

# CRACKDOWN ON DRINK-DRIVING

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## Residents want road fixed in Bellevue Heights

*This is the state of Tamarind Road in Bellevue Heights and residents are appealing to the authorities to address the problem as it worsens on a rainy day with flooding, making the road impassable even with a vehicle. (Photos contributed by an affected resident)*

## Shooting at bar in Parham

A man, said to be mentally ill, was shot in the abdomen at Ounces Bar in Parham around 9 o'clock last night.

His condition is not known at this time but police sources say he is receiving treatment at Mount St. John's Medical Centre.

It is alleged that the man walked into the bar and confronted the owner, saying he was sent to kill him.

In response, the owner allegedly shot the man in the abdomen.

Police sources say the businessman, whose name they did not divulge, is a licensed firearm holder.

He's assisting lawmen with the investigation at this time.

# WHAT'S ON

## Today and every Saturday ANU CADET CORPS INTAKE

Parents and Guardians who desire to have their children or wards, who are between the ages of 13 - 18 years of age, become a member of the Antigua and Barbuda National Cadet Corps, are asked to note that registration takes place at the T. N. Kirnon School, Old Parham Road, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday. Each child should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and should have the following documents: a copy of the birth certificate; one passport picture; proof that the child is enrolled in an educational institution, including the Antigua State College, ABICE, ABITT. This proof can be the acceptance letter or School Bus Pass; Registration fee of EC \$40.

## Today MORAVIAN HEALTH WALK

The Moravian Church is having its monthly conference health walk on Saturday September 15, at 5 a.m., starting at Cana Moravian Church and will move to the Police station in Liberty and back to the church. Breakfast will be on sale.

## Tomorrow CKHS 85TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

The CKHS 85 Alive committee cordially invites you to the Christ the King High School's 85th anniversary Mass of Celebration on Sunday September 16, at 5 p.m., at the Holy Family Cathedral, Michael's Mount. Past students, teachers, family and friends are welcomed. All past students are asked to wear white and accessories with their house colour.

## October 6 ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL FLEA MARKET

The St. John's Cathedral short-term fund-raising committee will host yet another flea market on Saturday October 6, from 6:00 a.m. at Judgment Square.

## October 8 GARD CENTER COURSES

"The Gilbert Agricultural and Rural Development Center (GARD Center) will be holding a series of courses sponsored by the European Union, for youths between the ages of 17 - 35 years, in October 2018. Courses will be held in Grounds Maintenance; Office Administration; Professional Hospitality Service; and Solar Panel Installation. Courses are scheduled to begin on Monday, October 8, and will run Mondays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Register now at GARD Center to improve your skills and to benefit from the Center's Internship and Job Placement services. There is a non-refundable Registration Fee of EC \$50, with a valid photo ID. Call 463-4121 or visit the Center at Mercers Creek.

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## Breathalyzers to crackdown on drink-driver

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The use of breathalyzers by the police is soon to be made legal, and further, people caught driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs would be penalised if they refuse a blood test ordered by the cops if for some reason the person cannot do a breath test.

The Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2018 was passed this week in the House of Representatives and the next step is for it to go before the Senate, after which it would have to be approved by the governor general and gazetted before it becomes law.

An amendment to Section 54 states, "A person who when driving or attempting to drive, or when in charge of a motor vehicle on a road is under the influence of alcohol or drug to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of the vehicle, or is stopped by a police officer and is found over the prescribed limit by a mandatory test is liable on summary conviction."

For a first time offender, the penalty is up to \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding three years. A second offence

would result in a fine no more than \$15,000 or incarceration up to five years. The repeat offender could even be permanently disqualified from having a driver's licence.

Section 54F of the Bill defines "the prescribed limit" as: (a) breath alcohol concentration, thirty-five microgrammes of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of breath or such other proportion as may be prescribed; and (b) blood alcohol concentration, eighty milligrammes of alcohol in one hundred millilitres of blood, or such other proportion as may be prescribed.

Legal Affairs Minister Steadroy 'Cutie' Benjamin said that stricter penalties would force people to act in accordance with the law.

"You know the number of persons that end up with impairments as a result of accidents? It is amazing," Benjamin said.

Another major change on the way is the use of certain devices while driving, to include cellular phones.

The Bill outlines an amendment to Section 56, which speaks about careless driving.

It reads, "If any person drives a motor vehicle on a road while holding or using a

hand-held mobile device, or without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, he commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction for a first offence to a fine of one thousand dollars and to disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver's licence for three months, and for a second and every subsequent offence to a penalty of twenty-five hundred dollars and to disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver's licence for one year."

The Member of Parliament for St. Mary's South, Samantha Marshall, commended her labour party colleague, Benjamin, for responding to the calls of the police force.

She expressed concern about the bad practices of some drivers, including those who use devices such as Bluetooth.

"You can be so easily distracted and in a second, that's all it takes for you to have an accident. Love your life as no other person can love your life," she told parliament.

Marshall also said people are too impatient on the road these days.

Immediately following Marshall's contribution, Speaker of the House Sir Gerald Watt QC warned that en-

forcement will be key to the success of the pending measures.

Opposition Leader Jamale Pringle, United Progressive Party (UPP) MP for All Saints East and St. Luke, supported the proposed legislative changes but expressed the hope that the measures would be applied equally to all motorists.

"We should also have a follow up process to make sure they are enforced and not wait until there is a situation to look at it to better it," Pringle said, stressing that the new legislation should be implemented across the board and free from bias.

"We have to make sure they are enforced not in a manner that they are for some persons. We know some people have friends," he explained.

Meanwhile, the proposed law seeks to remove the power to make Regulations from the Cabinet, and places it in the power of the minister with responsibility for vehicular control.

The purpose of the Bill is to tighten up on bad road use by facilitating the police's use of equipment to test alcohol levels of motorists, and to bring the Act up to date with respect to the offence of using a hand held mobile device while driving a vehicle as is being done in other jurisdictions.

## New CIP product to fund UWI

The government of Antigua and Barbuda has introduced a new Citizenship by Investment product to help fund the University of the West Indies Campus expected to be located at Five Islands.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne made the announcement in Parliament on Thursday, saying that the new product will be sold at US\$ 150,000.

This comes almost exactly four months after the initial announcement to introduce it.

He made the disclosure while presenting the C.I.P report for January to June in the Parliament.

According to the arrange-

ment, the product is for families with six or more applicants. It will include one-year of free tuition for a single member of that family.

"The individuals who sell these applications under this programme will be paid a commission of \$30,000," the prime minister said.

Browne told legislators that the Citizenship by Investment Unit received 278 citizenship applications which yielded EC \$90 million.

