

COVID \$5,000 FIRST WINNER

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Antigua Respects Antiquity.... Foreign Minister Chet Greene (seated left) and Education Minister Daryl Matthew (seated right) were special guests to commemorate an ancient oriental art practiced by millions around the world. (story on pages 8-9)

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Even before COVID, a rain check on mandatory vaccination

by Mike McRae

In 1904, the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro shook with violence as citizens rioted. Property was destroyed, dozens were wounded, and 30 people lost their lives as the population rose up against a perceived common enemy: a mandatory vaccine for smallpox.

To impoverished citizens who already had little trust in government authorities, it was a final straw. The response was extreme, but it serves as a reminder of how much public healthcare relies on winning the 'hearts and minds' of the community.

Public vaccination programs are often a careful balance of carrot versus the stick. We'd all like to feel like we have absolute freedom over our own bodies, but some things are just too risky to leave up to individual discretion.

As vaccine-preventable diseases surge, governments around the world are putting down the carrots

and bringing out bigger sticks in the form of mandatory vaccinations. The programs seem to be working, but a recent report points out it isn't without cost.

New Zealand Medical Association researchers Mary Nowlan, Esther Willing, and Nikki Turner have summarised a review of the literature on factors that influence vaccination coverage in New Zealand. They report that while mandatory programs are marginally effective, they risk further isolating disenfranchised parts of the community, making it even harder to eradicate potential hotspots of disease.

Keeping communicable diseases under control is something of a team effort. When around 95 percent of a population is effectively immune to a pathogen, the chance that the disease will easily spread becomes remote.

Despite this, there are inevitably individuals who can't

acquire immunity, due to medical conditions or other factors. Because of this, it's a health authority's job to convince every other individual that it's their responsibility to defend their body through vaccines as much as possible.

There are many ways authorities can do this. Communicating the science and facts on sanitation, hygiene, and immunisation is effective when we trust the source.

Unfortunately, changes in how we communicate have helped create pockets of confusion, misinformation, and most importantly, mistrust.

For sectors of the community dealing with a history of broken trust, the usual public service announcements on immunisation schedules simply won't cut it, the researchers say. "Vaccination policies that ignore social and ethnic sensitivities risk lacking public support even when they have a strong evidence base," the team writes.

This isn't always as simple

as a staunch opposition to vaccinating. Many parents are simply delaying vaccination schedules as life's other challenges take priority.

With opposition to vaccines on the rise and the usual communication measures failing, governments are increasingly turning to fines or other punitive measures to push vaccination rates back up.

A choice between a jab and a fine is enough to motivate many parents into visiting their nearest medical clinic.

That might nudge up the vaccination rates, but it might not be enough to hit

the golden 95 percent mark across all demographics that keeps pathogens at bay. And for some community sectors, perceptions of autonomy and equity make all the difference when it comes to acting.

For those facing money challenges, a financial penalty could lose its impact. If they're unable to pay the fine, there's not only less incentive to vaccinate, there's added animosity and mistrust.

Mandatory vaccinations also cost a lot in resources, chasing up penalties often for little gain.

If facts and fines won't

move people, though, what will? The researchers emphasise the importance of having healthcare workers who identify with a community and are able to build trust.

"Vaccination advocates with similar backgrounds to the target population can help to increase trust and acceptance," they write. Vaccination is an emotional topic that polarises populations – but when the consequences are a matter of life and death, sometimes we need to ditch the stick and hold out a hand instead. *(Reprinted from ScienceAlert, 29 August 2019)*



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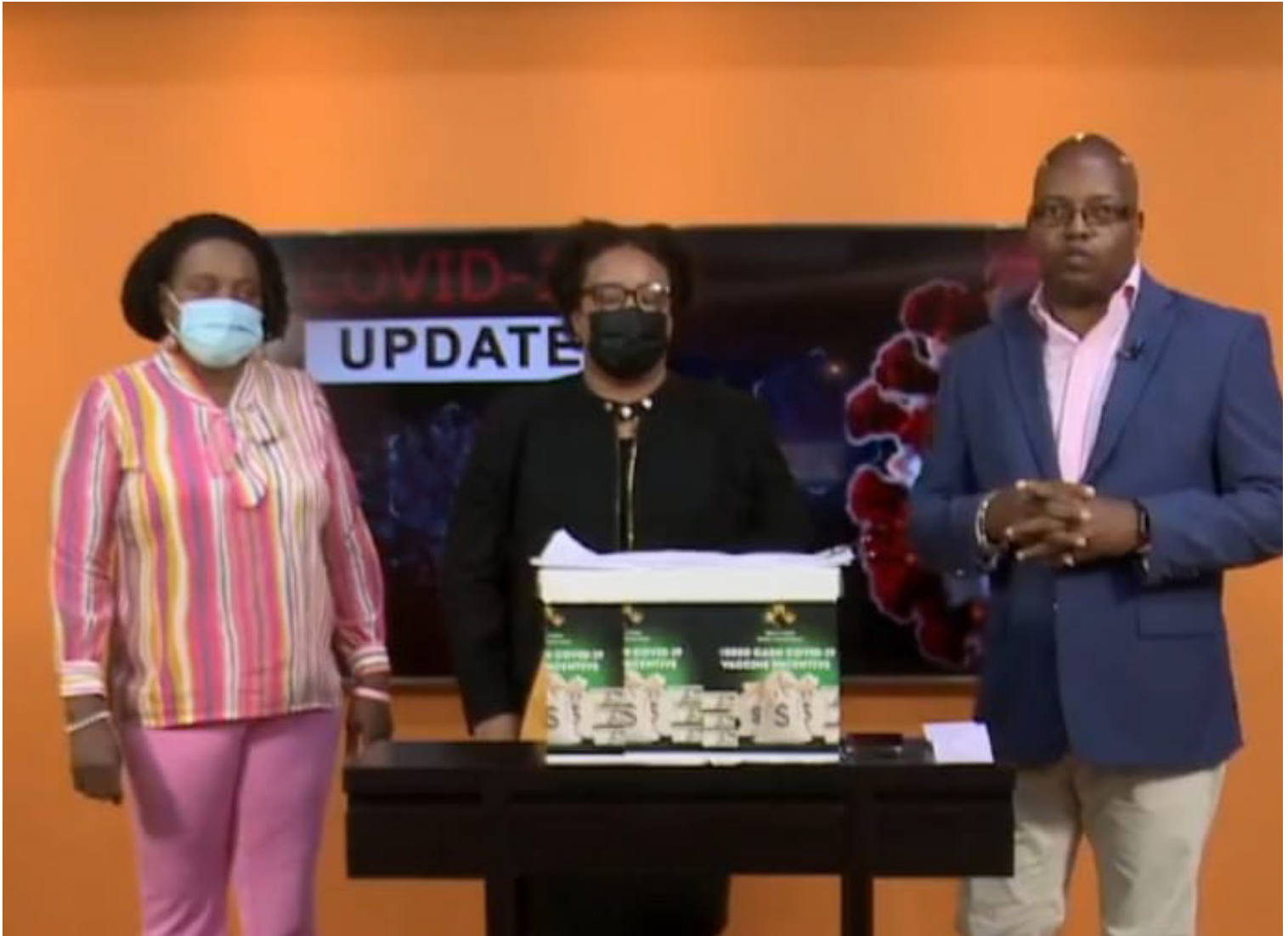
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First \$5000 vaccine incentive winner announced



