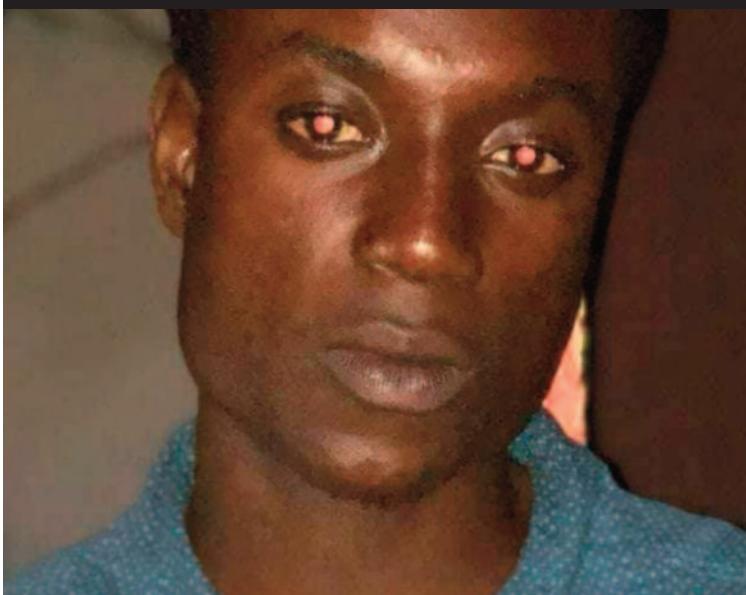


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Jennings Resident assisting police in murder investigation



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WHAT'S ON

RELEASE OF PENSIONS

BY THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

The Antigua and Barbuda Social Security Board is pleased to advise customers of the Bank of Nova Scotia that their pensions have been released. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience caused.

ANU CADET CORPS INTAKE

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Tomorrow

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.

September 16

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 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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Government admits error in controversial transfer

By Theresa Goodwin
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Health Minister Molwyn Joseph has admitted a blunder was made in the procedure that was used to transfer senior nurse Clarissa Christopher from one post to another.

The information was contained in the weekly Cabinet notes that were prepared by the government's Chief of Staff, Lionel "Max" Hurst, and circulated to the media. The note, which was the last item in post Cabinet notes, read, "The Minister of Health reported that the procedure in transferring a senior nurse from one posting to another was not proper. That will be corrected." The minister did not indicate how the error was made, or who made it.

Christopher, the current matron of the Fiennes Institute, was recently transferred

to a new post as Matron of Correctional Institutes having direct responsibility for inmates at Her Majesty's Prison, the Sunshine Home for Girls and the residents at the Boys Training School.

The transfer, which was expected to take effect on September 1, is still pending, and the senior nurse has returned to her substantive post at the Fiennes Institute while she awaits further instructions from the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Establishment Division – the two entities responsible for finalising the process.

Prior to the acknowledgement by the health minister, the Antigua and Barbuda Nurses Association (ABNA), had strongly objected to the transfer arguing that the proper procedure to transfer the senior nurse was not followed.

In a recent interview, pres-

ident of ABNA, Karen Josiah, pointed out that Cabinet jumped the gun by making the decision without consulting both the PSC and the Establishment Division which are required to make a recommendation before a nurse can be transferred from one department to another.

Josiah also noted that a recommendation is customarily made by the Principal Nursing Officer who usually has an input in whether or not a nurse should be transferred, why she thinks the position is important and how it would benefit the nursing profession.

In this case, the Nurses Association also lamented that the transfer is a waste of resources given that Nurse Christopher is experienced and trained in midwifery and geriatrics (care of the elderly).

Joseph had earlier defended the decision and said it



Health Minister Molwyn Joseph

was properly done.

OBSERVER media also reached out to Chairman of the PSC, Lauchland Lake, for further clarification on the matter.

Lake said he was not able to comment on the controversial transfer of the senior nurse because the matter is not yet before the commission. He said the transfer would have to be routed through the Establishment Division before it is submitted to the PSC.

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Investigating committee preparing report on suspended top cop

The committee probing allegations of sexual harassment against suspended Commissioner of Police, Wendel Robinson, has finished its groundwork in Antigua and is in the process of preparing its report.

It was on August 1 this year that the police issued a statement indicating that the team from the Caricom Implementing Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS) had come to Antigua to investigate the allegations against Robinson.

The acting Executive Director of IMPACS, Major Michael Jones, confirmed that the three committee members left Antigua on Tuesday and their report is expected to contain recommendations, where necessary, based on their findings.

When asked whether there's a specific deadline towards which the team is working, Jones told *OB SERVER media*, "It will go through the [acting] commissioner of police [Atlee Rodney] and make its way up the chain, but I cannot say a timeline. The initial time on the ground was supposed to have been two weeks given the number of persons that had to be interviewed, and the range of leads that had to be followed. But, a request for an additional two weeks was asked for by the team and granted by the government of Antigua."

October 13

"TICKLE ME PINK 5 FETE"

Friends of MSJMC present "tickle me pink 5 fete" on Saturday October 13, at the Athletic Club, Coolidge. Music by DJ Virus and DJ Undercover. Contribution \$60.00 - proceeds in aid of the Oncology Department and ongoing projects at MSJMC.

Jones, who was asked to identify which organisations and personnel participated in the probe, said that doing so would not be in the best interest of anyone. At the same time, he also confessed that in the absence of a written report, which is still being prepared, he is not yet aware of all those details.

He stressed, "I have not yet seen the final report which is not yet completed, so I cannot say what are the final recommendations of that report."

The aforementioned was in response to our query as to whether the embattled police chief, Robinson, is to be charged with 'discreditable conduct,' as was reported by an online news agency yesterday.

Jones outlined what the committee was asked to do.

"There were allegations made and investigations to determine the veracity of those allegations, and whether there is any truth to the same, and to make a recommendation as to a possible course of action that the government of Antigua may wish to take on the recommendation," he said.

The three-member team that conducted the probe was pulled from across the region: Guyana, Trinidad and Barbados.

They were sworn-in as Special Constables and when the police announced this in August, they also said that

upon the conclusion of their investigations, a report would be submitted to the Police Service Commission (PSC) to which the higher police ranks are answerable.

Currently, Robinson is on suspension with pay, as he has been since April 4. Just days before that, three of his male subordinates made official complaints in writing to the PSC: that he made unwanted sexual advances towards them, and in at least one case, victimised one of the complainants who turned down those ad-

vances. The allegations had been circulating in the media for quite some time before the PSC was formally notified.

Robinson subsequently took the matter to court and is seeking judicial review of his suspension, which he said was orchestrated by politicians and at least two of his colleagues who are senior officers.

The matter was adjourned from July to October after his lawyer, Sir Richard Cheltenham, could not attend court due to illness.

NOTICE

TO The Licensing Magistrate Magistrate District "A"

Commissioner of Police

I, **ANETTE MARILYN PRINCE** of Golden Grove New Extension, St. John's, Antigua do HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the next special session to be held at the Magistrate's Court, St. John's, Antigua on Friday the 4th day of October next ensuing, for a Bottle Licence in respect of her premises at Golden Grove New Extension, Antigua known as "**ANETTE PRINCE VARIETY STORE.**"

Dated this 5th day of September, 2018.

Asheen Joseph
Lockhart, Mendes & Co
Solicitors for Anette Marilyn Prince

NOTICE

TO: Her Worship The Licensing Magistrate Magistrates' Court High Street, St. John's, Antigua

TO: Her Worship The Licensing Magistrate The Licensing Magistrate for District "A" Magistrates' Court High Street, St. John's, Antigua

And

TO: The Commissioner of Police Police Headquarters American Road St. John's, Antigua

I, **FRANKLYN PAUL V. SANCHEZ** of Old Parham Road, in the Parish of St. John's, Antigua, DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the next Licensing Session to be held at the Magistrates' Court, High Street, in the City of Saint John, Antigua in District "A" on the 04th day of October, 2018 for a "TAVERN LICENCE" in respect of my premises known as "**FRANCINE BAR**" situate at Dicken- son Bay Street, in the aforesaid Parish and Island.

Dated the 13th day of September, 2018
JOHN E. FULLER
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NB: Please enter “CLUB SANDALS SUPERVISOR – JUNIOR CONCIERGE” in the subject field in the email.

Only suitably qualified candidates will be considered.

Suspect still being questioned over killing



Kemoy Leslie died after being stabbed in the chest Wednesday night

By Martina Johnson

Eian "Teiley" Simon, a suspect being questioned for murder, remained in police custody up to last night without charge as lawmen continue to probe the stabbing death of Kemoy Leslie.

Simon, a Jennings resident, was handed over to the police moments after a fight between him and Leslie escalated.

That fight ended with the latter being stabbed in the chest Wednesday night.