"This shows that the decision we took last year to reduce the prices to US\$100,000 has restored the number of applications," he added.

According to the prime minister, by the end of the year, it is projected that \$190 million will be raised through the C.I.P.

His comments in parliament came after the principal of the Antigua State College Hiram Forde, updated Attorney General Steadroy 'Cutie' Benjamin earlier in the week on a feasibility study being conducted on the Campus.

During the talks, Minister Benjamin reiterated the need for the University Campus to be established in Antigua and Barbuda, saying that the government envisions that within 5-10 years of operation, the educational facility would have great economic benefit to



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

the country and the region.

Initially, the prime minister had also indicated that the government may have to introduce a new tax to fund the fourth campus of UWI. (Shermain Bique-Charles)

# UPP dismisses government's defence of importing foreign workers

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Opposition Senator Damani Tabor said he does not believe the government's claim that there's a shortage of local construction workers thus they had to turn to foreigners for the Royalton Hotel project.

The government announced this week that the employment of Dominican Republic nationals was necessary because the majority of local construction workers are engaged in other government projects across the island.

Government's chief of staff, Lionel "Max" Hurst said that the contractors were working towards a deadline and needed the manpower, so foreign nationals had to be employed.

But Tabor said the entire excuse is "laughable".

"For 'Max' Hurst to claim that they imported all of these workers because all the Antiguans are sapped up in some construction boom, some ghost boom that does not exist is laughable," Tabor told OBSERVER *media*.

The United Progressive Party (UPP) spokesman said that for the government to give the impression that the

construction workforce in Antigua has been exhausted, is absurd.

Tabor said Antiguans have not been given priority in any major government development.

"You asked him for the exact number of Antiguans working on the project and he refused to give a number and the reason is that a vast majority of these gentlemen who are brought in from the Dominican Republic, and I just want to say that none of the high-quality hotel project or the 50 small properties, failed to have a majority of Antiguans," he added.

Hurst insisted that it

was necessary to import foreign workmen to complete the Royalton Resort on time.

Last year the then Royal Antigua Resort, located at Deep Bay, was sold to the Canadian company, Sunwing Travel Group, for US \$27 million.

This occurred after Issa Nicholas of Trinidad and Tobago bought the hotel for US \$18 million in 2004, with a performance clause to spend US \$12 million to upgrade it to a first-class conference centre that was left dilapidated for years.

Nicholas later sold the property to Sunwing for a profit.

## Remaining Barbudans' health to be assessed

The remaining Barbudans staying at the Barrymore Hotel in Antigua insisting they cannot return to Barbuda because of health reasons will be assessed by the Ministry of Health.

Director of the National Office of Disaster Services, Philmore Mullin told OBSERVER *media* yesterday there are about three or four families still living at the post-Hurricane Irma shelter more than a year after the Category 5 plus storm demolished Barbuda and forced its evacuation of over 1,600 residents.

He explained that while most of the Barbudans have since returned home to aid in the rebuilding efforts, there are families still at the Fort Road property insisting that they cannot go home because the current health system in Barbuda cannot cater to their ailments.

"A number of persons have indicated that the reason they have not gone back

is medical and the medical care on the island is not sufficient enough based on their ailment. I have to be guided by the Ministry of Health where that is concerned because if the Ministry is satisfied with the health care that is required is available on Barbuda then we will have no choice then to ask them to leave," Mullin said.

He was quick to add that there are more than a dozen homes that have been repaired on the sister-Isle, but, the occupants have not returned.

"I think there are about 16 houses that are livable in Barbuda and they have members of those families living in Barbuda, but, in some cases the houses are closed up and these people are just at the Barrymore and now that we have identified them we are going to ask them to relocate," he stated.

No timeline has been given on when the health assessment will be done and



Director of the National Office of Disaster Services, Philmore Mullin

when another eviction notice will be issued, however, Mullin said a meeting will be held with the remaining residents shortly to inform them of the latest development.

In late August, Barbu-

dans staying at another shelter in Antigua, the National Technical Training Centre, were asked to leave after failing to adhere to two earlier eviction notices. But again, only a few people obeyed. (Tameika Malone)

## Canada company makes impressive marijuana proposal



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The government is probably weeks away from making a big leap into its quest to allow for the commercial farming and medical sale of marijuana.

The Cabinet said this week that a medical marijuana company with headquarters in Canada made an approach for the establishment of a production facility on Antigua.

This will be done on twenty-five acres of farmland,

controlled by Antiguan farmers who would be trained.

The Canadian medical marijuana firm would provide US \$18.7 million annually to Government in taxes, fees, licences and export duties (for every 25 acres it could harvest).

The firm indicated that its systems of extraction would allow it to yield significant quantities of oils from the strains of plants that it would instruct the farmers to grow; the oils would be bottled under controlled circumstances and exported to markets where there is a demand.

Their investment would exceed \$8 million in machines and \$3 million in buildings, patent use, the purchase of seeds, security of farms and other expenses.

The cabinet asked the firm's representatives to provide a more detailed plan next Wednesday; in the meantime, 25 acres of farmland could be identified for possible cultivation by Antiguan farmers.

The firm agreed that it could collaborate with another firm which Cabinet received weeks ago.

This is not the first time that teams and individuals

have made presentations to the Cabinet about establishing a firm for medical marijuana here.

In fact, just about every week, teams from Jamaica, the United States and other countries would make proposals to the government.

Attorney General Steadroy "Cutie" Benjamin has said that it would only be a matter of time before the government makes a decision.

Legislation to allow for the commercial farming and medical sale of marijuana products will soon be brought to Parliament.

## Early warning system tests successful

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The National Office of Disaster Services' tests of the early warning system ahead of weather that was expected to minimally impact Antigua was successful.

Director of NODS, Philmore Mullin said while the early warning system was not specifically pegged to Thursday's weather, the test was effective.

He added that it would be a couple more weeks before the system is completely

up and running.

"The system has been installed, it has been tested, and we are now going through the administrative procedures of preparing the messages that need to go in the system .... It is an ongoing process, we are not aiming for this hurricane or any specific hurricane," Mullin said.

Ahead of Thursday's rainy and windy conditions, telecommunication companies were updating their subscribers with weather updates.

Mullin said this was not

part of the early warning system, and the companies have agreed, in principle to send out messages on behalf of NODS in the absence of the early warning system.

"We have been utilising them to do that, however, the cap-based system will allow us to send messages directly without a third party. The system also has the capacity to utilise the telephone providers if they so desire to partner. We do prefer if they partner with us," he said.

The "hazard early warn-

ing system" will help authorities here detect early signs of flooding, tsunamis and other natural disasters to which Antigua and Barbuda is prone.

