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## Three cheers for SIR MOLWYN JOSEPH

One of the more unfortunate developments in our national discourse is our readiness only to view things through the prism of our political persuasions; the red and blue divide. No contribution to national achievement is appraised solely on merit; rather we question whether the individual is 'red' or 'blue'.

Take as an example the recent decision to bestow a knighthood on Sir Molwyn Joseph, the country's Minister of Health who is overseeing the management of COVID-19.

Antigua and Barbuda has done a commendable job in managing the outbreak and as the person heading this national effort, he was rightfully granted a knighthood, the nation's second highest honour.

However, if one were to have formulated an opinion on the basis of the utterances of the host of a recently aired local talk show, one would have arrived at the conclusion that the government's handling of the pandemic has been disastrous.

No fair-minded and honest individual would arrive at that conclusion! The evidence does not support that view!

Let us examine the evidence.

The latest statistics from the Ministry of Health show that a total of one-hundred and thirty one persons (131) have tested positive for COVID-19 in Antigua and Barbuda. Of this number, 122 have recovered. There have been three deaths, all of which were recorded in the

first few weeks of the outbreak when the medical response to, and management of the virus were in the very early stages and when treatment of the disease and its symptoms was a global challenge.

It is noteworthy that of the 131 positive cases, more than half, 77 to be precise, were imported. Only 54 cases have been identified amona the local population.

These are the facts.

From August to September there was a period of about five weeks in which no new cases of the virus were recorded.

Now we must concede that in recent weeks there has been an uptick in the number of cases, however, close scrutiny of these new cases indicates that there is nothing that the Minister of Health, or any other government official for that matter, could have done to prevent this unfortunate development.

Sir Molwyn has addressed the Parliament on the matter of COVID-19 on at least occasions, ing the last meeting of the House of Representatives. On each occasion, his message has been consistent; practice the health protocols established by the Ministry of Health based on the recommendations of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

The Ministry of Health also embarked on an agaressive public relations campaign utilising traditional and social media to communicate this message to the entire nation.

The ministry also adopted a very transparent process to constantly keep the nation informed. Regular press conferences are held with senior officials of the ministry where media representatives are able to pose questions to the panel freely. Additionally, the ministry publishes a daily dashboard detailing the latest information regarding the results of tests that are conducted.

Upgrades of the country's medical infrastructure has also been made to increase the capacity of medical personnel to handle the disease.

Since the onset of the pandemic, the laboratory at the Mount St. John's Medical Centre (MSJMC) has been upgraded and can now conduct PRC tests, the alobally accepted standardized test for COVID-19. The human resource capacity of the lab has also been improved as staff have acquired new skills in the diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19.

Despite a fall off in government revenues because of the lockdown earlier in the year, a fully equipped 17-bed national Infectious Disease Centre (IDC) has been developed at the former Margetson Ward at the Holberton Hospital. This is where all critical diseases will be dealt with now and in the future.

There is also the new 75bed medical facility that was constructed at the former National Technical Centre on Nugent Avenue which will soon be furnished and stocked in preparation to accept patients.

Antigua and Barbuda is well ahead of the curve in terms of its readiness and ability to handle a largescale outbreak of coronavirus, should that ever occur.

Sir Molwyn has been at the helm driving these developments.

One must also remember that Antiqua and Barbuda was the first country to reopen its borders on June 1this year, long before its Caribbean neighbours. From June to the end of September, over 20,000 visitors have been welcomed at hotels which in turn has provided employment for the people of Antiqua and Barbuda.

If one were to reflect on the recent resurgence of cases, one thing becomes quite clear; the increase is largely due to people's failure to follow the health and safety protocols established by the Ministry of Health.

Truth be told, the increase in cases may be an unfortunate spin-off of the success of the government in managing the disease in that it has caused people to mistakenly think the threat of infection was so greatly reduced that there was no longer a need to comply with the health protocols.

Put more simply, people let their guards down!

One thing is clear, attempting to legislate people's behavior and personal responsibility will always be difficult if not impossible.

In conclusion, it is clear that Sir Molwyn has done, and continues to do, an job excellent managing the country's COVID-19 response. It is something we all should celebrate as we are all the beneficiaries of this good work. This is the time to lift up Sir Molwyn, not tear him down.

It's time to 'give Jack his

Three cheers, Sir Molwyn! Job well done!



# Fire Department rescues dozens trapped by flood waters

Dozens of people had to be rescued by the Fire Department on Monday night because of the torrential rain that caused islandwide floodina.

Fire Chief, Elvis Weaver, said his officers were busy rescuing people in desperate need of help well into Tuesday morning.

Many people have likened the incessant downpour of rain to that of Hurricane Lenny which affected the country in 1999.

"It has been a lot of water. We have been very busy from [Mon-

afternoon right day] down to about midnight [Tuesday morning] after twelve minutes to one. I actually got home about minutes to two [Tuesday morning]," Weaver said.

Chief Weaver said a number of people who were trapped in their cars and in their homes had to be rescued and transported to safety.

A total of 30 peoincluding children, were relocated due to floodina. Weaver said.

"We rescued four males and the areas were Fort

Road, Bathlodge and Bendals. We also rescued eleven females from Fort Road, Cashew Hill, Gray's Farm, Lauckland Benjamin Drive, West Palm Beach that is in Bolans - and we also rescued 15 children [from] West Palm Beach (Bolans), Greenbay and Gray's Farm," he said.

The Fire Department will remain on standby to assist the nation, and those who are stranded as a result of the flooding, as long as the rain, which is expected up until today, persists.

Weaver said once

persons that their area may flood, or if theirs is an area prone to flooding, they should immediately move to higher ground, once it is safe to do so.

He also warned that motorists should not attempt to drive through flooded roads, especially if they are unsure as to how deep the water may be.

According to him, people who own low cars should stay off the road and avoid high water if they absolutely must operate their vehicle.

### **NODS' Director Mullins wants Bolans residential** development relocated over flooding concerns

Philmore Mullin, the Director of the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), wants the residents of the West Palm Beach development in Bolans to be relocated.

