



St. Maarten's Prime Minister Marcel Gumbs (third row, third from left) was in Arlington, Virginia, on the US Memorial Day, along with Dutch King Willem Alexander, Queen Máxima and the other prime ministers of the Dutch Caribbean, to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Story on page 14.

CKC's claim against Central Bank rejected

PHILIPSBURG--The Court of First Instance on Tuesday declared inadmissible the trustee's claim filed against the Central Bank of Curaçao and St. Maarten in the bankruptcy of Christian Kingdom Cooperative (CKC).

The trustee, attorney-at-law Jeroen Veen, held the Central Bank liable for the damages CKC's account holders suffered after the Court in First Instance declared the credit union bankrupt on De-

cember 22, 2010, at the Central Bank's request.

In an administrative court procedure, the curator had asked the Court to condemn the Central Bank for wrongdoings towards all CKC-account holders and to order the bank pay damages with interest. Due to the bankruptcy, account holders, who had entrusted CKC with their savings, lost all their money.

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Taliesin charged less, scored better for airport FBO project

AIRPORT--According to a trusted source, Taliesin Construction was chosen over the competition – Windward Roads and Designer's Choice – for Princess Juliana International Airport's fixed-base operations (FBO) project because the company charged less and scored more points according to evaluation reports by both an airport operating company team and Studio Acht, the project's designing company.

This question was answered in response to enquiries by Prime Minister (PM) Marcel Gumbs as he sent a notice of delay in early May in regard to building permits for the temporary office for the Meteorological Office, the Fire and Rescue Building and the FBO building.

The leaked letter by PM Gumbs disclosed that building permit applications were being held up because they were not signed by the landowner, Princess Juliana International Airport Holding Company PJIAH. However *The Daily Herald* now understands that the relevant documentation was available to PJIAH's "caretaker" Joseph Peterson for signing from early to mid-April.

In the same letter, Gumbs requested additional information and a number of documents "to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the matter in question."

This pertained to the process followed for the permit requests, the bidding process for the design and complete construction of the buildings, signed contracts pertaining to design and construction, an independent assessment of estimated cost included in the permit requests and any additional estimated cost expected.

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At least two donors exceeded donations

PHILIPSBURG--At least two donors to political parties have exceeded the legally stipulated financial donations to political parties.

Electoral Council Chairman Bert Hofman told *The Daily Herald* excess donations were made on at least three occasions.

Hofman declined to give the political parties that received the excess donations and the names of the donors. He explained that the parties and donors have not

yet been officially informed by the council. That notification will be sent out this week.

In any calendar year based on Article 41 of National Ordinance on the Registration and Financing of Political Parties, donations made to the same political party by a person, company or insti-

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IN BRIEF

• Saba STUDENT ARRESTED

A 27-year-old student of Saba University School of Medicine was arrested by the police on Monday in connection with the homicide of medical student Kavya Guda. Page 13.

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FirstCaribbean International Bank (FCIB) yesterday issued a statement in response to the claim of a woman who says the bank gave her a counterfeit US \$100 note. Page 4.

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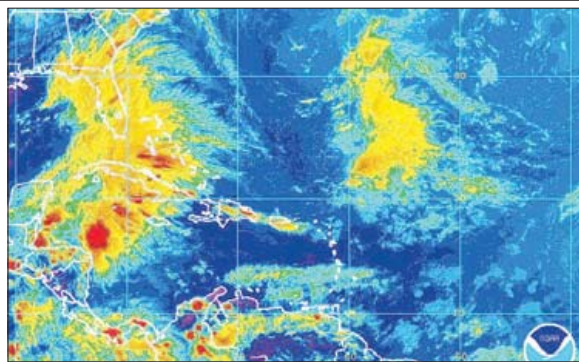
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Today: Partly cloudy to occasionally cloudy, with brief isolated showers.

Winds: Southeasterly, 5-12mph.

Sea conditions: Light to moderate.

Seas: 3-5 feet.

Forecast high: 30°C 86°F

Forecast low: 26°C 79°F

SYNOPSIS: A weakened Atlantic high-pressure ridge will account for a gentle breeze across the region. Patches of moisture embedded in the wind flow may bring some isolated showers over the forecast area during this forecast period. Seas will remain light to moderate during the next few days.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Remaining names for this year's Hurricane Season (now to November 30) are Bill, Claudette, Danny, Erika, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Joaquin, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor and Wanda.

Outlook until Thursday evening: Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy at times, with a few passing showers.

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Sunset: 6:45pm.

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Statia needs to bend US \$2M, says CFT

THE HAGUE/ORANJES-TAD--The Committee for Financial Supervision CFT is deeply worried about the financial situation of the Government of St. Eustatius which has to bend US \$2 million in this year's budget. The CFT has rejected the proposed first 2015 budget amendment.

A three-page letter dated May 20, which was published earlier this week on the CFT website, made clear that Statia's Government is confronting a sizeable challenge: it needs to bend close to US \$2 million in the short term.

The Island Government has run into debt because 2014 ended with a deficit of about US \$1 million. This amount was not compensated for in the first 2015 budget amendment, which is against the agreement with the CFT, stated CFT Chairman Age Bakker in the letter to Chairman of the Executive Council, Island Governor Gerald Berkel.

Then there is the anti-

Audit on handling chikungunya virus

WILLEMSTAD--The General Audit Chamber of Curaçao is currently performing an efficiency audit to see how government tackled last year's chikungunya epidemic on the island. Parliament had made this request in December.

The chamber will examine the manner in which the Ministry of Health, Environment and Nature dealt with the chikungunya threat, how the situation was addressed and what preventive measures were taken.

The investigation will begin as soon as ongoing cases have been completed and there is enough capacity available.

pated deficit of the first quarter of 2015 of about US \$740,000 as well as the mission of government to include the US \$135,000 exploitation cost of the waste plant in the 2015 budget. This waste plant will become operational after the 2015 summer.

In the first 2015 budget amendment, government proposed an increase in expenditures by approximately US \$800,000. This increase is mostly associated with cost of personnel including the adaptation of the salaries to the minimum wage, the increase of the pension premium, the inflow of personnel of the Road Fund and the filling of vacancies.

Government anticipated an increase of revenues in the first quarter of 2015 of some US \$60,000, which means that the deficit in this period will increase by US \$740,000. According to the CFT, government will first need to find coverage for this amount before the committee can approve the proposed first 2015 budget amendment. The CFT advised to first take cost-cutting measures and/or revenue-increasing measures before increasing the expenditures.

The deficit will further increase if government goes ahead with the plan to harmonise civil servants' salaries by equalising with the 2013-2014 Collective Labour Agreement (CLA) of the National Government Service of the Caribbean Netherlands RCN.

The harmonisation of the civil servants' salaries would involve an amount of US \$2 million. The CFT deemed this harmonisation "unrealistic" considering the island's financial

situation. The committee also pointed out that carrying out this plan would increase the amount that needed to be compensated to US \$4 million.

"The public entity will have to make clear choices in what needs to take place according to legal obligations and what the wishes are that can only be realised in the short term when for example local revenues have increased," the CFT stated.

According to the CFT, concrete large (structural) steps will have to be taken to create a stable and tenable financial position in the future. The CFT proposed to involve technical assistance, for which the committee would gladly provide expertise.

The CFT was also concerned about the lack of progress in the process to improve Statia's public finances. "We have seen almost no progress in financial management in the past year. The agreed upon areas of improvement in financial management were not realised in 2014," stated Bakker.

An economic development vision and befitting, tenable public finances are needed for a multi-annual approach. "An adjustment trajectory will have to be started within short." The CFT committed to provide expertise to Statia's multi-disciplinary project group which aims to realise tenable public finances in the short term.

The committee lauded the openness of the Statia Government in the first quarter of its 2015 report. "However, the CFT cannot merely accept your conclusion that there is a big financial problem."



Bleu Emeraude Residence General Manager Frederic Morel (second from left) receiving a Hotels.com Certificate of Excellence from Associate Market Manager Minu Thawani (right), alongside hotel representatives. Bleu Emeraude was the top performer for St. Maarten/ St. Martin.

Hotels.com awards island's top 5 hotels

PHILIPSBURG / MARIGOT--International online travel agency Hotels.com recently completed its presentation of a total of five Certificates of Excellence to its top-rated hotels in St. Maarten/ St. Martin: Turquoise Shell Inn, Azure Hotel And Art Studio, Princess Heights Luxury Boutique Condo Hotel, Grand Case Beach Club, Bleu Emeraude Residence.

Associate Market Manager on behalf of Hotels.com for St. Maarten/ St. Martin Minu Thawani has been delivering the certificates in person to management and select hotel representatives at each of the properties over the past weeks.

Hotels.com launched the awards programme in April and has recognised more than 6,400 boutique properties in 117 countries that have achieved an "excellent" to "outstanding" average guest review rating -4.5 or higher out of 5-

from more than 20 reviews.

Bleu Emeraude Residence was named the island's top performer with 4.7 points, followed by Grand Case Beach Club at 4.6 and Turquoise Shell Inn, Azure Hotel And Art Studio, and Princess Heights Luxury Boutique Condo Hotel each at 4.5.

To determine the initial recipients, Hotels.com analysed its database of more than 15 million Genuine Guest Reviews, which are verified on the completion of each guest's stay.

Top-performing hotels across the Caribbean were

announced in May as part of the first phase of this global project. The award "shows the high level of commitment that each of your team members has to enhancing the overall traveller experience," said Thawani.

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FirstCaribbean investigating origin of reportedly counterfeit \$100 note

PHILIPSBURG--FirstCaribbean International Bank (FCIB) issued a statement yesterday in response to the claim of a woman who says the bank gave her a counterfeit US \$100 note, calling the reported incident "unfortunate" and saying it is investigating the case. The bank reiterated that staff would have been unable to help at the time because she had left company premises with the cash.

with the cash.

"There appear to be counterfeit USD 100 bills in circulation in St. Maarten. CIBC FirstCaribbean is vigilant in reviewing all currency that comes into the Bank to ensure that it is legal tender. We are currently investigating the origin of this particular bill," FCIB stated.

"Our process for handling counterfeit currency is to ensure that the bill is removed from circulation. If there is a question about the legality of a bill, it is not returned to the customer, but is reported to the relevant authorities as required.

"It is unfortunate that in this case the customer who reported receiving the counterfeit bill left the bank's premises prior to the bill being discovered as counterfeit. In this case it would have been impossible for us to verify that this bill was indeed passed to the customer within our premises."

As reported on page 4 of Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Herald*, the client told this newspaper she had gone into FCIB to cash a cheque. She said the bank teller had counted the money several times, had placed it in his drawer and had taken it back out before finally giving it to her.

When she attempted to deposit the money – \$100 notes amounting to more than \$2,000 – at another bank she was told that one of the notes was counterfeit. She said she then had returned to FCIB immediately with the note and reported the incident, but personnel said they could not help because she had left the facility with the money.

After telling her story to this newspaper, she went to the Philipsburg police station to file a report on the matter.

Judge in tax cases to start August 1

PHILIPSBURG--M.M. de Werd has been appointed as judge in tax cases at the Joint Court of Justice of Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba.

The new judge, who will be installed officially as per August 1, was appointed by the Kingdom Council of Ministers on recommendation of Minister of Security and Justice Ard van der Steur.

De Werd (1956) will be working from Aruba. He is currently a judge with the Court of Zeeland-West-Brabant in the Southwest of the Netherlands.

The Kingdom Council of Ministers also recommended the appointment of Dutch Marine Colonel P.J. de Vin (1962) as military member of the Military Chamber of the Joint Court of Justice as per July 1.

Navy Logistics Department Captain-Lieutenants R. Clermont (1966) and P.J. van Roon (1960) will become military members of the Courts of First Instance of Aruba, Curaçao, St. Maarten, and Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba, also as per July 1.



The Book Fair Committee with chairman Shujah Reiph (foreground) at the steps of Territorial Media Tech Center, the venue for the opening ceremony of the 13th annual St. Martin Book Fair.

Writers flock to St. Maarten for 13th annual Book Fair

MARIGOT/PHILIPSBURG--A host of international authors, writers and poets from all over the world, including countries such as Brazil, India, Panama, France, the United Kingdom and United States, will be travelling to the island for the thirteenth annual St. Martin Book Fair.

The Book Fair, to be held June 4-6, will be officially opened at Territorial Media Tech Centre in Spring Concordia, Marigot, Thursday, at 8:00pm. President of the Collectivité of St. Martin Aline Hanson and Prime Minister of St. Maarten Marcel Gumbs will attend the opening ceremony.

Keynote speaker for the event will be poet, essayist, dancer and award-winning novelist Tishani Doshi. Her book *The Adulterous Citizen* will be featured during the event, which will include guest recitals by Oluwakemi Linda M. Banks from Anguilla and novelist Gisèle Pineau (Guadeloupe). The opening evening will be concluded with book signings and a meet and greet with local and visiting authors.

Several pre-Book Fair activities are scheduled earlier during the week, among which is a discussion with business and political leaders on economic models in the Caribbean with guest speaker Luiz Bernardo Pericás from Brazil at Mr. K's Cigar Lounge on Sucker Garden Road, today, Wednesday, at 6:00pm.

New writers and leading authors will be visiting primary and secondary schools to discuss their work, their experience with writing books and the value of reading and lit-

erature with pupils, students and teachers on Thursday and Friday morning.

A discussion between new-generation authors and hip-hop artists and teenagers, high school students and rappers with Faizah Tabasamu, Fola Gadget, Nikky MC and 2015 Road March King Rumari Rogers about the lyrics and expressions of today's popular songs, music and dance will be taking place at University of St. Martin (USM) on Friday, at 2:00pm.

A literary jazz evening at Canoa restaurant in Oyster Pond featuring no less than 18 authors and jazz musician Connis Vanterpool is scheduled for Friday at 8:00pm.

The main Book Fair event, featuring exhibitions, book sales and signings, workshops and panel discussions will be held as usual at USM on Saturday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Additionally, there will be storytelling, workshops and book signings at the Territorial Media Tech Center in Concordia, 9:00am to 12:00pm.

The workshops at USM feature a wide array of subjects, among which are arrowroot; blogging; health and banking; sexualization of minor boys and girls in pop media; the life and music of Bankie Banx and writing.

A panel discussion on developments in Caribbean theatre with Nicole de Weever (Art Saves Lives), Felix Fleming (Sunshine Theatre Company Anguilla), Clara Reyes (National Institute of Arts) and linguist Rhoda Arindell will also be held.

Soualigan Fyah will be presenting an open-air poetry reading by young poets and spoken word artists "Un-

der the Gazebo," 12:00noon to 1:30pm.

The traditional Presidents Forum will be addressing challenges to Caribbean unity. After an introduction by USM's Interim President and Dean of Academics Francio Guadeloupe, panelists Ayelezi Novivor (Guadeloupe/Togo) André Fouad (Haiti) and Pericás will be addressing issues, such as immigration, denationalization of citizens, the new USA-Cuba relations and the remaining "colonies" in the Caribbean. The discussion will be moderated by author, literary critic and journalist Fabian Badejo.

The schedule at the Media Tech Center mentions storytelling, book signings, a multilingual poetry workshop and a conversation and book signing session with Gisèle Pineau, author of *Les voyages de Merry Sisal* at Librairie des Isles in Concordia, Marigot.

The Book Fair will be closed off with the main book launch and closing ceremony at luxury villa Les Jardins de Bellevue in Marigot, Saturday at 8:00pm. The programme will feature the launch of *Columbus, the Moor* by US author Charles Matz, guest speaker Fabienne Viala (UK/France), a guest performance by Bankie Banx and the presentation of the Presidents' Award by Book Fair coordinator Shujah Reiph.

The 13th annual St. Martin Book Fair is organized by Conscious Lyrics Foundation and House of Nehesi Publishers, in collaboration with St. Maarten Tourist Bureau, USM, LCF Foundation and St. Martin Tourist Office.

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Conference on restoring reefs



Coral in Curaçao.

WILLEMSTAD--The Caribbean's top ocean scientists and managers gathered in Curaçao last week to present research and share ideas for coral reef conservation at the 37th meeting of the Association of Marine Labs of the Caribbean (AMLC).

Thanks to sponsorship from the Waitt Institute, participants included fisheries officials from Barbuda and Montserrat.

"It was good to see scientists and policy makers interact. This interaction between science, policy and management is essential to generate cost-effective reef management strategies," said Mark Vermeij, Science Director of the Carmabi Foundation and host of the conference.

Andy Estep, the Waitt Institute's Science Manager, reported that "throughout the weeklong conference, experts working in the region presented research on the threats to the Caribbean's marine ecosystems, but much more importantly, they focused on promising solutions for recovery of the regions reefs and fisheries."

One such presentation, by Jeremy Jackson, re-

vealed that 40 years of data prove protecting algae-eaters (like parrotfish and urchins) and maintaining good water quality were among the most significant ways local communities could begin to improve the health of their coral reefs and fisheries.

Solution-focused, actionable research is what underlies the work of the Waitt Institute in general and the Blue Halo Initiative in particular. Via this initiative the Institute partners with island governments (currently, Barbuda, Montserrat and Curaçao) to envision, design and implement sustainable ocean policies.

Estep made presentations on the success to-date of the Blue Halo Initiative in Barbuda, the importance of using both biological and cultural data for designing ocean zoning, as well as the concept of developing a new platform for the management of ocean data.

Alwyn Ponteen, Montserrat's Chief Fisheries Officer, said that attending the conference will enable him to "provide value-added technical advice to the Government of Montserrat and

ocean resource-dependent stakeholders." He added that he intends to use the knowledge and professional contacts he has gained to "improve future management, governance, conservation, development and use of our ocean resource ecosystems services under national jurisdiction."

Scientists associated with the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) used this meeting as an opportunity to further their work building the gold standard for coral reef monitoring. Right now there is no standardised approach for monitoring the health of the regions coral reefs.

Core GCRMN collaborators, including Estep, are finalising standardised research methods and building consensus for their adoption. This will allow researchers and policymakers to compare, apples-to-apples, the health of different coral reefs and the effectiveness of different management measures.

The AMLC meeting was considered far more than just a conference, but rather an exchange of data, strategies, and solutions that will enable Caribbean islands to reverse the declining health of their coral reefs and fisheries, and make strides towards using the ocean without using it up.



From left: Bastiaan Pilon (RBC), Kevin Spence (RBC), Stephanie Auguste (RBC), Shell-iann Romney (Bermion), Deborah Jones-Francis (RBC), Raquel Lo Fo Wong (RBC), Linda Bergsma (RBC) and Peter Beishuizen (RBC).

RBC educates businesses about accounts receivable

PHILIPSBURG--RBC Business Banking team hosted a seminar for more than 25 of its business clients with the objective of informing, sharing knowledge and educating them about collecting "Accounts Receivable."

Representatives of small, medium and large businesses attended the event. RBC said in a press release that it chose the topic based on the needs of its business banking clients, who occasionally speak about the complexities that exist in the collection of Accounts Receivable for their businesses.

The first part of the event was informational, focusing on the concepts around Accounts Receivable. This part of the event was facilitated by RBC Relationship Manager Peter Beishuizen.

An interactive session covering the prevention of aging Accounts Receivable followed.

Bermion Law Office and Legislative Services, which partnered with RBC for the event, focused on actions to take when Accounts Receivable become uncollectable from a legislative perspective, highlighting the role of a legal team.

Client testimonials at the event provided clarity and gave practical sense to the topic, RBC said in the re-

lease. "The successes of implementing a proven approach to collect overdue amounts appear to be effective as long as you stick to it," one client said.

RBC said its goal is to offer clients "the best advice" that will enable them to run their business successfully. "RBC has consistently organised mini seminars and gatherings on a regular basis and we look forward to yet another opportunity to host another client event," RBC said.

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Over 3,000 persons enjoy Fête de la Mer activities

MARIGOT--Organisers of the sixth edition of Fête de la Mer over the weekend disclosed the event this year had enjoyed "double the success" of the last edition in 2013.

Organiser Métimer said preliminary figures indicated at least 3,000 persons had taken part in the water-sport activities on both days while an additional 4,000 visitors estimated to have been attracted to the ambience of the event had not necessarily participated in the activities, but had enjoyed dining at the "lolos" or watching the activities

and entertainment.

Proceeds from ticket sales for the activities were estimated provisionally at 6,640 euros. Each activity, of which there were 20 from which to choose, had a different price and corresponded to a number of tickets purchased for one euro or US \$1.

Families and water-sports enthusiasts had a range of activities from which to choose: kayaking, stand-up paddle-boarding, catamaran sailing, windsurfing, Hawaiian pirogues, diving and snorkelling at Creole Rock, glass-bottom boat

rides, power-boat rides, jet skis, waterskiing, wakeboarding, banana-boat rides and much more.

Eighteen water-sport operators offered activities and 90 volunteers worked over the weekend. A bilingual commentary was provided by Erwan and David to keep the public informed of the activity schedules.

According to Métimer, the Seaworld Explorer excursion to Creole Rock was the most popular activity. Highlights of the weekend were the Flyboard and wakeboarding demonstrations.

The former Route du Rhum catamaran *Arawak* participating in the event for the first time also was busy giving sailing excursions around the bay.

Métimer President Bülent Gülay said 5,000-6,000 euros would be donated to French-side sea rescue service SNSM from the proceeds of the event. A cheque is due to be presented to SNSM this coming Saturday evening at the St. Martin Billfish Tournament.



Volunteers were kept busy at the registration booth over the weekend selling tickets for the activities.



One of the weekend highlights was the impressive Flyboard demonstrations.


A man named Max is smiling and holding up a large green circular icon with a white checkmark. The background is a dark, industrial-looking setting. The text "THE WORKS" is written in large, white, block letters across the top.

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St. Martin Grassroots People Movement inducted two honorary members on Tuesday at a presentation in the UTS/TDC Training Room. Radio show Breakfast with De Robert host Stephane de Robert (front left) received a St. Martin Identity card from the movement's President, Leopold James and Vice President, Albert "Jesse" Adams. He was honoured for allowing the movement to share views and positions on the rights of indigenous St. Maarteners and nation building. Businessman Imran McSood Amjad (front right) received his card for supporting the movement to keep its radio programme going. This is Amjad's second card from the movement. He received a "St. Martin Cultural ID Card" in 2011 from St. Martin National Building Foundation/Association L'Esprit de Concordia also headed by James.



St. Martin Grassroots People Movement held a brainstorming session on its planned "multi-ethnic inclusive, nation building television programme" on Tuesday in the UTS/TDC training-room. Movement President Leopold James said the programme will use "the principle of St. Maarteners coming first as the basis for inclusion." He called for St. Maarteners to be the core of the nation building movement and to call on others who live on the island "to join with native St. Maarteners" to build a better country. The programme will be in English and be a vehicle for people of all ethnicity to share their contributions to nation building. Attendees gave James and movement Vice President Albert "Jesse" Adams their take on the direction the programme should take.

CKC's claim

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The trustee claimed that CKC never should have been granted a permit. Without a licence CKC would not have been able to operate.

The Central Bank had asked the Court to declare the trustee's claim inadmissible because it covered only damages incurred by accountholders, while CKC also had other creditors.

Judge Tamara Tjihuis followed the Central Bank in its reasoning, and declared the trustee's case against the Central Bank inadmissible. The trustee also was ordered to pay the cost of the legal proceedings, estimated at Nafl. 2,250.

The Judge said a trustee

had been appointed to manage and administer the bankruptcy estate on behalf of all creditors, not on behalf of a certain group of creditors, in this case the accountholders. It emerged that there is one other creditor with two separate claims against CKC.

The Central Bank gave CKC a licence to operate as a credit institution on June 19, 2002. The problems started for the credit union 15 months later, after it emerged CKC had insufficient solvency and liquidity, and did not have a supervisory board.

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Islands to seek attention for poverty in The Hague

THE HAGUE--Delegations of the Dutch public entities Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba have arrived in the Netherlands to prepare for the so-called Caribbean Netherlands Week. Poverty and the Multi-annual Development Programme will be an important topic in the talks in The Hague.

The delegations will be meeting with the different Dutch ministries this week to prepare for the Caribbean Netherlands Week which takes place from June 8 to 12. The islands come to The Hague on a yearly basis to discuss policies, projects and related finances.

Bonaire's Executive Council stated in a press release on Monday that it would focus on the combating of poverty on the island. This subject has been brought forward several times, but talks so far have not yielded the "desired result."

"The Dutch Government has made no progress in this area. We want to again talk about this issue to see how we can arrive at a better standard of living. The Hague has a responsibility in this matter," said Bonaire Commissioner Clark Abraham who leads the delegation.