The early warning system will also involve the establishment of a multi-hazard information centre for forecasting and early warning, which combines information derived from multiple ground and satellite sources, and provides reliable information on upcoming extreme weather events and their potential impact on the island.

# Our Neighbours

## Caribbean urged to sign landmark environment treaty

GENEVA, (CMC)—United Nations human rights experts are urging Caribbean countries to sign and ratify as quickly as possible, the Escazú agreement, described as a ground-breaking environment treaty for the region.

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said that the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean was adopted on March 4 in Escazú, Costa Rica, and will be open for signature on September 27 at the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

The treaty is the first of its kind in the world to include specific binding provisions for the protection and promotion of people, groups and organizations that promote and defend human rights in environmental matters, ECLAC said.

It said the treaty, which was negotiated under its auspices, is the only binding treaty stemming from the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

"This landmark regional treaty not only guarantees good governance and basic democratic rights but is also an enabler for environmental protection and sustainable development," the 27 U.N. experts said in a joint statement.

"There is a special emphasis on people and groups in vulnerable situations and measures to try to help those most in need. We welcome



(Image courtesy CANA)

the focus in this treaty on overcoming the barriers and difficulties that hinder the full enjoyment of human rights related to the environment, which is especially crucial in Latin America and the Caribbean," they added.

The U.N. experts also praised the treaty's explicit recognition of the rights of indigenous peoples, as well as the acknowledgement of the cultural diversity of Latin America and the Caribbean and of their peoples.

The Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment, David R. Boyd, drew particular attention to Article 1 of the treaty, which recognizes everyone's right to live in a healthy environment.

"This agreement is a major leap forward in the protection and safeguarding of human rights defenders in environmental matters," said Michel Forst, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders.

"By establishing specific binding provisions, Latin American and Caribbean States are not only recognizing the acute and alarming

situation faced by environmental defenders in countries of the region but are also taking concrete steps to reaffirm their role and respect, protect and fulfil all their rights," he added.

ECLAC said provisions in the treaty aimed at ensuring access to information and justice, in the various languages used in each of the countries, and fostering public participation and cooperation were also welcomed by the U.N. experts.

"In keeping with international human rights obligations, the regional agreement sets important standards that will be fundamental in addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges such as climate change, land degradation, water pollution, natural disasters and the depletion and unsustainable use of natural resources," the experts stressed.

The experts added that States should adopt, in their strategies for achieving the U.N.'s Sustainable Development Goals, an approach that encompasses the whole of society.

They also pointed out that an essential aspect of States' international human rights obligations is to ensure protection, respect and support for individuals who raise concerns about adverse human rights impacts, including climate-induced displacement and in the context of development projects where business is involved.

"This approach would allow everyone, particularly those in more vulnerable situations – including older persons, access to timely and reliable information, so that they could participate meaningfully in decisions affecting their lives, and seek redress and remedy when their rights have been infringed," the experts said.

"By signing and promptly ratifying this ground-breaking treaty, Latin American and Caribbean States will reinforce their strong commitment to environmental protection and human rights and, above all, will send out an unequivocal message in favour of multilateralism, solidarity, equality and regional integration, while encouraging partnerships with other regions," they added.

In following up on the agreement, ECLAC said States should also ensure that business activities and investments do not come at the cost of adverse environmental and human rights impacts.

In implementing the agreement, ECLAC said States should also be mindful of the varied and disproportionate impact of environmental matters on women and girls, and the specific challenges faced by women human rights defenders, and ensure that all actions taken incorporate a gender perspective.

ECLAC said the regional agreement is open for signature by the 33 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and requires a minimum of 11 States to become operational.

# Caribbean American legislator loses bid for New York Lieutenant Governor

**NEW YORK (CMC)**—Caribbean American legislator, Jumaane Williams lost a spirited bid to become lieutenant governor of New York State as he failed to overcome the incumbent Kathy Hochul by six percentage points in the New York Democratic Primary elections on Thursday night.

New York City Councilman Williams, the son of Grenadian immigrants, who represents the 45th Council District in Brooklyn, conceded defeat to Hochul at Café Omar, a night spot in Brooklyn owned by former New York City Councilman St. Vincent and the Grenadines-born Dr. Kendall Stewart, who Williams had defeated in his initial bid in the 45th Council District.

"Tonight, hundreds of thousands of people across the Empire State [New York] struck back. Our revolution is stronger than ever," he said, hinting that he will continue to fight for higher office.

"I'm going to stand tall right here, making good trouble, fighting the good

fight."

Williams, a self-described political activist and three-term councilman, narrowly lost to Hochul, a former U.S. Congresswoman.

Polls had given Hochul a huge lead over Williams going into Thursday's Democratic Primary. But Williams secured 538,611 votes, or 47 percent, to Hochul's 600,823 votes, or 53 percent.

Williams had campaigned on holding elected officials accountable and ensuring that New York State government is "always working in the best interest of the people who need it the most, not the wealthy corporation and the politicians."

If he was elected, Williams said he would have pushed "our State to lead from the front on progressive issues, be a voice for the most vulnerable in our State, and promote equality and justice for all."

In the age of U.S. President Donald J. Trump, he said "New York must do more."

Williams said he had a

plan to do more by making healthcare more accessible to all, protect women's rights and empower them to lead, make housing more affordable for all, and "protect the hard-fought gains of immigrant, the formerly incarcerated, the LGBTQ communities."

In addition, he said he would have, among other things, improved the quality of New York's education system, protected the environment from "destruction and corporate takeover," protected the voting rights of all citizens, strengthened labor organizations in their fight for the work, and protected communities from gun violence.

Political pundits said if Williams had defeated Hochul, it would have generated a very uncomfortable situation for New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, who handsomely beat activist Cynthia Nixon in the primary.

Though the governor and the lieutenant governor run on separate tickets in the primary, they usually contest

the general elections in November on the same ticket.

Williams had campaigned strongly against Cuomo's policies, while Hochul touted much of the governor's achievements.

The position of lieutenant governor, however, is largely ceremonial in New York.

Williams had received a large swath of endorsements from elected officials, labour unions and publications across New York State.

A week before the primary, former U.S. presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders endorsed him.

In endorsing Williams, the prestigious New York Times said he was the Democratic Party's "best bet for Lieutenant Governor" of New York State.

The Times said that while Hochul, a lawyer and former county clerk and House member from Buffalo, is a dedicated public servant, in her more than three years in office, she "has served as little more than an echo for Gov. Andrew Cuomo."

## Police officer shot and killed in the presence of his daughter

**NASSAU, Bahamas (CMC)**—Police were searching for a lone gunman who shot and killed a senior police officer in the presence of his daughter near a Junior High School in the western district of New Providence.