While Leslie was rushed to the Mount St. John's Medical Centre, Simon's family reportedly decided to turn him over to lawmen and they did so.

Not long afterwards, they got news that Leslie, who also lived at Jennings, had succumbed to his injuries.

The incident, reported to the Johnson's Point Police Station, occurred in the usually quiet community of Jennings some time after 7 p.m.

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT INFORMATION

Are you seeking support or information on breastfeeding? There is a local network willing to provide you with assistance to ensure you achieve your breastfeeding goals. You can find us on Facebook – Breastfeeding Support Network, www.facebook.com/BFS268 Inbox your concerns and questions. We will also provide you with the local contact details of someone you can talk to.

NOTICE

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (Probate)

In the Estate of ALDAN ROBERTS late of *Walling's in the parish of St. Mary, Antigua, Deceased.*

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **ENA ROSALIND WALLACE** of Cassada Gardens, in the Parish of St. John's, in the Island of Antigua and Barbuda for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died at the Holberton Hospital, St. John in the Island of Antigua & Barbuda on the 12th day of December, 1990. Any person having an objection to the Application for the Grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018

Filed by **Leon C. Symister** Attorney-at-law whose address for service is **Upper Newgate Street, St. John's, Antigua** email:symleagl@gmail.com and Telephone#1-268-462-8888

NOTICE

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (Probate)

In the Estate of VANESSA JEAN PIERRE, late of *Factory Road in the City of St. John, Antigua, Deceased*

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **DIANA JEAN PIERRE** of Factory Road, in the Parish of St. John's, in the Island of Antigua and Barbuda for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died at the Mount St. John Medical Centre, St. John in the Island of Antigua & Barbuda on the 15th day of May, 2018. Any person having an objection to the Application for the Grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2018

Filed by **Leon C. Symister** Attorney-at-law whose address for service is **Upper Newgate Street, St. John's, Antigua** email:symleagl@gmail.com and Telephone#1-268-462-8888

AUCTUION NOTICE

Registration Section
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Attributes: The property consists of a rectangular shaped parcel of land with a single storey dwelling house thereon.

The house is 776 sq. ft. and comprises of 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, living room, dining room, kitchen and a verandah. The property is bounded on east by parcel #306, on the north by parcel #302, on the south by parcel #212 and on the west by a public road.

Access to the property is provided by the public road and water, telephone and electricity services to the property are provided by APUA.

Additional details may be obtained from:

Mr. Trevor Santos, Licensed Auctioneer, Tel: 464-7653/720-7653/562-7653

NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENSING APPLICATION

TO: His Worship The Licensing Magistrate Magistrates' Court

TO: The Magistrate for District "A" High Street St. John's Antigua

TO: The Commissioner of Police Police Headquarters American Road St. John's Antigua

We, **DAMC Ltd.** of Registered Office Suite No. 9, Gambles Medical Centre, Friars Hill Road in the Parish of Saint John in Antigua and Barbuda

DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the next session of the Liquor Licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, High Street, St. John's on the 4th day of October, 2018 for a Bottle Licence in respect of premises situated at Jabberwock Beach in the Parish of Saint John in the state of Antigua and Barbuda.

DATED the 31st day of August, 2018

Septimus A. Rhudd Rhudd & Associates Attorneys-at-Law for DAMC Ltd.

CCJ President to visit Antigua and Barbuda next week

The new president of the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Adrian Saunders, will visit Antigua and Barbuda next week.

Saunders is visiting as the country prepares to vote in a referendum that will determine whether it delinks from the U.K-based Privy Council and accedes to the CCJ in its appellate jurisdiction..

His visit comes as a committee this week launched a public education campaign about the CCJ and the Privy Council ahead of the referendum slated for November 6, 2018.

Another OECS state, Grenada, will also hold a referendum on that date.

The government says that during his visit, from September 18-20, President Justice Saunders will hold several media engagements,

a town hall session, a meeting with tertiary level students from various institutions at the Antigua State College as well as pay a courtesy call on the Governor General, Sir Rodney Williams and meet with the Prime Minister Gaston Browne and the Cabinet.

Justice Saunders will also meet with members of the Opposition.

The CCJ President was appointed in July and he will serve a seven-year term.

He took over the court's presidency after the mandatory retirement of Sir Denis Byron, at the age of 75 in July.

If the Antigua and Barbuda electorate votes in favour of the CCJ, then it will hear all final appeals in criminal and civil matters.

On Tuesday, the Antigua and Barbuda House of Rep-



New president of the Caribbean Court of Justice Adrian Saunders,

resentatives approved a Bill to amend the Constitution.

on the opposition bench abstained.

Thirteen government members voted in favour of the Bill, while two members

The move paves the way for the holding of the referendum.

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Qualification and Experience

- Experience of working in a customer services environment
- Previous sales experience is preferred
- Good command of written and spoken English
- Minimum of High or Secondary School Diploma
- Must be computer literate with knowledge of Microsoft Office Software: Access, Excel, Outlook etc

Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Interested persons should submit their applications by September 18, 2018 with curriculum vitae via E-mail to:

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- Sales savvy, with ability to coordinate daily activities to maintain and increase revenue.
- Able to perform all duties and responsibilities in a timely and effective manner in accordance with established company standards
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- Good command of written and spoken English
- Minimum of High or Secondary School Diploma
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Re-application for Barbuda airport injunction political - Gaston Browne

By Shermain Bique-Charles
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Prime Minister Gaston Browne believes that the current legal battle regarding the construction of an international airport in Barbuda is highly political.

The attorneys representing the two Barbudans who filed the first injunction to stop construction on the international airport there say that they may re-apply for another injunction.

"This is just the usual obstructionists who are hellbent on stymieing progress," Browne told OBSERVER media.

He said further that the move is being masterminded by operatives of the Barbuda Peoples Movement who are seeking to become, "king of the ashes."

Browne also said that he hopes that they can foot the bill caused by their actions to stymie the project.

"A bunch of selfish deraelicates who have no sense of



Prime Minister Gaston Browne

loyalty to the state," the prime minister added.

Browne did not tell us exactly how much the court battle and delay of the project cost the government.

Senior Counsel, Leslie Thomas, who represents the Barbudans, said on Wednesday that the judgement simply concluded that

the injunction application needed to be heard again to allow the government to respond.

Thomas maintained that the construction of the airport appears to have been carried out without lawful planning permission and without an adequate Environmental Impact Assessment.

He said that the High Court of Antigua and Barbuda has already granted them permission to consider the case at a judicial review hearing on September 26.

Thomas is calling on the government and the developers to desist from any further construction on the airport.

Another report on Barbuda spending promised

By Theresa Goodwin
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Three and a half months after it submitted a preliminary report on spending in Barbuda following Hurricane Irma, the government is now promising to deliver a more comprehensive report.

According to the Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda, the director of the National Office of Disaster Services (NODS), Philmore Mullin, said that he intends to submit a comprehensive report that will include the amounts collected and spent, and the

number of buildings re-roofed and readied for habitation. No timeline was given for the submission of the document.

Mullin made the commitment at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting where he was invited to report on the state of reconstruction and rehabilitation in Barbuda, a year after the island was devastated by the Category 5 hurricane.

The NODS director also reported that the European Union (EU) will contribute five million Euros towards rehabilitation of 150 structures, and that sum will also

enable NODS to acquire the galvanize shredder to reduce the bent and twisted sheets of corrugated metal that remain scattered all across the island.

These sharp pieces of metal could become missiles in the event of high winds.

It was also noted that US\$1 million contributed by India will be applied to the rehabilitation of the lone hospital on the sister island, and the purchase of new equipment to replace those damaged by the storm.

In early June of this year, NODS presented a preliminary document to the Cabinet

which contained some spending details for the period ending April 30. The document provided by NODS shows a breakdown of the total money received for the period and how it was spent.

According to the document, the government had provided some \$13.7 million for relief and reconstruction, while, in-kind donations amounted to just over \$2 million and actual monetary donations are over \$6.5 million.

In total, the documents stated that \$22.5 million in cash and in-kind contributions were tracked by the agency.

New group bids US\$76 million to expand the port

A group named Global Ports has made a bid to provide financing to expand Antigua and Barbuda's cruise port berths.

The expansion is to enable the OASIS-class vessels to dock in Antigua.

The government said on Thursday that the group will also provide financing, all totaling more than US\$76 million.

According to the government, a new wharf will be constructed south and east of Point Wharf and a boardwalk will connect all the piers all the way across to Redcliffe Quay.

New shops and other facilities will be also be added to match any destination in the Caribbean.

The group also plans to increase significantly the number of cruise vessels that will call at Antigua and, hence, the number of cruise

passengers arriving.

The government added that the group will become

the managers of the port, superseding the St. John's Development Corporation and

the other groups that currently help in the management of the berths.