Government's Director General of Communication, Maurice Merchant (right), coordinates first \$5,000 COVID vaccination incentive raffle.

The first of four (4 winners) in the government's Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) cash for vaccine incentive was announced last evening, Sunday 20th June during a live broadcast on State media, ABS. Ervington Telemaque was the lucky

winner in one of the Government's major incentives towards encouraging the public to turn out and get vaccinated.

According to the Director-General of Communications, Maurice Merchant,

who facilitated the raffle, "The draw is between the period of the 7th of June and 19th of June. Between that period there were four thousand, nine hundred and forty-three (4,943) persons who would've been vaccinated."

Raquel Glynn, a partner at global accounting firm BDO, is said to have audited all 4,943 names that were entered into the draw last evening to ensure the correct names were entered. The auditor also appeared live on set as she placed the names in the raffle box for transparency. Making the official draw was Superintendent of Public Health Nursing (SPHN), Nurse Almarie Coates.

During the raffle selection, Merchant reminded the general public that all four public vaccination centers are open throughout the week. They are the Villa Polyclinic, the

Glanvilles Polyclinic, The Precision Center, and the Multipurpose Cultural and Exhibition Center. He also used the opportunity to state that persons who were scheduled to receive their second dose in the month of July can do so during June.

The \$5000 raffle is one out of a series of private and public incentives to vaccinate. Epicurean Fine Foods and M&M Service Station collaborated with the Ministry of Health to offer vouchers, among others.

According to Cabinet Notes, "The inducements to vac-

ciate include the raffle of a parcel of land at Judges Hill, valued at more than EC\$68,000. All those who present themselves for first or second-dose vaccinations are eligible for the raffle. Non-nationals who are out-of-time and who present themselves for vaccination will receive an extension of four months. The Cabinet has made arrangements with the Immigration Department to eliminate several requirements: i. the purchase of a return ticket; ii. presentation of a police report; and iii. full payment of arrears (a payment plan is to be applied).

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\$40M, 100% green electricity for Barbuda nearing completion



A section of the Green Barbuda Hybrid Power Plant

A renewable energy project on the sister isle of Barbuda will provide 100% of the island's electricity needs, but Government must spend an additional US\$4 million to acquire storage batteries.

This was discussed on Saturday by Prime Minister Gaston Browne during his weekly radio program, The Browne and Browne Show, on ***Pointe FM 99.1***.

He explained that the power plant will fully meet electricity needs from solar energy during the daylight hours, but needs backup or storage capacity for the overnight period from sunset to sunrise.



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“The project will provide Barbuda with electricity 100% renewable during the daytime hours. It has some battery storage, but not [enough] to carry it for the full period from, let’s say, 6:00 p.m. to, maybe ... 6:00 a.m. I believe it may have about two hours of battery – if I’m mistaken, maybe about four hours of battery storage – so we need to buy between 8-10 hours of battery storage, which may run us about US\$4 million.”

According to PM Browne, who is also the nation’s Minister for Finance, “Once we achieve that, Barbuda will be totally 100% percent green in terms of the production of energy.” He however clarified that the project, as it stands now, is really a hybrid power generation system.

“It comprises the solar panels. It also has batteries, and it has the diesel generating plant. So, what will happen during the night when no solar energy is being generated and there is no battery storage, the [diesel] generator will provide electricity for the Barbuda people,” he elaborated.

According to PM Browne, Barbuda is closer than most other places in the Caribbean to becoming fully powered by renewable or green energy. “I mean it will be probably the only community-based project in which we’ll have this type of green energy; clean, resilient, affordable electricity supplied to locals.” He said when it comes to utility cost, the Barbuda green energy project “will also reduce the price to locals. I believe that, currently, APUA has been subsidizing the cost of electricity in Barbuda by about 50%. What this [project] will do is to reduce the cost significantly; so the subsidy that APUA had to provide, I think that will be eliminated. And I believe there is scope to reduce the cost of electricity to even below what they pay now.”

The Prime Minister stated that Barbuda is being used “as a template, but this is exactly where we intend to take Antigua ... We expect to achieve a [carbon] net zero situation by about, I’d say, 2040. We are going to have a reduction within the next 18-24 months from the acquisition of the LNG plant. But that is a transitional situation. Our

preference would have been not to engage in any fossil fuel [use] at this time. But we do need base load.”

Browne said, in light of this, his government has “decided to transition from the heavy fuels in the interim for the next 10 years, and then between about 2032 to 2040, we fully transition into green energy.”

But he observed that, “The LNG, in any case, has probably about 40% less [carbon] emissions than the heavy fuels, so we will see an improvement in our carbon footprint when that plant is actually introduced here in Antigua.”

Prime Minister noted that other benefits of the green energy project on the sister isle is the employment it would generate for Barbudans in areas such as providing maintenance for the plant.

“In fact, Barbudans are being employed there already during the construction period, and there will also be a transfer of technology. So, ultimately we will be spending about 40 million dollars in Barbuda to have this plant which will provide 100% solar energy to Barbudans,” said the PM.

Dignitaries join Yoga enthusiasts in celebrating International Day of Yoga



Since 2015, the High Commission of India in Guyana has been celebrating the International Day of Yoga. However, due to the COVID

19 pandemic, this highly regarded event was scaled back and held virtually.

Nonetheless, on the occasion of the 7th International

Day of Yoga, the High Commission of India in Guyana, in association with Indian Honorary Consul Vijay Tewani, organized an event at

Blue Waters Resort in Antigua and Barbuda on 19th June 2021.

