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WE ARE ALL INVOLVED

There have been two announcements over the past week that ought to give us all pause as it relates to our behavior individually and collectively regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

First, Air Canada announced that it was postponing its return to Antigua and Barbuda because of the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases in Canada. The airline's return to Antigua and Barbuda was scheduled for November 1, but now there is no firm date when the country will begin welcoming direct flights from Canada. This comes as a great disappointment of local tourism officials.

On Tuesday the situation was further compounded when Barbados announced that it was placing Antigua and Barbuda on its 'high risk' list because of recent uptick in confirmed cases here. This was despite the fact that Antigua and Barbuda has not exceeded twelve active cases at the same time once. Of these, 39 cases were imported on two flights which arrived on the same day at the V. C. Bird International Airport.

Despite the fact that active cases have largely hovered below ten, Barbados unilaterally acted in a manner which violates the latest recommendations of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). We, however, recognize that as a sovereign government, Barbados acted within the scope of its authority to implement any measures it deems necessary

to protect the health and safety of its people.

With this, we return to the issue at hand; our behavior and attitude toward the health and safety protocols established by the Ministry of Health which are legislated by the Parliament.

The prime minister and his government, along with the Chief Medical Officer, have utilised both traditional and new media outlets to convey the message of the importance of adhering to the health protocols, especially concerning the wearing of masks, social distancing and personal hygiene. Restrictions have also been placed on social gatherings in an attempt to curtail the spread of the virus. The local resurgence of coronavirus cases have all been linked to individuals who have violated these protocols.

The takeaway from this should be that individual acts that expose the general population to infection with COVID-19 cannot be misconstrued as isolated instances of ignorance. Everything is connected. When the number of cases climbs, the potentially harmful statistics are shared internationally. The eyes of the world are upon us and it would seem to appear that some persons are ignorant of the fact that the number of active cases has just as great an impact, if not more so, than the overall number of confirmed cases.

It behooves us, therefore, to become personally invested in keeping the number of con-

firmed cases to a minimum. This has serious consequences for every citizen and resident of Antigua and Barbuda and impacts the country's economic recovery.

LIAT's recent return to operation was greatly anticipated and scheduled flights were due to begin next week, however, if Caribbean countries place each other on high risk lists and others decide not to observe CARPHA-approved regulations, there is likely to be confusion that could negatively affect LIAT's operation.

This possibility should not sit lightly with Antiguan and Barbudans.

Antigua and Barbuda's tourism sector took a severe beating with the premature closure of the cruise and hotel industries in March. We have been fortunate in that some hotels have reopened with others planning to do so by the end of November. This would mean that thousands of people - our brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles - will return work.

All this, however could be jeopardised, if our confirmed cases continue to rise because of our collective failure to adhere to health protocols.

This is a time for serious introspection in which we must each ask the question, "Do I want to contribute to undermining my country's efforts toward achieving economic recovery?"

COVID second wave hurts tourism in A&B

The resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in the major tourism source markets for Antigua and Barbuda is already being felt in the local tourism sector.

General Manager of the Blue Waters Hotel and former President of the Hotel Association, Alex De Brito, has reported that most hotels began to reopen from October 15 with the expectation all would be back in business by the end of the month, however, just a few weeks into the season, the sector now facing cancellations because of new lockdowns in the United Kingdom where that government has banned all non-essential travel.

"In the next few days, we are anticipating that the major airlines serving the UK market will announce their reduction, or even elimination of flights to the Caribbean, because of what's

happening there," he revealed.

According to De Brito, British Airways and Virgin Atlantic are expected to make an announcement on their schedule in the coming days. This move by the airlines will likely last until the middle of December when the UK emerges from the lockdown.

Up to Thursday afternoon, Antigua and Barbuda hotel officials were engaged in meetings with representatives of Virgin Atlantic to determine the way forward.

The hotelier said several resorts plan to remain open although it is likely that they will lose money.

"We don't want a situation where we are forced to close so soon after reopening, nobody wants a repeat of the lockdown that we experienced earlier in the year," he said.

"We were just getting excited about the prospects for the sea-

son hoping that we will soon be returning to some sense of normality. We are also concerned about the outcome of the US elections as it may portend whether or not that country goes into a stricter lockdown and restrict travel as well. It is quite concerning," De Brito cautioned.

De Brito did, however, report one bright spot in an otherwise gloomy situation: some UK visitors brought forward their travel plans which caused them to arrive in the Antigua and Barbuda ahead of the announcement of the most recent UK lockdown.

While he was unable to give precise figures, De Brito noted that these individuals said they preferred to spend their time on vacation in Antigua and Barbuda and wait out the lockdown at home here.



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No formal charges laid against rape accused minister

By Shelton Daniel

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has reaffirmed that any member of his Cabinet who is formally charged with a serious or indictable crime must resign while the matter is being determined.

The allegations surfaced last weekend from a woman who according to reports is consulting with an attorney. The head of government has confirmed a private meeting was held between him and the minister, while further discussions took place on Wednesday among his Cabinet colleagues.

As the minister maintains his innocence, many are questioning why the prime minister has not moved to relieve him of his duties.

In the event their resignation is not forthcoming, the head of government has made clear that he will not hesitate to have the accused minister's appointment revoked.

Browne said he had received the information in a WhatsApp message and could not vouch for its veracity. He continued, however, that if the information was substantiated and formal charges were preferred against the Cabinet minister, then it

was a foregone conclusion that the accused would have to resign until the charges are dropped or the case is decided in his favour.

Prime Minister Browne said he had spoken to the rape accused minister during this week's Cabinet meeting on Wednesday. He said the accused Cabinet member assured him and his colleagues of his innocence.

Prime Minister Browne explained that he cannot demand the minister's resignation at this stage, nor would he fire him, as police have, so far, not charged him with an offense. Should it progress to that stage, Browne said, the minister knows what is expected of him and what action will be taken if he does not conform voluntarily.

The prime minister said this policy position is in accordance with the governing Antigua Barbuda Labour Party's Code of Conduct to which all members of his Cabinet subscribe.

"The minister maintains his innocence and I am not here to determine whether he is innocent or guilty. What I can say definitively to the people of Antigua and Barbuda, [is] if charges are brought against him, he has absolutely no other option but to resign voluntarily."

The Prime Minister was asked

whether he had not, in contradiction of that position, acted precipitously by removing former minister Asot Michael from the Cabinet after he was arrested and detained in the UK about three years ago.

