held emergency talks on Thursday over Prime Minister Boris Johnson's plan to undercut parts of the Brexit divorce treaty, with Brussels exploring possible legal action against London.

As the UK pushes ahead with its plan to act outside international law by breaching the divorce treaty, the EU negotiators are trying to gauge how to deal with London.

The EU said the UK must withdraw the planned law dealing with Northern Ireland trade by the end of the month or face a legal fight even before the transition period following Britain's EU departure ends on December 31.

"By putting forward this bill, the UK has seriously damaged trust between the EU and the UK. It is now up to the UK government to reestablish that trust," European Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic said, using language that, by the EU's diplomatic standards, was furious.

He spoke after meeting Britain's chief Brexit minister, Michael Gove, at a hastily arranged meeting in London.

Sefcovic said that if Britain didn't change course by the end of September, the EU would take legal action.

"The Withdrawal Agreement contains a number of mechanisms and legal remedies to address violations



Britons voted to leave the EU in a June 2016 referendum

of the legal obligations contained in the text - which the European Union will not be shy in using," Sefcovic said.

EU diplomats and officials had previously said the bloc could use the Withdrawal Agreement to take legal action against the UK, though there would be no resolution before the end-of-year deadline for Britain's full exit.

The British government says its planned law, put forward on Wednesday, clarifies ambiguities in the Withdrawal Agreement, and its main priority is the 1998 Northern Irish peace deal that ended decades of violence.

Britain says its law is intended to ensure there are no barriers to trade between Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK in the event that there is no deal with the EU. On Thursday, it said it would

try to push the bill into law quickly, scheduling it for debate in Parliament starting on Monday.

"I made it perfectly clear to Vice President Sefcovic that we would not be withdrawing this legislation," Gove said.

Sefcovic said the EU "does not accept the argument that the aim of the draft Bill is to protect the Good Friday (Belfast) Agreement. In fact, it is of the view that it does the opposite."

A note distributed by the EU executive to the 27 EU member states said the Withdrawal Agreement gives the bloc up to four years to launch a legal procedure against the UK if it violates EU rules during a transition period this year.

Europe's leaders have been handed an ultimatum: accept

the treaty breach or prepare for a messy divorce. The UK signed the treaty and formally left the EU in January, and leaves the single market when the status quo agreement expires at the end of this year.

Sterling, which tends to fall when Brexit hits a snag, has tumbled in recent days. The currency was flat at \$1.2999 on Thursday, but overnight implied volatility, an indicator of investor jitters, rose 13 percent, its highest since March 26.

Talks on a trade deal have been stuck over state aid rules and fishing. Without an agreement, nearly \$1 trillion in trade between the EU and the UK could be thrown into confusion at the beginning of 2021, compounding the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

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US revokes visas for 1,000 Chinese students deemed security risk

(BBC) The US says it has revoked the visas of more than 1,000 Chinese students and researchers who are deemed to be a security risk.

The move follows a proclamation by President Donald Trump in May aimed at Chinese nationals suspected of having ties to the military. He said some had stolen data and intellectual property.

China has accused the US of racial discrimination.

Nearly 370,000 students from China enrolled at US universities in 2018-19.

A state department spokeswoman described those whose visas were revoked as “high-risk graduate students and research scholars”.

She said they were a “small subset” of the total number of Chinese students.

“We continue to welcome legitimate students and scholars from China who do not further the Chinese Communist Party’s goals of military dominance,” the spokeswoman said.

The Chinese foreign ministry denounced the move at a daily media briefing in Beijing.

“This is outright political persecution and racial discrimination. It seriously violates the human rights of these Chinese students,” spokesman Zhao Lijian said,



adding that China reserved the right to “further respond”.

The proclamation of 29 May accused China of engaging in a “wide-ranging and heavily resourced campaign to acquire sensitive United States technologies and intellectual property” and said it was using some students “to operate as non-traditional collectors of intellectual property”.

Some Chinese students in the US say they are facing increased hostility and suspicion on university campuses, and their reasons for studying being questioned.

Though hardly unexpected, this move

still comes as a bombshell for nearly 370,000 Chinese nationals studying in the US.

Many of them have been anxious about US-China tensions, especially Washington’s increased scrutiny of Chinese students in America over technology theft and economic espionage.