Hon. Chet Greene, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Trade, graced the event as chief guest. Hon. Darryl Matthew, Minister for Education, Sports and Culture, members of the diplomatic corps and a few yoga enthusiasts were present during the yoga session. Minister of Tourism and Investment, Hon. Charles 'Max' Fernandez also sent best

wishes on the internationally recognized day through a recorded message online. In his welcome remarks, H.E. Dr. K.J. Srinivasan, High Commissioner of India to Guyana, said that in these testing times of COVID-19, millions across the world have sought benefits from Yoga, Ayurveda, etc.

Practicing Yoga has helped people find solace from the isolation forced upon them due to COVID-19 restrictions and has helped them deal

with mental issues like depression while keeping them physically fit. He urged all to continue to practice Yoga and encourage family and friends to start this healthy practice.

The dignitaries in their messages emphasized the importance of Yoga and its relevance in the present testing times of COVID 19.

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They young men said they were driving around with the shark on top their vehicle in an attempt to get it sold.

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Nelson's Dockyard National Park mourns passing of Sir Peter Harrison

The National Parks Authority is profoundly saddened to learn of the passing of the founder of the Sir Peter Harrison Foundation, Sir Peter Harrison.

Sir Peter received a knighthood from Antigua and Barbuda in 2013 for his philanthropic work, particularly in the National Park where he was able to donate immeasurably to the restoration and expansion work of major projects.

Sir Peter almost singlehandedly financed the restoration of Clarence House, which today stands out as one of the finest examples of any such project in the Caribbean

dedicated to recapturing the Georgian period. "Clarence House remains a living testament of his love not only for English Harbour but for Antigua and Barbuda," noted Parks Commissioner Ann Marie Martin.

Sir Peter was also a major contributor to the expansion of the berthing facilities in the Dockyard when it became necessary to provide a super dock for the larger private vessels.

His love for the idyllic sailing conditions around Antigua may have been his most endearing attraction for the island and triggered his unwavering passion to do more for its people.

"My favourite regatta is Antigua Sailing Week," he once told online publication Boat International.

He celebrated his 80th birthday in the Nelson's Dockyard in 2017 with the return of his celebrated ves-

sel, Sojana, to the annual regatta. After first tasting victory at SailingWeek in 2011, he won the overall trophy aboard Sojana for two [successive] years ... in 2018 and 2019.

Sir Peter [had] also

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been making a significant contribution to the Antigua Sailing Academy to ensure that youths in and around English Harbour can also come to love sailing, not only as a pastime, but as a profession.

He will be fondly remembered by members of the sailing community in English Harbour, many of whom he gave the opportunity to join his crew sailing across the world, and during Sailing Week, treating all with the same level of respect.

“Sir Peter was a major contributor to this country’s development and I wish to – on behalf of the Board and Management of the National Park, and indeed the Government and people of Antigua and Barbuda – convey our condolences to his family and friends on his passing. He will be sadly missed by all of us,” Mrs. Martin stated.



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Cultural Department to intensify activities



Gilbert Laudat, Special Events Coordinator at the Department of Culture within the Ministry of Education, Sports and Creative Industries.

Following a year when the coronavirus pandemic affected all activities in Antigua and Barbuda, the Cultural Department said it is emerging from the impact that the pandemic has had on its programme over the past 15 months.

Special Events Coordinator Gilbert Laudat said the department will hold a major arts and craft exhibition this week to boost interest in and support for this sector.

“We are organizing this exhibi-

tion which takes place on Friday at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium to focus attention on the wide array of items that are locally produced. From leather or straw bags, jewelry, fashion, paintings, crochet items, among others,” he stated. He said residents are being encouraged not only to attend the day-long event, but to see the exhibition as an opportunity to support all that make up the creative industry.

“We want to give a boost to this sector, as we are very proud of the high quality of products that are being produced locally,” he declared. Additionally, Laudat wants the public to support the event as there is currently underway a ‘mapping exercise’ or audit of the sector that is now taking place. He added that the information gleaned will be useful in determining the true significance of the sector to the national economy. “The information gathered will go into a database that will be available to the top echelons in government and their technicians who would use the information to determine the contributions of the creative sector to the country’s GDP,” he disclosed.

He described the creative sector as a very expansive one that goes beyond arts and crafts to include music, visual arts, fashion, culinary arts, and the performing arts, among others.

Meanwhile, the Cultural Department is getting ready to resume its one-on-one instructions in a variety of disciplines. These include instructions in pan, dance and music. The music lessons include wind instruments and other instruments such as guitars, vocals and piano.



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BUSINESS NEWS IN BRIEF

World Bank sees 5.6% global growth in 2021

The World Bank is upgrading the outlook for global growth this year, predicting that COVID-19 vaccinations and massive government stimulus in rich countries will power the fastest worldwide expansion in nearly five decades. In its latest Global Economic Prospects report, the 189-country antipoverty agency forecasts that the world economy will grow 5.6% this year, up from the 4.1% it forecast in January. The global economy last year shrank 3.5% as the coronavirus pandemic disrupted trade and forced businesses to close and people to stay home. The projected expansion would make 2021 the fastest year of growth since 1973's 6.6%.

Caribbean summer travel numbers will be 81% of 2019

Travel data compiled by bookings analytics company Forward Keys has revealed that The Bahamas is set to see 81% of its air arrival volumes of 2019 during the summer of 2021. According to its most recent research on booking data for flights between June 1 and Au-

gust 31, the Caribbean is the only region poised to have a healthy summer travel season, with bookings for summer also accounting for 81% of 2019 volumes. This is vastly higher than the outlook for other regions like Europe, which is set to see 22% of 2019 volumes, Africa and the Middle East is at 31%, the Asia Pacific region is at 7% and the rest of the Americas is at 38%. Global international travel is expected to be at 23% of 2019 volumes.

Belize projected to grow by 1.5% in 2021

The recovery of Belize from the pandemic is projected to be protracted with real GDP is projected to grow at 1.5% in 2021 and 6.2% in 2022, regaining its pre-pandemic level only by 2025. That's the word from the IMF at the conclusion of its Article IV consultation with Belize. According to the Fund, tourist arrivals remain subdued but are expected to pick up in late-2021 when vaccines become more widely available in advanced countries. The fiscal position is projected to improve over time in line with the fiscal consolidation measures included in the FY2021/22 budget, and the expected recovery of revenue and unwinding of pandemic-related expenditure. However, public debt would remain elevated, peaking at 132% of GDP in 2021 and gradually declining after to 111% in

2031. External financing is expected to gradually decline over time, worsening reserve adequacy and threatening the sustainability of the currency peg.