That area is prone to flooding and Monday's inclement weather proved to be no exception.

Mullin said relocating the Palm Beach residents West would be one solution to minimizina their losses each time their homes are flooded.

He said, however, that the decision to relocate will not be an easy one as the home owners have made a significant financial investment in thier homes.

"It would be a solution to ongoing problems but it is not always an easy one because you have persons who would have invested in building. My understanding is that a lot of the owners there, well some of them, acquired the land from their ancestors, but yes, I think that's a discussion that has been ongoing. My position has been made clear," Mullin said.

Director Mullins is suggesting that persons in a specific area west of the development should consider full relocation as they are most at risk of flooding during heavy downpours.

On several occasions, residents in the area have also had to be rescued because of flooding and high waters.



# Three fishing boats sink during stormy weather

Among the casualties of the heavy rainfall were several small fishing vessels at the Point Wharf. In the wee hours of the morning, at least three small boats sank when they became overwhelmed by the torrential downpour of rain that had accumulated inside them.

When PointeXpress' reporters arrived at the Point Wharf, the affishermen had secured equipment to recover two of the sunken vessels. One boat was being towed away for safer shelter in anticipation of more heavy showers.

One fisherman who preferred not to be identified, indicated that there were a number of manmade factors that contributed to the vessels sinking and which he believes needs urgent attention.

Normally, the Dockmaster patrols the docking facility after hours, especially in instances of heavy rain, and would advise boat owners if there is a need for them to take action in securing their vessels.

The fisherman who spoke with us was insistent that this service is absent. He also said that a ground lift, the machine necessary to remove vessels from the water in bad sea or weather conditions, is in a state of disrepair. The ground lift, which was secured in 2004 has been out of commission for several years and there has reportedly been no effort on the part of the Department of Fisheries to return it to service. were unable to confirm

with the Department of Fisheries the reasons for the extended state of disrepair of the machine.

Finally, he pointed out that many vessels are without bilge pumps which can quickly remove water that may accumulate in a boat. This too, he said, was a major factor that has contributed to the challenges being faced by fishermen and small boat owners.

During our reporter's conversation with the fisherman, other fisherfolk were busy bailing out water from another small vessel by hand.

By Monday afternoon, another sunken boat had been successfully retrieved and other fisherfolk busily secured their boats in preparation for more rain that had been forecasted.









# Schools remain closed today

All government schools in Antiqua will remain closed today due to the heavy rainfall experienced over the past two days.

Widespread flooding, the result of as much as eleven inches of rainfall recorded in some parts of the island, forced school closures on Tuesday.

In a circular sent to teachers on Tuesday afternoon, Director of Education, Clare Browne, advised that to accommodate students and their due to the weather conditions forecast for Wednesday, public schools will remain closed.

Schools have been asked to send work to students via online platforms where possible.

"There are plenty unknowns out there including the state of our roads for safe early morning travel and the state of our school plants

teachers today," Browne stated.

The education official is also urging private education institutions to close for the day as well.

Although Barbuda has also been affected by heavy rainfall, it has not been as devastatingly impacted as Antiqua, therefore there has been no call for schools on the sister island to remain closed.

# Medical officials welcome news of COVID-19 vaccine



Chief Medical Officer Dr. Rhonda Sealy-Thomas

The news that a vaccine for COVID-19 virus will soon be available has been welcomed by health officials in Antigua

and Barbuda.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Rhonda Sealy-Thomas, said she is pleased with the announcement

from the drug company, Pfizer, on Monday that it has developed a vaccine that is 90 percent effective in preventing infection by the virus.

This vaccine should be available for distribution early in the new year.

"We have the social protocols that help to limit the spread of the virus, but we knew that we would need a vaccine to help curb the spread of the virus and to bring the pandemic under control," she remarked.

Dr. Sealy-Thomas confirmed that Antiqua and Barbuda already has arrangements in place with the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) to secure the vaccine when it becomes available.

"We had to make a down payment to secure the vaccine and with the help of the Caribbean Public health Agency (CARPHA) we were able to make this deposit," she revealed.

Noting that the vac-

cine will require special storage equipment, the CMO added that PAHO will assist the country in acquiring the necessary technology.

She reported that Antigua and Barbuda is now down to four active COVID-19 cases and added that 37 samples recently tested all returned negative.

Two of the six persons previously infected with the virus have recovered.

Meanwhile. Sealy-Thomas has said that she has observed people have been moving without face masks during the past days of heavy rain. She said it is important that the public remain fastidious in their observance of health and social protocols.

Additionally, she is cautioning the public against walking or playing in the rain water runoff as this may prove dangerous as strong currents from rushing waters could sweep people away.

# Antigua inundated by historic rainfall, Barbuda spared

Over 48 hours of uninterrupted rainfall has deluged Antiqua leaving many low lying areas flooded. Many people have been forced to move into shelters or take up temporary residence with family and friends.

The rain began early Monday and fell steadily throughout the day and into the night with hardly any pause. By Monday afternoon, several areas reported flooding. The National Office of Disaster Services (NODS) sprana into action, coordinating rescue operations for families threatened by the rising water in areas such as West Palm Beach in Bolans.

NODS Director, Philmore Mullin, said several families were placed in shelters or advised to stay with family because of flooding.

There are no reports of loss of life of serious injuries as a result of the rainfall.

There is likely to be an assessment of the damage to infrastructure and private property, which is expected to be significant, over the next few days.

Minister responsible for NODS, Dean Jonas, was actively engaged in efforts to remove the homeless off the streets and to shelters where they would be safe, dry and cared for.

"We spent much time rounding up the homeless and to take food to them ensuring that they are well fed. We were concerned about feeding them over the past two days, but for today as





well," he told PointeXpress. Jonas has also con-

ducted a preliminary survev of his constituency, St. George, to determine the extent of the damage suffered by residents. He reported that there was flooding in Potters on the main road which extended into the village. Pigotts, and particularly an area called Flashes, also sustained significant damage.

