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The Labour Department wishes to inform the general public that the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has decided that until further notice, work permit renewal applications are not required to be advertised by employers.

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Registration to the Antigua and Barbuda National Cadet Corps for children aged 13-18 will take place each Saturday in October from 9am - 12:30pm at the Ex-Servicemen Association Building, Camp Site (opposite Sagcor Insurance, close to the Prime Minister's Office).

Each child should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should have a copy of their birth certificate, a passport picture, proof that the child is enrolled in an educational institution, including the Antigua State College, ABICE, ABITT. This proof can be the acceptance letter or school bus pass and a registration fee of EC\$25. Please wear masks and bring your own pen.

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Five new COVID-19 cases confirmed

The Ministry of Health has reported that there are five new cases of the coronavirus in the country.

That brings the number of persons confirmed with COVID-19 in the country to one hundred and six (106).

In a statement issued overnight, the ministry said latest statistics come by way of testing conducted by the Mount St. John Medical Center (MSJMC) and confirmed by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

The results reflect the data available up to Wednesday 30, September, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Subsequent to the publication of the dashboard on Wednesday 30th September, 2020 with the cut off time of 6:00 pm, twenty-three samples were processed at the MSJMC Laboratory which

increased the pending results from fifty-four to seventy-seven.

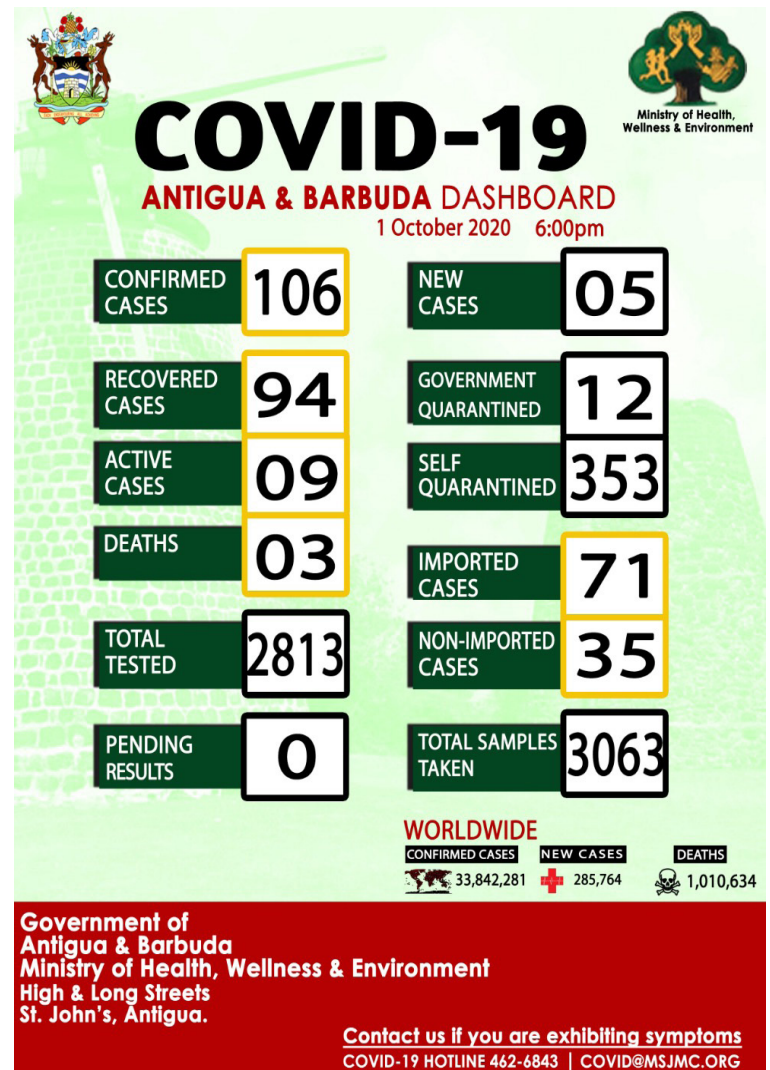
All twenty-three samples processed by MSJMC yielded negative results and are reflected in the total samples taken and total tested columns of the dashboard.

Of the fifty-four samples processed by CARPHA, five returned positive while forty-nine were negative.

Investigations are currently ongoing.

Meanwhile, two new recovered cases have been recorded bringing that total to ninety-four. Consequently, the total number of persons with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 cases in Antigua and Barbuda is one hundred and six (106) with nine (9) active cases.

The dashboard has been updated to reflect these changes.



Transportation of prisoners under review

The head of the prison service has confirmed that discussions aimed at changing the way prison inmates are transported are underway.

This follows a vehicular accident on Thursday morning that resulted in several inmates and prison officers being taken to hospital for medical evaluation.

"There was an accident on the Cedar Valley road involving the prison truck that was carrying prisoners and being driven by an officer. All six inmates and the officer were taken to Mount

St. John's Medical Centre for treatment. Four were treated and immediately discharged while two others and the officer were kept longer for observation, however, by late afternoon all were released by the institution. There were no broken bones or other serious injuries," Lieutenant Colonel Eugene Philip, Chief of Prisons reported.

The circumstances that led to the accident are not clear, but the canter truck carrying the inmates toppled after the driver reportedly maneuvered

to avoid colliding with an accident involving two other vehicles.

Colonel Eugene Phillip said discussions with the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministry of Works and the Prison Service are to secure a vehicle with cover that will prevent a recurrence Thursday morning's incident in which the inmates were thrown from the canter truck.

According to Phillip, he is hoping that out of these discussions the prison will receive a minibus in which inmates can be transported.

Greene sets accusers right about Chinese arrivals

By Shelton Daniel

Allegations that a plane filled with Chinese nationals was allowed to enter Antigua and Barbuda without being processed by immigration authorities has been shut down by the government.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, E. P. Chet Greene, responded to the allegation which was made in a social media post by a former United Progressive Party administration minister and another opposition activist. According to them, the Chinese passengers, who arrived on Wednesday afternoon aboard a chartered China Eastern airline flight, were allowed to bypass immigration.

The accusing posts were

accompanied by photographs which showed the disembarked passengers clustered together as they awaited entry into the V. C. Bird International Airport arrivals terminal.

The UPP activists also used the photographs to support their claim that social distancing protocols were not being observed by the Chinese nationals or being enforced by local authorities.

The critics, who gave the number of arriving Chinese as 170, further speculated on whether the incoming passengers would be allowed to dispense with the fourteen day mandatory quarantine that is required under Antigua and Barbuda's COVID-19 health regulations for the global pan-



Minister of Foreign Affairs and Immigration, E. P. Chet Greene demic.

COVID-19 originated in the People's Republic of China.

Greene called Pointe FM's morning programme, Starting Pointe on Thursday to refute the allegations and

disclosed pertinent facts.

"What happened on Wednesday was nothing more than the rotation of staff by the China Construction and Engineering Company (CCEC). That's the

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company that we all know is responsible for building the Port Authority's new port facilities [at the Deep Water Harbour].

"That's the company we all know is responsible for building the new Chinese embassy, the same company which, it was announced recently, has agreed to head-quarter its operations here in Antigua and Barbuda," Greene stated.