Jamaica's fiscal revenue jumps 105.1% in April

There has been 105% in government revenue collections in Jamaica during the month of April, which amounted to \$75.73 billion, up \$3.41 B more than projection. This represented an increase of approximately 105.1% relative to the \$36.92 B recorded for the corresponding period in 2020. Non-tax revenue amounted to \$34.52 B, which is \$190.8 million more than budgeted. Tax revenue was \$41.12 B, which represented an increase of \$3.45 billion more than budgeted. Total expenditure out-turn for April was below budget as only \$63.70 B was spent, which is \$3.42 billion less than the budgeted amount of \$67.12 billion. Recurrent expenditure or house-keeping expenses amounted to \$56 billion, which accounted for 87.87% of overall expenditures. The fiscal surplus ended the month at \$12.03 B, relative to a projected surplus of \$5.20 Billion. Additionally, the primary surplus balance amounted to \$23.94 B for the month of April relative to the budgeted primary surplus of \$16.76 B.

UN agency paving the way for vaccine passports

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) is paving the way for the creation of COVID-19 vaccine passports. The or-

ganization says it has made new "technical specifications for a visible digital seal." ICAO said the seal stores datasets for "test and vaccination certificates" in a two-dimensional barcode, which can be made of paper or "screen-based." "Border control and other receiving parties can verify the data against established requirements efficiently and seamlessly, including through the use of traveller self-service kiosks and processes." ICAO said the barcode is "digitally signed" for security, "with the signature being based on the same public key cryptographic infrastructure principles already used to support ePassport issuance & authentication by more than 145 countries globally."

UK pushes for City of London to be exempt from G7 tax plan

Britain now wants its financial services sector exempted from the global tax overhaul meant to raise more than \$100B. This in the wake of the G7 deal requiring companies to face a 20% tax on earnings above a 10% margin in countries where its products or services are consumed. Another part of the plan would set a global minimum corporate tax rate of at least 15%. Similarly, Switzerland is looking at subsidies and other perks to maintain lower tax rates there. China is also looking to defend its low-levy zones. An OECD blueprint published in October, included a carve-out for banks, insurance companies and investment funds as well as extractive industries. However, the USA presented plans in April removing these exemptions, aiming to prevent the targeting of large tech firms, which are primarily based on its shores.



Sustainability through blockchain technology

by Cristal Clashing

Since 2014, the Ministry of Tourism has sought to make Antigua and Barbuda a more responsible tourism destination. So much so, that in November 2020 the country was named “Emerging Sustainable Destination” by Lonely Planet in their “Best in Travel” selections for 2021.

National initiatives like the Green Tourist Initiative, the Mapping of Natural and Cultural Heritage Sites, the Waste

to Craft Management Project and the Destination Stewardship Committee, all have one thing in common: they are on-the-ground initiatives. Yet, the world has gone digital with increasingly blurred lines between virtual incentives and on the ground experiences.

However, we’re now entering an age where technology is stepping up its offer beyond the mere internet and social media.

According to the global tech giant, IBM, we’re entering into the age of blockchain, which is as disruptive to the way we do business as the internet was 25 to 30 years ago. Like the internet back then was sometimes a difficult concept to grasp, so too will blockchain be until more businesses worldwide adopt it for everyday use.

A key set of questions are, What is blockchain? What can it do for me? What can

it do for my business? While mostly associated with cryptocurrencies, blockchain has a much wider application than as a decentralised currency like Bitcoin. For businesses, what's important to know is that blockchain acts as a database of recorded transactions between entities that are only updated once the transaction is validated by all the relevant parties involved.

When a transaction is approved, all participants can view that it has been recorded. Records of transactions can be added, but aren't able to be removed, so there is a record of every transaction and only authorised entities can make records of the events and only agreed upon trusted partners are given access permission.

Depending on the use of the blockchain system, the content and nature of the transactions can be private. All this is done in minutes or seconds, and at low fees, so businesses have the potential to become more efficient and handle increasingly greater numbers of transactions. One type of blockchain transaction that might be particularly interesting for tourism in Antigua and Barbuda is a cryptocur-

rency-based awards system that rewards both tourists and residents for their sustainable behaviours. For example, travelling the island walking or biking over driving can be rewarded to reduce carbon emissions. Will taxis take a hit? To a degree, but it will also open up opportunities for supplemental or small business to provide bikes, bike servicing and walking trail support services such as interactive digital maps and greater support of roadside vendors. Tourists who save water and energy at their accommodation sites can be rewarded with discounts or cryptocurrency tokens.

For locals, beach cleanups and depositing trash in established recycling or trash collection sites and receptacles could be traced and instantly rewarded. It's not just the environment that would benefit. Incentivizing engagement in historical and cultural sites that are outside the typical English Harbour or St. John's experience could create business opportunities for individuals in the local population who want to share the cultural history of old buildings and associated family stories. In approaching our national history

like a business opportunity, the preservation of Antiguan and Barbuda culture is more likely to happen and be passed on to future generations.

The interesting caveat to blockchain for business is that it works best when a collection of companies and enterprises work closely together as a business ecosystem. There has to be a consensus on how membership in the blockchain system will be governed. The tourism industry with a varied and multi-faceted supply chain system may be one of those ecosystems that can be transformed by blockchain technology.

However, it requires cooperation and a level of trust from each involved party. This is a trust that can be backed and tracked through blockchain technology. Once we can get out of our own individual ways and work collectively, the potential for business transformation in the tourism sector is possible. Not just leading us to a sustainable destination to watch, but a destination that leads in innovative sustainable initiatives across the region, and internationally, as a globally recognised must-visit destination.

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Generation ... ZZZ's

by Risa V

Today's generation, in seeking the freedom they so desire, have become quite the activists, ready to tackle major issues of global oppression and its related mechanisms. Condemned to a future of poverty, incarceration, drug use and, moreso, death, they are wide awake. Rebellious against the system, Millennials question the status quo and Generation Z becomes more politically involved.

