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A new day, a new LIAT

LIAT returns to the skies this week heralding the start of a new era for the Antigua-based regional carrier.

The LIAT that will commence service to limited routes this week - its first flights in more than six months - is for all intents and purposes, a new airline.

While elements of the 'old LIAT' linger, the airline is getting back into operation with a completely new attitude and approach to doing business. The old culture of the airline will be abandoned in favour of leaner, more efficient operations. This is the only way the airline will be able to survive.

The new LIAT will no longer have at its disposal the resources of the combined treasuries of four shareholder governments, which in the past pumped millions of hard earned, taxpayer dollars into keeping the airline afloat. Those days are gone!

Oversight of the new LIAT will not come from a Board of Directors, nor will it be guided by top-heavy management. For the foreseeable future, this responsibility will fall on the shoulders of LIAT's court appointed administrator, Cleveland Seaforth.

The fact that LIAT has survived, is by itself worthy of celebration as, had it not been for the singular efforts of Antigua and Barbuda's

Prime Minister Gaston Browne and his Cabinet, it would have suffered the death other former shareholders were prepared to condemn it to. The Gaston Browne administration literally rescued LIAT from death's door.

So like a phoenix rising from the ashes, LIAT will soar into the Caribbean skies this week.

For the people of the region, but especially Antiguans and Barbudans, LIAT's return to operation is a welcomed development. Antigua and Barbuda has been home to LIAT home from its inception nearly 65 years ago and for this reason it holds a special place in our the hearts.

One of the key assets of the new LIAT moving forward is the goodwill of the people of the Caribbean. No matter the matter jokes, disparaging remarks or invectives hurled at LIAT, Caribbean people take great pride in the airline's superior safety record and the knowledge that its pilots are among the world's best at flying short-stop aircraft into varying terrains.

This goodwill is among the things that LIAT will need to keep going forward.

Already, the administrator has indicated that the airline will need to gross approximately \$4 million monthly to meet its expenses. LIAT will need the people of the

Caribbean to want to fly in large enough numbers to help the airline successfully navigate the treacherous first months ahead and already, there are worrying omens.

Last week, OECS heads failed to agree on a common set of rules for the creation of a 'travel bubble' that will facilitate the movement of people in the sub-region. The sub-region has long had a history of cooperation that has been the envy of the larger CARICOM group. So the question arises, if the OECS cannot agree on a common travel bubble, how will CARICOM?

Then there is the decision by Barbados to introduce its own travel advisory that ignores the guidelines of the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) which CARICOM's leaders asked it to create for regional approval and adoption.

Barbados' decision must not be taken lightly as just a week ago, the US Embassy in Barbados announced the resumption of in-person visa services. With a pent-up desire to travel as soon as the pandemic is a thing of the past, the demands for US visas will grow. This will result in increased demand for travel to the US Embassy in Barbados.

The other issues to navigate include LIAT's significant debts.

The Administrator Seaforth reported recently that he has been able to negotiate deferrals with some creditors, but conceded that he has not been successful in all cases. We can only encourage him to press on.

Staffing issues are among the most sensitive challenges that the airline now faces. While there is broad acceptance by all that LIAT cannot rehire the more than five hundred of its Antigua and Barbuda based employees, no one wants to be among the hundreds who will be left unemployed.

The country's economy has taken its most severe hit in perhaps forty years and employment is at its highest in a generation. These are not normal times and everyone is hoping to receive a call-back from the airline.

Rather than rehiring staff, the airline may wish to consider outsourcing as a means of servicing its needs while helping its former employees. Groups of employees could come together and offer their services to LIAT which will allow the airline to forego the attendant staffing costs.

It is our hope that LIAT's journey will last for another six decades and that the airline will find a path to self-reliance and profitability in the face of continued and inevitable uncertainty.

Yida development poised for a giant leap forward

By Shelton Daniel

The Yida Development which borders the North-east Marine Management Area (NEMMA) is mired in politically motivated controversy, according to Prime Minister Gaston Browne.

Speaking Saturday on his Pointe FM radio programme, the Browne and Browne Show, the PM accused certain political opponents of the government of deceitfully posing as environmentalists.

Browne said those persons "continue to generate misinformation by suggesting that Yida is just ripping up NEMMA". The most recent accusation made by the 'pseudo-environmentalists', according to the prime minister, is that "they saw YIDA dredging sand out of the NEMMA to build a beach, which is totally untrue".

Browne said while Yida does own a small dredge, it is not operational. He continued that he had personally visited the site to ascertain the veracity of the allegation that a beach that was being built from illegally dredged sand.

"The reality is the man has not dredged one grain of sand. It's just a total lie perpetuated by those politicians who are posing and writing as environmentalists."

Browne said apart from

the expected clearing of some shrubs, the area developed by Yida "is far more beautiful and has more trees than when we first went there and even the area where he is building the beach, there was no mangrove there".

"I went there myself sometime prior, and the mangroves were already removed by fishermen who used to dock there; so all you had there was some rocks and he has put in some more rocks and built out the property and is now seeking to develop the beach," said Prime Minister Browne.

Browne said Yida's intent is to dredge some sand offshore, which will be used to develop the beach, but only after receiving the required permissions from the relevant authorities.

"Now he would have applied already to the Fisheries Department and they have to identify a site. So he's now putting his equipment so that as soon as he gets the approval, his technicians will go out there to get the sand and bring it back in to build the beach."

Browne said the Development Control Authority has, in the meantime, "proactively issued an enforcement order to ensure that all the rules and regulations are followed until such time as he's given the specific instructions

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Another Antiguan calypso giant falls

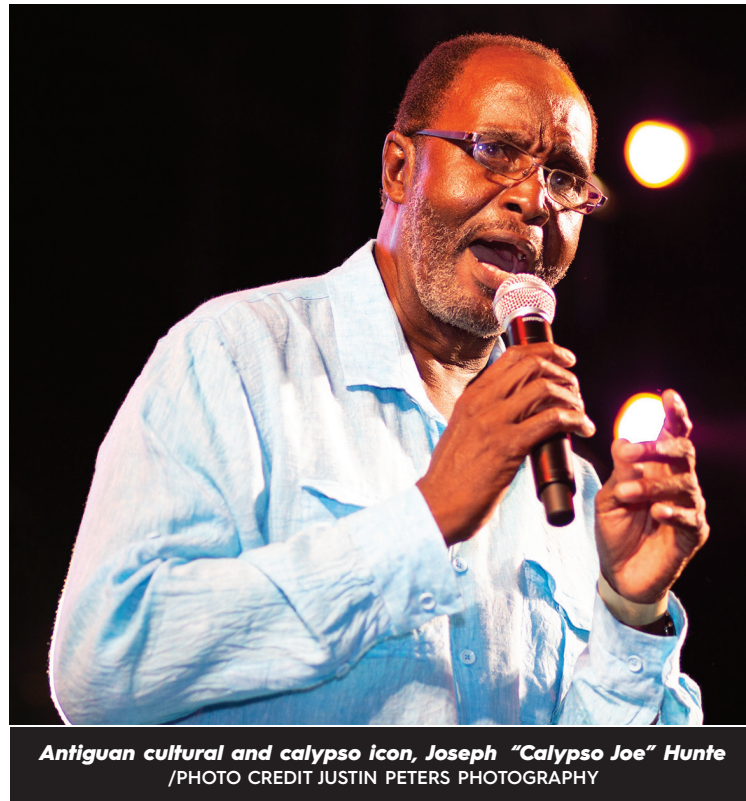
The nation of Antigua and Barbuda is in mourning following the death on Saturday of Antiguan cultural and calypso icon, Joseph 'Calypso Joe' Hunte.

Hunte was a regular finalist in the Calypso King competition of the 1970's and 80's where he won the Calypso Monarch title in 1971. One year earlier, 1970, Kaiso Joe became the first Antiguan artist to win the road march competition with 'Bum Bum'.

Prior to this, Antigua and Barbuda's road march was chosen from the music of Trinidad and Tobago's artists.

Calypso Joe was an outstanding composer and artist with a unique delivery style.

Born in the village of Johnson's Point, proudly represented the people from 'Round South' and considered his country roots as a badge of



Antiguan cultural and calypso icon, Joseph "Calypso Joe" Hunte
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honour.

Some of his memorable songs include 'A Nation To Build, A Country To Mould', 'Tribute to VC', 'Antigua on Fire' and 'Whop Whap'.

He was among the original members of the Pepperpot Calyp-

so Tent, which for decades was the breeding ground for young calypso talent in Antigua and Barbuda.

Calypso Joe was the father of several children including fete promoter, Jime Hunte, Marlon Hunte, who along with wife Tavia, is the

owner of Hunte Chicken Farm, Marvin Hunte and Helga Hunte.

Culture Minister, Darryll Matthew, described Hunte's death as "a personal loss and a great loss for the people of Antigua and Barbuda".

"Calypso Joe was one of our musical icons. His sweet melodious voice. I can imagine listening to him and watching him strumming his guitar now with his ever-present straw hat, representing Antigua and Barbuda in a variety of fora. His appearances range from gigs at hotels, a small birthday party or even the international stage; he would never say no to an opportunity when asked," Matthew recalled.

The minister recalled fondly Hunte's performances for the Rotary Club, of which he is a member.

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as to what area offshore he could dredge the sand".

The prime minister admitted, however, to being dissatisfied with the pace of the project. He said he had inquired of Yida why other investors were not being invited to come on board. To this, he said Yida explained that he was prevented from doing so due to a legal caution that has been in place on the 2,000

acre property for several years.

"Apparently, the dispute there is that when Yida bought the land, he paid US\$68 million for the land and I'm told that Lux Locations Limited - and I stand corrected - asked for a 10 percent commission. Apparently, Yida paid about five percent and the 10 percent that Lux Location Limited was seeking would have resulted in an additional US\$5.4 million

in commission. Yida refused to pay. He said it was usurious and he's not paying 10 percent on a \$68-million land sale. So they took him to court and I'm told that he won the case a month ago. So the restriction has been lifted and he's assured me that from next month he's going to commence the promotion of the project and we should see an increase in the investment come 2021."

Tracking bracelets, new COVID-19 regulations coming into effect

New regulations to manage the spread of COVID-19 will come into effect this week.

According to Prime Minister Gaston Browne, the changes include amendments to the Infectious Diseases Regulations that will make it mandatory for people in quarantine to wear monitoring bracelets.