US Assistant Secretary of State David Stilwell told me last month that, against Chinese nationals who concealed military ties and came to the US “masquerading” as students, “we have to defend ourselves”. The US authorities have indicted several Chinese nationals for visa fraud and theft of trade secrets.

But many Chinese students see Washington’s move as unreasonable, fearing that they are being used as a pawn in the escalating US-China competition.

According to an online spreadsheet collecting self-reporting information from affected students, Washington’s scope of visa revocation appears to go beyond Chinese graduate students in advanced scientific fields, also targeting undergraduate students and those studying economics and finance.

Education used to be low-hanging fruit for US-China co-operation but now it has turned into a new front in the bilateral conflict.

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The latest dispute centres on rules for Northern Ireland, which shares a land border with EU member Ireland. Under the 1998 agreement, there must be no hard border in Ireland.

To ensure that, the British-EU divorce pact calls for Northern Ireland to continue to apply some EU rules. But the UK’s new bill unveiled this week would assert the power to override many of those EU rules, acknowledging that London would be violating international law by doing so.

US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi said any move by the UK that undermined the 1998 Irish peace agreement would ensure that a potential United States-UK trade deal would not pass the US Congress.

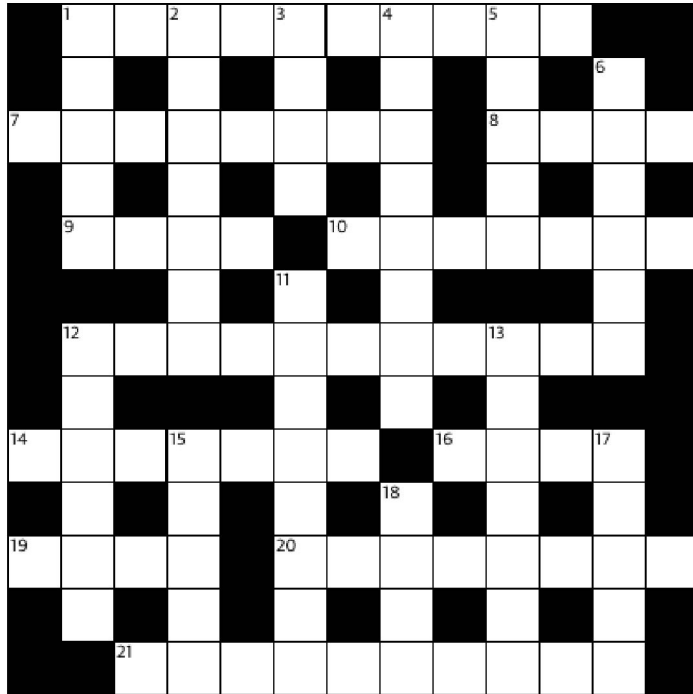
Former British leaders Theresa May and John Major scolded Johnson for considering an explicit, intentional breach of international law.

“If we lose our reputation for honouring the promises we make, we will have lost something beyond price that may never be regained,” Major said.

