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Keeping children safe in schools an enormous challenge

Health Minister, Molwyn Joseph, has warned that keeping students safe within the education system will be quite a challenge, however he is reassuring parents that both his ministry and the Ministry of Education are up to the task.

The minister's comments were made ahead of the start of the new school year on Monday.

The Central Board of Health has joined forces with the Ministry of Education and other stakeholders in carrying out inspections of schools.

These measures are intended to allay the fears of parents in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

"The protocols that have been developed have proven to be effective. The



Health Minister, Molwyn Joseph

challenge is to make sure that these protocols are adhered to at school. It is difficult when you have young children, and you know how young children are. The Ministry of Education has to put in place vigilant surveillance to ensure that there is adherence to the protocols," Joseph remarked.

The minister noted that the Ministry

of Education has given assurances that it has been working assiduously to ensure compliance with the protocols.

"I must admit it is a very difficult task. We have seen around the world where schools have reopened and there are problems. We have seen borders reopened and soon after are forced to close. This is not easy," he indicated.

Joseph said the people of Antigua and Barbuda should appreciate that the government has made every effort to protect citizens of every age.

"We have to look at the future generation, our children. It is an enormous challenge, however, fortunately we have people in the system who are working to ensure that we make it a success," the health minister added.

DAY 9/2

Wind: ESE at 15 km/h
Wind Gusts: 22 km/h
Humidity: 76%
Dew Point: 24° C
Cloud Cover: 75%
Visibility: 9 km
Probability of Precipitation: 53%
Precipitation: 2.0 mm
Rain: 2.0 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm

Mostly cloudy w/ t-storms

30°_{Hi}



NIGHT 9/2

Wind: E at 9 km/h
Wind Gusts: 19 km/h
Humidity: 80%
Dew Point: 24° C
Cloud Cover: 47%
Visibility: 9 km
Probability of Precipitation: 54%
Precipitation: 1.0 mm
Rain: 1.0 mm
Snow: 0.0 cm
Ice: 0.0 mm

Partly cloudy w/ showers

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SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
5:54 AM

Sunset AST
6:19 PM



Duration
12:25 hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
6:57 PM

Moonset AST
6:57 AM



Duration
12:00 hr

New regulations for churches coming soon

Entities that operate under the ambit of a church have been put on notice that a major revamp of the regulations governing the sector is coming soon.

The Ecclesiastical Division of the Ministry of Social Transformation has announced that it is working towards reforming the church registry.

The initiative is being spearheaded by Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission, William Dorsett.

Dorsett said his research has revealed that many churches have been registered ad hoc and with their categorisation often having nothing to do with the religious sector.

“In my appointment as Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission, I recognized that there was much difficulty in arriving at the number of churches that were registered in Antigua and Barbuda.

“When I checked with the Intellectual Property Rights Department, I was told that churches were registered under any possible category. So for example, you could be a for-profit, non-profit or a friendly society.

“We therefore want to streamline and regularize where churches would fall and that’s what we are pursuing right now,” he re-

vealed.

While he declined to identify any church or religious entity, Dorsett said the establishment of a properly set up church registry will drastically reduce or eliminate many unsavoury activities carried out under the banner of the church.

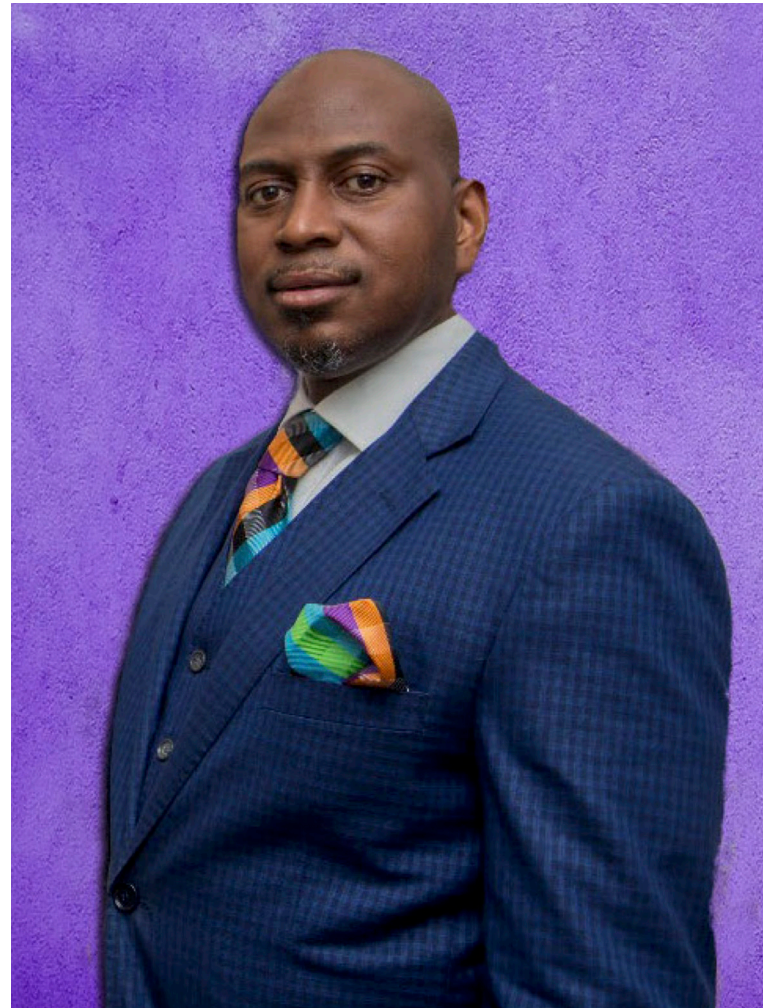
“We would have had through the years, not to mention any particular institution or entity, where we would have seen after some investigation discoveries of some churches being for-profit, and if you are really operating as a church that should not be that way.

“So now we want to put proper regulation and categorizing of what churches mean in Antigua and Barbuda. If you are listed as a church within the framework of the country’s business entities, we want there to be a particular format of operation and a particular business model and structure.

“If you are operating as a friendly society, then there have to be other arrangements,” he explained.

The chairman said it is important for the nation to have a common understanding of what is meant when an entity calls itself a church.

“We want when you say that you are a church, what that means as a nation and as



Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission, William Dorsett.

a public and we understand too what benefits that entity will derive from government and what is expected of it in return,” he declared.

Dorsett continued that proper registration and categorization of religious entities will ensure that benefits intended for a church are not diverted to individuals.

He disclosed while many of the churches under the banner of the Antigua Christian Council, and others such as the Baptists and

the Seventh Day Adventists are duly incorporated, others which are not must be regularised.

“We have had discussions with the Intellectual Property Rights Department as to how we can execute this operation, of course with the guidance of the Cabinet.

“It’s an ongoing project and we will keep the churches informed, as well as the general public, as to how the development is progressing,” said Dorsett.



Sale of Jolly Beach Resort imminent

The Jolly Beach Hotel is up for sale and, according to reports, the potential buyer and the owners of the property are close to making a deal.

This is the word coming from Chief of Staff in the Office of the Prime Minister, Lionel 'Max' Hurst.

Hurst also disclosed that Sunwing Travel Group, which has managed the hotel for several years, has ended its association with the hotel.

According to Hurst, Sunwing Travel Group was never the owner of the Starfish Jolly Beach Resort. The ABI Group remains the owner of the property.

He further indicated that the negotiations concerning the sale have now come down to the parties agreeing on a price as there is a US\$10 million variance in the offer on the property valued at US\$37 million.

Under Sunwing's management, the

Jolly Beach Resort maintained occupancy of above eighty percent.