UWI team pleased with visit

By Theresa Goodwin
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The government says it has received positive feedback from the team from the University of the West Indies (UWI) that is currently on island conducting a feasibility study on facilities here as Antigua and Barbuda pushes towards the establishment of the university's fourth landed campus.

According to the weekly Cabinet notes, the two visiting officials from the university's transition team have already conducted visits at the facility in Five Islands, the Antigua State College campus in Golden Grove, the Antigua and Barbuda International Institute of Technology (ABIIT) and the Antigua and Barbuda Hospitality Training Institute (ABHTI), - the fourth landed campus will result in the amalgamation of these three educational institutions.

The government said that both members of the team expressed satisfaction with their findings, and while their written report will have to be added to the findings of other feasibility experts, the preliminary examination appears to be in Antigua and Barbuda's favour.

The team members from the UWI nevertheless cited one deficiency - the lack of Information Technology specialists.

They suggested that that lack will have to be cured by hiring more trained specialists.

The government said that the team is pursuing seven strands, and will have its report ready by September 30, 2018.

ACCA Think Ahead

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Nagin Lad, Nagin Lad is a practitioner and lecturer. Nagin has been in practice since 1979 and started his own practice in 1996 and was a registered auditor in UK until December 2017. Nagin has a BA hons in Accounting from the University of Kent UK and a MSc in Accounting and Finance from De Montfort University UK. Nagin is a Fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and a Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians (MAAT) and an educator member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE)

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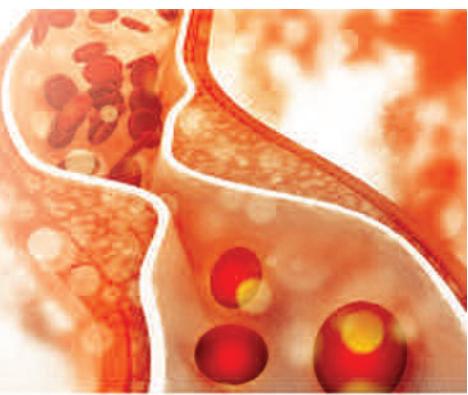
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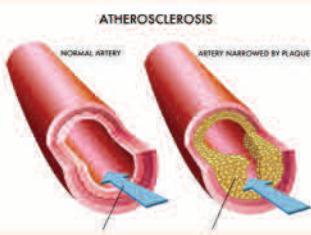


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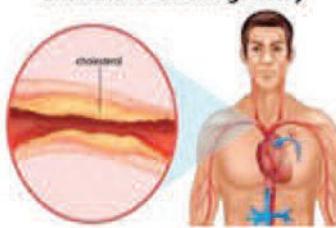
This is breaking news out of St. Johns! Cholesterol has blocked many arteries in the city not allowing blood to pass through, causing mass destruction! Cholesterol is holding us hostage ...worse than 'gun man'...and the police are yet to arrest it. Will you be next to lose your life because of it? This is not a drill, do not ignore this notice, check your doctor to see if you will be next in this hostage situation.



WHAT IS CHOLESTEROL?

Cholesterol is a form of fat that travels in our blood but does not mix with the blood as the blood is mostly water based. There are two kinds of cholesterol and it can be called the good type (HDL) and the bad type (LDL). The good type helps with essential functions within the blood. The bad cholesterol is the type which we don't need and has a tendency to stick to the inside of your vessels and slowly over time will cause the blood vessels to become narrow and eventually blocked. If your blood cholesterol level is high, both good and bad types will start to block the flow of blood within the vessels. This is a process called atherosclerosis.

Cholesterol Blocking Artery



WHAT ARE THE BAD EFFECTS OF HIGH CHOLESTEROL?

Cholesterol can cause blockage of the small arteries that feed the heart muscle and cause both heart attack, and stroke in the brain. Cholesterol can also block the arteries to the kidney and cause high blood pressure as a response to try to overcome the blockage. Unfortunately there are no symptoms until severe disease occurs, so you won't know unless you check.

WHERE IN MY DIET DOES CHOLESTEROL COME FROM?

Well if you close your eyes and think of some of your favourite delicious foods, then unfortunately that is where it is found. So if you close your eyes and see a fungee ball with saltfish, if you are like me, and see the red gravy with the oil that you dip the fungee into and a piece of fried plantain then that is where the cholesterol is....If you are like my family and love a hot bread, with that smooth golden coating of butter then that is where the cholesterol is...If you see fritters in a soaked brown paper bag ...well you are looking straight at the problem, or wait, one more, stew pork with the fat (and the skin with the hair) swimming in that dark pool of heavenly gravy then bingo you found it!.....I am sure you understand.

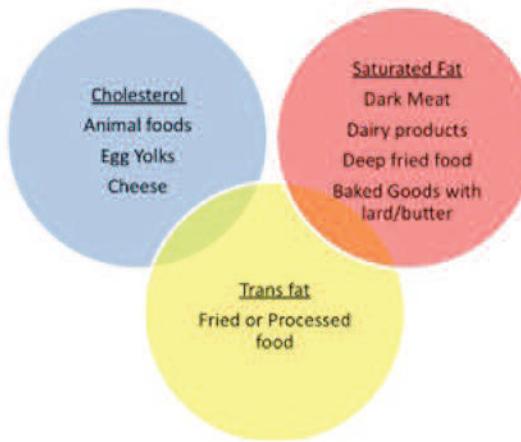
As Caribbean people our diets are very rich in many wonderful nutrients, however, the way we prepare the traditional dishes by browning in oil, not trimming fat from meat, frying side dishes, and using heavy servings of butter and margarine, all lead us down the path of high cholesterol.

Cholesterol is also made by the body to meet some essential needs, as I explained earlier it is not all bad. However, some families may have a high cholesterol history through genetics and this may not be related to their diet. So high cholesterol can 'run in families'.



HOW DO I LOWER MY CHOLESTEROL INTAKE?

A diet low in cholesterol, saturated fats and trans fat overall will lead to a heart healthy diet and lower the cholesterol. Below is a list of foods related to the three types of fat in the diet:



WHAT ARE SOME OF THE KEY FOODS TO HELP LOWER MY CHOLESTEROL

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Oats and Barley

Soya foods

Nuts (a handful per day)

Plant sterols from peas and grains



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Dental Bridge



How a Fixed Bridge Works

A fixed bridge is the most common type of bridge that's used for patients. It's comprised of three different parts. The first is the replacement tooth which is

used to cover the spot where the patient's tooth is missing. The other two parts are the crowned teeth (known as abutment teeth), which are attached to the replacement tooth and act as an 'anchor.' The patient's two existing teeth that are on each side of the missing tooth will be shaved

down so that the crowned teeth can comfortably fit over them. When the crowns are placed on the existing teeth, the attached replacement tooth will slide over the spot where the tooth is missing, completely filling the gap where the missing tooth was.

missing tooth space.

The Benefits of Dental Bridges

Some of the reasons why you may choose a dental bridge include the following:

- A dental bridge will improve the appearance of your smile.
- It will also keep the shape of your face intact.
- Your remaining teeth won't end up shifting into the space where the missing tooth is.
- Bridges will restore the function of your bite and make it much easier for you to eat and speak.
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While a fixed bridge is the most common type of bridge, there are also two other main types of bridges. These are:

The Maryland Bridge – This bridge is frequently used to replace missing front teeth. The Maryland Bridge consists of a filler that's attached to metal bands, which are bonded to the surrounding teeth. These metal bands consist of a composite resin that will match the color of the patient's existing teeth.

The Cantilever Bridge – This bridge is commonly used when there are teeth on just one side of the span. A three-unit cantilever bridge will consist of two crowned teeth that are positioned next to each other on the same side of a missing tooth space. The filler tooth will then be connected to the two crowned teeth. This will extend into the

Contact

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Our Neighbours

UN bodies strengthen cooperation to help Caribbean fulfill 2030 Agenda



Alicia Bárcena. (Photo courtesy CANA)

S A N T I A G O , Chile (CMC)—The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) says its executive secretary, Alicia Bárcena, has met with the United Nations Under-Secretary-General in charge of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), Liu Zhenmin, in strengthening cooperation in order to assist the region in fulfilling the UN's 2030 Agenda.

"During the meeting, both UN entities reaffirmed the cooperation ties that unite them and renewed their pledge to continue working together to help the global organization's member countries to advance on fulfilling the 2030 Agenda and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to confront the main global economic challenges," said ECLAC.

At the meeting, in which representatives from the 11 substantive areas that make up ECLAC participated, Liu

was accompanied by Navid Hanif, Director of DESA's Financing for Sustainable Development Office.

ECLAC said Bárcena and Liu agreed on the need to combine efforts, increase exchanges and strengthen joint initiatives that allow for taking the needs of countries that are pursuing more sustainable development to the main bodies for follow-up of the 2030 Agenda in the United Nations – particularly the High-level Political Forum, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the General Assembly.