Browne replied: "There are some who may argue that the former minister was relieved of his position, or at least asked to resign, when there was no formal charge served against him but I can say to the public today that, based on the information that I received from the British crime agency, there was sufficient evidence to cause that type of action to take place when I asked him to resign. I know that the minister felt the decision was harsh, but again, I have information that the average person in the public does not have and I am satisfied that based on the transcript of the case, of certain discussions that the minister would have had with a certain investor, that there would have been more than sufficient justification for me to ask that minister to resign."

Browne added that there is "sufficient cause to ensure that that minister never serves in any government that I may lead".



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A&B engaging Barbados over its 'high risk' categorisation

Antigua and Barbuda is awaiting word from Barbados regarding its decision to place it on a list of 'high risk' countries from which arriving visitors must undergo stricter health protocols.

A statement out of Barbados on Tuesday said high risk visitors are required to quarantine at a designated hotel or approved villa at their own expense or free of charge at a government facility, up to the time of a second test, which will be four to five days after the first test. At the end of the period, if they test negative, they will be discharged from quarantine, but will continue to be monitored for seven days from the time of arrival.

Information Minister, Melford Nicholas, told the post-Cabinet press briefing that his colleague minister of Foreign Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene, has been in contact with his Barbadian

counterpart to seek an explanation.

He explained that the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) was mandated by CARICOM heads of government to formulate guidelines to facilitate regional travel.

Nicholas said the new guidelines were accepted by the heads of government over two sessions, however, at least two countries, Grenada and St. Kitts and Nevis, opted out of the regional 'travel bubble' arrangement while Barbados decided to create its own criteria for allowing entry to the country.

"More importantly and more troublesome has been the action of Barbados which seems to have come up with its own categorisation and included a number of Caribbean states in its 'high risk' categorisation, with Antigua and Barbuda among them," Nicholas added.

This move by Barbados falls out-

side of the CARPHA guidelines for the Caribbean travel bubble and it is a source of concern for the Antigua and Barbuda government. Nicholas said he expects the matter to go back to the CARICOM heads who will be asked to find a solution to the matter.

"The intention of the travel bubble is to facilitate travel both for tourism and business purposes as well as for the recovery of all of our economies decimated by the pandemic. We are in the process of reviving our economies while at the same time finding ways to live with the realities of COVID. We are not going to be able to wish it away, but we are not going to be able to close our economies either thereby being full participants in our demise," he emphasised.

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PM Browne concerned over A&B's 'high risk' classification



Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda Hon. Gaston Browne

Prime Minister Gaston Browne says he is concerned about a recent Barbados travel advisory which has classified Antigua and Barbuda as a 'high risk' COVID-19 country.

Barbados placed Antigua and Barbuda and 13 other countries on a list of countries whose nationals are at high risk of carrying the coronavirus. The categorisation will affect persons from these countries wishing to enter Barbados effective November 3.

PM Browne is of the opinion that

the classification was made without evidence to support the claim.

Browne said that Antigua and Barbuda has been collaborating and cooperating at the regional and international levels with COVID-19 guidelines.

He said he is not aware of any reason as to why the government of Barbados would want to place Antigua and Barbuda in this category.

"So I am not aware that there is any enmity. Yes, we had a difference

over LIAT, but that issue has passed and I think we both understand that we have to continue to work together in the interest of the region, and I know some people are concerned and I am too about the recent classification of Antigua and Barbuda as a high risk country," Browne said.

Browne admitted that the Mia Motley administration did not have an obligation to consult with Antigua and Barbuda before issuing the travel advisory and classification. He said, however, that justification for doing so must be provided.

The prime minister said that the Caribbean Public Health Agency's (CARPHA's) categorisation of a low risk state is one with less than 20 active cases.

The United States has implemented its own standard which states that countries with less than 10 active COVID-19 cases are considered to be low risk.

At present Antigua and Barbuda has recorded 130 laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 and has only nine active cases. Prime Minister Browne believes, therefore that there is justification for Barbados's classification of Antigua and Barbuda.

"In any case we will put it down as an oversight. I know that some people are speculating it may be done out of spite, but we do not hold that position. We expect that all leaders within the region to operate with the level of maturity and probity that they would not utilize the state apparatus to be turned into a form of dishonesty or indecency. So we maintain that it must be an oversight," said Prime Minister Browne.

Scaled down Arbor Month activities launched



Minister of the Environment Hon. Sir Molwyn Joseph cuts ribbon at handover ceremony of a solar power system to the Department of the Environment

On Thursday, the Ministry of Health and the Environment launched Arbor month 2020 under the theme "Ride the Climate Wave: Adaptation for the future generation".

Environment Minister, Sir Molwyn Joseph, and representatives from the Department of Environment (DoE) participated in a brief ceremony to mark the occasion.

"The Arbor Month activities have been scaled down this year as a result of COVID-19," Senior Environmental Officer, Daryl George stated.

He said Arbor Month offers an

opportunity for the department to interact with the public, which this year will be done observing social distancing and other health protocols. George also disclosed that many of the plans for this year had to be revised.

The activities for this year are;

- Art competition (ongoing) - Deadline submission is the 9 November,
- Live talk (Virtual Platform via DOE's Facebook page) - 12 November 2020
- School Agro-Science Workshop - 19 November 2020
- Arbor Day Plant Fair - 26

November 2020

- National Plant a tree day - 30 November 2020

Additionally, the department will participate in tree planting exercises at various schools in Antigua and Barbuda.

There was also a ceremony to hand over a solar power system that will meet 45% of DoEs daily power requirements. The ribbon was cut by Sir Molwyn. The DoE has indicated that it plans to expand its reliance on renewable energy sources.

Michael Browne's case against "Serpent" adjourned



Minister of Education Hon. Michael Browne



Algernon "Serpent" Watts

Education Minister, Michael Browne, will have his day in court next month when his matter against radio host, Algernon "Serpent" Watts, will be heard.

Minister Browne is in self-quarantine having recently returned home from the United States.

Based on this information, the prosecution requested that Magistrate Conliffe Clarke grant

a new date for the hearing.

Magistrate Clarke granted the request and the case will now be heard on December 14.

Browne alleges that he was assaulted by Watts on July 1, 2019, after appearing on an Observer Radio talk show at the station's Redcliffe Street location.

The education minister says he was verbally abused by Watts, who also threatened him during

the altercation.

A report was made to police, and following investigations, Watts was charged with assault and making use of indecent and threatening language.

The incident was reportedly witnessed by employees of the radio station, who are expected to be called upon to give evidence when the matter is heard.