Hurst noted that since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, Canada's borders have been closed which made it difficult for Sunwing to fly guests from its base there to Antigua and Barbuda and other destinations.

The Chief of Staff has also reported that Antigua and Barbuda will not convert the debts owed by the resort into shares as was suggested in the past.

"If we had done that we would have to stand in line after the secured creditors to be paid. We kept the debts and now we are part of the secured creditors," Hurst reported.

He said, however, that it is unlikely that the government will collect the estimated \$80 million that the hotel owes various government agencies.

"I suspect that we, like the other creditors, will have to take a haircut

when the sale is completed," he stated.

Hurst noted that when the sale is complete, the new owners will not be required to settle outstanding debts owed by the property. These will have to be settled by the current owners from the proceeds of the sale.

"The new owners will acquire the property without the baggage of the past as under our laws the responsibility to pay staff falls to current owners, not the buyer," he explained.

It will be up to the new buyer to determine if any current staff will be employed by the hotel, however employees who may be retained will be engaged under an entirely new arrangement.

A meeting has been called for 4th September by the Antigua and Barbuda Workers' Union to discuss this development with employees and to chart the way forward.

Drivers receive electric bus operation training

National School Bus system drivers are familiarizing themselves with the electric buses that were recently added to their fleet.

The buses were donated by the government of Italy as part of a pilot project.

Drivers are being trained to handle the vehicles as they come with a number of unique features including reduced sound.

Arif Jonas, Network Manager of the Government Motor Pool, said driving the electric buses takes getting use to due to their unique operation.

"It is extremely quiet. It's just a hum that you hear from the buses.

"This, however, poses a challenge as I have been asked, 'What are the negatives associated with driving these buses?'

"For me, the negative is the silence of driving these electric vehicles.

"We have been going through the paces with our drivers to encourage them, to train them and to make them more aware that pedestrians may not hear you coming the way they would hear a regular vehicle so they have to take that special extra care when maneuvering these vehicles," Jonas explained.

He said the vehicles have

been tested on various terrain and will soon be taken to the south of Antigua to see how well they do in hilly areas and steep gradients.

Jonas gave the assurance that both new electric buses will be able to traverse roadways without issue and added that every child who uses the National School Bus system will have the opportunity to ride on them.

The vehicles will be charged from ports installed at the Sir Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium.

Jonas said he is hope-

ful, however, that charging ports will also be installed at the Transport Board headquarters in preparation for the arrival of additional electric vehicles soon to be added to the government's fleet.

Arif Jonas continued that electric vehicles are a smart move in the effort to reduce harmful waste emissions.

"I think Antigua and Barbuda and the rest of the Caribbean need to begin looking at not just the environmental impact as we are aware that we have a very small footprint when

it comes to environmental impact, however, we have to look at the health impact, what we are doing to our health as it relates to emissions.

"That for me should be one of our greatest concerns.

"There is nothing more important than one's health," he noted.

With respect to the cost of operating electric vehicles, Jonas revealed that it is less expensive to operate them even here in Antigua and Barbuda, even if one were to use the electricity at one's home.



NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SYSTEM

BACK TO SCHOOL

Tip #1

REMEMBER TO LEAVE HOME EARLY TO AVOID TRAFFIC CONGESTION

ABTB
 A Message from
 Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

Seafood restaurant earmarked for Keeling Point

There is overall satisfaction with the repair work being carried out at the Keeling Point Jetty and it has been announced that a seafood restaurant will form part of the facilities.

Construction work began on the facility days after it partially collapsed into the water more than a week ago.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne, along with the area's Member of Parliament, Londell Benjamin, visited the Keeling Point this week where the repair work is in



its final stages.

Browne announced that there are plans to expand the facilities at the dock to include a seafood restaurant which will be operated by the fisherfolk who ply their

trade there.

"We want to provide them with the opportunity to sell value added fish products so, for example, you can come here to get your steamed fish, fried fish et cetera. It

will be bigger and better as well as providing entrepreneurial opportunities for our fisherfolk," he noted.

Project supervisor, Jessie Martin, is pleased with the pace at which work has been carried out. He pointed out that the repaired jetty will serve the people who depend on it for their livelihood well.

The work at Keeling Point was facilitated by Blue Ocean and Meridian, who are constructing the fifth cruise pier.

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Magistrate's Court
Gray's Farm
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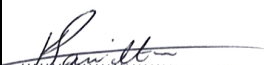
TO: HER WORSHIP
Magistrate for District "A"
Magistrate's Court
Gray's Farm
St. John's
Antigua

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
Police Headquarters
American Road
St. John's
Antigua

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS THIRTY SIX 5 BEACH BAR

I, **Keyon Hamilton**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 1st October, 2020 next ensuing for a Tavern license in respect of premises known as "**Thirty Six 5 Beach Bar**" situated Fort James, in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 25th August, 2020


Keyon Hamilton
736-3017
779-6156 KH

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The Licensing Magistrate
Magistrate's Court
Gray's Farm
St. John's
Antigua

TO: COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A TAVERN LICENCE FOR BUSINESS REGISTERED AS PURPLE HAZE LOUNGE & RESTAURANT

I, **Juray John**, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the Liquor Licence Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Grays Farm, St. John's Antigua on Thursday 1st October, 2020 next ensuing for a Tavern license in respect of premises known as "**Purple Haze Lounge & Restaurant**" situated Codrington Village, in the Parish of Holy Trinity, Barbuda pursuant to Section 11 (5) of the Licensing (Intoxicating Liquor) Act Cap 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda, Revised Edition 1992.

Dated the 31st August, 2020


Juray John
728-2949



US\$100 million project at Fort James still on!

The principals of Royal Caribbean Cruise Line have recommitted themselves to undertaking the US\$100 million tourism project at Fort James.

Royal Caribbean, like all major cruise lines, has been forced to halt their operations due to the coronavirus pandemic and there is still no word on how soon its ships will resume cruises.

Despite these setbacks, the company has indicated to the government that it intends to undertake the project.

“We spoke to the company’s representatives by ZOOM two weeks ago and they say they will go ahead based on the agreement which they signed with the government,” Prime Minister Gaston Browne reported.

Minister of Tourism, Charles Max Fernandez also participated in the discussions.

PM Browne indicated that the pandemic has forced the delay of the project. When the pandemic subsides, however, he expressed confidence that work on the project will commence in the new year.

Meanwhile, business operators at Fort James have been assured that they will not be excluded as the prime minister has announced plans to engage them in discussions intended to explore how they can enjoy the spin-off benefits of the project.

“We want to ensure that locals can benefit and that there are opportunities for entrepreneurship for locals,” Browne said.

Referring to a longtime business owner at Fort James, the prime minister continued, “Candy has been there for many years and should be included, not excluded, from benefiting from the project.”

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PM commends ABDF on contribution to food security

Prime Minister the Hon. Gaston Browne has expressed his satisfaction with the progress made at the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force in its contributions to national food security. The country's leader made the comment during a tour of the ABDF Farm at Crabbes on Tuesday.

"About 2 years ago we held discussions with the leadership of the force to broaden the contributions of the force to include a contribution to food security. At that time, we had no idea that our economy would have been decimated by COVID-19. In fact, COVID-19 would have exposed the food insecurity of our country. We would have seen an increase in the production in the past several months here at the ABDF farm. They are not only producing food for their own consumption, but they are also supplying food to several institution," Prime Minister stated.

Over the past four months the ABDF has constantly increased its production of several crops, with the last harvest producing over 2000 pounds of butter-



nut squash, 1000 pounds of pumpkin and 1500 pounds of watermelon.