Recent figures of the Central Bureau for Statistics (CBS) and the National Institute for Budget Consultation of the Netherlands NIBUD have shown that some 60 per cent of the people of Bonaire are living beneath the poverty line. One quarter of the households in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba have an annual income of some US

\$6,000.

A topic that directly ties into poverty is economic development. This too is deemed an important topic that the delegations will be discussing in The Hague. "We don't want the Dutch Government to only promise that it is important to invest in economic development, but that it actually believes in this concept. Poverty can only be structurally addressed by having a

strong economy," said Commissioner Abraham.

A Multi-annual Development Plan for the three islands will be high on the agenda during this Caribbean Netherlands Week. It was agreed during the previous Caribbean Netherlands Week in June 2014 that the definite decision-taking and related finances on this programme would take place this year.

Three suspects held for Le Flamboyant burglary

MARIGOT--Three persons suspected of being involved in a burglary at Le Flamboyant Village Residences in Baie Nettle in the early hours of Tuesday morning will appear in court today.

Gendarmerie Commandant Paul Betaille said burglars had broken into the offices at 3:15am and had stolen two safes, but had been caught in the act by the security guard. They escaped in the direction of Sandy Ground, but quickly-acting Gendarmes, with the assistance of the security guard's testimony, arrested one individual in Sandy Ground some 20 minutes later.

A further two individuals were arrested later on Tuesday. All three are due to appear in court today, Wednesday. Betaille said four persons had been involved in the burglary.

The Gendarmerie also reported two instances of carjacking. A man was forced out of his car by two armed individuals on the Marigot waterfront on Friday evening and a woman who returned to her home near Grand Case Airport was victim of a carjacking, again under threat of a weapon, on Saturday night just after midnight.

Three armed individuals entered a hotel in Baie Nettle at 9:00pm Friday and demanded money. However, they were unsuccessful and fled empty-handed on their scooters. A man at Marina Fort Louis was held at gunpoint and robbed of his possessions some 15 minutes later.

Commandant Betaille said the Gendarmerie currently was "very mobilised" due to an increase in violent thefts.

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Airport FBO project

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The letter from Gumbs was sent on May 6 to the attention of PJIAH's Peterson and copied to the Council of Ministers and the PJIAH Supervisory Board. The information was requested to be submitted within three weeks, with the deadline running out last week.

This newspaper was unable to ascertain on Tuesday whether the answers from PJIAH were supplied on time and whether they were sufficient to allay the concerns raised by the Prime Minister in his letter. Taliesin quoted the airport just under US \$6.2 million, compared to Windward Roads at just over \$6.9 million and Designer's Choice at more than \$6.8 million.

When additional expense such as electrical work and demolition is taken into consideration (more than \$1.2 million), choosing Taliesin would cost around \$100,000 less than had been budgeted for in the airport's Capital Improvement Programme.

Taliesin also came the closest to matching the cost estimation by designer Studio Acht, and a separate cost estimation had been carried out by the company Lievense, which was some-

what higher.

As for the architectural drawings, Studio Acht was chosen based on style and a somewhat lower price than the other option, IXI Design. Only two companies were considered because the companies needed to be highly specialised.

The source also disclosed that plans for the FBO building and the temporary Meteorological Office had been revised in close collaboration with stakeholders such as the Meteorological Department, Ministry of Public Housing, Spatial Planning, Environment and Infrastructure VROMI,

and the governmental Fire Department.

Also, the building permit request for the Fire and Rescue Building still had to be signed by the airport operating company PJIAE when Gumbs received the letter, and related documents also still needed to be sent. Consultation with VROMI and the Fire Department also was sought for this project.

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A delegation from Parliament is in Aruba attending the Health Care Conference Aruba (HCCA). The three-day conference in Renaissance Convention Centre ends today, Wednesday. The main goal for the conference is to achieve/and or reinforce collaboration among the different Dutch Kingdom partners leading to the solution of common healthcare challenges. Attending the conference is Parliament Chairman Member of Parliament (MP) Dr. Lloyd Richardson, MPs Cornelius de Weever, George Pantophlet and Silveria Jacobs. HCCA stemmed from Inter-Parliamentary Kingdom Consultations IPKO.

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St. Eustatius on Wednesday, June 10th, 2015

For appointment please call Ms. Ingra Bennett at tel. # 318.3220 or Mr. Ivan Berkel at tel. # 523.0610.



Three members of Aruba's Red Cross, two employees of the National Laboratory, a representative of the medical institute San Nicolas Imsan and an Operating Room (OR) assistant of the Horacio Oduber Hospital (HOH) left for Haiti with a supply of medicine, accompanied by an Aruban doctor working in Curaçao. The eight-day trip guided by the Christian "Mission of Hope" in the poverty-stricken country is directed at assisting persons who are still isolated and urgently require health care as a result of the massive earthquake five years ago.

Exceeded donations

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tution shall not exceed a total sum or value of NAF. 30,000.

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cepted or shall be returned to the donor.

Article 42 of the same ordinance states cash donations to a political party or a candidate in excess of NAF. 5,000 are prohibited.

Speaking about the fine issued to United St. Maarten Party (USP) for failing to submit its annual report and financial statements, Hofman said the party will be fined NAF. 3,000. The fine covers Saturday, Sunday and Monday although USP submitted its documents on Monday.

The fine, according to Hofman, applied to each

day or part thereof the party did not comply with its legal requirement.

USP, led by Member of Parliament Frans Richardson, will receive the request to pay the fine in the coming days.

USP was the only one of the eight political parties that registered for the September 2014 Parliamentary Elections to receive a fine due to non-compliance with the National Ordinance on the Registration and Financing of Political Parties.

UNESCO approves 4C/ DigiKidz funding request

PHILIPSBURG--The request for funding submitted under the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Participation Programme for 2014-2015 for the DigiKidz project by the Foresee Foundation (4C-Foundation) has been approved by Director General of UNESCO Irina Bokova, the local UNESCO office announced on Tuesday.

The funds approved, some US \$21,000, will be used towards the organisation of a Regional Information and Communication Technology (ICT) / Technology Conference for elementary and secondary teachers, and other local and regional educators.

The main objectives of the conference, to be held locally in October 2015, will be to: collaborate with regional and global partners and evaluate the use of ICT/ Technology and Open Educational Resources (OER); to inform teachers and education officials about trends in ICT/Technology related to education; to introduce teachers to the use, modification and creation of Integrated ICT teaching solutions and

Open Educational Resources; to increase engagement and curiosity for learning by students using technology and OER by providing teachers technology linked teaching ideas; to offer innovative, challenging and child-centred learning activities for students by organising interactive workshops; and to share good practices – as it pertains to materials, lesson preparations, links, web pages and the like – with peer educators, locally and regionally.

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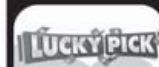


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No tax exemptions for BES islands businesses

THE HAGUE—Companies located in the special economic zones in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will pay all regular taxes. They won't enjoy any special tax benefits when the new fiscal regime goes into effect on the islands per January 1, 2011.

Dutch caretaker Minister of Finance Jan Kees de Jager stated this in a preparatory legislation consultation with the Second Chamber's Permanent Committee of Antillean and Aruban Affairs NAAZ on Monday. The plan is to prepare for the legislative package next week.

Companies located in the so-called trade and service zones

Union calls for indefinite strike to protest reforms

MARGOT—Post Offices in Margot, Grand Case, and French Quarter were closed on Monday on the first day of what Gandoopie union Sud PIT Group expects will be an indefinite strike to protest proposed national reforms for the post offices in St. Martin to start in 2011.

State-owned La Poste also plans to open up postal services to competition across EU by 2013 and this will be put to a final plenary vote on January 31 in Brussels.

The strike however does not affect all post office staff in St. Martin, but mostly some 73 letters and office staff. The working



Doncher receives lifetime award at World Tourism Day gala event

DAWN BEACH—Businessman Vincent Doncher received a lifetime achievement award during the gala event organized by the St. Maarten Tourist Bureau to mark World Tourism Day.

Doncher, best known as owner of Beach Island Store as owner of Dawn Beach, was honored along with other local St. Maarteners who have contributed to various sectors of the island.

Honored were hotelier and community worker Jacinth Boyan, everyone's favorite luggage handler and trolley operator at the airport Nestor "Neste" Dinkins, who is a young person to whom many refer as "father" of the marine industry; Hervé "Hake" Enmanuel

Commissioner of Tourism Frans Richardson said biodiversity must be healthy for tourism to be sustainable. Unfortunately, he said, the world is losing "this remarkable asset at a rather alarming pace due to the fact that we are not doing enough."

He praised the work of local environmental groups for raising awareness, particularly among the youth. "They keep both government and developers on their toes, obliging them to consider both the short term and long-term."

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PENSIONADO ARRANGEMENT

The so-called pensionado arrangement in Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba will be eliminated in four years instead of five years, announced Dutch caretaker Minister of Finance Jan Kees de Jager on Monday.

Philipsburg GARBAGE CONCERN

Two local garbage collection contractors contacted this newspaper on Monday to express concern that the Island Government would award the long-term garbage collection contract to one company, effectively shutting them out and forcing layoffs of personnel. Page 3.

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Mom says no truth to 'new' Holloway story

ARUBA--Natalee Holloway's mother appeared on NBC's Today show Monday, dismissing purported new evidence in her daughter's disappearance and saying she's found joy, peace and happiness.

"It's hard to believe it's been 10 years," Beth Holloway told Savannah Guthrie of Today. "It's just amazing how time has gone by. Where I am today is in a good place. I've been able to redefine my life, and I've been able to find joy and happiness through my son, through my son's new family, and my work, so I think I'm in a good place now."

May 30 marked the 10th anniversary of Natalee's disappearance while on a graduation trip to Aruba with 130-plus of her fellow graduates. The effort to understand what happened to her continues to this day.

Despite some recent reports purporting the emergence of new witnesses

and evidence, authorities appear no closer to solving her case today than in September 2005, when all detained suspects were released by Aruban police.

After 10 full years of searching for answers, few new details have been uncovered. However, reporting by AL.com in Aruba led to refreshed connections with Aruban officials, including the island nation's chief prosecutor, as well as informed residents that have monitored the case's every move, such as Aruba's *Diario* newspaper editor Jossy Mansur.

Natalee's father, Dave Holloway, told AL.com in an interview he will never give up searching for the oldest of his four children. To him, the anniversary marking a decade is no different than any other day.

"I guess most people do look at anniversaries, but I still think about it every day," he said. "That's

something you'll never get out of your mind."

Last month, Dutch citizen Jurrien de Jong came forward claiming that Holloway's body could be found in a crawl space at a Marriott vacation property in Aruba. Aruban officials said there's no way De Jong's claims can be true because there was no construction ongoing at that spot at that time.

"Actually, there is no truth to that story," Beth Holloway said on Today. "Every time there's an anniversary, whether it's the five-year mark, and now it's the 10-year mark, there's always, I hate to say it, just like some crazies that just come out and they have so placed themselves in Natalee's story."

"It's empty. There is nothing to that story. This particular individual has been around for a while trying to get traction to get attention, but he has no information," she said. "I think it just makes me sad that he would just keep trying to insert himself into this role of her disappearance and (that) he has information when it's absolutely untrue."



Aruban artist Osaira Muyale is sculpting eight statues of horses to be placed at different locations in downtown Oranjestad. Aruba was mainly a horse farm in the early days of its colonial history and various international traders were established at Paardenbaai.

O3 seeks feedback with private listening party

PHILIPSBURG--A private listening party was held Tuesday night for the upcoming release of the record Rise of Kings by local music group O3, also known as Oddesy, at Philipsburg Cultural Center. The group invited music industry stakeholders including radio stations, deejays and potential investors to gain exposure and ask for critical feedback.

The feedback will be taken into consideration and Rise

of Kings then officially released with a party planned for the end of July.

The listening party is part of O3 artistes Mr. Suave, Lega-C & Mastermind "perfecting skills and becoming better at the craft," said the group's Chief Executive Officer Jean-Louis "Big Money" Rey of Don Rich Music.

"We want to take it to another level and do things in a different way than usual," he said in regard to hosting

such an event. "We want to be trendsetters." This concept, he said, is new to St. Maarten but is done in North America and Europe.

The Rise of Kings release party is slated for 10:00pm on July 31 at Club 747. O3 will headline the event, and General Pye (representing Rock Star Life Style (RSLs) records), Ziggy Chan, E-magine (representing Face Off Records), Solo Kween and King Melody will also be featured.



Merchants of the Colon Shopping Centre in Curaçao are holding government responsible for inconvenience and financial damage suffered as a result of the adjacent construction of "Hospital Nobo Otrobanda" (HNO). The businesses say agreements were not honoured and they are losing a lot of clients. Government is not only behind the project to build a new hospital via development execution agency USONA, but was also forced to buy the entire Colon complex because a wing had to be demolished to create the necessary space and has thus become the landlord of these storekeepers. If no solution is found a court case can be expected.

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Rain is likely to become more frequent and heavier in the Netherlands.

Water rates must go up to cope with rain

AMSTERDAM--A majority of local councils think water rates will have to increase to pay for flood measures aimed at storing large amounts of rain water in the Netherlands.

The research was carried out by association of Dutch municipal councils VNG and civil engineering company Royal Haskoning.

Of the 185 councils which took part, 80 per cent said water rates would need to rise, with one-third saying the increase could be more than 10 per cent.

"If water rates do not rise, we will all have wet feet," Royal Haskoning's Arnold Wielinga told public broadcaster NOS. "Climate research shows that rain is likely to become

more frequent and heavier. Councils need to be able to deal with that water and that costs money," he said.

The money would be used for underground storage tanks and flood plains, Wielinga said. "The flood plains could be used for sports such as basketball when it is dry," according to Wielinga.

Restaurant Week on Curaçao again

WILLEMSTAD - The ninth edition of "Restaurant Week" Curaçao takes place from Monday, June 8 through Sunday, June 14. A selected number of local eateries will again offer the

"1 week, 1 price, 3 courses" special.

All items on the menus are to be offered at 55 guilders per person, including OB sales tax.

Reservations can be made through the website

and there is a list available of the participating restaurants. People may call the one of their choice and mention "Restaurant Week" to get the deal or check the Facebook page for more information.

Crowd fight during show at Lions Den

ST. EUSTATIUS--A fight broke out during the last minutes of the Grand Masters' show at the Lions Den early Saturday morning.

The party was going all night long until a few persons allowed anger to get the upper hand and started to fight next to the stage.

The band's lead singer tried to calm the fighters down. "What is going on here? We do not support violence." The band manager also appeared on stage after which the singer announced that the band would stop playing.

One local police officer, dressed in plain clothes, was at the scene during the entire show. When he realized what was taking place he rushed to intervene. A group of spectators had already separated the fighting persons when one came from the rear and hit another person.

This only caused more drama and when the band announced the end of their show some members in the crowd became angry and started to swear because their party time had ended prematurely.

The police called for back up and two Dutch Marechaussees arrived to provide assistance.

On Monday evening, there was another altercation between these same persons at a different locale. One person was arrested.

Student arrested in Saba homicide case

SABA--A 27-year-old student of Saba University School of Medicine was arrested by the police on Monday in connection with the homicide of medical student Kavya Guda.

The police informed the media on Tuesday of the arrest of the Medical School student who resides in The Bottom, under suspicion of involvement in the homicide.

Guda (24) was found dead in her apartment in The Bottom on Wednesday, April 15. Investigators from the Netherlands, the Caribbean Netherlands Police Force and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) of the United States are still working on solving the case, which is codenamed "Hector."

Several homes were searched in the investigations, most recently on Tuesday, May 2.

According to Chief Prosecutor Henry Hambeukers in Bonaire, the suspect will be questioned in the coming days. Hambeukers said it is very likely the suspect will be sent to Bonaire, possibly later this week, because the facilities in Bonaire are better equipped for detention than those in Saba.

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Curaçao registered its 12th death by violence for 2015, when a man was found dead with several stab wounds and a knife still in his chest at his Montaña Abou home. He was later identified as locally born 57-year-old Andrew Michael Joseph Sniphout. Due to the circumstances in which the victim was encountered suicide has been more or less ruled out (photo courtesy Extra).

Asjes part of royal US visit

WILLEMSTAD--Curaçao Prime Minister Ivar Asjes was in Arlington, Virginia. He travelled together with his counterparts of Aruba and St. Maarten Mike Eman and Marcel Gumbs respectively to accompany the Dutch King Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima in

laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery.

With this ceremony the Kingdom of the Netherlands thanked the Americans for the liberation of Europe.

The royal couple is on an official visit in the United

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Afterward, the royal couple and the three prime ministers visited the World Bank, where they talked about the sustainable development of the islands.

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Stamps pay tribute to winners of Round-the-Island Boat Race

ANGUILLA—A special issue of stamps has been released featuring the winners of the Anguilla Day Round-the-Island boat race. Post Master Jaqueline Niles described the occasion as historic and a follow up to the launch of the Sea Faring Captains last year. She said that it is important to honour the men and women who have contributed to the national sport. She praised the Philatelic team led by Marcia Richardson who initiated the issue.

Boats included are *De Chan* on the EC \$10 stamp, *De Tree* on the EC \$3.00, *UFO* EC \$1.35, *Nathalie* EC 80 cents, *Superstar* EC 60cents, *Real Deal* EC 50 cents, *Wasp* EC \$4.00, *Sonic* EC 15 cents, *Satellite* EC 40 cent, *Saga Boy* EC 75 cents, and *Viagra* EC 65 cents. *Bee*, *Warrior* and *OK Joe* also won the race but could not be included due to the non-availability of art work.

At the launch on Friday, May 29, Parliamentary Sec-

retary Cardigan Connor said he was pleased to share in the ceremony and the island's national sport. He recalled that Anguillians became expert boat builders and sailors when they depended on the sea for a living.

He congratulated all concerned on behalf of the Government describing the release as a well-deserved tribute and saying that it is important to make sure the traditions are passed on to the younger generation. "Thank you to those pioneers of the traditional Anguilla boat racing 75 years ago who have given us what we now call our national sport, a unique tradition that bonds us together as a people."

Calvert Carty who served as chairman of the boat racing committee for many years, thanked the post office for organising the event. He talked about the origins of boat racing when schoolers would race back from the Dominican Republic and fishing boats would travel out together and then race back. He mentioned Elliot Carty

and Mac Owen who organised the first August Monday races.

The Round-the-Island race started in 1980 by Harris Richardson. His boat *De Chan* won the race eight times. He was presented with an award for his contribution to the sport of racing and the captain of *De Chan* Percy Romney was also honoured.

David Carty recognised the contribution of Richardson saying that he was chairman of the boat racing committee for some 25 years and thanked him for helping to preserve and appreciate boat racing and its traditions. He commented that Harris had only once raced in *De Chan* but had spent many years improving and altering it and encouraging his crew and others to participate. He said it is important to realise how unique Anguilla's boat racing is.

De Tree won five times, *UFO* four, *Superstar* three, *Nathalie*, *Wasp* and *Real Deal* twice, *Sonic*, *Satellite*, *Saga Boy*, *Viagra*, *Warrior*, *Bee*, and *OK Joe* all won once.



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Two young men arrested for causing actual bodily harm

ANGUILLA—Two 19-year-old males from North Hill were arrested on Friday, May 29, at 6:20pm for causing actual bodily harm during an incident which occurred at a business place at West End earlier in the day.

Investigations into the incident revealed that another young man received injuries as a result of a fight involving the two offenders. Both offenders were charged with disorderly conduct and causing actual bodily harm and one was also charged with wounding.

They appeared before the Magistrate on Tuesday, June 2, and received bail in the sum of EC \$25,000 and EC \$20,000 respectively with one surety each to be of good behaviour. They are due back in court on Thursday, July 23, to answer to the charges.



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Electoral Office in St. Kitts reopens

ST. KITTS--After more than nearly three months, the Electoral Office in St. Kitts opened its doors Monday morning, re-commencing voter registration and other routine operations.

New Officer Manager Amicia Mussenden was at the helm, though it was not clear if all staff had been replaced.

The Electoral Office was closed immediately following the controversial February 16 General Elections. Despite protestations from the former Administration that its closure violated the constitutional rights of citizens to register to vote, the new Government of National Unity insisted it would not be rushed.

Attorney General (AG) Vincent Byron Junior



Electoral Office in St. Kitts.

announced that an investigation had been launched into the operations of the office and the events surrounding the election, including the Supervisor of Elec-

tions' abrupt decision to halt the vote count, when only two of 11 seats had been declared.

The AG has advised that the office's computer system had been

accessed externally and ballot boxes with broken locks and been discovered. The Criminal Investigations Department launched an investigation which included computer forensics specialists being brought in to assist.

The AG has said that the results of the investigations will be made public.

The Observer understands that while new registrations are taking place, the office is awaiting instructions on the final processing of registrations made from December up until the elections.

The Electoral Office in Nevis re-opened a month ago. ~ *St. Kitts-Nevis Observer* ~

Isla emissions surpass norm

WILLEMSTAD -- It seems as if government doesn't care much about the emission of sulphur dioxide and particles such as the green substance on houses, but SMOC does. The people living downwind of the Isla oil refinery constantly indicate that they are "fed up."

Clean Environment Curaçao SMOC stated this in the monthly update on

its website. The foundation claims that they were inundated with calls from concerned citizens in the last month.

SMOC cites the preliminary air monitoring data for the month of May, which is indicated by government on the website www.luchtmetingen.org.

"The concern of the people living under the smoke is justified, as at least the first measurements show.

At measuring stations Beth Chaim and Kas Chikitu the WHO [World Health Organisation - Ed] standards for sulphur dioxide were exceeded fifty times," said SMOC.

The norm is that a person should neither be exposed to levels of 500 micrograms per cubic metre for longer than ten minutes nor to a 24-hour average of 20 micrograms or more.

Advice to lower tax

WILLEMSTAD--The Task Force on Tax Plan Curaçao has submitted three proposals to government to stimulate the economy through lower taxes.

The suggestion is to partially abolish the Tax Holiday where companies have to pay little or none at all. At the same time the profit tax for everyone would be reduced.

The advisory committee also wants an OB sales tax exemption for music events and to free from import duties materials for education, sports, health care and poverty alleviation.

The Curaçao Business Association VBC believes that these plans will only complicate the fiscal system and has called for a more structural review.



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Example set and followed as PM Harris leads fitness walk



PM Harris enjoys a game of dominoes after the community walk. (SKNIS photo)

ST. KITTS--In a scene reminiscent of a village jouvert, more than 100 persons throughout communities across St. Kitts took to the island's main road on Saturday, May 30, for a fitness walk from Belle Vue to Ottley's led by Prime Minister Dr. Timothy Harris.

The health walk was a com-

munity initiative encouraged by the Prime Minister to promote active lifestyles amongst his neighbours in the area. Commencing at 5:30am, the walkers gathered and made their way along the route.

"The root cause of many of the non-communicable diseases in St. Kitts and

Nevis like hypertension and diabetes can be attributed to poor diet and lack of physical activity and the walk was designed to promote being more active and will become a regular event in the area," said Prime Minister Harris.

Commenting on the turnout, Prime Minister Harris said, "It was good to see so many people out at 5:30am. Some were jogging, some were walking, we had husbands and wives, grandparents, children; we had entire families." He further, "The prosperity of our nation rests on the health of our people and we will continue this effort to ensure that our people can contribute and benefit from our prosperity."

The walk, which ended at Ottley's, saw many of the participants socialising and engaging in board games into the mid-morning.



Prime Minister Harris addresses OECS Commission staff.

PM Harris commends OECS achievement in recent visit to Commission in St. Lucia

ST. LUCIA--Prime Minister of St. Kitts-Nevis Dr. Timothy Harris met with the staff at the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission including Director-General Dr. Didacus Jules in St. Lucia, at its May 18-22 meeting.

Dr. Jules introduced the recently elected Dr. Harris to the Commission staff and the local St. Lucia media who were present covering the visit of Dr. Harris.

Prime Minister Harris addressed the staff and outlined his vision not only for St. Kitts-Nevis within an OECS integrated framework but also his ideal vision of the Commission and its role in regional integration and development. He also commended the achievements of the OECS.

Prime Minister Harris recalled the achievements of the OECS such as pharmaceutical procurement, a single currency, a civil aviation authority and functional cooperation in areas such as education, tourism, international diplomacy and agriculture: "We believe that we have to come together; find out what it is we are at-

tempting to do to these particular programmes and how can we set up a regime that is going to be beneficial to all of us, because at the end of the day we have found that we are going to achieve more through cooperation rather than insidious competition.