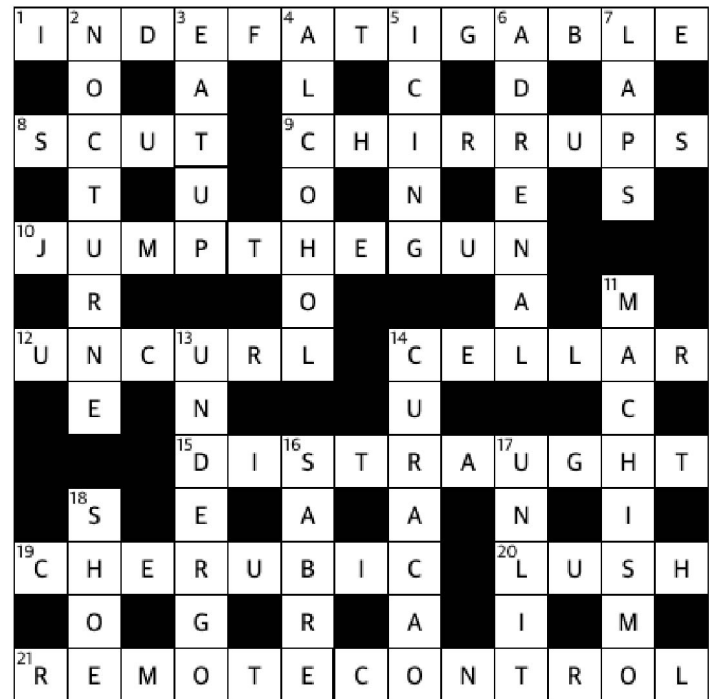


QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword No 15,709



Quick crossword No 15,707



Across

- 1 High-rise building (5,5)
- 7 Singling (anag) — a cocktail (3,5)
- 8 Pointed remark (4)
- 9 Price paid by traveller (4)
- 10 Laboured (7)
- 12 Penmanship (11)
- 14 Wealthy and privileged people (3,4)
- 16 Stare open-mouthed (4)
- 19 Mumble drunkenly (4)
- 20 Steadfast (8)
- 21 Bosses (10)

Down

- 1 He follows beggar man in rhyme (5)
- 2 Layabout (7)
- 3 Coot or moorhen, for example (4)
- 4 Flat-bottomed barges (8)
- 5 Faction (5)
- 6 Sinister (6)
- 11 Climbing plant — I re-saw it (nag) (8)
- 12 Hold tenderly (6)
- 13 Mollify (7)
- 15 Approximately (5)
- 17 Kind of programme — kind of light (5)
- 18 Stick together (4)



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"My bad."



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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): There may be an important project that requires your undivided attention. A passing fancy might tempt you to play hooky when you should be hard at work. Ignore the pull of transient desires and whims.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): It is not just about you, or just about them. Cooperation can't occur without a good deal of give and take from both sides. Rather than debating differences of opinion, find places where you share common ground.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Apply mind over matter. You may have to enforce your boundaries if faced with high-pressure sales tactics. Use logic and fact-gathering if you feel overwhelmed or pressured.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You could be so intent on reaching out to obtain the better things in life that you forget to take care of what you already have. Be especially kind and considerate towards loved ones and thoughtful about their needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The importance of a project or assignment may be blown out of proportion. Nevertheless, you might still feel that your reputation is at stake. You may be willing to go to extreme lengths to accomplish something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be decisive, cut any losses and move on. Keep your goals firmly in mind and it will be easier to make an expedient decision. A romantic partner or close friend may provide some sensible and canny input.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): Libra is the sign of the scales, so you are probably well equipped to weigh your options and balance family with career. This isn't a fortuitous time to plunge headfirst into an enticing investment or an exciting new relationship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may dwell on the challenges that lie ahead and think about ways to accomplish your goals. The things that make you happy may not be the things that you must embrace to obtain security now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your expectations within with the realm of possibility. If your dreams are impossibly grand, you could set yourself up for a grand disappointment with love, money or possessions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Persistence should pay off. It's easy to lose track of your purpose if many people and things clamor for your attention. Keep plugging away despite time-consuming interruptions and you will make headway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Still waters run deep. Someone close may appear to have veiled secrets or hidden depths, but this is probably not the most auspicious time to dive in and investigate them. Put your financial ambitions on hold temporarily.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You may be challenged to spend your money wisely. Family needs and home repairs could eat up some of your cash, leaving you unable to pursue your fondest dreams. Focus on saving and wait for better timing.

CPL All Star team announced

Three members of the unbeaten Trinbago Knight Riders were selected to be part of the 2020 Hero Caribbean Premier League All Stars team which was announced on Wednesday.

Only one player from the finalist, St. Lucia Zouks, was selected by the commentary team of Tom Moody, Ian Bishop, Daren Ganga, Danny Morrison and Samuel Badree.

Members of the Guyana Amazon Warriors, two players from the Jamaica Tallawahs and one each from the



St. Kitts Nevis Patriots and the 2019 champions, Barbados Tridents, have been selected with TKR captain, Kieron Pollard, appointed captain.

The lead by Pollard also featured Glen Phillips Jamaica Tallawahs wicket-keeper, Sunil Narine TKR, Shimron Hetmyer Guyana Amazon Warriors, Nicholas Pooran Guyana Amazon Warriors, Darren Bravo TKR, Mohammad Nabi, Jason Holder, Rayad Emrit, Imran Tahir and Mujeeb ur Rahman, Jamaica Tallawahs.

Selectors also picked one Caribbean and one overseas 12th man, Scoot Kuggelejin, St. Lucia Zouks and Kemo Paul, Guyana Amazon Warriors.