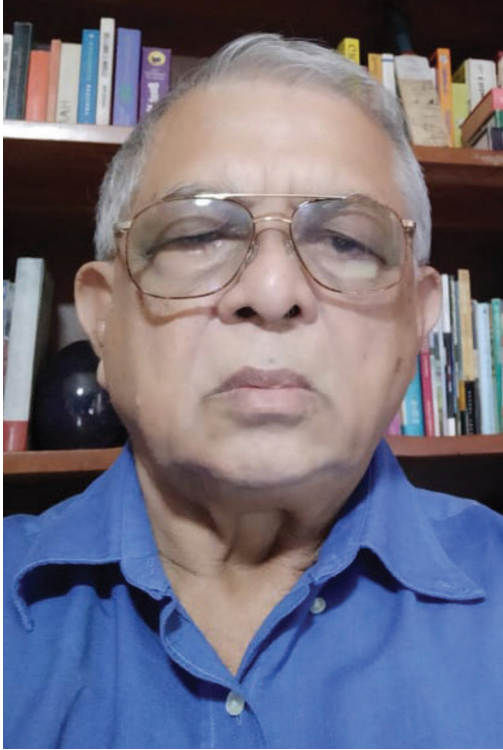


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FUTURE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS



By Tony Deyal

My Jamaican friend was complaining about his first visit to Trinidad where he was advised that if he wanted to stay in the country, he had to become an expert on 'All Fours'. He confessed that he thought they were referring to a sexual position and before getting down to it, he asked if it was taken from the Kama Sutra so he could get some early lessons. They then explained that it was a card game and even though it had no link to strip poker, he admitted to me he was floored. "I hope you landed on your feet and not on your stomach," I joked. He replied, "I asked them if they have any other game we could play and they said 'Monopoly'. I tried it but when I won ten dollars in a beauty contest, they told me I was very lucky to do so well. They implied that it to be more than chance. That was it for me. I then asked if they knew Dominoes and one of them replied, 'Yes, I am a huge fan. They have the best pizza in Port-of-Spain.' That was it for me. I came back home."

THE DOMINO EFFECT

Make no bones about it, Dominoes is an obsession in all but one of the islands and countries surrounding the Caribbean Sea and comprising what Derek Walcott called the "Antilles". In fact, when it comes to Dominoes, there is no lesser or greater and, even better, no CARICOM involvement. From Belize to Venezuela, across to Suriname and Guyana, Aruba across to Barbados, Martinique, Antigua, Cuba and the Bahamas, the most passionate of players are the Jamaicans. For them, Dominoes is a way of life and sometimes of death. According to a regional newspaper headline, "Jamaicans' love for dominoes: so strong it sometimes turns deadly." Media reports over the past few years include, "Two men shot dead while playing dominoes in Clarendon"; "Man killed, friend wounded playing dominoes in Westmoreland"; and "Jamaican man stabs cousin to death over game in dominoes."

The question is whether the downside is a purely Jamaican phenomenon based on the national psyche superheated by a very competitive team game that is played like war to the death among competing armies, or is it the game itself and what is known as The Domino Effect? When one of my Trini friends said that the Domino Effect is when pizza chains go bankrupt because of the COVID 19 lock-downs, I almost choked to death on a double-six. The term, Domino effect, describes a situation in which one

event triggers another similar event and then another, until there is a cascade of events that occur, all because of the first, precipitating event. The image is that of a line of dominoes, standing on end. Knocking over the first domino causes it to knock over the second domino, and so on. In Jamaica, however, and in my home and elsewhere, the Domino Effect is a positive - more people locked in because of the pandemic are playing the game with gusto and a great slamming of boards and loud shouts of victory throughout the region. My wife is Guyanese, my children are Bajan who grew up in Belize and Antigua, and we came straight out of the Monopoly jail to wrest instead of rest our bones in some cut-throat Dominoes. Communication Specialist, Granville Newel, described this noisy, robust and almost obsessive approach to the game, especially in Jamaica, as contagious. He cited a visit to Jamaica, a few years ago, by the head of the International Domino Federation, Venezuelan Lucas Guittard who was immediately impressed by the fervency and passion of the local players to the point where he wanted to 'import' a few Jamaican nuances to his country." Unfortunately, the Venezuelan President does not only slam the table but also the jail-doors on his rivals. Instead of just shooting off his mouth, like most of the ardent Dominators and even Domi-novices do, he has a firing-squad.

When we try to rise above the shouting and the tumult, we have to wonder if the breakup of the West Indies Federation and the unheralded death of the West Indies Football team are all part of the Domino Effect? If so, we have to wonder how a game that is more played and popular among all the Caribbean people and countries

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than cricket or football, can be linked, if only in terms of the English Language, to the inability of those countries to hang together rather than hanging separately. We can't blame the dominoes for, as Author S.B. Redd says, "And the game of dominoes is much like life: You gotta play the bones you've pulled. It doesn't matter if you got seven doubles in your hand." The difference between the Trini "All Fours" lovers and Dominoes' players is that Trinis will see having seven doubles in their hands as a God-send. It is not just the channa (chickpeas) and hot pepper, or the fried doughy bread or barrah that sandwiches it, but the street vendors of the Trini staple were recently forced into lockdown with the option of lock-up by the Government if they were caught selling in the streets. It is another knock for the Trinis and might be the result of the Domino Effect described in political rhetoric and

mathematical inaccuracy by the first Trinidad Prime Minister, Dr. Eric Williams, as "One from ten leaves nought". In this case, even one doubles from seven is also grudgingly given. It is why, if politicians' minds were like dominoes, almost all of them would be double-blanks.

Fortunately, the Domino Effect does not have to be a negative where "all fall down". It is not only something bad that happens to you, your country or the world (like Trump) but it is something good you can create by sparking a chain reaction of positive habits or behaviours. Neil Farber writing in Psychology Today, explained that we determine our goals and then begin to lay out our dominoes. Every domino is a goal. We alone determine the pathway and the journey to reach that final goal. He quotes his daughter as saying, "My dominoes have been rearranged so many times they look like abstract

art."

Mine are even worse, especially when I'm playing. I have big hands and put the entire seven in my left hand. They do not always remain there and I get the inevitable hard looks and even harder talk about using both hands. I protest that I am left-brained and cannot think, plot and plan if I hold them in my right hand. "Well de way you like to talk and make noise, you have to be right-brain then," one of my Jamaican friends quipped to the applause of our UWI colleagues in Canada Hall. "Better than not having none," I replied, and because of the Domino Effect I had to duck a left hand thrown right at my face.

*Tony Deyal was last seen saying that because he is unprepared to lose every friend he has in the game, he is accused of not taking his Dominoes seriously enough. This makes him a pushover.