However, realistically speaking, are they in any way prepared to battle the psyche of the world's wealthiest men, most pow-

erful alliances, and influential societies? It has been found that more young minds today internalize the turbulent state of the world, leading to increased levels of stress affecting mental health. This in itself is counterproductive. Being "woke" is overrated in the mind of a man, who is capable of seeing the problem but incapable of becoming a part of the solution. So how does one develop this premature mindset?

First, we must kill the ego; the thought that you have discovered the unthinkable. It

has been 400 years since slavery, the beginning of the first global power system of mass oppression. So many dedicated their lives to fighting this cause, persons from every era, race and religion; authors, pastors, revolutionaries, psychologists, scientists, and even artists. How naive it would be for you to think that, of the estimated 385,000 births every day for the last 400 years, no one has recognized the injustice of this world? At this point, we are past pointing fingers. No gold medals will be handed out for stating what tru-

ly has repeated itself so many times in the past. And if you're unaware, consider yourself a poor representation of self, culture and country. Understand this: underestimating your enemy will be the death of you. "All warfare is based on deception." (SUN TZU, The Art of War). Always assume nothing is done by error, but with purpose. If here is where you find yourself, it is because this is where He wants you to be. And if this is what you know, it is because this is what He wants you to see. Be a better spy, be-

cause the great skill to conceal movement and deceive both friend and foe has been the way to many victories.

Remind yourself that the best plans are self-sufficient. Once the wheels have started to turn, it is already a success; all necessary resources have been obtained and put in place. Anything after a start is merely damage control. The goal here is to stay one

step ahead and neutralize the plan when it is still just “a plan.” See distractions for what they are. Do not give your opponent any time to write your present with his past. If so, you are just caught in another illusion – fighting wars today that have actually been won yesterday. Taking responsibility over one’s life is the last aspect. “Knowing the problem is half the problem

solved”, and here is where we find the gap that has not been bridged. This is because finding the solution to this major issue of global oppression first requires inner management. No matter how much you desire or aspire to something, it will only come to those who are capable and competent. Sometimes, all that is required is for one to completely devote himself.

There is a strong desire to run before you can walk, and still the distance is long. Even after accomplishing inner management, next comes building your communities (children), developing your country (ownership), preserving its culture and educating on its history (identity). This equals strength, as no one man can fight a war.



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Cuba starts clinical trial for children's COVID vaccine

CMC - The head of the Centre for State Control of Medicines, Equipment and Medical Devices (CECMED), says a clinical trial on a COVID-19 vaccination for children is currently underway and is progressing satisfactorily.

According Dr. Meiby de la Caridad Rodríguez González, the first anti-COVID-19 research in children and adolescents complied with a rigorous approval process seven weeks after the dossier was submitted to the regulatory authority. On June 14, during the application of the first dose, they had the first sanitary inspection by the CECMED.

The Soberana-Pediatrics clinical trial includes, in its first and second phase, children and adolescents between three and 18 years of age,

healthy, and of Cuban nationality.

Fifty volunteers were included in the first stage and 300 in the second. The health authorities said the study would be carried out sequentially.

After the first week of immunisation, blood tests will be performed to determine the safety of the product, to request the approval of CECMED with a view to continue with the group from three to 11 years of age, and to continue towards phase II with a greater number of adolescents.

The first stage of the research will be carried out at the Juan Manuel Márquez Pediatric Hospital, and later the trial will be extended to the health areas of the municipalities of Playa, Marianao and La Lisa, said Rodríguez González.



Jamaica: Shortage of vaccines a major worry



Jamaica's Minister for Health and Wellness, Dr. Christopher Tufton.

Jamaica Observer - TWO weeks after confirming that there were enough COVID-19 vaccine doses to complete the process for individuals who received their first shot in March and April, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has made an about-turn regarding that pronouncement.

On May 28, Dunstan Bryan, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, told the Jamaica Observer, "We have enough for the second doses for the persons who received doses in March and April."

But on Thursday, Health and Wellness Minister Dr. Christopher Tufton told journalists during

the weekly virtual COVID Conversations press conference that the Ministry will be prioritising people aged 50 years and over for the second dose of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine.

Vaccine blitz events resumed yesterday in nine parishes.

"We have to focus on the most vulnerable, and the most vulnerable by age would be 50 and older. The second dose has to be a priority based on availability, and so we have to give it to those who require it. The challenge we have is the availability of vaccines," said Tufton.

More than 220,000 Jamaicans have received at least one dose of the Ox-

ford-AstraZeneca vaccine, journalists were told on Thursday, with 51,908 of this number being fully vaccinated. The latter figure indicates that only 3.3 per cent of the population have been vaccinated.

The ministry had authorised, up to last week-end, the administering of first doses to persons who were interested, the Sunday Observer can report. "Vaccine represents a critical component of that [reducing the spread of the novel coronavirus] and we have been gradually inoculating our population. A lot of what we do is a function of the availability of the vaccines, and once we have it then we take it and make it available. Then, there is the issue of access to the population, and we have been working on a plan to improve the plan so that all Jamaicans who qualify will have access," said Tufton, who added that vaccines are not as available as "we would like [but] we do believe, however, that things will get better".

He said Jamaica is expected to benefit from the 25 million doses of the vaccine being donated by the United States to countries at a disadvantage in terms of sourcing, though he did not mention the brand being donated.

Individuals due for second shots have only been given Oxford-AstraZeneca, which has not been approved for use in the United States.

The donations are expected to come in by month-end, Tufton said.

"We're also anticipating another shipment through the COVAX facility and our agency, the National Health Fund, continues to negotiate the purchase of vaccines and explore other potential sources. Unfortunately, we can't give any more specific information on time. We have to give a range because vaccines are still a scarce commodity, globally, based on what is happening in the world; based on those who have immediate access or first preference because of where production facilities are [and] because of the nationalities of the manufacturers. We, therefore, have to manage the process.

"It's a difficult management because, in a sense, we can't demand and there is no automatic availability. We have a need; we want the vaccines. But, we have to negotiate access based on what is available and the willingness of the manufacturers to make it available," said Tufton.

Barbados Gov't to cap fuel tax if prices continue to increase



Barbados's Prime Minister, Mia Mottley.

Barbados Today— Government will be putting a cap on the tax charged on the cost of fuel if oil prices continue to increase.

Prime Minister Mia Mottley said during a press conference on Saturday that such a move will be necessary to avoid Barbadians feeling the pinch of the rise in oil prices on the international market.

However, Mottley, who indicated that she sympathized with and understands those who are calling for a reduction in fuel tax, noted that Barbadians must understand that the public purse is currently under severe pressure. She is asking Barbadians to hold strain at this time.