"So if we start on that premise of information already shared with the public, then the devil is taken out of what is nothing more than a political attempt to make it seem as if something dastardly has happened or is happening," Greene said.

The minister continued that the arriving CCEC workers all came with proof of their negative PCR tests for COVID-19.

"All are subject to the laws of Antigua and Barbuda in this regard. I refer to the fourteen day quarantine period before they can start any work with their [employer] here."

He also confirmed that the negative PCR tests which the Chinese workers presented have all been verified by local medical authorities.

Regarding the exact number of passengers that had arrived on the China Eastern chartered flight, Greene said it was 156.

Of that number, 15 were transiting Antigua to Dominica, leaving a net of 141 who were admitted into the country on Wednesday. The

minister further reported that 163 Chinese nationals departed Antigua and Barbuda that same day.

He said this rotation of Chinese workers should give the people of Antigua and Barbuda further confidence in their government's responsible management.

"The typical Chinese rotation or movement of workers into Antigua for any project, be it the stadium, Multipurpose Centre, the new Knuckle Block project, would have used commercial airlines through the UK, through the US, through Canada, wherever.

With border closures, the company opted to do a charter, which gave the added advantage or benefit of having all those workers come to Antigua in a bubble, so to speak, as they travelled together.

"So there was no possibility of any of them contracting the virus while transiting any country or any

airport, because of how they came to Antigua in a single charter flight," Greene explained.

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Harris Paints to expand its retail outlets

The Chief Executive Officer of Harris Paints says by October, the company will expand their retail footprint in Antigua adding six new retailers to its distributor network making it even easier to access the Harris brand.

Ian Kenyon said they will always be looking to expand their wide ranging brand portfolio into locations that are fully committed to supporting the brand and its values, but for the time being, they believe they have the right balance of accessibility combined with the right level of professionalism and customer focus offered by recent additions to the Harris team.

Harris Paints issued a statement on Thursday in response to local paint retailers who expressed the fear that they would be pushed out of the market with the arrival of Harris Paints.

Kenyon stated that less developed countries within CARICOM have been discussing steps to create an incentive to attract investment for almost 20 years and during this time any manufacturer could have invested in Antigua or any of the other Less Developed Countries (LDC) economies.

He pointed out that because Harris already had plants in Dominica and St.



Lucia, both LDC countries, Harris was already uniquely positioned to supply the Antigua market duty free.

Kenyon added, "Other paint companies could have launched in Antigua, but they chose not to do so. That was their decision but we saw tremendous potential in Antigua and acted accordingly.

"It should be no surprise either that our ambitions also extend beyond Antigua because Antigua is in an excellent geographical location supported by

world class port facilities which makes it the ideal base to develop export markets in the northern Caribbean."

He continued that it is a well known fact in the paint community, that Berger also has a paint plant in LDC Grenada, which means that Berger, and its other brand Sissons, are equally well placed to supply paints to Antigua tariff free both now and in the future.

He also challenged the concern that Harris would become a monopoly as it is available in 50% of Antigua's major retailers and as its biggest competitor is able to supply paint, duty free, from Grenada.

The Harris Paints CEO said that the government had been very supportive in assisting Harris in starting its operations quickly and applauded its efforts to attract investment to the island, to develop local business, provide jobs and stimulate the economy.

Harris, Kenyon pointed out, has every intention of sticking to its winning formula of manufacturing premium quality coatings that are made by locals for their local communities. He added that the company is now completely focused and energized on making this vision benefit every Antiguan.





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Barbuda Council's case against Paradise Found heads to Privy Council

The Barbuda Council has won the right to challenge the constitutionality of the Paradise Found Act, passed by the Antigua and Barbuda parliament in 2015, before the Privy Council.

On Wednesday, the Appeal Court granted the Barbuda Council leave to appeal to the Privy Council in London. The council took issue with the Paradise Found Act even though it received the approval of parliament.

The Barbuda Council first won the case in the High Court. The government appealed the decision before the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal which ruled in its favour. The

Barbuda Council will now present its case before the country's highest appellate court, the Privy Council, in the hope of reversing the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal decision.

The Barbuda Council hopes through its legal action to have the agreement between the government and the developers of the proposed Paradise Found resort project nullified.

The attorneys in this case include former Attorney General, Justin Simon.

In another matter that came up on Thursday, the High Court granted an injunction filed by the Barbuda Council that will affect work at the

Peace, Love and Harmony project at Palmetto Point.

Parliamentary representative for Barbuda, Trevor Walker, said the basis of the Barbuda Council's cases centres on what it considers to be the destruction of the environment by the developers.

They have found support for their case in the form of a letter written by Chief Environment Officer, Ambassador Diane Black-Layne, dated August 31, 2020, in which examples of environmental degradation at the site were cited.

The matter will be heard on October 13, 2020.

Appeals Court dismisses drug offenses case

The Appeals Court, sitting virtually in St. John's, has dismissed an appeal by Camara Swift who was convicted last year on several drug offences.

In July 2019, Swift, who

was found guilty by a jury of trafficking, possession of illegal drugs and possession of the drugs with intent to supply, was sentenced in August to nine years on the drug traffick-

ing charge and three years on the two other offences to run concurrently.

He moved to appeal his conviction, but it was dismissed by the Appeals Court.

Swift was appealing on the grounds that the sentence was unjust and that the judge erred in his direction to the jury, but Director of Public Prosecution, Anthony Armstrong responded that the judge's direction pertaining to knowledge, an ingredient required to prove a drug case, was sufficient and that the evidence on which the jury could return with the verdict of guilty was provided.

Armstrong cited that the direction given by the judge in respect to lies was adequate and that a full locus direction was not required, as the defense claimed.

The appeal was heard by Justices of Appeal Davidson Baptiste, Paul Anthony Webster and Gretel Thom.

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Electric fans for Jennings School



The Sandals Foundation has continued its philanthropic work in Antigua and Barbuda with a donation of twenty industrial grade ceiling fans to the Jennings Primary School.

Roughly 240 students will now be able to benefit from improved air circulation in their classrooms.

The school's principal,

Denise Solomon, accepted the fans and thanked the non-profit organisation. She noted that the classroom environment will now be more conducive to learning.

"The children will be more comfortable because the days are very hot. If the classrooms are comfortable, more learning will take place," Solomon said.

The Sandals Foundation has worked with several primary and secondary institutions in Antigua and Barbuda and is continuing to expand its charitable work across the education system.

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Swift was represented by attorney Lawrence Daniel.

Swift did not leave completely empty handed as the Court reduced the nine year sentence to five years.

Sydney Norville, Camara Swift, Mi-

chael Scarlett and Shawn Craig Duberry were busted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) following three successful operations between 23rd and 24th June, 2017 that yielded 103.25lbs of marijuana in the Montrulla area of All Saints.



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Antigua and Barbuda still planning to host Carifesta

By **Shelton Daniel**

“If culture, music and the arts are to be large contributors to the economy of Antigua and Barbuda, they must have reach. We can’t be just backyard bullies within Antigua and Barbuda and expect to have impact on the regional and global scene that would generate huge economic benefits for Antigua and Barbuda.”