ANTIGUA & BARBUDA'S REFLECTIONS

A glance through our Nation's rearview Mirror

Salt-fish

Initially used as a fertilizer for the crops, 'Salt-fish'- which was merely any white fish that was doused in salt, was often useable fish that slave owners did not want to use to feed their slaves.

Initially, the fertilizer was fresh fish, but after slaves ate the fish whilst working the fields, Plantation owners added salt to deter their slaves from eating the produce.

As such, initial adopters of raw Saltfish were those who were hungry; a decision which often became a cause for their death due to dehydration. Those who were caught eating the salt fish were reprimanded with lashes, muzzles and in the case of known repeat offenders, the removal of their tongue.



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Entertainment correspondent: Mya Spencer

BERT KIRCHNER'S COVID-19 ARTISTIC EXPLOSION

A series of unusual circumstances has resulted in the enrichment of artwork production in Antigua and Barbuda. In most challenging times for the exploration of new commercial opportunities, Bert Kirchner successfully entered another

becoming an artist Bert said that he has always been drawn to the arts. He drew on his artistic creativity while working as an interior designer and his artistic eye has been valuable in creating movies.

His recent adventures in art

well received and noted that the chief supporters for his exhibition were residents. Many people commented on the quality of his paintings and purchased a number of pieces.

Pointe Entertainment also asked Bert for his thoughts on the



phase of his life and enriched the art scene.

Pointe Entertainment spoke with Bert Kirchner on the final day of his COVID Art Exhibition in English Harbour. He was jubilant as he shared his journey as a canvas artist with us.

Bert, who has lived in Antigua and Barbuda for the last forty-two years, has been involved in various entrepreneurial pursuits. He is the owner of Papa Zouk, Ambassador-at-Large, Film Commissioner and film producer with the production company Wadadli Film Studios.

Reflecting on his path to

came about after a serious illness earlier in the year in which he fainted and suffered a fall.

"On recovery there was nothing for me to do. I found an art painting set my daughter used to paint with in school, and started to paint a first painting, then the second one. It soon became an obsession," he said.

Bert confessed to being surprised at the work output.

"I had really no idea it was in me."

He has, since then, created scores of paintings which led to his two day exhibition in October.

Bert said his work has been

status of the arts domestically. He was adamant that there is still a long way to go.

"We need to further develop the artistic community and art appreciation. It is pretty important to develop the arts which is something we have missed. We need to create more of our own identity through all art media, film, music, photography, paintings and the other components."

The full interview with Bert Kirchner will be featured soon on Pointe TV.

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ARTIST PROFILE

ISLAND PRINCE



Pointe Entertainment recently got together with Island Prince, a young, talented and versatile Antiguan and Barbudan artist. He first came into public view after he won the 2019 Antigua Carnival Junior Soca Monarch with 'I Don't Need' and participated in the Junior Calypso competition with 'Definition of the Poor'.

This year, he participated in the three major music competitions, the most recent being the Antigua Barbuda Festivals Commissions Independence Calypso Monarch Competition in which he was the youngest competitor.

Island Prince shared his journey to date with us.

NAME: Dalik Dyer

D.O.B: January 29th 2001

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Potters Primary - Kindergarten, St. Michael - Kindergarten - Grade 3, Mary E. Piggotts - Grade 3 to Grade 6, Antigua Grammar School 2013-2018, ABHTI - Present

HOBBIES? I play football for Piggotts Sports Club. I love turning it up in the kitchen and most definitely spending time with family and friends.

WHY THE NAME 'ISLAND PRINCE'? It's a name I always wanted. I developed it myself for people to recognise me internationally.

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO BE A PART OF THE JUNIOR SOCA COMPETITION? I honestly always had a passion for singing and competing. I always told myself that one day I would compete once I had the right song at the right time.

MENTOR? My father, the man himself, Dalton Dyer.

WHY CALYPSO? As a youth I always had a love for calypso music and the art form calypso. After I entered the junior soca monarch, I decided to enter calypso as well to see how I would execute singing my own calypso music.

WHAT INSPIRED YOUR FIRST SONG? My first song was written by Destroyer Snr, titled 'Poverty'. After receiving the song, I felt at home because a lot of people in our country are still experiencing poverty and it's a sad situation which breaks my heart. Not only here in Antigua and Barbuda, but around the world.

What was the public's reaction? Well most of the reactions I got were very positive. Most comments suggested I had great diction, clarity, my dress code was on point and my performance was energizing. My future in the art form looks very bright.

IS COVID-19 AFFECTING YOUR MUSIC? Yes, it is. I'm a new artist on the scene and my musical social media platform is not as popular as I would have liked. So basically, it is much more difficult for me to market myself online. Since I love interacting during performances and I won't be able to do so due to COVID-19, and don't get me started on me trying to market my music both locally and internationally, however, I am still trying my best to market myself although I can't get to perform in front of a big crowd to get the exposure as a new artist.

SHORT TERM GOAL: To educate the youths about positivity and to motivate them to do anything in life that inspires them.

LONG TERM GOAL: To become an icon in my nation and place my home island on the international map as a breeding ground for versatile artists and musical talent.

WORDS OF INSPIRATIONS: Dreams are not just dreams, they are a vision of a possible timeline you can accomplish.
- Dalik Dyer

FINAL WORDS: Just to let you know I'm no longer a junior after this year. Next year I will be competing with the big boys!

THE GREAT HOUSE



Set on the sweeping 26-acre estate of Mercers Creek, The Great House Antigua is the last remaining stone plantation house on the island. It was restored to operate as a boutique hotel and restaurant in the last quarter of 2019 after significant renovations and expansion to the 350 year old property which has retained many of its original features.

The property also boasts stunning sea views from the manicured estate grounds which are covered with palm trees.

The Great House Antigua is a recent addition to the tourism product of the island. With the reopening of the economy, the management introduced Sunday Lunch on October 11 in which guests can enjoy carefully prepared

meals while enjoying the beauty, serenity and exclusivity of The Great House Antigua.

The property's owner, Janey Howell gave Pointe Entertainment a tour of the hotel in which we also had the opportunity to sample the restaurant's cuisine. Mrs.

Howell said lunch at The Great House Antigua is an immersive experience.

"Guests are encouraged to wander through our landscaped gardens and use our pool. We offer the finest cuisine enjoyed in our most spectacular setting."

She proudly added, "Our executive chef creates magnificent meals, using the best seasonal Antiguan ingredients."

Our walk through of the property revealed four plantation suites equipped with modern amenities, combined with historic elegance and four garden cottage suites offering complete privacy surrounded by tropical gardens. It was easy to immerse into the ambience and facilities on offer and the dining experience was superb.