"We are introducing the bracelets on Tuesday after they have gone through a period of testing. In addition on Monday we will amend the legislation to make it mandatory to wear the bracelet if one is prescribed to undergo a period of quarantine," he

disclosed.

While the bracelets are tamper-proof, the prime minister said under the new regulations anyone who damages the bracelets will be fined.

"We want to make the fine a hefty one, first to include the cost of replacement and secondly, to act as a deterrent," he explained.

Over the past two weeks, Browne said there has been an increase in visitors to the country and with this comes the need to strengthen health protocols with the objective of managing the COVID-19 crisis.

The prime minister also expressed satisfaction with the outcome of discussions with the US Centre for Disease Control (CDC) which will revise its travel advisory related to Antigua and Barbuda effective today.

He bemoaned the situation with Barbados' COVID-19 classification of Antigua and Barbuda which remains at 'medium risk'. This is a revision from its earlier classification of the country as 'high risk' early in November.

The prime minister said he is still unhappy with Barbados' classification of Antigua and Barbuda.

"We asked them to fur-

ther review the medium risk classification as this is not what the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has recommended. We recognised that Barbados has been 'mum' on this matter. We are concerned because it may influence others who may be seeking information about us. It's a vexing matter and one that needs to be resolved," PM Browne stated.

The latest information from the Mount St. John's Medical Centre shows seven active cases, no hospitalisations, 141 confirmed positive cases with four deaths, one of which was an imported case.

APUA ELECTRICITY MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Affected areas: Bendals, Belvedere and Body Pond

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Affected areas: Royal Gardens, Hodges Bay, New Winthropes, Cedar Grove, Mount Pleasant

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Affected areas: Donkey Sanctuary, Delaps Agriculture Farms

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Time: 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Affected areas: Section of Cassada Garden north of Roberts concrete plant

Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2020

Time: 8:30AM - 11:00AM

Affected areas: Small section south of Marina Bay

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Police: It's a criminal offence to possess licence plates that aren't yours

The police are cautioning people in possession of license plates that do not belong to them that they face the possibility of serious charges.

Following the heavy rain and flooding recently, people have been posting photos of license plates on social media in an attempt to locate their owners. Many of these plates were dislodged from vehicles as drivers attempted to maneuver flooded roads.

One concern is that criminals could use these lost plates in the commission of crimes.

In the past, criminals have used stolen license plates on getaway vehicles which in turn has complicated police efforts to trace the vehicle.

Inspector of Police, Frankie Thomas, said this type of criminal activity is

not new to Antigua and Barbuda. He added, however, that police are addressing the issue of lost and stolen license plates in order to ensure that they do not fall into the wrong hands.

Thomas said he has personally reached out to many people who have posted images of plates on social media. While the plates have been turned over to the Traffic Department, Inspector Thomas is appealing to people still in possession of license plates that do not belong to turn them over to the Traffic Department or the Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board.

The Transport Board is the authorising body which issues license plates. Any person found in possession of plates that are not theirs face criminal

charges including conspiracy to commit a crime.

"As it relates to this particular situation where we know a number of people would have lost their license plates because of flood waters, the Traffic Department is on that and we are dealing with that. The acting Superintendent of the Traffic Department Rodney Ellis is dealing with that.

"And I use this opportunity as well, if you know you are in possession of a license plate that is not yours the proper and correct and lawful thing to do is to take them to the Traffic Department or even to the Transport Board for that matter. Hand them over they are not yours, it is not for you to be distributed for any purpose because you can be charged in conspiracy for committing

a crime; and that is a very serious, serious offence; it is as serious as I just said," Thomas said.

Thomas noted that a license plate is not a trophy or keepsake and should be returned to the appropriate agency as soon as possible.

Meanwhile, Thomas commended those persons who used social media to make contact with the owners of missing plates. He referred to the gesture as 'humanitarian'.

"They not only posted them but they availed their contact information, so I was able to contact a couple of them as I said and was able to direct them as to what they should do and they gladly complied and that in itself is encouraging," concluded Thomas.

Fire Department cautions homeowners against overloading power outlets

The Fire Department is advising homeowners against overloading power outlets during the Christmas season.

At the holiday season, many homeowners install Christmas lights and other electronic decorations which add to their power output. Fire Department officials warn that these electronic appliances

work overtime which could increase the risk of electrical fires if not properly used.

Fire Chief Elvis Weaver cautioned recently that circuits could be mistakenly overloaded due to the number of devices people use.

Weaver is advising homeowners against us-

ing multiple appliances at the same time and leaving them unattended as many fires are the result of carelessness.

"Well we know at this time that there are a lot of appliances that will be working overtime. Some circuits will be overloaded because of the amount of things people will be trying to do [like putting

up] lights et cetera. So we, [the Fire Department] as usual, want to educate people to be very careful of the amount of appliances they are using at a time and not to leave them plugged in and unattended. Just be careful of the load that your house can carry and don't try to overload your circuits," Weaver said.

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Date: Monday 30th November 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Affected areas: Donkey Sanctuary, Delaps Agriculture Farms

Date: Monday 30th November 2020

Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Affected areas: Section of All Saint, north east of mock pond

Date: Monday 30th November 2020

Time: 9:30AM - 10:00AM

Affected areas: Bendals, Bathlodge, Body Pond

Date: Tuesday 1st December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Affected areas: Donkey Sanctuary, Delaps Agriculture Farms

Date: Tuesday 1st December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 2:00PM

Affected areas: Royal Gardens, Hodges Bay, New Winthropes, Cedar Grove, Mount Pleasant

Date: Tuesday 1st December 2020

Time: 8:00AM - 1:00PM

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Refurbished computers for education

Several public and private schools in Antigua are benefiting from the donation of refurbished computers and equipment donated by CIBC FirstCaribbean Bank.

The bank's branch manager, Dawn Soleyn, explained that supporting education has always been a priority of the bank.

"Over the past seven years we have been sponsoring the National Assessment Awards which rewards and recognizes the top 100 students. In addition, we have offered support to many schools on an ongoing basis," she stated.

She added that these donations were in response to appeals made by schools that have faced additional problems due to the COVID-19 pandemic which created the need for social distancing and online classes.

A cheque for \$5,000 was presented to the Christian Union Pre & Junior Academy to purchase a photocopier and printer to assist with the

production of educational material.

Soleyn said the bank was very pleased to assist this school, particularly because the school's founder, Camelda Michael, is one of the bank's Unsung Heroes.

The St. Joseph's Academy (SJA) benefitted from the donation of 15 refurbished desktop computers and software. SJA principal, Rudolph Davis, said the donation was very timely as the school did not have an adequate number of computers to satisfy the needs of its students.

The third school to benefit was the Princess Margaret Secondary (PMS) which received 6 desktop computers.

Principal of PMS, Dr. Colin Greene, expressed appreciation for the donation on behalf of his faculty and students. He said the computers will assist greatly in alleviating the COVID-19 related challenges to education.

Mrs. Soleyn pledged FirstCaribbean's continuing support to the country's education sector.

FLOW donates to ABYSO

Regional telecommunications provider, FLOW, is the latest company to offer support to the Antigua and Barbuda Youth Symphony Orchestra (ABYSO).

After attending the group's virtual practice session, FLOW's Country Manager, Joe Mathieson promised to donate speakers to the ABYSO in the hope that they will improve sound quality in future sessions.

Last week, FLOW made good on the promise when they delivered the speak-

ers, which were accepted by Maria Farrell, to the orchestra.

Meanwhile, congratulations have been extended to Alfranique Joseph (violin I) on being bestowed with the 2020 Outstanding Instrumentalist Award - Classes JR-D5 and OP-D3 String Solo (21 years and under) from the Trinidad and Tobago Music Festival.

ABYSO said it is very proud and wished Alfranique continued success as one of Antigua and Barbuda's star violinists.



The ABLP:

52 Years of Formal Existence
November 24, 1968 to November 24, 2020

A Short History

1. On November 24, 1968, 52 years ago, the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party (ABLP) became a separate and distinct organisation from the Antigua and Barbuda Trades and Labour Union (AT&LU). When Labour challenged the colonial authorities and those who were propertied shortly after the AT&LU was birthed, the trade union became the vehicle upon which it relied.

Luther George, the first phenotypically black Antiguan to win a seat in the parliament, in 1943, saw himself as an AT&LU candidate and proposed the formation of the AT&LU Political Committee. Consequently, the Labour Party marked its 75th birthday on September 23, 2018.

The Party's very first manifesto was published on May 18, 1946, as a supplement to the Workers' Voice Newspaper, in anticipation of a July 1946 general election. The Party has straddled colonial, pre-independence, and post-sovereignty governance cumulatively for seven and one-half decades. Its formation, however, as a separate institution, with different leadership, came about 52 years ago.

2. On April 7, 1967, 39 days following statehood, Premier Vere Bird succeeded in purchasing the assets of the Antigua Sugar Factory and the Antigua Syndicates Estate for a paltry EC\$5,621,386.80. Thirty-three thousand acres of privately-owned fertile land became the property of the Antigua and Barbuda Government, along with the markets, the machinery and other assets.

The ailing sugar industry was no longer profitable because of the invention of saccharin, the production

of beet sugar and corn sugar in Europe, and the glut of cane sugar on the market as other countries began to produce the sweetener in larger quantities and at a lower cost than West Indian sugar.

When George Walter and Donald Halstead, General Secretary and Field Officer in the AT&LU, disobeyed the directive of the AT&LU Executive, just about one month following the purchase, on May 5, 1967, and sought an increase for the sugar workers, they were dismissed by the AT&LU's 20 member executive.

Both then disavowed the practice of having the Union and the Government closely aligned; the President of the Union and the Premier of the country ought not to be vested in the same person. Their new trade union, the Antigua Workers Union, would never align with any government. Together, the two former members virtually forced the AT&LU to separate itself from its political arm and the governance of the country.

The ALP thus was born.

3. On Sunday, November 24, 1968, hundreds of delegates to the first Convention of the Antigua and Barbuda Labour Party gathered at the St. John's Boys School to formally give life to the youngest but oldest political party—the ABLP. Rugby Lake penned the Constitution which called for a Political Leader, a Chairman, three Vice Chairmen, a Treasurer, a General Secretary, and an Executive. Vere Bird, who was elected the Political Leader, was at the same time the President of the AT&LU—a position he would resign on October 1, 1969.

The party was focused upon the 1971 general election that it lost.

Except for three election losses it suffered in 1971, 2004 and 2009, the ABLP was successful in 1946, 1951, 1956, 1960, 1965, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2014 and 2018, or for thirteen of sixteen election cycles.