"We have been forced, for example, in relation to say tourism to recognise that a number of initiatives we basically have to come together [on - Ed.] were common policy whether it is [with - Ed.] respect to cruise or airlines, etc. We have to be co-ordinating even while we are competing, maybe on sand and sea and all these other things. We establish what we are going to compete on and establish equally what it is we are going to coordinate on for mutual benefit. Unless we do that ultimately we are going to be working against each other in ways that benefit others and leave us at the end of the day no better for having participated in that."

Prime Minister Harris says there is ample evidence that through collaboration there is tremendous benefit for the individual citizens of

OECS Member States: "I think that we are all shaping up at least intellectually to see the benefit of attempting the regional approach and to pool resources for greater good."

Prime Minister Harris, who also participated in Tuesday's 2nd OECS Economic Affairs Council meeting Saint Lucia, spoke on the need to further motivate young persons by continuously applying ways of unlocking their potential and promoting their ingenuity.

The OECS Commission is the principal organ responsible for the general administration of the organisation. The OECS Commission comprises the Director-General, who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Organisation, and will convene and preside at meetings of the OECS Commission. The Commission will also include one Commissioner of Ambassadorial rank named by each Member State. This Commissioner will represent the OECS Commission in the Member State. ~ Times Caribbean ~

Refugees cost Netherlands 860 million euros last year

THE HAGUE--The total bill to the Dutch government for looking after asylum seekers reached 860 million euros last year, according to cabinet figures.

Half of that money went to Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers COA which provides

temporary accommodation for asylum seekers and supports them in getting settled if they are granted a permit.

In addition, assessing asylum claims cost the immigration service 197 million euros while the expulsion service's budget was 72 million euros.

Non-profit organisations which support refugees had just over 30 million euros in subsidies, while education for refugee children cost over 56 million euros and spending on free legal advice for asylum seekers totalled 26 million euros.

The figures were published following requests from anti-immigration Party for Freedom PVV. Some 24,000 refugees came to the Netherlands last year.

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Nepali pilot Subek Shrestha sits with the helicopter he piloted at the time of the crash. (Twitter photo)

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Hanley's Road Rehabilitation project progressing smoothly, Minister reports

NEVIS--Junior Minister in the Ministry of Communications, Works and Public Utilities Troy Liburd says work on the twelve-month, multi-million-dollar Hanley's Road Rehabilitation project, is proceeding smoothly and is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2016.

The Minister made that disclosure when he delivered a statement at the May 27 sitting of the Nevis Island Assembly.

According to Liburd, the project had a budget of EC \$8 million and work was being effected by the Public Works Department in the Nevis Island Administration.

The project involves widening and resurfacing the Hanley's Road thoroughway from the St. George Anglican Church to the end. It would also include the resurfacing of some tributary roads, the upgrade of water mains by the Nevis Water Department; the upgrade and relocation of low voltage utilities (telephone and cable lines) and the relocation and upgrade of high voltage electricity utilities.

In his progress report on the project, the Minister said since the project's commencement work was done in the upper section of Hanley's Road from the Anglican Church and widening has been completed as far as Rices.

"They have also done some upgrades to the water mains in the area just below



Ongoing work in the Hanley's Road Rehabilitation project.

the St. George Anglican Church and there has also been some shifting of some of the underground telephone wires in the area.

"There has also been excavation of the undesirable material, removal of some of the existing roadway and the replacement of sub-base material and compaction of sub-base material to

date," he said.

Liburd stated that to date the Public Works Department had spent just over EC \$500,000 so far on the project, with \$200,000 spent on securing aggregate; approximately \$120,000 on trucking and equipment work and just under \$100,000 spent so far on labour.

Doctor among five killed in Nepal helicopter crash

AMSTERDAM/NEPAL--At least four, but possibly five people were killed Tuesday afternoon when a helicopter crashed in the Sindhupalchok district of Nepal, the army there said. One of the four who died was a Dutch medical professional, but her identity was not released.

Helicopter pilot Subek Shrestha was killed, as well as Dr. Sandip Mahat and

Sher Bahadur Karki. All three are believed to be from Nepal.

They were en route to Kathmandu at the time of the crash near the village of Yamuna at 4:20pm local time. The helicopter reportedly hit a transmission cable that stretched across a mountainous area, and is connected to a hydropower facility.

Witnesses said they saw

an explosion and cloud of smoke at the time of the incident. There was no nearby source of water to help extinguish the fire, Sindhupalchok official Krishna Prasad Gyawali said.

The helicopter was on the return leg of a medical relief mission to the residents of Tembathan which is still reeling from the earthquakes and aftershocks in April and May.

Dutch state pension age to increase faster than planned

THE HAGUE--The Dutch Parliament's First Chamber on Tuesday voted in favour of raising the Dutch state pension age faster than originally planned, with people working until they reach 67 by 2021 instead of by 2023.

Increasing the pension age from 65 to 67 was agreed in 2012. Since then, it has

risen one month each year, meaning people retiring now are 65 years and three months old.

However, the government wants the pension age to rise faster because life expectancy is increasing more rapidly than expected.

Parliament voted for the faster rise in March and the Senate has now approved

the move.

By 2021, people will be working until they reach 67.

In that year, the pension age will be coupled to life expectancy. According to Central Bureau for Statistics CBS, this means people could be 71.5 by the time they retire in 2030.

Limburg awards public transport deal to Arriva

MAASTRICHT--The province of Limburg in the south of the Netherlands has awarded a fifteen-year licence for bus and regional train services to Arriva, a British company now owned by German railway group Deutsche Bahn.

The contract had been awarded to Abellio, a subsidiary of Dutch state-owned railway firm NS. However, in late

April evidence emerged of "serious irregularities" in the contract process.

NS suspended two managers at its Qbuzz/Abellio subsidiary, who are said to have accepted confidential information from a former worker at Veolia Transport Limburg. They used this information to win the right to provide public transport services

in the province. Veolia was also competing for the concession.

Arriva came second in the bidding and the province has now awarded it the two-billion euro contract rather than re-run the tender process.

Veolia has said it will not accept the new situation and said the entire bidding process should be repeated.

VVD wants colonial heritage to be saved

THE HAGUE--The Dutch government should do much more to protect the Netherlands' colonial history which is stored in foreign countries, according to a Member of Parliament of conservative VVD party.

Michiel van Veen is introducing a change in the law which will allow Dutch ambassadors to enforce the return of archives which can then be properly stored.

A majority in Parliament

is in favour of the move because the archives are currently rotting away in inappropriate storage facilities abroad.

"We should not just protect our culture in the Netherlands," Van Veen told the *Telegraaf* newspaper, "but also what is overseas."

He blames the current situation on the way in which there is "a certain tendency" to look at colonial history.



Curaçao's national team consisting mostly of players based in Europe arrived on the island, led by Technical Consultant Patrick Kluivert and Coach Etienne Silie. The selection has a friendly match against Trinidad and Tobago on Friday. They then face Cuba in an important World Cup qualifier over two legs at home on June 10 and away four days later.



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Trinidad public servant wins close to TT \$1M in unlawful imprisonment suit

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad—A public servant who was forcibly removed from her desk three years ago and taken to a psychiatric hospital where she was kept for just over two weeks has been awarded TT \$835,000 (US \$131,896) by a High

Court.

The court ruled in favour of accountant assistant in the Ministry of Gender Affairs, Youth and Child Development Cheryl Miller in her unlawful imprisonment lawsuit, saying that she should be compensated

for her wrongful arrest and detention at St. Ann's Psychiatric Hospital.

Miller was at work on March 21, 2012, when her behaviour caused a mental health officer to conclude that she was mentally ill.

According to the *Trinidad Express* newspaper, she had a large, black umbrella opened on her desk; she was listening to loud music through earphones; her clothes appeared soiled and her hair was unkempt; and when asked what the problem was, she replied: "Everyone here, everyone here is against me. It goes on every day, everybody doing me things, they even coming by the window."

She was detained under Section 15 of the Mental Health Act, which states: "A person found wandering at large on a highway or in any public place and who by reason of his appearance, conduct or conversation, a mental health officer has reason to believe is mentally ill and in need of care and treatment in a psychiatric hospital or ward, may be taken into custody and conveyed to such hospital or ward for admission for observation."

However, in the judgment delivered Monday, Justice

Judith Jones said that Miller's cubicle was not a public place and that her utterances were not enough for a conclusion to be reached that she was mentally ill.

"Further, even when combined with the fact of Miller's appearance, the open umbrella on her desk and the headphones with loud music emanating, even if I accept the evidence, while it may suggest some eccentricity it does not, in my opinion, provide a reason to conclude that Miller was a danger to herself or to her co-workers as concluded by the officer, far less that she was suffering from mental illness and was in need of care and treatment at a psychiatric hospital or ward," the judge said.

She also found that Miller would have been greatly humiliated and embarrassed by the manner of her arrest in the presence of her co-workers.

"This was further compounded by her being taken onto the public street and placed in an ambulance and even further aggravated by the widespread publicity that her apprehension and detention at the mental hospital attracted.

The fact that calypsos were composed and sung about her meant that the circumstances and manner of her detention were kept in the public eye, thereby increasing and intensifying her humiliation and embarrassment," the judge said.

"Her mental suffering, affront to her dignity and damage to her reputation has continued long after the incarceration ended. The incarceration had and continues to have a traumatic effect on her. Some three years after the event she has clearly not recovered from its effects."

Miller was only released from the psychiatric hospital after a writ of habeas corpus was granted by High Court judge Justice Vasheist Kokaram. He had ordered that she be released and evaluated and the report from the psychiatrist indicated that Miller posed no danger to herself or to the public.

The North West Regional Health Authority, the operator of St. Ann's Psychiatric Hospital against which Monday's judgment was made, has 14 days to appeal the court's judgment. There were four other de-



Cheryl Miller

fendants in the lawsuit: the attorney general, the permanent secretary and deputy permanent secretary in the Ministry of Gender Affairs, Youth and Child Development Verna St. Rose-Greaves. However, they were not found to be liable.

In an interview with the *Trinidad Guardian*, Miller said she was thankful she won the case, but felt she should have received much more.

"The things I was made to suffer at the hospital, that amount of money is not enough," she told the newspaper. ~ *Caribbean360* ~

Questions raised about St. Lucia's decision to open embassy in Taiwan

CASTRIES, St. Lucia—The decision by the St. Lucia government to open an embassy in Taiwan has come under scrutiny from the opposition Lucian People's Movement (LPM), which described the move as "baffling" and called for public disclosure on the costs associated with the opening.

Government announced that an embassy would be opened in the International Trade Building in Taipei on Thursday.

Prime Minister Dr. Kenny Anthony left the island for Taiwan over the weekend with other government officials, ahead of the opening ceremony. However, in a statement issued today, the LPM said the decision to establish the full-fledged embassy "is not only baffling from a foreign policy perspective but also raises a number of serious questions concerning the illusory bubble within which the St. Lucia Labour Party (SLP) government has operated over the last three and a half years".

"In light of the fact that Taiwan is not universally recognized as a sovereign state and has yet to settle its dispute with China over its political status, the Lucian People's Movement has called upon the government of St. Lucia to clarify whether its decision to open an embassy in Taiwan amounts to a formal recognition or endorsement of the Republic of China on Taiwan," the LPM statement read.

It added that "given the unsettled nature of Taiwan's political status, coupled with our own financial constraints here at home", it would have been more sensible for government to appoint a cultural and economic representative in Taiwan. Instead, the party said, the administration had gone the contentious and financially burdensome route of establishing an embassy.

"In light of this startling development, which now requires our nation to di-

vert scarce resources towards maintaining yet another embassy abroad, the LPM calls upon the government of St. Lucia to provide a public statement detailing the total cost of the operation and whether it has approached the government of Taiwan for financial assistance in this regard," it added.

During his trip, Anthony will meet with Taiwan's president Ma Ying-jeou and other senior officials of the Taiwanese government.

He will also deliver a lecture to students of the Fu Jen Catholic University on the theme "The Future of Small States in the World System".

A statement from the SLP administration said the government of Taiwan is footing the bill for the trip.



Reports are that one crew member on the *Disney Dream* was found hanging in the air-conditioning room.

Police probe deaths of 2 crew members on cruise ships in The Bahamas waters

NASSAU, Bahamas—The deaths of two cruise ship crew members working on separate vessels in Bahamian waters are being investigated by police, according to the Associated Press (AP).

The news agency said police had disclosed few specifics, saying only that they were "actively investigating these incidents to determine the exact cause of death."

The deaths came about 24 hours apart.

AP said a statement from the Royal Bahamas Police Force disclosed that a male crew member was found dead early Sunday aboard a cruise ship anchored at Castaway Cay, a private island that serves as an exclusive port for Disney Cruise Line vessels.

The lifeless body of a female crew member was found aboard another cruise line's vessel early Monday as it passed through Bahamian waters, it added.

In a more detailed report, *Inquisitr.com* reported that the male cruise ship worker was found hanging in the air-conditioning room of cruise ship *Disney Dream*. ~ *Caribbean360* ~



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Securing Guyana's territorial integrity

GEORGETOWN, Guyana—Acknowledging that there are some challenges in the daily operations of the Guyana Defence Force (GDF) Coast Guard, Head of State David Granger has given his commitment towards institutional strengthening of that unit. During a tour of the Ruimveldt Coast Guard Headquarters Monday, President Granger was briefed on what currently obtains, and what is required to bring about optimum results and efficiency.

Speaking to the importance of the Coast Guard, the President said when it was established 25 years ago, the maritime threat existed, and today it still exists.

"But, as they say, eternal vigilance is the price we have to pay for freedom, and one of the most vulnerable frontiers of Guyana is this fore frontier, this coastland, and we can only depend on you to protect this entire frontier."

Reminding the ranks of their role, the President observed that they all have important law enforcement functions in terms of combating maritime crimes, including smuggling, piracy

and all forms of trafficking. "These crimes distort the economy; most of the crimes of contraband and trafficking contribute to keeping Guyana poor, and that is why you're given a law enforcement function," the President told the ranks.

Describing the ranks as Guyana's best and first line of defence against maritime crimes, President Granger pointed out that no other agency can effectively carry out the mandate that rests on the shoulder of the coast guards.

He however noted that they must not shy away from their responsibility to protect Guyana's assets, particularly humans and military resources.

Equally, the President said it is imperative to ensure that foreign trade is protected, while ensuring that citizens feel safe as they traverse Guyana's waterways. The Head of State added that while it is important to protect the country's territorial integrity, the presence of the Coast Guard must be felt in every area. Speaking on the issue of training, President Granger said it is his view that specialised training must be

given on issues relating to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas, since Guyana has a very large sea frontier.

Each rank, he said, should have a clear understanding of both land and sea frontier issues. He noted that while the Coast Guard has a role to play, his administration intends to resolve some outstanding border dispute issues amicably.

"The fact is that unless we resolve these maritime claims, we will not be able to exploit a source of one of our most important resources, that is offshore petroleum."

Meanwhile, the president has assured that under his administration, the Coast Guard will be given the much needed attention it requires. Discussions will soon begin in an effort to bring the Coast Guard up to strength in terms of manpower, as the possibility of a Reserve arm of the unit will be explored.

Training both locally and overseas would be given much priority, while the upgrading of equipment will also be looked at. However, in the interim, the President called on the ranks to be responsible by taking care of the equipment that is in hand as they have over the years cost the government huge amounts. "You here in the Coast Guard are not just looking after the coastland; you are protecting the future of our country, you are protecting our children's inheritance, (and) you are protecting the patrimony of this great nation."

In addition, some of the recommendations made by the Disciplined Forces Commission several years ago will now be implemented in an effort to address some of the challenges facing the Coast Guard.

President Granger further assured that his administration would continue, as long as it is financially possible, to provide the resources needed to protect the territorial integrity of Guyana.

While congratulating the ranks for the professionalism shown over the years, the President reiterated the call for every effort to be directed towards the suppression of criminality and to ensure that piracy and smuggling are brought to an end.



President David Granger being briefed on some of the daily operations of the Coast Guard while on board one of the unit's patrol vessels

Tributes pour in following death of Dominica's sixth president

ROSEAU, Dominica—Dominica's sixth president Dr. Nicholas Liverpool has died.

The 80-year-old passed away Monday in Miami, Florida, where he had been receiving medical treatment.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerritt said Liverpool's death has robbed the country of "a most revered ambassador for and of this country."

Liverpool served as president from October 2003 to September 2012.



Dr. Nicholas Liverpool

"Just over six months ago the nation gathered en masse to salute and celebrate the life and times of Dr. Nicholas Liverpool. We recognised then, as we do now, that this was a Dominican of extraordinary talent and achievement, yet a humble gentleman who had a moment and a listening ear for everyone with whom he came into contact," Skerritt wrote on his Facebook page.

He said all flags in Dominica would be flown at half-mast from Tuesday, June 2, until the day after Liverpool's burial. ~ *Caribbean360* ~

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Jamaica's national security minister says police strike putting public at risk

KINGSTON, Jamaica—Rank and file members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) have started industrial action to press for an improved wage offer from government, but National Security Minister Peter Bunting is calling on them to go back to work, saying their action puts the public at risk.

Government has offered a five per cent increase over 24 months, following a five-year public sector wage freeze that ended in March. The Jamaica Police Federation is demanding at least a 20 per cent increase for entry-level officers.

To protest the administration's refusal to go higher, police began sick-out action at several stations from midnight Monday.

In making his appeal for the action to cease, Bunting said in a statement from his ministry: "This



National Security Minister Peter Bunting

behaviour is not appropriate for an essential service; it exposes the public to unnecessary risk; and may damage the professional image of the JCF that has seen significant improvements in recent years."

The ministry said contingency measures have been put in place, including the increased use of Jamaica

Defence Force personnel to support the police.

"The Ministry of National Security stands ready to assist the negotiations between the Police Federation and the Ministry of Finance and Planning once this action is discontinued and the parties return to the bargaining table," the release added.

Native American student sues school district over right to wear feather

SAN FRANCISCO--A Native American student took a California school district to court on Monday after his high school banned him from wearing an eagle feather on his graduation cap, a civil rights group said.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California (ACLU) said Clovis High School senior Christian Titman, 18, had notified the court of the emergency lawsuit ahead of his Thursday graduation.

Titman, a member of the Pit River Tribe, and his parents have repeatedly asked that he be granted permission to wear the feather during the ceremony to represent his heritage and religion, and mark his academic achievement, but their requests were denied, according to the ACLU.

"The eagle feather is not only a signature of my tribe but it also represents the pride I have for my tribe, my people and my heritage," Titman told the local Fresno Bee newspaper on Monday. "When I have feathers on I'm connected with ancestors before me."

Clovis School District spokeswoman Kelly Avants said in an email that it has long banned non-academic accessories from being worn during the ceremony to maintain uniformity across the graduating class. Avants said the district offered to allow Titman to receive the feather as he gets his diploma or let him wear it during portions of the ceremony, but the offers were rejected.

"The District remains committed to attempting to reach a resolution that respects both Christian's Native American culture and traditions, and the long-standing traditions surrounding our content neutral graduation ceremony standards," Avants said.

The ACLU said the California Constitution and state Education Code provide protection for religious expression and student free speech. "The district's refusal to allow a small symbol of religious expression during the graduation ceremony is a misunderstanding of both the spirit and the letter of the law," ACLU staff attorney Novella Coleman said.



Terry Strada (R), and her children Justin (L), Kaitlyn, (2nd L), and Thomas (3rd L) attend a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington to unveil "The Transparency for the Families of 9/11 Victims Act" on Tuesday. The Strada family lost their husband and father Tom during the 9/11 attacks on New York City.

Obama signs bill reforming US surveillance programme

WASHINGTON--President Barack Obama signed into law on Tuesday legislation passed by Congress earlier in the day reforming a government surveillance program that swept up millions of Americans' telephone records.

Reversing security policy in place since shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the bill ends a system exposed by former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden. The spy agency collected and searched records of phone calls looking for terrorism leads but was not allowed to listen to their content.

Passage of the USA Freedom Act, the result of an alliance between Senate Democrats and some of the chamber's most conservative Republicans, was a victory for Obama, a Democrat, and a setback for Senate Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

After the Senate voted 67-32 on Tuesday to give final congressional approval to the bill, Obama used his Twitter account, @POTUS, to say he was glad it had passed. "I'll sign it as soon as I get it," the tweet said.

Before voting, senators defeated three amendments proposed by Republican leaders after they reversed themselves and ended efforts to block it. The House of Representatives passed the measure overwhelmingly last month.

In the end, 23 Senate Republicans voted for the Freedom Act, joining 196 who backed it in the House. In a rift between Republicans, who control both chambers, House leaders had warned that amendments proposed by McConnell would be a "challenge" for the House that could delay the bill.

A federal appeals court on

May 7 ruled the collection of "metadata" illegal. The new law would require companies such as Verizon Communications Inc and AT&T Inc, to collect and store telephone records the same way that they do now for billing purposes. But instead of routinely feeding U.S. intelligence agencies such data, the companies would be required to turn it over only in response to a government request approved by the secretive Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

The Freedom Act is the first major legislative reform of U.S. surveillance since Snowden's

revelations two years ago this month led to debate over how to balance Americans' distrust of intrusive government with fears of terrorist attacks. Along with the phone records program, two other domestic surveillance programs authorized under the 2001 USA Patriot Act have been shut down since Sunday. After Republican Senator Rand Paul, a 2016 presidential candidate, blocked McConnell's efforts to keep them going temporarily, the Senate missed a deadline to extend legal authorities for certain data collection by the NSA and the FBI.

US House committee seeks to ban funding for US embassy in Cuba

WASHINGTON--A proposed U.S. House of Representatives appropriations bill released on Tuesday would prohibit funds for an American embassy or other diplomatic facility in Cuba beyond what existed before President Barack Obama's December announcement that he would move to normalize relations with Havana.

Members of Congress have been trying to roll back the shift in Cuba policy, but all such proposals face a tough fight to become law. Separately, the White House said on Tuesday it would veto a transportation bill that included a measure to roll back Obama's moves to ease travel to the Communist-ruled island.

The appropriations bill released on Tuesday would

restrict funds to facilitate the opening of a Cuban embassy in the United States, increase democracy assistance and international broadcasting to Cuba and provide direction to the State Department on denying visas to members of the Cuban military and Communist Party.

Some members of Congress, led mostly by Republican Cuban-American lawmakers, have objected to the U.S. shift in Cuba policy. They want Cuba's government to do more to improve human rights on the island, release U.S. fugitives living in Cuba and allow free elections before easing restrictions on trade, travel and diplomatic relations.

Since Congress controls government spend-

Detainee alleges CIA sexual abuse beyond Senate findings

NEW YORK--The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency used a wider array of sexual abuse and other forms of torture than was disclosed in a Senate report last year, according to a Guantanamo Bay detainee turned government cooperating witness.

Majid Khan said interrogators poured ice water on his genitals, twice videotaped him naked and repeatedly touched his "private parts" - none of which was described in the Senate report. Interrogators, some of whom smelled of alcohol, also threatened to beat him with a hammer, baseball bats, sticks and leather belts, Khan said.

Khan is the first publicly released account from a high-value al Qaeda detainee who experienced the "enhanced interrogation techniques" of President George W. Bush's administration after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S.

Khan's account is contained in 27 pages of interview notes his lawyers compiled over the past seven years. The U.S. government cleared the notes for release last month through a formal review process.

Before the Senate report detailed the agency's interrogation methods last December, CIA officials prohibited detainees and their lawyers from publicly describing interrogation ses-

sions, deeming detainee's memories of the experience classified.

Khan's detailed allegations of torture could not be independently confirmed. CIA officials have said they believed Khan repeatedly lied to them during interrogations.

The 35-year-old Khan, a Pakistani citizen who attended high school in Maryland, is awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty in 2012 to conspiracy, material support, murder and spying charges. In exchange for serving as a government witness, Khan will be sentenced to up to 19 years in prison, with the term beginning on the date of his guilty plea.

Khan confessed to delivering \$50,000 to al Qaeda operatives in Indonesia. That money was later used



Khan

to carry out the 2003 truck bombing of a Marriott hotel in Jakarta that killed 11 people and wounded at least 80 others. Khan also confessed to plotting with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed to poison water supplies, blow up gas stations and serve as a "sleeper agent" for al Qaeda in the United States.

Khan was captured in Pakistan and held at an unidentified CIA "black site" from 2003 to 2006, according to the Senate report. Khan's lawyers declined to comment on where he was captured or held, which they said remained classified.

In the interviews with his lawyers, Khan described a carnival-like atmosphere of abuse when he arrived at the CIA detention facility. "I wished they had killed me," Khan told his lawyers. He said that he experienced excruciating pain when hung naked from poles and that guards repeatedly held his head under ice water.

"Son, we are going to take care of you," Khan said his interrogators told him. "We are going to send you to a place you cannot imagine."