The Great House offers staycation packages and weekend specials for islanders at a rate of EC\$1,250 per suite at double occupancy. The package includes three meals, fruit drinks and use of the hotel's many amenities.

Pointe Entertainment encourages you to dip your toes into the wonders of The Great House Antigua!

Jamaica's NWA launches clean-up after heavy rains

(Jamaica Gleaner): The National Works Agency (NWA) says it has mobilised teams to clear roadways in St. Catherine that were affected by rainfall Wednesday night.

A section of the Bog Walk Gorge, as well as a section of the Vanity Fair to Guys Hill roadway, which were affected by landslips and fallen boulders, are now being cleared.

Reports of blockages along the Bartons to Ginger Ridge roadway

are also being investigated, the NWA says.

Meanwhile, in St. Thomas, the agency says water has receded from roadways that were affected by flooding yesterday.

It says teams are currently working to clear affected roadways of silt and debris.

These roadways include the Albion roadway, Morant Bay to Port Morant, Pleasant Hill to Hectors River, Bath to Hordley and Hordley

to Haining.

In Portland, landslips are being cleared at Alligator Church Bridge to Bellview and at Clear Spring, while a team has also been mobilised to remove fallen rocks at Blue Hole in the parish.

The NWA is advising motorists to exercise caution while using the roadways and to be cognisant that surface conditions may have deteriorated during rainfall over the last couple of weeks.

Barbados Bar Association cautions on judge-only trials



Barbados' Attorney General Dale Marshall

(NationNews) Lawyers in Barbados want a careful examination of the proposal for judge-only criminal trials.

The Barbados Bar Association (BBA) reacted yesterday to Attorney General Dale Marshall's proposal which stated while it was not "absolutely opposed" to it, there should be consultation.

"The BBA wishes to sound a note of caution. The introduction of such provisions ought not be reactionary, but rather the BBA calls for a consultative approach, with more analysis and study

of judge only trials before such legislation is presented. In particular, the BBA would wish to ensure that the provisions are properly suited to the context and resources in Barbados," it said.

The BBA called for an evidence-based approach to the proposal including research from other Commonwealth jurisdictions, and giving consideration to the questions of whether there should be a single judge, a panel of judges, or a hybrid panel of a judge with two lay persons.

Gonsalves wins historic fifth term in St Vincent

KINGSTOWN, St Vincent – Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves created history in the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) when he led his ruling Unity Labour Party (ULP) to a comfortable fifth consecutive victory in the general elections here on Thursday.

Preliminary figures released by the Electoral Office showed that the ULP won nine of the 15 seats in the Parliament, an increase of three seats on the previous one seat majority he had enjoyed in the last two general elections. It is the first time that a political party has won five consecutive general elections here.

Gonsalves, 74, easily won his North Central Windward seat he has been representing since 2001, brushing aside the two other candidates in Chieftain Neptune of the main opposition New Democratic Party (NDP) and Kadmiel McFee of the CVG Green Party.

In a message posted on his Facebook page, Gonsalves thanked voters for returning the ULP to power.

"It's celebration time. It is five in they tail," he wrote," as party supporters gathered here for the celebration.

NDP leader Dr Godwin Friday, 61, who led the party into a general election

for the first time, easily retained the Northern Grenadines seat he has represented in Parliament since 2001. He polled 2 123 votes as against 458 for the ULP's Carlos Williams.

The NDP, as has been customary, swept the two seats on the sister isle of the Grenadines. The other seat, in the Southern Grenadines was won by Terrance Ollivierre, who defeated Edwin Snagg by a margin of 1153 to 559.

One of the casualties of the election was Health Minister Luke Brown, who was defeated by new comer, Dwight Fitzgerald Bramble in the East Kingstown constituency that had been represented by former NDP leader Arnhim Eustace, a former prime minister and finance minister, who quit active politics last year.

Brown, who polled 2 306 votes was defeated in the last two elections by Eustace and had hoped to win the seat in his absence. Bramble polled 2 547

In the North Leeward, the ULP's Carlos James won by seven votes against the incumbent Ronald Mathews, polling 2 287. James lost the seat in the 2015 election by 12 votes.

Neither Gonsalves nor Friday made any public statement following the

results, but regional political scientist and commentator, Peter Wickham, said that the result is an "historic first in the region.

"He (Gonsalves) has outdone former St Kitts-Nevis prime minister Dr Denzil Douglas, Dominica's Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrett and even P.J. Patterson in Jamaica. So it is something significant," Wickham said on the state-owned NBC Radio here. But he also noted that this is the second election in the Caribbean in recent times when "an aged party in office has been able to pick up additional seats", making reference to the situation in Dominica last December.

"It is a vote of confidence in the Unity Labour Party. Voter turnout is down and the voter turnout being down at this time is not terribly surprising, but it would not be a bad idea for the government to sit and reflect on the lower voter turnout and see whether there are initiatives that should be taken in terms of the electoral reform. "I don't think it will be possible to achieve major constitutional changes at this time, but I do think it would make sense to start talking about electoral reform and see what can be achieved," Wickham added. (CMC)



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Democracy, not Autocracy, must prevail



By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is the Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the U.S. and the Organization of American States. He is also a senior fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies, University of London and at Massey College in the University of Toronto)

Democracy, including free and fair elections, is under siege in the Western Hemisphere, including now in the United States of America (US). But the country that cries out for immediate vigilance is Bolivia.

Even though elections, held on October 18, gave overwhelming and convincing victory to the Movimiento al Socialismo (MAS) and its leader, Luis Arce, right wing groups have organized pro-

tests demanding that the results be annulled by military intervention. These protests are being encouraged by the interim government which remains in office until November 8.

The interim government was installed by the military when the October 2019 elections were overturned with the help of governments in North and South America opposed to former President Evo Morales' socialist stance. These same governments funded and manned the OAS election observation mission and audit team that, questionably, pronounced the elections rigged.

In previous commentaries, I underlined the resentment of MAS by the light-skinned descendants of Europeans who backed the Civic Community (CC) party that forms the interim government. MAS is mainly the party of the indigenous people.

The current protesters are being mobilised by the Santa Cruz civic committee (CCPSC), which was in the forefront of demonstrations insisting on the annulment of the October 2019 elections. The protesters might have secured more official support for their current protests were it not for the fact that, in light of the overwhelming victory of MAS and Luis Arce, the OAS and other electoral observation missions were constrained to

declare the elections free and fair. Nonetheless, the demonstrations are gathering steam, fortified by strikes called by the CCPSC on the eve of Arce's swearing-in as President. The President of the CCPSC, Rómulo Calv, has planned "staggered strikes" to block roads and organize crowds of demonstrators.