Prime Minister Browne noted that the plan now is to expand the facilities at Crabbes to extend the farm and broaden the extent of the animal husbandry to include the production of eggs and broilers. He said the aim is to ensure that the ABDF becomes as self-sufficient as possible and reduce its food bill while at the same time growing enough food to help other institutions.

"Food security is everybody's business and my government is going the

extra mile to mobilize the entire population to get involved in some form of agricultural production or animal husbandry. In terms of backyard gardening, almost the entire population is mobilized. This issue goes beyond profits. It's about food security," he said.

In March 2020, it was thought that many countries would face disruption to the supply of food due to COVID-19 pandemic. The government of Antigua and Barbuda thought that there would be a scarcity of food

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and therefore encouraged farmers and private individuals along with the ABDF and other organisations to engage in farming and encourage more investments in farming. Prime Minister Browne took the lead by engaging in a thriving backyard garden programme and commenced cultivation of over two acres of land to assist in the issue of food security and to reduce the country's food import bill.

"I continue to voice the appeal for others with resources to invest in this very critical sector of our economy to ensure food security," the country's leader echoed. He said that the ABDF now has a broader remit that goes beyond military security, disaster management,

and border security. He said that his government has expanded their programme to include food security and develop a programme of self-development.

"Every soldier will be required to pursue some form of skills or academic training to ensure that when they transition to the public sector that they will be able to make meaningful contributions.

This was echoed by Chief of Defence Staff, Colonel Telbert Benjamin who said that there are several programmes that the leadership of the force is pursuing. "In addition to the development of the personnel here, we are ensuring that we build capacity among our members. As CDS, my expectations are that no one comes

in here and leaves empty handed. You must leave with some form of skill. What we are aiming to do is to ensure that our soldiers and sailors have something that they can take away from here. Not only for their own need but for the national need as well," CDS Benjamin stated.

He stated that currently the force has four acres of land of cultivation and in a few months will increase by another five acres. It was also revealed that government will provide funding for the construction of a dam on the 120-acre property to ensure water security.

He stated that the force is trying to be as diverse as possible in its production

and produce as much crops as possible to ensure that there is variety for their own internal use and for those the intend to partner.

"Once we have obtained sustainability, we will then venture out into the local market. We do not intend to compete with the local farmer but to compliment the current productions. COVID 19 has opened our eyes to the need for food security in Antigua and Barbuda and so we are trying to contribute in a meaningful way," he said.

In addition to the cultivation of pumpkins, squash, watermelons and potatoes, the farm is currently testing the cultivation of lettuce and bananas.



ECCB to test digital dollar

The Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB) is getting ready to roll out its digital Eastern Caribbean Dollar with a pilot project to be launched in four member countries of the currency union.

The ECCB has indicated that it is inviting businesses in Antigua and Barbuda, St. Lucia, Grenada and St Kitts and Nevis to participate in the initiative.

PointeXpress has learnt that the launch of the digital currency, dubbed 'D-cash', was originally planned for earlier in the year, but this was postponed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

To participate in the programme, businesses in Antigua and Barbuda have been invited to register with the ECCB.

In addition to businesses a number of other vendors and all commercial banks in the country will be part of the project.

A bank official explained that the D-cash should not be confused with crypto-currencies such as Bitcoin, whose value fluctuates in the marketplace. D-cash will carry the same value as the paper currency.

A customer may move cash from a regular bank account to a D-cash account

through their bank or electronic 'wallet'. The customer can then purchase goods or services from participating vendors by swiping their

'wallet' at which time the total value will be deducted from their D-cash account.

The date of the D-cash roll out has not been disclosed.



Education Minister, Michael Browne

Homeschooling made easier

The process by which parents may apply to homeschool their children will become easier when an amendment to the Education Act makes its way through the Parliament.

Education Minister, Michael Browne, has reported that the amendment was recently approved by the House of Representatives and must now pass the Senate before receiving the Governor General's assent.

"Previously, you had to submit a three year education plan to the Director of Education for his approval if you wanted to homeschool your child/children.

"You also had to apply three months in advance

to the director for his consideration and approval," Browne indicated.

The new amendment however, will remove the requirement to submit a three year plan in favour of a one year plan.

The lead time for the submission of the request has also been reduced to give parents who wish to homeschool their children the opportunity to do so.

The amendments to the Education Act were made in response to an increase in the desire of parents to homeschool their children in order to protect them from the potential threat of contracting and spreading the coronavirus when schools reopen.

APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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

Date: Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Affected areas: Section of Friars Hill Road near the Antigua Barbuda Horticulture Society & section of Mount Pleasant.

Date: Thursday 3rd September 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Affected areas: Stapleton Lane and section of Friars Hill Road

Date: Friday 4th September 2020

Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Affected areas: Section of Hodges Bay near Jabberwock

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

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



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St. Paul Representative emerges from quarantine, 'hits the ground running'

Monday was a busy day for the Member of Parliament for St. Paul, Hon. E.P Chet Greene as he made his annual visit to the schools in his constituency.

In Cobbs Cross, Greene presented the incoming Grade 6 students with back to school kits and spoke with the youngsters about his expectations for the year ahead as they prepare to move to secondary school in 2021. He encouraged the students to perform well and pledged his continued support to the school over the academic year 2020-2021.

He then visited the Liberta Primary School, which he attended, There, Greene participated in the school's graduation exercise and presented his own awards to each graduant. He re-committed his support to the principal, teachers and students at the school.

Greene also encouraged respect for the protocols developed for the fight against COVID-19.

The principal received back to school equipment on behalf of the incoming Grade 6 students.

During his visit to the New Bethel Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) Academy, Greene made his largest donation.

The school is privately operated by



the SDA church and depends on the revenues derived from school fees for its operations. During discussions with teachers, Greene was given insight into the effects of the pandemic on enrollment and the corresponding decline in revenues.

Known for his support of the health and educational institutions in his community, Greene made a generous contribution of \$20,000.00 towards the payment of school fees and other school expenses for students from the St. Paul's community whose parents have encountered difficulties due to unemployment and financial disloca-

tions resulting from the coronavirus. He also presented back to school kits to the new Grade 6 students.

When contacted, Greene shared his very simple life motto: 'Others'.

'I give God thanks for his blessings which allow me in turn to bless,' said Greene.

As part of his tour of the community, MP Greene also visited the lone community Health Clinic in Liberta where

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he engaged the nurses in 'healthy and meaningful discussions' on a wide range of issues including the soon to be commissioned clinic in English Harbour, general health services in the community, his dream for a polyclinic in the constituency and the community celebration of Health Month in October.

He also donated twenty chairs to the clinic to replace those donated just over two years ago.

The St. Paul's community has been abuzz with activity which commenced with the launch of a series of training programmes organized by Greene. St. Paul's residents



have been able to take up courses in mask making and floral design.

Additional programmes in engine repair, soap making and bookkeeping will soon be launched. There are also cooking classes which will

focus on the preparation of the traditional Antiguan and Barbudan dishes including fungi and pepperpot. According to Greene, Hilson 'Brother B' Baptiste, has volunteered to demonstrate how Antiguan seasoned rice



is made.

Greene emerged from a fourteen day quarantine on Monday after representing Antigua and Barbuda at the funeral of the late Barbados Prime Minister, Owen Arthur.

HAMMOCK COVE ANTIGUA

Antigua's newest 5-star resort is interested in receiving applications for the following senior positions:

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All applicants should submit their resume via e-mail to exec.chef@hammockcoveantigua.com and rm@hammockcoveantigua.com by September 4th, 2020.

All interested applicants for the Spa Therapist / Attendant should submit their applications via email to rm@hammockcoveantigua.com and operations@hammockcoveantigua.com by September 4th, 2020.