Those were the words of the Minister of Sports, National Festivals, Culture and the Arts, Daryll Matthew, when he appeared on Thursday’s edition of Pointe FM’s morning programme Starting Pointe.

The Minister was responding to a question concerning marketing and expansion options for local music, culture and creative arts amid the restrictions occasioned by COVID-19 which have practically eliminated attendance and participation by live audiences.

This has led to serious curtailment of revenue that would have been collected through ticket sales and gate receipts by event organizers and as sales by vendors at physically patronized venues.

Matthew said that in response to this new normal, “We now have to do a few things to prepare ourselves and prepare our artistes

to be able to capitalize on any opportunities that may arise.”

He said these adaptations involve, “Training and teaching local artisans to not be just, say, a calypsonian or singer within Antigua and Barbuda, but to see themselves as entrepreneurs and businessmen and businesswomen so that they can produce music that resonates worldwide.”

Matthew continued that musicians from other territories such as Trinidad and Tobago are learning those lessons and putting them into practice by “morphing and tweaking their music”, sometimes “just a little bit so that it has greater inter-

national appeal.”

Minister Matthew lamented that Antigua and Barbuda performers of times past who did not have the technology for global access and interconnectedness at their disposal, as do contemporary musicians, were still able to market their music internationally and gain a measure of popularity, recognition and acclaim that today’s artistes are unable to or struggle to replicate.

He suggested that if music and other areas of the creative industries are to become meaningful contributors to the country’s economy, the accomplishment of forerunners such as King

Short Shirt, King Swallow and Burning Flames will have to be sustained, repeated and built upon as the facilities and avenues to do so exist and are available or accessible.

“The cultural development division has been doing quite a bit of training with the staff to teach them to be teachers, to help them put the curriculum together on how they can help our young people understand how to handle craft, how to think of themselves as more than just singers or dancers or cooks, but to see themselves as entrepreneurs with unique skill sets.”

Matthew said there is no
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Causion to hold Thank You Mission Concert

Antigua and Barbuda's internationally acclaimed reggae artist, Causion, is set to take his Thank You Mission project on a musical journey.

He will be the sole act in a concert to complement the existing platform.

The initiative was launched as a fundraising platform designed to offset the medical costs associated with his colon cancer treatment.

It is intended as a long term project which will support artists from around the world who face similar challenges.

In an interview on Ras Kimba and Kenny Nibbs' weekly Saturday programme, 'Conscious Vibes' on Pointe FM, Causion briefly shared information concerning his battle against colon cancer.

He said he now calls the date he received his diagnosis, November 19, 2019, his new birthdate. His mental fortitude was clear as he was positive and upbeat throughout the interview in which he declared, "My father did not give me this to deal with just so."

"My faith is the most powerful tool and I am channeling positivity."



The genesis of the Thank You Mission, he explained began as he lay in hospital undergoing treatment watching his life's savings drained away by medical bills.

His financial plight was increased as he had no health insurance to provide relief and his family to sustain all while bills continued to roll in.

Having no desire to utilise fundraising avenues such as GoFundMe, he decided to create a self-sustaining project that he could be part of which would be imbued with positivity and that would speak life to others.

This gave birth to the Thank You Project. Causion said it was important to him to develop something that would be original and have an impact on lives other than his own while also supporting other artists who find themselves in need of assistance.

During the interview he remarked, "Many musicians may find themselves in situations where they have given so much time creating, touring, writing, constantly on the grind that there is often little time or attention paid to matters such as medical insurance."

Artists, he observed, are

unfortunately often without adequate savings to effectively address major medical issues.

The concert will be aired on Saturday 10th October on several platforms including Facebook.

It will feature a performance of his latest single 'Thank You' which was written during his current health battle. 'Thank You', Causion explained, exudes the positivity and gratitude guiding his spirit.

For further information about how you can support, visit <https://www.thankyoumission.com/themission>.

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doubt in his mind that, "We do have the talent here and we have done it in the past, but we seem to have lost our way somewhere along the line. I can't say exactly where, but I listen to an artist like Claudette Peters, I listen to Tian Winter and this is some of the best music I have heard anywhere in the region. The question is why has it not gotten out there into the interna-

tional sphere?"

Matthew disclosed that Antigua and Barbuda's planned hosting of the Caribbean Festival of Arts next year, Carifesta 2020, is not yet off the table, despite the cancellation of most major arts and music festivals in the region due to the pandemic.

"We are having a meeting with Caricom next week, and Carifesta obviously will be front and center on the

agenda. Once we have these discussions next week, we will know where it goes from there, but we continue to plan for our Carifesta celebrations, we continue to position Antigua and Barbuda to develop an excellent Carifesta.

"The team has been working hard, and I have no doubt in my mind that when we do host Carifesta, it will be memorable for all the right reasons."

ABYSO musicians secure spots on Metropolitan Youth Symphony

Trombonist Jashaun Charles, oboist, Elysia Armstrong and bassoonist Jeiel Charles have all successfully auditioned for a place in the Metropolitan Youth Symphony (MYS) ensembles.

MYS is based in Portland, Oregon in the United States and provides music education and performance opportunities for young musicians of all ages and levels of experience.

Elysia and Jeiel will rehearse with the MYS Sinfonietta Orchestra which is an intermediate orchestra that introduces young musicians to fun and challenging music at a very crucial moment in their artistic development.

The Sinfonietta works under the direction of celebrated Venezuelan conductor Giancarlo Castro D'Adona, formerly a member of the Simon Bolívar Orchestra.

They will cover symphonic repertoire, music from films, video games, Broadway shows and polish their ensemble playing abilities. Jashaun is a member of the Interlude Orchestra conducted by MYS Music Director, Raúl Gómez.

This is also a full orchestra. Musicians must be able to play with a nice tone, accurate intonation and have good rhythm skills. Commenting on the op-



portunity, Jashaun said, "I was delighted when I found out that I was selected to be part of the MYS three month virtual programme.

"I have been playing the trombone for two years and this opportunity with the MYS Interlude Ensemble will only enhance my musical skills as a trombonist so that I can, in turn, give back to the ABYSO. I promise to work hard so that I can represent my parents, Antigua and Barbuda and ABYSO well."

Music Director of the MYS, Raúl Gómez, in speaking of the selections said, "We are delighted to

welcome these talented young musicians from Antigua and Barbuda into our ensembles.

"We are thankful to the Global Leaders Programme for the connection. We hope that this is an opportunity that will open new doors for music students from different countries, and will enrich the experience of our own local students in Portland."

The ABYSO was introduced to the MYS by one of its strategic partners, Raúl Vergara, Co-Founder and Director of International of the Global Leaders Program. Raúl stated, "We

would like to congratulate MYS for their initiative to welcome students from Antigua and Barbuda. We also congratulate the students of the ABYSO for their achievement". The programme will run from 12th September to 19th December with weekly sessions of three hours per week via zoom. The ABYSO congratulates Elysia, Jeiel and Jashaun on their successful audition. The ABYSO remains committed to exposing young, talented musicians from Antigua and Barbuda to first-class tuition and performance opportunities.