"I feel your pain. We will cap if

oil prices continue to go up, but ah begging you to understand our position too," Mottley said.

"We ain't got no money tree and the bottom line is we still paying for people to go to university. We still covering everybody's education from pre-primary right to tertiary. We are covering all the access at the hospital and polyclinics, and, on top of that, we covering everything with respect to COVID, as well as the testing.

"We have said that we must start to charge for tests at the airport for anybody travelling in or out, but the Government will continue to pay for test for Bajans within the country, even for the ones who going to the fete," she added.

The Prime Minister said the so-

cial partnership will be looking at ways to ease the burden of cost of living on Barbadians. She said a decision has been made to provide a subsidy of \$2 million to the poultry sector to keep the price of chicken down for as long as possible.

Nevertheless, Mottley warned, while Government will do all that is possible at a policy level, at some point additional costs for items will be transferred to consumers as the prices of imported commodities continue to rise on the international market, in addition to an increase in shipping prices.

"We have not ruled out price controls. If necessary, we are prepared to go there. But we also want persons who are dealing with the importation of goods in this country to recognize that they have a responsibility.

"And if you have import companies that are either substantively or wholly controlled by the importer, then you got to bring that to the table and let we get some transparency around here to ensure that we are not transferring pricing that is artificially building up because you have two or three importers that are related to the final importer with respect to the goods that are being imported.

"So this is not a straightforward issue, but the Government is very much aware of it, very much sensitive to your plight, but also will say to you that, yes, there will be some level of price increases because we don't produce everything we need," she said.

Guyana's government refuses to suspend Sputnik V vaccine



(AP)— Guyana's government on Thursday refused to suspend use of the Russian Sputnik-V vaccine despite opposition warnings that doses could be fake and acquired through third party suppliers at higher than normal prices.

Opposition leader Joseph Harmon demanded a halt to the use of the Russian-made vaccines that he said were acquired from a United Arab Emirates businessman Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum instead of directly from suppliers in Russia.

Harmon said he fears for the authenticity of the vaccines, pointing to international reports linking the sheikh to a Norwegian businessman and allegedly dubious sales of the vaccines to developing coun-

tries. Harmon also pointed to what he said were fake doses being discovered by authorities in Mexico and Africa. He called for the program to be suspended until a full verification exercise is undertaken to ensure those being administered here are the real thing.

"We demand that these vaccines be put on hold until the population is given an assurance that what we are dealing is not a bogus transaction and that we are dealing with safe arrangement," Harmon, an attorney, said. Health Minister Dr. Frank Anthony defended the vaccine acquisitions, saying Russian government officials had pointed him to international contract suppliers of the doses, and so far the arrangements with the sheikh have been posi-

tive and reliable.

"We have a contract with them and so far they have been delivering," Anthony said at a briefing. "We are disappointed that the Leader of the Opposition believes that the price Guyana paid for Sputnik V vaccines is overpriced. Guyana has sought to procure directly from the Russian Sovereign Fund, but with no firm commitments on a delivery schedule, Guyana opted to utilize a supplier. It was a good investment for our people at the time. It remains a good investment at this time."

He argued that the statement by the opposition leader could further hamper efforts to beat vaccine hesitancy, noting that not one of 10 administrative regions in the country has seen vaccination rates above 55 percent. In one region just south of the capital, only 14 percent of the population have opted to take jabs.

"At no time did Guyana procure vaccines from any illegal entity or anyone in trouble with legal authorities anywhere," Anthony said. "Guyana has not procured vaccines from any illegal source as far as Mr. Harmon's claim that the government procured vaccines from any international fraudster. This is blatantly false."

More than 440 COVID-19 deaths have been recorded in Guyana since the first in March of last year.



Airlines, holiday companies ramp up pressure on Britain to ease travel rules

(Reuters) - Britain's airlines and holiday companies are planning a "day of action" on Wednesday to ramp up pressure on the government to ease travel restrictions, with just weeks to go before the start of the peak summer season.

Travel companies, whose finances have been stretched to breaking point during the pandemic, are desperate to avoid another summer lost to COVID-19. But, with Britain's strict quarantine requirements still in place, that now looks likely.

As the clock ticks down to July, Europe's biggest airline, Ryanair, and Manchester Airports Group, on Thursday launched legal action to try to get the government to ease the rules before the industry's most profitable season starts.

On Wednesday, June 23, pilots, cabin crew and travel agents will

gather in Westminster, central London, and at airports across Britain, to try to drum up support. Britain's aviation industry has been harder hit by the pandemic than its European peers, according to data published by pilots' trade union BALPA on Sunday.

That showed daily arrivals and departures into the United Kingdom were down 73% on an average day earlier this month, compared to before the pandemic, the biggest drop in Europe. Spain, Greece and France were down less than 60%.

UK airports were also badly affected, with traffic in and out of London's second busiest airport, Gatwick, down 92%, according to the data.

The government had to balance the risks of foreign holidays bringing new variants of the virus into Britain, justice

minister Robert Buckland told the BBC. Public Health England official Susan Hopkins said people should predominantly holiday at home this summer while the population is vaccinated.

But time is running out for the industry, said the union.

"There is no time to hide behind task forces and reviews," said BALPA general secretary Brian Strutton.

"BALPA is demanding that the UK Government gets its act together and opens the U.S. routes and European holiday travel destinations that it has blocked with no published evidence at all."

Over 45,000 jobs have already been lost in UK aviation, with estimates suggesting that 860,000 aviation, travel and tourism jobs are being sustained only by government furlough schemes.



BOTHAM JEAN BLVD

Botham Jean was 26 years old at the time of his death.

Botham Jean Act made law in Texas

Loop St. Lucia - On June 16, 2021, Texas lawmakers passed the Botham Jean Act in the name of the accountant murdered in his apartment by an off-duty Dallas police officer in 2018.

The new Texas legislation aims to increase police accountability and require police to turn on their body cameras and keep them on for the duration of an investigation.

The Saint Lucian native who resided in Dallas was eating ice cream and watching TV when former Dallas police officer Amber Guyger entered his apartment and fatally shot him.

Guyger later told po-

lice she mistook him for a burglar and his apartment for her own.

Guyger's body camera was not recording during the shooting because she was off duty. However, questions were raised about the lack of camera footage from responding officers during the murder trial.

Speaking to Loop News on Wednesday hours after the Bill was passed, Botham's mother, Allison Jean, described the news as another bittersweet moment for the Jean family.