Barnes Hill and most of New Winthorpes were spared as they are high land areas. Roads in the lowland areas of New **Winthorpes** did. howsuffer damage. ever,

The road entering Pigalong the Govern-Motor Pool was ment made impassable by water and motorists were forced to use the Paynters entrance near the Sunnyside School to enter the village.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne toured his constituency as well on Tuesday to assess the damage and offer assistance to those in need. He also traveled around the island to get a first hand view of the impact of the heavy rain on families, communities and infrastructure.

The St. Mary's South MP, Samantha Marshall, addressed the flooding in West Palm Beach, which is notorious for flooding in times of heavy rainfall. Five families had to be relocated for their safety because of the flood waters.

The representative for St. John City East, Melford Nicholas said several families in his constituencv had to be moved to safety because of rising flood waters. Sunrise Pasture and Penny Lane were among the areas identified.

One major source of flooding in that area is a gutter that runs throughout most of the constituency. While work has been done to clear blockages in some parts of the gutter, it has not vet been completed.

In St. John's Rural South, MP Daryll Matthew busily attended to constituents who were impacted by the two days of torrential rain.

It is expected that the impact of the downpour will take priority during today's Cabinet meeting.

The Met Office reported that the rain was the result of moisture and instability associated with an area of disturbed weather. Further reports indicate that rainfall in some areas exceeded 15 inches.

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Meterologist, Lorne Salmon, said the system has a 10 percent chance of developing into a tropical cyclone. Although it is moving away from the area, Salmon said he expects that the system will produce further rainfall today of between 2 and 3 inches.

He reported that Five Islands recorded 15 inches of rain, the Botanical Gardens and St. John's, 13 inches, Bolans and surrounding areas 10 inches, the airport, just over 7 inches and Cobbs Cross 1. 56 inches.

The figures for the east-

ern part of the island were not immediately available, but Salmon said it would be less than that which was experienced in Five Islands as that much rain would have filled the Potworks Dam to capacity.

The dam has not yet capacity. reached its

According to Salmon, the last time the country was inundated by this much rainfall was when Hurricane Lenny made landfall in 1999 when areas reported as much as 24 inches of rain. Barbuda experienced

very little rainfall and life there continued as normal.











# St. John's considers going to CARICOM over Bridgetown's **COVID-19** measures

The Antiqua and Barbuda government gave Barbados until the end of Tuesday to indicate why it was placed on a list of 'medium risk' countries for the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

Minister of Foreign Affairs, E. P. Chet Greene, said Bridgetown's failure to respond will leave St. John's with no other option but to take the matter before the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

Earlier this month, Antigua and Barbuda sought a response from the Mia Mottlev administration as to why it was given 'high risk' COVID-19 status when its response and management of the virus has been "exemplary".

Antiqua and Barbuda has since questioned Barbados' motivation for giving the country this classification.

Barbados has since revised Antigua and Barbuda to 'medium risk' status, but Greene says this still means that Antiquans and Barbudans visiting Barbados will still be required to submit to a 14 day auarantine.

"We have not written to or referred the matter to CARICOM as yet, but clearly, if by the end of the day this persists and the Barbados government insists on that particular position we will have to ask CARICOM intervene," Greene said.

"What we are asking primarily is an appreciation, an understanding, of exactly what standards you apply. We don't know. If we know the standard is two cases per 100,000, then we will tell our population Barbados is a place to avoid because we are at six cases and therefore you have to go into quarantine, but not knowing what standards are being applied it makes it difficult for us to relate to our citizens to even ask the [Barbados based] US embassy for some kind of facilitations that will allow our citizens to be serviced," Greene said.

"It is really vexing and I can understand the frustration of the population especially those sons who use Barbados for various reasons and in the context of CAR-ICOM. It really does not bowl well for what the region speaks about so glowingly but in effect practice shows different," he said.

**Earlier** this month, Bridgetown updated its own COVID-19 travel protocols which resulted in Antigua and Barbuda, Cayman Islands, Cuba,

Estonia, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Iceland, Japan, Martinique, Norway, Sri Lanka and the United Arab Emirates being identified as 'highrisk'.

In agreeing to establish a travel bubble, countries in the region were guided by a comprehensive report from the Trinidad-based Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

CARPHA also provided recommendations on how the bubble would operate and lay out the eligibility criteria for participating countries.

The recommendations included that countries would be categorised based on the number of active cases per 100,000 of the population over a 14 day period from low, medium, high and very high risk. Additionally, only those countries with no cases, and those in the low-risk category, would be allowed to participate in the bubble without the requirement to quarantine. CARPHA was also given authority to assess relevant data in order to advise on participation in the bubble.



## 'Sun, Sea, Safe' programme launched

Three of Antiqua and Barbuda's tourism agencies have joined to launch a COVID-19 certification programme under the tagline 'Sun Sea Safe'.

In a statement, the Ministry of Tourism, the Tourism Authority and the Antiaua and Barbuda Hotels and Tourism Association (ABHTA) said 'Sun Sea Safe' will feature prominently on an attractive new badge created by the Tourism Authority for businesses in the industry that have completed the Health and Safety Programme and an inspection by the Central Board of Health and the Ministry of Tourism.

The statement noted that the 'Sun Sea Safe' badge prominently displayed by resorts, retail outlets, restaurants and excursions will assure residents and visitors that their health and safety protocols meet strict government auidelines.

In addition to the new tagline, the ABHTA has also produced a 'Sun Sea Safe' video featuring its staff which shows how they keep people safe each day.

"Here in Antiqua and Barbuda we are embracing the idea that the safety procedures our tourism sector has worked so diligently to put into place, will now be the standard for the future," said Vernon A. Jeffers, Snr., Chairman of the ABHTA.

"The 'Sun Sea Safe' tagline illustrates this beautifully and will become a familiar and expected symbol of the health and safety standards established for our guests and patrons."

Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez said, Sun Sea Safe' is our open invitation to travellers to enjoy Antiqua and Barbuda's warmth and hospitality, while importantly connecting with their need for safety. We believe that while wholly relevant today, this message will transcend the current pandemic connotation, and will in the future continue to differentiate our destination in a positive way."

In addition to the new 'Sun Sea Safe' initiative, ABHTA members have put their own positive spin on the required guidelines.