The police said that Inspector Carlis Blatch, who served as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to Governor General Dame Marguerite Pindling, was sitting in a vehicle along with his daughter when a male, armed with a firearm, approached him and ordered him out of his vehicle.

As the officer was exiting the vehicle, the gunman shot him, got into the vehicle and drove away.

Blatch was transported to hospital by paramedics and later pronounced dead. His daughter was able to escape from the vehicle unharmed. A short time later, the vehicle was recovered.

In a statement, the police said they were appealing to members of the public, who would have witnessed the incident on Wednesday to come forward and help in

their investigations.

Meanwhile, Dame Marguerite said she is "deeply saddened" by the murder of her ADC for the past four years.

"Inspector Blatch has been on the staff of the Governor-General for the past 14 years, serving with distinction as the officer in charge of protocol, then as ADC to the Governor-General. His service at Government House was marked by his expert understanding of the procedures, which attend the affairs at Government

House, and as ADC to the Governor-General. He always took great care to pass on his expertise to other staff, among whom he was highly regarded. His interactions with the public also made him respected and admired," according to the statement issued by the Governor General.

"The Governor-General particularly extends sincere sympathy to Mrs. Crystal Blatch and their children and wishes to assure them of her prayers during this time of their bereavement."



## **CLUB SANDALS SUPERVISOR – JUNIOR CONCIERGE**

**Summary/Objective:** Supervises the Club Sandals/ Concierge operation with specific focus on Junior Concierge; ensures personnel are executing their duties in accordance to Standard Operating procedures (SOPs).

### **Essential Functions:**

- Manage the In Room Bar operations according to company standards
- Monitors the workloads during shifts ensuring smooth flow of the operation, staff production level and guest comfort; schedule team according to the needs of the operations.
- Selects, guides, schedules, trains and evaluates all Club Sandals /Concierge (Beaches)team members (junior concierge/concierge), ensuring maintenance of high service standards and the luxury included philosophy.
- Ensure training and re-training of all Club Sandals/Concierge team members. Conducts departmental skills and service excellence training with team members.
- Manage and maintain beverage consumption level, beverage and equipment cost; storerooms
- Ensure the required Beverage reports for In Room Bars are completed according to standards;
- Monitor Junior Concierge daily routine ensure all task are completed through control managing control sheets et al
- Manage Beverage orders and beverage issued to Junior Concierge record all qualities issued
- Manage In Room Stock inventories; audit all storerooms; do weekly / monthly inventories report inconsistencies to management
- Foster and promote cooperation and teamwork within the department and throughout the organization, especially Housekeeping and Maintenance/Engineering.
- Evaluates records to forecast the department's requirements.
- Ensure monthly expenditure is within budget for the department; works within the allotted budget.
- Coordinates special services e.g. taxi for shopping, dinner reservations and other services.
- Monitors key controls including safe keys and room keys.
- Verifies that accurate room status information is maintained and properly accounted for.

### **Qualifications and Experience:**

- Associate degree / BSc. Hotel/Business Management or equivalent;
- Minimum two years' work experience in a similar or comparative position;
- Computer literate Windows/Excel/Access/Outlook.
- Excellent Service Excellence Skills; ability to communicate clearly both verbally and nonverbally.

**Interested persons should submit their applications by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (cover letter and curriculum vitae) via email to: The Human Resources Manager, Sandals Grande Antigua  
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We all grew fast and big!

One by one I saw my brothers and sisters leave; Blacka, Blacko, Brittany and Barni. That left Branco, my favourite big bro, and myself.

Although I'm still growing, I'm no trouble at all. Being a girl I love some fuss, I love food, and I love to play. I can sit, and I'm eager to learn anything you tell me, especially if there's any nice food as a reward. And I'm actually pretty fast at remembering things!

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Hope to see you soon,

Brea





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### **Applicants should satisfy the following minimum requirements:**

- Must have excellent customer service and communication skills.
- Must be able to maintain detailed knowledge of the company's products and services.
- Must adhere to all company policies, procedures and business ethics codes
- Must be sales savvy with the propensity to sell and close sales effectively.
- Must have the ability to coordinate daily activities to maintain and increase revenue.
- Must be able to perform all duties and responsibilities in a timely and effective manner in accordance with established company standards
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- Must identify and maximize opportunities to sell excursions and attractions to our guests
- Must confidently and proactively engage with guests in order to create selling opportunities

### **Qualification and Experience**

- Experience of working in a customer services environment
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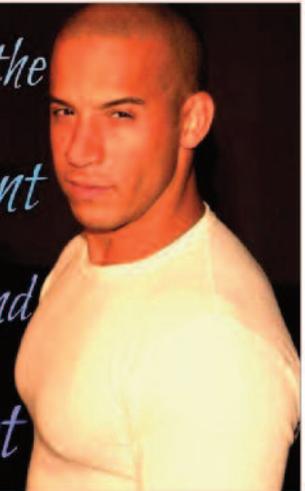
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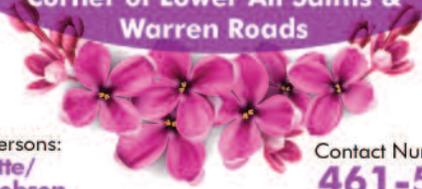
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# World View

## Hurricane hits Carolinas, governor warns 'it's going to get worse'

WILMINGTON, N.C. (Reuters)—Hurricane Florence crashed into the Carolinas on Friday, killing five people, knocking down trees and swamping streets with torrential rains and a powerful storm surge, before slowing to a pace that meant it would plague the area with days of flooding.

The hurricane's storm surge - the wall of water it pushed in from the Atlantic - had "overwhelmed" New Bern, a town of about 30,000 people at the confluence of the Neuse and Trent rivers, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper said.

"The sun rose this morning on an extremely dangerous situation and it's going to get worse," he said at a news conference in Raleigh. "To those in the storm's path, if you can hear me, please stay sheltered in place."

Cooper said Florence would "continue its violent grind across the state for days."

No storm-related deaths or serious injuries were reported in the hours immediately after Florence hit but authorities said more than 60 people, including many children and pets, had to be evacuated from a hotel in Jacksonville, North Carolina, after strong winds caused parts of the roof to collapse.

The center of the hurricane's eye came ashore at



*A motorist drives away from a fallen tree blocking a road after the arrival of Hurricane Florence in Wilmington, North Carolina, U.S., September 14, 2018. (Photo courtesy Reuters)*



*Rainwater flooded streets are pictured as Hurricane Florence moves into the Carolinas in Wilmington, North Carolina, U.S., September 14, 2018. (Photo courtesy Reuters)*

about 7:15 a.m. EDT (1115 GMT) near Wrightsville Beach close to Wilmington, North Carolina, with sustained winds of 90 miles per hour (mph) (150 kph), the National Hurricane Center (NHC) said.