It is a heritage party whose governance is well-remembered and has won the faith of generations of voters.

4. The ABLP lost two successive elections to an amalgam of opposition parties—re-christened the United Progressive Party (UPP) in 1992. In 2004, the ABLP won 37% of the vote and lost 13 of the 17 constituencies to the UPP. By 2009, the decline of the UPP's popularity was palpable; the ABLP re-gained three previously lost constituencies, raising the ABLP's percentage to more than 46% of the vote, and lowering the UPP's to 50% of the 2009 vote. Five years later, the ABLP won the general election of 2014 by capturing 14 of the 17 constituencies, and winning 57% of the vote. On March 21st 2018, the ABLP won 15 of the 17 constituencies, garnering nearly 60% of the votes cast.

5. Four days ago, on November 20, 2020, a lawyer in the High Court tried persuading a Judge that the ABLP is a monopolistic party because of its invincibility on the political battlefield. That appears to be the case of those who believe that the heritage party wins elections because it has been around for almost seven decades. The ABLP has lasted because its governance and competence are unmatched.

Lionel Hurst

Six things a dental cleaning can do for you

1. Prevent cavities

The whitish film that builds up on your teeth is called plaque and is the leading cause of tooth decay. This acidic substance eats away the tooth enamel and, if left unattended, can lead to cavities. Plaque can be removed by brushing, flossing and regular dental cleanings. It's important to remember not to Rush the Brushing of teeth.



2. Stop tooth loss

Gum disease, which starts with built-up plaque, is a major cause of tooth loss in adults. As gum disease advances, plaque moves further down the tooth where it can destroy the supporting bone in your jaw, causing teeth to loosen and fall out. Luckily, the chance of this happening to you can be greatly reduced through regular dental cleanings which costs very minimal compared to expensive implants and bridges after tooth loss. The dental cleanings should also be combined with good oral hygiene habits.



3. Brighten your smile

Drinking coffee, tea and wine or using tobacco can stain your teeth. A dental cleaning can remove built-up stains and leave you with freshly polished teeth. The result? A brighter smile!

4. Freshen your breath

Good oral hygiene is the best way to prevent persistent bad breath. Even if you brush and floss regularly, getting a cleaning is a great way to keep your mouth healthy and odor-free.

5. Boost your overall health

Studies have shown a connection between oral and overall health. Regular dental cleanings may help lower your risk for some diseases, like heart disease and stroke. Many medical conditions, some of them life-threatening, can be detected in their early stages by your dentist during a routine oral exam.

6. Save money

Get the most value from your dental benefits. If you take advantage of your benefits now, you may be able to save money in the long run by helping to protect your oral health and potentially avoiding more costly and extensive procedures.

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Antigua Printing & Publishing's Golden Jubilee

The most prominent building on Factory Road, St. John's is the premises of a wholly Antiguan institution which has withstood the test of time for the past 50 years. It houses Antigua Printing & Publishing Ltd. which was founded by members of Antigua Peoples Party (APP)

The APP was composed of a group of young businessmen and professionals who saw the need for a 'second voice' in the nation. J. Rowan Henry, Reuben Harris, Gerald Price, C.L. Murray, Edmund Jarvis, and other members of the APP officially opened the doors of Antigua Printing & Publishing to the public on November 30th, 1970.

The company began with a small staff whose members were G. Paris, a Barbadian who had been living in Antigua for many years, Gerald Price, Eustace Parker, Dame Bridget Harris – who later became Speaker of the House of Representatives, Marjorie Maynard – now Golden Jubilee Year of The Antigua Printing & Publishing Ltd. and Mr. Withers, a UK as technical adviser.

The business commenced with minimal machinery, but it was not long before commercial printing of magazines, brochures and letterheads began.



The machines became inadequate for the workload and more modern equipment was brought in. Offset printing was new to Antigua and Mrs. Maynard was sent to Puerto Rico to train in operating the Varitype machine.

The first newspaper, The Antigua Times, took almost

two weeks to complete but nearing completion supporters lined up outside the building to have the first edition.

The company also printed The Outlet newspaper, a publication of the African Caribbean Liberation Movement, and The Worker's Voice of the Anti-

gua Trades and Labour Union.

The Antigua Printing & Publishing Ltd. has acquired the confidence of businesses throughout the nation and the Caribbean and boasts a clientele made up of hotels, banks, schools, supermarkets, airlines and statutory bodies. This is an aspect of the business which gives much satisfaction to the staff and its shareholders.

Today, 50 years after its tentative and turbulent start, The Antigua Printing & Publishing Ltd. holds excellent standing as a private company in Antigua and Barbuda. The company maintains the vision of its founders and shareholders and strives to maintain the confidence of its vast local and international customers.

The Golden Jubilee celebrations commenced with a thanksgiving service at the Spring Gardens Moravian Church on Sunday 30th November 2020. An Open House takes place today, Monday 30th November 2020.

The year long activities will culminate on November 29th, 2021. Please join us in thanking God for giving us the privilege of serving you faithfully through the years. Our image depends on your images! www.antiguaprintingpublishing.com

INVESTMENT OPTIONS SHARES

Shares are units of equity ownership interest in a corporation that exist as a financial asset providing for an equal distribution in any residual profits, if any are declared, in the form of dividends. Shareholders may also enjoy capital gains if the value of the company rises. Most companies have shares, but only the shares of publicly traded companies are found on stock exchanges.

Shares represent equity stock in a firm, with the two main types of shares being common shares and preferred shares. As a result, "shares" and "stocks" are commonly used interchangeably.

Regional Stock Market Summary Trading Reports as at Friday 14, November, 2020

Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange (ECSE)

On the ECSE Market last week 2 stocks traded: 2,500 S L Horsford & Co Ltd shares traded at \$2.00 per share and 500 Bank of Nevis Ltd shares at \$3.35 per share. 400,000 units of the Government of Saint Lucia's 3-year Treasury Note traded at 4.5%.

Regional Government Securities Market -The Government of Antigua and Barbuda's 180-day Treasury bill raised \$2.9 million of the \$15 million offered. The competitive uniform price methodology used, resulted in a discount rate of 3.92262%.

The Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines' 91-day Treasury bill raised \$28.0 million. The competitive uniform price methodology used, resulted in a discount rate of 1.49441%.

The next auction scheduled to be

held on the Regional Government Securities Market is the Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica's 91-day Treasury bill (\$20 million), offered at a maximum rate of 6.0%, which will take place on 4 December 2020, using the primary market platform of the Eastern Caribbean Securities Exchange. Bidding for this auction will commence at 9:00 am and end at 12:00 pm.

More information on the securities available for sale and other issues can be obtained at the ECSE's website at www.ecseonline.com, or by contacting a broker dealer.

Barbados Stock Exchange

This week, the Regular Market traded a total volume of 2,237,842 shares. The top three companies traded were Insurance Corporation of Barbados Limited with 2,217,371 (99.09%), Goddard Enterprises Limited with 19,800 (0.01%) and Eppley Caribbean Property Fund SCC - Value Fund with 600 shares (0.00%).

Jamaica Stock Exchange

Overall Market activity resulted from trading in 100 stocks of which 49 advanced, 37 declined and 14 traded firm. Market volume amounted to 354,805,957 units valued at over J\$1,264,953,187.45. The market volume leaders are Sagicor Select Fund Limited -Financial Security with 252,443,412 units (71.15%) followed by TransJamaica Highway Limited with 32,789,586 units (9.24%) and Wigton Windfarm Limited with 12,288,854 units (3.46%).

The JSE Combined Index advanced by 8,046.96 points (2.09%) to close at 392,766.93. The JSE Index advanced by 9,010.98 points (2.32%)

to close at 397,474.41. The JSE All Jamaican Composite Index advanced by 9,973.70 points (2.34%) to close at 435,722.68. The JSE Select Index advanced by 252.39 points (2.63%) to close at 9,831.84. The Junior Market Index declined by 23.46 points (0.92%) to close at 2,513.83. The JSE USD Equities Index declined by 4.78 points (2.48%) to close at 187.92. The JSE Financial Index advanced by 1.74 points (1.70%) to close at 104.25. The JSE Manufacturing & Distribution Index advanced by 3.28 points (4.23%) to close at 80.81.

Trinidad & Tobago Stock Exchange

Overall Market activity resulted from trading in 25 securities of which 8 advanced, 14 declined and 3 traded firm. Trading activity amounted to 1,251,980 shares crossing the floor of the Exchange valued at TT\$18.657 million. The volume leaders are JMMB GROUP Limited with 567,765 shares (45.35%) followed by NCB FINANCIAL GROUP Limited with 151,597 shares (12.11%) and CLICO INVESTMENTS Fund with 49,294 shares (3.94%).

The All T&T Index declined by 3.94 points to close at 1,714.39. The Composite Index declined by 5.27 points to close at 1,286.72 and the Cross Listed Index declined by 0.91 points to close at 116.16. The SME Index declined by 0.44 points to close at 64.

Guyana Stock Exchange

1 stock declined and 3 traded firm as 53, 398 units crossed the floor. Banks DIH was the volume leader with 35,142 shares traded. The LSI closed at 161.2.

WIOC shares prospectus to be revealed in early December

The public will soon have the opportunity to take ownership of major national assets with the release of the prospectus for the sale of West Indies Oil Company (WIOC) shares in early December.

Managing Director of WIOC, Gregory Georges, told PointeXpress recently that the December release of the prospectus for the sale of ten percent of the shares the Government of Antigua and Barbuda owns in the company.

Georges' confirmation followed Prime Minister Gaston Browne's recent announcement that a limited percentage of the government's shares in WIOC will soon be made available for purchase to citizens and residents of Antigua and Barbuda only through the Eastern Caribbean Stock Exchange (ECSE).

On Sunday, the prime minister told PointeXpress that the restriction which allows only people in Antigua and Barbuda to purchase is designed

to ensure that 'people of Antigua and Barbuda get exclusive rights to capitalise on the investment opportunity at the discounted price being offered via a stock split'. These restrictions include a limit on how many shares an investor can purchase.

WIOC's managing director, Georges provided further clarity on the stock split explaining that although the current share value is in excess of EC\$600.00, the government has agreed to the stock split of \$60.00 for the limited investment offering.

"The 10 to 1 stock split makes the divestment more accessible to a wider base of Antiguan and Barbudans and presents a more palatable offering given the current market conditions."

He also disclosed that the stock split is intended to accelerate and promote the development of the domestic financial market.