Rastafari Soldier Juba set to release first single

'Rastafari Soldiers' is a battle declaration performed exclusively by Ras Juba, who is ably assisted by Hempress Divine. The artists aspire to use their music to motivate vibrant African youths across the world.

"Its release could not have been timed better, as we watch the prophecies, identified in the book of Revelations, unfold before our very eyes.

"Juba's sound is geared towards engaging the younger generations of Africans to take a stand, alongside the elders of faith in the Rastafarian community, on the spiritual battlefield," a press statement issued by Ras Juba said.

Juba is calling for unity among people as he sees this as the way to combat the forces of greed, jealousy, oppression and other forms of evil, which have become rampant.

"The systems which uphold such, need to be burnt to the ground," the artist declared.

The lyrics and energy of his sound directly highlight the harsh realities and truths of the world today. They provide motivation for persons looking to assist in the fight against these perversions.

He emphasised his commitment to continue making sound charged with a frequency that connects those who receive his message to a higher purpose.

Ras Juba was born and raised in Greenbay but resides in the hills and valleys of the Antiguan countryside. He is a powerful and dynamic artist on the rise, with an unmistakable style, honesty in his music and unmatched versatility.

While many classify Ras Juba's offerings as "Reggae Music", the

artiste doesn't like to place himself into any one musical genre. Instead, Juba is focused primarily on delivering a message that he deems necessary in current times, while being unique, true to self and engaging the youths throughout the world.

The single is set to be released on

October 16th, 2020. Pre-ordering is now available on Apple Music and Spotify.

'Rastafari Soldiers' was produced entirely by Echoed Potential, engineered by Naeem Richards and mixed and mastered by Brandon Douglas.

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How a slaver's memorial ended up in a Dorset church

Why a plaque celebrating one man's role in the deadly suppression of a slave rebellion in Jamaica came to be on the wall of a Dorset church is not entirely clear, but the memorial stone marking the exploits of 18th century plantation owner, John Gordon, will now be removed from St Peter's in Dorchester following a vote by church leaders.

The plaque commemorates Gordon and his role in Tacky's War, a slave rebellion in which hundreds were killed.

Scottish-born Gordon owned more than 400 slaves who worked on his plantations in Jamaica.

He died in Dorchester in 1774, aged 46, after returning to England to write his will.

It is not known why he visited the town ahead of his

planned return to the West Indies, nonetheless, he was buried at the church and a memorial was erected.

The inscription uses offensive language and praises Gordon for being "signal-y instrumental in quelling a dangerous rebellion".

The campaign group, Stand Up To Racism Dorset, had called for the plaque to be removed or at least concealed

Tacky's War

The uprising from April to July 1760 was led by a former West African chief who had been sold into slavery by rival leaders following his army's defeat in modern day Ghana.

Tacky and his men began taking over plantations and killing the owners, with hundreds more slaves joining the revolt as it spread to other estates.



Mounted militia moved to suppress the uprising and Tacky was shot, beheaded and his head displayed on a pole. Others faced horrific executions.

The rebellion continued to inspire further uprisings across the island, all of which were brutally suppressed. By the time order was restored many months later, between 400 and 500 slaves had been killed and many hundreds more were transported and re-sold.

About 60 white people lost their lives.

In a statement to the parish council, the group said: "The plaque is nothing to do with history or education. It is about what we are supposed to admire and revere. It is an approving commemoration of an event, the suppression of a revolt by enslaved people, resulting in the deaths of around 450 enslaved people, some tortured and put to horrible deaths.

"Go in any church and you see monuments to the great and the good, many of whom got their wealth from

slavery, but this is different. It is a blatant and explicit glorification of white domination and the suppression of enslaved people."

Campaign group member, David Rhodes, who also attends the church, said: "It has been there on that wall quite prominently for two and a half centuries and what bothers me is that people have got used to it. It has become normalised. Every Sunday the gospel of Jesus would be read more or less from underneath that plaque. It is offensive and has no place in public view."

Church Warden, Val Potter said: "We are not going to destroy this monument, but its story should be told in a museum rather than on a church wall. We've been aware of it for quite some time. The only negative comments we get in the visitors book in the church are of that monument. The intention was always to put some kind of notice up next to it so we are really pleased that the Black Lives Matter movement raised the sense of urgency."





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Guyana: Evidence from Berbice teens' murder sent to St. Lucia for analysis

(Guyana Chronicle) Evidence gathered from investigations into the murders of West Coast Berbice teenagers Isaiah Henry, Joel Henry and Haresh Singh has been sent to St. Lucia for analysis, President Dr. Irfaan Ali has revealed.

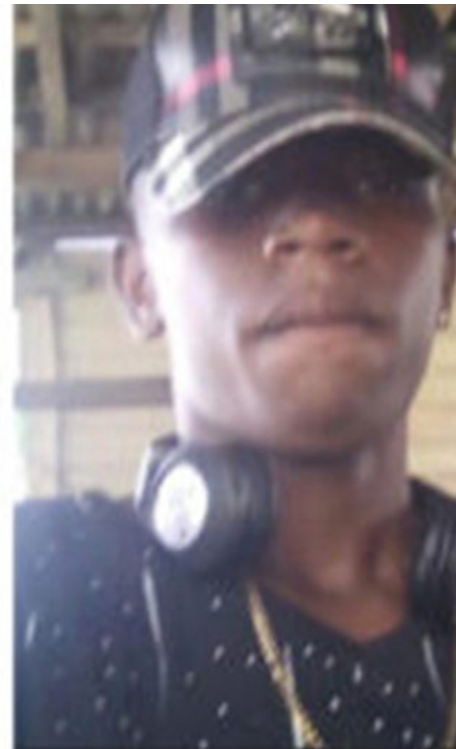
During an interview with media personnel at his office, the President said: "We have a team that has left for St. Lucia with some of the evidence to do more detailed analysis, so that is going on at the same time.

"For confidentiality reasons, the regional body has asked to have certain things respected from their perspective and we are sticking to that.

"There are components of the MoU that can't be made public."

While noting that there is a cost attached to the support Guyana is receiving from the regional body, he added that the matter of cost "is a small issue in relation to what we hope to achieve and that is bringing these people [perpetrators] to justice."

The five-member team of investigators from the Regional Security System



(RSS) on Tuesday commenced its investigations to assist the Guyana Police Force (GFP) with the three high-profile murders in Berbice.

The team, which is led by an assistant commissioner of police, comprises officials from countries within the Regional Investigative Management Systems (RIMS).

Their visit is within the framework of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Guyana and The Caribbean Community Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (CARICOM IMPACS).

It follows a decision by President Dr. Irfaan Ali to seek regional assistance to investigate the West Berbice murders.

Police Press Officer Assistant Commissioner Royston Andries-Junor said the visiting team will be assisting with the investigation and has been given scope to review and explore all avenues necessary to find answers relating to the murders.

On September 6, the bodies of teen cousins Isaiah and Joel Henry were found in the backlands of Cotton Tree, WCB, almost one day after they were reported missing.