By 1:50 p.m. (1750 GMT) the winds had dropped to 75

mph (120 kph) and the center was moving west at a 6 mph (10 kph), the NHC said, and parts of North and South Carolina would get as much as 40 inches of rain (1 meter).

Cooper said Florence was set to cover almost all of North Carolina in several feet of water. As of Friday morn-

ing, Atlantic Beach, a town on the state's Outer Banks barrier islands, already had received 30 inches (76 cm) of rain, the U.S. Geological Service said. Twenty inches (50 cm) were reported by early Friday afternoon in the town of Oriental.

The National Weather Service predicted Florence could drop up to eight months' worth of rain in two or three days.

Authorities in New Bern said more than 100 people had to be saved from floods and that the downtown area was underwater. The town's public information officer, Colleen Roberts, told CNN 150 more people were awaiting rescue.

Helping with rescues there were members of the so-called Cajun Navy, a group of Louisiana-based volunteers who became famous during last year's Hurricane Harvey, locals said on Twitter.

"WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU," New Bern city officials said on Twitter. "You may need to move up to the second story, or to your attic, but WE ARE COMING TO GET YOU."

Video reports from several towns in the Carolinas showed emergency personnel wading through rippling thigh-high floodwaters in residential neighborhoods.

Florence also blew down trees, including one that went through the roof of Kevin DiLoreto's home in Wilmington. He said fallen trees blocked all roads leading to his neighborhood.

"It's insane," he said in a phone interview. "Everybody laughs at the fact that this storm got downgraded ... but I've never seen tree devastation this bad."

"Afterwards, I'm going to drink a bottle of whiskey and take a two-day nap, but right now I'm walking the neighborhood and making

sure my neighbors are fine, because nobody can get in here.”

More than 634,000 homes and businesses were without power in North and South Carolina early on Friday, utility officials said. Utility companies said millions were expected to lose power and restoration could take weeks.

Florence had been a Category 3 hurricane with 120 mph winds on Thursday but dropped to Category 1 before

coming ashore. It is expected to move across parts of southeastern North Carolina and eastern South Carolina on Friday and Saturday, then head north over the western Carolinas and central Appalachian Mountains early next week, the NHC said. Significant weakening is expected over the weekend.

About 10 million people could be affected by the storm and more than 1 million were ordered to evacuate

the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia. Some of those who stayed went to shelters while others stuck it out in their homes.

Maysie Baumgardner, 7, and her family sheltered at the Hotel Ballast in downtown Wilmington as Florence filled the streets with floodwaters.

“It looks heavy outside,” she said. “I’m a little bit scared right now, but I have my iPad and I’m watching Netflix.”

Amtrak canceled its passenger rail service south of Washington, D.C., and there were nearly 600 cancellations of flights arriving or departing from major airports in the Carolinas.

Florence was one of two major storms on Friday. In the Philippines, evacuations were under way with Super Typhoon Mangkhut expected to hit on Saturday in an area impacting an estimated 5.2 million people.

## US to reconsider asylum for separated immigrant families

Reuters)—President Donald Trump’s administration has agreed to reconsider the asylum claims of some 1,000 immigrant parents and children who were separated at the U.S. border as part of a deal to settle lawsuits over his “zero-tolerance” immigration policy.

The settlement, detailed in court documents late on Wednesday, represented a victory for rights groups that challenged Trump’s contentious family separation policy that was aimed at deterring illegal immigration.

If approved by U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw in San Diego, immigrant parents and their children will get a second chance to apply for asylum even if U.S. authorities previously rejected their claims that they faced a “credible fear of persecution or torture” if sent back to their home countries.

More than 1,000 people will be eligible to apply again for asylum under the settlement, according to Muslim Advocates, one of the rights groups that sued the administration.

The family separations and the detention of thousands of children, mostly from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, prompted widespread condemnation of Trump’s policy. About 2,500 children and parents were separated before Trump abandoned the policy in June. Days



Tents are seen at a tent encampment behind a border fence near the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) port of entry in Tornillo, Texas, U.S., September 12, 2018. (File photo courtesy Reuters)

later, a federal judge ordered the families reunited, a process that is still incomplete.

The agreement also leaves open the possibility that some of the hundreds of parents already deported without their children could return to the United States, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, which brought one of the lawsuits. Their claims would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Immigration lawyers have said that some of these parents may have a case for returning to pursue asylum because they were coerced into dropping their asylum bid, believing it was the only way to get their children back.

The settlement stems from three lawsuits against the administration brought by the American Civil Liberties Union, Muslim Advocates and the Hogan Lovells

law firm, among others.

One lawsuit alleged that parents were suffering extreme trauma from the forced separation of their children and therefore failed a “credible fear” interview, which was their only opportunity to avoid expedited removal from the United States.

Under the settlement, these parents will now be able to submit additional evidence and testimony to establish credible fear of returning to their home country.

Sirine Shebaya, an attorney for Muslim Advocates, called the agreement a significant victory for these parents. “They will finally have a real chance to be heard and to secure safety and stability for themselves and their families,” Shebaya said.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has tightened U.S. asylum standards to exclude many people whose

credible fear claims involved domestic violence or gang violence, reasons often cited by those fleeing Central America.

For asylum seekers who pass a credible fear test, their case then goes to an immigration judge. Many ultimately may not be granted asylum, but their cases may drag on for years. During that time, the applicant is allowed to live and work in the United States.

Last month, Sessions directed immigration judges to speed up their cases.

Trump, known for his hard line toward immigration, has taken steps to reduce illegal and legal immigration. His administration this month said it planned to withdraw from a court agreement that for 20 years has governed how the U.S. government detains immigrant minors.

# Editorial

OUR OPINION

## Go! Stop! Go! Wait! Proceed with caution...

Remember when we said that the likely outcomes of the Barbuda airport squabble were good paydays for the lawyers and the contractor and a waste of a whole lot of time? Well, guess what? Those predictions are coming through in more accurate ways than we originally thought.

In case you are not keeping up, on September 11, the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court handed down its decision regarding the injunction previously granted to John Mussington and Jacklyn Frank that called for the stoppage of all work on the Barbuda airport. (Hmmm ... There seems to be something about the date September 11 and aviation.) In any case, the appeal made by the Development Control Authority (DCA), the Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority and the Attorney General was successful against the previously victorious Mussington and Frank.

The Justices of the Appeal Court, Davidson Kelvin Baptiste, Mario Michel, and Paul Webster, ruled that "Paragraph 3 of the order of the learned judge dated 2nd August, 2018 granting the interim injunction is set aside." They also made no order regarding costs but we know that they will be significant because the appellants were represented by a whopping 5 lawyers: Anthony Astaphan, SC, Dr. David Dorsett, Carla Brooks-Harris, Luann Decosta and Hugh Marshall, Jr. Dig deep taxpayers because if you think one lawyer is expensive, try five!