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

THE REGISTERED LAND ACT, CAP 374

Section 34
of the
Act

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REPLACE LOST LAND CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application was filed in the Land Registry on 30th day of July 2020 by LAURIE FRELAND ROBERTS, Attorney At Law of Chambers, Milburn House, Old Parham Road, in the Parish of Saint John in the State of Antigua on behalf of DENLEY JARVIS, the Applicant herein **HEREBY APPLY** for the replacement of the Land Certificate No:3558/1994, issued the 24th day of August 1994 to DENLEY JARVIS; being the owner of the above-mentioned property, which has been lost or destroyed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that anyone who objects to the issue of the new Land Certificate or who has knowledge of the original Land Certificate must within the period of one (1) month from the Second Publication of this notice in the newspaper inform the Registrar of Lands in writing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the absence of any objection or information as to the existence of the original Land Certificate within the time specified the Registrar of Lands may proceed to cancel the original Land Certificate and issue a new Land Certificate in its place without further notice

Dated the 7th day of August 2020.


Registrar of Lands

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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

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 **Friday 11th September by 2:30pm.**



Authorities estimate nearly 1,500 undocumented COVID cases in BVI



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves

Approximately four dozen COVID-19 cases have been detected in the BVI to date and local health authorities suspect more than a thousand undocumented positive cases currently exists in the territory.

This is according to Minister of Health Carvin Malone who said in a national address on Tuesday that 70 percent of the total 47 cases identified so far was through contact tracing by

public health professionals.

He also said 32 percent of the total COVID-19 cases in the BVI have been found to be asymptomatic. “We believe that we are seeing the tip of the iceberg and there are more persons possibly infected in the population who are asymptomatic and can readily spread the disease. Which means that we may have many undocumented cases of who are transmitting the virus,”

Malone stated. “While we don’t exactly know how much spread is caused by our asymptomatic group, current estimates place our undocumented cases at approximately 1,482 persons at a minimum,” he added.

Minister Malone also listed a number of areas across the mainland of Tortola that have been affected by positive COVID-19 cases. He said these areas are linked to Case Number 12.

They include Huntum’s Ghut, Lower Estate, Long Bush, Cane Garden Bay, Hannah’s, Purcell Estate, Fat Hog’s Bay, Sea Cow’s Bay, Lambert’s Estate, and Road Town communities.

Malone also said the primary and secondary contacts of these cases are further dispersed throughout other communities on the eastern, western and central districts of the island and on the sister island of Anegada.

The minister further raised concerns for the BVI’s frontline, health and security personnel.

He said nearly 20 percent of these persons are being severely impacted by the virus by either having to be isolated or quarantined due to exposure to COVID-19. “These are services for which there are limited or no reserves on territory who can be utilised to close the widening gap. We cannot as a territory afford the frontline to collapse or for this observed growth rate to continue,” he stated.

“Limiting the opening hours throughout the territory at this time for a 14 day period not only allows for the team to finalize their contact tracing and testing, but affords the BVI a much needed break in the transmission chain so that while transmission may continue among households, outside households transmission will be reduced,” Malone further explained.

The BVI is currently classified as experiencing small clusters of COVID-19 with 38 active cases — two of which are currently hospitalized.

Diasporans Upset About Being Scorned In Jamaica

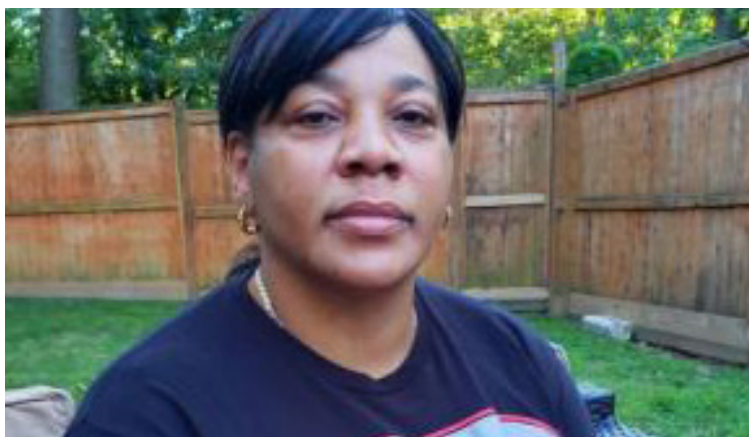
A growing number of non-resident Jamaicans are complaining that they are being scorned while visiting the island.

Denise Mitchell, 46, who arrived on the island early last week for her father's weekend funeral said she felt scorned at every turn.

"My family has a home in Manchester and the next door neighbour always keeps the house key. When I arrived to get the keys after calling ahead, the neighbour barely cracked the window open and asked me to step away from her verandah. She then quickly opened the door halfway and flung the keys so hard and so far in the front yard that I almost got knocked over", Mitchell complained. "And with a cold howdy, she slammed the door shut in a hurry and retreated inside, murmuring something about leaving the keys in a verandah flower pot".

Jamaica is famous for the warm welcome that is normally lavished on visitors. But the new cold shoulder that Mitchell experienced appears to be directly related to an alarming spike in the number of COVID-19 cases across Jamaica.

"I understand the concern about the coronavirus", Mitchell, who lives in Queens, New York, said. "But this is not social distancing, this is scorn from people I've known my whole life. Even taxis, for some food shopping, are hard to get if they know you're



New Jersey resident Curline Smith says she felt scorned by her mom's church in Kingston

coming from overseas. This is madness!" she added, admitting that on previous trips she was always assailed and showered with love from those who now shun her. Curline Smith, a Jamaican resident in East Orange, New Jersey, recently returned from Kingston for her mother's funeral. She told The Gleaner that her grief was compounded by the treatment she received on the island. "A Catholic church my mother attended for years in the Waltham Park area refused to accommodate the funeral service on their premises if it meant her children who live overseas would be attending", she sobbed, still grieving. "What is the point of travelling all the way from the United States to Jamaica for our beloved mother's funeral if we are not allowed to attend? Our family was then forced to pay J\$20,000 for funeral service space at a Seventh-day Adventist church in the Waterhouse area. Generally, we were made to feel unwelcomed in Jamaica, as if our purpose there was to infect the whole coun-

try," Smith lamented.

"Foreigner come dung and a spread the virus bad," Smith overheard vendors say in the downtown Kingston area, to no one in particular.

PARANOID

Cathy Kleinhans is a Jamaican who is not accustomed to being scorned. She, too, is a Jamaica-born New York City resident and a former finalist in the Miss Jamaica Beauty Pageant. She's a teacher in Brooklyn and she is spending two months on the island, between Kingston and St Ann, for the summer break. She feels that some Jamaicans have gone completely paranoid with coronavirus fear, resulting in the scorn of those who are visiting. But coming from Brooklyn, where she saw people dying from the virus, she completely understands.

"Of course, I feel scorned here in Jamaica", the vivacious, outgoing beauty revealed to The Gleaner. "The home I was to stay at in Kingston was suddenly no longer available as I was unable to produce evi-

dence of a fresh COVID test. My friends who I usually hang out with in Kingston have not invited me over. And a guy who was chatting me up at the gym in St Ann lost interest and ran like a thief in the night when he realised I was from Brooklyn, New York," Kleinhans divulged.

Despite the disdain, she has taken it all in stride and has high praises for supermarkets, retail stores and some business establishments, some of whom have been super efficient at doing temperature checks and installing handwashing stations with sanitisers. And she can't stop thanking a kind and cordial couple who hosted her for a fun day while others were cold, distant and full of contempt.