They had left their Number Three Village, WCB home to pick coconuts in the backlands, but did not return home.

Their butchered bodies were found in clumps of bushes partially covered in mud, after relatives went in search of them.

The news of their deaths sparked protests across several villages along the West Coast Berbice corridor and several commuters were beaten and robbed. With blocked roads, some vehicles were also torched.

And then, on September 9, Haresh Singh, 17, was

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Grenada: Spike in leptospirosis cases for 2020

(NowGrenada) There is a spike in leptospirosis — the blood infection caused by the bacteria *Leptospira* — according to epidemiological data from the Ministry of Health.

Records show that as of 19 September 2020 there were 15 confirmed cases, a significant increase when compared to the data of 2018 and 2019 in which there were 12 and 11 cases respectively.

Classified as a vector-borne disease, the reservoir for this disease in Grenada is the rat.

“In Grenada, the main means of contracting this disease is from rats, and so people need to starve the rats and don’t provide an avenue for them to survive and breed.

“The goal should be keeping the environment clean,” said Kenny James, a senior health environmental officer in the Ministry of Health.

He warns that persons should not use any product that has been bitten or urinated on by rats. “As the



reservoir of the bacteria, anything a rat encounters can become a transmitter for disease and so people have to throw away these products,” he said.

“Proper sanitation and keeping the environment clean is the best way to reduce the chances of getting this vector-borne disease.

Rats do not survive in

a clean environment, so my advice is for people to clean up the place and deprive rats of foods.”

Signs and symptoms of the disease which can cause death if not treated early, can range from mild symptoms such as headaches, muscle pains, and fevers to severe with bleeding in the lungs, or

meningitis.

The increase in leptospirosis is observed at a time when the country is dealing with an outbreak of dengue which is also a vector-borne disease.

“What is important to note is that for both vector-borne diseases, keeping the environment clean is important to reduce the spread,” James said.

The Ministry of Health confirmed that 133 persons have been diagnosed with dengue so far for the year, with the month of September recording a significant jump in confirmed cases. There were 126 cases in 2019.

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found murdered in the Number Three Village backlands.

It is suspected that his death was in retaliation for the murders of Isaiah and Joel, since he is related to one of the persons initially held by the police.

Meanwhile, several persons who were

arrested for the murders of the Henry teens were released on station bail, but no arrest has been made in relation to Singh’s murder.

Police had explained that the location where the bodies of the Henry boys were found was not the primary crime scene; that is, it was not the location where the young men were killed.

SVG: Gov't approves papaya leaf extract for dengue treatment

(IWNSVG) Following consensus derived from a meeting of pharmacy, medical and nursing professionals on Tuesday evening, the Pharmaceutical Services, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment, is advocating the use of papaya leaf extract in the management of dengue fever. This is based on evidence that the plant extract has proven to be effective and, therefore, useful in the improvement of patient outcomes in persons affected by the Dengue infection.

There are multiple studies which show that papaya leaf extract is a valuable treatment option in dengue fever, due to its beneficial properties.

Papaya leaf extract is now being widely used as a treatment for dengue fever in many countries, in many cases with the approval of their health authorities e.g. Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, among other Asian countries.

Papaya leaf extract is becoming popular as an unlicensed herbal remedy purported to hasten recovery in dengue infection. The remedy is already in use in St Vincent and the Grenadines as a homemade preparation and is becoming an important adjunct treatment in the face of our present dengue fever outbreak.

The mechanisms by which pathophysiologic changes occur in dengue fever are still not fully understood and the outcome of treatment is influenced by intrinsic factors of the individual and the virus itself.

Simply put, the dengue virus can induce a low platelet count by suppressing the bone marrow and the virus complicates the situation by drawing nutrients from certain blood cells. This leads to the destruction of



platelets. Platelets, pieces of a very large type of bone marrow cell, are found in the blood and spleen and help form blood clots to slow or stop bleeding. Papaya leaf extract seems to reverse all of these processes and the associated inflammation in quick time.

Oral administration of papaya leaf extract was associated with an early rise in platelet count even as soon as 24 hours.

Benefits:

Papaya leaf extract shortens the duration of fever, illness and hospital stay and causes an elevation of the white cell count (WBC) and platelet counts. The mixture can be used safely in both adults and children.

The Government Pharmaceutical Services has proposed two formulations for the preparation of Papaya Leaf Extract as well as dosing guidelines.

The papaya plant grows all year round in St. Vincent making it easily available and accessible to all.

Guidelines for using carica papaya leaf extract

Anyone with fever, headache or body pain suggestive of dengue fever, should urgently seek assistance from a health care provider.

The usual management of dengue fever includes acetaminophen (e.g. paramol, paracetamol, cetamol), liquids/fluids (e.g. juice, coconut water, water, Gatorade, ORS, Pedialyte) and gravol for nausea and vomiting.

Papaya leaf extract should be used in addition to the usual dengue fever management.

Papaya leaf extract could be given at any stage of the disease, but for best results it should be given from the first day of fever.

Do not stop the treatment halfway.

A few sips of cold water could be taken immediately after consuming the papaya leaf extract or you may suck on a pinch of sugar/honey, to overcome the bitter taste.

Do not consume papaya leaf extract if you are allergic to Papaya.

Trinidad: Commissioner apologises to the PM over 'private property' tiff

(LoopTT) Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith has formally apologised to Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley for the comments he made regarding the police's jurisdiction on private property.

Griffith said since the incident, he's issued a written apology to the prime minister and made it public during today's weekly media briefing.

"It was in no way appropriate for me to make such a comment that could allude to the comments I made to the prime minister. Since then, I have written to the honourable prime minister, I have apologised and I wish to take this time openly to let the public know that I do apologise for the comments I made," he said.

The commissioner added that while he still stands by the spirit of his comments, he acknowledged that his delivery was unsavoury.

"Even though the message was accurate, how the message went about became lost because of how I said it.

"It came from my strong degree of passion, but again that is no excuse, it was completely unacceptable. I apologise to the



Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith

country for the comments that I made," he said.

Griffith said that despite seeking to ensure that the constitutional rights of citizens were upheld, he understands that his comments were inappropriate.

"There was this perception that the police service wasn't doing all that we could.

"My strong degree of passion for making sure that I serve the country and I serve my citizens as well

as looking after my police officers," he said.

The commissioner's apology follows a meeting that he had with Dr Rowley and Minister of National Security Stuart Young on September 14.

A few days prior, the prime minister publicly called on the commissioner of police to distribute the law fairly not paying attention to class or race. Griffith responded with a scathing perspective.

Griffith said at the time: "He does not have a concern when we release 27 persons who actually broke the law in Sea Lots, swimming in a public place, escaping and trying to evade police captivity, that shows hypocrisy, that is not democracy."

The leaders were at loggerheads over whether police could enter private property where occupants could be in violation of COVID-19 regulations.

Lebanon asks Interpol to detain two Russians over Beirut blast

(Aljazeera) The lead investigator into the August blast at Beirut's port that killed almost 200 and wounded thousands has issued arrest warrants for the captain and owner of a ship that carried thousands of tonnes of ammonium nitrate to Beirut seven years ago, the state-run National News Agency (NNA) said.