Gallev Bay welcomed the return of guests on October 14 and, in addition to implementing extensive and enhanced health and safety protocols, the resort developed signage that will, in a light hearted way, remind visitors to obey all protocols.

According to Galley Bay's General Manager, Alex de Brito, his team wanted to ensure that the health protocols remained top-of-mind for guests as they enjoyed their stay without causing them to become fatigued with the issue.

For example, rather than telling guests to distance 2 meters, they told that in Antigua social distance is 9½ coconuts. Colourful cartoon pineapples are shown washing their hands while coconuts filled with refreshments wear face masks as they remind to "be safe for yourself and others".

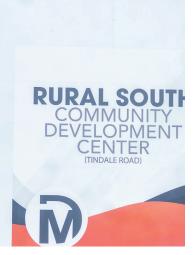
With Antigua and Barbuda moving forward with plans to fully reopen for the Winter Season, 366 tourism-based businesses have already earned their 'Sun Sea Safe' badge.

#### Daryll Matthew's vision for SJRS Community Centre



A detailed programme framework has been established to guide the successful delivery of initiatives being offered at the recently opened Community Development Center in the St. John's Rural South Constituency.

It is expected that the initiatives implemented under



this framework will positively impact constituents.

The project is guided by The Education for Employment and Entrepreneurship (Triple-E) Programme. programme has a singular and direct focus which is the empowerment of the constituents of St. John's Rural South.

The programme was established on the premise that a quality education is a quintessential factor in social and economic upward mobility.

With the knowledge that the residents of St. John's Rural South have the talent and ideas to improve their quality of life personally, as a community and as citizens, the programme will seek to decentralise educational opportunities from St. John's and offer quality educational services that will help learners to harness their talents, knowledge, skills and competencies into productive financial opportunities.

The programme provides subsidised courses and facilities in areas including, Computer access for school aged students and taught courses including Google Classroom, Microsoft Office Suite for projects, SBA preparation; UWI Open Campus certified short courses and English as a second language to Spanish speakers.

The centre will also facilitate workshops and seminars, business development and professional development sessions.

The area's Parliamentary Representative, Daryll Matthew, identified one of the programme's key goals.

"To ensure that all residents of St. John's Rural South have the basic skills needed to build upon to accomplish whatever task or job is assigned in the future. This is the part where we train workers for the future."

The programmes are also cont'd on pg 21



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WIOC has an exciting opportunity for the right professional to lead the development of the company's brand strategy and manage its corporate communications by delivering marketing innovation aligned to the Company's business strategy. The ideal candidate must be able to utilise innovative approaches to promote opportunities and resources to build the business as an energy solutions provider. The candidate must be passionate about fulfilling and exceeding customers' needs and service excellence in driving petroleum products sales and the creation of alternative energy products.

#### **Role Profile Summary**

Responsibilities include the strategic assessment of market opportunities, trend tracking, concept validation, product and service delivery, working closely with internal teams to maintain and extend WIOC's market share. Lead and manage the Company's communication, public relations and marketing activities to its stakeholders in line with the company's Mission, Values and overall Strategy, whilst providing strategic assessments and recommendations of new product/service opportunities.

#### **Key Responsibilities:**

#### **Brand Strategy**

- Develop and lead ideation workshops and activities whilst collaborating with cross-functional teams on marketing initiatives to enhance the
  - company's financial performance.
- Develop and implement a robust customer care program to improve the company's offering to customers.
- Assist with the commercial assessment of business development opportunities to include acquisition, licensing and partnership.

#### **Communications Lead:**

- Provide guidance and collaborate with the Executive and Management Teams in serving the market.
- Provide appropriate communication to internal and external partners regarding launch/market rollout of new initiatives across all media.
- Manage the company's social media platform and ensure Company's image and reputation are protected.

#### **Experience:**

Minimum of 5 years' experience in brand management preferably at an international company with a demonstrated track record of successful alignment of marketing strategy to overall company strategy, product campaigns, concept development and execution, validation and launches.

#### **Education:**

Masters in Marketing or Brand and Communications Management

#### **Required Skills:**

- Customer focused
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to influence, manage relationships across functions and job levels to achieve desired goals.
- Strong communication skills: strong command of grammar (oral and written), assertive, clear, able to convey technical content into
  easy-to-understand concepts and ideas.
- Computer Skills: Working knowledge of Microsoft Suite and some experience with ERP systems such as SAGE.

#### **Required Competencies:**

- Strategic and creative thinking: Understand the big picture with ability to assess sophisticated situations and make decisions while clarifying
  - the path to follow. Ability to deal with ambiguity.
- Research and Analytical skills: Enabling transformation of data into insights and recommendations.
- · Organisation and strong decision making: Action oriented, priority setting. Timely decision-making and agile thinking.
- Risk Assessment: Courage and appetite for meaningful risk. Ability to evaluate risk/reward opportunities and drive smart risk taking.

#### **Application Process**

- Please apply by emailing your Curriculum Vitae/Resume with a brief cover letter in confidence to hrmanager@westindiesoil.com
- ☐ Closing date for receipt of applications is November 27, 2020.
- Priority will be given to suitably qualified Antiqua and Barbuda citizens.
- ☐ Only suitable applications will be acknowledged.

# New measures for mandatory mask wearing to begin in Dominica

(Dominica News Online): The government in Dominica will this week begin implementing new measures for the mandatory wearing of masks.

That's according to Attorney General, Levi Peter.

"The first relevant provision will provide for the wearing of face masks or face coverings in public places, specifically (A) whilst using a bus or other public transportation, (B) in public buildings, for example the Government Headquarters, Financial Centre and also supermarkets, rewholesale, and commercial establishments, (C) at bars or markets or similar businesses or places. (D) in other public spaces including parks, River Banks and beaches," Peter said recently.

According to him, it is quite an extensive requirement to wear a face mask or face covering.

He said the public is urged to comply and cooperate.

"The intention is not for there to be any widespread use of enforcement," Peter remarked. "People recognise the need to wear face masks or face coverings for their own personal safety, but also to assist in ensuring or to the extent, [of] reducing the opportunities for spread to other members of the public and protecting our wider community and society and country as a whole."