Far-right groups have also engaged in violence and are openly demanding military intervention to overturn the elections and to abort Arce's swearing-in.

On November 1, Arce called on the interim government to act against protesters demanding military intervention to prevent his inauguration. He was supported by the country's Ombudsman, Nadia Cruz, who called for immediate legal action to be taken. The calls were treated with scant regard, encouraging the organisation of even more protests.

It was indicative of the abuse of power in the OAS that a meeting of the body's Permanent Council was summoned on November 5 to give the interim government's foreign minister and her Ambassador to the OAS an opportunity to make political speeches that did not condemn the violent demonstrations or the calls to overturn the election results.

Even more alarming was the support, expressed by some govern-

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ments, for the interim regime and their justification for the annulment of last year's elections.

The OAS meeting underscored that some governments in the Americas, including those claiming liberal credentials, remain insistent on undermining other governments that do not bend to their will. At the same time, governments that deserve condemnation for their autocratic actions, have escaped censure.

The silence of the OAS and many governments in the hemisphere about events in Bolivia is contributing to the undermining of democracy and democratic principles that they claim to uphold. The absence of condemnation of the acts of violence by groups demanding that legitimate elections be overturned, is causing the supporters of MAS to take action to protect themselves.

MAS supporters are mounting counter-protests. Violent clashes have so far largely been avoided, but the death of a mining union leader, Orlando Gutiérrez, on 28 October, allegedly from injuries

sustained in a beating by far-right protesters, has served to escalate turmoil.

The scene is being set for continuing unrest in Bolivia and for placing Luis Arce's Presidency in jeopardy. The same governments that are now silent while the far-right groups in Bolivia incite and commit violence against the MAS and its indigenous supporters, will undoubtedly condemn him should he take action to stop them.

It remains doubtful where the military stands in all this. In the protests surrounding the 2019 elections, it did nothing to stop violent protests by the far-right. In contrast, when MAS supporters protested the interim government's continuous delay of promised elections, the police and army stood by while "shock groups", organized by fascists, and brutally attacked them. It has to be hoped that the military will stand by their constitutional duty.

Bolivia is blighted by the problem that has beset the countries of South America for centuries, and that is the sense by a privileged elitist group that they are entitled

to run the country for their own benefit, keeping their booted heel on the backs of the poor indigenous people.

Those elitist groups have traditionally formed lucrative alliances with foreign governments, corporations, and banks - all of which have exploited these countries, enriching, and empowering themselves.

It is time for democracy, the rule of law, and the rights of the majority, freely expressed in general elections, to triumph over autocracy and privileged interests. Bolivia's elected President must not only be sworn-in, but his government should be given the chance to function democratically in the interest of all the people of Bolivia. And governments in the Caribbean, which have emerged from the struggles of slavery and exploitation, should support democracy in Bolivia. History summons such Caribbean support.

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Caribbean American politicians celebrate wins



Left to right, Yvette D. Clarke, Rodneyse Bichotte and N. Nick Perry

(Trinidad Guardian): The United States Presidential Elections remains on the edge as Democratic candidate Joe Biden narrowed the path to victory over incumbent Republican President Donald J. Trump, however, Caribbean American legislators are already celebrating Democratic Party successes in key state elections.

New York State Assem-

blywoman, Rodneyse Bichotte, said: "We worked hard to keep Brooklyn blue this year and I am proud to congratulate all our local Democratic winners today."

Bichotte, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, heads the Brooklyn Democratic Party, in a message to constituents Wednesday night said: "I thank all our field operatives, staff and

poll workers who make our democracy possible.

"In New York, it will take a week or more for absentee ballots to be tabulated, but it is clear that our state and our county are overwhelmingly blue," added Bichotte, who represents the predominantly Caribbean 42nd Assembly District in Brooklyn.

"Although the wait is stressful, Brooklyn must remain engaged and united."

Democratic Congresswoman, Yvette D. Clarke, the daughter of Jamaican immigrants won re-election by a landslide over her Haitian American Republican challenger Constantin Jean-Pierre, expressed gratitude to supporters.

"This victory is as much yours as it is mine. I will

continue to represent your best interests in Congress and will continue to work to create a better Brooklyn and a better America for all," she said.

New York State Jamaican-born Assemblyman N. Nick Perry said while he was "stunned and amazed at what has transpired across our state and the country since voting started about two weeks ago, I feel a sense of relief, as the final results come in.

"And with it brings a message of assurance that America's democracy has survived Donald Trump," said Perry, representative for the 58th Assembly District, who ran unopposed in Tuesday's general elections.

"It is an exhilarating feeling.

UK daily deaths continuing to rise

(BBC) The government announced 492 further deaths across the United Kingdom on Wednesday. Of those deaths, 388 were in England, 10 in Northern Ireland, 50 in Scotland and 44 in Wales.

Three times as many people have died from COVID-19 than from flu and pneumonia in England and Wales this year, ac-

cording to official figures.

Between January and August 2020, there were 48,168 deaths due to COVID-19 compared to 13,600 from pneumonia. Only 394 were due to flu.

Rules were amended over the summer to include deaths in the coronavirus total only if they occurred within 28 days of a positive test. Previously in England,

all deaths after a positive test were included.

England has seen the majority of UK deaths from Covid-19. Using the 28-day cut-off, there have been more than 40,000. When looking at the overall death toll from coronavirus, official figures count deaths in three different ways.

Government figures count people who tested

positive for coronavirus and died within 28 days, but there are two other measures. The first includes all deaths where coronavirus was mentioned on the death certificate, even if the person had not been tested for the virus. The most recent figures suggest there had been more than 60,000 deaths by 23 October.

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Sunset AST
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MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
10:30 PM

Moonset AST
11:59 AM



Duration
13:29 hr

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The Halo Foundation Inc is again hosting its annual Christmas card competition which is open to youngsters aged seven (7) to eighteen (18). All entries should be 'Caribbean Christmas' themed. Deadline for submission is December 11, 2020. Call 562-5193 for more details. Prizes to be won.

FREE MATHS CLASSES IN ST. PAUL'S

Another learning opportunity is being offered in the St. Paul's community. CXC Math classes facilitated by veteran mathematician, Anthonyson King. These classes are geared toward 4th and 5th form students and those desirous of retaking CXC Mathematics. You must be a resident of St. Paul. Classes commence on Wednesday 14th October and will continue every Wednesday at 4:00PM. Early registrations are encouraged to facilitate scheduling. All COVID-19 health protocols will be strictly enforced.