"The UN system must be prepared to help its member countries along their path toward sustainable development," Liu said. "We have the

responsibility to expose countries to what are the challenges ahead of us, and we must especially avoid and prevent a new global crisis. This is a very critical moment."

Liu said that ECLAC and DESA will continue strengthening cooperation "since we work in the same areas and on the same goals," according to ECLAC.

Bárcena reaffirmed that DESA is one of ECLAC's main allies and insisted on the importance of the 2030 Agenda's follow-up mechanisms, such as the regional forums, among them the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, which will hold its third session in April 2019.

The High-level Political Forum that takes place each year at UN headquarters in New York.

"Precisely, at our regional Forum in 2019, we are going to analyze the challenges that we will be faced with in the future," Bárcena said.

"We have also begun a dialogue between Europe and Latin America and the Caribbean about the 2030 Agenda since we believe that it is a universal agenda in

CUSHION CLUB NOTICE

The Cushion Club is closed during the summer months the children's reading club is open during the regular school year and takes its break when they do.

PAP SMEAR PROGRAMME

The public is advised to take advantage of the Pap Smear Programme that is being offered in the community clinics, by making an appointment at the nearest health clinic/centre between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays and 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Fridays.

which the entire United Nations community should be involved," she added.

ECLAC said Bárcena underscored "some crucial issues for the region" that will be discussed at future meetings organised by the Commission and its cooperating partners, such as the European Union.

These include – financing for development in countries in transition, especially those considered to be in the middle-income category; the digital economy and innovation at a regional level; employment; climate change; equality, which is the center of the organisation's current work; and access to environmental democracy.

NOTICE

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To: The Magistrate District "A" St. John's Antigua

To: The Commissioner of Police Police Headquarters American Road St. John's Antigua

I, Can Jiang Yhap of Pick N Save Supermarket of Lower All Saints Road, St. John's in the State of Antigua and Barbuda hereby give you notice that it is our intention to apply at the next special session to be held at the Magistrate's Court, High Street in the City of Saint John in the State of Antigua and Barbuda on the 5th day of October, 2018 for a Bottle Licence in respect of the premises known as "**Pick N Save Supermarket**" situated at Lower All Saints Road, St. John's, Antigua.

Dated the 30th day of August, 2018

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Three gang members jailed in shooting death of Jamaican aide to NY Governor

NEW YORK (CMC)—A judge in Brooklyn Supreme Court on Wednesday sentenced to jail three gang members in connection with the shooting death of the Jamaican legal aide to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo during the 2015 Caribbean J'Ouvert celebration in Brooklyn.

Carey Gabay was fatally shot outside the Ebbets Field Houses in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn in the wee hours during J'Ouvert that preceded the massive West Indian American Day Carnival on Labor Day 2015.

The defendants sentenced on Wednesday by Justice Vincent Del Giudice are: Micah Alleyne, 26, of Jamaica, Queens; Kenny Bazile, 33, of Canarsie, Brooklyn; and Stanley Elianor, 27, of Brownsville,

Brooklyn.

Alleyne and Bazile were convicted of second-degree manslaughter and second-degree criminal possession of a weapon. Elianor was convicted of first-degree reckless endangerment.

The defendants were convicted following a jury trial before Justice Del Giudice, who sentenced Alleyne to 20 to 30 years in prison, Bazile to 20 to 25 years in prison, and Elianor to three and a half to seven years in prison.

Another defendant, Tyshawn Crawford, 23, previously pleaded guilty to charges relating to Gabay's shooting in exchange for a promised sentence of 14 years in prison.

"In Brooklyn, we will continue to fight against senseless gang violence that in this in-



(Image courtesy CANA)

stance led to the tragic death of Carey Gabay, an innocent, bright young man with a loving family and a promising future," said Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez after the sentencing. "I hope that Mr. Gabay's family is able to take some solace in the measure of justice delivered with today's sentences."

Gonzalez said that, according to trial testimony, the incident took place during the early morning hours of September 7, 2015 in front of 1680 Bedford Avenue, which is part of the Ebbets Field Houses in Crown Heights.

At the time of the shooting, the patio and street in front of the building were filled with hundreds of people, many of whom were celebrating J'overt, Gonzalez said.

He said the building's large patio was known to be controlled by the Folk Nation street gang, "which has been engaged in a years-long war with the 8-Trey faction of the Crips gang, among others."

Due to heightened tensions and despite the annual celebration, there were numerous armed gang members in the area that morning with the intention of shooting at rivals on sight, Gonzalez said.

He said that, about 3:40 a.m., a group of 8-Trey members walked up from Mont-

gomery Street, apparently heading toward the J'overt procession on Empire Boulevard, about two blocks to the south.

"Their presence in 'enemy territory' sparked a gun battle between Folk Nation members and their affiliates, who were shooting from the street and the patio, and the 8-Trey members who fired from the street before fleeing north," Gonzalez said.

"An estimated two to three dozen shots were fired in two consecutive volleys from at least eight firearms," he added.

At the same time, Gonzalez said Gabay, 43, a first deputy counsel for New York State's Empire State Development Corporation and a former assistant counsel to Governor Cuomo, was walking north on Bedford Avenue with his brother and a few friends after attending the J'overt procession.

"They happened upon the front of the patio just as the gun fight broke out," Gonzalez said. "The group ran to a parking lot located between the patio and the street and ducked near parked cars."

He said a bullet struck Gabay in the head, who was taken to Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, where he died on September 15, 2015.

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MAR 27 2018

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REPLACE LOST OR DESTROYED LAND CERTIFICATE

TAKE NOTICE that an application was filed in the Land Registry on 27th day of March 2018 by Sherrie-Ann S. Bradshaw, Attorney At Law of Suite #17 Woods Center, Friars Hill Road, St. John's in Antigua on behalf of FITZROY EZEKIEL JOSEPH and AUDREY AVONELL JOSEPH both of Crabbs Hill in the Parish of Saint Mary in the Island of Antigua in the State of Antigua and Barbuda as the Personal Representatives of the Estate of Pretzel Grieux Joseph, deceased the Applicants herein for the replacement of Land Certificate# 2181/1999 issued on the 6th day of May 1999 to Pretzel Joseph of Bolans, St. Mary's in Antigua, being the owner of the above-mentioned property, which has been lost or destroyed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that anyone who objects to the issue of a new Land Certificate or who has knowledge of the original Land Certificate must within the period of one (1) month from the Second Publication of this notice in the newspaper inform the Registrar of Lands in writing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the absence of any objection or information as to the existence of the original Land Certificate within the time specified the Registrar of Lands may proceed to cancel the original Land Certificate and issue a new Land Certificate in its place without further notice.

Dated the 16th day of April 2018.

Registrar of Lands

LAND REGISTRY
Antigua & Barbuda

Former CCJ President to speak at educational seminars ahead of upcoming referendum

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (CMC)—Former President of the Trinidad and Tobago-based Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ), Sir Dennis Byron, is scheduled to address two education seminars ahead of the November 6 referendum, which is seeking to make the CCJ the island's final appellate court.

Sir Dennis will be the guest speaker at the educational activities on September 18, organised by the CCJ Advisory Committee aimed at bringing a better understanding about the work of the Court to the voting population.

"He will be engaging the students at TAMCC (T.A. Marryshow Community College) on matters of the CCJ and then we expect him to

address the public at the Deluxe cinema on the same day," said Senator Norland Cox.

Sir Dennis, who has a long history as a regional and international judicial officer demitted his CCJ post in July 2018. Adrian Saunders replaced him.

In 1986, as Acting Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Grenada on secondment from the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court Sir Dennis presided over the famous murder trial of the Grenada 17 who were all accused of playing a role in the assassination of then Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and others.

Since launching its promotional activities last month, members of the CCJ Advisory committee have been engaging in radio and

television discussion programmes all aimed at enlightening the voting population about the role of the regional court.

Last week Friday members of the Lower House of Parliament unanimously approved the CCJ Bill as it went through its first stage of Parliamentary approval.

On Friday, the Bill will be presented in the Upper House for deliberation and approval.

Following this, it must be Gazetted ahead of the referendum.

The law provides for two

third of the voting population to vote yes for the constitutional change to occur.

This will be the second time that the CCJ Bill will be voted on a referendum. In 2016, Grenadians voted against the CCJ by a margin of 9,492 in favour and 12,434 voted against.

The CCJ settles disputes between Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Member States and presently serves as the highest court of appeals on civil and criminal matters for the national courts of Barbados, Belize, Dominica and Guyana.

SICKLE CELL ID CARDS

The Sickle Cell Association in collaboration with MSJMC and the Medical Association has launched an ID card for patients with sickle cell disease. Patients are required to bring their health cards or any other form of documentation regarding their Sickle Cell status to the Sickle Cell Association to collect their cards.



JOB OPPORTUNITY.