"The offerings should

boost investor sentiment in challenging times and the attractive pricing should increase the stock market activity in the medium to long term," said Georges.

He continued that this offering will yield direct revenue for the government of Antigua and Barbuda as its shares are up for sale. Georges went on to say that "the company value and market capitalisation would remain the same when the sale is completed".

According to the WIOC managing director, the shares will come to the market in mid to late 2021 with its own IPO to attract fresh capital for additional capital investment as the entity continues its expansion plans.

Prime Minister Browne added that his Cabinet is focused on ensuring that a wide cross section of people are able to afford the shares.

The sale is viewed as an important investment vehicle to encourage the pursuit of greater wealth

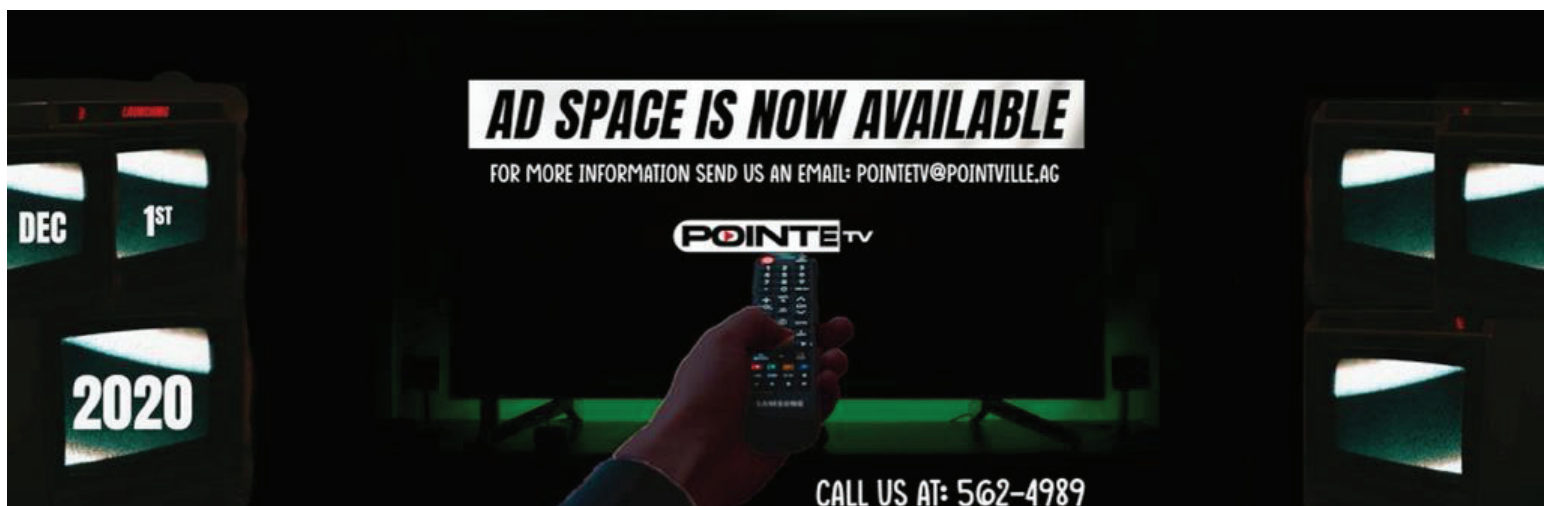
creation opportunities for 'ordinary people' who are not interested in entrepreneurship. Browne also disclosed that discussions are ongoing with another WIOC major shareholder, Fancy Bridge, to add 10 % of its holdings to the divestment pool.

When asked for a shareholder's perspective on the IPO plans for WIOC, Browne said the offering will be at the share value which is likely to be higher than the current value given the continued growth of the company even in these challenging times.

The restrictions which are being applied to the initial shares purchase will also likely be removed..

The process, which includes the preparation of the prospectus and offerings, is being handled by a regional brokerage firm as there is no brokerage firm in Antigua and Barbuda.

Individuals will be able to get further details from the prospectus which will be available in early December.



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Inflation Rate remains negligible

According to the October Consumer Price Index release from the Statistics Division the country's inflation rate remains negligible at 1.3%.

Food prices exhibited the largest increase over the twelve-month period as reflected in a 3.5% increase in the Food Index. This increase was reflected in eight of the nine subgroups including vegetables (8.1%), milk, cheese, and eggs (4.9%), fish & seafood (4.1%) and fruits (3.0%). The index for Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased 2.5% resulting from average price increases for Soft Drinks and Concentrates and Fruit and Vegetable

Juices.

The index for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance rose 16.7% while the index for Miscellaneous Goods and Services increased by 5.3%. The index for Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics increased by 3.0%.

In contrast, there were declines in the indexes for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels (-2.6%) and Clothing and Footwear (-3.3%).

The index for All Items Less Food and Energy increased 2.1% over the past twelve months.

A month to month comparison in prices reflected a 0.6% in-

crease for the month ending October 2020 over September 2020. The Food index increased by 1.5% over the month. Notable increases were recorded in the index Fish and Seafood rose (6.4%), a larger increase than the 1.6% rise in September. The sub-categories of Fresh Chilled and or Frozen Fish and Seafood rose 19.7% and the sub-category Preserved or Processed Fish and Seafood increased by 1.6%. The Index for Milk, Cheese and Eggs increased by 3.1%.

The index for Fruit increased by 2.5% as the index for Fresh and Chilled Fruits recorded an increase of 6.8%. The index for Vegeta-

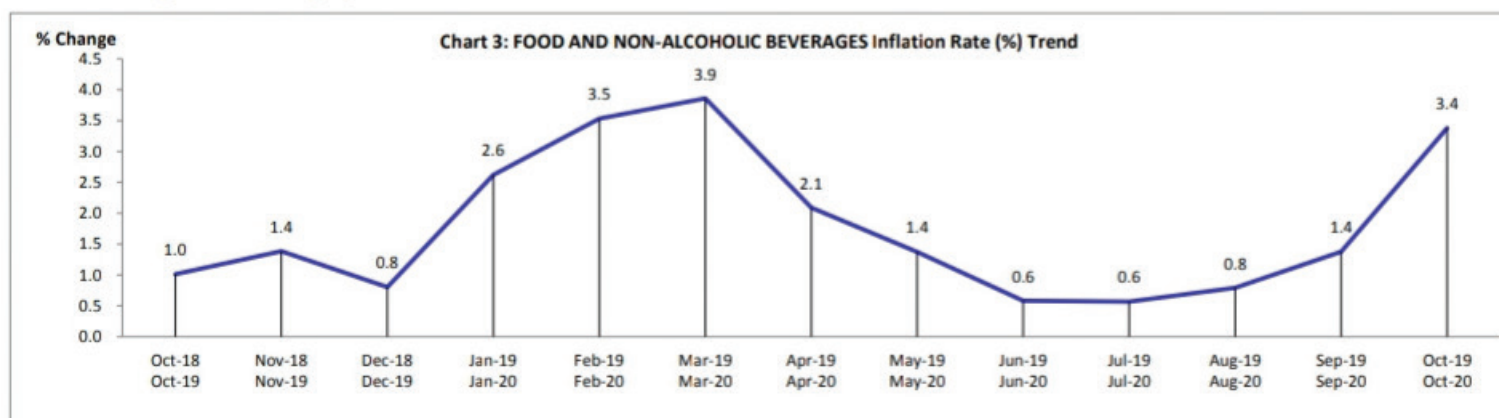
bles rose 1.7% following a marginal 0.1% increase in the previous month. The index for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance increased by 12.5%.

Noteworthy too, is the 13.8% increase in the index for Recreation and Culture which had fallen 8.6% in July. The increase was linked to an increase in the price for consumer durables used for entertainment, such as televisions.

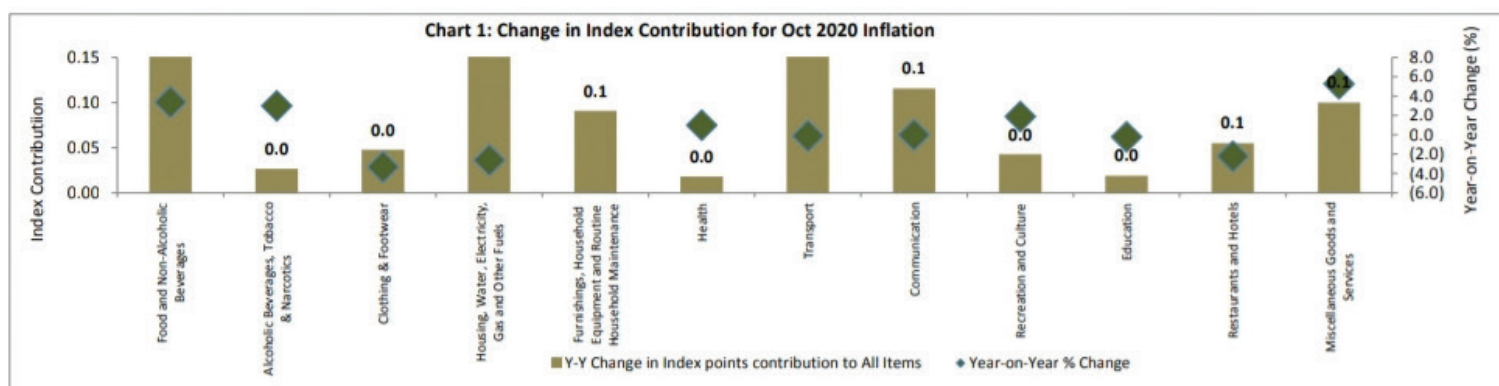
The Index for All Items Less Food and Energy increased by 1.7% after declining 1.8% in September.