Still, not all experiences are similar. Irving Connell, a former hotel owner on Negril's West End, has just returned from Negril and Savanna-la-Mar on a leisure trip with his family. He said he has not experienced anything remotely resembling scorn. "While I was there, I saw friends and relatives, and in all cases folks were polite and respectful. We were respectful too of the COVID-19 protocols, so we always wore masks. Everyone who visited did, too, and we all adhered to the 'six feet' rule for social distancing and the handwashing," he pointed out. "In fact, the trip was so enjoyable that we are already looking to return before the end of September."

NUPW says tourism revival key to maintaining public sector jobs

The trade union representing the bulk of Government-paid workers has warned of the possibility of job losses in the public sector.

General Secretary of the National Union of Public Workers (NUPW) Delcia Burke today cautioned that if tourism activity is not soon restored to at least half its pre-COVID levels, the Mia Mottley administration will not be able to retain current workforce numbers.

Contending that tourism is what will save Barbados, the trade unionist said she hoped visitors would start returning in large numbers soon, now that this country has reopened to commercial travel.

“Because I know that if tourism does not come back to at least half of what it was, three quarters of what it was, the Government will not be able to continue to hold strain, really, to employ the numbers that they are employing,” Burke told Barbados TODAY this afternoon.

“So, I am hoping that the other sectors...tourism, agriculture to a lesser extent and manufacturing, start to look up again so that Government will be able to continue to employ the numbers that they are employing,” she declared as she gave an overview of the current industrial relations climate.

The NUPW General Secretary noted that Government had committed to keeping workers employed during



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves

this challenging period, and although she remained hopeful that “we don’t have layoffs”, she added: “But I expect some negative fallout.”

Meantime, Burke has empathized with laid off private sector employees who are represented by the Barbados Workers’ Union (BWU) and the Unity Trade Union (UTU).

Responding to comments last week by BWU General Secretary Senator Toni Moore that some employers were using the COVID-19 situation as an excuse to send home workers, “unilaterally” cut wages, change terms of employment contracts and “force” workers to sign new agreements, Burke said pub-

lic sector workers were untouched.

“So, we can’t say they used COVID to do what the BWU is saying to send people off on short time or cut their wages or to lay off people or that sort of thing... because we have not been affected that kind of way,” she said.

“Obviously, we would have to empathize with the colleagues at BWU. We know that it would affect their membership. We have heard how it has affected their membership, but it has not affected us the same way.”

During a news conference last Thursday, Moore suggested that the conversation about layoffs needed to move beyond the tourism industry,

and said the time had also come for deeper national discussion around labour-related challenges and for the “re-visiting and upgrading of the labour administration of the Labour Department”.

In the four months following the shutdown of the economy in March this year due to the spread of COVID-19, the National Insurance Scheme (NIS) paid \$70.6 million to approximately 29 000 unemployment benefit claimants.

Acting Director of the NIS, Jennifer Hunte, said the number of termination certificates received during those few months represented approximately three years of unemployment benefit claims.

Bermuda Dives Deeper Into Crypto With Stimulus Coin Test Programme



Bermuda is taking another step toward embracing cryptocurrencies. The North Atlantic chain of islands is testing a digital stimulus token, which can be used to buy food and other essentials.

The pilot program was started in July with 20 people and one local shop, and it is being gradually expanded. The stimulus token is a so-called stablecoin, which aims to keep its

value from fluctuating much and is backed by bank deposits. The coin, created by the Stablehouse coin clearing firm, was designed to be used by businesses the government wants to help.

Bermuda is already accepting tax payments and fees in another stablecoin, USD Coin. The island has also met with Libra, the Facebook-led crypto project that's yet to launch,

according to Premier E. David Burt. The government wants to use an array of stablecoins that are completely backed by fiat and comply with its regulations. It's also looking at using so-called decentralized finance applications to provide easier access to loans for its residents.

"We believe we are the ideal test bed," said Burt, who was an information-technology consultant and mobile-app

developer before diving into politics. Bermuda, a self-governing British overseas territory with a population of more than 71,000, is seeking ways to provide financial services to residents, some of whom don't have bank accounts, but carry smartphones.

"Bermuda is trying to position itself as a leader in the digital economy," Burt said in a phone interview.

China accuses India of conducting 'flagrant provocations' as simmering border standoff heats up

China's government has accused Indian troops of illegally trespassing onto Chinese territory, in comments that could set the stage for a second tense border standoff between the two nuclear powers in just three months.

In a statement Tuesday, a spokesperson for the Chinese Embassy in India said that Indian forces had "conducted flagrant provocations" over the weekend "which again stirred tension in the border areas."

According to China, Indian troops deliberately crossed the 2,100 mile-long (3,379 kilometer) de facto border between the two countries, known as the Line of Actual Control, near Pangong Tso, a strategically located lake some 14,000 feet (4.2 kilometers) above sea level in the Himalayas.

China and India have been sparring over the area that surrounds the lake since the two fought the first of several border wars in 1962. The Line of Actual Control, which passes through Pangong Tso, was established in the wake of the original conflict, but it's not an exact border. Though it shows up on maps, India and China do not agree on its precise location and both regularly accuse the other of overstepping it, or seeking to expand their territory.

Tuesday's comments are the latest in a string of accusations and counter accusations. On Monday, India's Defense Min-



An Aerial photo taken on August 3, 2019 shows a road along the Pangong Tso lake in south-west China's Tibet Autonomous Region.

istry leveled a vague charge against the Chinese People's Liberation Army, accusing its troops of carrying out "provocative military movements to change the status quo."

The Defense Ministry said that Indian troops preempted Chinese military activity and undertook measures to "thwart Chinese intentions to unilaterally change facts on the ground." Though the ministry did not comment on the specifics of the operation, in a statement, it said troops had undertaken measures to strengthen their position on the southern bank of Pangong Tso.

China's Foreign Ministry denied any incursion into Indian territory, and the country's military and diplomatic officials are now accusing Indian troops of crossing the line.

"India's move has gross-

ly violated China's territorial sovereignty," the embassy spokesperson said Tuesday. "China has made solemn representations to the Indian side, urged the Indian side to strictly control and restrain its frontline troops, earnestly honor its commitments, immediately stop all the provocative actions, immediately withdraw its troops illegally trespassing the Line of Actual Control, immediately stop any actions leading to the escalation and complication of the situation."

Pangong Tso is a long V-shaped body of water located south of the Galwan Valley. Though most of it lies in the Chinese region of Tibet, the portion that India controls is strategically important as it allows Indian forces to move into striking distance of a key Chinese mountain highway

linking the western regions of Tibet and Xinjiang, said Bharat Karnad, an expert in national security affiliated with the Indian Center for Policy Research.

But while Pangong Tso's tactical importance may not have changed in nearly six decades, "the stakes are higher" now than ever, Karnad said.

For India, the lake also serves as an important buffer to help defend the nearby region of Ladakh. According to Manoj Joshi a distinguished fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, a New Delhi-based think tank, the lake is a very obvious ingress route for military units looking to dominate or capture Leh, the largest town in Ladakh. "From a military stance, that's why it was defended strongly in 1962," said Joshi.

Zimbabwe to return land seized from foreign farmers

Zimbabwe has offered to return land to foreign nationals whose farms were seized under a controversial government programme two decades ago.

Thousands of white farmers were forced from their land, often violently, between 2000 and 2001. The seizures were meant to redress colonial-era land grabs but contributed to the country's economic decline and ruined relations with the West.

A separate compensation scheme has been launched for local white farmers.

They have not been offered land, but the government last month promised them \$3.5bn (£2.6bn) for seized infrastructure. The US has said compensating farmers is one of the requirements for it to lift decades of economic sanctions.