Bashir wants dialogue with West as new term starts

KHARTOUM--Sudan is open to dialogue with Western nations, President Omar Hassan al-Bashir said on Tuesday in an unusually conciliatory message from a leader wanted on genocide charges and whose country suffers under economic sanctions.

Speaking at the start of a new presidential term that extends his quarter century in power, Bashir, 71, also appealed for national unity as he grapples with rebellions and dwindling oil revenues following South Sudan's 2011 secession.

Sudan has long laboured under a raft of U.N. and bilateral sanctions, including from the United States. Bashir also faces charges at the International Criminal Court that he masterminded genocide and other atrocities in his campaign

to crush a revolt in the Darfur region. He has denied all the charges.

"Sudan will seek, God willing, and with an open heart, to continue dialogue with Western countries in order for relations to return to normal," Bashir told parliament after a swearing-in ceremony attended by regional African and Arab leaders.

"I will be, God willing, a president for all. There is no difference between those who voted for us and those who didn't, between those who participated and those who boycotted (the election)," said Bashir, who first took power in a 1989 coup.

"This is a right guaranteed to all," he told the lawmakers and foreign dignitaries including Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe

and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

Political analysts responded sceptically to Bashir's call for talks with the West. "(He will have to) give up his old vision that brought him Western enmity because Western countries have firm positions on issues on which there is disagreement (with Sudan)," said Ahmed Hassan al-Jak, a professor at Khartoum University.

Such issues include respect for human rights and bringing the Darfur war and other armed conflicts to an end, he added.

Bashir won 94 percent of the vote in a national election in April, the first since Sudan saw its south secede in 2011, but it was boycotted by most of the opposition. His ruling National Congress Party won 323 of 426 parliamentary seats.

In his first decree since being sworn in, Bashir dissolved his cabinet and, in a rare step, also relieved the first vice president, the vice president and presidential advisers of their duties, the state Sudan News Agency said. He was expected to name a new government soon.

Opposition figures have said the continued rule of Bashir has exacerbated Sudan's isolation from global financial and political institutions. U.S. companies are banned from doing business with Sudan, although China and other investors have been quick to make up the shortfall.

Bashir, who has kept a strong power base in the army and remains popular among many segments of the population, urged opposition parties in his speech on Tuesday to join a "national dialogue" he said would begin in the coming

days. He also renewed a general amnesty for armed groups who "truly desire to return and participate in dialogue."

Sudan has faced a rebellion in its Darfur region since 2003 and a separate but linked insurgency in Blue Nile and South Kordofan since the secession of South Sudan in 2011.

Palestinian Govt condemns Hamas for killing Islamist rival in Gaza

GAZA--Hamas security forces killed an activist of a rival Islamist militant group in a shoot-out at his Gaza home on Tuesday, drawing strong condemnation from the Palestinian government of President Mahmoud Abbas.

Despite formally reconciling last year with the secular Fatah faction of the U.S.-backed president under a technocrat cabinet, Hamas retains de-facto control in the coastal Gaza Strip penned in by Israel and Egypt. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry in Gaza said Hamas forces shot Younis al-Honnor dead after he resisted arrest at his home, where he had illegally stockpiled munitions. Witnesses said there was a shoot-out at the site.

Witnesses said Honnor, an activist with a Salafist group, was buried in the black flag with religious inscriptions that is the standard of Islamic State insurgents who have swept other parts of the Middle East.

Hamas, which promotes political Islam, has mounted occasional crackdowns on more radical groups that chafe at its engagement with Abbas and truces with Israel. Such groups support the broader struggle led by Islamic State and al Qaeda.

From its seat in Ramallah in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, the Palestinian cabinet deplored what it called Honnor's "execution". "Hamas must respect the law and civil rights," said the cabinet statement, published by the official Palestinian news agency Wafa. "It must not mess with the souls of people. It must cease abolishing security and order and stop trespassing on the authorities of the government and the judiciary."

EU anti-fraud body seeks to claw back 900 million euros

BRUSSELS--Anti-fraud investigators recommended last year that the European Union try to claw back 900 million euros (\$1 billion) lost from the EU budget because of suspected fraud, more than double the previous year's amount, officials said on Tuesday.

The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), which investigates fraudulent use of EU funds and wrongdoing within EU institutions, said it had received 1,417 allegations of fraud last year, a record number.

Fraud allegations are politically sensitive at a time when national governments are under pressure from Eurosceptic parties denouncing waste in Brussels. The EU has agreed a budget of 960 billion euros for the period 2014-2020.

Only 206.5 million euros were actually recovered in 2014, OLAF said in its annual report, but there is often a lag of several years between recommendations and money being repaid. On average, only one third of OLAF recommendations translate into real recoveries by national authorities.

Last year's figures are not necessarily a sign of more widespread corruption, but reflect increased awareness of fraud among EU citizens and OLAF's higher vis-

ibility, Director-General Giovanni Kessler told a news conference.

EU Health Commissioner John Dalli resigned in 2012 after an OLAF investigation showed that an associate of his had asked a Swedish tobacco company for money in return for changes to EU legislation. If it finds evidence of abuse, OLAF recommends that the European Commission, other EU agencies or national authorities seek to recover funds suspected of being misspent or snatched from the EU budget through customs frauds.

Over the last seven years only 53 per cent of OLAF recommendations resulted in actual indictments in member states. "This ratio of indictment is not satisfactory and needs to be improved," Kessler said.

Most OLAF recommendations in 2014 concerned the misuse of EU structural funds -- aid distributed to poorer regions and countries in the 28-member EU. Trade frauds account for about 15 per cent of the losses suffered by the EU budget in 2014.

A common fraud is the avoidance of duty payments through imports recorded as coming from countries different from the true origin.



Russian missile manufacturer Almaz-Antey said on May 22 it had filed an appeal against European Union sanctions imposed on it over the crisis in Ukraine.

Missile maker believes Russia did not down Malaysian plane over Ukraine

MOSCOW--The Russian company that makes the BUK air defence system that was used to shoot down a Malaysian airliner in east Ukraine said on Tuesday the plane was hit by a missile deployed by Ukraine and not widely used by Russia's military.

State-run Almaz-Antey said its own analysis of the wreckage of the Malaysia Airlines plane brought down on July 17 last year, killing 298 people, indicated it was hit by a BUK 9M38M1 surface-to-air missile armed with a 9H314M warhead. Shrapnel holes in the plane were consistent with that kind of missile and warhead, it said.

Such missiles have not been produced in Russia since 1999 and the last ones were

delivered to foreign customers, it said, adding that the Russian armed forces now mainly use a 9M317M warhead with the BUK system. "Neither the company nor its enterprises could have supplied these rockets in the 21st century," Almaz-Antey's chief executive, Yan Novikov, told a news conference run by the Kremlin press service at which the company used 3D visuals and computer animation.

After a company presentation translated simultaneously into three languages, he said Ukraine's armed forces had still had nearly 1,000 such missiles in its arsenal in 2005, when it held talks with Almaz-Antey on prolonging their lifespan.

Criticising sanctions imposed on Almaz-Antey by

the European Union, he said: "The corporation was not involved in the Malaysian Boeing catastrophe. Correspondingly, the economic sanctions applied to the corporation for that are ... unjust."

When it imposed the sanctions on Almaz-Antey, the EU said the firm produced anti-aircraft weaponry which the Russian authorities have supplied to pro-Russian separatists fighting Kiev's forces in east Ukraine. Moscow is trying to deflect blame for the shooting down of the airliner and denies sending arms and soldiers to support the rebels, though the West and Kiev say they have overwhelming proof of the latter.

Canada aboriginal schools were 'cultural genocide'

OTTAWA--A Canadian policy of forcibly separating aboriginal children from their families and sending them to residential schools amounted to "cultural genocide," a six-year investigation into the now-defunct system found on Tuesday.

The residential school system attempted to eradicate the aboriginal culture and assimilate children into mainstream Canada, said the long-awaited report by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The commission was launched as part of a settlement with survivors, hundreds of whom gathered at a ballroom in downtown Ottawa to hear

the report's findings.

In prepared remarks unveiling the report, Justice Murray Sinclair, who headed the panel, acknowledged "that what took place in residential schools amounts to nothing short of cultural genocide - a systematic and concerted attempt to extinguish the spirit of Aboriginal peoples."

The report documented horrific physical abuse, rape, malnutrition and other atrocities suffered by many of the 150,000 children who attended the schools, typically run by Christian churches on behalf of Ottawa from the 1840s to the 1990s. Children as young as five

years old were removed from their families and ancestral lands and sent to schools far away.

Sinclair said between 5 percent and 7 percent of students who went to the schools died there, although the commission was only able to document about 3,200 of those deaths. Most were buried in unmarked graves on school property.

Regarded as heathens and savages by the system's architects, they were beaten for speaking their native language and often forced to accept the Christian faith. The legacy of the residential school system persists as many Canadian aboriginals struggle to recover from generations of family separation.

Aboriginals, who make up 4 percent of Canada's population, have higher levels of poverty and a lower life expectancy than other Canadians, and are more often victims of violent crime, addiction and incarceration. While Prime Minister Stephen Harper apologized to the survivors of the schools in 2008, relations between his Conservative government and Canada's 1.4 million aboriginals are strained.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Bernard Valcourt attended the presentation of the findings and applauded at times. However, he also shifted in his chair and looked down as others stood to applaud recommendations for the government to do more to promote reconciliation, including calls for it to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Harper told Parliament his government would examine the report's recommendations before deciding on next steps.

The group made 94 rec-



Students are seated at their desks in a classroom at the Eskimo Point Federal Hostel in Arviat, Nunavut in an undated archive photo.

onciliatory recommendations, including special human rights and anti-racism training for public

servants. It also urged the Pope to apologize to survivors and their families for the Catholic Church's

role in the schools, as the church had done in 2010 for Irish victims of abuse.

Bomb hits market in Nigeria, 50 killed

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria--A bomb blast at a busy meat market in the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Tuesday killed about 50 people, an eyewitness and hospital sources said, in an attack that bore the hallmarks of Islamist Boko Haram militants.

Boko Haram has killed thousands of people and displaced some 1.5 million in an insurgency to establish an Islamic caliphate in the northeast of Nigeria but appears to have lost most of the territory it seized to government counter-offensives this year. The bomb, which was concealed under a butcher's table in the market, went off at around 1 p.m., killing shoppers and passersby, a military source said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, which followed two weekend bombings that killed at least 30 people and appeared to be the handiwork of Boko Haram.

Meanwhile, a video purporting to show Boko Haram militants and featuring an unidentified hooded

speaker was posted on social media websites on Tuesday. The speaker accused Nigeria and three adjacent states that have combined to fight the Islamist militants - Niger, Chad and Cameroon - of lying about recent military successes that they said had pushed the jihadists back into a rural pocket.

"Most of our territory is still under control," he said. "Whoever believes that the Nigerian army has defeated us... know that we have battled against them and killed them," he added in a 10-minute video that featured blood-soaked corpses.

The film included footage of what appeared to be pieces of a Nigerian jet. "President of Nigeria, here are your goods," says a militant in the video.

Goodluck Jonathan's presidency ended with the inauguration on Friday of successor Muhammadu Buhari, who has pledged to wipe out Boko Haram. It was not possible for Reuters to verify the video's authenticity or date.

Kenyan president proposes new tactics in fight against militants

NAIROBI--Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta has promised a new campaign to stop people joining violent radical groups and to fight the influence of Somali Islamists whose attacks have killed hundreds and threatened growing prosperity.

Suggesting a change in strategy with more use of discussion and persuasion, Kenyatta said conventional policing methods would not be enough to tackle the threat from radicalised men and women. "To deal with this enemy, we must keep improving our methods and tactics ... We must stop them from being radicalised," Kenyatta said on Monday during a speech marking Madaraka Day national holiday.

Dealing with the rising threat of home-grown radicals has become a priority for Kenyatta. Some of the gunmen involved in the biggest attacks on Kenyan soil in recent years, including the slaughter of 148 peo-

ple at Garissa university in April, were Kenyan citizens who had joined Somalia's al Shabaab.

The attacks have also threatened Kenya's rapid growth in prosperity, ravaging the east African nation's tourism sector and denting its image abroad.

Diplomats have long criticised Nairobi for its heavy-handed approach to tackling radicalisation among Kenya's 4.3 million Muslims, urging the government to use softer tactics that would win over the community and help

with intelligence gathering. Al Shabaab has vowed to punish Kenya for sending troops to Somalia to fight the group as part of an African Union peacekeeping force.

Kenyatta did not reveal how the anti-radicalisation drive will work in practice, but said the government would soon start working with civil-society groups and faith based leaders to implement it. Kenya had in April offered an amnesty for al Shabaab militants who wanted to hand themselves in.

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Women's leader:

Indian acid producers responsible for attacks

NEW DELHI--Bottles of acid are too easily available in India and the makers should take responsibility for the rising number of "vile" acid attacks, the head of India's National Commission for Women (NCW) has said.

Acid attacks - meant to maim, disfigure or blind - are most common in Cambodia, followed by Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and India. Women are the victims of 80 percent of the roughly 1,500 acid attacks reported globally each year, the London-based charity

Acid Survivors Trust International says.

"When we talk about laws, we need to look not merely at the people who are throwing acid on others, we need to look at the availability of the acid - those who sell it and manufacturers of the acid which is sold in these little bottles," NCW chairman Lalita Kumaramangalam said at an event late on Monday.

"Small manufacturers don't think beyond their sales. They don't bother about where these bottles end up

and how they perhaps could be used," she said. Acid attacks are "vile" and top the list of heinous crimes, she added.

In India, 349 acid attacks were reported in 2014, up from 116 in 2013 and 106 in 2012, according to research by the charity Acid Survivors Foundation India (ASFI). Despite a law making acid violence a separate offence with a minimum penalty of 10 years in jail, and a Supreme Court ruling on the regulation and sale of dangerous chemicals, acids are still bought and sold without the required licences.

Locally produced household cleaners, which contain highly concentrated acids, are cheap and plentiful in markets, said Kumaramangalam, speaking at the launch of a new book by ASFI to help those caring for victims.

Anu Mukherjee, who had acid thrown over her by a jealous female colleague, said it pained her to find acid still available in her local market and added that vendors did not know that buyers need a licence to buy it. Mukherjee, 35, told participants the government needed to enforce laws on acid purchase, speed up lengthy trials and ensure strict punishment for attackers and adequate rehabilitation for victims.

"My whole life has been ruined by the attack. My dreams were shattered," said Mukherjee, who was a dancer before the attack on her in 2004 left her disfigured and blind. "Women like me are made to feel ashamed and do not go out as people stare at us or pity us. We want jobs and help to rebuild our lives so we can be like everyone else."



Ian Crabbe the Director of Alton Towers speaks to the media in front of the Smiler ride at Alton Towers in Alton, Britain on Tuesday.

Four seriously hurt in UK theme park ride accident

LONDON--Four teenagers were seriously hurt at one of Britain's biggest theme parks on Tuesday when two carriages collided on a rollercoaster ride, rescue workers said.

An air ambulance was called to the scene after the accident on the "Smiler" ride at Alton Towers, a park run by Merlin Entertainment Plc in Staffordshire, central England. One car was empty, the other contained 16 people.

The Smiler, the latest new ride at Alton Towers, opened in May 2013 and is the world's first 14-loop rollercoaster, according to the attraction's website. It can reach speeds up to 52 miles (85 km) an hour.

"Of the 16 occupants on board the ride, two teenage boys and two teenage girls, have sustained serious

leg injuries," said a spokeswoman for West Midlands Ambulance Service.

A platform had been built to allow emergency services to reach the occupants on the ride who were about 25 feet up in the air at an angle of about 45 degrees, she said. "The 12 other occupants on the ride are said to have suffered minor injuries and it's hoped that they will be discharged from the scene," she added in a statement.

Merlin said in a statement there would be a full investigation once it had recovered the guests. The collision took place on the lower part of the ride, it added.

Two-thirds of Chileans disapprove of Bachelet

SANTIAGO--President Michelle Bachelet's popularity sunk to a new low, with 66 percent of Chileans disapproving of her performance despite last month's Cabinet shake-up intended to breathe new life into her 16-month-old administration, a poll showed on Tuesday.

The business and political establishment has been rocked by a tax and campaign financing scandal, while there also have been accusations that Bachelet's son used his political connections to help his wife gain preferential access to a \$10 million loan.

The poll, conducted by Gfk Adimark, showed Bachelet's approval rating fell to 29 percent in May, an all-time low for her two administrations. Left-leaning Bachelet led Chile, the world's top copper producer from 2006-2010 and took office for her second term in March 2014.

"Both the anticipated Cabinet change and her annual State of the Union address had marginal positive effects ... however the tense climate of mistrust and accusations surrounding how political activities are financed was ultimately more important," said the pollster.

On May 11, Bachelet dismissed her Finance Minister, an unprecedented move for a Chilean president since the return to democracy in 1990, in a sweeping Cabinet reshuffle in which four of her closest ministers were removed or shifted into other roles.

Vietnam receives new missile boats

HANOI--Vietnam took delivery of two new missile boats on Tuesday made locally and modelled on Russian vessels, the latest move by its military to strengthen maritime defences as tensions simmer over sovereignty in the South China Sea.

The two Tarantul-class corvettes, known as Molnyas, are equipped with 16 missiles and automatic weapons and are among six ordered by the navy, two of which were delivered last year. The missiles have a range of 130 kilometres.

The announcement was carried on the Vietnamese government's news website and comes amid diplomatic rumblings over land reclamation work by rival claimants and United States concern over what it said was China's placement of mobile artillery systems in contested territory.

Vietnam's naval defence capabilities have been boosted by Russian hardware, including state-of-

the-art kilo-class submarines recently equipped with a Russian land attack variant of the Klub missile. They are capable of precision strikes within a range of 300km.

Many experts see Vietnam's strengthening of its defences and its diplomatic ties with Japan, the Philippines and the United States of late as signs of its determination to counter China's growing assertiveness after a bitter falling out with Beijing last year. Deputy Defence Minister Truong Quang Khanh said the new boats showed Vietnam could "fully master the technology and techniques of modern military shipbuilding" and would boost its combat power and help protect its maritime sovereignty, according to the report.

It said the vessels could take on warships, amphibious ships and corvettes, protect submarines and carry out scouting.

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Tiananmen Mothers urge China to bear responsibility for "crimes"

BEIJING--A group of families demanding justice for victims of China's 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown declared that the government must bear responsibility for "historical crimes" in the same way it has called on Japan to do so for its wartime past.

The Tiananmen Mothers activist group has long urged the leadership to open a dialogue and reassess the 1989 pro-democracy movement, violently suppressed on June 4 that year by the government which labelled it "counter-revolutionary".

In an open letter released on Monday through New York-based Human Rights in China, the group cited Premier Li Keqiang's remarks on Japan's failure to reflect on its past. Sino-Japan relations have long been poisoned by what China sees as Japan's failure to

atone for its occupation of parts of the country before and during the war. Li said in March that "the leaders of a state not only inherit their predecessors' successes, but should also bear historical responsibility for their predecessors' crimes."

"By the same logic, shouldn't today's Chinese leaders bear responsibility for the series of crimes - manmade famine and slaughter - perpetrated in their own country by China's leaders at the time: Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping?" the group said. It asked when China would

commemorate the deaths of people during a 1958-1961 famine, the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen crackdown, saying leaders "cannot impose a forced amnesia."

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said China had long ago reached a clear conclusion about the political turmoil of the 1980s. "The more than 30 years of the great achievements brought about by China's reform and opening up have proven that the path of development that China has chosen is completely right," she told a

daily news briefing.

One of the more prominent members of the Tiananmen Mothers group, Zhang Xianling, said they were also inspired by President Xi Jinping's remarks last month to Japanese officials that "the crime of aggression committed by Japanese militarism cannot be concealed."

"So we think that the crime of murder is also not easy to cover up," Zhang, 77, told Reuters by telephone. "Your killing of people in China was even more brutal than what happened during the war."



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A Myanmar military officer gestures from a boat packed with migrants off Leik Island in the Andaman Sea, on Sunday.

Myanmar escorting boat with migrants to safe area

YANGON--Myanmar said a boat crammed with 727 migrants that it has kept stranded at sea for days was now being escorted to a "safe" area for identity checks and the United States said it believed those aboard would be allowed ashore in Myanmar this week.

"The operation is starting. They will be taken to a safe destination," Myanmar Information Minister Ye Htut told Reuters by telephone, adding that the migrants had been provided with food and water. He would not disclose that location due to "security and safety concerns".

Earlier, Ye Htut had said Myanmar's navy was taking the converted fishing boat to Bangladeshi waters, prompting its neighbour to underline that it would take back only those who were genuinely its citizens, but he later clarified his remarks to say the verification process

would take place first.

A spokeswoman for the U.S. State Department said she believed the Myanmar government had decided to allow the migrants to disembark in Myanmar on Wednesday or Thursday, something Washington welcomed. "We urge (Myanmar) to provide full protection and assistance to these migrants in coordination with UNHCR and IOM, Marie Harf said, referring to the U.N. refugee agency and the International Organisation for Migration.

The 727 migrants are the among an estimated 2,000 people, mostly Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar and Bangladeshis, that could still be at sea after being abandoned by people-smuggling gangs since a crackdown started last month in Thailand, the U.N. said. The migrants were found drifting in the Andaman Sea on Friday in an overloaded fishing boat

that was taking on water.

Chris Lewa, whose Arakan Project tracks the movement of Rohingya boats, said the migrants should be put ashore immediately and the United Nations should have access to them to provide assistance and identify who they are. IOM spokesman Leonard Doyle told a news briefing in Geneva the organisation was concerned the boat might be taken to Bangladeshi waters and was worried about migrants "not being given due places to land and continuing to suffer while they are aboard these vessels."

Myanmar's government initially labelled the migrants on the overloaded boat "Bengalis", a term it applies to both Bangladeshis and Rohingyas, a mostly stateless Muslim minority of about 1.1 million living in apartheid-like conditions in Myanmar's Rakhine state.

Burundi protesters back on the streets

BUJUMBURA--Police fired on protesters who took to the streets of Burundi's capital on Tuesday in renewed protests against President Pierre Nkurunziza's decision to run for a third term in office, witnesses said.

Protesters said they were angry that a weekend summit of African leaders had not urged Nkurunziza to halt his bid but only urged a delay in elections.

Witnesses in Cibitoke and Musaga, two volatile districts of Bujumbura, said the police shot at protesters in the morning. One demonstrator in Musaga was wounded in the clashes and four others arrested, witnesses said. Police have routinely denied shooting any protesters, who have often burned tyres and hurled rocks at security forces during several weeks of unrest.

Opponents of the president say he is violating the constitution by running, while supporters say a constitutional court ruling allows him to enter the race again. The crisis is the

worst since the end of an ethnically fuelled civil war in 2005.

Presidential spokesman Gervais Abayeho said on Monday the government was receptive to the idea of shifting the poll, as requested by regional leaders meeting in Dar es Salaam on Sunday. "The Dar es Salaam summit was a failure because the issue that forced people on the streets is the third term of Nkurunziza," said Claver, a protester in Musaga who declined to give his full name for fear of government reprisals.

Diplomats have said the longer unrest continues the more chance old ethnic wounds are reopened. The civil war pitted the army, which was then led by the Tutsi minority, against majority Hutu rebel groups, including one led by Nkurunziza. The violence has rattled a region with a history of ethnic conflict.

The government has called the protests, which erupted on April 26, an insurrection and detained scores of people. Civil society activists

say at least 30 people have been killed in the unrest.

Parliamentary and local council elections have already been delayed by more than a week to June 5, although experts say it will be difficult to meet that deadline now. A presidential poll is set for June 26 and a senate vote for July 17.

The East African Community - comprising Rwanda, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Burundi - joined by South Africa's President Jacob Zuma called for a delay of "at least" month and a half for "the elections", without giving specifics. The opposition has called for a delayed and says it will boycott the June 5 poll. Some opposition politicians say the votes should still be held before the president's current term runs out on Aug. 26.

The European Union and Burundi's influential Roman Catholic Church last week pulled out from observing elections, saying the vote cannot be fair because of unrest and a crackdown on media.

Taiwan, Philippines coastguards in brief stand-off despite work on pact

TAIPEI/MANILA--Coastguard ships from Taiwan and the Philippines confronted each other in rich fishing waters south of Taiwan last week, officials from the two sides said, in an incident that comes as they are working on a pact to resolve maritime disputes.

In 2013, Taiwan recalled its envoy to the Philippines, froze work permit applications and ordered military exercises in waters between the two sides to press for an apology for the shooting death of a Taiwan fisherman in waters where their exclusive economic zones

overlap.

