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An influx of surrendered dogs and cats from families struggling due to the coronavirus is placing a burden on the PAAWS rescue shelter. The charity's own finances have also plummeted and it is appealing for donations to help keep it afloat. See story on page 6 (Photo courtesy PAAWS)



WHAT'S ON

Today

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS TRAINING

The Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Health present the Schedule of Training in Protocols Against the Covid-19 Pandemic for tomorrow, July 2, as follows: destination marketing companies and tour operators at 9:30 am; hotel staff, 11 am; and beach vendors, 2 pm. Please call 464-5198 to register for these training sessions by today.

Tomorrow

MBS EARLY CLOSURE

The Medical Benefits Scheme advises the public of its early closure, including all MBS Pharmacies, at 2 pm tomorrow, July 2, to facilitate a staff meeting. Normal service will resume at 8 am on Friday, July 3. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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AGHS New Students' Registration

Registration for new students for the Antigua Girls' High School will be on July 7th 2020 from 9 am to 1pm. Students are to accompany their parents to registration. Items for registration: Bank deposit slip (Registration fee is XCD\$280 payable at the Antigua Commercial Bank Ac# 100000059) 1 passport size photograph Original and copy of birth certificate or Passport bio page Original and copy of Health Card Your own pen for filling out forms.

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Can spreading Covid land you at HMP?

By Elesha George
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Individuals risk being charged with a capital offence when they abscond quarantine or isolation, or knowingly expose other people to Covid-19.

Failure to comply with any regulations and guidelines under the Quarantine Act can result in a fine of up to \$25,000 or six months' imprisonment or both.

However, Superintendent Lesborn Michael, the officer in charge of Division A police stations in St John's and its environs, told the nation on Tuesday that these people can also be charged

with murder.

He said persons who know for a fact they have the virus and deliberately or maliciously transmit it to any other person would have committed an offence. He further explained that if someone dies due to the exposure and it is proven that it was done through malice means "that person can be charged with murder".

Outside of Antigua, there are cases where persons have been charged and prosecuted for attempted murder for knowingly infecting someone with an infectious disease, for example, someone who knows they have HIV but engages in unprotected sex without telling their partner.

However, the likelihood of being prosecuted for such an offence is slim to none in Antigua and Barbuda.

In fact, Director of Public Prosecutions, Anthony Armstrong, told Observer that "it's very rare", and that there has never been a case on record when that has happened.

Given the developing nature of Covid-19 and the little information known about the virus, successfully convicting someone will be a tad complicated.

Firstly, the prosecutor would have to determine at what point the deceased became infected, in which case they would have to rule out every other person that came

into contact with the victim. They would also have to present evidence that the accused intentionally infected his or her victim.

"You'd first have to show that the person intentionally caused the death of the person and, in this instance, it would be by way of Covid, so that raises a next issue as to whether or not Covid did cause the person's death."

The state prosecutor said there has to be clear evidence that one person intended to cause the death of another by spreading Covid, and even then, death from pre-existing conditions like non-communicable diseases (NCDs) would have to be ruled out.

"Whether or not a person did die with Covid, you have to face the reality as to whether or not that is the significant cause of death," Armstrong cited, stressing that it would be a very difficult case to win.

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LIAT staff frustrated over handling of affairs

By Latrishka Thomas

The exasperation felt by LIAT employees in recent months while the airline has been grounded due to Covid-19 has been ratcheted up further following news that the regional carrier will be liquidated.

During an appearance on OBSERVER AM yesterday, the General Secretary of the Antigua and Barbuda Workers' Union (ABWU) and the Chairman of Leeward Islands Airline Pilots Association (LIALPA), lamented that the shareholder governments' and management's handling of the situation has added to the already stressful experience for workers.

"There is a lot of disappointment. There is a lot of worry about severance and what are the next steps. We are not sure if there is a successor airline. We are hearing things behind the scenes and it's pretty unsettling," LIALPA Chairman Patterson Thompson said.

David Massiah, General Secretary of the ABWU, said he believes the appropriate word to describe the employees' feelings is "disgust".

Massiah explained that for many years, unions have been complaining about the ineptness of the airline's management and have even suggested ways to save the airline, to no avail.

In addition to that, he disclosed that in a meeting held last week to discuss the three-month extension of the temporary lay-off of workers, "the workers would have said unanimously to

my union, which we would have conveyed to the company, that because of the prevailing situation we are going to understand and we can basically move forward with the extension but this extension must be with the condition that the staff receive at least 90 percent of what is inside of that pension fund for them".

But then "all hell broke loose on the weekend", he remarked saying that the matter could have been handled differently.

Furthermore, Massiah revealed that an emergency meeting of the unions was called on Monday where one decision was taken.

He said that they told the CEO of LIAT, Julie Reifer Jones, "madam CEO, that letter that you are going to send out to staff about their pension and whatever it is, you need to hold on that until we the unions go back ... let us communicate and talk before you can send out that letter".

Despite that, a letter began circulating to all staff that afternoon, adding to the already growing annoyance.

And that was not the only missive that made its way through the public on Monday.

Chairman of the shareholder governments of the regional airline, Dr Ralph Gonsalves, also wrote in an effort to assure employees that payment of outstanding salaries and arrears "will be urgently addressed".

Added to that, he shared that the Antigua-based airline owes its staff an estimated \$94 million in total severance and holiday

payment, which it is unable to pay.

Gonsalves said the major shareholders - Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Barbados, and St Vincent and the Grenadines - have made every effort to support the airline, "however, with the current pandemic affecting all sectors of national economies, the major shareholders are unable to give LIAT needed support", and that "both the board of directors and the major shareholders agree that the airline cannot survive this crisis".

When asked whether employees would be willing to accept a portion of the monies owed to them,

Thompson and Massiah said that the fact that some persons were on the eve of their retirement must be considered.

"I can't see that unions can sit down and contemplate that. I can't sit down and tell a man who would have worked from 1973 until now who was about to retire and now he is coming to his sunset that he has to take a shave off of that money that he was basically relying on to help him go forward," Massiah said.

"The governments are morally obligated to pay the severance", even if over a period of time, Thompson added.



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Dumped pets puts strain on PAAWS

By Gemma Handy

Coronavirus hasn't just wreaked havoc on the lives of Antigua's human residents, it's seen a surge in abandoned pets too. And an avalanche of dumped dogs and cats has left the country's largest rescue shelter struggling to cope.

The PAAWS rehoming centre is currently home to a staggering 108 animals – 80 dogs and 28 cats, manager Colin Quinn told Observer.

The Parham-based facility operates independently of government and runs entirely on donations. Since it was set up in 1996, it has taken in thousands of sick, injured and orphaned animals and found them permanent homes.

But as the pandemic's economic impact continues to bite, pets are becoming the voiceless victims.