Zimbabwe on Monday said foreign citizens who had their land seized could now apply to get it back. Hundreds of Europeans - mostly Dutch, British and German nationals - whose investments were protected under international agreements could benefit from the offer, reports the BBC's Shingai Nyoka from the capital, Harare.

The farms were taken under a controversial land reform programme launched by former President Robert Mugabe.

He argued that this was to redress colonial-era land grabs, when much of the country's best land was reserved for the white population and black farmers were forced onto marginal areas.

Under the programme, most of the country's 4,000 white



White farmer Dave Wakefield (pictured in 2019) lost his farm in 2001 and now leases land from a black owner

farmers - then the backbone of Zimbabwe's agricultural economy - were forced from their land, which was handed over to about a million black Zimbabweans.

In a joint statement on Monday, the ministers of finance and agriculture said some black

farmers who received land under the programme would now be moved. To allow the former owners "to regain possession" of their land, the government will revoke offers made to black farmers currently occupying the farms and "offer them alterna-

tive land elsewhere", the statement said. The offer marks an important step in repairing relations with Western nations and avoiding international judgments against Zimbabwe worth hundreds of millions of dollars, our reporter says.

Trump visits Kenosha to back police after shooting

US President Donald Trump has visited Kenosha, Wisconsin, to back law enforcement after the police shooting of a black man sparked civil strife.

The Republican president sought to blame “destruction” in the Midwestern city on local Democratic leaders.

Kenosha was rocked by days of violence after Jacob Blake was shot in the back by officers.

Opinion polls show Mr Trump is cutting into his Democratic rival Joe Biden’s lead ahead of November’s election.

The president is pushing a strong “law and order” message ahead of the vote. Mr Biden has accused Mr Trump of stoking racial division.

“Fires are burning and we have a president who fans the flames rather than fighting the flames,” the former US vice-president said ahead of Tuesday’s trip.

The president visited areas damaged in the protests and met local business leaders.

“Violent mobs demolished or damaged at least 25 businesses, burned down public buildings and threw bricks at police officers - which your police officers won’t stand for. And they didn’t stand for it,” he said at a round table meeting on “community safety”. “These are not acts of peaceful protest but really domestic terror.”

Mr Trump defended the actions of US police and accused the media of focusing only on “bad” incidents involving officers. He also said his administration would provide nearly \$4m



President Trump denounced the violent protests after he arrived in Kenosha

(£3m) to help Kenosha businesses that had been damaged in the riots and \$1m for city law enforcement. The president met police officers but not the Blake family. He said on Monday it was because relatives had wanted lawyers present. Earlier, in an interview with CNN, Mr Blake’s father, Jacob Blake Sr, said his son’s life was more important than a meeting with President Trump. “I’m not getting into politics. It’s all about my son, man. It has nothing to do with a photo op,” he said. Mr Blake Sr said his son was still paralysed from the waist down, “holding on for dear life”. A police officer shot Jacob Blake several times in the back during an arrest as the 29-year-

old tried to get into a car where his three children were seated.

Mr Trump’s visit to Kenosha went ahead despite appeals from the Democratic mayor and governor to stay away.

The president also claimed without evidence that the city would have been “burnt to the ground” by protesters were it not for the National Guard.

Although Mr Trump said he sent the National Guard into Kenosha, they were deployed by Wisconsin’s governor and supported by 200 federal law enforcement officials ordered in by the president.

“I think a lot of people are looking at what’s happening to these Democrat-run cities and

they’re disgusted,” Mr Trump said before boarding Air Force One to fly to Wisconsin.

Over the weekend Kenosha Mayor John Antaramian said it was not a good time for Mr Trump to visit.

“Realistically, from our perspective, our preference would have been for him not to be coming at this point in time,” he told National Public Radio.

Wisconsin’s Democratic Governor Tony Evers also warned against the visit, saying it would “hinder our healing”.

Congressman Mark Pocan, a Wisconsin Democrat who grew up in Kenosha, said on Twitter the president was visiting the city “to spread hate”.

Facebook, Twitter suspend Russian network ahead of election

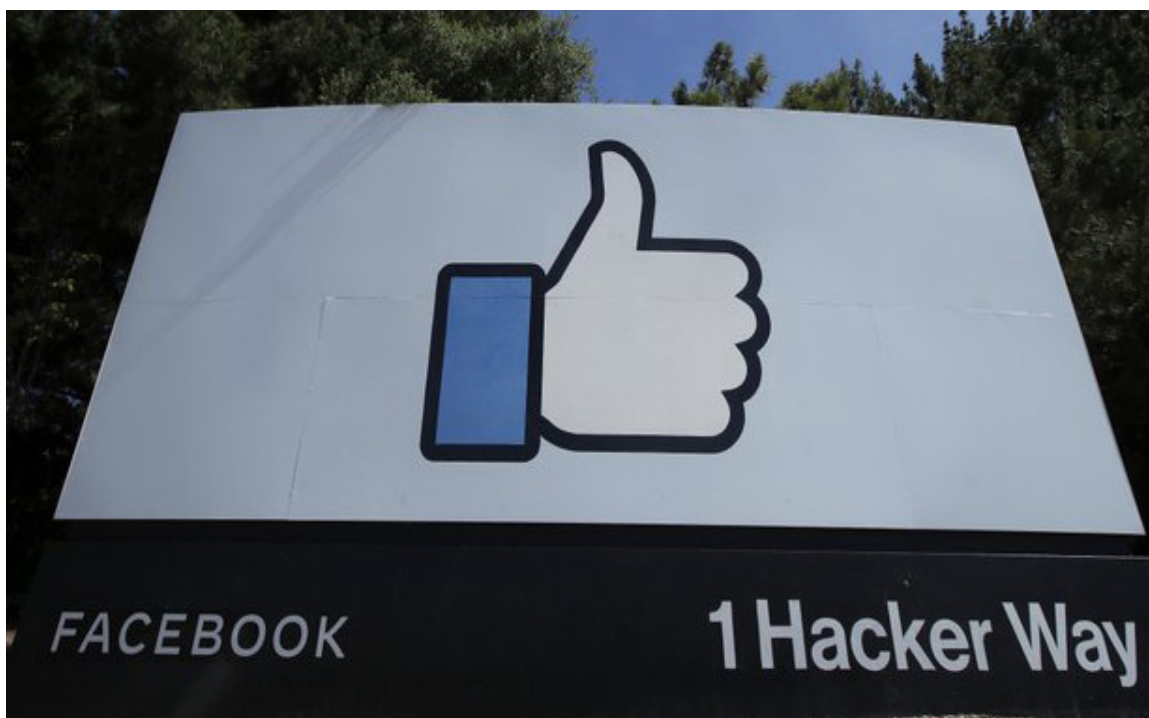
Facebook said Tuesday that it removed a small network of accounts and pages linked to Russia's Internet Research Agency, the "troll factory" that has used social media accounts to sow political discord in the U.S. since the 2016 presidential election.

Twitter also suspended five related accounts. The company said the tweets from these Russia-linked accounts "were low quality and spammy" and that most received few, if any, likes or retweets.

The people behind the accounts recruited "unwitting" freelance journalists to post in English and Arabic, mainly targeting left-leaning audiences. Facebook said Tuesday the network's activity focused on the U.S., U.K., Algeria and Egypt and other English-speaking countries and countries in the Middle East and North Africa.

The company said it started investigating the network based on information from the FBI about its off-Facebook activities. The network was in the early stages of development, Facebook added, and saw "nearly no engagement" on Facebook before it was removed. The network consisted of 13 Facebook accounts and two pages. About 14,000 accounts followed one or more of the pages, though the English-language page had a little over 200 followers, Facebook said.