The American University of Antigua College of Medicine, is seeking to employ a **Library Assistant**.

Job Summary:

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Interested persons should apply to:
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Deadline for receipt of application is **September 18th, 2018**.



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World View

Ghana bids farewell to former UN chief Kofi Annan

ACCRA (Reuters)—Ghana bid farewell to former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Thursday in a state funeral attended by African leaders and international statesmen who hailed

his record as an advocate for humanity and world peace.

Annan, a Ghanaian national and Noble laureate, died in a Swiss hospital last month at the age of 80. His body was flown to Accra on Monday for burial in his homeland, where he is seen as a national hero.

Around 6,000 mourners packed the auditorium for Thursday's official service - the climax of a multi-day funeral ceremony, which has seen his coffin, draped in the Ghanaian national colors, displayed for public viewing.

Current U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was among the dignitaries in attendance, alongside former Ghanaian presidents, the leaders of Ivory Coast, Liberia, Namibia and Niger, and the Crown Prince of Norway.

In an address, Guterres hailed Annan, who served as the seventh U.N. Secretary-

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AUCTION NOTICE

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA
A.D. 2018

Instructed by the Antigua & Barbuda Development Bank of 27 St. Mary's Street, in the City of Saint John, in the State of Antigua and Barbuda, I will sell by public auction on Friday 28 September 2018 at 1:00 p.m. on site, the undermentioned property owned by Mr. Elton Ryan, Fitches Creek, St. George's, Antigua.

The land is located in Villa St. John's Antigua, and is approximately 1,952.77 sq. ft. or 0.04 acre. The service lines for potable water, electricity and telephone which are provided by A.P.U.A are accessible to the property.

The land is registered under the Registered Land Act, 1975 as follows:-

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On the North by: Parcel 283;
On the South by: Public Road;
On the East by: Parcel 286;
On the West by: Parcel 284

Particulars of the sale can be obtained from the undersigned at his office at Crosbies, St. John's, Antigua.
Phone: 562-7653

Sgd. Trevor 'Teddy' Santos
Auctioneer



The flag-draped casket of the former United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, who died in Switzerland, is seen during the funeral service at the international Conference Centre in Accra, Ghana September 13, 2018.

(Photos courtesy Reuters)

General between 1997 and 2006, as an exceptional global leader with a deep faith in the role of the United Nations as a force for good.

"As we face the headwinds of our troubled and turbulent times, let us always be inspired by the legacy of Kofi Annan," Guterres said.

"Our world needs it now more than ever," he said.

The ceremony was projected onto big screens outside the auditorium for the crowds of mourners that could not fit inside the venue. Many commuters in the capital wore black as a sign of respect.

On Wednesday, Annan's family and Ghanaian dignitaries were among hundreds

to file past his casket amid traditional rites by local chiefs and clan leaders.

Annan, a Ghanaian of Ashanti lineage, was granted a royal title by the Ashanti king in 2002. The elders said the rites, including presenting him with clothing and water, were necessary to clear the path for a peaceful "travel" for their royal.

Some mourners, like New York-based community mayor Delois Blakely, had flown long distances to pay their respects.

Blakely, who served as an ambassador of goodwill to Africa at the United Nations, told Reuters: "I had known and worked with Kofi for close to 10 years. He spent his life trying hard to fix our broken society."

Wind, flooded roads herald approach of Hurricane Florence in North Carolina

WILMINGTON/WASHINGTON, N.C. (Reuters) —

The outer reaches of Hurricane Florence began lashing coastal North Carolina with heavy winds and flooded roads on Thursday ahead of an expected landfall that will bring walls of water and lingering downpours.

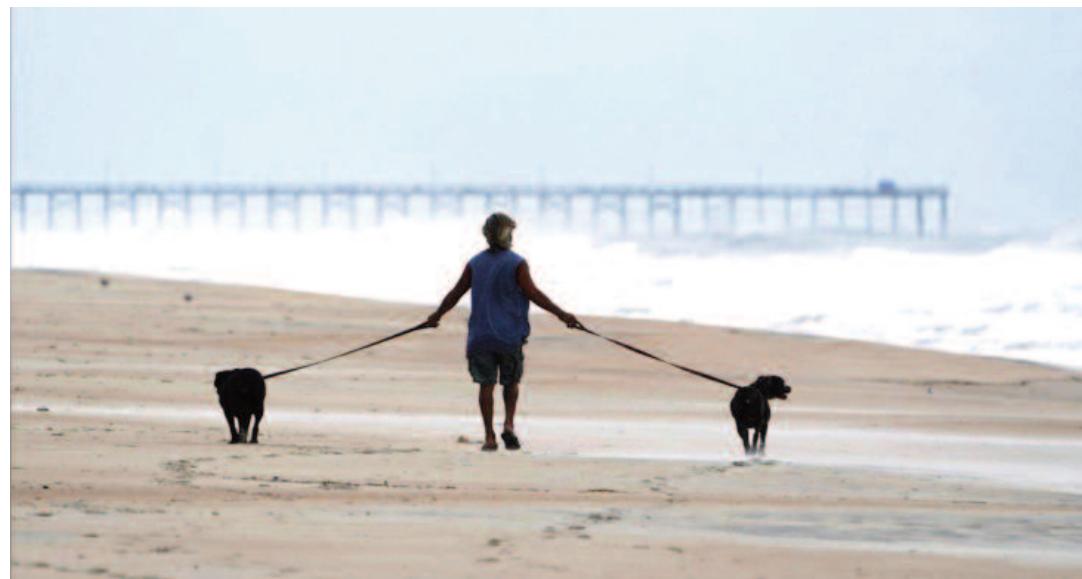
The center of Florence is expected to hit North Carolina's southern coast Friday, then drift southwest before moving inland on Saturday, enough time to drop as much as 40 inches (1 meter) of rain in places, according to the National Hurricane Center (NHC).

An estimated 10 million people live in the storm's path, according to the U.S. Weather Prediction Center, and coastal businesses and homes were boarded up in anticipation. More than one million people had been ordered to evacuate the coasts of the Carolinas and Virginia, and thousands moved to emergency shelters, officials said.

Florence's maximum sustained winds were clocked on Thursday at 105 miles per hour (165 kph) after it was downgraded to a Category 2 on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, according to the NHC. The winds had been as high as 140 mph earlier in the week.

Some people who had rejected calls to evacuate the targeted area took walks along the water as they tried to enjoy a few final hours of normalcy before Florence's fury arrived.

In Sea Breeze, Roslyn Fleming, 56, made a video of the inlet where her granddaughter was baptized because "I just don't think a lot of this is going to be here" after the storm.



A man walks his dogs before Hurricane Florence comes ashore on Carolina Beach, North Carolina, U.S., September 13, 2018. (Photo courtesy Reuters)

Ten miles (16 km) away in Wilmington, wind gusts were stirring up frothy white caps into the Cape Fear River.

"We're a little worried about the storm surge so we came down to see what the river is doing now," said Linda Smith, 67, a retired nonprofit director. "I am frightened about what's coming. We just want prayers from everyone."

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper warned against complacency.

"Hurricane Florence was uninvited but she's just about here anyway," he said at a news conference. "Stay on guard. This is a powerful storm that can kill. Today the threat becomes a reality."

The storm's center was about 110 miles (180 km) east of Wilmington, North Carolina, at 2 p.m. EDT (1800 GMT) but tropical storm-strength winds and heavy rains already were hitting North Carolina's Outer Banks barrier islands. The main highway in the Outer Banks was closed in parts as

seawater pushed in. Flooding from rain and rising rivers also was reported in New Bern.

Some 11,000 power outages have been reported in North Carolina.

The hurricane centre also

JOB OPPORTUNITY

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Qualified applicants are asked to forward a résumé and cover letter to Kim Martin, B2B Skills Training, at kmartin@b2bskillstraining.com. Please include "Assistant Head of Housekeeping #XP79" in the subject line of your email. We wish to thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for interview will be contacted. Deadline for all applications is September 21, 2018.

said the threat of tornadoes was increasing as the storm neared shore.

Florence could bring wind-driven storm surges of seawater as high as 13 feet (4 meters) and NHC Director Ken Graham said on Facebook they could push in as far as 2 miles (3 km). Heavy rains were forecast to extend into the Appalachian Mountains, affecting parts of Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia.

The storm will be a test of President Donald Trump's administration less than two months before elections to determine control of Congress. After criticism for its response in Puerto Rico to last year's Hurricane Maria, which officials there said was responsible for 3,000 deaths, Trump has vowed a vigorous response to Florence and defended his handling of Maria.

"3000 people did not die in the two hurricanes that hit

Puerto Rico," Trump said on Twitter. "When I left the Island, AFTER the storm had hit, they had anywhere from 6 to 18 deaths ... Then, a long time later, they started to report really large numbers, like 3000."

Trump provided no evi-

dence to support his challenge on Maria.