Last week, a Taiwan coastguard patrol vessel moved in "at full speed" to protect a Taiwan fishing boat and escort it back to safe waters after it had been challenged by a Philippine coastguard vessel, the Taiwan force said in a statement. A Philippines navy official confirmed the incident and said the Philippine coastguard vessel stopped chasing the Taiwan fishing boat when the large Taiwan vessel appeared.

The neighbours have worked to mend relations strained by the 2013 killing of the Taiwan fisherman by

the Philippine coastguard. They are trying to work out a pact that will formalise how to resolve fishing disputes, including a commitment not to use force, and procedures on the detention and release of any fishing vessels or fishermen.

Taiwan navy officials were not available for comment. Taiwan tends to use its coastguard to protect its maritime interests, and its navy maintains a low profile, particularly around waters where sovereignty is disputed. Taiwan does not have diplomatic ties with most countries which instead recognise China.

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Fear and confusion in South Korea amid secrecy over MERS hospitals

SEOUL—Fear and confusion mounted in South Korea over news of the first two deaths from an outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome and the government's decision not to name hospitals treating infected patients.

Shoppers snapped-up face masks and hand sanitizers, and Samsung Electronics instituted twice-daily temperature checks of staff and said it would refrain from holding large-scale events.

Life on Seoul's bustling streets, however, seemed as normal on Tuesday - a far cry from the empty sidewalks seen in Asian cities such as Hong Kong during the deadly 2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). Some people donned masks, and a hospital official said many patients had cancelled appointments apparently out of fear of being exposed to the respiratory illness.

A public health expert said it was time to do away with the Korean tradition of groups casually visiting acquaintances in hospital, even when the patient may be recovering from an illness that

was infectious. "It may be the obligatory thing to go and comfort your family or friend, but that person has to rest ... and in the current situation we've had cases where they were exposed while visiting hospitals," said Kim Woo-joo, head of the Korean Society of Infectious Diseases.

National health officials have not identified the hospitals where patients are being treated, although local officials in Gyeonggi province surrounding Seoul said one of the patients had died there. More than 700 people are in isolation over concerns of infection, including about 100 who are in hospitals.

Even as public health authorities insisted repeatedly that it was "helpful" to keep the identity of the hospitals from the public, a list of the hospitals was quickly spreading on social media, especially among parents of young children. "There is a tendency to be hush hush too much, which is creating fear and making people nervous about going to a hospital where there was a case," said Shin So-young, a 38-year-old Seoul resident.

One social media rumour said a patient was being treated on the fifth floor of a hospital: "Make sure to tell your friends and relatives not to go there, no matter how urgent," it said.

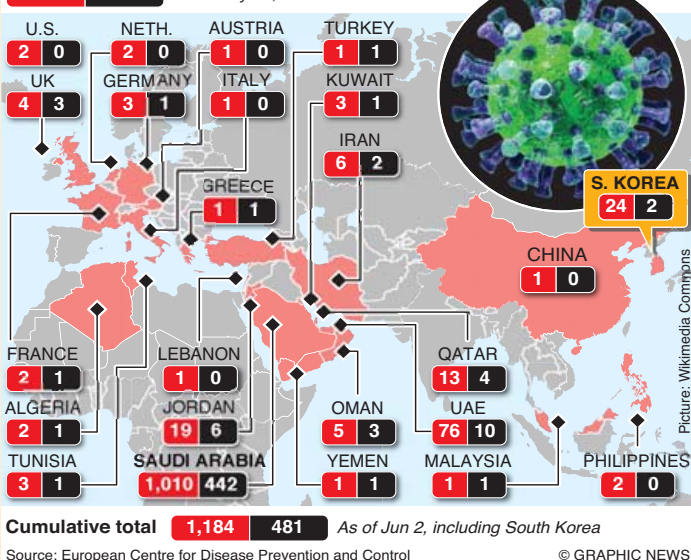
The government threatened to crack down on the spreading of false rumours. South Korea confirmed 25 MERS cases as of Tuesday, including the first two weeks ago in a 68-year-old man who had returned from Bahrain and developed symptoms including a high fever.

Health authorities have been criticised for failing to stop the first patient from infecting others.

South Korea reports first two MERS deaths

South Korea has confirmed the first two deaths from Middle East Respiratory Syndrome as it fights to contain the spread of the virus that has killed hundreds of people, mainly in Saudi Arabia

Cases Deaths As of May 30, 2015



Myanmar jails writer for Buddhist insults

YANGON—A Myanmar court sentenced a writer to two years in jail and hard labour on Tuesday for insulting Buddhism, his lawyer said, a verdict derided by activists as a blow to free speech and religious tolerance.

Htin Lin Oo, a former official with Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, was found guilty by the court in Myanmar's northern Sagaing region for comments made in a speech he

said was intended to discourage Buddhist extremism.

"Htin Lin Oo criticized Buddhist monks who had given hate speeches," lawyer Thein Than Oo told Reuters.

The transition by Myanmar, once known as Burma, to democracy four years ago has seen the emergence of a kind of Buddhist nationalism rarely seen under the military's five decades of strict rule. Long simmering tension between the Buddhist majority and its minority

Muslims has surfaced with the lifting of bans on protests and easing of censorship and has at times spiralled into rioting and deadly religious violence. Muslims have been worst hit.

The lawyer said he feared his client's previous involvement with the opposition party had raised the profile of the case, of which the decision would be appealed. Thein Than Oo said a 10-minute video segment of his client's two-hour speech

that circulated online in October last year was purposefully misinterpreted by extremists.

The verdict was condemned by rights groups for sending the wrong message. Myanmar's government "should be encouraging writers like Htin Lin Oo to promote interfaith tolerance in the country, rather than sending him to jail," Wai Hnin of the Burma Campaign UK said in a statement.

Divers comb capsized China ship

JIANLI, China—More than 200 divers combed a capsized Chinese ship in the Yangtze River on Wednesday looking for more than 400 missing people, many of them elderly Chinese tourists, as Premier Li Keqiang called for a transparent investigation.

Only seven bodies have been recovered so far and 14 people found alive. Among the few rescued was an elderly woman who had been trapped in an air pocket in the ship, which capsized during a freak tornado on Monday night.

The disaster could be China's worst shipping accident in nearly 70 years and possibly the worst in East Asia since a ferry sinking in South Korea in April 2014 killed 304 people, most of them children on a school trip. State television carried pictures of rescuers,



An aerial view shows rescue workers searching on the sunken ship at Jianli section of Yangtze River, Hubei province, China, on Tuesday.

some standing on the ship's upturned hull, working through the night.

Premier Li, who rushed to the scene to oversee rescue efforts, called for "regular and transparent updates"

on the rescue and investigation, and said authorities must ensure adequate personnel and funding.

Relatives, angry at what they perceive as a lack of information, have scuffled

with officials in Shanghai. All of the passengers on board had booked their trips through a Shanghai-based travel agency.

A passenger manifest carried by state media showed

those on board the Eastern Star ranged in age from three to more than 80. There were 456 people on board when the ship capsized. China's weather bureau said a tornado had buffeted the area where the ship was cruising, a freak occurrence in a country where twisters can happen but are uncommon.

The ship's captain and the chief engineer, who were among the few to be rescued, have been detained by police for questioning. An initial investigation found the ship was not overloaded and had enough life vests for its passengers.

The ship overturned "within one or two minutes", Xinhua news agency quoted the captain as saying. He was dragged out of the water near a pier just before midnight on Monday.

The Eastern Star, which had the capacity to carry more than 500 people, was heading to the southwest city of Chongqing from Nanjing, capital of Jiangsu province. It sank in the Jianli section of the Yangtze.

Accidents of this magnitude are uncommon in China, where major rivers are used for tours and cruises. A tug sank on the Yangtze while undergoing sea trials in January, killing 22 of the 25 people on board.

In the worst previous incident of its kind in China, the steamship Kiangya blew up on the Huangpu river in 1948, killing more than 1,000 people.

The Eastern Star is owned by the Chongqing Eastern Shipping Corporation, which runs tours along the Three Gorges section of the Yangtze.

Fiat Chrysler delays many future vehicle programs

DETROIT—Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in the past year has delayed the redesign or release of at least a dozen current or new vehicles in North America, according to suppliers familiar with the company's plans. The unusual number of delays could let the automaker defer billions of dollars in investment while searching for a partner.

FCA Chief Executive Sergio Marchionne is shuffling product plans even as he seeks a partner for his company, the seventh largest global automaker. Marchionne says consolidation in the auto industry is inevitable, because automakers are burning capital investing in overlapping engines and vehicles.

Among the North American vehicles FCA has delayed updating are high-margin mod-

els including the Ram 1500 pickup and the Jeep Wrangler utility vehicle, according to five people familiar with the company's plans. Sales of pick-ups and utility vehicles account for more than half of FCA's pre-tax profit, according to industry analysts.

At the same time, FCA is accelerating development of certain vehicles. The Alfa Romeo brand may be getting more models on a faster schedule than originally planned, suppliers told Reuters.

FCA made its future model plans the centerpiece of a five-year, \$50 billion plan that Marchionne outlined to investors in May 2014, including boosting annual global sales to 7 million by 2018 from 4.75 million last year. Since Marchionne came out with his plan, at least 12 future vehicle programs have been delayed at Jeep, Ram, Dodge, Chrysler and Maserati, in some cases

by a year or more, suppliers said.

Suppliers cited several possible reasons for the delays, among them last-minute design and engineering changes, including some that could reduce FCA's overall investment. FCA's cash and marketable securities fell by 1.1 billion euros (\$1.2 billion) between Dec. 31, 2014, and March 31, while its net debt rose to 8.6 billion euros from 7.7 billion euros.

FCA declined to comment on specific delays. The product plan outlined to investors in 2014 was "a five-year snapshot of our plans," the company said in a statement to Reuters.

"Those plans need to be flexible and fluid, with the potential to add some vehicles, pull some forward and extend the life cycle of others," the company said. "We look at these programs on a vehicle-by-vehicle basis."

The automaker appears



An assembly line with 2014 Ram 1500 pickup trucks is seen at the Warren Truck Plant in Warren, Michigan, in this file photo taken September 25, 2014.

to be focusing its resources on updating its most profitable vehicles, including the Ram, the Wrangler and the Jeep Grand Cherokee, while pushing back planned redesigns of such slower-selling, lower-margin models as the Dodge Dart. However, redesigns of some of the company's most popular models are being slowed, suppliers said. The redesigned Ram 1500 pickup now has moved

from mid-2017 to November 2017, they said.

The introduction of the redesigned Jeep Wrangler is now slated for July 2017, suppliers told Reuters. FCA said a year ago it planned to begin production of a redesigned Wrangler in early 2017. Marchionne said two weeks ago that he hasn't yet decided where the new Wrangler will be built. The vehicle is currently assembled in Toledo, Ohio.

Marchionne also said that a

redesign of the Grand Cherokee, one of the company's most profitable models, has been delayed for an unspecified period of time so engineers could take "a complete re-look" at the vehicle's basic underpinnings. That architecture will be shared with a larger and pricier derivative called Grand Wagoneer that's intended to compete with luxury utility vehicles such as the Range Rover, he said.

Sotheby's withdraws sale of painting alleged stolen

MOSCOW—The international auction house Sotheby's withdrew from auction on Tuesday a painting by a famous Russian artist that Russia's Interior Ministry said last week had been stolen in 1997 from a private collection in Moscow.

The auction house said "Evening in Cairo" by Ivan Aivazovsky had been withdrawn from the London sale at the request of the consignor, or seller.

The Russian Interior Ministry, which had asked that British police block the auction, said in a statement on Tuesday the painting had been withdrawn "with the aim of resolving questions connected with compensation of the victim." The decision, it said, had been agreed by all interested parties.

Sotheby's said last week it had found no record of the painting in the databases of stolen art and would proceed with the sale on June 2, with the agreement of the consignor and the family which said it had been stolen. It was not clear why there had been an apparent change of mind.

In an emailed statement on Tuesday, Sotheby's said: "Ivan Aivazovsky's Evening in Cairo, Lot 23, in Sotheby's 2 June 2015 Sale of Russian Pictures has been withdrawn at the request of the consignor."



A man walks past a logo of HSBC outside a branch at the financial Central district in Hong Kong, China on Tuesday.

HSBC getting ready to cut thousands of jobs globally

LONDON/HONG KONG—HSBC Holdings Plc could announce thousands of job cuts at a strategy day next week, Sky News reported on Monday, part of chief executive Stuart Gulliver's overhaul of Europe's biggest bank.

The plan could also see Gulliver sell operations in Brazil and Turkey and take a knife to HSBC's investment bank.

An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 jobs will be axed, Sky News said, citing unidentified sources. The number has not yet been fi-

nalised and Gulliver will lay out the plans at an investor presentation on June 9, the broadcaster said. HSBC declined to comment on the Sky report.

It was unclear how many of those cuts would come from moves already announced by the lender. Gulliver was appointed CEO in 2011 and has axed more than 50,000 jobs at the bank as part of a restructuring. However, he has come under pressure from shareholders to do more to revive the bank's flagging fortunes.

Jim Antos, analyst at Mizuho Securities Asia, told Reuters TV that more job cuts may not be enough to appease investors. "The share price has been dead for several years now. What the market is looking for is something pretty substantial like a new strategy, a new theme," he said in an interview with Reuters TV in Hong Kong on Tuesday. "They've had tens of thousands of job cuts already and it's not been the answer so far. It's repeating the same pattern," Antos said.

Chinese economy faces more pain than gain

SHANGHAI—China's economic growth, already at its slowest in decades, will get worse before it gets better, as economists say it will take time before liberalising reforms turn net positive, and Beijing needs to bite more such bullets for a sustainable turnaround.

GDP growth slowed to 7.4 percent last year, its weakest since 1990, and Beijing is calling for around 7 percent growth in 2015. The IMF recently predicted 6.8 percent growth this year, and 6.25 percent in 2016.

That's still a ripping rate for a \$10 trillion economy, so few economists believe a crisis is imminent, but even fewer believe an upturn is around the corner, as reform itself is partly responsible for the slowdown.

"For this year, unfortunately, we have not seen the bottom," said Wang Jun, economist at the China Center for International Economic Exchanges, a think-tank set up to help Beijing navigate choppy waters after the global financial crisis. "Growth should stabilise, but it's hard to judge for next year because that depends on the progress that we make in structural adjustments."

Though Beijing has repeatedly cut interest rates and freed banks to lend more, that has done more to fuel

debt-funded stock market speculation than spur productive investment. The resilience of the stock market surge is in part a recognition that government will have to keep injecting fresh cash, since nearly every indicator of economic performance has been lacklustre or worse in 2015, with manufacturing output sliding, deflationary pressure rising, and demand weak both at home and abroad.

Unemployment, a key benchmark of social stability, remains low at around 4 percent, but even officials doubt the reliability of that figure. Private surveys show rising unemployment stress, and local governments are moving to protect jobs at state-owned enterprises.

Officially, non-performing loans remain manageable at below 2 percent, but most analysts believe real rates are far higher, since many firms and local governments tapped the opaque shadow banking market.

On Saturday state media published comments by a state think-tank economist predicting recovery would be "L-shaped", not V-shaped, and even that would be in doubt once the impact of recent monetary easing wears off. Sustainable recovery, he said, needs deeper reform.

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Greece's creditors draft deal to unlock aid

BRUSSELS/ATHENS—Greece's creditors on Tuesday drafted the broad lines of an agreement to put to the leftist government in Athens in a bid to conclude four months of acrimonious negotiations and release aid before the cash-strapped country runs out of money.

The joint effort by the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund to set out the terms for a cash-for-reforms deal came after the leaders of Germany and France held emergency talks with those institutions in Berlin on Monday night to press the lenders to bridge their own differences and find a solution.

"It covers all key policy areas and reflects the discussions of recent weeks. It will be discussed with (Greek Prime Minister Alexis) Tsipras tomorrow," a senior EU official said.

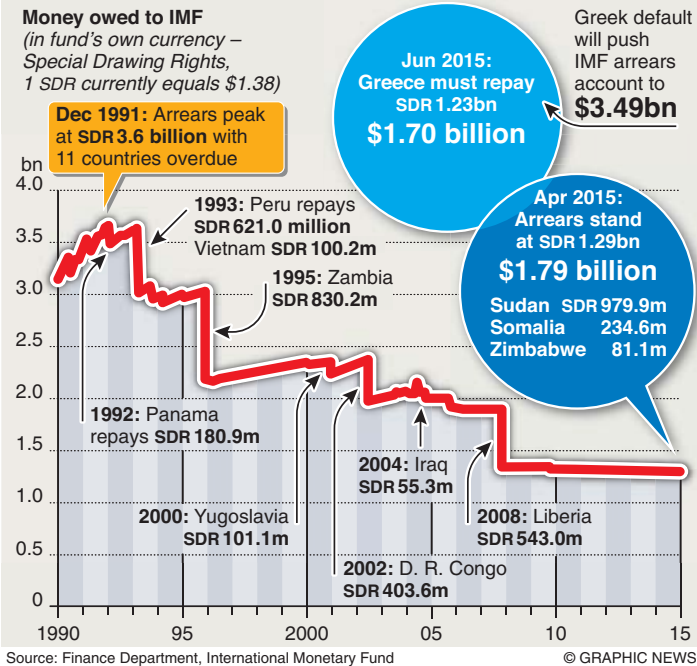
Another official said German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande would put the plan to Tsipras by telephone within hours to try to secure his acceptance. A Greek government official said Tsipras would travel to Brussels on Wednesday for a meeting with European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker in the evening, upon Juncker's request.

"The prime minister will be in Brussels tomorrow with the Greek proposal in his luggage," the official said.

Tsipras, who has vowed not to surrender to more austerity, tried to pre-empt

Greece could double IMF debt arrears

While no country has defaulted on the International Monetary Fund, three nations owe \$1.79 billion in loan repayments. If Greece fails to meet its debt obligations in June the IMF arrears account will almost double



a take-it-or-leave-it offer by the creditors, sending what he called a comprehensive reform proposal to Brussels on Monday before they could complete their version. Euro zone officials branded the Greek text insufficient and said it was not formally on the table.

The Greek leader faces a backlash from his own supporters if he has to accept cuts in pensions and job protection to avert a default and keep Greece in the euro zone. Despite defiant rhetoric and face-saving efforts, he seems

likely to have to swallow painful pension and labour reforms, facing the choice between putting them to parliament at the risk of a revolt in his Syriza party, or calling a snap referendum.

Starved of aid and access to bond markets, Athens is precariously close to running out of money. It has threatened to default on an IMF payment this week without a deal, though it also says it will reject any ultimatums.

Failure to reach agreement this month could trigger a Greek default and lead to

the imposition of capital controls and a potential exit from the euro zone, dealing a serious blow to Europe's supposedly irreversible single currency. The euro zone source said the Greek document contained no significant concessions on the main outstanding issues of pension and labour market reform, fiscal targets and the size of the civil service.

The European Union's economics chief said earlier Athens had put forward first proposals for pension reform as the talks reach a crunch point this week with

Greek funds drying up. The chairman of euro zone finance ministers, Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who was not at the Berlin meeting, said there were growing indications that Greece wanted a deal, but that required the Greek government to tell its voters the truth, that it will not be able to deliver on all its election promises.

"There are signs that Greece and Tsipras are motivated to achieve a breakthrough," Dijsselbloem told RTL Nieuws. "We aren't far enough along and time is pressing."

"The bottom line is that we are not going to meet them halfway," he said. "The package as a whole must make sense in budgetary terms."

The Berlin meeting showed that national and international leaders have taken the battle to keep Greece in the euro zone into their own hands after months of insisting it was a matter for technical negotiations among experts. A Greek government official said Athens would make a 300 million euro (\$329.58 million) repayment to the IMF on Friday as due if there was an agreement with the creditors, hinting it might otherwise withhold the money without saying so explicitly.

"If we judge that a deal has been sealed, then we will make the June 5 payment normally," the official said, adding that the money would be transferred even if a preliminary agreement had not yet been approved by Eurogroup finance ministers.

Radical transition of economy needed to curb climate change

BONN, Germany--Harmful impacts of global warming such as heat waves and sea level rise are mounting and show a need for a "radical transition" to a greener economy, a study presented at U.N. climate talks said on Tuesday.

Damage is growing even though average temperatures have risen only 0.85 degree Celsius (1.5 Fahrenheit) above pre-industrial times, less than half the 2C set as a maximum acceptable rise by almost 200 nations, it said.

"Negative impacts are not

only something in the future - they are something now," said Zou Ji, a co-leader of the U.N. review of consultations about science policy for governments working on a U.N. climate deal in Paris in December.

All sides at the presentation of the report, on the sidelines of June 1-11 talks on the Paris accord, said government promises so far for curbs on greenhouse gas emissions were too weak to stay below the 2C goal. "Limiting global warming to below 2C necessitates a radical transition ... not

merely a fine tuning of current trends," according to the report based on talks between experts and governments.

Such a transition would mean deep cuts in greenhouse gases, shifting from fossil fuels such as coal and oil to renewable energies such as wind, hydro and solar power, it said.

The report also concluded that the 2C goal was too often wrongly viewed as an acceptable maximum, a "guardrail" up to which climate change would be manageable. But impacts

of climate change, such as damage to coral reefs or a melt of Greenland's ice that is raising sea levels, showed risks were already increasing.

"The guardrail concept in which up to 2C would be considered safe would be better seen as an upper limit, a defence line," said Andreas Fischlin, a co-leader of the report.

Thomas Stocker, a senior Swiss scientist from the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said governments faced tough choices in managing

the risks of warming. "The elephant in the room is what we can do to change the trend in emissions," he told delegates.

Many developing nations favour setting a ceiling of 1.5C above pre-industrial times, arguing that their economies are vulnerable to impacts such as storms, floods, droughts and sea level rise. Collin Beck, representing the Solomon Islands, said scientists should do more to examine ways to set up a defence line against 1.5 degrees.

Making a demonic mountain of an entertaining mole hill

Dear Editor,
The manner in which the St. Maarten United Ministerial Foundation and the Federation of Churches of French St. Martin has handled the popularity of the "Charlie Challenge" is both embarrassing and ineffective. I'm sure their intentions were good, but due to their lack of understanding regarding

the minds of children (and reality itself), they have only exacerbated the situation.

You see, the Charlie Challenge is a make-believe children's game. That is all. Children are naturally inclined to go looking for spooky thrills through safe outlets. Such as haunted houses, horror movies, and spooky books. Charlie

Challenge is no different. It's a fun 'scary' game that can do no harm. And children know this, until groups such as the SMUMF and FEDOC find the need to give the children a celestial slap on the wrist. The issue here is that by condemning it, you are giving the fears of the children validity.

Up to this point it was a fun game that left the vast majority of children giggling, it is now the gullible fears of the adults that insert irrational and unnecessary thoughts into the minds of the kids.

The church groups say "children may experience all kinds of paranormal situations such as hearing voices, things being moved, shadows and sinister laughing". Are you kidding me? They are called 'paranormal' for a reason. They don't happen. And if they do it is strictly in the overactive imagination of the cognitively compromised person involved.

Then again if you really do believe in these things then perhaps you are naïve enough to see the Charlie Challenge as a somewhat legit occult practice (though no more 'occult' than your own). This is part of the problem, the people that are attempting to instruct the children have a weaker grip on reality than the children themselves! It is the adults that are attempting to add legitimacy to the (until now) entertaining fears of the children. Thinking they actually understood the concept and purpose of the Charlie Challenge, this was the first mistake made by the churches.

The second could have been avoided with the most basic comprehension of childhood psychology. You see the first thing a child will do after you tell them not to do something, is do it. Particularly the adventuresome tykes that would try a game like the Charlie Challenge. Nothing piques a child's curiosity like telling them something is taboo. So you demanded them not play it and even "not to let their friends or peers pressure them into participating either."

Congratulations SMUMF/FEDOC, you can rest assured that any child hearing this warning will go out of their way to do exactly that. If they'd not played (or heard of) the game before, you can bet your best rosary they will now! So in one ill-fated declaration you have simultaneously deluded the minds of children into thinking a harmless game will now 'haunt them with fear' and pretty much guaranteed they'll all give it a try. Well done!

Now like 'Bloody Mary' last year and 'Charlie' this year, what should you do next time the kids brew up a spookily entertaining game? How can you help save their souls and allow them to sleep at night? Use the only method proven over the millennia to help alleviate the fears of many and bring them understanding. Educate them. But that education must be based in reality, not the church, or any other faith-based fantasy. Explain to them that fear is a good and natural emotion for a child (for anyone really!). It comes in very handy when a circumstance is truly dangerous and deserving of it. But when applied to

a completely safe situation, it is simply thrilling.