Concacaf Qualifiers for 2022 FIFA World Cup early next year

Concacaf has held discussions with its member associations, FIFA and other stakeholders, as the confederation continues to plan for the resumption of its competitions across the region.

Following those discussions, Concacaf and FIFA have jointly agreed that the Concacaf Qualifiers for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 will not be played in the FIFA match windows of October or November 2020. Instead, they will begin with the first round in the FIFA match window of March 2021.

Many parts of the region continue to have very challenging public health situations which was a key factor in the decision. Additionally, several countries across the confederation have travel restrictions and quarantine requirements in place which would make international football involving

thirty national teams extremely difficult.

Concacaf will now work with FIFA to finalize a new schedule, beginning with the first round in March 2021.



Concacaf

Simmons shines in 2020 CPL

Trinidad Knight Riders' opening batsman, Lendl Simmons, started slow in his first three appearances in the 2020 Caribbean Premier League leading supporters to call for him being dropped from the team.

Since then, the experienced player who has 71 CPL games under his belt, rebounded in a major way leading his team to the 2020 CPL championship accumulating the most runs, 356 runs at an aver-



Lendl Simmons

age of 39.55, scoring the most runs in the tournament.

The right handed stylish batsman's biggest achievement, however, was reaching 2,432 runs to pass the 'World Boss', Chris Gayle's 2,354 as the leading runs scorer in CPL history.

The leading bowler in the tournament was St. Lucia Zouks Scott Kuggelejin with 17 scalps at an economy rate of 7.78.



Scott Kuggelejin

No Narine? No Problem!

Lendl Simmons and Darren Bravo ensured Trinbago Knight Riders completed the first perfect season in franchise T20 history with an unbroken partnership of 138 off 88 balls, the highest of Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) 2020 and the highest ever in a final.

The St. Lucia Zouks put up what seemed a competitive total, but ultimately a loss of 7/39 off the last 32 balls of their innings cost them dearly against this history-making Knight Riders squad.

Rakheem Cornwall swept Akeal Hosein for four but was lucky to edge over DJ Bravo at slip. Knight Riders captain Kieron Pollard gave the second over to Ali Khan, and Ali responded by flattening Cornwall's middle stump. Andre Fletcher clipped fine for four, the Zouks thus closing the second over at 16/1.

Mark Deyal slog-swept Hosein for two fours, and Fletcher was aggressive against Sikandar Raza, taking him over cover and long-on for Hero Maximums then cutting for four. Khary Pierre went for just five, but Fletcher twice smoked Ali through cover for four and the Zouks motored to 60/1 off the Powerplay.

Deyal lofted Pierre over cover for four and launched Pollard for six, but struggled to combat Fawad Ahmed's googly and edged to DJ Bravo at slip. Hosein returned with a tight over, and at halfway the Knight Riders had slowed the Zouks to 79/2.

Roston Chase clipped through midwicket for four early in Fawad's second



over, which went for 10, but Fletcher's assault ended as he aimed Pollard down the ground but found only Darren Bravo at long-off. Najibullah Zadran slashed his first ball for four, and the over went for seven to leave the Zouks in need of a partnership at 79/3 off 12 overs.

While Chase slog-swept the last ball of Pierre's over for a Hero Maximum, he and Mohammad Nabi fell within four balls, the former chipping a Pollard cutter to deep-mid on and the latter clubbing Fawad to long-off. Zouks captain Daren Sammy smashed his second ball for a Hero Maximum, and after 15 overs the Zouks were 123/5.

Despite a Najibullah four, Ali's return over went for just six, and Sammy should have fallen to Hosein but Ali badly misjudged the catch. Najibullah flicked Hosein for a delightful Hero Maximum over cover, but Hosein recovered to dismiss Sammy LBW. After 17 overs, the Zouks were 138/6.

DJ Bravo was unable to step up at the death and did so admirably, picking up two wickets with his off-cutter. First Javelle Glenn looped to backward point, then Na-

jibullah failed to clear Raza at deep backward square off another cutter. Kesrick Williams was run out, Ali Khan bowled Zahir Khan with a perfect yorker, and the Knight Riders had bowled the Zouks out for a decent rather than dominant total.

Simmons pulled Scott Kuggeleijn for four first ball of the chase, becoming Hero CPL's all-time leading run-scorer in doing so. Webster swept Nabi for four but then top-edged off Chase, Williams taking a fine catch. After three overs, the Knight Riders were 14/1.