Emergency declarations were in force in Georgia, South and North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Millions of people are expected to lose power and it could take

weeks to resolve the outages.

Near the beach in Wilmington, a Waffle House restaurant, part of a chain with a reputation for staying open during disasters, had no plans to close, even if power is lost. It had long lines on Thursday.

SNAIL NOTICE

Have you seen the Giant African Snail in your home or community? If so, follow these three easy steps: (1) put on protective gloves; (2) collect snails and place them in a secured, covered container with some salt; (3) call the Plant Protection Unit at 462-6776 or 462-6777 for advice on disposal.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The Alzheimer's support group of Antigua and Barbuda, and the Memory Club of Antigua, will be meeting at the Premier Senior Living Home on the first Wednesday of every month at Mount Pleasant. All are invited. Please contact Nurse Dover at 268-782-9170 for further information.

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If you are passionate about our youth, and have space in your heart and home, then the Citizens Welfare Division is inviting you to become a foster parent. If you are interested, and are available for training, please contact the division at 462-4402 or 562-1508/9.

LIBRARY BOOKS

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Dear Patrons and Friends,

On September 23, 2018, we at Big Banana will commence a major renovation and upgrade of our premises and facilities at our Redcliffe Quay location. Unfortunately this will require the business to be closed for approximately 6 weeks. Our last business day will be Saturday, September 22nd.

We truly regret having to close our business, however there is no other way to carry out this renovation. We cannot thank you enough, our friends, patrons and community for your support over the past 33 years. We trust you understand the reason for this inconvenience. We so look forward to welcoming you back at the end of October, and to serve you even better than before!

We will continue to update you as we progress!



the big banana team

Editorial

OUR OPINION

We wondered if the obvious would have been overlooked when it came to the exclusion of Antigua and Barbuda to the recently-announced United States visa waiver programme. The first reaction by many was to point to the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CIP) as the culprit, with the insinuation that the United States government was not satisfied with our vetting process. However, as we pointed out when we first tackled this subject, the CIP is an unlikely reason for the snub. One need only look at the facts that CIP citizens are not eligible for the programme and St. Kitts and Nevis is part of the interview waiver programme, and you can quickly deduce that it is something else.

That leads to the obvious question: what other joint 'political' action by Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines could possibly have upset our 'Big Brother' to the north? If you have a good memory for recent world politics or a decent internet connection, it would have pointed you directly to the June vote by members of the Organisation of American States (OAS) relating to the expulsion of Venezuela. Scratching your head to remember? Well, we can assist with that.

Earlier this year, the United States of America proposed a resolution to expel Venezuela from the OAS in the wake of the May 20 elections that declared President Nicolás Maduro the winner.

In a vote held in June, 19 members of the 34 member states voted to approve the resolution while 11 abstained and four voted against. Included in that four were Venezuela, Bolivia, Dominica and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Antigua and

The obvious

Barbuda abstained along with St Kitts and Nevis, Grenada, Trinidad and Tobago, Belize, Suriname, Uruguay, Ecuador, El Salvador, Haiti and Nicaragua. Guyana and St. Lucia were part of the group of countries that supported the U.S. proposal to expel Venezuela.

Now, at this point, you may be asking yourself, *"How did St. Kitts and Nevis get a pass and Antigua and Barbuda didn't?"* A good question. We both abstained from the voting but Antigua and Barbuda went a bit further. While we did not vote against the resolution, we were extremely critical of the OAS and the U.S. resolution.

We complained of the process, the language and the deliberations that led up to the vote. As well, we objected to the apparent intervention of the OAS in the internal affairs of Member States, and we rejected the declaration and all references in the resolution to the Permanent Council Meeting which we stated was illegally held on April 3, 2017. Basically, we said and did everything that a 'no' voter would say and do, except vote 'no.' We used strong words, and regardless of their legal standing or intent, they obviously created some *acrimony* with the Americans. There is that word again.

Today, that apparent *acrimony* manifests itself in the omission of Antigua and Barbuda from the interview waiver programme. The Cabinet met and came to the conclusion that the obvious was the likely reason, but stuck to its position. The Cabinet notes states, *"It cannot be that Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and St. Vincent can be persuaded to abandon principle and a solid friendship, in exchange for a compelled trip by their citizens to renew visas."* The post Cabinet

notes on Wednesday recall the benefits of friendship with Venezuela, including the recent forgiveness of US\$250 million in PDV Caribe debt along with the social benefits of the programme, the first response to our plight following the passage of Hurricane Irma, and past financial assistance by President Carlos Andres Perez and President Hugo Chavez.

This whole situation is like a marriage, or rather a divorce. The United States is upset with Venezuela, so it is putting pressure on mutual friends to take sides. And just like in those messy divorce situations, there are a lot of friends who have no problem with either side and just want to remain friendly with everyone. That is where we find ourselves. The United States is a longtime friend, as is

Venezuela, but we are being pressured to choose. That is a difficult position to be in, and one that takes a good amount of skillful diplomacy to keep both sides happy and friendly.

Right now, we bet you are feeling some sympathy for the foreign affairs people because this task will not be easy. The PM is trying to walk a fine line by complimenting the United States while schooling them on our sovereign rights not to act in a manner *"inimical to Antigua and Barbuda's interests,"* and in accordance with *"good international law."*

However, when it comes to the United States, that is a near-impossible task, as it is usually their way or the highway. So, at some point, we will most likely have to choose a road to follow. The big question left unanswered is: which one?

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DAILY GAMES

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2		1-7-3	9-1-1-6
3		8-2-6	3-6-1-9
SUNSET		DRAW # 19029	DRAW # 18900
PRIZE:1		9-4-1	4-8-0-6
2		4-1-5	4-3-7-4
3		5-2-7	9-1-5-2
EVENING		DRAW # 19030	DRAW # 18901
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

Born today, you are not likely to be the most positive individual born under your sign because you have been burdened with a great deal of awareness of the world, which can surely get you down. The best way that you know to combat any negative feelings you might have about yourself or the world is to face those feelings directly and channel them into endeavors that you consider positive and worthwhile. This is something of a magic act, of course, and not everyone is capable of pulling off this kind of spiritual alchemy — but it is something that you will learn to do as you face the various ups and downs to which you will be subjected throughout your lifetime. Emotional currents run strong and deep within you.

You don't always allow others to see the "real" you, and you may in fact be mistaken for a Gemini native even by those who claim to know you well. It would be more apt, perhaps, to think you were born a crab, for much that you do springs from an almost Cancerlike desire to protect yourself.

Also born on this date are: Amy Winehouse, singer; Michael Crabtree, football player; Sam Neill, actor; Clayton Moore, actor; Walter Koenig, actor; Faith Ford, actress; Margaret Sanger, activist; Geraldine Brooks, novelist.

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.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Making up your mind may prove more difficult than expected today, in large part because of an unexpected choice that just popped up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may be recognized for something you did a long, long time ago — and the encounter can inspire you to reach for new heights very soon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — The impact another has on you today cannot be overestimated. It's safe to say that you will be forever changed by what happens between you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You're ready to step in should someone else not be able to complete an assigned task. Late in the day you identify a new personal outlet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Going over the same ground again and again may seem useful to some, but to you it is a waste of time, as you're ready to move on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can be hugely productive today while enjoying all the comforts of home. A friend provides a distraction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're feeling rather mischievous today, but only a few of your closest friends are likely to put up with your brand of shenanigans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's a good day to examine the reasons why something untoward happened recently. You can come up with answers, even lacking certain information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Prepare yourself for the thing you would ordinarily least expect, for today the unlikely is the most likely thing to happen!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You're going to have to repeat yourself today, perhaps many times, before you get what you most need. Someone close comes to the rescue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — One thing leads to another today — as is usually the case — but the result is likely to be very different from what you've prepared for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may receive more information today than you bargained for, and making an urgent decision may prove tricky as a result.