RENEWAL OF WORK PERMITS

The Labour Department wishes to inform the 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. ALL new work permit applications, including change of employers, MUST be accompanied by proper proof of advertisement, copies of applications received in response to job advertisement and a proper justification for the work permit application. Please be guided accordingly.

TEMPORARY RELIEF OF ABST ON SELECTED GOODS

The Prices & Consumer Affairs Division is reminding traders of the temporary relief of the ABST on the following items: Antiseptics, Wipes, Sanitizers, Toilet Paper and Paper Towel, Aloe Vera Gel, Vitamin C and Multivitamins. Prices being displayed on these goods should not include the ABST, nor should ABST be reflected at the checkout point.

Traders who have questions or need clarity regarding the goods to which the temporary relief of the ABST applies, are asked to contact the Division at 462-0834 or 562-8749.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY RELOCATION

The general public is advised that the administrative offices of the Central Cotton Station and the Plant Protection Unit have been moved to a temporary location at the Longford Jeremy Building on Upper Corn Alley. The telephone numbers remain the same.

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The Clare Hall Secondary School is inviting past Clarehallites, entertainers, radio personalities and the general public to participate in its DARE to D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) Book Drive 2020. Send us a video recording about your favourite book and donate a copy or multiple copies of that book to our school library. Call us at 462-3487 or email us at admin@chss.edu.ag. The book drive culminates in December 2020. We DARE you

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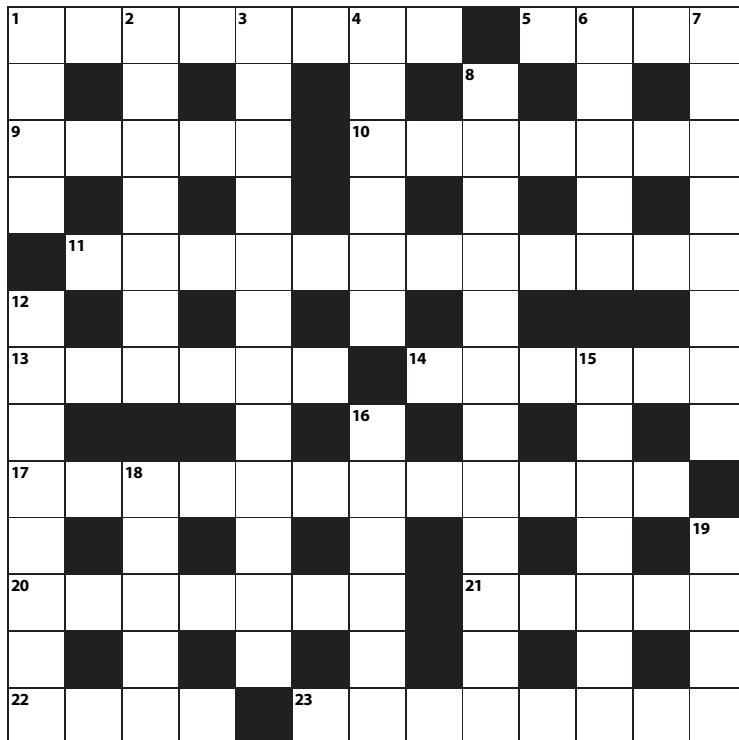
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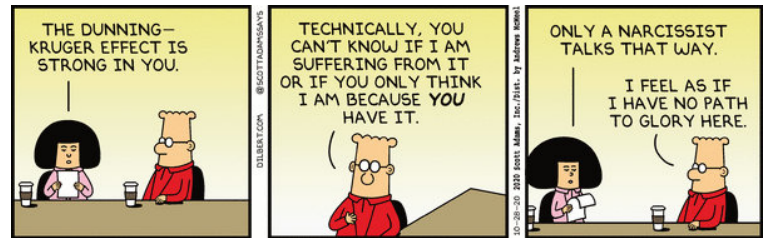
Across

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 5 Amateurish painting (4)
 9 Healing ointment (5)
 10 Expression of weariness (5-2)
 11 Glen dashed in (anag) — entirely alone (6-6)
 13 Let in oxygen (6)
 14 Develop (6)
 17 Avant-garde (12)
 20 Big-head (7)
 21 Gong (informal) (5)
 22 Company emblem (4)
 23 Disciple (8)

Down

- 1 Criticise — social gathering (4)
 2 Ship carrying coal (7)
 3 Railway wagons coupled together to carry goods (7,5)
 4 Mend part of a shoe (6)
 6 Sap-sucking bug (5)
 7 Gory (8)
 8 Flaw — weak point (12)
 12 Blue wild flower — beer hall (anag) (8)
 15 Accidental spill (7)
 16 Expressed one's feelings (6)
 18 Spike (5)
 19 Revise (4)

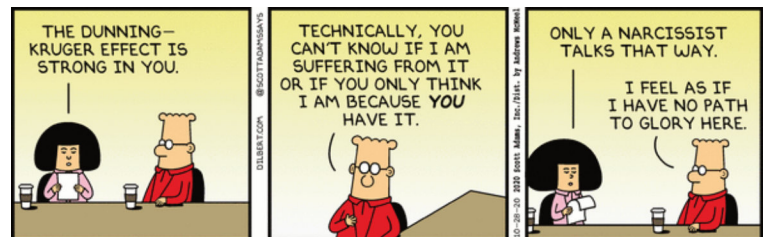
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In the Bleachers





ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): The allegiance you have to someone special is loosening right now, but it's not a sign that your relationship is dissolving, so don't worry. What's beginning to happen is that you are learning to give people room (and they're learning to give it to you).

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): You can dramatically increase your odds of winning by putting more energy into planning. Try to dedicate some time to putting your priorities in order.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Although this day won't be jam-packed with excitement, you won't be bored. Your regular routine holds quite a few interesting (if subtle) nuances today. You might feel inspired to try a new creative experience to stimulate your brain get the juices flowing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wrap up your heart and give it to someone today. You might need a dose of courage, or you might just need a kick in the pants. The people around you are interested in watching you grow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Upcoming events that you fear might be dangerous actually hold no real threat to you or your current lifestyle, so don't spend any time worrying today. Your fears right now are not warranted at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Fame and notoriety are two things you should embrace, not shy away from. If you're thrust into the spotlight against your wishes, try to make the best of it. Start preparing to live a more public lifestyle by taking care of your personal issues. Having something new to show the world will give you more of a reason to get out into it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22.): It's not always easy to get the right perspective on your life, especially right now when things feel a bit up in the air. But don't let unknown variables add too much stress to this current situation. Today you might have time to take a step back and let go of the idea that you have to control every little detail.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Express yourself in new and creative ways today. It has been quite a while since you've just let loose and felt free to say what you feel, and you're overdue for some prime spotlight territory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might think that just one more push will make things happen for you, but this is not the case. Now is not the time to keep going. Now is the time to stay put and let things move on without you for a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): When you encounter a co-worker or friend who's doing things with style, watch them very closely. There are tips and tricks you could learn that can help you get one step closer to your ideal public image.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You're going along nicely, singing your own song, and delighting in the antics of all the people around you. Suddenly, everyone is witty and charming. Before the day is over, you'll be asking yourself why there's no reality TV show based on your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): This is one of those wonderful days when your achievements will far outpace any demands placed on you. You could meet a big deadline early, so use that extra time to get ahead on another project and blow away more expectations.