Tim Seifert got off the mark with a four off Kuggeleijn, but fell edging behind the next ball.

Darren Bravo also got off the mark with a boundary, a glorious lofted Hero Maximum over long-on off Chase, and Simmons took fours straight, fine down the leg side and backward of point off Williams' first over to close the Powerplay with the Knight Riders 40/2.

Chase and Nabi put the pressure on, going for just five between them, and Simmons and Bravo both struggled against Zahir. When Simmons did take on the big shot though he nailed it over

the fence, and at halfway the Knight Riders were 59/2 and needed 96 more to win.

Sammy brought himself on and bowled five good deliveries, but Bravo smashed the sixth for a Hero Maximum, and Simmons pulled Williams for a six then cut him for four, becoming Hero CPL 2020's leading run-scorer and bringing up his 50 off just 31 balls. Bravo though continued to struggle against Chase who closed out a superb spell.

After 13 overs, Bravo was just 23 off 32 balls, and the Knight Riders needed almost 10 an over, but he eased both of those equations somewhat with two Hero Maximums off Glenn. Williams's third over went for nine thanks to two wides and a loose short ball, and the Knight Riders entered the last five overs needing 45 with eight wickets still in hand.

Kuggeleijn managed to go for just four off the 16th despite starting with a wide, but Simmons targeted Zahir, taking him for four off the first and six off the second. Bravo added two big Hero Maximums, the second bringing up his 50 off 45 balls. Suddenly, the Knight Riders needed just 18.

Simmons was not going to hang around now, walloping Kuggeleijn for a Hero Maximum over midwicket then clubbing him over cover and slicing him through third man for two fours. The winning runs came off an inside edge, but there was now no denying the Knight Riders' domination of Hero CPL 2020.

SKNFA approves payments to clubs

The SKNFA Executive Committee has approved an immediate cash payment of EC\$574,000.00 to its member clubs ahead of the restart of the 2019-2020 football season. Under the Plan, all Premier Division Clubs are eligible for a maximum amount of EC\$40,000.00 and Division One Clubs a maximum amount of EC\$35,000.00, provided that they meet key Club Licensing Criteria milestones for 2019-2020 season. The clubs are eligible for a second tranche of financial assistance in January 2021 following submission of report on the use of the funds in the first tranche in keeping with the supporting regulations.

The SKNFA football leagues have been under suspension since the end of March 2020 due to the global pandemic. With the easing of restrictions on sporting activities, which now allows competitions, the SKNFA is working assiduously to en-

sure that the football leagues are able to resume in a safe environment for everyone. An application to restart the leagues in September along with a comprehensive plan following strict COVID-19 safety protocols has been submitted to the COVID-19 Task Force for approval.

The payment to the clubs followed disbursement by FIFA of the first tranche of US\$500,000.00 COVID-19 Relief Plan Funds to its 211 Member Associations. The amount allocated to the clubs means that 42 % of the FIFA COVID-19 RELIEF PLAN funds will be invested directly in the clubs for their development.

The remaining 58 % will be invested in the SKNFA's efforts to restart football, which will positively impact the clubs indirectly and the overall development of football in St. Kitts and Nevis; specifically in the areas of (a) assistance to national team players, (b) stadium sanitization, (c) purchase



of sanitation supplies and equipment to combat the spread of COVID-19, (D) the cost of testing, (e) urgent repairs to Warner Park Stadium and others.

While FIFA is cognizant of the fact that the global pandemic would have affected every member association differently, it is important that those associations with the least impact from COVID-19 invest the funds in the development of football.

It is in this regard, that the SKNFA encourages its clubs utilize the funds in development of the clubs and to meet their financial and operational obligations. Specifically, the funds are to be used in accordance with the SKNFA COVID-19 RE-

LIEF GRANT Regulations.

FIFA has advised that the standard obligations and responsibilities in relation to the use of COVID-19 Relief funds as outlined in the supporting Regulations remain fully applicable and will be subject to the standard audit and reporting process.

In August this year, the SKNFA distributed to the clubs over EC\$100,000.00 worth of COVID-19 safety supplies and equipment to support the clubs in their return to training.

The COVID-19 Relief Grant to the clubs is possible as a result of FIFA and the SKNFA commitment to protect the gains made in football development over the years from the negative impact of the global pandemic, so that football will emerge even stronger post COVID-19.

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