Nearly 2,700 tonnes of ammonium nitrate stored at Beirut's port exploded on August 4, killing 193, wounding about 6,500, and leaving nearly 300,000 people homeless.

On Thursday, judge Fadi Sawwan referred the case to the state prosecution that asked Interpol to detain the two Russian citizens.

NNA did not give the names of the two men but Boris Prokoshev was the captain who sailed the MV Rhosus from Turkey to Beirut in 2013. Igor Grechushkin, a Russian businessman residing in the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, bought the cargo ship in 2012 from Cypriot businessman Charalambos Manoli.

Grechushkin was questioned by police at the request of Interpol's Lebanon office in August.'



Nearly 2,700 tonnes of ammonium nitrate stored at Beirut's port exploded on August 4, killing 193 people.

More than two dozen people, most of them port and customs officials, have been detained since the blast which is considered to be one of the biggest non-nuclear explosions ever recorded.

The ammonium nitrate arrived in Lebanon in September 2013, on board a Russian-owned cargo vessel flying a Moldovan flag. The Rhosus, according to information from the ship-tracking site, Fleetmon, was heading from Georgia to Mozambique.

The cargo was then off-loaded and placed in Hangar 12 of Beirut port, a large grey structure facing the country's main north-south highway at the main entrance to the capital.

The ammonium nitrate remained at the warehouse until it exploded. The Rhosus never left the port and sank there in February 2018, according to Lebanese official documents.

The blast further rattled a nation grappling with its worst crisis since the 1975-1990 civil war.

The economy is collapsing after decades of state waste, corruption and mounting debt. Banks have frozen people out of their savings and the currency has crashed.

Meanwhile, Lebanon is also struggling to deal with the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Schools have not yet reopened after a spike in cases, which have risen in the wake of the explosion to more than 35,000 infections including at least 340 deaths since February 9.

After Pompeo criticism, Vatican asserts right to go its own way on China

(Reuters) The Vatican's number two said on Thursday after talks with Mike Pompeo that the two sides' positions on China remained far apart and firmly asserted the Holy See's right to pursue an accord with Beijing denounced by the U.S. Secretary of State.

Pompeo met Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin and Foreign Minister Archbishop Paul Gallagher on Thursday on a visit to Rome marked by Vatican irritation over Pompeo's public criticism of a Holy See accord with Beijing on the appointment of bishops.

Vatican officials have said they were "surprised" by Pompeo's comments, made last month, and particularly that they were published in a conservative U.S. Catholic publication that has called Pope Francis' pontificate a failure.

Parolin, second only to the pope in the Vatican hierarchy, spoke to reporters on the sidelines of a book launch on Thursday night. He was asked if the positions were still distant.

"Yes, even though the purpose of the meeting was not to bring the positions closer," he said.

In an article and a series of tweets in September Pompeo accused the Vatican of putting its "moral authority" at risk if it renewed an agreement with China over the appointment of bishops. It sparked a minor diplomatic crisis.

Vatican officials suggested Pompeo was trying to drag the Catholic Church into the U.S. presidential election by



A nun passes by tourists taking pictures on St. Peter's Square as Pope Francis gives his weekly general audience virtually from a library inside the Vatican due to measures to contain the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), at the Vatican August 5, 2020.

denouncing its relations with China. Pompeo has denied this.

"He (Pompeo) explained his reasons for making those statements and we explained our reasons why we intend to move ahead on the path we have already chosen," Parolin said.

Parolin said the Vatican "asserts (the right to move forward) with a choice that has been thought through, reflected on, prayed over, a choice the pope has made, therefore the freedom to move forward."

The Vatican's two-year-old accord with Beijing gives the pope final say over the appointment of Chinese bishops. Parolin said the Vatican would renew it when it expires this month.

Vatican officials say the agreement is not perfect but establishes a

dialogue with Beijing after decades during which Chinese Catholics faithful to the pope were driven underground.

Parolin said Pompeo had expressed "understanding for the way the Holy See approaches these issues."

President Donald Trump has campaigned on his hard line on China ahead of the Nov. 3 election. He is also associated with conservative Protestant and Catholic movements, many of which have been critical of Pope Francis.

In an address to a symposium on Wednesday, Pompeo did not directly address the Vatican agreement with Beijing but described China as the world's worst abuser of religious rights.

US Senate subpoenas heads of Google, Facebook and Twitter

(BBC) The US Senate Commerce Committee has voted to subpoena the heads of Google, Facebook, and Twitter.

It means that Sundar Pichai, Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Dorsey face being quizzed by senators about their policies on different types of content.

One focus will be the legal protections they enjoy regarding what they leave up and take down on their platforms.

They are also likely to be challenged over controversies about privacy and misinformation.

Republicans and Democrats on the committee voted unanimously to summon the chief executives.

However, each side is likely to have different priorities - with some Republican members speaking about the alleged censorship of conservative views online, while Democrats focus on competition and misinformation.

"There has never been such an aggregation of power in the history of humankind as big tech enjoys today, with money and monopoly, power and the hubris that comes with the unchecked use of power," Republican Senator Ted Cruz said following the vote.

The subpoenas follow



Twitter's Jack Dorsey, Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Google's Sundar Pichai have been told to give testimony

an earlier hearing in July when Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google's chiefs testified to a House committee about competition issues and claims of bias.

Protected status

Currently, social media platforms and other websites are protected from prosecution under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act.

It means, in effect, that the platforms are not liable for what is posted by their users if they take things down once notified, unlike traditional newspaper publishers.

But the protection has been thrown back into the spotlight this year after President Trump argued

it should no longer apply if social networks were engaged in "an editorial role" - such as when Twitter began adding warnings and labels to some of the president's tweets.

A day of reckoning for US tech giants' CEOs

Trump to take 'big action' against social media

Democrats on the Commerce Committee had initially objected to their Republican colleagues' use of the subpoena power, but changed their minds for the vote on Thursday after the scope of the discussion was widened.

Mr Trump's Democratic rival in the forthcoming election, Joe Biden, has previously said Section 230 should be revoked,

but for different reasons - what he called "propagating falsehoods".

The three chief executives had initially been invited to attend voluntarily, but declined.

Fresh scrutiny

The fresh summons is the latest regulatory headache for the tech giants, who face a raft of critical decisions by authorities in the coming weeks.

July's congressional hearing with the companies, plus Amazon, dealt with anti-trust issues, including allegations that they had deliberately eliminated smaller rivals in a quest for market dominance.

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Edward Snowden's book earnings should go to US gov't, court rules

(Reuters) The United States is entitled to more than \$5.2 million from former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's book royalties, a federal court ruled this week, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In a statement, the department said the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia on Tuesday also ruled in favor of setting up a trust for the government for any future earnings from Snowden's book, which had been the subject of a federal lawsuit.

A lawyer for Snowden did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

In September 2019, the U.S. government sued Snowden, who resides in Russia, over his publication of "Permanent Record", a book which the United States says violated



Former Right Livelihood laureate Edward Snowden speaks from a video screen during the 2019 Right Livelihood Award ceremony at Cirkus, Stockholm, Sweden December 4, 2019.

non-disclosure agreements he signed when working for both NSA and the Central Intelligence Agency.