"We cannot accept any more animals right now because we literally do not have the space and donations are down too," Quinn explained. "The phone is ringing every single day with people saying they can't afford to keep their dog and asking us to take it."

While some families have been forced to make the heart-breaking decision to surrender their pet due to loss of income, Quinn says many are ignoring discounted and readily available spay and neuter procedures and shunting the responsibility for newborn litters on to the shelter instead.

"Just this morning we got two calls from people saying their dog had had puppies and could we take them in. Some people would rather spend hundreds of dollars on frivolous things,



Little 'Jennie' was rescued from the side of Valley Road in April and taken in by PAAWS



The Parham-based shelter has rehomed thousands of dogs and cats over the years

rather than \$75 to get their dog fixed which is the responsible thing to do," he said.

"Thankfully our adoptions are still going well. We are rehoming an average of eight to 10 dogs, and four cats, a month," Quinn added.

Exacerbating PAAWS' financial woes are restrictions on social events, which means it is unable to host its usual fundraisers like bingo nights and last year's successful Antigua's Got Talent

show.

To help bridge the gap, this Saturday, a group of supporters will undertake a sponsored hike to tackle the country's highest peak.

More than a dozen people have signed up to the walk which departs from the Sugar Ridge resort at 7am. Anyone wishing to sponsor them can get in touch on the official event page on Facebook, 'Fundraising Hike to Boggy Peak', or email paaws.antigua@gmail.com.

"Every single cent raised will go directly towards helping more dogs and cats in need – and, ultimately, removing them from the streets which we know negatively impacts tourism," said a PAAWS spokeswoman. "You can also help us by donating pet food at the Epicurean supermarket in Jolly Harbour."

For more information about the shelter, how you can help or adopting a pet, visit www.paawsantigua.com or call 561-1484.

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Retests will 'prove' whether hotel staff have Covid

By Elesha George
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Four positive Covid-19 tests administered by a private doctor on island will not be added to the official number of positive cases in Antigua until the government can validate those tests.

Sixty-six people - including Tourism Minister Charles 'Max' Fernandez - were tested for Covid-19 on Sunday by Dr Joseph John of private practice, Medical Surgical Associates.

The doctor was asked by the proprietor of the Hodges Bay resort to test the entire workforce after at least two people showed signs of the virus. He utilised rapid antigen tests, not currently used by the state.

Although the government has continuously declared that health officials would begin to use rapid antigen tests on incoming travellers, Minister of Health Molwyn Joseph said the tests needed to be validated using the PCR method, which he referred to as "the gold standard".

"We have to maintain the integrity of our data and we will not include any data or any positive cases unless it is validated by the PCR tests," he said.

Only two of the four people who tested positive by Dr John had been retested up until Monday night and Joseph said, "we're still working on the other two".

When asked whether the

rapid tests issued by the state are any different from those administered by the doctor, the minister replied, "I am not in a position to comment on that. That requires someone who is more competent in dealing with this kind of science".

He explained, too, that "the rapid tests that we are going to be using in Antigua and Barbuda is approved by FDA in the United States and we have also consulted CARPHA and they are of the view that we can do the test as long as we validate results with the PCR molecular test".

Meanwhile, hotel staff have expressed fear of being exposed to the virus by tourists. One worker at Sandals Grande Antigua, who spoke with Observer, claimed guests were not wearing masks, in contravention of local protocols.

"I believe they've been told it's okay because none of them are wearing them and no one is telling them anything. It makes me feel uncomfortable because we have to interact with them so we can't feel safe.

"I'm hypertensive so am at risk. Everyone is worried but they're afraid to talk," she added.

She also said that while protocols for workers generally are quite good and include rigorous hand washing before starting work, staff are taking their uniforms home to wash which contravenes policies previously outlined for hotels to follow.

Sandals bosses recently told Observer, however, that the safety of its staff and guests was of "utmost importance" and that the resort was acting in compliance with government regulations.

The official number of active virus cases in Antigua currently stands at 40. And the total number of laboratory-confirmed cases of Covid-19 for the country since the outbreak of the pandemic is 66. The latest positive case was a minor who arrived in Antigua from the Dominican Republic.

All the people who live here and who have tested positive are said to be in isolation, while the minister has

said that all visitors who tested positive for Covid "have returned to the United States". It is not clear whether their status had been communicated to the US Embassy before their departure.

Meanwhile, four of 42 Cubans who were to be repatriated on Monday night have been quarantined after PCR tests carried out at Mount St John's Medial Centre returned "indeterminate" results.

Samples of the inconclusive tests have been sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for further testing and the remaining Cuban nationals have been repatriated.

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Another Bruce Greenaway murder accused applies for bail

By Latrishka Thomas

A week after two Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force (ABDF) soldiers — accused of murder — were denied bail in the High Court, another one of their co-accused has applied for bail.

Today, a third soldier, Shakiel Thomas, will find out whether or not he will be released on bail.

Twenty-five-year-old Thomas, Armal Warner and Aliyah Martin, both 20 years of age, along with 44-year-old police officer, Jason Modeste, were jointly charged with the murder of Bruce Greenaway of Falmouth.

On June 25, after lengthy

deliberations, Justice Iain Morley denied both Martin's and Warner's applications for bail.

Thomas appeared before Morley yesterday, but his hearing was adjourned until today. Modeste is yet to file his application.

The quartet had their first court appearance in early June at All Saints Magistrate's Court.

Magistrate Ngaio Emanuel-Edwards, after hearing from their attorney Lawrence Daniel — with respect to having them remanded at Camp Blizzard in Coolidge for their "security and protection"—remanded them to prison.

Magistrate Emanuel-

Edwards — with support from police prosecutor Dane Bontiff and the lawyers representing Greenaway's family, Gail Christian and Kendrickson Kentish — suggested that Daniel should formally take his request to the Superintendent of Prisons.

However, sources say that that application was never completed.

The four accused will return to court on September

23 to find out if there is sufficient evidence for the matter to be committed to the High Court.

Should the matter be committed, they will have to face a judge and jury for the alleged strangulation of Greenaway whose body was found on April 13 at the shoreline of Indian Creek.

According to reports, Greenaway was last seen in the presence of soldiers before he went missing.



Shakiel Thomas (File photo)

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Help for kidney dialysis patients



The reclining chairs were donated by the Renal Society

Kidney dialysis patients will be more comfortable while receiving treatment thanks to the donation of two reclining chairs from the local Renal Society.

The gift to Mount St John's Medical Centre – which also included two side tables – is worth more than \$14,000.

"When the society was told that the dialysis unit was in need of new recliners and side tables the members of the Renal Society met and

decided to supply these much-needed pieces of equipment," said the charity's president, Sir James Carlisle.