Skydiving, bungee jumping, roller coasters and other activities simulate danger to the exhilaration of countless adults. For children who are still developing their critical thinking skills, a game as simple as the Charlie Challenge can offer that same thrill. They want it, they will seek it and they will love it. It's a natural inclination that is relevant throughout our entire lives, so stop deforming it into an overblown fuss.

The children will play games such as this whether you like it or not. So you can continue your current path of filling their heads with unjustified terror based on your own delusional view of the world (making a demonic mountain out of an entertaining mole hill). Or you can educate them about the real entertaining reasons of their actions and encourage them to

continue having fun with the game. Because yes, fear is fun (well, until you go and paint all your religious rhetoric all over it).

People of all ages seek it in a wide variety of manners, and one of them is the Charlie Challenge. Look SMUMF and FEDOC, your most beneficial course of action is teach the children about being responsible people, good people, how to be courteous and respect others.

Teach them about real dangers such as drugs, unsafe sex, gang violence, reckless driving and other aspects of their actual environment. You know, real life. Let activities such as the Charlie Challenge serve their purpose as an inevitable and natural development of curious and adventurous children. It's just a game. And the sooner you realize that, the sooner it will go away.

Ash Campbell

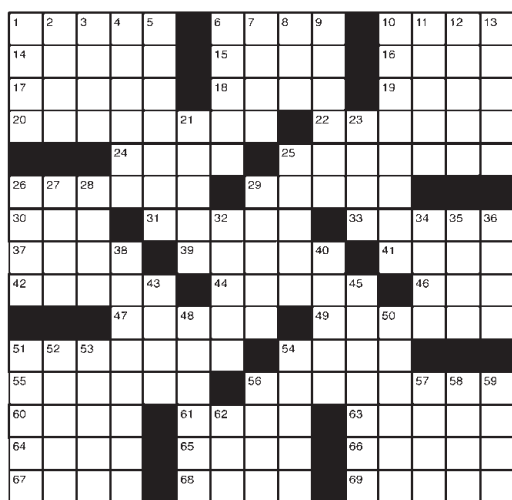


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- 15 Harness strap
- 16 Tight, as a rope
- 17 Makes a mess at the table
- 18 Poor box offering
- 19 Singer Bennett
- 20 Summary
- 22 Tooth coating
- 24 Official stamp
- 25 Exact
- 26 Cut in half
- 29 Capture
- 30 ___, dos, tres...
- 31 ___ aback; surprised
- 33 "Ode to a Nightingale" poet
- 37 Night twinkler
- 39 Lowest point
- 41 Certain
- 42 Remained optimistic
- 44 ___ oneself; worked steadily
- 46 Source of light and heat
- 47 Longest bone in the body
- 49 Warmed up
- 51 Tumbler
- 54 Go by
- 55 Summer wear
- 56 Those who defame others
- 60 Mah-jongg piece
- 61 U-___; rental moving truck
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- 68 Property owner's paper
- 69 Fencing swords

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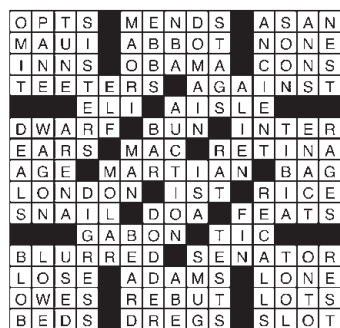
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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 3 Timely benefit
- 4 Be against
- 5 Honor
- 6 Weak
- 7 Becomes firm
- 8 That fellow
- 9 Stick in
- 10 Connects
- 11 Ruth's mother-in-law
- 12 Songs
- 13 In ___; chic
- 21 Hell's ruler
- 23 Whiplash site
- 25 Overwhelming fright
- 26 Shrub
- 27 4 ___ 12 is 3
- 28 Cleansing bar
- 29 Sauna builder's wood
- 32 Done for; no longer usable
- 34 Vienna's nation; abbr.
- 35 ___blue; loyal
- 36 Put in the mail
- 38 Plant new trees in the woods
- 40 Physical therapy, for short
- 43 Money owed
- 45 Merit; earn
- 48 Prepared taters
- 50 Snoozing
- 51 Up and about
- 52 Neighbor of Argentina
- 53 ___ up; furls
- 54 Made a stack
- 56 Early guitar
- 57 To be; Fr.
- 58 Get up
- 59 Beholds
- 62 Polished off

The audacity to hope and work

Dear Editor,

I have the greatest love for this island and its people. I say greatest because I have the utmost confidence in myself and my capabilities to be of great service to the island and world. I am one who believes that the country is a reflection of the condition and mind state of the people. Thus, if our country is productive morally, politically, educationally and socially, it is because a greater percent of our population are so. Unfortunately, since we don't have such a population that is fortified in their innate capabilities, our gem of an island has been robbed of the element that made it home to over 100 nationalities.

There seems to be a general feeling on the island that we are headed downhill with no means of getting back up. Confucius says, "The strength of a nation derives from the integrity of the home." Had we remembered and embraced our heritage, we would never be so pessimistic. As written in Romans 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint..." In its simplicity, that remains a monumental phrase to be written in the bible. Jesus said it best when He told his disciples in Matthew 10: 29-30, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered."

Our problem lies in the lack of confidence and low expectations we have for our own people. Look back at the story of David and pay attention to the failing faith of Saul in his army's ability to defeat the Philistines and the mighty Goliath. Pay attention to the unknown shepherd boy, who became the valiant victor and chopped off Goliath's head. When Samuel approached Jesse about one of his sons being the chosen one, David did not even cross the mind of Jesse even after he named all of his elder brothers. But while Saul was lamenting a nearing defeat, there was still hope of a victory. And had we had faith in our youth, loved them, taught them well and stood behind them, we would not be afraid of what the future holds.

It is pivotal that we regain and strengthen our connections with the Almighty. It is written in Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Had the population and its elected officials practiced true integrity, there wouldn't have been a blockade for government to do its duties and the Dutch wouldn't be playing

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A last mindful moment on gifts from Curtis 'King' Heyliger

Dear Editor,
The informal practice of mindfulness is another way of being here. One can speak mindfully, walk mindfully, and touch mindfully. Mindfulness begins with body awareness; one accepts and feels the feet and with curiosity of mind, spreads that outward to what is in front or around you. With compassion, one can witness life.

Before I go let me tell you about the great discoveries I made during this year of grieving. Because of Curtis's vulnerability I had an opportunity to sit and 'mindfully' feel out my vulnerability and reflect on life and what it means to be a whole person. Looking back to when I was a child, I have always felt myself to be a bit more profound than the average person, a bit more perceptive than others and even a darker and deeper sense of feeling.

I am not saying this to gloat of my superior mysterious capabilities to see life; on the contrary I realize that many and, in particular, young people feel this in themselves and are often unsure how to relate with this feeling and knowing. That the adults deny, and rationalize something that is

mysterious hoping to cut the youngsters off from a reality that they can sense is there. That the adults stomp mindlessly over the existence of this phenomenon leaves our youngsters to investigate without adult involvement.

In a radio/television interview with Mr. Fernando Clark, I had a revelation as he would sometimes in a joking and other times a more collaborators fashion, support or ask me to clarify what I am trying to talk to the public about in my mindful moment articles. Most of my articles are based on my accepting my humanness by embracing and acknowledging my son's illness (something he could not live with).

Curtis's illness revealed to me our misguided beliefs of what made us strong - I had to unlearn certain beliefs by implementing messages of love, honesty, courage and dependence on others (you know, the mushy stuff). In his journal, he had wondered if "his family" would keep his suffering a secret. I believe we all want to be loved and valued, to be seen and known - to be felt.

Somewhere in Curtis's young life, I lost connection with him. I lost connection

with myself, and by degrees I lost connection with others too. That responsibility was mine, but in our day to day living what is admired, and encouraged here are material wealth, puffed up chests and winning. I find the messages sent throughout the world, to have a seductive lure towards false believe.

That we can have it all without any internal trials and tribulations, any profound hurts and sacrifices, just do it. It dismisses our messy and complicated core. The message that winning makes us great that the manifestations (cars, homes, trophies) reveal how powerful and important we are, make us under estimate and undervalue our efforts to be.

The truth is our disabilities, deformities, illnesses, challenges and struggles, with ourselves and our relationships are the key components to making us great.

That we hide it does not make us superior only psychologically more confused. We are fragile, we need to embrace this, not try to cure it (we might take better care of ourselves and each other if we remember this).

How we stand before pain, our own or someone else's

will reveal our humanness. Pride and ego (concealing and apathy) should be the monsters we wary. The great lesson by Curtis was the permission to pull out the welcoming mat to my own flaws and weaknesses: To be there when I look at a loved one, to be mindful of the whole person standing in front of me.

Because of Curtis, my pursuit of pleasure and life is real, not as a distraction. It's like he died so that I could come into my body to live (instead of living in my head). Before we are mind, we are body and for a long time I could not even find my tears. I have not perfected the realigning of body and mind, but I am committed to working at this for my forever. Still, the most important thing I have learned is that parents and adults need to have an emotional and psychological bond with their children.

In the social arenas more and more we see the adults disappearing from children's lives and leaving them to be anchored to their peers. This is dangerous and most unfair (to the children) in the environment now when it is so easy to be lured by negative experiments and to become trapped in situations where adults should be present.

Again I am not giving our society the blame for Curtis's passing; I am sorry for those who felt that I was doing that. I am calling for the leaders of all of the school and youth societies to re-evaluate the social and emotional learning (so, relating and relationships) and investigating the feedback loop for certain youngsters in our society. The leaders hold responsibility, adjust the system when it no longer serves the people. You can recognize a caring country, by the way it takes care of its youth!

I want to thank the daily newspaper for allowing me a chance to voice opinions. I want to thank the radio and television host for taking the time to have me tell my story. I want to thank Curtis's friends for sharing the untold side and for loving him the way they did. I want to thank the many people that have hugged me, shared their personal stories with me and thanked me for my openness. The honour is mine as I grieved here and had you empathize with me and all my humanness. Thank you and farewell for now

Ralph Cantave

Debbie Zwanikken

Palms 91: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide in the shadow of the Almighty." With deep sadness we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend:



Atrice Viola Froston - Stakelborough

Sunrise: June 14th, 1941

Sunset: May 26th, 2015

She leaves to mourn her:

Husband: M. Marius Froston
Daughter: Linda Arleen Froston
Step Sons: Ronvil Froston
Leslie Chance Froston (U.K)
God Son: Lindon Hodge
Sisters: Irene Hodge and family (SXM)
Drusilla Stakelborough (SXM)
Helen Lake-Hazel and family (SXM)
Margrete Betty Goffe-Hazel and family (U.S.A.)
Melda McMullen and family (U.S.A.)
Barbara Charville (U.S.A.)
Sophia Iles and family (SXM)
Elderine Iles (SXM)
Ghysline Iles (SXM)
Moyenva Bromet (SXM)
Claudette Hazel and family (AXA)
Melford Hazel and family (SXM)
Cyril Hazel and family (SXM)
Sam Hazel and family (SXM)
Newton Hazel and family (SXM)
Freddy Hazel and family (SXM)
Edward Arrindell and family (USA)
Nieces and Nephews too numerous to mention
Uncle: Mauritz Stakelborough (CUR)
Brothers-in-Law: Henderson Hodge and family (SXM)
Calvin Lake and family (AXA)
Alcile Lake and family (USA)
Special Cousins: Bernice Joseph-Stakelborough and family (SXM), Sonia Stakelborough and family (CUR), Luvia Longville and family (SXM)
Other cousins too numerous to mention

Special Friends: Carlene Cocks, Ellis Dixon, Dion Flanders, Franklin Maynard & Family, John Matinguha and Rafael Boasman.

Special Family Friends: Angela Sawh (SXM), The Schlessinger Family (U.S.A.), Rosenbom Family (U.S.A.), The Dixon Family (U.S.A.) The Warno Family (SXM), The Family of the late Helena Richardson, The Family of the late Josianne Bell, The Family of the late Ethel Van Gorp, The Banks Family (AXA), The Romney Family (AXA), The Connor Family (SXM/AXA), The Boasman Family (SXM), The Nisbeth-Gumbs Family (SXM), The de Weever Family, The Vlaun Family (SXM), The Maynard Family (SXM) and The Cocks Family.

The late Atrice V. Froston-Stakelborough was related to the following families:
Froston, Stakelborough, Hazel, Meyers, Olivacce, Leonard, Hodge, Joseph, Jones, Pantophlet, Longville, Bells, Van Gorp, Halley, Lake, Bryan, Baird, Adams, Banks, Romney, Connor, Carly, Beaupertuy, Proctor, Horsford, Rogers, Simmons, Gumbs, Gibbs, Levons, Webster, Illidge, Richardson, Wescot and Williams families.
A wake will be held on Thursday, June 4th, 2015 at the Royal Funeral Home, Sucker Garden from 7:00pm - 9:00pm

The Funeral Service for the late Atrice Viola Froston-Stakelborough will be held on Friday June 5th, 2015 Place: Royal Funeral Home, Sucker Garden Viewing and Tributes: 1:00pm - 2:00pm Service: 2:00pm Interment: Cay Bay Cemetery May Her Soul Rest in Eternal Peace

THE AUDACITY TO HOPE AND WORK...

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judge to damn your government to life in prison. Morality has to be a driving force in the decision making, regulating and policy making of government. Because I preach hope, it doesn't mean that we should be blind to reality.

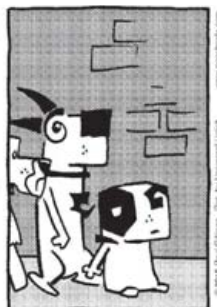
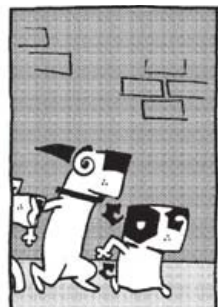
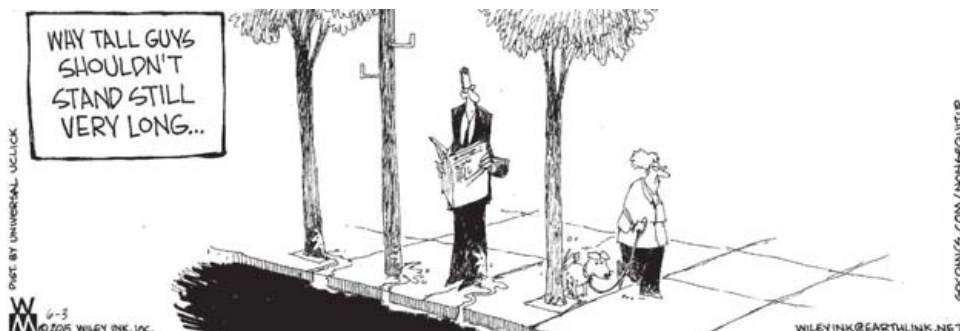
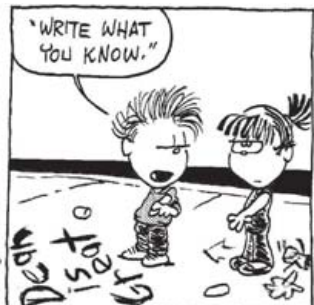
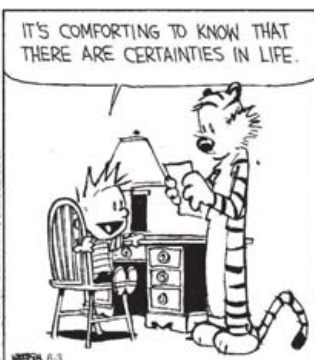
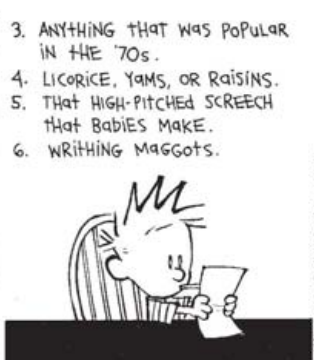
But look at what nature and history has taught us. I really admire the courage of baby sea turtles. If one observes them carefully, you would see how great these little creatures are. They are laid in the sand and covered by their mother who then abandons them. Left alone with no guardian and as they hatch, they scramble across the shore to get to their God-given destiny which is the sea. As simple as it may be, they can die in the process either by humans, huge crashing waves or predators. But that doesn't stop them from trying. They don't remain in their eggs praying that God would pick them up and gently place them in the sea. Along with faith must come work! Our innate power to achieve is one of the headlines of our history. How else could our ancestors have survived the death strokes of the whip, the mutilations and degradation?

Wasn't it an aspiration of theirs and their hopefulness that made them believe one day their offspring would be free from the whip, tyranny, and subjugation? Did it not come to existence (although partially)? But where are we now? All the secret meetings, running away and fighting weren't for us to be at the whim of another man or nation, but to be independent and free. Jesus himself rose to action when the church grounds were taken over by vendors and merchants. He chased them out. Note well that at that period Jerusalem was under the power of Rome, which was one of the most powerful nations at that period.

Here you have a common, godly man that rose with divine power and challenged those who were working to maintain the status quo. Would you have done the same? Would you dare to remove those modern-day Pharisees, who have turned the house of the people into "a den of thieves"? If you truly believe in the light that God placed within us, you wouldn't be hopeless as you are now. Matthew 7:21 says

that "not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father..." So while we pray and shout, hoping to make it in the land of milk and honey let us remember to do our job in helping the poor and sick, as well as fight corruption and evil.

I believe that despite political standstill we will achieve only if we direct our energies towards making a positive impact. While we remain hopeful, let's get to work. Take refuge in the work of God, because as He states in Isaiah 43:2, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." The saga of the nation is the saga of its families written large." The home and families are made up of individuals who each have a responsibility to make a conscious decision to become hopeful or remain hopeless.



By Nancy Black

Today's Birthday (June 3) – You're in the spotlight this year! Take advantage. Combine efforts for strength and power. Plan now to launch actions after 6/14. New domestic beginnings unveil after 10/13, leading to a turning point in a group project (10/27). Next spring eclipses (3/8, 3/23) impact your career status and passion. Stand for love.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Today is an 8 – Fulfill a fantasy. The next two days bring lots of career movement. Discover an option that was previously hidden. Trust a crazy hunch. Intuition provides the best timing. Dreams provide insight. Listen to your angels.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – Today is a 9 – Plan your vacation over the next few days. Begin a period of study and research. Dream big. Your wanderlust is getting worse. Travel and fun are favored. Give in to a romantic fantasy. Add splashes of color.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) – Today is a 9 – Review and make changes with shared finances today and tomorrow. Go over the numbers, and handle administrative details. Publicity works wonders. Point out the positives. A new power suit would be nice. Encourage a loved one's creativity.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) – Today is a 9 – Work with a partner over the next few days. Negotiate to refine the plan. Don't be afraid if you don't know how to do something. Your instincts work well. Explore new possibilities. Open heart and mind. Listen and learn.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Today is a 9 – Focus on your work for the next few days. Replenish your reserves. Don't over-extend. Increase your family's comfort. Push for productivity and increased earnings. You have what you need. Learn from an engineering type. Success boosts your self-esteem.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Today is an 8 – Fun is the name of the game today and tomorrow. Let someone else drive for a while so you can play. Consider a romantic intrigue. Invent something wonderful. Find a new way to express your feelings. Get creative.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Today is a 9 – The next two days are good for making changes. Home and family take priority. Invest in efficiency. Follow your inner impulse. Others value your problem-solving creativity. Build on a loved one's idea. Find what you need stored away.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) – Today is a 9 – Soak up your studies today and tomorrow. You're especially clever with communications. Ponder choices. Get creative. Accept advice from loved ones and especially children. Write your thoughts. A very beneficial development comes if you wait. Enjoy an outing.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – Today is a 9 – Work and make money today and tomorrow. Keep organized and stick to your schedule. Repay a favor. Your work attracts attention. Watch for gift surprises, and provide some for your family. Do something nice. Make an amazing discovery.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Today is an 8 – You're growing stronger today and tomorrow. Begin a confident phase. Make important connections. Accept more assignments, including a lucky break. Continue to build hidden wealth. Abundance is available. Be willing to learn new tricks. Abandon expectations.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) – Today is a 9 – You're entering a two-day pensive phase. Get into planning mode. Look at the big picture to discover hidden opportunities. Intuition guides you. Keep your word. Grab an opportunity. Help your team succeed. Get farther than expected.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) – Today is a 9 – Today and tomorrow favor working as a team. Set up meetings and conferences. Come up with a brilliant solution to a persistent problem. Clean up a mess. Someone else is pleased to drive. Others believe in you.



Speak your mind
By Queenie

**SEND LETTERS TO
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Dear Queenie,

I got married recently, just a quiet affair for the 2 of us at the Civil Registry.

But none of our friends have sent so much as a card. We don't need gifts, but it would be nice if they at least noticed this big event in our lives.

Queenie, what's wrong with people anyway?—**Insulted bride**

Dear Insulted bride,

You wanted a quiet wedding and you got a quieter one than you expected.

It could be that your friends were waiting for you to at least send out an announcement and when they did not receive even an announcement, let alone an invitation to the ceremony, they were insulted by the "oversight" – or it could be they thought you preferred to let this "big event" go unnoticed.

Perhaps all of you can make up for it by celebrating your first anniversary.

Only notices of fund-raising events for non-profit or educational organisations will be placed in the Events/Notices column. Notices/Events should be sent to notices@thedailyherald.com in the format used on this page. Do not send fliers or press releases to this address.

EVENTS**Saturday, June 6****WALK FOR GOD**

Organised by St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in collaboration with the Divine Mercy Charismatic Prayer Group Place: Cyrus Wathey Square, in front of the Courthouse in Philipsburg
Time: 7:00pm.

NOTICES**Soccer Camp**

Oualichi Women's Soccer Association is registering children for the Youth International Summer Soccer Camp. Registration closes June 15. Youths who register for this camp will have an opportunity to train with some of the world's top coaches. Children between the ages of six and eighteen can register by emailing oualichisoccer@gmail.com or by contacting Oualichi WSA through their Facebook page: Oualichi Women's Soccer Team

Swim Clinics, Classes

Carib Swim Team, Cole Bay is registering persons for their "Swim and "Stroke clinics". In addition, CST is also conducting "Intensive Week Long" swim programs for beginners (age 3-5), beginner plus (age 4-7), and Intermediate (age 5-8). Each course costs US\$ 50 per child per week. For more information email info@caribswimteam.org or check <https://www.facebook.com/carib.swimteam>

Volunteers Needed

SXM Community Garden Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to growing quality, chemical free, and GMO free produce right is looking for volunteers. For more information call 554-4156 or email facebook.com/sxmcommunitygardens.

Summer Camp

St. Maarten Yacht Club invites children age seven and up to their sailing summer camp from June 8 to August 29. For more information and to register email: smyccoach@gmail.com or call 5597066.

Summer Camp

No Kidding With Our Kids Foundation is registering children 4 – 13 for their Adventure Camp planned for July 6 thru July 17. For more information visit ASA main location in Suckergarden or call 5424910.

Summer Camp

Skills Educational Summer Camp is registering children ages 3 to 18 for its Summer Camp. For more information call 5240401 or 5534714.

Youth Leaders

Oranje Community School OCS is looking for youth leaders. For more info call 5867948 and ask for Valeria Richards-Schorea or Afranka Roberts after 12:00pm or call 5422464 and ask for Olivia Jacobs.

Sign Up

St. Maarten Body Building & Fitness Association (SMBBFA) informs all persons interested in competing under the association in the national championship show as well as the Central American and Caribbean Bodybuilding and Fitness Championships and other International Invitational shows that the deadline for signing up with the Association is June 07. For more information email to SMBBFA1.Sxm@hotmail.com, M.V.Rodney@hotmail.com, jenniferjohnsonp73@gmail.com

Volunteer Mentors

Foundation Voice of the Youth (SXM) is looking for volunteer mentors for the third group of the Sint Maarten youth brigade starting May 2015. The main objective of the project is to provide physical, cognitive and mental training. Email voiceoftheyouthsxm@gmail.com for more information.

Workout competition

Team Don't Quit (TDQ) Foundation will hold a workout competition at Blue Mall at 10:00am Saturday, May 30. Registration fee for participants is US \$10 and entrance is free for spectators. Check Team Don't Quit Facebook page for more information or send an e-mail to teamdontquit@gmail.com.

Sewing, Fashion Classes

Youth Development Centre of St. Martin is offering sewing and fashion design classes as well as a mentorship program for girls. Persons interested in these programs call 580-6796 or 0690 26.93.66 or email: Ydc.sxm@gmail.com

Summer Soccer Camp

Registration is open for youth soccer players to participate in a three day camp for boys and girls 6-17 years July 21-23. E-mail: oualichisoccer@gmail.com for the registration form or visit our website: www.oualichisoccer.com or Facebook page: Oualichi Women's Soccer Team.