Understanding the CPI - What are the Weights Weights can be con-

Featured Expenditure Category



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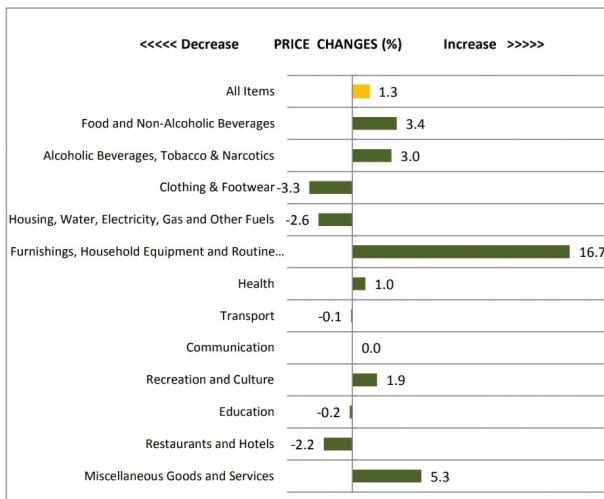
sidered in the same way we would express how much we spend on various goods and services each month. Just like a monthly salary can be broken down as 20% on rent, 25% food, 15% mortgage, 10% on utilities and so on, the CPI weights are a col-

lective expression of how households would generally spend their monthly income on goods and services. The weights for this series of CPI were drawn from a survey of a sample of households in 2006 (the base period). Each household was asked to

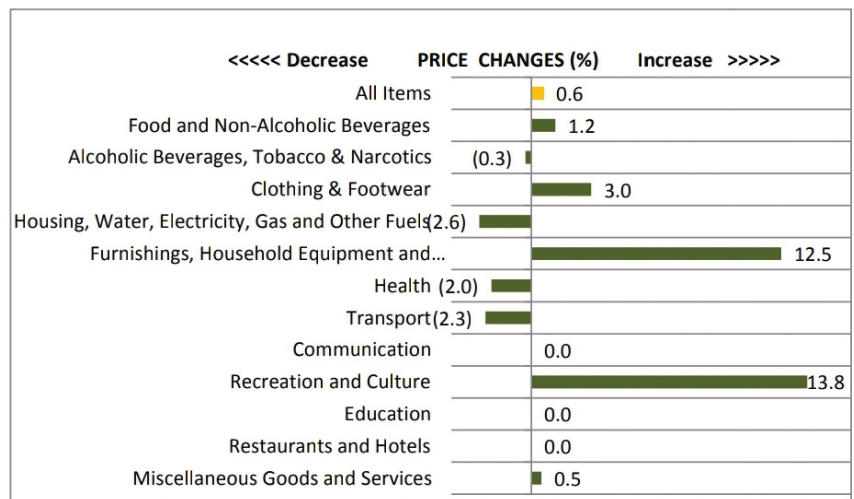
keep a record of their expenditure for one month. Once completed, the expenditures were added to determine the pattern. This pattern is what is referred to as the weights. The current weights assume that each month, households would spend the

most on Accommodation (218.3) followed by Food (214.2) and Transportation and Communication (153.5). Households would also spend the least on Alcoholic Drink and Tobacco (1.6) - Source: Statistics Division

Headline Inflation: Year-on-Year Changes for Oct 2020 compared to Oct 2019



Month-to-Month Changes for Oct 2020 compared to Sep 2020



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SIMPLE INVESTMENT GUIDE



This chapter is an excerpt from the soon to be published book of Dr. Terrance Martin Jr., titled "Investing in the Caribbean: Choices and Options." Dr. Terrance Martin is a citizen of St. Kitts and Nevis and currently an Assistant Professor of Financial Planning in the Woodbury School of Business at Utah Valley University. Dr. Martin is also the Executive Vice President of the Academy of Financial Services and an editor for the Financial Services Review.

When we are paid, we have a choice. The choice is to consume or to save. The preferred goal is to encourage saving. Saving here can be broken down into typical saving ac-

tivities (what we usually have done since childhood) and investing.

On one hand, your "savings" or "nest egg" is your money that you more than likely deposit in a bank, credit union, or some other financial institution. In some cases, some people's mistrust of financial institutions leads them to save money at home or in a "box," "hand," or "partner hand." The benefit of these conventional saving methods is that your money is relatively secure and highly liquid, i.e. readily available when you need it without loss of value. The downside is that your money yields very little interest income, and when you consider inflation, saving leads to less pur-

chasing ability—each dollar saved is worth less in the years to come.

That being said, investing involves greater risk than savings. It is very possible that you can lose your initial investment and any gain. There is a risk element in every investment. Anyone buying shares should know that each share's value can grow, particularly over a long period; the value may also decline. The value depends on various factors such as the company's performance, the value placed in general by investors on owning the shares of that firm, and the general prevailing economic state of a country.

Despite these risks attached to investing, there are immense benefits. When you invest, you are likely to earn more money than when you save via conventional methods. In most cases, the greater the investment risk involved, the greater the reward you will receive. How much risk can you handle? How well with you sleep at night knowing that you have little control over the money you have in the stock market? We each have a threshold of financial risk that we can tolerate, and we need to know this threshold! Therefore, we need to better understand risk toler-

ance.

Your risk tolerance can be divided into two sections, emotions and financial capability. There are many tests out there that can determine your risk tolerance based on your personality and emotions. Knowing how much risk you can tolerate is important so you can sleep comfortable at night.

It is important to also consider your financial capability to take risks when determining your risk tolerance. Factors that you may consider when determining your financial capability to take risks are:

Quick Note: the more time you have left to complete your financial goal, then the more risk tolerance you should be, since you will have more time to recover from any losses. The opposite is true for people that have less time to reach a financial goal, like saving up for a down payment on a car. Overall, people that have a long-term financial goal (such as retirement) can be more risky with their investments in the beginning and switch to less risky investments as the target date of their financial objective comes near. Knowing your ability to sleep at night with your money not in your bank account is important. Trust me, it is!



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The Five Islands Campus is inviting applications from suitably qualified individuals for the post of Marketing Officer.

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- Support the building and maintenance of a strong identity, public image and brand, ensuring One UWI consistency in all aspects of brand communications particularly in the local and OECS space.
- Build and maintain relationships with internal and external stakeholders to advance implementation and dissemination of communication messages specific to the UWI Five Islands.
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- Knowledge of project management, brand reputation management, marketing strategy, development and implementation methodologies.
- The ideal candidate should also have a record of successful administrative innovation, change management and motivational leadership towards the transformation of Institutional culture.
- Excellent organisational and administrative skills coupled with an ability to carry a heavy work load, perform under pressure, and contribute to the innovative transformation of job processes.
- Excellent organizational, writing, editing, content creation, and verbal skills.
- Knowledge of the structure of The University of the West Indies, its rules and regulations, its systems including their enterprise software will be a distinct asset.

Applicants are required to submit a completed employment application form, Curriculum Vitae giving particulars of qualifications, experience, the names and addresses of at least three (3) references (one of whom should be from your current organization) and copies of academic qualifications. These are to be sent by electronic mail to hr.fiveislands@uwi.edu addressed to the Director of Administration, The University of the West Indies, Five Islands, Antigua and Barbuda, West Indies. Application forms, which must be completed can be requested by emailing hr.fiveislands@uwi.edu. The completed application must accompany your CV and cover letter to complete the application package. The final date for receipt of applications is December 12, 2020. In order to expedite the appointment procedures, applicants are advised to ask their referees to send reports under confidential cover to the above address without waiting to be contacted.

US Black Friday sales hit a new record

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Friday online sales hit a new record this year as pandemic-wary Americans filled virtual carts instead of real ones.

Consumers spent an estimated US\$9 billion on US retail websites on Black Friday, according to Adobe Analytics, which tracks online shopping. That was a 22 per cent increase over the previous record of US\$7.4 billion set in 2019.

Meanwhile, traffic to physical stores plummeted as retailers tried to prevent crowds by cutting their hours and limiting doorbuster deals. US store visits dropped by 52 per cent on Black Friday, according to Sensormatic Solutions, a retail tracker. Traffic was slower in the north-east and west than in the Midwest and south, said Brian Field, Sensor-matic's senior director of global retail consulting.

Jewellery and footwear saw some of the biggest in-person sales declines, according to RetailNext, a shopping tracker. Apparel sales were down 50 per cent, while sales of home goods fell by 39 per cent.

Even with that drop, Black Friday will still likely end up as one of the biggest in-person shopping days in the US this year, Field said. He thinks many people will still shop for the holidays in person but will choose midweek days when crowds are smaller. Heavier in-store discounts and concerns about lengthy shipping times could also draw shoppers

closer to Christmas.

"Black Friday had a lot to lose, but some of it is going to be distributed throughout the holiday season," Field said.

One trend that could remain after the pandemic ends is that stores could remain closed on Thanksgiving Day, Field said. Since 2013, a growing number of stores had opened on Thanksgiving to match their competitors and get a jump-start on Black Friday. But it's typically not a big day for retailers, and this year many stayed closed. Thanksgiving store traffic was down 95 per cent, he said.

Field said stores may be rethinking the cost of paying employees and opening on Thanksgiving when they could easily make up for those sales online.

"I wonder, now that we're seeing a season where they were able to cut the cord on it, if it will give them pause," he said.

Adobe expects Monday to be the largest online sales day in US history, with estimated spending of US\$10.8 billion to US\$12.7 billion. One reason for the big numbers is that people are shopping online for things such as groceries and alcohol that they bought in person before the pandemic, Adobe said. As for more traditional gifts, Hot Wheels cars, Lego sets, Apple AirPods, Samsung televisions and video games are among the biggest sellers.



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US\$10 million drug bust in Caribbean waters, Dominican Republic nationals arrested



rales, director, Air and Marine Operations for the Caribbean Air and Marine Branch.

"Our agents continue to use advanced aeronautical and maritime capabilities to detect and interdict them throughout our coastal borders," he added.

CBP said that on the evening of November 23, AMO launched from the Caribbean Air and Marine Branch in order to conduct a Border Security Patrol.

The Marine Patrol Aircraft (MPA) crew detected the vessel that was without navigational lights.

It said MPA crew maintained surveillance, contacting US Coast Guard Cutter Joseph Tezanos and a US Coast Guard small interceptor to intercept.

"This successful interdiction is the result of the hard work and dedication

of the all the federal and state partners committed to eliminate illicit trafficking from the waters of Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands," said Captain Jose E. Diaz, deputy commander. "Keeping dangerous drugs off the streets save lives."

As the US Coast Guard assets approached the vessel, two men jumped into the water in order to evade arrest.

The Coast Guard stopped the vessel with one man on board, and found 13 bales of narcotics and one firearm. The two individuals were retrieved from the water.

The US Coast Guard later "transported the contraband and the arrested individuals to Arecibo, Puerto Rico, where Caribbean Corridor Strike Force (CCSF) agents took custody for prosecution and investigation."

(CMC) - The United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agency says its Air and Marine Operations (AMO) and the US Coast Guard recently interdicted a "yola" type wooden vessel transporting 816 pounds (370 kilograms) of cocaine in the Caribbean Sea and apprehended three Dominican Republic nationals.