"We trust that the donation will serve to make it easier to deliver the care needed by patients and we stand ready to assist whenever we are requested to do so."

Each year, the charity stages a pre-Valentine's Day dinner and a Thanksgiving lunch to raise funds for the unit.

"In addition, many private individuals, along with corporate sponsors, make regular donations to the Antigua and Barbuda Renal Society. On behalf of the members I would like to thank them for their generosity," Sir Carlisle added.

Nephrologist Ian Thomas MD said the hospital was delighted to have the Renal Society as partners.

"Their recent donation is already making a difference. However, it's important for

me to note that the society does so much work with very little fanfare. They've assisted the hospital with not only equipment but also in education, as well as our budding kidney transplant programme.

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Planning is 'critical' when relaxing Covid restrictions - PAHO

Director of the Pan American Health Organization, Dr Carissa Etienne, said countries planning to relax public health measures must take a phased approach based on local conditions and be prepared to impose preventive measures again if the epidemiological situation changes.

"The key is to think both nationally and locally and base decisions on the latest data. The more granular our understanding of where the virus strikes, the more targeted our response will be," she told a media briefing Tuesday.

"As we are seeing, countries, states and cities that do not embrace preventive measures or relax restrictions too soon can be flooded with new cases," Dr Etienne said.

"Timing is critical. At national or at local level, we must open gradually, taking a phased approach that relies on robust surveillance, data, and expanded testing and contact tracing capacity.

"If the situation changes and infections rise, localities and countries must adjust course quickly," she added.

Noting that 5.1 million cases and more than 247,000 deaths due to Covid-19 have been reported in the Americas through June 29, she said that "to truly understand the impact of the virus, and to plan more effectively for what comes next, it's important to look beyond regional and national data and focus on the local level".

"We often hear about the number of cases in large countries like Brazil, Mexico or the United States without the appreciation of their con-



Dr Carissa F Etienne (file photo)

siderable societal and geographic diversity. In fact, multiple epidemiological curves coexist both within our region and within each country, and public health responses must be tailored to these specific situations," Etienne said.

The PAHO director said reopening requires public

added.

Dr Etienne listed public health measures local and national governments should take including timely tests, isolation of cases to reduce transmission, contact tracing to find infected persons and isolate them, access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and training for health workers, and if necessary, travel measures to limit new infections such as screening, case finding, quarantines and other measures.

"We need tests, but we also need test results to be reported quickly to paint an accurate picture. Anyone with symptoms should have the guidance and support needed to reduce the chance of transmitting to others," she added.

Contact tracing, when anchored to a strong primary health care system, "can help reduce the risk of transmission among vulnerable communities," Dr Etienne said, and the health system needs enough hospital beds and intensive care units to provide care for severe cases.

PAHO is working closely with countries, she said, and "in many cases, local governments need to analyse these trends to help guide their decision making".

She added, "PAHO has supported countries in every aspect of the response, providing guidance, training, and supplies. Over the past two months, we have donated almost five million PCR tests to the region and procured more than 10 million tests on behalf of our countries. We made 54 shipments of PPEs to 26 countries."

health measures to track new cases and build sufficient capacity to detect and control new outbreaks.

"Transmission in your area should be going down in a sustainable way, deaths should be decreasing, and hospital bed occupancy rates should be low before restrictions are relaxed," she



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Cash and other prizes up for grabs in summer promotion



Flow Commercial Manager, Denise Dixon.

A summer campaign that offers customers of a local telecoms company the opportunity to earn thousands of dollars will be launched today.

Through its 'Bag Ah Money' promotion, Flow said \$30,000 in cash prizes will be given away to customers over a 10-week period, until September 7.

"Two lucky Flow customers will each win \$10,000 in cash, while another 10 customers will walk away with \$1,000 each week of the promotion," a release stated.

Additionally, all new and existing Flow prepaid customers are eligible for a chance to be entered to win a "Bag Ah Money" by topping up \$25 or more at any Flow top-up vendor; activating

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"We're delighted to offer this unique promotion that allows us to reward our customers with significantly more value for their money," said Flow commercial manager, Denise Dixon.

"We know our customers will welcome these offers especially now during these challenging times caused by the pandemic."

New Anguilla government includes former Miss Universe



The seven party members were sworn in yesterday

Seven members of a new party in Anguilla who swept the British territory's 2020 general elections were sworn into office yesterday.

The Anguilla Progressive Movement (APM) members, headed by Dr Ellis Webster, gained four of the seven district seats and three of the four island-wide seats, giving it the majority in the House of Assembly with seven seats.

First-time candidate and former Miss Universe Great Britain, 27-year-old Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers, defeated the territory's former premier, Victor F Banks, who made his entrance into the island's political arena approximately 40 years ago.

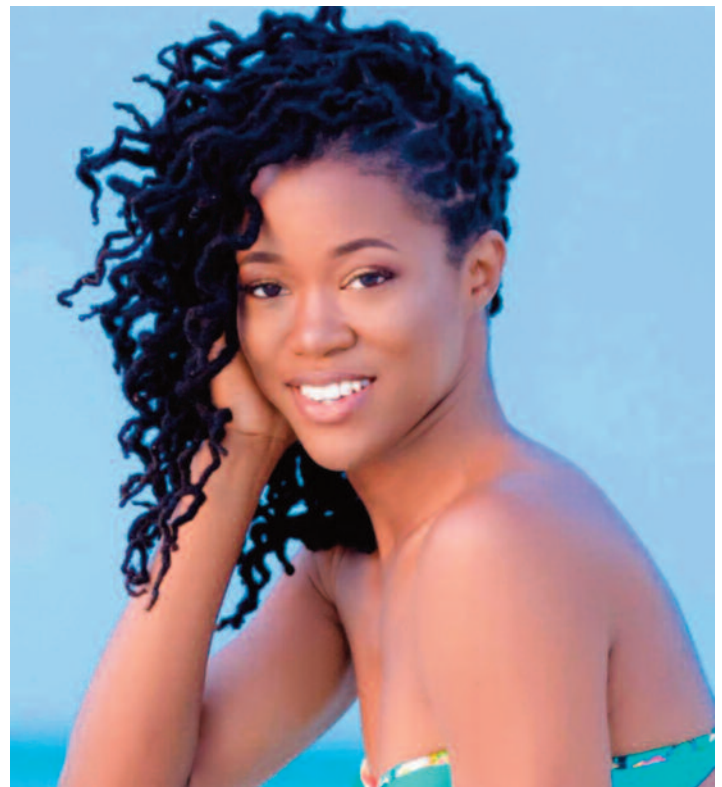
The APM team consists of Webster, Kentish-Rogers, Merrick Richardson, and Haydn Hughes as the dis-

trict representatives, with Kyle Hodge, Kenneth Hodge and Quincia Gumbs-Marie as the island-wide winners. Five of these will be ministers in the new government.