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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Answer to previous Sudoku Puzzle

SOLUTION:

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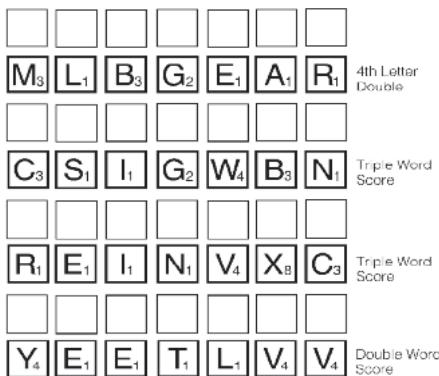
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PAR SCORE 150-160
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

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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RACK 1 = **10**
RACK 2 = **86**
RACK 3 = **98**
RACK 4 = **10**
PAR SCORE 135-145 JUDD'S TOTAL **204**

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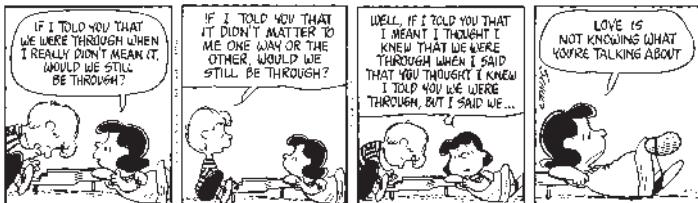


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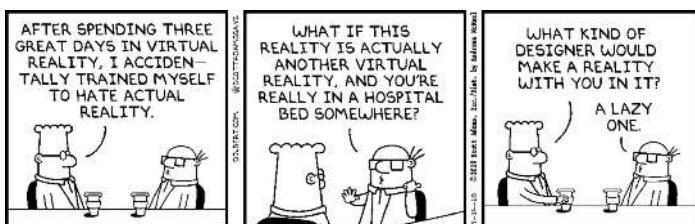
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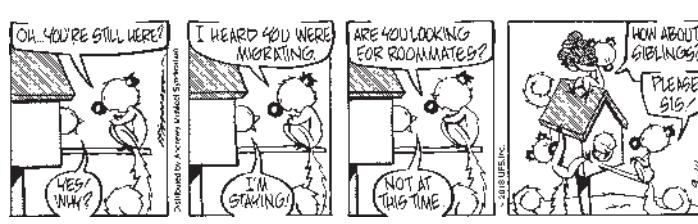


LOVE IS NOT KNOWING WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT

DILBERT® by Scott Adams



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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

1 Laundry detergent brand
4 Karate studio
8 "I did it!" (hyph.)
12 Levin or Gershwin
13 Regretted deeply
14 Went quickly
15 Laid down the law
17 She, to Marie
18 "The Old — Bucket"
19 Furtive sound
21 San Francisco hill
23 Check endorser
27 Wheel bolts
30 Memorial Day race
33 Baseball stat.
34 Healing plant
35 Excessively
36 Sinks downward

DOWN

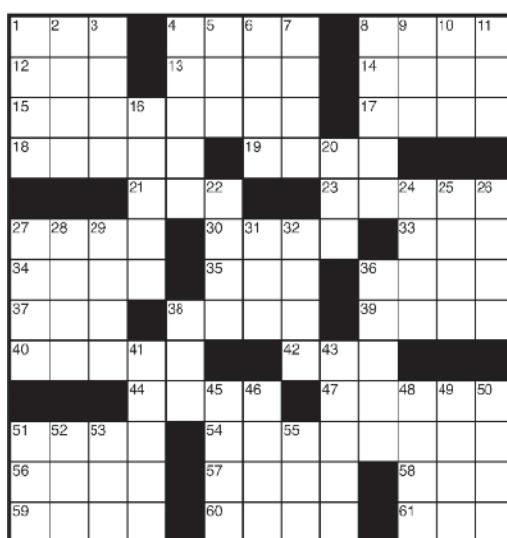
37 One, to Conchita
38 Guns the engine
39 Slow gait
40 Ocean, in Mongolian
42 Down Under bird
44 Broad bean
47 Regularly
51 Electrical unit
54 Trick
56 Comics pooh
57 Mr. Stravinsky
58 Upsilon flower
59 Not e'en once
60 Solitary
61 Musical note

1 Classic canine name
2 Diva's rendition
3 Provide funding for
4 Pipe unclogger

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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5 Loophole
6 Wrangler, e.g.
7 Vegas numbers
8 Iota predece
9 Catch cold
10 PC key
11 Citrus cooler
16 Uptight
20 Undercover agent
22 Tang
24 Date part
25 Proof word
26 Toward sunup
27 Praise
28 Radius neighbor
29 Basket, maybe
31 Autumn mo.
32 Worm the dog
36 Cram
38 Estuary
41 Later
43 Ripple pattern
45 Where chichi ski
46 Golden Fleece ship
48 Pointers
49 Canyon reply
50 Simon or Armstrong
51 From, to Wolfgang
52 Sonnet kin
53 Pinocchio's foible
55 Coal measure

Weekend Shift

Time of your life

**We are human.
We are not perfect.
We are alive.
We try things.
We make mistakes.
We stumble. We fall.
We get hurt.
We rise again.
We try again.
We keep learning.
We keep growing.
And...
we are thankful for
this priceless
opportunity called life.**

I have always felt that time is precious, and it is one commodity you can't buy. It doesn't matter how rich you are, you cannot buy time. You can of course buy someone's time. I will often tell clients that they are not just getting a session with me, they are actually buying my time, and given that I do not have an endless amount of time, they damn well better respect my time. It's a part of my life I won't get back, and it's the same for them so let us make the time we have chosen to work together useful.

What do you do with your time? How much do you waste? How much do you simply take your time for granted that you will, of course, always have time to get to those things that you want to do that you always

said you would do? Whilst home in the U.K. my family experienced a loss; one of my nieces went into labour at 29 weeks. Reuben was born and only lived for two days. It has had a profound impact on each of us in the close family that we are.

It seems wrong and unjust that he came to be, and his time here was so fleeting. There was a funeral and a wake. The funeral was not as bad as I had feared as my niece and her husband were and are being incredible. They have chosen to see that Reuben's birth was a celebration as they got to meet him. Yes, it was too fleeting, and yes, the pain and grief are immense yet they have to celebrate his being. The wake was hard. There were no great tales to tell, no reminiscing of

adventures, etc.

For me it was a reinforcement of the fact that we know not how long our time here on earth in this guise shall be, so seize every moment. For the immediate family, it brought a myriad of emotions. One member is now set on taking his children out of school who are aged seven and four to go travelling in a campervan around Europe. Whilst the more regular thinkers of my family were just being polite assuming he doesn't mean it. I was the one saying yes do it, do it as soon as you can. What the family will experience and learn will far outweigh what regimented school will teach the girls. You can always live in a house and have a regular life, but you will not always be able to travel and experience the richness and diversity that they will gain from a year of travelling.

So back to the original question: how are you spending your time? Because I love linguistics and language I take that question in a different time. I have used the word "spending." Turn that to the opposite, buying. If you had to buy the time that you have, would you be spending your money well?

If you could go back in time would you do things differently? What would you change? Now take a moment to note, that as you can't go back and can only go forward, maybe it is simply time to make your time count! All those things that you have been putting off doing or say-

ing get to them. You are a long time dead and short time living, make it a life that you live on your terms, following your own heart, write your own story, because, after all, you are the author of this one life you have been granted here, now.

If you want more advice on how to live the life you truly aspire to remember, you can reach out to me. My contact details are below. I am super happy to be back live on air this Friday for The Weekend Shift from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tune in for great conversation and music.

Contact Janis: cell, 732-1032; email, janshough31@gmail.com; FB, Life Coach Antigua www.janshough.com.

AUCTION NOTICE

For Sale by Public Auction – Vacant Land at Parham

Instructed by **Roberts & Co**, Attorneys at Law for **Antigua and Barbuda Development Bank** we shall sell by **Public Auction** on **September 26, 2018** a vacant parcel of land situated at Parham, registered as: **Registration Section: Gilberts Block: 22 2490A Parcel: 269.** The property is owned by Alrick Daniel.

The parcel of land has a low to medium slope and measures approximately 0.28 acre. The land is located in Parham, less than eight miles east of St. John's. The property is within two miles of schools, churches, recreational facilities and public transportation.

The auction will be held on site. Bidders **must** have a picture ID in order to be registered for the auction which will begin promptly at 4:00 PM.

Further details may be obtained from **ACME Real Estate Agents**, Tel. no. 770 ACME (2263); 464 ACME (2263); 464 7293

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Patriots edge Tallawahs in thriller to advance to semis



St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots celebrate after storming into the semifinals of the Caribbean Premier League on Wednesday night. (CPL photo)

G E O R G E T O W N , Guyana (CMC) – Anton Devcich's blistering half-century led the St. Kitts and Nevis Patriots to the semifinals of the Caribbean Premier League (CPL) via a nail-biting two-wicket win over the Jamaica Tallawahs in Guyana at the Guyana National Stadium on Wednesday night.

In a record run chase, the Patriots overhauled the Tallawahs' competitive score of 191 for five from their 20 overs, ending on 193 for eight from 19.5 overs in a scintillating finish to earn a semifinal showdown with the Trinbago Knight Riders on Friday.

It was the second successive playoff game to be decided off the penultimate ball of the innings, following the Guyana Amazon Warriors' similarly exciting two-wicket win over the Knight Riders at the same ground on Tuesday.

Tallawahs' captain,

Andre Russell, entrusted Rovman Powell – who had not bowled a single ball in the match prior – to bowl the last over, with the Patriots requiring 15 runs for victory.

After bowling a dot ball to Carlos Brathwaite with his first delivery, Powell gifted the burly batsman with a full toss on the leg stump which Brathwaite duly smashed over square leg for six runs.