CBP said the suspected drug smugglers were attempting to enter near Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The estimated value of the seized narcotics is US\$10 million.

"Transnational criminal organisations attempt to smuggle narcotics in different locations throughout our island testing our resolve," said Johnny Mo-

NOAA warns 2020 hurricane season could last into December

WASHINGTON D.C., USA (CMC) - The United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has warned that tropical storms might continue to develop past the official hurricane season which ends on November 30.

NOAA said that the extremely active 2020 Atlantic hurricane season is drawing to a close, with a record-breaking 30 named storms and 12 land falling storms.

"While the official hurricane season concludes on November 30, tropical storms may continue to develop past that day," said NOAA in a statement,

noting that its seasonal hurricane outlooks "accurately predicted a high likelihood of an above-normal season with a strong possibility of it being extremely active".

In total, the 2020 season produced 30 named storms, top winds of 39 miles per hour (mph) or greater, of which 13 became hurricanes, top winds of 74 mph or greater, including six major hurricanes, top winds of 111 mph or greater, NOAA said.

"This is the most storms on record, surpassing the 28 from 2005, and the second-highest number of hurricanes on record," the weather agency said.

NOAA said the 2020 season got off to an early and rapid pace, with a record nine named storms from May through July, "and then quickly exhausted the 21-name Atlantic list when Tropical Storm Wilfred formed on September 18".

For only the second time in history, NOAA said the Greek alphabet was used for the remainder of the season, extending through the 9th name in the list, Iota.

The 2021 hurricane season will officially begin on June 1. NOAA said its Climate Prediction Center will issue its initial seasonal outlook in May.

Trinidad's DPP to send case against former government minister directly to High Court



Former Public Administration minister, Marlene McDonald
/PHOTO TRINIDAD EXPRESS

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (CMC) - The Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) in Trinidad and Tobago says it intends to bypass a preliminary hearing in a magistrate's court and file indictments directly in the High Court in the fraud case involving former

government minister Marlene McDonald and others, a senior state prosecutor said.

"The DPP intends to go straight to indictment for the matter," senior prosecutor, Mauricia Joseph, told Chief Magistrate, Maria Busby Earle Cadde, at a virtual hearing

on Friday.

McDonald, who was sacked by Prime Minister Dr. Keith Rowley from the last administration after she was charged, along with her long-time companion Michael Carew, Wayne Anthony, Victor McEachrane and Edgar Zephyrine appeared in court on Friday.

McDonald, Carew, Anthony, McEachrane, Zephyrine are facing a total of 49 charges of attempting to defraud the government by allegedly procuring funds for Carew's Calabar Foundation, under the guise that it was a charity.

Joseph told the court that the indictments will be filed at the High Court and should be done by late January. There were no objections from either of the five to the posi-

tion of the DPP for the progress of the case. The five will return to court on January 29 for a status update.

At their first court appearance in September, last year, the prosecution indicated that there will be 22 witnesses in the case, and that number was likely to rise before the eventual start of the matter.

McDonald, 62, the former public administration minister, is facing seven charges - two for conspiracy to defraud, four for misbehaving in public office and one for money laundering. She has been released on US\$320,000 bail.

The offences are alleged to have occurred between 2008 and 2009, but the police investigation only began in 2016.

Jamaica opens shelter for abused women

KINGSTON, Jamaica (CMC) - The first of three national shelters being established by the government for women who are victims of abuse and their children is now operational.

The shelters form part of the government's efforts to provide support to women and children impacted by gender-based violence, as well as other forms of abuse.

Jamaica's Gender Minister, Olivia Grange, made the announcement in Parliament last week.

"With the budgetary support of the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, we have purchased three properties to be transformed into national shelters, and the first property, after significant refurbishing and reconstruction, has been transformed

into a safe and comfortable facility to house women who are victims of abuse and their children.

We are now open and ready to take our women in who are being abused," she said.

"The facility will accept clients even while we continue to receive donations to make it more comfortable and build out our programmes to help women to rebuild their lives and get back on their feet," the Grange added.

Grange said women who needed the facilities of the shelter or expert advice should contact a 24-hour hotline.

She also said that two other properties are in early reconstruction and/or refurbishing stages and will

be transformed quickly into safe spaces for women. One is in the east of the island and one is in the west"

The minister lauded support groups and organisations that provided assistance to women and children who were impacted by domestic violence.

"We know that several women stay in abusive relationships because they are financially dependent on the man. That is why we have made women's economic independence a special programme; we have now introduced it as a priority programme."

Through the programme, she noted, women would be equipped with skills and other resources to run successful businesses and "to be on their feet as independent women".

France: Tear gas fired as protesters rally against police security bill

PARIS, France (BBC) - French police fired tear gas at protesters rallying in Paris against a bill that would make it a criminal offence to film or take photos of police with malevolent intent.

Clashes began after some in the crowd threw stones and fireworks at police. Cars and a newspaper kiosk were set on fire and dozens were arrested.

Opponents say the bill undermines press freedom to document police brutality, but the government says it will help protect officers from online abuse.

On Saturday, demonstrations were also being held in Bordeaux, Lille, Montpellier, Nantes and other cities across France.

Earlier this week, footage emerged of three white policemen racially abusing and beating a black music producer. The images, which show Michel Zecler being kicked and punched at his Paris studio, have shocked the nation.

President Emmanuel Macron described the incident as "unacceptable"

and "shameful", demanding quick government proposals on how to rebuild trust between police and citizens.

The officers seen in the video have since been suspended and are under investigation.

Separately, the government has ordered police to provide a full report after they violently dismantled a make-shift migrant camp in Paris earlier this week, clashing with migrants and activists.

In Paris, about 46,000 people gathered in central parts of the capital, according to the interior ministry.

The majority marched peacefully, but small groups clashed with police deployed in the city.

The authorities said 46 arrests were made and more than 20 police were injured.

"This bill aims to undermine the freedom of the press, the freedom to inform and be informed, the freedom of expression," protest organisers were quoted as saying by the AFP news agency.

The bill was backed last week by the lower house of parliament, and is now awaiting senate approval.

Article 24 of the proposed legislation makes it a criminal offence to publish images of on-duty police officers with the intent of harming their "physical or psychological integrity".

It says offenders could face up to a year in prison and be fined €45,000 (£40,445; \$53,840).

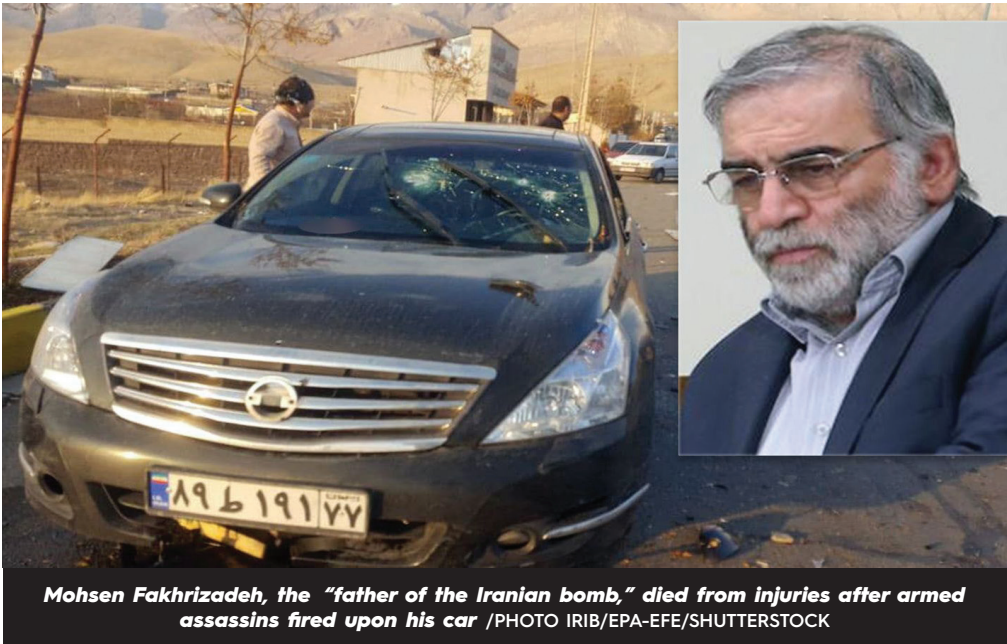
The government argues that the bill does not jeopardise the rights of the media and ordinary citizens to report police abuses - and is only aimed at giving protection to police officers, but opponents say that without such images, none of the incidents which took place over the past week would have come to light.

In the face of growing public criticism, Prime Minister Jean Castex said on Friday he would appoint a commission to amend Article 24.



**What are the
Risks and Consequences
of driving
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Iran newspaper: Strike Haifa if Israel killed scientist



Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, the "father of the Iranian bomb," died from injuries after armed assassins fired upon his car /PHOTO IRIB/EPA-EFE/SHUTTERSTOCK

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — An opinion piece published Sunday by a hard-line Iranian newspaper urged Iran to attack the Israeli port city of Haifa if Israel carried out the killing of the scientist who founded the Islamic Republic's military nuclear program in the early 2000s.

Though the hard-line Kayhan newspaper has long argued for aggressive retaliation for operations targeting Iran, Sunday's opinion piece went further, suggesting any assault be carried out in a way that destroys facilities and "also causes heavy human casualties."

Israel, suspected of killing Iranian nuclear scientists over the past decade, has not commented on the brazen slaying of Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. A military-style ambush Friday on the outskirts of Tehran reportedly saw a truck bomb explode and gunmen open fire on the scientist, killing him and a bodyguard.

U.S. intelligence agencies and U.N. nuclear inspectors have said the organised military nuclear programme that Fakhrizadeh oversaw disbanded in 2003, but Israeli suspicion of Tehran's atomic programme and his involvement has never ceased.

Kayhan published the piece writ-

ten by Iranian analyst Sadollah Zarei, who argued Iran's previous responses to suspected Israeli airstrikes that killed Revolutionary Guard forces in Syria did not go far enough to deter Israel. He said an assault on Haifa also needed to be greater than Iran's ballistic missile attack against American troops in Iraq following the U.S. drone strike in

Baghdad that killed a top Iranian general in January.

Striking the Israeli city of Haifa and killing a large number of people "will definitely lead to deterrence, because the United States and the Israeli regime and its agents are by no means ready to take part in a war and a military confrontation," Zarei wrote.

While Kayhan is a small circulation newspaper in Iran, its editor-in-chief Hossein Shariatmadari was appointed by Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and has been described as an adviser to him in the past.