Anguilla United Front gained three of the district seats and one of the island-wide seats, giving it a total of four of the 11 seats in the House.

The election proceeded well throughout the day on Monday, with new voter cards and 20 tabulating machines making for easier voting with less waiting time in every district.

The opposition will be Cora Richardson-Hodge, Evans McNiel Rogers and Cardigan Connor for the districts and Jose Vanterpool as the island-wide winner. (Daily Herald/The Anguillian)



Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers is a former Miss Universe

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Editorial

OUR OPINION

For whereas the true extent of our Covid-10 infections is yet to be determined; and whereas, because of circumstances, some beyond our control, we struggled to implement a robust testing regime; and whereas those inordinate delays in local testing caused many to lose confidence in the utterances from on high; and whereas, thanks to the persistence and expertise of Dr. Lester Simon, our local laboratory testing has taken off, **be it resolved** that the administration significantly ramp up the testing regime. It is the need of the hour. In almost all countries where testing was expanded, the number of Covid-19 cases that were unearthed increased greatly. Best to get the true picture.

Clearly, testing's the thing! As per a press release from the Ministry of Health dated June 29, 2020, *"The ministry wishes to advise that the Mount St. John's Medical Centre has begun testing independently for Covid-19 while maintaining a relationship with CARPHA, which serves as a reference lab to maintain a high level of proficiency. . . . The Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment, the Honourable Molwyn Joseph, expresses deep appreciation to Dr Lester Simon and his staff for achieving independent laboratory capacity to meet the requirement of more testing in Antigua and Barbuda."* So **be it resolved!**

Meanwhile, whereas this administration has had much difficulty with the words and phrases that it has thrown around rather thoughtlessly at press conferences; and whereas some of those words and expressions are, "next

Coronavirus resolutions

week," "soonest," "in a matter of days," "We will be," and "we are looking into it," **be it resolved** that this administration be herewith forbidden from employing any of those specious words and phrases that, rather than placating us, actually convey the impression that the administration is *ad libbing*. After all, in practically every instance where the political directorate has breezily used one of the above phrases or words, to create a sense that it knows what it is doing, nothing has ever materialised as promised.

And whereas this administration has developed a penchant for dismissing every legitimate question about its stewardship, or lack thereof, as "cheap political gamesmanship" to "score cheap political points;" and whereas this unseemly defensive posture is reminiscent of that of the President of the United States, Donald Trump, a leader who is extremely defensive and thin-skinned, and who insists on branding critical media as "Democrat operatives playing politics;" **be it resolved** that this administration refrain from those . . . uh . . . shall we say, "cheap" broadsides in an attempt to deflect criticism.

And whereas we the people have been lulled into a false sense of security by the opening of the borders, and silly talk about hosting 'jam sessions' to replace Carnival 2020; and whereas the relaxing of restrictions on the numbers of passengers that can now ride on buses (to hell with social distancing) is leading many to believe that the worst is over; **be it resolved** that the political directorate hereby refrain from unserious talk about partying in the middle of this existen-

tial crisis; and **be it further resolved** that the social distancing guidelines that were previously in place for buses be reinstituted. Let us not be unmindful of the dire warning from the World Health Organisation (WHO) as reported by Anne Gullard in **THE DAILY TELEGRAPH** [June 9, 2020], "Europe's top WHO official warns that a second deadly coronavirus spike could coincide with outbreaks of other infectious diseases. A second wave could coincide with seasonal flu or measles, making it potentially much worse. In an exclusive interview with The Telegraph, Dr Hans Kluge, director for the WHO European region, delivered a stark warning by saying that now is the "time for preparation, not celebration."

But lest we be tempted to think that the abovementioned warning applies only to Europe, let us remember John Donne's moving declaration that "No man is an island entire unto itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; . . . any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind. And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." [NO MAN IS AN ISLAND]. Unless we go back to another total lockdown, and become an island unto ourselves, we will remain connected with our brothers and sisters around the globe with er . . . only "six degrees of separation," so to speak. (Never mind the six feet mandated by many countries and their social distancing protocols)

Of course, there are more preambles and resolutions. For whereas our Prime Minister, the Honourable Gaston Browne was hesitant to meet with the irate police officers at the Police Recreation

Grounds on his social distancing concerns, it is not difficult to extrapolate that the good PM knows that the Covid-19 threat here in Antigua and Barbuda is far from over, notwithstanding the significant easing of restrictions. Indeed, the fact is, now that so many restrictions have been lifted, the risks to the population are greater. It is instructive to note the following line in a media statement from the PM's office dated June 29, 2020: "The prime minister explained that his reluctance to attend the open-field meeting, where 150 officers were gathered, was triggered by the vulnerability to infection which crowds pose. He has a responsibility to protect the office which he holds, and not become ill at this time." Folks, **be it resolved** that we the people take personal responsibility for ourselves, and by extension, our fellowmen. Coronavirus is a word that rhymes with 'witch,' and much like devil grass, it could keep coming back, just when we utter the all clear. **Be it further resolved** that we remain eternally vigilant!

Consider the following grave warning from WHO Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, about 48 hours ago: "[The pandemic is] accelerating particularly in the Americas . . . The hard reality is that this is not even close to being over. The worst is yet to come." Hmmm!

And whereas we have been forewarned; and whereas to be forewarned is to be forearmed; **be it resolved** that we "take arms against this sea of troubles, and by opposing, end them." [Shakespeare, HAMLET]

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OUR NEIGHBOURS

Businesses close, protestors shot, police on 'red alert'

PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad — First Citizens was one of several commercial entities that shut down their Port-of-Spain offices amid protests yesterday.

The bank said that its Park Street Branch and the Independence Square Complex which houses the Independence Square Branch, Credit Card and Electronic Banking Centres, had closed for the remainder of the day, and advised customers to visit any other conveniently located branch or use the on-line banking and electronic services.

The protests also resulted in the closure of some government offices and several commercial entities, including food outlets.

Thousands of people were turned away from entering the city, from as far as Couva where police questioned drivers about their destination before advising them not to proceed.

No vehicles were allowed past the Maritime Flyover.

The protests followed the shooting deaths of three men by police in Second Caledonia on Saturday.

The men held their hands in the air moments before they were shot but police insist that one of the men, who was outside the vehicle with his hands in the air, returned to the vehicle and pulled a gun on an officer, leading them to open fire.

However, CCTV footage



Scenes from the fiery protests.

from the area appears to show one of the men outside of the vehicle with his hands raised and others with their hands extended out of the vehicle windows.