FIFA assessing TTFA status



Football's world governing body FIFA is presently assessing the ruling by the Court of Appeal of Trinidad and Tobago and the actions of Trinidad and Tobago Football Association's (TTFA) general membership, with the possibility of removing the suspension handed down on September 24 and accept the TTFA back into the fold of the FIFA family.

FIFA General Secretary Fatma Samoura in a letter to Robert Hadad, Chairman of the Nor-

malization Committee dated November 4, acknowledged the attempts made by the membership and the court of appeal saying "FIFA acknowledge receipt of the decision of the Trinidad and Tobago Court of Appeal in the case of which FIFA was a respondent party.

The Court of Appeal ruled that the former leadership of the TTFA had acted unlawfully by appealing to a local court to contest the appointment of the Normalization Committee.

Samoura also acknowledged the receipt of written proof that on October 25 2020, a meeting was held among the TTFA members and a decision made to cooperate with the FIFA appointed Normalization Committee.

According to Samoura, FIFA welcomes both decisions and is assessing the matter internally. A promise was made that an update will be provided in due course.



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Mumbai Indians beat Delhi Capitals by 57 runs to reach final



Jasprit Bumrah's 4-14 helped Mumbai Indians reach the final of the Indian Premier League (IPL) with a dominant 57-run victory over Delhi Capitals.

Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan earlier scored half centuries as Mumbai posted 200-5 from 20 overs.

Delhi were reeling at 0-3 in their run-chase, before reaching 143-8.

They can still make the final if they beat the winners of Royal Challengers Bangalore and Sunrisers Hyderabad, who meet on Friday.

Reigning champions Mumbai go through to Tuesday's final in Dubai and are one win away from their fifth IPL trophy.

Going into the match, 13 of the last 17 matches of this year's IPL had been won by sides chasing, justifying Delhi captain Shreyas Iyer's decision to field first, however Mumbai posted an imposing total

thanks largely to Yadav's 51 from 38 balls, his fourth half-century of the tournament, and Kishan's quickfire 55 from 30 deliveries.

There were also contributions from South Africa opener, Quinton de Kock, who scored 40 from 25 balls, and some explosive hitting from India batsman, Hardik Pandya, who blasted a 14-ball 37.

The Delhi Capitals run chase got off to a dreadful start as the top order all fell without scoring,

New Zealand seamer Trent Boult claiming a double wicket maiden in the opening over.

Australia batsman, Marcus Stoinis, offered some resistance with 65 from 46 balls, before being dismissed by Bumrah.

The seamer, who is this year's leading IPL wicket taker with 27 dismissals so far, bowled with accuracy and precision to record his career best IPL figures.

Tennis courts closed to the public in England



Tennis courts are closed to the public since new coronavirus lockdown restrictions were enforced Thursday, meaning amateurs will not be allowed to play the sport until further notice in England.

The easing of restrictions on May

13 allowed sport to resume after the initial lockdown period, with outdoor courts the first to reopen before indoor courts were permitted to be used, but Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced Saturday the new restrictions due to the rapidly growing number of coronavirus deaths and cases, which surpassed one million globally at the weekend.

As a result, leisure centers, gyms, and sports facilities including swimming pools and tennis courts have been ordered to close their doors and will not be open again until December 2 at the earliest due to the four week lockdown. It means persons cannot play tennis for the

next month even with people in their household, which virtually rules out all forms of recreational tennis until the restrictions have been eased.

The only tennis that will be allowed to go ahead is at the elite level, with the ATP Finals in London set to go ahead behind closed doors between 15-22 November at the O2 Arena.

Tennis authorities are not happy with the decision. The Lawn Tennis Association has called on the government to allow outdoor tennis to continue claiming tennis is a safe, socially distant sport with the net acting as a natural barrier and as such there is low risk in terms of transmission of the virus.

Kieran Powell unhappy with his continued omission



Leeward Islands opening batsman Kieran Powell

Cricket West Indies chief selector, Roger Harper, has defended the decision not to include Leeward Hurricanes opening batsman, Kieran Powell, noting other factors other than performance were at play.

The Nevisian admitted failing a fitness test but seemed confused and unhappy at being omitted from the 30 man West Indies squad presently in New Zealand.

Powell, who was dropped from the Caribbean side in 2018, expressed disappointment that he was not recalled.

Speaking on a popular sport programme earlier this week, the left handed batsman acknowledged that he did not pass the fitness test but insisted that other

players who either failed the test or did not show up for it, were selected.

The fact that the former Leeward Hurricane captain was the leading run scorer in the last Regional Super 50, amassing 525 runs in the domestic limited-overs tournament has left him puzzled about why he was not given the opportunity to wear maroon again.

The 30-year-old said it's disheartening to have not been selected despite standing above everyone else who played in the tournament.

Powell averaged 26.81 in 40 matches for the West Indies amassing 2,011 runs.

Grave anticipating improved performance against the Kiwis



Cricket West Indies Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Johnny Grave

After being beaten by England this past summer, Cricket West Indies Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Johnny Grave, believes the

addition of Darren Bravo and Shimron Hetmyer, and competition for places in the side, will result in improved performance from

the West Indies against New Zealand.

Hetmyer and Bravo declined invitations to the West Indies squad for the Raise The Bat series in England in July citing safety concerns.

West Indies won the first Test raising expectations in the Caribbean before losing back-to-back tests and the series 2-1. For the tour of New Zealand that begins on November 27 with the first of three T20 internationals and then two Tests, much is expected of Hetmyer and Bravo.

The Cricket West Indies CEO believes the Caribbean side will deliver a much better showing in what is expected to be a tough

series. Grave said touring New Zealand for any team, regardless of their form, is challenging especially in Test matches.

"They are hungry to get some championship points in the World Test Championships and also start to prove to themselves that they're capable of winning series and delivering on that potential," Grave noted.

"It's going to be more competition for places in the middle order and batting line up and it's the batting where we need to show improvement because everyone is confident, we can take 20 wickets," the CEO explained.



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