On the other side, representing the respondents, were Leslie Thomas, QC and Michelle Sterling. It was a 5-on-2 affair and it went the way most 5-on-2 games go. Not that the underdog, smaller side could not have prevailed but we would ven-

ture to say that most people saw this battle as a loss from the get go.

While you are adding up the costs, don't forget the contractor, Bahamas Hot Mix, that has been sitting on its hands waiting to continue.

Even though they likely shifted their resources to their other lucrative contract in Antigua (the road rehabilitation programme), they will likely enforce whatever penalty clauses their contract allows for the delay. A delay which could continue if, when the matter is heard again in the high court, Mussington and Frank are once again victorious.

In response to the ruling lifting the injunction, the group has indicated that it was mulling a further appeal, however, since the High Court of Antigua has already granted them permission to consider the case at a judicial review hearing on September 26, we are not sure that will happen (just our opinion). In response, Prime Minister Gaston Browne has made it clear that the current legal battle is nothing more than political mischief stating, "This is just the usual obstructionists who are hellbent on stymieing progress.". He laid the blame on operatives of the Barbuda Peoples Movement whom he said were seeking to become, "king of the ashes" describing them with his favourite go-to put-down as "A bunch of selfish deracinates who have no sense of loyalty to the state." The PM may want to check the existence and use of that word before he continues using it.

With all this stop and go, we are right back where we started. We have an airport under construction in Barbuda that was admittedly started without all proper

procedures being followed and no clear road ahead. It is claimed that environmental and other damage has been done and some type of relief is being sought, we just are not quite sure of the end game. We say that because it seems to be a situation of making lemonade rather than complaining about the sour lemons. If the damage is done and cannot be rehabilitated then isn't it better to make the best of a bad situation? This is not meant to condone any breach of laws or regulations but what is done is done. At this point, it would appear that the Barbudans best interests would be served by trying to get the best outcome from what they consider to be a bad situation, rather than simply stopping the airport, living

with the damage, and likely making a bad situation worse.

Maybe if, as we have said before, both sides could see past today and look towards the future, they could come to some type of win-win resolution that would be cheaper and deliver the mutual goal of economic sustainability for Barbuda. It is maddening for us to sit on the sideline and watch lawyers' pockets being filled, contractors' pockets being filled and Barbudans' pockets empty. Especially when both sides claim to want the same thing! But we are talking about Barbuda and often, things are not always what they seem.

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# YOUR BIRTHDAY

Born today, you have great ambition and tremendous desires that will help to steer you on your journey through life. You crave knowledge and know-how; you want to be recognized as one who is comfortable in all sorts of situations, doing whatever you may be called upon to do. You may have been quite studious as a child, often preferring alone time with your books to playtime with your friends. Later in life you will recognize the need to get out in the world to develop the many talents with which you have been endowed. It is not enough, after all, to read about something; you have to try it!

You are quite able to follow directions, but if such directions are not forthcoming, you can follow your instincts and succeed at even the most complicated endeavors. You can be an important member of a well-oiled, integrated team, or you can work entirely alone, as circumstances require. You enjoy the social scene, but you prefer meaningful conversation with one or two close friends.

**Also born on this date are: Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex; Tommy Lee Jones, actor; Dan Marino, football player; Agatha Christie, mystery writer; Oliver Stone, screenwriter and director; William Howard Taft, U.S. president; Gaylord Perry, baseball player; Nipsey Russell, actor; Josh Charles, actor; Jackie Cooper, actor; Fay Wray, actress.**

*To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.*

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — Something is likely to be finalized after a good deal of preparation and waiting. You've had your ducks in a row for a while now.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — It's time for you to hit the road perhaps, if you're feeling like you've been standing in one place too long. Destinations beckon.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — You may have to go to greater lengths than usual today to get someone to do something that is often considered nothing but routine.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You may fall victim to a change of mood that throws you very much for a loop. Family members express concern and offer assistance.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — You may receive a proposition of some sort that challenges your beliefs. Take the time to examine what this really means to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — Productivity doesn't depend on you being in the center of the vortex today; indeed, you can get a great deal from a distance at this time.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — It's a good time to show your appreciation for something that a friend has been doing for you for quite some time. Wait no longer.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — You are marking time in a way that serves you very well right now, but you must get ready to make a change that another imposes on you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — First impressions mean more today than usual. You have what it takes to get things done without collecting a team of experts; trust yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — You may come upon a barrier that wasn't meant for you, but that stands in your way just the same. You have an effective solution at the ready.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You and a friend may have to turn to a third party to solve a problem that both of you had a hand in creating. Heed the advice of an elder.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — You can have more than you bargained for today — and you can make sure, too, that what you get is very much what you wanted. Luck plays a role.

# UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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SOLUTION:

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DIRECTIONS: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in the Collins English Dictionary. JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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**ACROSS**

- Even one
- Fresh growth
- de plume
- Roam around
- Honestly!
- Banjo cousin
- Forgo
- The thick of things
- Jr. naval officer
- "Green Gables" redhead
- Truck fronts
- Bogs
- Comic-strip queen
- Spray
- Caesar's pair?
- Execs
- Type of cake
- Banned bug spray
- Pricing wd.
- Astrologers of yore
- Mr. Spock's father

**DOWN**

- Turkish title
- Catch a crook
- Fabric meas.
- Saxophonist
- Getz
- Rainbow maker

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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- Maroons
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- Actress
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- Interlaced
- Good Queen —
- Billiard stick
- Sharpen a cheddar
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- Mountain pass
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## TAKE A LOOK in the mirror

**T**he other day I was doing some school bag deliveries, going from home to home. At about my third destination I thought I smelled something funny but figured it might have been the baby in the home with a Pampers. Then I got into my car and asked myself, "Whom did I give a ride to that left something in here that smelled like stale food?" I eventually got to work and told someone to call the housekeeper because I smell something funny in the hallway. Eventually, I realised that something was stuck to my shoe. Here I was accusing and blaming and thinking everywhere had a problem and not realising that I was walking around with the problem.

It's quite common in life for us to think that everyone around us is broken, faulty and in need of fixing because they don't think, talk or act as we would like them to. Obviously, we know no one is perfect, but do we ever look into the mirror long and hard enough to realise that the problem might be with us? Here are five things

we need to pay attention to that could greatly affect our perception of how others relate to us.