Peter said provisions will also require that if an individual is required by a police officer, or the owner of a premises which that individual is seeking to enter, "to lower or remove their mask temporarily for the purpose of identification, you will be required to do so."

He mentioned also that there is a prohibition on large public aatherinas.

"I should say any except in relation to religious institutions and schools, a large gathering in this context is described or defined as a gathering of 200 or more persons," Peter explained.

He pointed out the third element of the new regulations is for the requirement to apply for permission to hold any gathering of more than 50 persons

"That application will have to be in writing and it will have to be to the Chief of Police," Peter stated, pointing out that such a gathering will have to be one of between 50 and 200 people.



# Golding sworn in as Opposition Leader



National Party Mark Golding

(Jamaica Observer): elected President of the People's National Party, Mark Golding, has been sworn in as Jamaica's Opposition Leader.

Governor General, Sir Patrick Allen, presented the opposition leader with the Instrument of Appointment at Kings House.

Golding, the Member of Parliament for St. Andrew Southern, was elected the sixth president of the PNP on Saturday, defeating Member of Parliament for St. Ann

Newly South Eastern, Lisa Hanna by 296 votes.

> He takes over from former President Dr. Peter Phillips, who announced he was stepping down on September 4 following the party's crushing defeat in the general elections.

> During the swearing-in ceremony, Golding said: "I am grateful to all those who had the trust and confidence in me to provide this opportunity to serve my country Jamaica in this new role."

# **Barbados DLP candidate to file** injunction over dump at Lower Estate



Barbados Democratic Labour Party candidate Floyd Reifer

(Barbados Nation): Democratic Labour Party (DLP) candidate in the recent St. George North by-election, Floyd Reifer, is ready to take the plight of Lower Estate residents affected by the stench of the nearby quarry to the law courts.

Asking why it was "easier to move Nelson than for them to deal with the Lower Estate dump", he said at a DLP public meeting in Thorpe's Cottage on Monday night, that the operation must stop.

"We will be filing an injunction in the court of law of this country to put an end to the operation. There's a precedent for such action as in the case of Mount Stinkeroo [Mangrove Pond Landfill] when [now Sir] David Simmons in1993 and 1994 as the representative of St. Thomas brought an action against the government for the public nuisance that Mount Stinkeroo was causing to the districts. The attorney representing the residents was able to successfully pursue the action against the government and the residents received compensation for that public nuisance caused by the smoke, fumes, and inhalation.

"So, I am instructing my lawyers, my QC, to file a similar suit for the people who have been suffering from the public nuisance of the quarry and the dump in Lower Estate. This same dump and quarry that the authorities and the last representative have allowed to continue without addressing nor compensating. Well let me tell you tonight, I will look after that," he said.

Reifer said he would not be meeting businessman Anderson Cherry who operates the quarry, who "sent a message through the news to meet me".

He said instead: "Let

Cherry meet the people of Lower Estate. It's been too long the people are suffering at Lower Estate."

Stating he is ready to head to the House of Assembly to be a "watch dog for our democracy", the political first timer also called on Minister of Education, Santia Bradshaw, to rectify issues at St. George Primary School.

"The very students she's responsible for at St. George Primary have to contend with the nasty bathrooms. They have to dodge the water when the rain falls 'cause the roof leaking. They have to play hopscotch to avoid stepping in the bird mess in the hall," he said.

"This week the bush is being cleared around the school, big works. Why is it being cleared? Well I highlighted it last Sunday, so now they're rushing to clear the bush." (GBM)

# **T&T Opposition Leader wants** procurement law before refinery sale



Trinidad and Tobago's Opposition Leader, Kamla Persad-Bissessar, is calling on the government, led by Dr. Keith Rowley, to implement and fully proclaim the procurement legislation her government passed in 2015.

Persad-Bissessar said corrupt deals will take place with the sale of Petrotrin's Pointe-a-Pierre refinery and terminal assets if this fails to happen.

Speaking at the United National Congress' (UNC) virtual Monday night forum, Persad-Bissessar said the government is continuing to fool the Oilfield Workers' Trade Union and workers of T&T on the refinery deal.

She noted that the government had no legal authority to sell the refinery.

"I want to ask the government and the prime minister, is it true that you already have a buyer lined up for the refinery and within three months, with the finances to purchase

as well as restart finances?" Persad-Bissessar asked.

She added, "You can't sell it without the money for financing and restarting. If you do, please tell the country how you going to pay \$1.173 billion for loans."

Saying the government had misled Patriotic Energies and Technologies Company Ltd, Persad-Bissessar also questioned why the government wanted to strike a deal with Swissbased commodity trader, Trafigura.

Savina this company has a troubled past, Persad-Bissessar added, "Why would our government be interested in doing business with this company?"

She also showed a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Patriotic and Trafigura to supply T&T's fuel demands.

"Today, I am making a call to the government; do not sell any state assets without fully implementing and proclaiming the procurement legislation. You

want to sell out all these assets, sell out the NP aas stations, sell the port and you have no procurement legislation in place for disposal of property?" she

Noting that many private sector groups have called for the procurement legislation, Persad-Bissessar added, "Why is the government dragging its feet on full procurement legislation? Why? You know why? Because there could be deals that will go down if you don't have legislation in place and sales can be done by Cabinet directive."

She also quoted from a document from Patriotic dated October 29, saying there is now proof that plans were afoot to secure Petrotrin's terminal assets as well as the refinery.

She also said Patriotic had reduced its offer from an upfront payment of US\$700 million to \$US500 million and they were also calling on the government to foot their legal bill of US\$26 million.





# Trump to make first postelection appearance today



US President Donald Trump will today make his first public appearance since President-elect Joe Biden's victory was projected on Saturday.

He and his wife Me-Iania will visit Arlington National Cemetery to mark Veterans Day and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The event, which normally draws thousands, will not be open to the public this year due to the events on Monday or

pandemic.

Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie is due to attend. His planned annual speech for Veterans Day was cancelled after it was confirmed that he met face-to-face last week with Housing Secretary Ben Carson, who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Wilkie tested negative for the virus on Monday.

Trump held no public

Tuesday. He was pictured golfing on Saturday when the news of Biden's victory was announced and returned to the Virginia golf club on Sunday.

His last public remarks were on Thursday, when he delivered a post-election briefing from the White House.

He has been on Twitter frequently since then, tweetina today: "WE WILL WIN!"

# France, Germany push for tighter EU borders after attacks



BERLIN/PARIS (Reuters) - France and Germany pushed on Tuesday to tighten European Union borders to head off what French President Emmanuel Macron called the "threat of terrorism" after suspected Islamist militants killed eight people in Paris,

Nice and Vienna within a month.

The attacks refocused the EU's attention on religious extremism, which fell off the top of the political agenda after the 2017 defeat of Islamic State forces in the Middle East.

Under pressure to beef

up security and reassure voters following the latest attacks, Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Europe's troubled Schengen zone of control-free travel over borders urgently needed fixing.

The attacks in Nice and Vienna involved assailants who moved freely between Schengen countries.

"The threat of terrorism weighs on all of Europe. We must respond," Macron said after discussing the matter with Merkel, Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte and top officials in Brussels, the EU hub.

"To reform Schengen is to allow free movement in security."

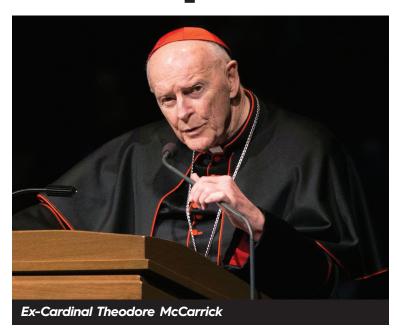
Merkel sided with Ma-

cron in demanding stricter controls along the external frontier of the Schengen area, which brings together 26 countries, including most EU members as well as Iceland, Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

"It is vitally necessary to know who comes in and who leaves the Schengen area," she said.

National security concerns, chaotic migration into the EU from the Middle East and Africa in recent vears and most recently the coronavirus pandemic have led to the re-emergence of some border controls in the Schengen zone, eroding what has been hailed as a milestone achievement in Europe's post-World War Two integration.

# Vatican faults many for McCarrick's rise, spares Francis



ROME(AP) - A Vaticaninvestigation into former Cardinal Theodore Mc-Carrick found that a series of bishops, cardinals and popes downplayed or dismissed reports of sexual misconduct, and determined that Pope Francis merely continued his predecessors' handling of the predator until taking action when a former altar boy alleged abuse.

The Vatican took the extraordinary step Tuesday of publishing its two-year, 449-page internal investigation into the American prelate's rise and fall in a bid to restore credibility to the U.S. and Vatican hierarchies, which have been

shattered by the McCarrick scandal.

The report put the lion's share of blame on a dead saint: Pope John Paul II, who appointed McCarrick archbishop of Washington D.C., in 2000, despite having commissioned an inquiry that confirmed he slept with seminarians. The report found that John Paul believed McCarrick's last-minute, handwritten denial: "I have made mistakes and may have sometimes lacked in prudence, but in the seventy years of my life I have never had sexual relations with any person, male or female, young or old, cleric or lay," McCarrick wrote.

But the report also charts the alarm bells that were ignored, excused or dismissed in 1992-93 when six anonvmous letters were sent to U.S. church officials and the Vatican's ambassador to the U.S. alleging McCarrick was a "pedophile" who would sleep in the same bed with young men and boys. Those alarms continued, including when a Catholic psychiatrist traveled to the Vatican in 1997 to report that his priest-patient was a victim of McCarrick's sexual abuse.

McCarrick, 90. was defrocked by Francis last year after a Vatican investigation confirmed the globe-trotting envoy and fundraiser had sexually molested adults as well as children. The case created a credibility crisis for the church since the Vatican had reports from authoritative cardinals dating to 1999 that McCarrick's behavior was problematic, yet he became an influential cardinal, kingmaker and emissary of the Holy See's "soft diplomacy."

The findings accused

bishops dead and alive of turning a blind eye to his misconduct and said the charismatic McCarrick simply ignored informal restrictions ordered up in 2006 after Pope Benedict XVI, after receiving yet another alarming report, decided not to investigate or sanction him seriously.

Significantly, the report greatly undermined allegations that Francis was at fault for the McCarrick scandal that were lodged in 2018 by a former Vatican ambassador to the U.S. The report actually provided evidence that the ambassador, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, was part of the coverup.

The report said Francis never lifted or modified Benedict's informal restrictions on McCarrick, as Vigano claimed, since restrictions were never enforced in the first place. The report provides evidence that Vigano was well aware during Benedict's papacy that McCarrick had ignored them, admittina in a 2012 letter to the Vatican that its written admonition to McCarrick "is a dead letter."

# Biden should seek early G20 meeting, former US officials say



President-elect of the United States of America Joe Biden

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President-elect Joe Biden should push demic. for a summit of the economies early next vear, former senior U.S. officials said on Tuesday, to renew the U.S. commitment to diplomacy and fight

economic impacts of the COVID-19 pan-

Former Treasury Sec-Group of 20 major retary, Larry Summers, now a professor at Harvard University, former senior Treasury official, Mark Sobel and Matthew Goodman, a former White the global health and House official during

the Obama administake early and decisive action to restart the global economy by calling world leaders together quickly.

The G20 has been "largely missing in action" in recent years, but the global scale of the pandemic and the have economic fallout require a more coordinated response, Sobel, now U.S. chair of the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum, and Goodman, a senior adviser at the Center for Strateaic and International Studies, wrote in a statement.

leaders to Washington in the first quar-United States to eco-

nomic cooperation tration, urged Biden to and provide an action-forcing deadline for crucial actions to combat the COVID-19 crisis," Summers, who headed Treasury during the Clinton administration, said in a separate statement.

> Most G20 leaders congratulated Biden on his election, although U.S. President Donald Trump has refused to concede and is mounting legal challenges to the results in several states where received votes than Biden.