Still, its presence points to ongoing Russian efforts to disrupt the U.S. election and sow



political discord in an already divided country. To evade detection, the people behind the network recruited Americans to do their bidding, likely unknowingly, both as journalists and as people authorized to purchase political advertisements in the U.S.

Facebook said the people behind the network posted about global events ranging from racial justice in the U.S. and the U.K., NATO, the QAnon conspiracy, President Donald Trump and Joe Biden's presidential campaign. The network spent about \$480 on advertising on Facebook, primarily in U.S. dollars. However, Facebook said less than \$2 worth of those ads targeted the U.S.

The network's posts directed people to a website called PeaceData, which claims to be a global news organization that, according to a report by research firm Graphika, "took

a left-wing stance, opposing what it portrayed as Western imperialism and the excesses of capitalism."

The FBI said in a statement Tuesday that it provided information to the platforms "to better protect against threats to the nation's security and our democratic processes."

"While technology companies independently make decisions regarding the content of their platforms and the safety of their members, the FBI is actively engaged with our federal partners, election officials, and the private sector to mitigate foreign threats to our nation's security and our elections," the statement said.

Separately, Twitter said Tuesday it will start adding context to its trending section, which shows some of the most popular topics on the service at any given moment. Experts and even Twitter's own em-

ployees have expressed concerns that the trending section can be gamed to spread misinformation and abuse.

Twitter uses algorithms and human employees to determine what topics are trending — it is not simply the most popular topics, but topics that are newly popular at any given time. But it's not difficult to artificially elevate trends.

In the coming weeks, Twitter said, users in the U.S., U.K., Brazil, India and several other countries will see brief descriptions added to some trends to add context.

"To be clear, we know there is more work to do to improve trends and the context updates we're announcing today are just a small step in the right direction," said Liz Lee, a product trust partner and Frank Opong, a product manager, in a blog post. "We need to make trends better and we will."



DAILY HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Now may be a good time to take any amorous relationship slowly and gently. You should be flexible with any romantic miscommunications that occur in the beginning of the week. Hold off on making major purchases.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Keep an eye on your savings account. As the week begins, your spending may increase quickly. You're a quick learner so you should be able to sort out misunderstandings before they become a problem.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You believe you're being open and fair, but someone may only see the negative side. Your straightforward actions could overwhelm a reticent or sensitive person. Wait until the end of the week to make a proposal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): During the week ahead, you may be concerned by challenges involving your family or partner. Your ability to be understanding and sympathetic may be of good use now. Wait for better timing to start a project.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep your leadership skills sharp this week. You might have ample energy to put a partner's great ideas into motion. Even with your sound judgment and good planning, you may have to work hard to get others to cooperate with your plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enlightenment may light your way. Think about the big issues and attempt something new. If you try to move forward with an important purchase or investment in the first part of the week, you could end up spinning your wheels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Having a long line of admirers might be a nice thing, but that only means you should continue to be your best. Pay little attention to casual flirtations and focus on serious responsibilities in the first half of the week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Being thoughtful is the best strategy. If others keep their end of the bargain, it's only fair that you should keep yours. In the week to come, you and a partner or loved one might not see eye to eye on key issues.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Consider not being too specific. Your ideas may be worth listening to, especially since you can cover a lot of ground with a unique idea. Wait until the end of the week to meet with new contacts or attend crucial interviews.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take time off and dream up fun things to do if you can in the week ahead. Don't fault those who show a lack of interest in something close to your heart. Think up new ways to get in a workout and enjoy your hobbies.

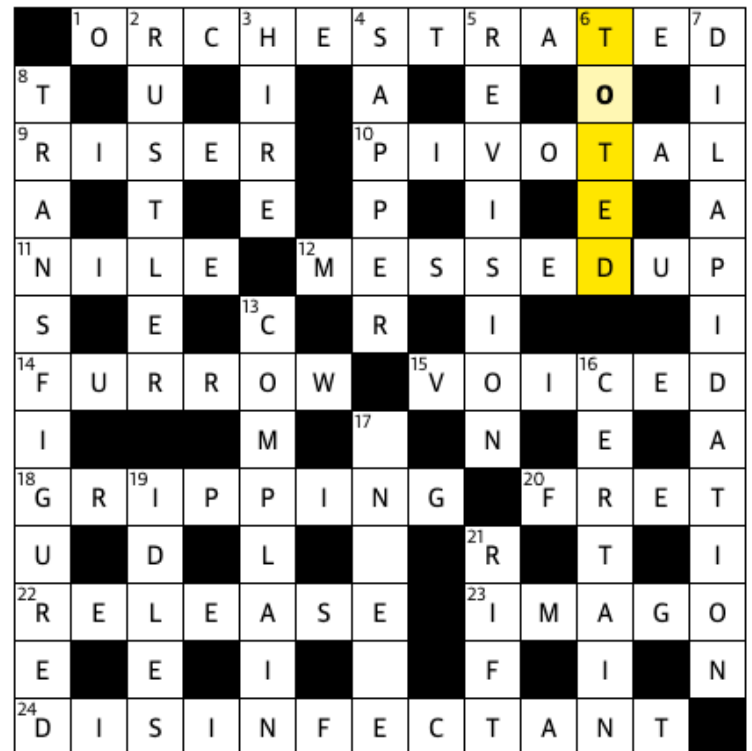
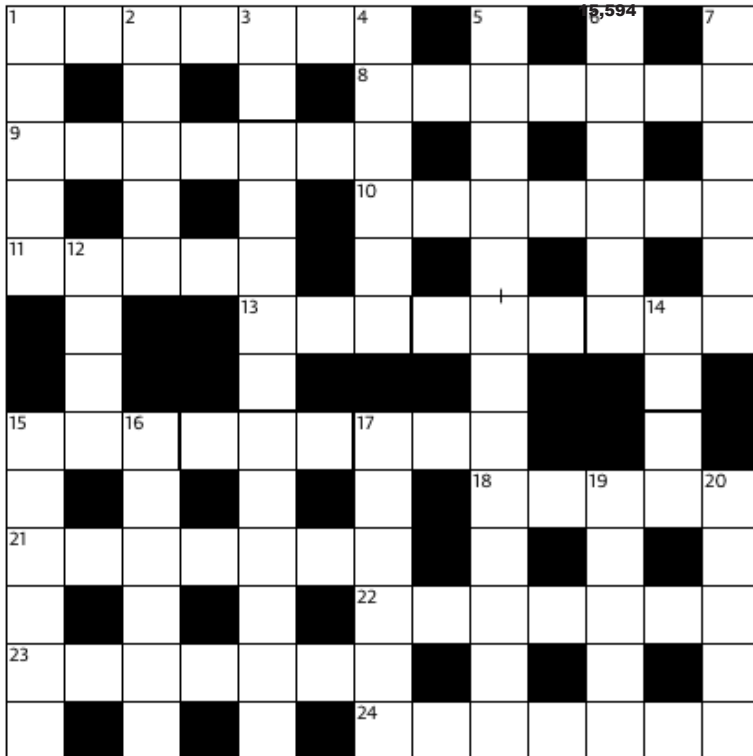
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Even if you are able to outthink someone, you won't outfox them. You may have flashes of brilliance as this week unfolds, but don't try to use a stroke of genius to gain an unfair advantage in a business deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Don't rush into a new business project. Clarify agreements, promises and contracts before you finalize them. It is better to wait until you have all the details cleared up than to endure misunderstandings in the week ahead.