The protests started

early in the morning and spread across East Port-of-Spain, before spilling over into other parts of the country. There were fiery protests by the NP Flyover, by Coconut Drive, Morvant, in

Clifton Hill where a derelict vehicle and car were set afire, at Pioneer Drive, Sealots, at Belmont Valley Road on the corner of Duncan and Prince Streets at the beginning of Laventille Road and at the corner of Prince & Piccadilly Streets.

Protests also broke out on Nelson & Prince Street, Link Road, Malick, Observatory Street, at the corner of 6th & 7th Avenue, Barataria and Nelson & Prince Streets.

Loud explosions were reported at the Tokyo Pan-yard on Pashley Street, John John & in the Beetham Area.

As police raised the alert level to red, videos showed people bleeding from gunshot wounds.

Up to Tuesday afternoon, several areas were impassable, including Pioneer Drive, Sea Lots on both the east and westbound lanes and at the Spree Simon complex in Laventille.

There was also a blockage at Pashley Street and the Beetham Highway in the vicinity of the landfill on both east and westbound lanes. (T&T Guardian)

Digicel ceases paid advertising on Facebook platforms in anti-hate speech stand

KINGSTON, Jamaica – Digicel will cease all paid advertising activities on Facebook platforms globally for the month of July, it was announced Tuesday, as the company takes a stand against hate speech online.

The move is in solidarity with a number of leading global brands who have moved to send a strong message to Facebook that enough is enough and force it into affirmative action instead of idly standing by as its platforms are used to spark and spread negative, damaging and violent messaging.

Commenting on the decision to join the movement,

Jean-Yves Charlier, Digicel Group CEO, said: "Everything we do across our 31 markets in the Caribbean, Central America and the Pacific is with the aim of helping to create a world where no one gets left behind. And there's no room in that world for the promotion of hate, bigotry, racism, antisemitism and violence.

"In seeking always to lead with positivity and the spirit of inclusion, proudly today on behalf of our 7,000 wonderfully diverse Digicel employees globally, our customers and our communities, we're 'hitting pause on hate'. By standing together with the world's best compa-

nies, our hope is that Facebook will be forced to put people above profits and do the right thing to help build a society where all people are respected and valued equally – as is their basic human right."

The "Stop Hate for Profit" campaign is organised by the Anti-Defamation League, the NAACP, and other organisations who are advocating that businesses help them to 'hit pause on

hate' by pausing their paid advertising activities on Facebook platforms for the month of July.

Digicel will make a donation of US \$30,000 to Jamaicans For Justice (JFJ) to assist in its tireless work to ensure the rights of all Jamaicans; that there is equal opportunity for citizens to realise their full potential and enjoy a sense of wellbeing; and that the culture is enhanced and respect shared.

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Date of Auction: 16th July 2020

Time of Auction: 1:30 pm

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Owner:
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Size of parcel:
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Location of Auction:
On Site at Freetown

Owner: **Sonia Whyte**

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Dated the 15th day of June 2020.



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Doc, opposition critic, slam Covid border protocol

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Government's decision to welcome tourists from high-risk Coronavirus (Covid-19) infected regions without mandatory quarantine or testing on arrival has been met with tremendous concern from an independent physician as well as the opposition People's Party for Democracy and Development (PdP).

The officials believe that the protocols for the country's re-opening, announced by Prime Minister Mia Mottley and other Government ministers last Friday, could undo months of work by public officials to rid the country of the dreaded virus.

PdP spokesperson on health Paul Gibson, a long-standing pharmacist, warned that a decision to accept negative tests that were taken 72 hours prior to arrival from cities like Toronto, London and New York City ran contrary to "good" science and could undo weeks of progress that led to the suppression of all active COVID-19 cases.

"Everybody is looking forward to coming to Barbados and going on vacation,

but we have to ensure we protect ourselves. Just a few weeks ago, we closed schools and banks and people were laid off for up to six weeks. Are we going to just throw that all to the wind in one because we want to open the doors for tourists? No, we need to be more responsible than that," Gibson told Barbados TODAY on Monday.

This suggestion was reinforced in a separate interview with respected family physician, Dr Adrian Lorde who urged public health authorities to better balance the need for economic activity with the "legitimate health concerns".

After meetings with the Social Partnership last Friday, Prime Minister Mia Mottley revealed that there were no objections to re-opening the island's borders to flights from the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States of America within the next two weeks.

Officials then explained that travellers from outside the Caribbean would be asked to take a Covid-19 PCR Antigen test just 72 hours before visiting Barbados.

Gibson, however, warned that a 72-hour window was more than enough time for prospective visitors to contract the disease as he pleaded with government to maintain mandatory testing and quarantine measures.

"I don't know who is making these decisions, but sometimes I get very concerned when people jump on a bandwagon without following the science. We would possibly have to brace for a massive increase in Covid-19 patients, because you may get persons who are at day six of their viral load increase and on day seven, they are actually infectious and they don't know," Gibson said.

"So I think they really need to go back to the drawing board with that strategy because something is not scientifically correct and I don't know who is advising them, but from a medical standpoint, the advice is not sound," he added.

When asked to comment on the Government's decision, Dr Lorde acknowledged that accepting Caricom citizens under relaxed protocols was a calculated risk. He however warned that visitors from North America and other high-risk regions ought to be met with more scrutiny.

"If you are coming in from North America — particularly Florida where cases are soaring right now, there must be extreme caution. New York is showing a little dip right now, but the risk of persons travelling here with the coronavirus is still high. We have to balance between

economic activity and the health concerns," the family physician warned.

"Getting a Covid test 72 hours before travel does not mean they will not have Covid by the time they get here and because the virus carriers can be asymptomatic, I would recommend that they have another test when they come here to be sure.

"Quarantine should also be encouraged whether it be in one's own environs, at a government facility or a hotel... We can't stop Barbadians from coming back and we also need to get some commercial activity. There will always be risks involved, but we need to put things in place to identify persons who may have COVID-19. So I would definitely test them again on arrival, hold them until the results are available and if negative, then a decision ought to be made based on that," Dr Lorde suggested.

On Friday, the European Union took a decision to block Americans from travelling to the bloc as it attempts to maintain control of the virus which wreaked havoc in Italy, Spain and France this year.

Numerous US states have also started demanding that citizens from other high-risk states undergo 14-day quarantine.

Pointing to these measures, Gibson again called for government to place the health of the nation over economic prosperity given that over 95 per cent of Barbados' cases were imported. (*Barbados Today*)

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China study warns of possible new 'pandemic virus' from pigs

SHANGHAI (Reuters) -

A new flu virus found in Chinese pigs has become more infectious to humans and needs to be watched closely in case it becomes a potential "pandemic virus," a study said, although experts said there is no imminent threat.