**Don't be a victim.** It's really self-defeating to imagine that everything that happens happens just to us. Rain will fall, people will be rude, we won't get every job we apply for, but that's just life. Accept that stuff happens, and pay as much attention to the positive as you do to the negative, realising that you are blessed in many ways.

**Don't take everything personally.** People are allowed to have a good time if you're not there or to share a joke without you being included. Everyone has their own drama, and everything single thing they do, is just not about you. People have busy lives that are often frustrating, and trying to keep their own head above water. Being self-centered is like taking our own smelly shoes everywhere and thinking everyone else smells funny.

**Acknowledge how your past experiences affect your**

**now.** Many of us walk around with weights attached to our necks. Sometimes we have had some really bad things happen to us in the past and they leave us suspicious, fearful, distrusting and always on the alert. As hard as it is, you deserve to heal and be able to live without the cloud hanging over your head. We rob ourselves of real happiness when we keep waiting for the past to happen again. We can learn to be cautious without being fearful or paranoid.

**Manage your idealistic expectations.** I'm very guilty of this one because for as long as I can remember, I used to think that if you do the right thing, things will work out. I used to think that people will treat us as we treat them. That naive approach did not work, and I learned the hard way to be a bit more realistic and know that even when you do all you are supposed to do, things will not always go as planned and that even the ones who love you will hurt you. Accepting that now

has saved me a lot of heartache.

**Nobody really owes us anything.** Not our parents and not the politicians. We have to put some effort into getting what we want through dedication and hard work. Being passive does not bring rewards; being nice is not enough. Put some sweat into trying to reach your goals and the rewards will be so much sweeter.

We can't be like the person who gained weight by making unhealthy choices and then tried to sue the fast food company. We have to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. That is not to say there are not some people who are deliberately annoying or some who don't even realise the negative impact of their behavior. However, we can only control ourselves – what we think, who we choose to be around, what attitude we project and how we react to what is around us. Let us start by working on "the me I see" and the world will suddenly look a lot better.

# Murray says men do not get preferential treatment

Britain's Jamie Murray has rejected claims of men being treated more leniently than women by umpires.

Serena Williams was docked a game by Portuguese official, Carlos Ramos, for verbal abuse during her U.S. Open final defeat against Naomi Osaka last week.

The American claimed it was "sexist" and her view was endorsed by former champion, Billie-Jean King, who said there was a "double standard."

Murray said it was "a bit far-fetched" to say men are treated differently.

Williams was seeking to equal Margaret Court's record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles and was facing 20-year-old Osaka at Flushing Meadows in her first major final.

The 36-year-old had already had a point penalty for smashing her racquet and a code violation for coaching when she was penalised further for calling Ramos a "thief" and a "liar" in New York.

Speaking on the eve

of Great Britain's Davis Cup match with Uzbekistan in Glasgow, U.S. Open mixed doubles champion Murray told BBC Sport: "I think the umpire did what was within his rights.

"Coaching is common, a lot of people are doing it, some people aren't getting called for it. To get called in a Grand Slam final was perhaps a bit tight, but I think the reaction was pretty overboard.

"I've seen a lot of people get called for coaching before, and you might have a grumble and stuff, but you get on with it."

Ramos will umpire Croatia v U.S.A. in the Davis Cup this weekend. Speaking before the tie, U.S. captain Jim Courier told the AP news agency: "It's been polarised and in some ways politicised. But we have no doubt that Carlos was just enforcing the rules as he sees them."

American player, Steve Johnson, added: "Look, I don't want this to come out the wrong way, but he enforced rules that



Serena Williams of the U.S. argues with chair umpire Carlos Ramos while playing Naomi Osaka.

have been enforced on me over the years.

"I've never been called for coaching, but the racquet abuse, the verbal abuse, that's just part of the sport. I think a lot of it maybe got over-amplified because it was the finals of the U.S. Open."

Women's governing body, the WTA, supported

Williams and chief executive, Steve Simon, said the umpire showed her a different level of tolerance over her outbursts than if she had been a man.

The International Tennis Federation, meanwhile, defended 47-year-old Ramos and said he acted "at all times with professionalism and integrity." (BBC Sport)

# Proteas women still have room for improvement despite victory

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (CMC) – Following a mammoth 137-run victory by the South African women over a Barbados Cricket Association Women's Select XI on Thursday, assistant coach Salieg Nackerdien still believes the visitors have room for improvement.

The Proteas scored 222 for four in their rain-affected 33-overs a side contest, with Suné Luus topscoring with 86 runs from 91 deliveries, while other meaningful contributions came from captain Dané van Niekerk who scored 48 off 43 balls and Mignon du Preez who blasted an unbeaten 36 off just 18 balls.

They then restricted the Barbados side to 85 for eight, with Masabata Klaas (2-13) and Zintle Mali, who took two wickets for 18 runs being the main destroyers.

Nackerdien said he was happy with the performance and saw some improvements from his side's last tour of England.

"I'm very, very pleased with the way we went about our batting, the intent that we showed, it's always very important to set the tone up front, especially after we lost Lizelle Lee quickly.

"That is good momentum that we can take into the first ODI. It was also nice to be outdoors and in a game situation after we've been practicing for two days now in the nets," he said.

However, he said there were still some areas that needed to be fine-tuned ahead of their ODI clash with the West Indies women on Sunday.

"An area that we can improve on is running between the wickets, especially when



The Proteas scored 222 for four in their rain-affected 33-overs a side contest.

we're hitting the boundary riders. We can definitely turn our twos into threes, but I must also say that we've improved massively in terms of getting off strike quickly and that was pleasing to see.

"From a bowling point of

view, the extras are a bit of a concern, but that can be addressed along with the bowlers' personal game plans. They did well today in unaccustomed heat and heavy humidity. All in all, it was a good day out," Nackerdien said.

# Table tennis aims to create elite players

By Neto Baptiste

President of the Antigua and Barbuda Table Tennis Association (ABTTA), **Charles "Chucky" Bellot**, said one of the organisation's long-term goals is the production of elite players to compete at the regional and international levels.

The association is currently on a drive to revive the sport through its 'learn-to-play' initiative which was recently launched in some of the country's secondary and primary schools.

"What we really want are elite athletes in the mix, and so even as we go for the mass numbers we expect that out of that mass number of players we will get 10, 15 or 20 persons, male and female, who show above-average talent and then we immediately

pull them aside and give them specialised training with the vision or the view of ensuring that Antigua and Barbuda is represented at the highest level in the world of table tennis," he said.

This, Bellot added, will however take time during which, some of the past players could be featured in some teams in an effort to lend support to the much younger inexperienced players.

"When we do field our first set of teams, particularly the senior teams, we might have to grandfather [field older, more experienced players] in the team a little bit. I am not keen on going back out there and do any more playing on the regional and international level but at the same time, if we have to step in to support the members then that is what we

have to do," the president said.