"Because in as much as I am elated that my son's name is attached to the State of Texas and in the United States, the only reason

that it has happened is because he is no longer here with us," Mrs. Jean said. "So, when I received the news, I felt like picking up the phone and calling him to give him the good news but, as you know, he is not here," she added.

Since her son's death, Allison Jean has been advocating for police reform in the United States and vowed that Botham's death would not be in vain.

"I believe that the Botham Jean Act symbolizes [that] in his death he is making changes on behalf of others," she said.

"The law does not help him; it helps other people in America, and I am hoping that as

time goes on, we will be able to make amendments to that law, even to strengthen some of the components of the law, because initially there was a component relating [to] the Castle Doctrine which was used in Amber Guyger's defence ... it was removed from the law, but it is an opportunity, as time goes by, to add other components [to] strengthen the law."

According to the Castle Doctrine, deadly force is justified when a person intrudes on your property.

Amber Guyger was convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison in 2019 but has since appealed the conviction.

China has administered more than 1 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses

(CNN) - China has administered more than 1 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses, an astonishing milestone that comes as the country rolls out an unrivaled inoculation drive.

A total of 1,010,489,000 doses have been given as of Saturday, China's National Health Commission (NHC) said in a statement.

Those doses are almost 40% of the 2.5 billion shots administered globally.

The NHC said 100 million doses were given in the five days up to and including Saturday, according to State media outlet Xinhua. The 1 billion number is all the more remarkable given that China's rollout had a stuttering start. China only reached its first million administered doses on March 27 -- two weeks behind the US. But the pace picked up signifi-

cantly in May, with more than 500 million shots given over the past month, according to data from the NHC.

"It took China 25 days to climb from 100 million doses to 200 million doses, 16 days to increase from 200 million to 300 million, and six days from 800 million to 900 million," Xinhua reported.

Beijing has successfully contained the virus, but several recent local outbreaks, including in the northern Anhui and Liaoning provinces and Guangdong in the south, have fueled fears of infections, prompting a rush to get vaccinated in affected regions.

China has also begun to vaccinate people under the age of 18, with teenagers eligible to receive the Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines.

For those still re-



luctant, China has a powerful tool in its arsenal: a top-down, one-party system that is all-encompassing in reach and forceful in action, and a sprawling bureaucracy that can be swiftly mobilized.

Beijing aims to vaccinate at least 70% of eligible people by the end of the year, Xinhua report-

ed, citing the deputy head of the NHC Zeng Yixin.

Around 1.4 billion people live in China. Due to this, the country's administered doses per 100 people is still behind nations such as the US and Britain. But if its inoculation drive can keep up the current pace, Beijing will catch up fast.

Alabama storm: Nine children and one adult killed in crash



Highway 65 between Greenville and Fort Deposit in Alabama was closed in both directions for some time after the crash.

BBC - Ten people, including nine children, have been killed in a crash involving 18 vehicles in the storm-hit US state of Alabama on Saturday. Butler County coroner Wayne Garlock said the children's ages ranged from nine months to 17 years old.

He said the vehicles were likely to have hydroplaned on the wet roads and lost control. Tropical Depression Claudette has caused flash flooding and tornadoes, destroying dozens of homes in Alabama.

Garlock said a father and nine-month-old girl died in one of the cars.

The other eight victims were in a bus belonging to the Tallapoosa County Girls Ranch, a foster home for abandoned, neglected or abused girls. The

youngest was four years old.

A bystander pulled the bus driver to safety and then tried to rescue the children, however the bus was already engulfed in smoke and flames, WTVB television reported.

"Our hearts are so heavy today. Our ranch family has suffered a great loss," a post from the Alabama Sheriffs Youth Ranches, which manages the non-profit organisation, said on Facebook.

"As many of you may have heard, one of our ranch vehicles was involved in a multiple car accident yesterday afternoon. It is such a horrible tragedy and loss."

Five other people were hurt in the crash, but none of their injuries were critical, Butler County Sheriff Danny Bond

told Reuters news agency. "It was a horrific scene," he said separately to the Montgomery Advertiser. "It was the worst traffic accident I've witnessed in my life."

Pictures from the scene show many burnt-out vehicles of all sizes on the road and in the central reservation.

The National Transportation Safety Board was sending 10 investigators to the site. A 24-year-old man and three-year-old boy were also killed in Alabama on Saturday when a tree fell on their house, just outside the city of Tuscaloosa.

A search is also underway for a man in Birmingham, Alabama, who may have been swept away in flood waters.

Kay Ivey, Alabama's governor, tweeted that it was "a tragic day for our state".

Tropical Depression Claudette brought torrential rain to much of northern Alabama, Louisiana and Georgia late on Saturday.

Shortly after making landfall in the morning, a tornado destroyed or badly damaged at least 50 homes in Escambia County, on the Florida border.

The storm was downgraded to a tropical depression, but forecasters warned heavy rain was likely to continue into Sunday, and flash flooding warnings are in place.



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NBA Roundup

Los Angeles Clippers advance

Los Angeles Clippers eliminate the Utah Jazz

The Los Angeles Clippers eliminated the Utah Jazz on Friday night after a comfortable 131-119 win at home. Terrance Mann led the Clippers with a career high 39 points. Paul George fell short of a double-double with 28 points and nine rebounds. This is the first time in the franchise's 51-year history to reach the NBA Western Conference final.

Donovan Mitchell, 39 points, nine assists and nine rebounds played valiantly for the Jazz but it was not enough. The Clippers outscored the Jazz 81-47 in the second half. The win is quite remarkable when one considers that the Clippers had to overcome a 22-point deficit at the half time interval.

The Clippers will meet the Phoenix Suns who may be without their star guard, **Chris Paul**, as he is deemed ineligible by the NBA's COVID-19

protocols. Kawhi Leonard remains unavailable to the Clippers with a knee injury.

Milwaukee Bucks win against the Brooklyn Nets

The Milwaukee Bucks advanced to the Eastern Conference final when they defeated the Brooklyn Nets in a heart stopping 115-111 overtime win. Both teams' superstars had big games, but it was the Bucks who would prevail. The Nets did not help their cause when they scored only two points in the extra period.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 40 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Bucks. He was well supported by Khris Middleton who had 23 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and five steals. Kevin Durant scored 48 points, nine rebounds and six assists for the Nets in a losing cause. Although James Harden chipped in with 22 points, it was not enough to stave off the Bucks. *The Bucks will play either the Philadelphia*

76ers or the Atlanta Hawks.