The United States alleges that Snowden published the book without first submitting it to U.S. agencies for pre-publication review, in violation of agreements he signed when working for

the agencies. U.S. authorities did not seek to block publication of Snowden's book but rather to seize all proceeds.

Last December, a federal court in Virginia found that Snowden did breach his obligations to the CIA and NSA but reserved judgment on possible remedies.

In an order issued on Tuesday, the court entered a judgment in the U.S. government's favor for more than \$5.2 million.

The civil litigation over the book is separate from criminal charges prosecutors filed against Snowden under a 1917 U.S. espionage law.

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port into that event is expected to be published next week.

The US Department of Justice is understood to be in discussions with state attorneys general over a potential anti-trust case against Google over its practices - a legal action which could also begin as early as next week.

And similar actions are being pieced together abroad.

The European Union's draft version of a forthcoming law reportedly bans tech giants from giving their own products preferential treatment.

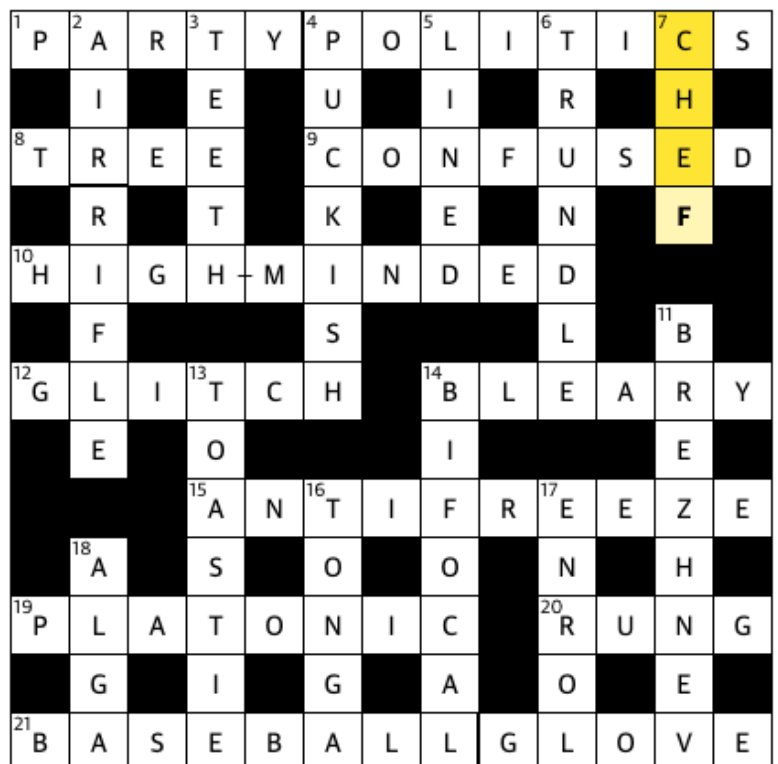
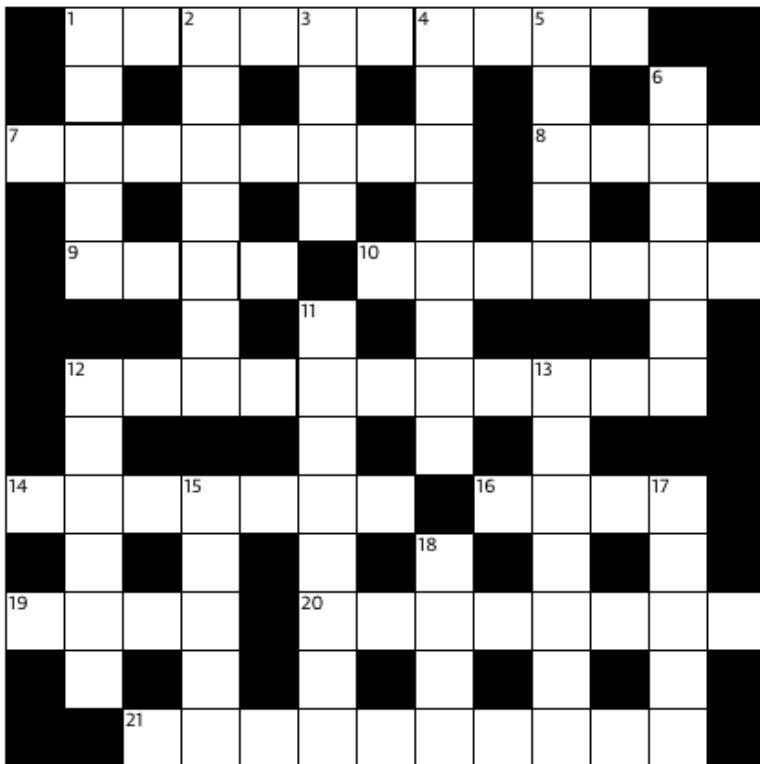
The draft of the Digital Services Act, seen by a number of news outlets, says that big tech "gatekeepers" may have to share user data with rivals to create an even playing field in some circumstances.

And in China, Reuters news agency reports that the country is prepar-

ing its own competition probe into Google over the Android phone operating system.

US sanctions on Huawei on national security grounds have created a challenge for the company - one of the world's biggest phone manufacturers - which says it will begin using its own non-Android operating system next year.

That decision is also expected this month.



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"Do you *really* expect this jury to believe that you didn't know my client was endangered?"



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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): Explain yourself. Human relationships can be endlessly complicated, but you may have the chance to simplify the status of your connections. Strive to straighten out misunderstandings in a sincere and heartfelt way.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You sparkle and shine when you have a chance to take the stage. It is time to welcome something new into your life whether it's contact with a circle of new acquaintances or a unique learning experience.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): This may not be the best day to make important personal decisions since an overabundance of caution might smother your enthusiasm. However, you may be more down-to-earth and practical about handling money.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): New thoughts could make an impression on your senses, but be sure to check out the fine print. You may find it to your advantage to adopt a more businesslike persona and let common sense act as a guide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Like Goldilocks, you may find through trial and error that some things are too big and some too small. Wait for clarity before making a crucial decision. Validate yourself if you do not receive the validation you want from others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're smart enough to realize that offers that sound too good to be true usually are. Think carefully before signing contracts and agreements that involve the repayment of large sums of money since there could be hidden flaws.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The symbol for your sign is the scales. You might weigh a chance to circulate within a new social setting against sticking to your loyal friends. Don't forget that it's possible to do both without hurting feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A loved one could want to take you to do something new and exciting. Don't dig your heels in and refuse to budge. You could enjoy an opportunity to explore some places off the beaten path and expand your horizons.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Try to follow through on an ongoing creative project even if you encounter opposition. Offer reassurance for any doubts and describe the process in colorful words so that you receive the support you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't please all the people all the time -- someone might be envious or just having a bad day. When dreaming of the future, remember that the possibilities are endless, but potential pitfalls must be considered too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your romantic desires might be powered up, but it's not necessarily the right time to make key decisions about a relationship. Gain a new perspective on ways to handle your assets, but wait to implement new ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Using common-sense tactics will be more productive than trying to please people you don't know. Don't hesitate to assert yourself if something doesn't feel right or was done without your knowledge or authorization.