Seniors Transportation

Good News Baptist Church in St. Peters, next to the community centre, will be transporting senior citizens to its services on Sundays, using its wheelchair-accessible Seniors Bus. Service times on Sundays are 8:30am and 7:00pm. The bus will begin running at 7:30am and 6:00pm. Call 581-1468 for more information.

Self-defence Classes

Ultimate Fitness Center is registering persons 15 and older for its Self-defence/Grappling classes now being offered in Philipsburg opposite Travel Planners. For more information call 554-5522.

School Registration

Clay Montessori Academy Foundation is now register-

ing for the 2015-2016 school year and for its After School Programme from 2:00 to 5:00pm. For more information call 527-4449 or email claymontessoriacademy@live.com.

Softball Programme

St. Martin Pony Baseball/Softball League informs all parents of girls ages 4 and older that practice and registration have started for its softball programme. Practice is held at John Cooper/Jose Lake Sr. Ballpark every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 to 6:00pm. There also will be youth softball and baseball games at the field in Belvedere on Saturdays. Registration is at the office at Cannegieter Street 93, Philipsburg. When registering take along a copy of your child's passport, ID or residency papers.

Female Soccer Team

FC Soualiga is looking for ladies to join their soccer team. Practice at Raoul Illidge Sports Complex in Cay Hill every Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00-8:30pm. Contact fcsoaliga@gmail.com or call 584-1881, Facebook: FC Soualiga, or visit during practice hours, if interested.

After School

Joann's After School is now registering children ages 3½ to 16 years for extra help in the topics Dutch and English from Monday to Friday after 12:00pm. For more information call 524-0401.

Self-Defence Classes

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu/Self Defense and Muay Thai Kickboxing classes are offered for adults and children at Renzo Gracie Jiu Jitsu St. Maarten, located at 15 Wellington Rd in Cole Bay. For complete schedule and more information please visit www.sxmbjj.com, www.facebook.com/sxmbjj or contact +1(721) 580 3894 or email info@sxmbjj.com

Steel Pan Classes

Adults and children 5 and over are advised to register for steel pan afterschool classes at Dow's Musical Foundation. Registration forms can be collected at A.Th. Illidge Road 48, Lower Prince's Quarter, St Maarten (behind Firgos Paper and Oduber agencies). For more information call 542-6971.

Dance Classes

Dance and Arts Dimensions Academy (DADA) is registering new and continuing students at the Yogesh Complex 2nd floor, across from Le Grand Marché Supermarket, Cul de Sac. Sign up for Liturgical, Ballet or Jazz in dance from ages 2 to Adult. Vocal, piano and guitar lessons are available for students ages 5 to adults. Registration times are Wednesdays 5:00-6:00pm and Saturdays 11:00am to 12:00pm. For more information call 523-4436 or 522-5801.

Volleyball Try-outs

United Volleyball Club is registering boys, girls and adults for their teams. Call 550-3435 or 520-1136 for more information and try-out times.

After School

Kid Connect is now accepting enrolment for its After School Programme, which includes Homework Help, Dutch and Lunch. Located in Cole Bay, Kid Connect is open from 8:00am to 6:30pm Monday through Friday. Tel: 721-526-6152. Email: play@kcsxm.com. www.kcsxm.com

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Fashion's rehabilitated Galliano proves himself in new job, boss says

BREGANZE, ITALY—John Galliano, the star designer sacked by Dior for a drunken anti-Semitic rant, has been successfully rebuilding both himself and the Maison Margiela fashion brand since he took over its helm in October, said the man who gave him the job.

Diesel founder Renzo Rosso, chairman and main shareholder of Maison Margiela's parent OTB group, said sales were already up 20 percent at the fashion house even though only a few of Galliano's pieces had so far reached the shelves.

Galliano, widely hailed as one of the most talented designers of his generation, fell from grace in 2011 after a video went viral of him drunk in a Paris bar, saying "I love Hitler" and telling a couple their ancestors should have been gassed. Galliano blamed addiction to drugs and alcohol for the rant, said the remarks did not represent his real views and went through a public period of rehabilitation sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, a charity that fights anti-Semitism.

He emerged with a job at Oscar de la Renta in New York in 2013 before Rosso tapped him last year to take over the house founded by Martin Margiela, a designer known for being as self-effacing as Galliano is flamboyant. "John is a real pro, I am so happy to have



Diesel founder Renzo Rosso poses at his offices in Breganze, Italy, in this handout picture taken July 16, 2014.

him," Rosso told Reuters at his company's headquarters, an hour's drive from Venice.

"He is not a designer but a couturier and has great pyramidal thinking - turning couture concepts into ready-to-wear clothing and accessories," added the tattooed 59-year-old Italian entrepreneur.

Galliano's appointment raised eyebrows last year, not only because of his controversial past but also because of the contrast between his persona and that of Maison Margiela's reclusive founder. Martin Margiela did not stitch his name on his products, never took a bow after runway shows and refused to be interviewed or photographed.

He disappeared from public life and gave up fashion after resigning in 2009. Sources have told Reuters he is now living incognito in Paris, spending most of his time painting.

It seemed an odd fit for the famously preening Galliano, but the fashion industry seems to have embraced both the British-born designer's repentance and his new role at a house with a decidedly different profile than his own. This week's edition of Paris Match, the best-selling French weekly magazine, carries on its cover a photo of lawyer Amal Clooney, the media-darling wife of film star George, in a red dress designed by Galliano for Maison Margiela.

Rosso said he thought of hiring Galliano the minute he got sacked from Dior and from his own brand John Galliano, which is still controlled by Dior, part of the LVMH group. Sales at Margiela now exceeded 100 million euros (\$110 million), Rosso said. The brand has been profitable

since 2013, after more than a decade under OTB (Only the Brave) ownership.

Before tapping Galliano, Rosso said he consulted Martin Margiela who enthusiastically endorsed his choice. "Martin told me I could not give his brand a better present as Galliano was the designer he admired the most," Rosso said.

Margiela met Galliano for hours in Paris, giving him guidance but telling him of the brand: "make it your own," Rosso said.

Rosso, one of Italy's richest men, made his fortune with the stone-washed brand Diesel he founded in 1978, which he grew with off-the-wall ad campaigns. One featured a woman in a denim burqa, another had two male sailors kissing, and another showed a model on a giant cigarette with the slogan "how to smoke 145 a day".

Two years ago, he hired Lady Gaga's former stylist, Nicola Formichetti, to "reboot" the fashion label. Now he is preparing a new

ad campaign with Formichetti, who has worked a lot on Diesel's core products such as jeans and leather jackets, but he said it would not be as provocative as in the past.

"Today, I cannot be as crazy as I was before," Rosso said. "The world has changed. You constantly have to be careful not to offend anyone."

Diesel has sacrificed more than 85 million euros in revenue in the past year to clean up its distribution, particularly on the Internet, where too many discounted items were sold, Rosso said.

In 2014, OTB's earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA), fell to 117.4 million euros from 138.1 million in 2013, on net sales of 1.5 billion euros, down 1.2 percent, but up 0.5 percent when excluding foreign exchange impacts. Diesel represents more than 65 percent of sales.

While Rosso serves as chairman, OTB is run by joint CEOs Riccardo Stilli and Rosso's son Stefano, who have said they are on

the lookout for potential acquisitions of up to 500 million euros. Two years ago, it bought Italian fashion brand Marni, which should become profitable next year when sales exceed 150 million euros, Renzo Rosso said.

Rosso said he was contemplating an initial public offering (IPO) but not before five years, a move which could coincide with his decision to resign as chairman, he added. "I think an IPO would give stability to the group and make employees feel safer," he said. In the jetset world of fashion, Rosso remains something of an iconoclast. He criticised other fashion brands for wining, dining and flying journalists around the world to attend shows, write reviews and post images on their Instagram and Twitter accounts.

"How independent can these journalists' reviews be?" asked Rosso about journalists and bloggers who stay in luxury hotels and travel for free to attend fashion shows.



BVN (Dutch/Flemish) TV
Channel 122 SXM Cable
Channel 23 WTN

Wednesday, June 3

12:00pm	VRT Journaal
12:30pm	Café Corsari
1:20pm	Eilandgevoel Schiermonnikoog
1:45pm	Profiel
2:25pm	Andere Tijden
3:00pm	NOS Journaal
3:05pm	Sesamstraat
3:25pm	Het Klokhuis
3:40pm	NOS Jeugdjournaal
3:45pm	De wereld rond met Kaatje
3:55pm	Broodje Kaas
4:10pm	Blokken
4:35pm	Thuis
5:00pm	Dagelijkse kost
5:15pm	EenVandaag
5:45pm	NOS Sportjournaal
6:00pm	VRT Journaal
6:40pm	A'dam - E.V.A. II
7:35pm	NOS Journaal
7:55pm	Weerbericht Europa/Afrika
8:05pm	Memories Extra
8:50pm	Draadstaal
9:15pm	Nieuwsuur
10:10pm	Weerbericht Amerika/Caribiën
10:15pm	Opsporing Verzocht
10:25pm	Jinek
11:10pm	Terzake
11:45pm	1000 zonnen



TV 15 (local)
Channel 115 SXM Cable

Wednesday, June 3

8:30am	Caribbean Medical
9:00am	Caribbean Newline
9:30am	Caribbean Workout
10:00am	Music Videos
5:00pm	Music Videos
5:30pm	Caribbean Newline
6:00pm	TBA
6:30pm	21 st Century
7:00pm	Dcomm
7:30pm	Programming
8:00pm	Speaking of Everything
8:30pm	Primetime with Beverly Hyman
9:00pm	Aruba Week in Review/Robbie's Lot
10:00pm	Music Videos/Caribbean Lottery
10:30pm	Live Up the Show "HIV"
11:00pm	Programming
11:30pm	Caribbean Newline



TV-CARIB (local)
Channel 10 WTN

Wednesday, June 3

6:30am	Facing the Day
7:00am	TV-Carib Informer (r)
7:40am	Noticias en Español (r)
12:05pm	Viewpoint (PID2)
	Program Rotation
5:00pm	Playtime
6:40pm	Dcomm
7:00pm	Strictly Business
7:30pm	A Betta Place
8:00pm	TV-CARIB Informer
8:40pm	Movie/Special Program
9:00pm	Live Lottery Drawings
10:00pm	Noticias en Español
10:20pm	Spanish Programs/Movie



TeleCuraçao
Channel 130 SXM Cable
Channel 8 WTN

Wednesday, June 3

6:30am	Môru Bondia
9:30am	Ban Halsu e Standarte
10:00am	Tosti
11:00am	Dun'e un chèns
12:00pm	Boletin di Mèrdia
1:00pm	Bo Tra'i Mèrdia
3:30pm	Bo Ta Sigur?/Cartoons
4:00pm	Video Zoo
5:00pm	Pidi Boka
6:00pm	Bonochi Kòrsou
7:00pm	TeleDeporte
7:30pm	FKP ta Informa
8:00pm	TeleNotisia
9:00pm	Wega di Number Kòrsou
9:10pm	Partisipashon di Morto
9:15pm	Ministerio di Finansa
9:30pm	E Bon Yu di Kòrsou
10:30pm	Clips Un Kanto pa Kòrsou
11:00pm	TeleNotisia (r)

Kerry surgery successful, no impact on duties seen

WASHINGTON--U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Tuesday underwent successful surgery to repair a fracture in his right leg and his recovery is not expected to interfere with his official duties, his surgeon said.

Kerry, 71, broke his right femur on Sunday while cycling a portion of the Tour de France route in the Haute Savoie region of France, raising questions about how deeply he may be involved in Iran nuclear talks ahead of a self-imposed June 30 dead-

line.

Dennis Burke, an orthopedic surgeon at Massachusetts General Hospital where the surgery took place, said the secretary of state was conscious throughout the four-hour operation, which took place under regional anesthetic.

"The procedure was uncomplicated, the fracture was fully repaired, and we plan to get him up walking on Wednesday," Burke said. "I anticipate a short hospitalization, a full and complete

recovery, and a return to normal function."

"I do not anticipate that this will interfere with his duties as secretary of state," he added.

A U.S. military aircraft on Monday brought Kerry to Boston from Geneva, where he had had negotiations on Saturday with Iranian For-

eign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif. One of the central questions after Kerry's fall was whether it would affect negotiations between Iran and six major powers seeking to strike an agreement to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for relief from economic sanctions.

Those talks, in which Kerry has been immersed, are due to conclude by June 30, though previous such deadlines have slipped and senior Western and Iranian officials have suggested that could happen again. The State Department on Monday said Kerry was committed to meeting the deadline and

that he expected to be back in the negotiating room by the end of the month.

The United States and some of its allies suspect that Iran is using its civilian nuclear program as a cover to develop atomic weapons. Iran denies this, saying its program is for peaceful purposes.

Clooney interested in having children

BERLIN--George Clooney and his wife Amal Alamuddin do want to have children, the U.S. actor was quoted on Monday as saying, after he caused a stir last month by saying parenthood was not high on his priority list.

Asked by German newspaper Bild whether he and Alamuddin, a human rights

lawyer, were interested in having kids, the two-time Oscar winner said: "Yes, but we're taking our time."

Clooney told U.S. network CBS late last month he had not really thought about having children, adding it "hasn't been high on my list". Clooney said he had been asked about that a lot lately because of his recent

marriage and his latest film "Tomorrowland", which has children in it.

Clooney, 54, told Bild he had dreamed of becoming a professional baseball player when he was younger and had later wanted to become a journalist. He ended up selling insurance and cutting tobacco for a while.

"I always wanted to be

a baseball player - not enough talent," he said. "I wanted to be a journalist like my father - not smart enough. Now I am what I am - and very happy."

Clooney, once dubbed the world's most eligible bachelor, married Alamuddin last September in Venice.



Actor Eddie Redmayne and wife Hannah Bagshawe arrives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Costume Institute Gala 2015 celebrating the opening of "China: Through the Looking Glass," in Manhattan, New York May 4, 2015.

Eddie Redmayne to star in Harry Potter spin-off

LOS ANGELES--Oscar-winning actor Eddie Redmayne will enter the world of magic in Warner Bros' anticipated "Harry Potter" spin-off movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," the studio said.

Redmayne, 33, who won a best actor Oscar this year for his role as Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything," will play magizoologist Newt Scamander, "who in his travels has encountered and documented a myriad of magical creatures," Warner Bros said this week.

The tale is set in New York, 70 years before the saga of boy wizard "Harry Potter," and is described as neither a prequel or sequel, but rather an extension of author J.K. Rowling's popular Wizarding World of magic. Time Warner Inc-owned Warner Bros has announced three "Fantastic Beasts" films that will follow the adventures of Newt Scamander.

Rowling, who will make her screenwriting debut with "Fantastic Beasts," is one of the world's best-selling authors. Her seven "Harry Potter" novels have sold more than 450 million copies around the world, and spawned an eight-part film franchise that grossed more than \$7 billion at the worldwide box office.

Pork-eating soldier spared detention

JERUSALEM--An Israeli soldier was spared 11 days in detention for eating pork, a non-kosher food, the military said on Tuesday, after a public outcry.

Secular standards sometimes clash with conservative Jewish law in Israel. Local media said the soldier, an American immigrant, was not aware that his ham sandwich, obtained off-base, was in breach of

religious dietary restrictions enforced on military premises.

"Bottom line - we made a mistake," armed forces spokesman Brigadier-General Moti Almoz said on Facebook of the sentence.

"There are tensions in Israeli society, and there are varied positions and opinions. In the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) there is room for everyone," he said.

Kohl doing well after operations

BERLIN--Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been in hospital since early May recovering from hip replacement surgery and a further operation but is doing well and hopes to begin rehabilitation soon, his office said on Tuesday.

Kohl's office issued a statement on his health following reports that the 85-year-old father of German reunification was in intensive care at a clinic in Heidelberg.

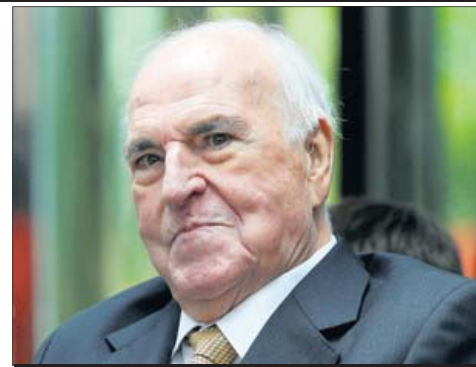
Bunte magazine, citing sources close to Kohl, said his plans to leave the hospital in early June were in doubt after he was forced to undergo additional surgery on his intestine.

"Under the circumstances,

Dr. Helmut Kohl is doing well," his office said, confirming that another operation had been necessary after the hip replacement. "In a next step he plans to go to a rehabilitation centre for his new hip, which he will combine with a vacation."

Germany's longest serving post-war chancellor from 1982 to 1998, Kohl was one of Europe's towering leaders in the second half of the 20th century but he has been physically frail for years and is usually seen in a wheelchair.

At home he is celebrated as the father of German reunification. He also pushed through the introduction of



File photo of former German chancellor Helmut Kohl attending an unveiling ceremony of bust of German artist Kaethe Kollwitz in Berlin June 26, 2013.

the euro currency together with his close ally French President Francois Mitterand.

In recent years, Kohl has espoused the benefits of closer European integration and voiced doubts about the way his former

protege, Angela Merkel, has dealt with the euro zone debt crisis.

His reputation was marred by a financing scandal in his party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), that came to light after he left office.

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Anguilla National Tennis Association joins International Tennis Federation

ANGUILLA—Through a donation from a family that visits Anguilla the Anguilla National Tennis Association (ANTA) is able to become a member of the International Tennis Federation (ITF). This will enable the island to host regional and international events that will be a much needed boost to Anguilla's tennis framework.

ITF Developmental Coordinator for the Caribbean, John Goede visited Anguilla last week. He said, "The ANTA is at the morning of a beautiful tennis day where all in the nation will feel the passion of the new executive. Embrace the game and team up for tennis Anguilla."

The Moszkowski family, who are friends of the

Anguilla Tennis Academy (ATA), donated US\$2876 to secure the ATA membership and partnership with the ANTA to the ITF. "Our family is so pleased to make this special contribution to secure the ATA membership and partnership with the ANTA to the ITF. We have loved Anguilla from the first day we came to the island, and we are certain that there will be great benefits to the children of Anguilla, as well as to the community at large, with the ANTA and ATA working together to ensure the growth and development of the sport," a spokesperson for the family commented.

President of the ATA Mitch Lake remarked, "The ATA is excited about the future of tennis in Anguilla now that the ANTA will be a participating member of the ITF. We will work closely with the ANTA to ensure that our grassroots tennis programmes receive maximum benefits and opportunities for our young tennis players."



Sharmin Turner from St. Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation presents a check to Calvin Simmonds of the Pony League. The donation is to help a group of about 16 local athletes, ages 12 and under and four adults travel to Puerto Rico so they can represent and promote the island at the Pony Caribbean Zone youth baseball tournament, June 30 to July 6.



SXM One Love Chargers Under 15 and Under 17 teams display the first and second place trophies they won at the 2014-2015 French Side Basketball Tournament.

SXM One Love Chargers win big on French side

LA SAVANE --SXM One Love Chargers Under 15 team took first place and the Under 17 took second in their respective divisions of the 2014-2015 French Side Basketball Tournament at La Savane Saturday, May 30.

The U-15 squad beat AYA 60-53. The U-17 Chargers were defeated by Killer Bees 74-61.

"We won't stop", the motto of the SXM One Love Chargers began as the vision of the then 13-year-old Ki-Mani Olivacce. Stemming from a try-out that brought out 70 athletes ages 13-17 June 2014, two teams were formed under the guidance of Coach Derrick Prince, with the initial assistance of Coach Delano Hutchinson.

Coach Prince shaped the youth into the champions they are today, always keeping player development a top priority and also reminded the players to maintain a good academic standing in order to continue in this extracurricular sport.

The team was sponsored by Nature's Discount.



Sister Marie Laurence faces Sister Borgia in the annual Primary School Water polo Competition at Raoul Illidge Sports Complex pool Tuesday.

Castro nets 10 as School water polo continues

CAY HILL—Sister Marie Laurence School played two games in the annual Primary School Water polo Competition at Raoul Illidge Sports Complex pool Tuesday. Sister Laurence started the six game day taking on St. Dominic.

Kane Matser netted seven goals as he led Sister Laurence to a 10-5 victory. After a rest period it was back in the pool to face Sister Borgia. Thierry Martina and Cevano Carty both scored five each as their Sister Borgia team cruised to an 11-4 victory.

Sixteen teams are competing in the tournament which is divided into two pools. In Pool A are Hillside Christian, Sister Magda, Regina, Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King Jr., Sister Borgia, Genevieve de Weever, St. Dominic and Sister Marie Laurent.

In Pool B are Seven Day Adventist, Learning Unlimited, St. Joseph, Ruby Labega, Charles L. Bell, Oranje School, Methodist Agogic Center and Leonald Connor.

Methodist Agogic Center also played two games yesterday. Carlon Celestin scored three times and team mate Daniel Hobgood found the back of the net twice as MAC squeezed past Oranje School 6-5. Jahiem Philips netted three for Oranje. In their second game Leonald Connor won a shoot-out 13-12. Leedje Bocio was good for nine goals and Ashara Richard-

son added two to the winning tally. Carlon Elastin scored six for MAC. Yohan James and Kailon Bedminster both netted a trio for MAC.

Riley Castro was the top scorer of the day. He blasted 10 to the back of the net as Hillside Christian blew Dr. Martin Luther king Jr. out of the pool 12-1. Richie Ellis prevented the shut out.

Learning Unlimited bested Ruby Labega 7-4. Emee Wierth netted three for LU while Yudanthony Daniels had five for the Labega School.

Action continues this morning starting at 8:00am. The final is schedule for Friday.

Saladin takes gold at Last Man standing

ST. EUSTATIUS-- James Saladin, a Statia body builder, won a gold medal at the annual Cross Fit Last Man Standing held on Bonaire May 31. Two other Statia body builders competed and medalled. Layo Woodley took silver and Linroy Smith won bronze.

The competition included truck pulling, tire pulling and running with a full wheelbarrow. In the semi-finals the group pounded tires with a heavy sledge hammer. The competition started at 9:00am and ran until 6:00pm.

The Statia crew united with Team Rasiman from Bonaire which is headed by a fitness trainer Elton Rasiman who has trained with the Statia athletes when



Tourism Public Relation Officer Teena Lopes welcomes back to St. Eustatius Layo Woodley, James Saladin and Linroy Smith after they competed in the Last Man Standing competition in Bonaire.

he visited the island a few months ago.

The group trained long and hard prior to the trip to assure they have great

condition for the matches and were sponsored by the St. Eustatius Sport Facility Foundation.

Tsonga, Wawrinka prevail but Federer's gone with the wind

PARIS-- Swirling winds caused mayhem and chaos at Roland Garros on Tuesday but Jo Wilfried Tsonga and Stan Wawrinka emerged unscathed to set up a French Open semi-final.

On a day when Wawrinka would have hoped to bask in the glory of beating his celebrated rival Roger Federer 6-4 6-3 7-6(4) for the first time on a grand slam stage, it was a freak accident that set the claycourt major abuzz.

Tsonga had whipped the delirious Court Philippe Chatrier crowd into a frenzy as he charged into a 6-1 5-2 lead against Japan's Kei Nishikori when piercing screams were suddenly heard from high up in the stands.

A large rectangular metal panel had fallen from underneath the TV commentary boxes, hitting spectators on the top row.

The incident even caught umpire Carlos Bernardes unaware, as he tried to resume the contest by calling for "Quiet Please" before he realised that everyone was distracted by the mishap which left a silver-

haired spectator and two others injured.

As the stricken fans were led away by first-aiders, Tsonga and Nishikori were ushered off court for what turned out to be a 40-minute disruption, during which 12 rows of spectators were evacuated and the area cordoned off.

The unexpected break initially did nothing to stall Tsonga's momentum and he returned to finish off Nishikori in the second set.

But after the Japanese hero threatened to gate-crash the French party by roaring back in the next two sets, Tsonga sunk to his knees in triumph as he once again raised hopes of ending France's 32-year wait for a men's Roland Garros champion with a heart-pumping 6-1 6-4 4-6 3-6 6-3 victory.

The celebrations for Tsonga did not end there as he etched "ROLAND, JE T'AIME" into the red clay with his right shoe before collapsing on to his back to form the T in the message.

"You supported me. I will never forget it," he told the roaring crowd.