Haifa, on the Mediterranean Sea, has been threatened in the past by both Iran and one of its proxies, the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah.

Such a strike likely would draw an immediate Israeli retaliation and spark a wider conflict across the Mideast. While Iran has never directly

targeted an Israeli city militarily, it has conducted attacks targeting Israeli interests abroad in the past over the killing of its scientists, like in the case of the three Iranians recently freed in Thailand in exchange for a detained British-Australian academic.

Israel also is widely believed to have its own nuclear weapons, a stockpile it neither confirms nor denies possessing.

The Iranian parliament on Sunday held a closed-door hearing about Fakhrizadeh's killing. Afterward, parliament speaker Mohammad Baqer Ghalibaf said Iran's enemies must be made to regret killing him.

A public session of lawmakers also began the review of a bill that would stop inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency. The nuclear watchdog has provided an unprecedented, real-time look at Iran's civilian nuclear program following the country's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers.

The deal unraveled after Trump's unilateral 2018 withdrawal of the U.S. from the accord.

Iran's 290-seat parliament is dominated by hard-liners who likely would support the bill. It ultimately would have to be approved by Iran's Guardian Council. Khamenei also has final say on all matters of state.

Khamenei has called Fakhrizadeh "the country's prominent and distinguished nuclear and defensive scientist" and has demanded the "definitive punishment" of those behind the killing, without elaborating.

Fakhrizadeh headed Iran's so-called AMAD programme that Israel and the West have alleged was a military operation looking at the feasibility of building a nuclear weapon. The IAEA says the "structured programme" ended in 2003. U.S. intelligence agencies concurred with that assessment in a 2007 report.

Amos Yadlin, a one-time head of Israeli military intelligence who now serves as the director of Tel Aviv Uni-

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Poison gas, firing squads: Outgoing Trump administration approves more execution methods

WASHINGTON D.C., USA (Al Jazeera) - The outgoing administration of President Donald Trump is paving the way for additional methods of executing prisoners who have been sentenced to death in the United States.

The Justice Department is quietly amending its execution protocols, no longer requiring federal death sentences to be carried out by lethal injection and clearing the way

to use other methods like firing squads and poison gas.

The amended rule, published on Friday in the Federal Register, allows the US government to conduct executions by lethal injection or use "any other manner prescribed by the law of the state in which the sentence was imposed".

A number of states allow other methods of execution, including electrocution, inhaling nitrogen gas

or death by firing squad.

It remains unclear whether the Justice Department will seek to use any methods other than lethal injection for executions in the future.

The rule, which goes into effect on December 24, comes as the Justice Department has scheduled five executions during the lame-duck period, including three just days before President-elect Joe Biden takes office.

Nigeria Buries Scores of Farmers Killed by Militants, Some Beheaded



Men gather near people who were killed by militant attack during a mass burial in Zabarmari, Nigeria /PHOTO REUTERS

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (Reuters) - Villagers in northeast Nigeria's Borno state on Sunday buried 43 farmers killed in an attack by suspected Islamist militants while security forces searched for dozens of people who are still missing.

Roughly 30 of the men killed were also beheaded in the attack, which began on Saturday morning in Zabarmari village in northeast Borno state. Residents said a total of 70 people are feared dead.

While no group claimed responsibility, such massa-

crs have been carried out in the past by Boko Haram or the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP). They are both active in the region, where Islamic militants have killed at least 30,000 people in the past decade.

President Muhammadu Buhari condemned the killings and said, "the entire country is hurt."

In Zabarmari, dozens of mourners surrounded the bodies, which were wrapped in white burial shrouds and placed on wooden pallets, as clerics led prayers for the deceased.

One resident and Amnesty International said 10 women were among those missing.

Borno state governor Babagana Zulum, speaking at the burials, called on the federal government to recruit more soldiers, Civilian Joint Task Force members and civil defense fighters to protect farmers in the region.

He described desperate choices facing people.

"On one side, they stay at home they may be killed by hunger and starvation, on the other, they go out to their farmlands and risk getting killed by the insurgents," he said.

Food prices in Nigeria have risen dramatically over the past year, driven by flooding, border closures and insecurity in some food-producing areas.

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versity's Institute for National Security Studies, alleged Fakhrizadeh ran "all covert activities with weaponisation of the programme."

The damage of his death "cannot be measured since


nobody knows exactly the scope and the depth of what the Iranians are doing covertly," Yadlin said. "But no doubt that he was the core source of authority, knowledge and organi-

zation of this programme."


Fakhrizadeh's killing likely complicates the plans of President-elect Joe Biden, who has said his administration will consider reentering Tehran's nuclear deal

with world powers. It also raises the risk of an open conflict in President Donald Trump's final weeks in office, as any retaliation could provoke an American military response, Yadlin said.

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

MON 11/30  **28° Hi** DAY Fair to partly cloudy
24° Lo NIGHT Clear

Sunrise 6:21 AM Sunset 5:32 PM Moonrise 5:53 PM Moonset 7:18 AM

TUE 12/01  **29° Hi** DAY Mostly sunny
24° Lo NIGHT Clear

Sunrise 6:21 AM Sunset 5:32 PM Moonrise 6:40 PM Moonset 8:11 AM

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

♈ ARIES | Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You've never been good at taking orders, especially if they're delivered by a higher-up with a chip on their shoulder. Under those circumstances, you'll go out of your way to do exactly what you've been told not to do.

♉ TAURUS | Apr. 20-May 20

A partner or a dear old friend, someone you either share your deepest thoughts or your checkbook with (or both), could make you a rather odd yet extremely wonderful offer, the kind you absolutely couldn't refuse.

♊ GEMINI | May 21-June 20

As the song says, you're in the mood for love simply because they're near you. You won't settle for just any old candlelit-dinner-type thing, though. You're in the mood for a whole lot more. You want it all!

♋ CANCER | June 21-July 22

If you can manage to get through whatever the universe has decided to toss your way at the moment, which will be very interesting, you can get through anything. You'll surprise those who throw a monkey wrench in your day.

♌ LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

Today would be a good day to be by yourself if you can swing it. People could be a bit testy and tempers could flare. No sense getting into an unnecessary argument that everyone will just regret tomorrow, right?

♍ VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your routine is about to be seriously disrupted, but just this once you won't be too upset about it. It's going to be for a good reason. Perhaps it's your partner or a good friend or your boss asking the favor.

♏ LIBRA Sept. | 23-Oct. 22

Don't even try to hide your feelings from the ones you love and who love you. The mood you're in is the one that inspired that ancient phrase about wearing your heart on your sleeve.

♏ SCORPIO Oct. | 23-Nov. 21

You could still be a little irritated about past events, but it really is time just to let go and forget it. Do yourself and anyone you live with a favor and move on. Holding grudges only hurts you.

♐ SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

In your opinion, life is meant to be a series of extended vacations, which certainly explains why you move so much, so easily, and with such abandon. You don't want to miss seeing anything.

♑ CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your mantra, should you choose to repeat it, is "Yesterday never happened. Today will be wonderful." Keep it up until you absolutely believe it. Those arguments never happened. Forgive, forget, and move on.

♒ AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

It's not exactly that you're aiming to aggravate everyone you cross paths with, especially the ones you love. You just can't hold back your feelings or, more importantly, your ideas. Just issue a disclaimer before you start to speak.

♓ PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Self-control has never been high on your list of the qualities you admire in yourself. It's more like on the "qualities I wish I had" list. So don't beat yourself up if you're not exactly the soul of willpower when it comes to money.

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.

SATELLITE OFFICE REOPENED

The English Harbour Satellite Office has reopened. Employers can now make all statutory payments (Medical Benefits, Social Security, Education Levy and Inland Revenue) from Monday to Thursday, 9:00am to 2:00pm and on Friday, 9:00am to 1:00pm. Drop Box service is also available. Other services offered include acceptance of claims by the Medical Benefits Scheme and Social Security. Member and employer registration are also offered by the Medical Benefits Scheme.

CLOSURE OF QUALITY ASSURANCE UNIT

The Quality Assurance Unit within the Ministry of Tourism will be suspending operations from December 15th, 2020 to January 15th, 2021. All small and large property owners/operators are asked to take note as no hotel inspections and Covid-19 certifications will be executed during this period. For more information contact the department at 468-4061/4003. We look forward to serving you with increased commitment and fervor in 2021.

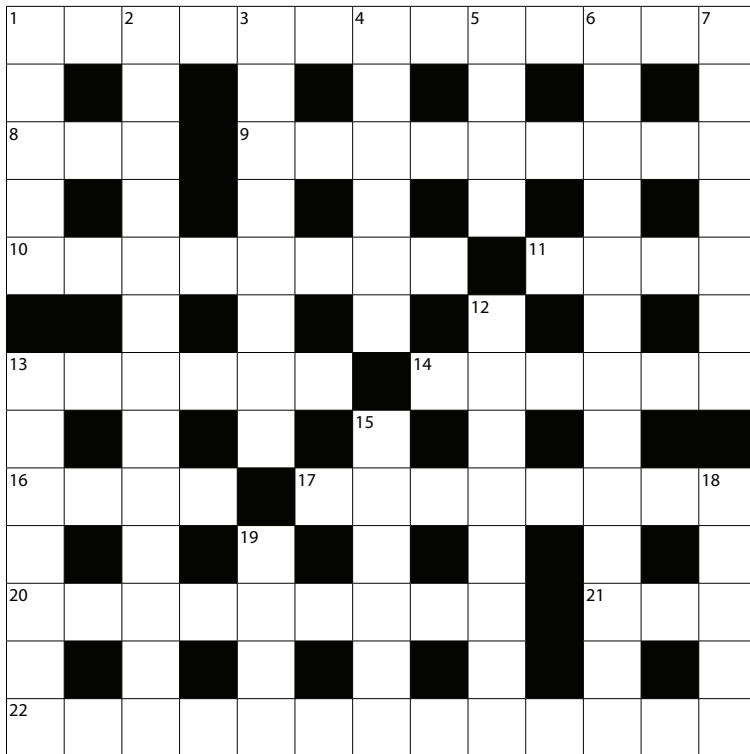
GEMONITES MOODS OF PAN CANCELLED

The West Indies Oil Company Gemonites Steel Orchestra wishes to inform all its patrons that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Gemonites Moods of Pan festival 2020 has been cancelled. We wish to thank all our loyal patrons and sponsors for your steadfast support over the past 20 years and we look forward to the future when we can, once again, bring you to the place where the best in pan play. The Gemonites Moods of Pan is Antigua and Barbuda's premier music festival and we look forward to delivering to you our audience the finest quality music when we return in 2021.

