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The Government of Jamaica (GOJ) is aware of the added challenges brought about by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and has therefore continued to provide support to its citizens to cushion the financial blow through various social intervention programmes. One such programme is the Public Sector Education grant which provides up to \$150,000 to public servants and their children. Additionally, the Minister of Finance and the Public Service recently announced the new PATH Back-to-School grant for primary and secondary school students and the Public Passenger Vehicle (PPV) Operator grant to offer much-needed assistance.

The Government has also made loans available for the Entertainment and Transport sectors through the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ) with rates as low as three (3) per cent to assist business operators in these areas.

In this edition of the **MOFPS Insider**, we will share with you the second cohort of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme, the GOJ plans for public sector leave and the launch of the JSE CBX Channel. We will also share highlights from the JSE 100th listing and the launch of the 2022 Population and Housing Census.

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MINISTER CLARKE CALLS FOR ECONOMIC COLLABORATION DURING THE 21ST MEETING OF THE COFAP



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, chaired the 21st Meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Council for Finance and Planning (COFAP) in Suriname on Sunday, July 3, 2022.

Minister Clarke in a social media post said, "CARICOM economies face similar challenges from global economic developments. However, through collaboration, cooperation and coordination we will be better able to navigate these times".

The COFAP is responsible for the integration of Member States' financial and monetary systems, as well as the coordination of economic policy.



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service during the 21st Meeting of the CARICOM COFAP in Suriname on Sunday, July 3, 2022. Also captured in the photo is Dr. Carla Natalie Barnett, CBE, Secretary General, CARICOM.

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GOJ TO INTRODUCE PATERNITY, FAMILY LEAVE AND INCREASE MATERNITY LEAVE - MINISTER CLARKE'S STATEMENT TO THE PRESS



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, responding to media queries during a press conference at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

The GOJ is in the process of restructuring public sector compensation. Compensation consists of not only wages and salaries but takes into account benefits like pensions and terms and conditions such as leave entitlements. In 2018, we amended the pension act to make public sector pensions equitable, fair, simple to administer and sustainable.

As previously indicated our discussions about the details of the compensation restructure take place with public sector unions and bargaining groups around the conference table. That has been going well, we have completed first-round consultations with all public sector unions and bargaining groups

and we are progressing with the second round of consultations.

Sometimes, however, it is necessary for me to signal, to the country the direction of the reform as I did a few weeks ago when I said that persons at the bottom of the compensation ladder in the public service i.e. those earning \$500,000 per annum and \$600,000 per annum, and even lower amounts can expect a significant adjustment to their compensation.

Today, I intend to similarly signal the direction of this reform as it pertains to maternity leave, paternity leave and family leave. Coming out of the Compensation

Restructure, and in reviewing the terms and conditions of service,

the GOJ has decided to update the terms of maternity leave and to introduce a provision for paternity leave and leave for adoptive parents in the public service. All of these are components of total compensation.

The GOJ intends to update the Public Sector Staff Orders of 2004 to increase maternity leave from 40 days to three (3) calendar months.

The GOJ also intends to update the Public Sector Staff Orders of 2004 to introduce paternity leave, for the first time in the public service, for fathers of newborns, for a specific time and on specific terms to be finalised.

The GOJ also intends to update the Public Sector Staff Orders of 2004 to introduce family leave for adoptive parents who are bringing a new child into the home.

We are working to modernise our public service.

Modernisation is multifaceted. It includes pursuing efficiency and simplification, it embraces fairness and equity in compensation, it involves the application of technology to boost access and productivity, it requires better customer service and it also embraces changes in terms and conditions that better reflect our values.

To give effect to these changes the appropriate circular will be sent out to members of the public service by September 30th.



2022 POPULATION & HOUSING CENSUS

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LAUNCH OF THE 2022 POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS



Hon Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service (seated centre front) signs legislation to effect the 2022 Population and Housing Census during its launch on Wednesday, August 10, 2022. (L-R) Looking on are Julian Robinson MP, Opposition Spokesman on Finance, Planning and the Public Service; Prime Minister the Most Hon. Andrew Holness ON PC; Professor David Tennant, Chairman, STATIN and Carol Coy, Director General, STATIN.

Press Release dated: Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

As the Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) prepares to conduct Jamaica's 15th Population and Housing Census, Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, with responsibility for STATIN, signed the Census Order and the Census Regulations 2022, bringing into effect and legalising the 2022 Census. The signing took place at the official launch of the 2022 Population and Housing Census, held on Wednesday, August 10 at the AC by Marriott Hotel, in Kingston.

The 2022 Census, which will begin on September 13 through to December 2022, will be conducted with regulations differing from previous censuses in areas such as means of data collection, set of questions to be asked and the division of geographical units.

Regulations for the 2022 Census were updated under Section 6 of the Statistics Act of 1955, which, in addition to providing the structure and organisation hierarchy of the personnel employed to conduct a Census - including roles, responsibilities and remuneration - also mandates all Jamaicans to provide factual answers to the census questions, making it a legal offence to provide false statements.

The Act also requires that before the commencement of a national census, subsidiary legislation must be passed to legitimise and make legal, the Census. The legislation provides the legal framework for how a Census is to be conducted. In addition, it gives an outline of the questions that are to be included in the Census questionnaires and the fact that the full participation of the adult citizenry in answering census questions is mandatory.



Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness delivers remarks during the launch.