A team of Chinese researchers looked at influenza viruses found in pigs from 2011 to 2018 and found a "G4" strain of H1N1 that has "all the essential hallmarks of a candidate pandemic virus," according to the paper, published by the U.S. journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (PNAS).

Pig farm workers also showed elevated levels of the virus in their blood, the authors said, adding that "close monitoring in human populations, especially the workers in the swine industry, should be urgently implemented."

The study highlights the risks of viruses crossing the species barrier into humans, especially in densely populated regions in China, where millions live close to farms,



"Another potential threat on the horizon? And pigs are to be blamed?" (Photo courtesy Reuters)

breeding facilities, slaughterhouses and wet markets.

The current coronavirus sweeping the world is believed to have originated in horseshoe bats in southwest China and could have spread to humans via a seafood market in the central city of Wuhan, where the virus was first identified.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) will read the Chinese study carefully, spokesman Christian Lindmeier told a Geneva briefing on Tuesday, saying it was important to collaborate on

findings and keep tabs on animal populations.

"It also highlights we cannot let our guard down on influenza and need to be vigilant and continue surveillance even in the coronavirus pandemic," he added.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian told a daily news conference on Tuesday that China was closely following developments. "We will take all necessary measures to prevent the spread and outbreak of any virus," he said.

The study said pigs were

considered important "mixing vessels" for the generation of pandemic influenza viruses and called for "systematic surveillance" of the problem.

China took action against an outbreak of avian H1N1 in 2009, restricting incoming flights from affected countries and putting tens of thousands of people into quarantine.

The new virus identified in the study is a recombination of the 2009 H1N1 variant and a once prevalent strain found in pigs.

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EU excludes United States from 'safe' travel list

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - The European Union has excluded the United States from its initial "safe list" of countries from which the bloc will allow non-essential travel from Wednesday.

The 27-member bloc gave majority approval on Tuesday to leisure or business travel from 14 countries beyond its borders, the Council of the EU, which represents EU governments, said in a statement.

The countries are Algeria, Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Montenegro, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, Serbia, South

Korea, Thailand, Tunisia and Uruguay.

China has also been provisionally approved, although travel would only open up if Chinese authorities also allowed in EU visitors. Reciprocity is a condition of being on the list.

Russia, Brazil and Turkey, along with the United States, are among countries whose containment of the virus is considered worse than the EU average, and so will have to wait at least two weeks for approval. The bloc will carry out fortnightly reviews.

The move is aimed at supporting the EU travel in-

dustry and tourist destinations, particularly countries in southern Europe hardest hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.

It acts as a recommendation to EU members, meaning they could potentially set restrictions on those entering from the 14 nations.

Within hours of the EU announcement, Italy, which has one of the highest Covid death tolls in the world, said it would opt out and keep quarantine restrictions in place for all nations that were not part of the free-travel Schengen area.

"The global situation re-

mains very complex. We must prevent the sacrifices made by the Italians in recent months have been in vain," Italy Health Minister Roberto Speranza said.

Canada also said it was extending its mandatory quarantine order for travellers until at the least the end of August and a travel ban for most foreigners until the end of July.

The EU's efforts to reopen internal borders, particularly within the 26-nation Schengen area which normally has no frontier checks, have been patchy as various countries have restricted access for certain visitors.

GLOBE AT A GLANCE

USA - Facebook Inc. said on Monday it would submit itself to an audit of how it controls hate speech in a bid to appease a growing advertising boycott of the platform, as it prepared to address a group of advertisers on Tuesday. The move comes as major advertisers such as Unilever and Starbucks have signed on to the "Stop Hate for Profit" campaign started by U.S. civil rights groups, which urges brands to pause their Facebook ads in July to pressure the social media giant to do more to take down hate speech.

HONG KONG/BEIJING - China's parliament passed national security legislation for Hong Kong on Tuesday, setting the stage for the most radical changes to the former British colony's

way of life since it returned to Chinese rule 23 years ago. Details of the law - which comes in response to last year's often-violent pro-democracy protests in the city and aims to tackle subversion, terrorism, separatism and collusion with foreign forces - were yet to be released. (Reuters)

ISLAMABAD - The European Union Air Safety Agency (EASA) has suspended Pakistan International Airlines' (PIA) authorisation to fly to the bloc for six months, the airline said on Tuesday, in a major blow to the country's flag carrier. Separately, the safety agency said it took the action due to concerns about the country's ability to ensure compliance with international aviation standards at all times. (Reuters)

LONDON - A global trial designed to test whether the anti-malaria drugs hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine can prevent infection with Covid-19 is to restart after being approved by British regulators. The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) took its decision on what is known as the COPCOV trial after hydroxychloroquine was found in another British trial to have no benefit as a treatment for patients already infected with Covid-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus. The COPCOV study was paused pending review after the treatment trial results. (Reuters)

WASHINGTON - The United States government's top infectious diseases expert on Tuesday warned that

daily Covid-19 cases could more than double if Americans fail to take countermeasures and cautioned against pinning hopes on a vaccine. California, Texas and several other states are reporting record increases in cases of the sometimes deadly illness caused by the novel coronavirus, leading to a sobering reassessment of efforts to contain it and raising the stakes for the scores of vaccine candidates being developed at unprecedented speed. Unless Americans wear masks and recommit to social distancing, the daily increase in new cases nationwide, currently around 40,000, could reach 100,000, Dr Anthony Fauci, the head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, told a U.S. Senate committee. (Reuters)

Thwaites: Turf Club pushing for a return to racing

By Neto Baptiste

Horse owner and a member of the horse racing fraternity here in Antigua, **Dr Dwayne Thwaites**, is hoping for a return to competitive horse racing in the not too distant future.

In an interview with *Observer*, Thwaites revealed that the Antigua Turf Club (ATC) is currently looking at ways in which they could make the environment at the Cassada Gardens Race Track 100 percent safe for both jockeys and patrons before approaching the relevant authorities regarding a possible return to action.

"We have been looking at how we could social distance and get back into racing. We've had multiple meetings regarding what we are going to be doing. Our plan is to discuss with **Daryll Matthew** as to how we can move forward in getting the social distancing together. I think that with the way horse racing is set up, we should be able to get people separating six feet apart," he said.

"We would also have to get the jockeys tested for the virus. I think the horses are safe because we are a good distance apart and we don't need to socialise as much as we need to and it is not a big business here in Antigua where we can say, run without the public attendance but we can social distance, we can test," he added.

There has been no racing at the track in over a year with the final leg of the Antigua Triple Crown Series, the Governor General's Cup held late June 2019, the last



Dr Dwayne Thwaites.



President of the Antigua Turf Club and horse trainer Neil Cochrane leads Syrian Soca to the starting gate during a past meet at the Cassada Garden's Race Track.

competitive race at the facility.