LEISURE

QUICK CROSSWORD

Quick crossword No



Across

- 1 Oratorio on a sacred theme (7)
 8 Pull out (of a race) (7)
 9 Action to inflate one's sense of self-importance (7)
 10 Made certain (7)
 11 Ceasing to function (5)
 13 Retire to bed (informal) (3,3,3)
 15 Nonconformist (3,3,3)
 18 Clips around the ear (5)
 21 Italian dish (7)
 22 Prince of Monaco, married to Grace Kelly, d. 2005 (7)
 23 Liquorice flavouring — ie Danes (anag) (7)
 24 Silk fabric (7)

Down

- 1 System of beliefs (5)
 2 Girl's name — I moan (anag) (5)
 3 Vertically (2,5,6)
 4 Visual effect (6)
 5 Sets of parallel lines providing shading in drawing (5-8)
 6 Charts (anag) — formality (6)
 7 Cheap and nasty (6)
 12 Three feet (4)
 14 Expression of incredulity (2,2)
 15 Person involved with crude (6)
 16 Condense (6)
 17 Cook too much (6)
 19 Pretend (5)
 20 Middle Eastern country (5)

CARTOON CORNER

Garfield



Bundesliga club given green light to allow fans

On Tuesday 1st September, RB Leipzig became the first Bundesliga club to receive the green light to allow fans into the stadium.

The city's health authority said up to 8,500 spectators can attend.

Leipzig face Mainz 05 on 20th September and fans will be allowed in if coronavirus infection rates in the region remain at current levels.

All fans will have to wear face masks and will be placed in small groups spread across the 42,000-seat stadium.

There will be no visiting spectators and all supporters must provide personal details and be local residents.

"After a detailed examination the Leipzig health authority has approved



the strict health plan of Bundesliga club RB Leipzig," the city said in a statement.

"This means for the first game of the season on 20 September, up to 8,500 spectators can be allowed in."

Leipzig mayor Burkhard Jung add-

ed: "With this approval we want to dare to go a bit towards normalcy.

"We are aware that the pandemic is far from beaten, but wherever possible, under strict conditions, people must be allowed to return to their daily routines."

Osaka to continue highlighting issues of racial injustice

Naomi Osaka has vowed to continue highlighting issues of racial injustice after reaching the second round of the US Open on Monday.

Osaka, who initially pulled out of her semifinal at last week's Western and Southern Open in solidarity with protesters, wore a face mask onto the court bearing the name of Breonna Taylor, who was shot dead by police in Louisville in March.

The 22-year-old

Osaka said after her 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 win that she planned to wear a mask bearing the name of a different victim of a police shooting for each round that she remains in this year's tournament.

Osaka said she has seven masks and added that it was quite sad that seven masks are not enough for the amount of names.

"So hopefully I get to the finals and you can see all of them,"

Osaka said.





CPL coaches encourage batsmen to spend more time at the crease

Coaches in the Hero Caribbean Premier League (CPL) T20 Tournament are encouraging batsmen to invest more time at the crease giving themselves time to adjust which will

make scoring easier on the difficult pitches prepared for them during the ongoing tournament in Trinidad.

There have been only five scores of 160 or more in the games that have been

played. Trinbago Knight Riders have the highest score of 185/3 batting first against Barbados Tridents.

Three of the top five wicket takers in the tournament are spinners. The spinners

have been using the slow wickets to their advantage, especially at the Queen's Park Oval in St. Clair.

TKR coach, Brendon McCullum, said the key from a batting point of view is to try and bring an element of craft to the game.

"Invest a bit of time in the condition and try to catch up later on in your innings," McCullum advised.

St. Lucia Zouks coach, Andy Flower, said while the pitches have been tricky, "The players have not adjusted as well as they could have to be honest. I think if you can rotate the strike of the bowlers better balls that's a good place to start your innings."

England Test captain out of T20 squad

England Test captain, Joe Root, has been left out of the Twenty 20 squad for the three game series against Australia.

Root is in the one-day squad with Chris Woakes while Jos Butler, Jofra Archer, Sam Curran and Mark Wood are included in both squads.

Ben Stokes, who missed the last two Tests against Pakistan to visit his ill father in New Zealand, is left out.



The three match Twenty 20 series starts on Friday with three One Day Internationals starting on 11th September.

Pakistan defeat England by five runs

Chasing 191 runs, England needed 12 from the final two balls and Tom Curran hit the penultimate delivery for six.

England required another maximum to win but Haris Rauf delivered a perfect wide yorker that Curran could not hit.

England had earlier been 69-4 before Moeen Ali's 33-ball 61 gave the hosts hope.

Curran and Adil Rashid were left needing to score an unlikely 17 from the final over and, despite Curran's efforts, came up short meaning the series is drawn 1-1.

The defeat ended England's run of five T20 consecutive series wins while Pakistan earned a first victory of their tour from the final match.

On another excellent batting pitch, and with a short boundary to target, Moeen and then Curran almost repeated the feat.

England were dogged by the loss of early wickets. Jonny Bairstow was bowled third ball by Shaheen Afridi's yorker, Dawid Malan holed out at deep mid-wicket, while Tom Banton dazzled until he was involved in a mix-up that saw captain Eoin Morgan run out and was him-



self trapped lbw an over later on 46.

Moeen, who had struggled for form this summer, put on 56 with Sam Billings and after the Kent batsman skied a catch to third man, continued the assault.

He smashed 19 from the following over bowled by Shadab Khan, including two straight sixes and another big maximum over mid-wicket, to swing the game back in England's favour.

Moeen looked like he would drag his side over the line but instead Wahab made the decisive contribution.

The 35-year-old left-arm-er brilliantly collected the

ball in his follow-through and ran out Jordan, mixed his pace to deny Moeen boundaries and found a bouncer to take the top edge of the left-hander's bat.

For Pakistan this was the final match in a long tour that began on 29 June when they arrived for a quarantine period in the UK and also included a 1-0 Test series defeat.

They have competed well for the majority and were deserving of the win.

Mohammad Hafeez smashed 86 from 52 balls for Pakistan, while 19-year-old debutant Haider Ali hit a 33-ball 53.

Haider came to the crease after just seven balls and

slog-swept his second ball in international cricket for six off Moeen's off-spin.

The right-hander, who is highly rated after impressing at the most recent Under-19 World Cup, continued to attack and showed a range of powerful but elegant shots.

He and Hafeez, separated by 20 years in age, shared a stand of exactly 100 as England's bowlers, although improved from their ragged showing on Sunday, struggled for potency.

Haider became the 12th youngest player to score 50 on T20 debut and the first Pakistan batsman to make a half-century on their first T20 appearance.

Highly talented and educated

Former national bowling sensation, Larry Joseph, is still making his mark and contribution in the sport of cricket despite less than ideal treatment at one point in his career.

“I remember taking the most wickets in the Leeward Islands tournament but not being selected for the Leeward Islands team,” Joseph explained.

Joseph represented Antigua and the Leewards at both the junior and senior levels before leaving for the University of the West Indies in Barbados to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Sports Science and later a Master of Science in Sports Science.

The off-spinner also obtained a Diploma in General Conditioning during his time in Budapest, Hungary.

Joseph, who grew up playing cricket and football in the village of All Saints, gravitated to cricket because of his success in the school tournament.

He was a member of the Stanford professional cricket team and has worked as a physical edu-



cation teacher in the Ministry of Education.

The All Saints resident also has extensive knowledge in sports marketing, sports management, sports operations, sports nutrition, exercise physiology and strength and conditioning.

“I am planning on using my skills and the knowledge I gained in university to improve the quality



of sports in Antigua and Barbuda and regionally,” Joseph said.

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