Biden should work with Italy, which assumes the presidency Biden should call G20 of the G20 from Saudi Arabia in December, to set up an early ter of 2021 to show a G20 summit in Rome in "recommitment of the early 2021, Sobel and Goodman wrote.



#### **LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST**





#### YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE



To get along better with an important person, you can't just rely on your sense of humor because this person might not have one! You have to understand that this relationship needs to build slowly over time.

#### TAURUS | Apr. 20-May 20

Someone is really counting on you right now, and the level of pressure they're putting upon you might start to feel like a burden. Today, if you don't think that you can make them happy, tell them so.

#### GEMINI | May 21-June 20

Money could be a topic of conversation today, but you don't have to join in if you don't want to. Your finances are your own business, and if you don't feel like sharing, don't.

#### CANCER | June 21-July 22

Getting organized right now is a good idea. It will help you be more prepared for the curveballs that are likely coming your way. Check in with the folks in power and see if they can give you a heads up.

#### (d) **LEO** | July 23-Aug. 22

A win is a win, so why are you trying to downplay your latest accomplishment? Don't be modest just because you want to impress someone. You have every right to be proud of yourself

#### (N) VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Today, you could find it effortless to do things that used to be difficult for you. You'll be getting a nice ego boost out of all your proficiencies. You will also be energized by others.

#### LIBRA Sept. | 23-Oct. 22

Your old ways to avoid conflict aren't working too well right now, so you need to try a different tactic! Today, perk up when the drama starts and toss in your two cents. Throw your

#### (II) SCORPIO Oct. | 23-Nov. 21

Travel is on your mind right now, especially trips to distant lands. But if travel is out of the auestion right now. you will just have to satisfy your wanderlust in a more creative fashion.

#### SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You can't disqualify someone's opinion just because it doesn't match yours. You don't have to change your opinions, but listening to different perspectives will only enrich you. Of course, it might frustrate you

#### (Yb) CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your intelligence enables you to evaluate any situation in seconds, so trust it more! Your first impressions will be spot-on today, so you won't have to waste any time getting second opin-

#### AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Get more direct with your communication today. It's time to stop playing phone tag and using texts to relay things that you should be saying in person. Step up and speak out.

#### (H) **PISCES** | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your creativity could use some exercise right now, and the kitchen can be the perfect place for its workout! Sharing your affection by sharing your food will be a very rewarding experience for you and your friends.

#### **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.

#### **URGENT NOTICE:**

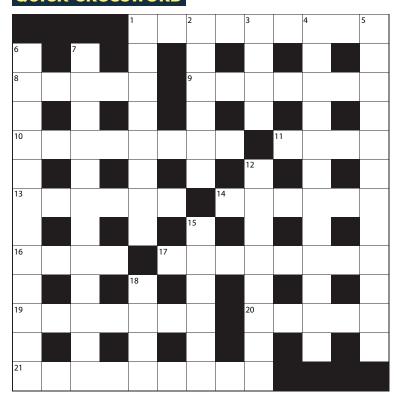
#### THE ANTIGUA & BARBUDA HUMANE SOCIETY

The bait currently being used to control giant african snails is also poisonous to animals, including dogs and cats, even in very small amounts. Homeowners should consider using salt or sea water instead of the snail bait to keep their pets safe. If you store snail bait, make sure it is well secured as its scent will attract your pets.

This current danger is yet another reason why dog owners should obey the law and keep their dogs secured on their own property or under their direct control at all times.

Submit community notices to news@pointville.ag

#### **QUICK CROSSWORD**



#### **Across**

- 1 Late 1950s' genre combining R & B and gospel (4,5)
- 8 Thin cord (5)
- 9 Speak dramatically (7)
- 10 Space role (8)
- 11 Reverse (4)
- 13 Contaminated (6)
- 14 Opening (of opportunity?) (6)
- 16 Carry (4)
- 17 Traditional Spanish lace scarf (8)
- 19 Acrid gas, NH3 (7)
- 20 Training during term time for teachers in state schools (5)

#### **Down**

- 1 Initial investment (4,4)
- 2 Renew (6)
- 3 Treat with contempt imitation (4)
- 4 Feature in decorative windows (7.5)
- 5 Period following the English Civil Wars (12)
- 6 Oscar knitted (anag) what's necessary for carrying on a business (5-2-5)
- 7 Thick-skinned herbivorous animal of tropical Africa (12)
- 12 Invalid court procedure (8)
- 15 Wildlife-watching expedition (6)
- 18 In a little while (informal) (4)

#### **DAILY COMICS**

#### **Dilbert**







#### Garfield







#### Cathy











#### **SUDOKU**

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#### How to play

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

When asked how old she was, Suzie replied, "In two years I will be twice as old

#### **RIDDLE ME THIS?**

Within, I clean all that is bad and is old. I make juice that's the color of gold. Should I die, a filter machine would you need assembled To replace me, and beans I resemble.

How old is she?

as I was five years ago."

What am I?





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# **Mumbai Indians 2020 IPL champions**



The Mumbai Indians defeated the Delhi Capitals by 5 wickets to win the 2020 IPL Championship, claiming their 5th IPL title

The Mumbai Indians beat the Delhi Capitals by 5 wickets on Tuesday to claim their 5th Indian Premier League (IPL) title with back-to-back trophies.

In the last few years, they have dominated the IPL.

Batting first, Delhi capitals posted 157 for 5 with Shrevas Iver leading the way with 65 and Rishabh Pant adding 56.

West Indies middle orbatsman Shimron Hetmyer failed managing only 5.

Trent Boult, who bowled

brilliantly throughout the and four sixes for his 68 tournament with 25 wickets, picked up 3 for 30 in 4 overs while Nathan Coulter-Nile bagged 2 for 29.

In Response Indians led by their captain Rohit Sharma batted majestically hitting five fours

and Kishan contribution of 33 rallied to 157 for 5 to claim their fifth IPL title.

Trinidadian, Kieron Pollard, the West Indies white ball captain, has been in the line-up for all five championships.

## Walsh Jr. aims to silence his critics



Windies Cricketer Hayden Walsh Jr.