Bellot highlighted that the association currently has a packed calendar for the remainder of the year and portions of next year.

"We are having a pre-independence knockout on October 20 at Multipurpose & Exhibition Cultural Centre, we are having our nationals on the 24th and 25th of November. We are having our AGM on December 6th, we are starting the school league in January [2019] to March, then we are having the seniors and masters league starting in February and so every other month there will be a tournament or an event. We will have World Table Tennis Day on April 6th and we'll probably take a break in December so we will have table tennis year round," he said.



*President of the Antigua and Barbuda Table Tennis Association (ABTTA), Charles "Chucky" Bellot.*

Boards have been placed at a number of schools across Antigua where the association will run its 'learn-to-play' programme in hopes of recruiting new and younger players and members.

## Chanderpaul named as cricket ambassador

Former West Indies captain, Shivnarine Chanderpaul, has been selected to be an ambassador by Cricket West Indies (CWI) for the upcoming ICC Women's World T20.

Chanderpaul, 44, has joined the Windies Ambassador Programme and along with other selected ambassadors, will make a variety of appearances between September and November.

The ICC Women's World T20 will be held in the Caribbean from November 9 to 24 and will feature 10 of the world's best teams. The West Indies women are the defending champions.

Chanderpaul, who started playing for the Windies at 19, and led them in 14 Tests and 16 ODIs, said he was delighted to have been selected.

"I want to thank Cricket West Indies for inviting me

to participate in this fantastic tournament. It is another great opportunity to serve my country, the region and the sport that I love so much. Everyone knows I am a student of the game and what better way to be involved than to be an ambassador for this prestigious event.

"I am also a huge fan of women's cricket and I jumped at the opportunity. I have played cricket all over the world and I enjoyed every moment, especially meeting fans and entertaining the crowds," Chanderpaul said.

"This tournament is for the fans of the West Indies and I want to urge everyone to come out. It will be a great few weeks of brilliant performances by some of the best women players to ever play the game. I'm delighted I will be part of it."



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Tournament director Jennifer Nero said Chanderpaul's addition to the programme would be well-received.

"This is an incredible opportunity for our present and former players to interact with each other and with fans at all levels. Our main aim to support the women with filled stadiums

across the region for the tournament and the reach of the Ambassadors, we hope, will help us achieve that," Nero said

The ICC Women's T20 will be held at the Providence Ground in Guyana, the Daren Sammy Stadium in St. Lucia and the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium in Antigua. (CMC)

# LI coach: Tonge deserves send-off



Fast bowler Gavin Tonge appeals to the umpire during a regional cricket match.

By Neto Baptiste

Coach of the Leeward Islands Hurricane cricket team and former international player, **Winston Benjamin**, believes the Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB) has dropped the ball where the proper sending off of players is concerned.

The former national

player was, at the time, addressing questions surrounding the non-selection of veteran fast bowler, **Gavin Tonge**, who has represented the sub-regional squad since 2002.

Reports are that the Bethesda resident was officially informed by the board of the decision to sever ties with him.

He was not thanked for his service to the team.

“Well I have always said and I have always believed that when you would have done service for your country and in terms of cricket, we don’t have a pension plan so the best you can do is give a man a sendoff worthy of appreciation just to say thank you for the time, you would have served well,” he said.

Tonge had claimed 249 wickets at the First Class level, five in One Day Internationals (ODI) and one in Test for the West Indies. He has played 87 First Class matches, five ODIs and one Test match.

Benjamin said that despite the need for fresh blood, Tonge’s contribution to the team will be missed.

“Well Gavin’s experience would have been useful but sometimes certain things happen and certain people blame others not knowing fully what the situation is. At the same time, Gavin is 35, I think, but at the same time we have others [bowlers] coming through so I guess the selectors see it fit to go for the younger guys who were really impressive in the tournament which was [Sheno] Berridge,” he said.

The fast bowler, who was instrumental in Bethesda’s success during the 2018 Cool & Smooth T20 Explosion earlier year, has had nine five-wicket hauls at the First Class level while he has scored 1,792 runs in his 87 matches, including six half centuries.

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# Cornelius, Matthew Spat Over YASCO

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President of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA), **Everton "Mano" Cornelius** criticised his removal by the Minister of Sports, Culture and the Arts, Daryll Matthew, as project manager over the Yasco project.

Cornelius, who spoke openly on the *Good Morning JoJo Sports show*, explained that his role as President of ABAA automatically makes him involved in the project despite the removal by the Minister.

"The only person that can remove me from the project is the IAAF [International Association of Athletics Federation]. Once they are spending their money I will always be involved. I have a part to play in it, once you are building a certified track here, as president of the association."

Cornelius cautioned that the government could only be involved in the civil aspects of the project as according to the ruling handed down by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), PASO and IAAF.

"I have pursued the rehabilitation of this track since



Minister of Sports, Daryll Matthew.

2015 and I have been pursuing the government involvement to provide the civil works of the project as instructed by the IOC, PASO and IAAF and they will sponsor the surface of the track. I did not ask to be the project manager but I am making sure that the civil works is done so that MONDO can come here.

"Whatever I do is for the best interest of the young men and women who take part in track and field," he said.

The former Olympian went on to lay claims his removal was due to the ongoing National Olympic Committee (NOC) debacle.

These claims were re-



President of the athletics association, Everton "Mano" Cornelius.

futed by the newly-appointed Minister who stated the numerous delays in the project was the lone reasoning behind Cornelius' dismissal.

"I have no vested interest in who supports who at the NOC level because you may very well recall both candidates including the team in which Mr. Cornelius is on, nominated me to be on their slate.

"I find it's just a clear case in deflecting from the issue and the real issue is for the past six months Yasco has not progressed to any degree where we can say an end is in sight, and I will not sit and allow myself to bear the brunt of public criticism and lashing for something that someone

else is doing."

Matthew later revealed after speaking directly to MONDO that the proposed funds put aside for the project could be lost if work does not get underway.

"I took it upon myself to contact persons at MONDO about where we are and what is involved in the process and I was told that if the funds that have been allocated by PASO for the production of this track are not used by December 31<sup>st</sup> we will no longer have access to them."

He however concluded by giving a proposed timeline for the completion of the project once the tender board gives their approval.

"I asked MONDO in no uncertain terms kindly send me a schedule by which they believe, based on their experience, when this track could be done. What they said to me is if the civil works started on September 24<sup>th</sup> then they would begin and the entire process assuming no delays due to acts of God or anything, the earliest the track can be commissioned would be the beginning of February next year."

Yasco is the country's lone track and it has been in a state of disrepair for years. Among the plans for its upgrade, is a new rubber track.



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