Thwaites said that although conditions of the track may have accounted for a lengthy period of inactivity at the track, he credited

the Covid-19 pandemic as the main reason for recent delays in a return to competition.

The turf club, he said, has used the downtime to make improvements at the

facility.

"We are now presently, with the Antigua Turf Club, looking at resurfacing the track. We are looking at inner rails and we have already gotten the quotes for the rails and we are also looking at getting a harrow and conditioner. We are also planning on resurfacing, with sand, the track itself and so we're hopeful that by the end of August into September we can get all these things done. We are going to set up a drainage area for the water to drain so that whether or not it rains, we should be able to run," he said.

Thwaites, who owns popular horses like *Scrumppum* and *Mulatto*, said the situation has also been challenging at a personal level.

"We are going through some trying times; it's a difficult situation but with the help of God and with faith, we are hoping and the animals are very lively and ready. One of the things is that I am grateful for the rest because one of my horses in *Scrumppum* had an injury, which has been lingering and since the break because of Covid it has been better. We have a couple of new local horses that are coming out, so yes, the financial impact is difficult but it has always been that way for horse racing in Antigua," he said.

President of the turf club, **Neil Cochrane**, recently revealed that the body has engaged in talks with a potential investor regarding the possible upgrading of the track and its surroundings.

Former softball head believes sport could still achieve international status

By Neto Baptiste

Former president of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association (ABSCA), **Henderson Bass**, believes there needs to be a unified approach throughout the region if the sport is to gain recognition on an international scale.

Speaking on the Good Morning Jojo Sports Show Bass, who first served as head of the association in 1979 and spent several years at the helm before leaving



Former president of the Antigua and Barbuda Softball Cricket Association (ABSCA), Henderson Bass.

the post, said attempts were made back in late 80s and

early 90s to have the sport gain international status but that following the departure of Trinidadian Anthony Harford from All Sports Promotions, it all fell apart.

"From our perspective everything had changed course particularly in sports in Antigua and when we found out that Mr. Harford may not have continued having the tournament, we planned to do a Leeward Islands tournament to which we would have invited Barbados and Trinidad because we developed some very close relationships with those teams," he said.

"Unfortunately, during my time it just didn't happen and it fell apart. I don't know what efforts have been made since to get it back on [track] but it just never happened," he added.

Bass, who spent most of his playing days with the Santos cricket team here in Antigua, pointed to the fact that a number of changes had to be made to the way the game is played throughout the region before it could gain international status and that the transition may have proven a bit much for some.

"When Mr. Anthony Harford created the Caribbean tournament, the intention was to get windball recognized at the level of the West Indies Cricket Board because he had connections there and so he thought that was one of the things we would wish to see and so [but] we had to bowl

[the proper way] so we created a bowling part of the competition so you had a fun part where they were allowed to shy and you had the bowling section where you bowled because of the recognition issue," he said.

"It wasn't achieved because during the period, there was a time when and this is after 1994, I think they had to go to Barbados and somehow the Barbados facility wasn't available and they World Cup football came along and because they were involved in that as well I don't think they bothered to host that tournament and since then, there wasn't much going on after that," he added.

The former administrator believes the goal could still be achieved but would require some level of commitment and dedication from those in authority.

"Nobody seemed to be willing to take on the responsibility after All Sports Promotions and that is why we [Antigua] wanted to start something in the Leeward Islands and then it could have been expanded because we had all the models and so on that All Sports used in terms of organisation and so forth but it was a question of leadership, basically," he said.

Following his first stint which started in 1979, Bass returned on two separate occasions to serve two-year terms, giving some 12 years in total to the association.

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Former CONCACAF boss Hawit sentenced to time served



Former CONCACAF president, Alfredo Hawit.

The former president of soccer's governing body for North and Central America and the Caribbean was sentenced to time served for his role in accepting \$1.66 million in bribes in the FIFA scandals and will return to Honduras after 4 1/2 years in the US.

Alfredo Hawit of Honduras, CONCACAF's president from May 27, 2015, until December 4, 2015, was given the sentence Monday by US District Judge Pamela K Chen in Brooklyn during a video hearing.

The 68-year-old Hawit was also sentenced to two years of supervised release and barred during that time from holding a title in FIFA, CONCACAF or any professional soccer organisation. Chen deferred a ruling on restitution for 90 days, said forfeiture will be \$950,000 and said he must pay \$400 in special assessments.

"I do take responsibility and I have changed consid-

erably. I want to ask forgiveness for all those things I did back then," Hawit said through a translator.

"There are no words to express how sorry I am," he said in a written statement read by the translator to the court. "I also regret all the harm I did to soccer, which is the sport that I love. ... From the day of my arrest in Zurich and the time that I spent in jail and 4 1/2 years so far, I've suffered. I've felt humiliated and shamed by my behaviour, and I'm paying the price."

Hawit, a lawyer, teacher and former professional soccer player, will be deported when the coronavirus pandemic eases and Honduras reopens its border. Prosecutors said his family is working with the Honduran consulate to arrange transport, and Chen recommended that US Immigration and Customs Enforcement allow him to self-deport.

Hawit pleaded guilty on

April 11, 2016, to two counts of wire fraud conspiracy and one count each of racketeering conspiracy and conspiracy to obstruct justice. Each count carried a possible sentence of up to 20 years.

His sentence showed the impact of a guilty plea early in the case rather than risk a guilty verdict at trial. Former South American governing body president Juan Ángel Napout is serving a nine-year sentence following his conviction and former Brazil federation president José Maria Marin was sentenced to four years after his conviction. Marin was given compassionate release about eight months early in April, shortly before his 88th birthday.

Chen said Hawit tried to conceal bribes and even used the name of his wife, a superior court judge in Honduras. He also tried to cover up the payments by directing co-conspirators to create a sham contract.

"The government's investigation and prosecution in this case has rightfully served as a wake-up call to the entire professional soccer world and to all of its associations that business cannot be conducted in this manner," Chen said.

Hawit became CONCACAF's president after Jeffrey Webb was arrested while attending a FIFA meeting in Zurich, but Hawit was arrested in Switzerland on Dec. 3, 2015. He was extradited to the US the following Jan. 13 and released on bond that Feb. 2.

He was banned for life by FIFA on Dec. 19, 2016, after the adjudicatory chamber of its independent ethics committee found him guilty of violating FIFA's code of ethics provisions on general rules of conduct; loyalty; duty of disclosure, cooperation and reporting; conflicts of interest; and bribery and corruption. (www.sportsmax.tv)

Stokes to be captain for first Test with Joe Root absent

Ben Stokes will captain England for the first time next week after it was confirmed Joe Root will miss the first Test against West Indies to attend the birth of his second child.

Root, 29, will leave England's training camp in Southampton on Wednesday, with the birth expected later this week.