Philadelphia 76ers avoid elimination against the Atlanta Hawks

The Philadelphia 76ers have forced a Game 7 in their series against the Atlanta Hawks when they secured a narrow 104-99 win. Both teams have shown that they can win on each other's court. Tobias Harris 24 points, Seth Curry 24 points and 13 rebounds, together with big man, Joel Embiid 22 points, provided all the firepower needed to overcome the Hawks and extend their season.

Trae Young tried to rally his team and their fans with 34 points and 12 assists, but that was not enough to hold off the 76ers.

The series is now tied at 3-3 with crucial Game 7 back in Philadelphia. The winner of this series will play either the Brooklyn Nets or the Milwaukee Bucks.



Rafael Nadal withdraws from Wimbledon & Olympics

CBS Sports – One of tennis' greatest players is taking some time off and will miss two of the sport's biggest events on the 2021 calendar. In an announcement on social media on Thursday, Rafael Nadal revealed that he won't be participating in Wimbledon or the Tokyo Olympics.

Nadal said it wasn't "an easy decision", but believes it was the best move for his overall health. "The goal is to prolong my career and continue to do what makes me happy, that is, to compete at the highest lev-

el and keep fighting for those professional and personal goals at the maximum level of competition," Nadal wrote.

"The fact that there has only been two weeks between RG (French Open) and Wimbledon, didn't make it easier on my body to recuperate after the always demanding clay court season. They have been two months of great effort and the decision I take is focused [on] looking at the mid and long term." Nadal is slated to be replaced as No. 3 at Wimbledon by Stefanos Tsitsipas who

advanced to the French Open final before losing to Djokovic. Nadal is fresh off advancing to the French Open semifinals where he ultimately lost to the eventual champion and top seeded Novak Djokovic.

The Spanish star has won Wimbledon on two different occasions, in 2008 and 2010. In addition, Nadal won a gold medal in singles competition at the Beijing Olympics in 2008 and doubles gold with Marc Lopez at the Rio Olympics in 2016.



Kagiso Rabada

Rabada: Caribbean is my favourite place to tour

GROS ISLET (CMC) – Marquee South Africa seamer Kagiso Rabada has described the Caribbean as his "favourite" place to tour after taking his first test five wicket haul in three years in the opening Test last weekend.

The 26-year old spearheaded the visitors' attack in the second innings, claiming five for 34 as West Indies crumbled for 162 to slump to an innings and 63 runs defeat inside 2 ½ days on a lively track at the Daren Sammy National Stadium.

For Rabada, the Test was his first in the Caribbean, with South Africa having not toured the region in the longest format since the player made his international debut in 2015.

However, he was part of South Africa's squad which featured in the 2016 Tri-Nation Series involving Australia and hosts West Indies, with matches played in Guyana, St. Kitts and Barbados.

Rabada said he still harboured great thoughts from the month-long tour. "My favourite memory of coming to the West Indies was being on a catamaran in Barbados," Rabada said.

"That was probably one of my top memories. It kind of sucks that we're in the West Indies and have to be in a bubble – it's a phenomenal place.

"We played a Tri-Series in 2016 ... and it was really good one-day competition. We had a strong team. All three teams had strong teams.

"But the West Indies is a phenomenal place to tour, probably my favourite."

Update: 2nd Test Match

GROS ISLET, St. Lucia – The 2nd *Betway* Test match between the West Indies and South Africa, currently underway in St. Lucia, has seen its fair share of twists and turns.

South Africa ended Day 1 on 218 for 5 after being inserted on a rain interrupted day. Captain Dean Elgar led from the front with 77, supported by Quinton de Kock with 59 not out.

Day 2 was no better. South Africa were eventually bowled out for 298 and West Indies, in reply, could only manage 149. This meant that South Africa had a lead of exactly 149 entering Day 3.

Wickets continued to tumble as South Africa were reduced to 63 for six at Tea, a lead of 212. South Africa's second innings was given a measure of respectability, thanks mainly to a late order partnership between Rassie van der Dussen, 75 not out, and Kagiso Rabada, 40, batting at number nine.

West Indies started their second innings knowing that all they need for win and to level the series is to score 324 runs. Time is not an issue, as they have all of days 4 and 5 in which to do so. Whether they have the confidence and will to

accomplish this will be known in the fullness of time.

West Indies ended Day 3 on 15 without loss, needing a further 309 runs. The match continues today with South Africa pushing for a clean sweep of the series. Earlier, the West Indies had excluded Darren Bravo and Rahkeem Cornwall from their final eleven.

Following the conclusion of the Test series, the teams will travel to Grenada where they will contest five (5) T20 Internationals.



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National Athletics Championship Postponed

With less than 24 hours before they were to start, the National Athletics Championship have been postponed. This, after the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association did not receive approval for the meet from the Ministry of Health. President of the local athletics body, **Everton Cornelius**, speaking with *Pointe Xpress*, provided some background to the development. He said the Association was in dialogue with the Chief Health Inspector with respect to protocols for the meet.

Cornelius said the protocols in question were obtained from the NACAC (North American, Central American and Caribbean Athletic Association), as well as some from WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency). These protocols were shared with the health authorities and

were being discussed for implementation at the national championships, which were scheduled for 19th and 20th June, 2021, at the newly refurbished YASCO track.

Apart from the uncertainty surrounding approval from the Ministry of Health, there was also the question of certification of the track and if times would be recognized outside of Antigua.

Some of the nation's top athletes were scheduled to take part in the national championships, the first since the track was re-laid. Among those due to run over the weekend were: Cejhae Greene, Priscilla Frederick, Tahir Walsh, Joella Lloyd, Tyco O'Garro, Shavorn Walsh, and Xavier Joseph.

The protocols that were to be implemented included hand washing stations; temperature checks

of everyone entering the venue; consideration given to allowing fully vaccinated fans who would be socially distanced. The athletics' boss said his Association was 'disappointed' after being told by the medical doctor assigned to review protocols for sporting bodies that the "protocols were not good enough". He further indicated that parents who were already bringing their children to practice would have been allowed in the venue subject to the protocols outlined. He also indicated that they had written to the Ministry of Sports seeking a waiver of fees for testing.

Those athletes still seeking to meet qualifying times for the Tokyo Olympics will now have to do so in the Bahamas next weekend.