Hayden Walsh Jr., son of the late Antiqua and Barbuda opening batsman Hayden Walsh Sr. says he is looking to rebound from his lackluster performance in the Caribbean Premier League Twenty20 on the tour of New Zealand.

The West Indies leg-spinner is currently preparing with the T20 squad in Christchurch for a three match series against the Black Caps later this month.

Walsh led Barbados Tridents to the CPL championship last year, bagging 22 wickets, but was only able to manage seven wickets in 10 matches in this year's tournament.

Walsh Jr., who represented the United States before switching to the regional team, says he is acclimatizing to the conditions in New Zealand well and trying to

find the right balance. He says he is trying to work on figuring out where he can get his fingers warm, how much spin he needs and at what pace he needs to bowl on the pitch.

"It has been a good fact finding mission so far," Walsh noted.

"I have not been getting a lot of spin off the pitches, but once I make the adjustments and go forward with my confidence and really put spin on the ball, I am sure I will have some success."

Walsh has played eight

of 16 Twentv20 Internationals for the West Indies since making his debut for the Caribbean side against Afghanistan last November in Lucknow India and he will be looking to improve on the five wickets he has taken to date.

He said his aim is to prove himself and become the leading bowler in the format in the Caribbean and eventually the world.

The first T20 between the West Indies and the Black Caps will be on November 27 followed by matches on November 29 and 30.

## NBA Free Agency starts next week

On November 20 at 6pm ET NBA to the coronavirus pandemic. free agency will begin and signings will start to take place on November 22 at 12pm ET, giving all 30 teams just over a month to finalise their roster before the season opener on December 22.

Two days after the NBA draft free agency will begin.

The National Basketball Association, beyond agreeing to those proposed dates, also agreed that salary reductions will be spread across this upcoming season and potentially the following two years to account for the \$1.5 billion the league lost in 2020 due

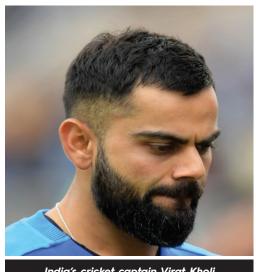
The \$1.5 billion in reduction in revenue stems from losses in gate revenue (\$800 million), sponsorships (\$400 million) and the fallout with China after former Houston Rockets general manager, Daryl Morey, tweeted support for the Hong Kong protesters during the preseason (\$200 million).

The maximum salary reduction in any season will be at 20%.

Because of the depleted revenue, the NBA finalised the 2020-21 season's salary cap at \$109.140 million and the luxury tax threshold at \$132.627 million.



# India captain to miss three of four Tests in Australia



India's cricket captain Virat Kholi

India's cricket captain, Virat Kholi, will miss three of four Tests on their tour of Australia to be at the birth of his child.

wife. actress Anushka Sharma, is due to give birth in January.

Regarded as one of the world's leading batsmen, Kholi will return home after the first Test starting on December 17.

The Indian captain will be unable to return to the squad because anyone arriving in Australia must quarantine for 14 days, making it impractical.

Kholi will play in the three Twenty20 and three one-day internationals that precede the Test series.

The 32-year-old has captained 55 Tests, five short of MS Dhoni's India record, and

is second in the International Cricket Council's Test batting rank-

Vice-captain Ajinkya Rahane will lead India in Kholi's absence.

Batsman Rohit Sharma has been added to the Test squad, having initially been left out because of a hamstring injury.

Kholi led India to a first Test series victory in Australia in 2019.

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designed to contribute to developing the residents of St. John's Rural South into critical and strategic thinkers.

Minster Matthew stated, "Persons need to learn to analyse the information given to them so that they can decide what is true. This is something needed everywhere from the workplace to avoiding purchasing every product advertised. They also need to be able to troubleshoot or strategise. The ability to logically attack a problem to come up with a viable solution is natural to some but not all. It helps us come up with ways to see solutions to issues in the community."

Matthew, who serves as Minister of National Festival, Culture and the Arts, also sees the newly opened centre contributing to fostering strong ethics and good morals.

"Being a moral person is knowing what society accepts as correct behaviour. While some see this as a family or religion's responsibility, a classroom is a per-

fect practice community to learn how we interact appropriately. There are also many levels to being a good citizen. Learning the way our government works is imperative in making our government remain a democracy. It also is important to understand laws, public works, and civil disobedience to understand how our actions influence the communities where we live."

MP Matthew is determined to ensure that participants in the programmes will improve their skill sets

which will increase their employability and allow them to pursue their passion.

"What makes us well rounded individuals is the broad range of things [that] inspire us. It is what makes us whole and healthy people."

The programmes commence in January 2021.

Detailed information on registration and the full list of programmes that will be available will be made available in the weeks ahead.

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# **ABDRA:** private testing over the weekend a success



ADBRA conducted private testing at North Sound Raceway /PHOTO ABRDA

President of the Antiqua and Barbuda Drag Racing Association (AB-DRA), Denelle Richards, is excited about private testing that was conducted last weekend at their facility at North Sound.

Richards said a private member who wanted

to test his car paid the EC\$2500 fee to do so.

Three cars and three motorcycles took the opportunity to test their set up. Richards said this created some excitement and added that he was elated to have the facility open and active.

ABDRA is in the pro-

proposal to the health authorities and Cabinet in the hope that, like cricket, they too will receive clearance to return to competitive racing in 2021.

Richards says ABDRA hopes once it receives clearance to return to the sport that spectators will be allowed to view events from their cars in a drive-in atmosphere.

"Our track is 1400 feet long from start to finish with most of the lenath providina same distance on the mount available for cars to park and view the events."

ABDRA is planning virtual safety and first aid

cess of redrafting its training for its members early in 2021 to enhance the safety of motorsport on the island.

> The president also explained to PointeXpress that ABDRA will be doubling their efforts in the new year to attract more females and young people to the sport.

> "If anyone wants to be involved in the sport, they can contact any executive member of the association who will direct them through the correct channel. Safetv continues to be our association's main focus as we embark on our mission to make drag racing the number one sport on the island," stated Richards.



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