With the series being held in a bio-secure environment, Root will have to self-isolate for a week after leaving hospital before re-joining the squad.

The first Test begins on 8 July.

Root, who will also miss England's intra-squad



Ben Stokes.

warm-up match which begins on Wednesday, will re-join the squad on 13 July

before the second Test at Old Trafford, which begins on 16 July.

Stokes will become the 81st man to lead England in a Test, and the first all-rounder since Andrew Flintoff.

Wicketkeeper-batsman Jos Buttler will serve as his vice-captain.

Stokes has no professional captaincy experience, saying on Monday the last time he led a side was during his time with the Durham academy.

Stokes has had two spells as vice-captain, having

taken up the role when Root was made captain in 2017.

He was stripped of the role in following an incident outside a Bristol nightclub in September 2017; he was charged with affray, but later acquitted.

He was reinstated in 2019 during a stellar year which included leading England to victory in the World Cup final and playing one of the all-time great Test innings in the remarkable one-wicket Ashes win over Australia at Headingley.

On Monday, he said he would not alter his style of play if he was confirmed as captain.

Speaking before Tuesday's announcement, he said: "Getting the opportunity to captain England is a huge honour - even if it's only the once you can still say: 'Yeah, I've captained England.'

"It's a huge honour to think about, and something I'm really looking forward to if the opportunity presents itself, but also at the same time I know I'm only stepping in for the one game because of Joe's personal situation." (BBC Sport)

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Africa Men's competition moved to 2022, women's tournament cancelled



Algeria are the current holders of the Africa Nations Cup.

The 2021 Africa Cup of Nations has been postponed to January 2022 by the Confederation of African Football (Caf) as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, while the women's version of the tournament has been cancelled.

The men's tournament had been set to take place in January next year.

Elsewhere, the African Nations Championship (Chan), which should have been played in April, will now take place in January 2021.

Cameroon is to host both competitions.

"Health is our number one priority. We must remain vigilant," Caf president Ahmad Ahmad said in a news conference announcing

the move.

The decision means the biannual tournament will now be in the same year as the 2022 World Cup - something that last happened in 2010.

It was moved to odd-numbered years in 2013 - that year's tournament coming only a year after the previous one - to avoid such clashes, which risked disadvantaging African teams at the World Cup by giving them such an extended season of competition.

Traditionally held in January, the most recent Africa Cup of Nations, in 2019, was moved to the summer in an effort to avoid clashing with the major European league competitions.

This was meant to be the

case for the Cameroon tournament as well, but that was then changed back to January owing to climate conditions in the country and a potential clash with the Club World Cup.

The move means that defending Premier League champions Liverpool will play all of next season without losing their key strike force of Senegal's Sadio Mane and Egypt's Mohamed Salah to international duty.

"I think this is a wise decision because time is very short now and they could not postpone to the summer," Nigeria coach Gernot Rohr told BBC Sport Africa.

"I can understand this decision - we have more time now to prepare our young boys. It is not all bad.

"There is a positive side in all this and we have time for some friendlies and also for the beginning of the World Cup qualifiers - normally we will begin in November with this, and I think we can follow the plan and still have time to the Afcon qualifiers starting in October, so it is a wise decision and it will be a big year in 2022."

Meanwhile the cancellation of the women's Africa Cup of Nations comes as little surprise given the tournament had no host, while not one qualifier had been played.

There was a boost for the women's game however with the launch of a new Women's Champions League for Africa in 2021. (BBC Sport)



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New Zealand win men's and women's sevens titles as remaining rounds cancelled



New Zealand men have now won 13 World Sevens Series titles, while the women's team have won six.

New Zealand have been awarded the men's and women's World Sevens Series titles after the cancellation of the remaining rounds amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The All Blacks won three of six men's rounds, with London, Paris, Singapore and Hong Kong tournaments called off.

The Black Ferns won four of the five completed

rounds of the women's series, but legs in Langford, Paris and Hong Kong have been cancelled.

England finished fifth in the men's standings, and eighth in the women's.

In the men's tournament, Ireland were 10th, Scotland 11th and Wales 15th, while Ireland's women finished 10th.

"While it is very disappointing for players, fans, organisers and everyone involved to have to cancel these events due to the global Covid-19 pandemic,

the health and wellbeing of the rugby community and wider society remains the number one priority," said World Rugby chairman Sir Bill Beaumont.

"Rugby sevens is a key driver of global growth for our sport, particularly in emerging nations, and it firmly remains a top priority for our organisation. As we begin to see light at the end of the tunnel, 2021 has potential to be a very exciting year for rugby sevens with the Tokyo Olympic Games on the horizon." (BBC Sport)

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Lewis Says Cameron Must First Show His Side Work

By Neto Baptiste

Re-elected head of the Leeward Islands Cricket Board (LICB) and a Cricket West Indies (CWI) director, **Enoch Lewis**, said former president Dave Cameron must first convince him that regional cricket will benefit from his elevation to the top of the International Cricket Council (ICC) before he could support his bid for the top position.

In an interview with Observer media, Lewis said that although the decision must be made at the board level and that the input of all stakeholders must be considered, Cameron must first indicate how the regional body's support will be rewarded.

"What is it you're going to do for West Indies cricket? We have a lot of youths in the Caribbean that need support, and if it is that there is somebody could provide some support, financial or otherwise, in terms of developing these youths and get them to a higher level or to the next level of performance, then I think you are bound to give consideration to a proposal like that because it is not really about you the individual, it is about how it is going to affect West Indies cricket and hopefully, in a positive light. If that's the case and it's a



Leeward Islands Cricket Association President, Enoch Lewis. (CWI photo)

win for West Indies cricket, then you would take a look at it," he said.

According to reports Cameron, who was dethroned as CWI president by Ricky Skerritt in March last

year, will be seeking nominations for the post, but is yet to make a request for the CWI to support his bid.

Lewis said that should a bid be received from Cameron, the board would

pay it the usual respect given to all such requests.

"I believe that once the request is made that the board would take a look at it collectively and come to a decision, but I have not been asked and I haven't seen a request from him but I really don't know what the proposal contains or whether or not there is a proposal," he said.

"I believe that the letter will come and I don't believe that any one individual will make that decision so it will come to the board, probably as an agenda item or ... at a special meeting just to discuss that, and when you get to that meeting you weigh the pros and cons and you see whether or not the request makes sense for West Indies cricket," he added.

ICC Chairman, Shashank Manohar, is not expected to seek re-election when his term ends this year with the ICC slated to discuss the election of a new boss in the very near future.

At the moment, frontrunner to fill the spot being left vacant by Manohar is England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) chief, Colin Graves.

Graves was expected to be elected unopposed when he steps down from his five-year sojourn at the helm of the ECB in August.