'King of Sailing' in Antigua and Barbuda

Olympian and manager of Dinghy and Youth Training at the Antigua Yacht Club, Karl James, is encouraging young people to get involved in sailing.

James says sailing is the only sport that also provides direct employment and does not require participants to be world class athletes or sailors.

He also highlighted the fact that the industry provides a multitude of opportunities for employment for

persons who become properly trained and qualified sailors.

Water sports, cruise boats, dive shops, sail repairs and boat repairs were among the areas James highlighted opportunities for employment.

"Many cruise boat owners on the island are constantly reaching out asking me for sailors," he shared.

According to James, parents can allow their children to become involved in sailing as a sport from as young

as eight years old.

The National Sailing Academy in English Harbour, which he founded ten years ago, is one organisation ready to welcome new seafarers of all ages.

James, a veteran seaman with more than three decades of experience, has been honored by the Queen having been bestowed the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for Services to Sailing and National Development.



Olympian and manager of Dinghy and Youth Training at the Antigua Yacht Club, Karl James

James was also honored by the Governor General with the Faithful and Meritorious Service Cross for Meritorious Performance in Yachting and Sailing.

Son of former Antiguan cricketer making strides in baseball



Khadeem Lewis

The son of former national cricketer, Ed Lewis, Khadeem Lewis, was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) in an all-star baseball game last week in Maryland.

The 17-year-old high schooler, who is in his final year at Meadowbrook High, performed outstandingly at the 18th annual Crab Claw Classic which provides high school baseball players with the opportunity to shine during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lewis, who has a 3.96 Grade Point Average, is being scouted by five United

States colleges. His ultimate goal is to become a major league baseball player.

5 feet 11 inches tall and 165 pounds. Khadeem, who lives in Virginia, blasted a home run in the game just two weeks after he hit his first home run to lead his team to success.

Khadeem Lewis, who is the product of an elite family of athletes and cricketers from the village of Swetes, is certainly to be watched as the expectation of his future development as an outstanding sportsman is certainly warranted.

Tax trouble for superstar Neymar

Brazilian superstar Neymar owes more unpaid tax than any other individual on a Spanish authorities "blacklist, with debts of €34.6 million, according to official documentation.

The paperwork entitled, "List of Debtors", includes thousands of individuals and companies with more

than one million euros in debt.

Neymar, who played for Barcelona from 2013 to 2017 before moving to Paris St. Germain for €222 million in the most expensive transfer in history, tops the list of thousands of names published on the website of the Spanish tax office.

Ever since last year, according to

Spanish media, the country's tax authorities have been pursuing Neymar for fiscal fraud dating back to his days at Barcelona.

The Spanish tax office, contacted by ATP, did not say whether Neymar's presence on the list was linked to his 2013 transfers to Barcelona from Brazilian club Santos.

Lakers Beat Miami Heat 116-98 in Game One of NBA Finals

LeBron James says the Los Angeles Lakers still have “a lot more work to do” after they comfortably beat the injury hit Miami Heat 116-98 in game one of the NBA Finals.

Anthony Davis scored 34 points for the Lakers, with James adding 25 points and nine assists. Jimmy Butler had 23 points for the Heat who lost point guard Goran Dragic and forward Bam Adebayo to injury.

James said: “The job is not done. We’re not satisfied winning one game.”

Speaking after Thursday’s game, he added: “You have to get a feel for how hard Miami plays.

“We got a sense for that. We got more work to do. It’s that simple.”

The Lakers went into the series as overwhelming favorites to land a record equaling 17th NBA Championship title, 10 years after



their last finals appearance.

However, it was the Heat who began the game on top, racing into a 13-point lead in the first quarter.

That advantage would not last long, though, as the Lakers scored 11 three-pointers to complete a 30-point turnaround by the end of the first half before surging clear in the second.

“They’re a great team. They’re here for a reason,” said Lakers forward Davis.

Miami’s evening was made worse by Dragic and Adebayo both being forced out of the game.

Dragic, Miami’s leading scorer in the postseason, suffered a foot injury in the second quarter, while Adebayo left with a shoulder

strain in the third.

Butler was also forced to leave the court with a sprained ankle, but was able to return in the fourth quarter.

“I’ll be OK. Some treatment and I get ready to go again. I’ve got to be ready to go,” he said.

Game two of the best-of-seven series is on Friday.

Manchester United in tough Champions League group

Manchester United will face Paris St-Germain, RB Leipzig and Istanbul Basaksehir in the Champions League group stage this season.

Premier League champions, Liverpool, will have to negotiate a group containing Ajax, Atalanta and Danish side Midtjylland.

Chelsea will play Europa League winners Sevilla, Krasnodar and debutants Rennes.

Manchester City is in Group D with Porto, Olympiakos and Marseille.

Elsewhere, Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi are set to face each other after Juventus and Barcelona were drawn in Group G, while holders Bayern Munich will face Atletico Madrid in Group A.

The draw, which also saw Real Madrid and Inter Milan paired in Group B, took place without club officials

present because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

It was a particularly tough draw for Manchester United, who will play last season’s beaten finalists PSG, as well as 2020 semi-finalists RB Leipzig.

This year’s group stage begins on Tuesday, 20 October with the final on Saturday, 29 May 2021 at the Ataturk Stadium in Istanbul.



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COVID-19 has decimated sports

Minister of Sports, Daryll Matthew, says COVID-19 has decimated sports in Antigua and Barbuda.

Matthew, who appeared on Starting Point on Pointe FM on Thursday, noted that European nations and the United States of America, whose business models revolve around broadcast sales, have utilized bio-secure environments to resume major sport events.

The former president of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association noted however, that in smaller nations, including Antigua and Barbuda, where sports events generate minimal financial return and centre more on entertainment and brag-

ging rights, bubble environments are not feasible.

"It's almost impossible for small nations to finance a bio-secure atmosphere," Matthew said.

"We in Antigua and Barbuda have been fortunate that through the hard work of our frontline workers, the Ministry of Health and the government, we have kept our count low, our quarantine centers open and have been able to identify, contact trace and contain coronavirus cases quickly.

"Because of the low count the government took a decision to allow recreational sports in all disciplines within certain protocols," Matthew noted.

The minister is appealing to sports enthusiasts to follow health and safety protocols in order to keep the number of participants in sporting activities low.

"There is no need to have fifty people on a field. Break it up into seven a side and be reasonable.

"It's a collaborative effort that's required and the government can't be held responsible where people flaunt the protocols, do as they please and get infected," Matthew said.

"Exercise, take advantage of the opportunity we have, but do it within the protocols that have been established," Matthew concluded.



Minister of Sports, Daryll Matthew

Meanwhile, Matthew indicated that Antiguan and Barbudan athletes who were preparing for this year's Olympics in Tokyo, Japan will now have to wait until 2021 to compete in the rescheduled games.

Despite the delay, Matthew is optimistic the Olympics will take place next year.

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