Powell got his revenge the very next ball when Brathwaite tried to pull a ball from wide outside the off stump onto the leg side, but only managed to pick out Russell at long on, who took a good catch diving forward to his left – his third of the night.

With nine required from three balls, Powell was unlucky to have his subsequent delivery to Ben Cutting called a wide, with replays showing that the ball had passed inside of the marker.

An upset Powell then delivered two more wides, before Cutting turned down a run to mid-on off the fourth ball, to leave the Patriots needing six runs from two balls.

Following another wide from Powell, Cutting then clouted a half-volley from Powell over the midwicket boundary for six to spark a pitch invasion from the Patriots' players and staff.

The win though was set up by Devcich, whose even 50 came from just 23 balls and contained five fours and two sixes.

With the Tallawahs in firm control of the contest after Chris Gayle had been dismissed for a sluggish 26 from 30 balls to leave the score 62 for three in the 10th over, Devcich found a worthy ally in Fabian Allen.

Devcich swatted Steven Jacobs' last over for 20 runs

and followed that up by taking Colin de Grandhomme for 17 runs in the 15th over.

They added 56 in just four overs and following Allen's dismissal for 23 from 10 balls, Devcich and Brandon King continued the onslaught in a fifth-wicket partnership of 39 in three overs to take the score up to 157 for five at the start of the 17th over.

The Patriots' sensational fightback overshadowed Tallawahs' opener Glen Phillips' impressive knock of 103 from just 63 balls.

Phillips batted the entire innings before being bowled by Cutting off the last ball, striking nine boundaries and six sixes.

He shared in a 70-run second-wicket partnership with Ross Taylor who made 33 and then added 42 with David Miller (19 not out), to help the Tallawahs up to their eventual total.

Business Basketball league shoots off this weekend

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Defending champions, Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board (ABTB) will look to defend their title as the 2018 edition of the Antigua and Barbuda Basketball Association (ABBA) Cool and Smooth Business Basketball league shoots off this weekend.

The champions will receive tough competition from former champions, Kennedys, APUA Head Office and Sandals while newcomers Pointe FM, FLOW, Clean Cut Carwash and ABIIT will hope to make their mark.

Antigua and Barbuda Airport Authority, absent for two seasons, will also be making their return to the competition.

The other teams expected to compete this season include: Police Vertex, Blue Waters, Eye Mobile, Anjo's Wholesale, Fitzroy Rewinding, Young Rivals, Cleaners, Dixie, Dadli Design, APUA Water and



Businesses will be out in full support as the business basketball league begins on Saturday. (Photo courtesy ABBA)

Burton's Laundry.

"Well, compared to last year, we had 18 teams and now 20 so that is a plus in itself. There were also businesses that reached out after the cut-off date so it says a lot about the product and that it is fun for all," said **Carl "Bowie" Knight**, one of the organisers of the league.

Matches will run from Saturday to Thursday with

three matches on the weekdays starting at 7:30 p.m. and on the weekends, four respectively at 6:30 p.m.

The league will officially be declared open on Saturday at the JSC Sports Complex with a brief opening ceremony and march past at 6:30 p.m.

Immediately following that will be three matches.

Knight also spoke on this matter in terms of the low per-

centage in teams that show up on opening night.

"What we have always done to ensure that teams show up on the opening is that we schedule matches but do not notify the relevant teams until the night of the opening, so from day one you have to come with your best and be ready."

The league will be played in a round robin format.

Osaka does not feel sad about Williams' outburst overshadowing US Open win

New U.S. Open champion Naomi Osaka says she does not feel sad about the way her win was overshadowed by Serena Williams' outbursts at the umpire.

Osaka, 20, beat Williams 6-2, 6-4 in Saturday's final, but the crowd booed as she received the trophy.

Williams got a code violation for coaching, a penalty point for racquet abuse and a game penalty for calling the umpire a "thief" in New York.

"At the time I did think they were booing at me," said Japan's Osaka.

Speaking on The Ellen DeGeneres' Show she said: "I couldn't tell what was going on, it was so loud and a little bit stressful."

Osaka remained composed throughout Williams'



New US Open champion Naomi Osaka.

repeated on-court protests at umpire Carlos Ramos, as she ended the 36-year-old's bid for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam title.

"When you are little, you are taught not to look when the opponent gets angry, you

are told to turnaround and try and focus," said Osaka. "In my mind I really wanted to know what was going on. I heard a lot of people in the crowd making noises and I really wanted to turn around."

Osaka became over-

whelmed by emotion during the trophy presentation as boos - seemingly aimed at the umpire's decision to penalise Williams - rang around the court.

Discussing what Williams had whispered to her, during the presentation, she said: "She said she was proud of me and to know the crowd weren't booing at me."

Osaka - who was born in Japan and raised in the United States - has climbed to a career-best seventh in the world rankings after winning her first Grand Slam title.

"For me, I don't feel sad because I wouldn't even know what I'm expected to feel," added Osaka.

"I don't think I even thought about feeling sad because there's no experience for me to draw on [from] any other Grand Slam final." (BBC Sports)

Cornelius: Athletics Association had no say in selection

By Carlena Knight
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President of the Antigua and Barbuda Athletics Association (ABAA) **Everton "Mano" Cornelius** dismissed claims made by Assistant Director of Sports and athletics coach, **Evans "Jowakie" Jones**, who stated that he and his athletes were being victimised by the association.

Jones' claims were geared towards the selection of athletes to the Youth Olympics Games and the appointment of a coach.

Cornelius however, in speaking on the *Good Morning JoJo* show, refuted those claims and went into details about the selection process, where he noted that the ABAA had no control.

"As it pertains to the Youth Olympics there was a ranking. You weren't given the chance to select anyone. The only way we could have is if we did not have anyone qualify for the meet then you are allowed one male and one female selection under the Olympic ruling."

"In our case, we had four athletes in the ranking, and once we did, we were now out of the picture in terms of selecting anyone."

The former Olympian went even further identifying the two athletes chosen by the IAAF due to the unavailability of the only qualified athlete, **Taecio O'garro**, who recently enrolled at a university in the U.S.

"Now Soniya remained in her position as being the person within the top of the rankings and held her posi-

tion all the way through to the final selection."

"I then wrote to the IAAF concerning adding someone because Taeco was going to university, they responded and said I needed not to because both Soniya Jones and Dahlia Barnes were chosen."

Cornelius also spoke on the issue of the appointment of a coach where he said that all coaches in the association need equal opportunity to develop themselves.

"We look at the people that are there and we give all our coaches a chance to go to international games because they all have to develop themselves, whoever the executive selects, that's the end of it, it is done, move on."

"If he [Evans Jones] is being victimised then why would he have just come



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

back from Finland? Why should I then send him to South America...there are other coaches who contribute to the development of athletes."

The Youth Olympic Games are scheduled to take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6 to 18.

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Winston: I Am Not Pleased With LI Selections Process

By Neto Baptiste

Head coach of the Leeward Islands Hurricanes and former West Indies fast bowler, **Winston Benjamin**, said he was excluded from the process during the selection of the sub-region's four-day training squad.

The Antiguan made the disclosure while speaking on the *Good Morning Jojo Sports show*, adding that although he was invited to the selection meeting, he was not allowed to vote or give his opinion on the players chosen.

"I was basically a spectator, so to speak, and having known the players and seeing what happened last year I thought that my contribution would have been part and parcel of the whole selection process, because as far as I know, I was a selector, but unfortunately in that meeting I didn't understand what was going on as everything I said was objected to. At one point I just kept quiet," he said.

Benjamin, who played 21 Tests and 85 One Day Internationals (ODI) for the senior regional squad, said he finds the policy "strange" adding that at the end of the day, it is his job on the line.



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"Taking it up with them is not going to make it any different, if that is the policy of the board then that is the policy of the board. I just

think that the policy is dictatorial, but who am I to do anything about that. It is said that it is the West Indies, CWI policy but if that is CWI policy I find it strange that you who're on the ground have no say," the coach said.

"What they are saying is that you sit in, you listen but

you don't have a vote and to me that didn't really make any sense because if somebody doesn't want to listen to what you're saying then you are the one who is going to be in the firing line at the end of the day," he added.

Legendary West Indies captain and a former Leeward Islands player, Sir Vivian Richards, labelled the practice an insult.

"Here you have Winston who was an accomplished Test match cricketer, an individual who would have played at the highest level and I guess that the guys who would have been sitting on that selection panel haven't even maybe, played rubber ball cricket at some point, and I may be over-exaggerating here. It is sick man, and when you are going to tell me that it is the policy of the West Indies Cricket Board, that's an insult to Winston," he said.

The 15-member squad is yet to be released to the media, but it was said to have undergone a fitness test two weeks ago, and all 15 players failed to pass.



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