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Across

- 1 Where ants help (anag) — long-nosed insectivore (8,5)
 8 Nervous twitch (3)
 9 Convert (9)
 10 Mental disorder (8)
 11 Lump of earth (4)
 13 In the existing circumstances (2,2,2)
 14 Water gate (6)
 16 Tear (4)
 17 Feeling blissful happiness (8)
 20 Making an appearance (7,2)
 21 Vein structure in a leaf (3)
 22 European principality (13)

Down

- 1 Devoured (5)
 2 Area where entry is not permitted (9,4)
 3 Mesmerising (8)
 4 Sexual intercourse (slang) (6)
 5 River at Aviemore (4)
 6 British armed service (5,3,5)
 7 Cajole (7)
 12 Egg-laying mammal (8)
 13 Spray can (7)
 15 Hound dog (6)
 18 Room on board (5)
 19 Burbot or turbot? (4)

DAILY COMICS

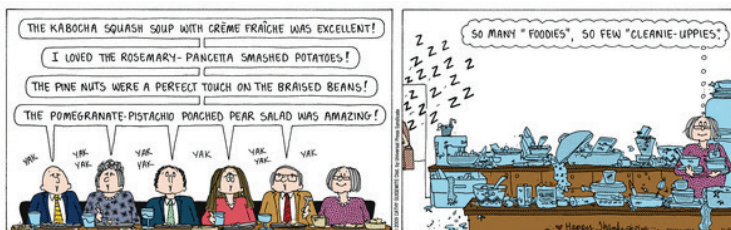
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Preseason shoots off on December 11

The NBA's preseason will start on December 11 ahead of the 2020-21 campaign, the league announced.

There will be a total of 49 games during the preseason, which will conclude on December 19.

Each NBA team will play a minimum of two and a maximum of four games—at least one home and one away—with the 72 games regular season set to tip off on December 22.

LeBron James and the Los Angeles Lakers are eyeing back-to-back titles heading into the new season.

Meanwhile NBA players started daily COVID-19 tests over the weekend under health and safety protocols regarding the upcoming campaign. Last season was completed in a bubble at Orlando after being halted in March by the coronavirus



pandemic.

Among the key provisions of the protocols, which mention no criteria that might cause the NBA to

suspend the season, were a small number of cases or independent Covid-19 positives not requiring a season shutdown. Anyone testing positive can return to work by going 10 or more days after the first positive test or onset of symptoms, or produce two negative tests at least 24 hours apart.

Any player who tests positive, even without symptoms, must wait 10 days and then be monitored in solo workouts for two more days before returning to the team.

An anonymous tip line will be established to report possible safety protocols violations, something that was also used in the Orlando bubble.

Team travel parties will be limited to 45 people, 17 of them players, as they visit arenas across the US.

Sir Viv endorses Islands Cup Open

The Islands Cup Open (ISCO) is a multi-national tournament that will fuse high level football with cultural experiences of the Caribbean and extend to the inclusion of the greater world players. In this tournament, the best available players from both eras will be able to ply their trade in one integrated arena.

National Hero of Antigua and Barbuda, Sir Vivian Richards, has given his blessing for the staging of the ISCO, a franchise football tournament set to start in the summer of 2021 in Antigua and Barbuda and nine other franchises across the region and Central and South America, including Brazil.

The private franchises are owned by investors branded under the respective countries.

Sir Viv, who has played World Cup Football for Antigua and Barbuda, has thrown his full support behind this project as Brand Ambassador for ISCO. He

fully endorses the initiative by Caribbean Football Trust Limited (CTFL).

Trinidad and Tobago's Chris Anderson, Chairman of CTFL and owner of ISCO, has received the thumbs up for the tournament from President of the Antigua and Barbuda Football Association (ABFA), Everton Gonsalves.

Anderson, a former Trinidad and Tobago international player, disclosed that in the past 18 years he has invested US\$ 8.5 million "in developing this project".

ISCO is a charitable campaign through its own established charity, "Kick Poverty Out", which focuses on supplying nutritious meals before and after school and recreational events. The goal is also to supply sports equipment for use during and after school.

Anderson disclosed that there are international franchises which have so far secured players.

The star-studded lineup includes the

likes of Barcelona and Ivory Coast midfielder Yaya Touré and Cameroonian football sensation Samuel Eto'o.

Some of the coaches involved include England former internationals, Sol Campbell, Andy Cole and former England head coach, Sven Groen Erikson.

Anderson noted that the championship is scheduled to start late next summer.

"Beyond 2021 we will be looking at a May through August schedule, but for 2021 we will look and see how the COVID new protocols standards are and we will go from there."

There are 21 professional soccer leagues around the world. The United States' Major League Soccer (MLS) is ranked seventh among the world's leagues.

The Islands Cup Open will give players in the Caribbean region an opportunity to be part of a brand with its own identity.

New Zealand win T20 series against Windies

With a game to spare, New Zealand secured the three-match T20 series against the touring West Indies, after a comfortable 72 run victory in the second T20 International at Mount Maunganui.

Glen Phillips hammered 108 off 51 deliveries, with ten fours and eight six-

es, while Devon Conway was unbeaten on 65 as the Black Caps, who were sent into bat, compiled 238 runs for the loss of three wickets.

Veteran opener Martin Guptill chipped in with 34.

Phillips century was the fastest T20 International century for a New Zea-

lander when he reached his landmark off 46 balls, bettering Colin Munro's 47 ball hundred against the West Indies at the same venue in 2018.

West Indies bowling and fielding were inconsistent and ragged. The Caribbean side never got going with the bat as they

crawled to 166 for 9 in reply.

Captain Kieron Pollard led the way with 28, Keemo Paul was not-out on 26 and Shimron Hetmyer contributed 25. Pace bowler Kyle Jamieson and left-arm spinner Mitchell Santner bagged two wickets each.

Caribbean cricketers in line for ICC top awards



West Indies batsman Chris Gayle

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle, West Indies Women's captain's Stafanie Taylor and her teammate, Deandre Dottin, have been nominated for International Cricket Council (ICC) Awards of the Decade.

The Awards of the Decade, special edition of the ICC annual awards, will celebrate and

reward top performances in the sport from January 1, 2011, to October 7 this year from both men's and women's game.

The ICC, the sport's World governing body, said in a media report that the nominees for each of the categories have been determined by an awards nomination committee, according to on-field performances and overall achievements for at least five years during the period under review.

Gayle, the self-proclaimed "Universe Boss", has been nominated for the ICC Men's T20 Cricketer of the Decade. It is a recognition of the best overall performer in the men's T20 format during the performance period. Gayle, 41, has built a reputation around the world for being the most destructive batsman in the format and now holds the record for the most sixes in the T20 format overall.

Taylor, the Windies Women's captain for the past four years, has been nominated for

the prestigious Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award for the ICC Women's Cricketer of the Decade, which recognises overall performance in women's international cricket-across all formats - Test, One Day internationals and T20s - during the performance period.

Dottin has been nominated for the ICC Women's T20 Cricketer of the Decade, which recognises the best overall performer in women's T20s during the performance period.

The fan vote, the ICC said, will make up 10 percent of the voting, while votes from an expert panel will make up the remaining 90 percent.

Award winners will be announced this month and will culminate in a special ICC Awards of the Decade digital show to be broadcast on the ICC's digital channels and will take into account the fan's votes, as well as those by a global panel of journalists and broadcasters.

Police raid house and clinic of Maradona's doctor



Leopoldo Luque is being questioned over the death of Diego Maradona /PHOTO AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Police in Argentina have searched the house and private clinic of Leopoldo Luque, the doctor of football legend Diego Maradona who died four days ago. They are trying to establish if there were negligence in the treatment of the footballer-one of the greatest players of all time.

The former star, 60, died of a heart attack in his Buenos Aires home.

Maradona's daughters are said to have demanded to know what

medication their father was on.

Maradona had successful surgery on a brain clot in November and was to be treated for alcohol dependency.

He was captain when Argentina won the 1986 World Cup, scoring the famous "Hand of God" goal against England in the quarterfinals.

Maradona was laid to rest last Thursday in a private funeral with only family and close friends in attendance.

Snoop Dog: Tyson, Jones looked like "two old uncles fighting at a barbecue"

Mike Tyson said he will continue to go further and do more in the boxing ring after his return to the sport ended in an engaging draw with Roy Jones Jr.

The 54-year-old former heavyweight champion ended 15 years of inactivity to take on 51-year-old Jones in a high profile pay-per-view exhibition.

Rap star Snoop Dog said it was like watching "two old uncles fighting at a barbecue" during his stint as a ringside com-



mentator.

Former world champions Lennox Lewis and George Foreman expressed satisfaction with the fight.

There were glimpses of the past as Tyson swayed from the hips, ploughed for-



ward and tried to unload shots, while Jones sought to move fluidly, though he was visibly drained by the halfway point.

Tyson landed a couple of eye-catching left hooks, some solid body shots

and unquestionably forced the pace.

Most who viewed the match thought he had won, but the judges, who were not employed by the sanctioning body but by the WBC to offer added entertainment, thought otherwise.

Jones' energy tank looked close to empty halfway through, but Tyson, who will give some of the reported \$10 million he earned to charity, appeared well conditioned over the eight rounds.

Tyremaster: "If I lose the appeal I will walk away"

Carlton "Tyremaster" Lewis says he will walk away from his ongoing battle with the representatives of horse racing in the country, the Antigua Turf Club which is led by President Niel Cochrane, if he loses his appeal now before the court.

Lewis was taken to court by the local body responsible for the management of horse racing to regain control of the race track at Casada Gardens. Lewis had attained a 25-year lease just after

hurricane Lewis in 1995 which allowed him to organise and promote races at the track over a two year period.

Tyremaster said he invested significant time and money into rehabilitating the race grounds. He continued that he found it difficult to accept, after two years of intense work, Cochrane and his associates' attempt to take control of the facility.

"I had a lease given to me by Cabinet at the time and I found it real difficult that Cochrane wanted to wrestle it away from me for his own



Far left Carlton "Tyremaster" Lewis

personal gain," said Lewis during an appearance on Pointe FM's Touchline show.

Recently the court rendered judgement in favor of the Antigua and Barbuda Turf Club

but Lewis has since appealed.

"I will take it as far as possible, but if at the end the Privy Council awards judgement to them, I will walk away," Lewis said.

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