Gusting winds also proved problematic in the two women's quarter-finals to take place on day 10 of the championships -- but 2008 title winner Ana Ivanovic and Czech 13th seed Lucie Safarova weathered the

conditions that periodically turned the courts into red dust bowls to set up a last four date.

Federer Outwitted

For men's second seed Federer, however, hopes of a second French Open crown were gone with the wind as he was outplayed, out-thought and outwitted by a rival he had beaten in every one of their previous four grand slam meetings.

Federer's wife Mirka hid her worried eyes behind dark shades and bit her nails ragged as the match neared its inevitable conclusion, with a forehand volley from Wawrinka killing off the 2009 champion's chances of adding to his 17 grand slam trophies.

"Many things... didn't go well, but mostly it's because of Stan's quality of shot making, forehand, backhand, serving big when he had to," said the 33-year-old.

"(The conditions) were tough. So it's impressive the way Stan was able to play."

A day after knocking out 2014 champion Maria Sharapova, Safarova's excitement kept soaring as she stormed into her first Roland Garros semi-final with a 7-6(3) 6-3 win over Spain's Garbine Muguruza.

"It's not easy because you have so many emotions go-



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France returns the ball to Kei Nishikori of Japan during their men's quarter-final match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, June 2. Tsonga won 6-1 6-4 4-6 3-6 6-3.

ing on... I couldn't really fall asleep yesterday, and then I woke up so early," said Safarova, who is bidding to become the first Czech to triumph in Paris since Hana Mandlikova in 1981.

"So I was a little tired in the morning. But the will to win and to be in the semi-

finals was so big that once I stepped on the court I was just fighting and playing really well."

Ivanovic's boyfriend, Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger, looked far more animated than his Serbian girlfriend when she completed a 6-3 6-2 win over Ukraine's Elina Svi-

tolina.

Whooping and exchanging high-fives with the rest of Ivanovic's entourage in the player's box, Schweinsteiger stood up to give the seventh seed a standing ovation as she reached a grand slam semi for the first time since her 2008 Paris triumph.

Panthers' Newton signs five-year contract extension

NORTH CAROLINA-- Dynamic Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton has signed a lucrative five-year contract extension that will keep him with the National Football League team through the 2020 season as he targets the franchise's first Super Bowl.

Though no financial details were revealed by the Panthers, local media estimate the deal to be worth \$103 million, with \$67.6 million guaranteed for the first three years.

"I'm so thankful for this opportunity," Newton, 26, said during a news conference on Tuesday. "I live my life to inspire others, for that kid in high school or college facing adversity."

"I can't state this enough. This does not change anything about his dream. It accelerates it."



Ana Ivanovic of Serbia returns the ball to Elina Svitolina of Ukraine during their women's quarter-final match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, France, June 2. Ivanovic won 6-3 6-2.

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With his key sidekicks either sidelined or hobbled, James has averaged 27.6 points, 10.4 rebounds and 8.3 assists during the postseason.

Cleveland swept Atlanta in four games to book their first trip to the Finals since 2007 when James was in the midst of his first Cleveland tour before leaving for Miami and returning home this season.

Golden State's 40-year wait to return to the Finals has come at a physical price. Curry, averaging 29.2 points during the postseason, took a violent fall in the Western Conference final and has not appeared quite the same since.

Meanwhile, backcourt mate Klay Thompson sustained a concussion in the team's series-clinching win over Houston last week but returned to practice on Monday and expects to be ready for the Finals.

Working in the Warriors favor is that Thursday's Game One will have given each team seven days, which is the longest gap in history between the end of

the conference finals and start of the Finals.

Rust could be an issue for both sides and the job of preparation will fall on the shoulders of a pair of first-year head coaches.

Golden State's Steve Kerr and Cleveland's David Blatt give the Finals two rookie NBA coaches for the first time since the league's inaugural season (1946-47). The two have taken divergent paths to get here, however.

Kerr won five NBA championships as a player and worked in the front office before landing with the Warriors. Alongside assistant coach Alvin Gentry, who has just been hired to take over the New Orleans Pelicans head job next season, Kerr has crafted an offense and culture that won a league-best 67 games and has been lauded around the league.

Conversely, Blatt's arrival to the NBA has been met with criticism and speculation about his job status as the former European coaching giant learns the pressures of coaching James.

The supporting cast of the Cavaliers will be critical as will the health of All-Star guard Kyrie Irving who missed two games of the conference final due to an ailing left knee.

Long-range bomber J.R. Smith stepped up in Irving's place and delivered some critical performances.

Cavs Australian guard Matthew Dellavedova has been a lightning rod this post-season with his scrappy play ruffling opponents but sparking Cleveland. He may have his sights set on getting physical with Curry.

The Warriors are capable of pushing back, however. Defensive wizard Draymond Green and tough big man Andrew Bogut give the team bite and help them compete in the rebounding battle even as they go to small lineups.

Schedule of games for the 2015 NBA Finals

Game 1 - June 4 at Golden State
Game 2 - June 7 at Golden State
Game 3 - June 9 at Cleveland
Game 4 - June 11 at Cleveland
Game 5 * June 14 at Golden State
Game 6 * June 16 at Cleveland
Game 7 * June 19 at Golden State (*if needed)



Washington Nationals first baseman Ryan Zimmerman (11) hits a RBI sacrifice fly against the Toronto Blue Jays during the fifth inning in game one of a double header at Nationals Park in Washington. Jays won the first game 7-3 while Nationals took game two 2-0. In other action A's bested Tigers 5-3, Red Sox beat Twins 1-0, Phillies squeezed past Reds 5-4, Marlins beat Cubs 5-2 and Rockies defeated Dodgers 6-3. (Brad Mills-USA TODAY Sports.)

Major League Baseball roundup

NEW YORK-- Washington Nationals outfielder Bryce Harper continues to be the top vote-getter in National League All-Star balloting.

Harper, who is tied for the major league lead in home runs with 18, has received 2,323,186 votes. He is followed in the outfield by the St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Holliday (1,654,428) and the Miami Marlins' Giancarlo Stanton (1,210,108).

The San Francisco Giants' Buster Posey (1,679,730) moved past the Cardinals' Yadier Molina (1,542,231) as the leader at catcher.

Other position leaders are Cardinals shortstop Jhonny Peralta (1,279,711), Cardinals third baseman Matt Carpenter (1,974,503), Marlins second baseman Dee Gordon (1,531,048), and Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez (1,380,696).

The All-Star Game will be played July 14 in Cincinnati.

Dodgers

Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Scott Van Slyke was placed on the disabled list

with a back injury.

He was replaced on the roster by veteran Chris Heisey. The Dodgers already are without injured outfielders Carl Crawford and Yasiel Puig.

In 34 games this season, Van Slyke is batting .264 with two home runs and 14 RBIs.

Left-hander Ian Thomas was recalled from Oklahoma City to be the 26th man on the roster for Tuesday's doubleheader.

Phillies

Kevin Slowey is moving from the mound to an office job, accepting a position as a special assistant to Major League Baseball Players Association director Tony Clark.

The 31-year-old Slowey spent seven years in the major leagues as a pitcher for the Minnesota Twins and Miami Marlins. The right-hander went to spring training with the Philadelphia Phillies this year as a non-roster invitee on a minor league contract but was released in late March.

Tigers

The Detroit Tigers purchased the contracts of infielder Josh Wilson and outfielder Daniel Fields from Triple-A Toledo, optioned right-hander Buck Farmer to Toledo and placed outfielder Rajai Davis on the paternity list. Davis is expected to rejoin the Tigers on Friday, according to GM Dave Dombrowski.

Jays

The Toronto Blue Jays sent catcher Josh Thole to Triple-A Buffalo and activated catcher Dioner Navarro, who was sent to Buffalo for a rehab assignment on May 26. Navarro had gone on the disabled list April 23 with a strained left hamstring.

Marlins

The Miami Marlins called up right-hander Kendry Flores from Double-A Jacksonville. He replaces departed closer Steve Cishek on the roster.

New York Cosmos defeat Cuba in diplomatic soccer friendly

HAVANA-- The New York Cosmos dominated Cuba 4-1 on Tuesday in a soccer friendly meant to promote better relations between the United States and Cuba and demonstrate that baseball-mad Cuba is also becoming a soccer nation.

International goodwill was on display as the U.S. flag was unfurled on the pitch and the U.S. national anthem played before the match, both rarities in Communist-governed Cuba.

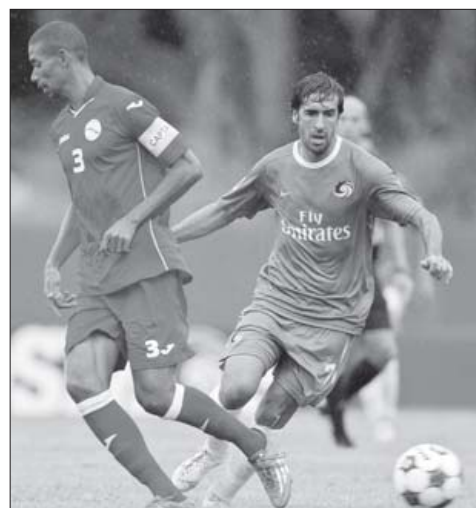
But the Cuban national team disappointed against a club from the second-tier North American Soccer League, falling behind 4-0 in the first half on two goals by Lucky Mkosana and one each from Sebastian Guenzatti and Hagop Chirishian.

Cuba, which has not appeared in a World Cup since 1938, scored five minutes into the second half on a strike by Andy Baquero.

Raul, the former Real Madrid striker and Spain captain who is now the face of the Cosmos, went scoreless.

The Cosmos became the first U.S. professional sports team to visit Cuba since detente in December, when U.S. President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro announced they would seek to restore diplomatic relations that were severed in 1961.

A daylong rain dissuaded many fans who left empty



New York Cosmos player Raul Gonzalez (R) and Cuba's Yener Marquez fight for the ball during a friendly game in Havana June 2, 2015. The New York Cosmos dominated Cuba 4-1 on Tuesday in a soccer friendly meant to promote better relations between the United States and Cuba and demonstrate that baseball-mad Cuba is also becoming a soccer nation.

the uncovered sections of the 28,000-seat Pedro Marrero Stadium.

Those who showed were in a festive mood, starting with chants for Brazilian football great Pele when he appeared from a balcony before the match. Pele, 74, a star from the Cosmos teams of the 1970s, was on his first visit to Cuba.

Fans even cheered the prematch warm-ups, blowing horns and waving flags while cramped under a leaky corrugated metal roof on one side of stadium.

Baseball remains Cuba's

national sport but soccer has gained in popularity, as evidenced by multiplying contests on dusty pitches and a proliferation of Real Madrid and Barcelona jerseys.

"I want Cuba to win but I came to follow Raul, the mythical No. 7 from Madrid," said Raydel Aguirre, a 23-year-old graphic designer who paid one peso (\$0.05) for his ticket and was wearing the jersey of Real Madrid's current No. 7, Cristiano Ronaldo.

Seated at midfield, Lionel Hernandez, 47, waved both Cuban and U.S. flags from the same staff. He considered the match, and the new U.S.-Cuban relations, to be momentous.

"Everything is advancing and this is part of it," Hernandez said. "I'm not referring to the people because there were never any differences between us, but politically, yes, this is progress."

Bulls introduce Iowa State's Hoiberg as head coach

CHICAGO-- The Chicago Bulls introduced Iowa State's Fred Hoiberg as their head coach on Tuesday, and the new helmsman said he had his heart set on a return to the National Basketball Association.

Hoiberg played 10 seasons in the NBA, including four with the Bulls, before a heart ailment ended to his playing career.

After serving in the front office of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves he became head coach at Iowa State and compiled a 115-56 record with the Cyclones that included four consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

"The pinnacle for coaches is the NBA," Hoiberg, 42, told a Bulls news conference six weeks after having

open heart surgery.

General manager Gar Forman, who has known Hoiberg for some 20 years, was confident he had the right man for the job.

CRICKET

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fifth wicket but Stokes was out for 29 just before lunch, caught by Ronchi as he attempted an ambitious cut off Williamson.

Cook's innings, lasting nearly four hours, ended on 56 when he was trapped lbw by part-time spinner Williamson before Moeen Ali was bowled for two, shouldering arms to a ball from Matt Henry that struck his off stump.

Stuart Broad made a

breezy 23 before he was bowled by Williamson but Buttler and Mark Wood shared a gritty ninth-wicket partnership of 42.

Tim Southee, with the second new ball, had Wood caught in the slips by Craig for 17 and Buttler's brave three-hour knock ended on 73 when he offered no stroke to Craig and was out lbw.

England won the first test at Lord's by 124 runs.

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GROUPS	Jun 6	A	Canada - China	New Zealand - Netherlands	Edmonton
	7	B	Germany - Côte d'Ivoire	Norway - Thailand	Ottawa
	8	C	Japan - Switzerland	Cameroon - Ecuador	Vancouver
		D	USA - Australia	Sweden - Nigeria	Winnipeg
	9	E	Brazil - S. Korea	Spain - Costa Rica	Montreal
		F	France - England	Colombia - Mexico	Moncton
	11	A	Canada - NZ	China - Netherlands	Edmonton
		B	Germany - Norway	Côte d'Ivoire - Thailand	Ottawa
	12	C	Japan - Cameroon	Switz. - Ecuador	Vancouver
		D	USA - Sweden	Australia - Nigeria	Winnipeg
	13	E	Brazil - Spain	S. Korea - Costa Rica	Montreal
		F	France - Colombia	England - Mexico	Moncton
	15	A	China - New Zealand	B Thailand - Germany	Winnipeg
		A	Netherlands - Canada		Montreal
		B	Côte d'Ivoire - Norway		Moncton
	16	C	Ecuador - Japan		Winnipeg
		C	Switzerland - Cameroon	D Australia - Sweden	Edmonton
		D	Nigeria - USA		Vancouver
	17	E	Costa Rica - Brazil		Moncton
		E	S. Korea - Spain	F Mexico - France	Ottawa
		F	England - Colombia		Montreal

ROUND OF 16

20	A2 - C2	Edmonton
22	D1 - B/E/F3	Edmonton
20	B1 - A/C/D3	Ottawa
21	F1 - E2	Montreal
21	E1 - D2	Moncton
23	C1 - A/B/F3	Vancouver
21	A1 - C/D/E3	Vancouver
22	B2 - F2	Ottawa

QUARTER-FINALS

26	QF1	Ottawa
26	QF2	Montreal
27	QF3	Edmonton
27	QF4	Vancouver

SEMI-FINALS

30	QF1 - QF2	Montreal
Jul 1	QF3 - QF4	Edmonton

THIRD-PLACE PLAY-OFF

Jul 4, Edmonton

FINAL

July 5, Vancouver, BC Place Stadium

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Flawless Germany eye third Women's World Cup crown

BERLIN-- Confident Germany are hoping to add a third Women's World Cup title to their collection despite a long club season and a short pre-tournament preparation.

Having qualified in sensational fashion after winning all 10 of their Group 1 games, the Germans are brimming with confidence ahead of the tournament, having scored 62 goals and let in four in the qualifications.

"Our team is outstanding, we have immense potential and the necessary quality to go very far in this tournament," said 36-year-old goalkeeper Nadine Angerer, preparing for what will be her fifth World Cup.

"We only have this aim in our sights and everything else is secondary," added the two-time World Cup winner, who will be retiring this year.

Germany are in Group B for the June 6-June 5 tournament in Canada and will face Ivory Coast, Thailand and Norway.

But with German players in club action as recently as last week, coach Silvia Neid, who is stepping down next year after over a decade at the helm, has had a far from ideal preparation in Switzerland.

Frankfurt beat Paris St Germain in the Champions League final on May 14 with seven German internationals involved while others still had domestic league matches.

"This is the biggest challenge because of the preparation time we had," said Neid, who has been involved in each of Germany's two World Cup wins and eight European Championship victories either as a player, assistant coach or coach.

Her 23-member squad includes 18 players who won the European crown in 2013 as well as a handful of Under-20 World Cup winners from the 2014 tournament also held in Canada.

"In the past weeks we gathered a lot of impressions and at the end it was nuances that made the difference," Neid said of her final World Cup squad.

She will be missing 2014 FIFA World player of the year Nadine Kessler, out due to injury, as well as experienced attacking midfielder Lira Alushi, who is pregnant.

Celia Sasic, the Bundesliga top scorer, will be in charge of getting the goals as she did in Frankfurt's 2-1 Champions League win over the French club.

Frankfurt teammate Simone Laudher is also back in training after an injury scare in the final.

BLATTER

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for the development of the game in impoverished parts of the world.

Kalusha Bwalya, Football Association of Zambia president and former African Footballer of the Year, said he was shocked. "The man has done a lot for FIFA," he said. "For Africa he was always there, he was always caring."

The investigation closed in on Blatter on Tuesday, when FIFA denied that his right-hand man, Secretary-General Jerome Valcke, was implicated in a \$10 million payment relating to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa that is at the heart of the U.S. case.

At the same time, a letter addressed to Valcke from the South African Football Association was published outlining the transaction.

Hours later FIFA called the emergency news conference and Blatter, who became FIFA secretary general in 1981 and president 17 years later, announced his decision.

During his FIFA career he survived a series of scandals including widespread accusa-

tions that Qatar bought the right to stage the 2022 World Cup in a country with little football history and where summer temperatures regularly top 40 degrees Celsius (104 F). Qatar has always denied any wrongdoing.

After what was described as the worst day in FIFA's history last Wednesday, Blatter told the conference: "Football needs a strong and ex-

perienced leader. One that knows all the ins and outs and can work with our partners".

Overcoming opposition from European soccer's governing body UEFA, which threatened at one point to boycott the Congress, he was elected for another four years. His fifth term lasted just four days.

Zico considering FIFA presidency

GERMANY- Former Brazil international Zico has expressed a desire to run for president of FIFA following Sepp Blatter's shock resignation on Tuesday.

Blatter rocked the world of soccer by unexpectedly saying he would step down as FIFA president in the wake of a corruption investigation that reportedly may include the embattled chief himself.

The 62-year-old Zico, who played in three World Cups, served as Brazil's

sports minister in the 1990s and has decades of experience at all levels of the game including management stints in Japan, Turkey, Russia, Greece and the Middle East.

"Why not?" he asked in a Facebook post from Berlin where he attend Saturday's Champions League Final.

"My life has always been in football. It's a passion I served with seriousness and respect in Brazil and other countries."



Raheem Sterling in action with Chelsea's Ruben Loftus-Cheek in this file photo of the Barclays Premier League.

Mourinho slams superstar youngster Loftus-Cheek

SYDNEY-- Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho delivered a damning assessment of home-grown midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek's performance in Tuesday's 1-0 tour win over Sydney FC.

The teenager, viewed as one of the brightest young prospects with the English champions, replaced Diego Costa before halftime but was substituted himself half an hour later.

"He has to learn that at 19 you have to turn three times

as much as the other guys," Mourinho told a news conference.

"You have to play in your limits and you don't have to play like a superstar with the ball at your feet because this is not the under-18s."

"I don't accept that a player ... when we don't have the ball, doesn't press, he doesn't have intensity and he is waiting for other people to recover the ball," added Mourinho following Chelsea's final match of the

season.

"I don't accept that in superstars and I don't accept that in a 19-year-old kid. He has to learn what it takes to play for us."

Loftus-Cheek has been brought into the first-team squad this season but made only sporadic appearances for the Londoners.

Earlier this year the Portuguese said that he expected the teenager to play a more prominent role next term.

SPORTS ARENA

Blatter rocks world soccer by quitting FIFA amid scandal

ZURICH-- Sepp Blatter rocked the world of soccer on Tuesday by unexpectedly quitting as FIFA president in the face of a corruption investigation that has plunged the game's governing body into the worst crisis in its history.

Blatter, 79, announced the decision at a hastily arranged news conference in Zurich, six days after police raided a hotel in the city and arrested several FIFA officials, and just four days after he was re-elected to a fifth term as president.

Blatter said an election to choose a new president would be held as soon as possible, though a FIFA official said it would probably not take place until December at the earliest.

"FIFA needs profound restructuring," said Blatter, a Swiss national who has been a dominant presence at FIFA for decades.

"I decided to stand again to be elected because I was convinced it was the best option for football.

"Although the members of FIFA gave me a new mandate, this mandate does not seem to be supported by everyone in the world."

His decision was welcomed by his most prominent critics.

European football federation chief Michel Platini, a French former international player and favourite to succeed Blatter as FIFA president, said: "It was a difficult decision, a brave decision, and the right decision."

The second favourite, Jordan's Prince Ali bin Al Hussein, who stood against Blatter but withdrew after gaining 73 votes to Blatter's 133 in the first round of last Friday's vote, stopped short of confirming he would run again.

Asked if there should be a fresh start at FIFA, he told Britain's Channel 4 News: "I'm willing to help."

Greg Dyke, chairman of the English Football Association and one of Blatter's most outspoken critics, said it was "good news for world football" but then questioned Blatter's motive. "Who got him? Who shot him?" he asked.

"I don't believe he went for any sort of moral basis so something has happened between then and now which means he has to resign."

FIFA, which Blatter had led since 1998, was left reeling last week by the announcement of a U.S. investigation into alleged widespread financial wrongdoing stretching back for more than two decades.

Swiss authorities also mounted their own criminal probe into the award of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar, respectively.

Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko said Blatter's decision to step down was "courageous" and would help prevent a split in FIFA.

While Blatter was not mentioned in either the U.S. or Swiss investigations, there had been widespread calls



FIFA President Sepp Blatter leaves after his statement during a news conference at the FIFA headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland, June 2. Blatter resigned as FIFA president on Tuesday in the face of a U.S.-led corruption investigation that has plunged world soccer's governing body into the worst crisis in its history.

for him to quit, mostly from Western nations. Some major sponsors also expressed misgivings about the impact of the scandal.

Two sponsors, Coca-Cola

Co, and Adidas welcomed Blatter's resignation.

"Today's news marks a step in the right direction on FIFA's path to establish and follow transparent compliance

standards in everything they do," Adidas said.

The U.S. Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's office had no im-

mediate comment.

The office of the Swiss Attorney General, which is investigating alleged criminal mismanagement and money laundering at FIFA, said Blatter's resignation would have no effect on its proceedings. It said Blatter himself was not subject to investigation.

Scandal Intensifies

European sports officials said it was an important move but that FIFA needed deeper changes. French Sports State Secretary Thierry Braillard called it a first step to restore confidence. "Beyond the people, structural reforms must be undertaken."

Blatter had initially attempted to bat away the furor, relying on his extensive network of friends to hold on to power at FIFA.

Football associations in Africa and Asia had stood by him despite the scandal, saying they welcomed the FIFA funds he channelled to them

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Title-starved Cavs, Warriors set for mouthwatering Finals

NEW YORK - The Cleveland Cavaliers and Golden State Warriors will both be trying to deliver a championship to their title-starved fans when the NBA Finals open this week with a mouthwatering matchup between two of the game's

best players.

While the Warriors last won a title for the city of Oakland in 1975, the city of Cleveland has not celebrated a championship since the 1964 Cleveland Browns of the National Football League.

Both the Warriors and Cavaliers will be leaning on their respective most valuable players to restore glory, and though Stephen Curry took home the league's top player award this year LeBron James still wears the unofficial crown.

What four-time MVP James has accomplished with this season's Cavaliers team is one of his greatest feats and has returned him to the NBA Finals for the fifth consecutive year, a feat not accomplished since

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England's Stuart Broad is bowled for 23 runs by Kane Williamson in the second test of the Investec Series in England Tuesday. New Zealand won by 199 runs.

Ruthless New Zealand complete emphatic win

LEEDS, England-- New Zealand bowled with fire and fielded superbly to crush England by 199 runs in the second test on Tuesday and level a gripping two-match series at 1-1.

The hosts, chasing a record 455 to win, were bowled out for 255 on the final day, only defiant fifties from Alastair Cook and Jos Buttler holding up the New Zealanders who sealed their fifth test victory in England.

The hosts had resumed on

44 for no wicket and Adam Lyth failed to add to his overnight 24, feathering a swinging ball from pacer Trent Boult through to wicketkeeper Luke Ronchi.

Gary Ballance unconvincingly negotiated 25 deliveries for six runs before Boult produced a venomous full delivery that crashed into the left-hander's stumps.

Ian Bell, on one, turned a bouncing ball from spinner Mark Craig straight into the hands of Kane Wil-

liamson at leg-slip and Joe Root was brilliantly caught off Craig for a second-ball duck by Tom Latham at short leg.

With England's slim hopes of victory all but over, Cook and Ben Stokes adopted a cautious approach, although the all-rounder produced a couple of trademark crisp boundaries to entertain a sparse crowd on a chilly day at Headingley.

The pair added 40 for the

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