Dancehall entertainer, Laa Lee and members from Dance Xpressionz perform the census dance during the launch.

Speaking at the launch, Prime Minister, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness urged citizens to accommodate the Census Takers to allow for a seamless data collection process as this data will be of benefit to Jamaica and Jamaicans.

"If we are going to implement policies on behalf of the people, we cannot make them based on emotion, or what we feel is popular. We have to make policies on facts. So, I am urging all Jamaicans to give their full participation to the Census," the Prime Minister noted.

In support of the updated regulations, Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, noted that as Jamaica seeks to become a more digital society, the use of digital devices to conduct this year's Census was a significant step, as well as the collection of information related to Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

"As Jamaica moves towards a digital society, understanding the distribution, prevalence and use of ICT in the country will be abundantly important. This data will be fundamentally useful and instructive as we go through the task of digitising our society and ensuring that no person is left behind," he said.

Director General of STATIN, Carol Coy noted that this year the Census questionnaires have been updated to collect data on the availability of ICT at the community level. "During the period of online education, we saw that policymakers were not fully equipped with information about which communities had access to ICT. So, data on

the availability of ICT availability at the community -level will be very important for planning, especially within the education sector," she said.

The 2022 Census is a national exercise conducted every ten years. It is one of the most important sources of data in a country. It provides benchmark estimates about the population's size and information in areas such as age, sex, religion and education.

The data collected from the Census is used to inform policy decisions such as government programme implementation, school and health care facility development, as well as business expansion and development.

"Yuh count, mi count, all a we count"



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service speaking during the launch of the 2022 Census.

Press Release provided by STATIN Jamaica.



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- **Charitable Lotteries –** Raffles, Bingos

GOJ LAUNCHES DBJ ENTERTAINMENT AND TRANSPORT SECTOR LOANS FOR PERSONS EARNING LESS THAN 15 MILLION DOLLARS



The Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP (5th left), Minister of Finance and the Public Service and Anthony Shaw (5th right), Managing Director, DBJ enjoy a moment with representatives from various financial institutions after the launch.

Press Release dated: Friday, August 12, 2022

The Government of Jamaica (GOJ), through the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ), has launched the Entertainment and Transport Sector Loans that will allow participants earning less than \$15 million to borrow at rates as low as three (3) per cent. This announcement was made during a ceremony on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at the AC Hotel by Marriott in Kingston.

The loans are geared at refinancing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) whose cash flows have been impacted by COVID-19, to significantly reduce current monthly loan payments and allow recovery.

Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, in his keynote address stated that the DBJ will be utilising a network of financial institutions across Jamaica that focus on the MSME space, to reach more persons.

“These loans will be available for three (3) years at an initial two months moratorium and in terms of the need to provide collateral, that need will be non-existent. There is no collateral required because we will be using a guaranteed facility. But even though there is no collateral required you have to pay back the loan.”



The Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP (2nd left), Minister of Finance and the Public Service and Anthony Shaw (2nd right), Managing Director, DBJ enjoy a moment with members of the entertainment fraternity after the launch.



The Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP (3rd left), Minister of Finance and the Public Service and Anthony Shaw (3rd right), Managing Director, DBJ enjoy a moment with members of the transportation sector after the launch.

Meanwhile, DBJ's Managing Director, Anthony Shaw in speaking about the loans said, "As a Government entity, the DBJ is carrying out the mandate of the Government to use these two new products to help operators in both sectors back on their feet and allow them to become sustainable".

He also mentioned, "This is another example of how well the Government and the private sector are working together to bring tangible benefits to the Jamaican business community, regardless of size or prominence. In this case, it is to increase the form of low-cost loans to the entertainment and transportation sectors of the MSME business community".

The DBJ is making \$200 million in loans available to the transport sector and \$500 million to the entertainment sector.

The loans are available at Access Financial Services Limited, Bull Investments Limited, COK Sodality Co-operative Credit Union, Community and Workers of Jamaica Co-operative Credit Union, First Heritage Co-operative Credit Union Limited, JN Bank Small Business Loans, Lasco Micro Finance Limited, Mckayla Financial Services and WILCO Finance Limited.

The micro-lending programme will target taxi operators, bus operators, tour operators and tourism transport operators as well as food vendors, party promoters, bar owners, clothes vendors, fish fry promoters and more.



The Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP (centre), Minister of Finance and the Public Service and Anthony Shaw (right), Managing Director, DBJ share a moment with a Howard McIntosh (left) from the entertainment fraternity after the launch.



(L-R) Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dorothy Cunningham, Actress/Play Wright and Anthony Shaw, Managing Director of DBJ enjoy a moment after the launch.

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SECOND MARCUS GARVEY PUBLIC SECTOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME TO FUND 100% OF TUITION COST



(L-R) Dr. Taneisha Ingleton, Managing Director, HEART/NSTA Trust, Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, ONH, His Excellency the Most Honourable, Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J, Governor-General of Jamaica, Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Hon. Marsha Smith, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service and Ambassador Douglas Saunders, Cabinet Secretary are seen with the scholarship recipients.

Press Release dated: Wednesday, August 17, 2022

The second cohort of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme was awarded fully-funded scholarships to leading universities locally and internationally, during a ceremony at King's House on Wednesday, August 17, 2022.

The awardees, who are from various Ministries, Departments and Agencies within the public sector, were chosen by a selection committee chaired by His

Excellency, the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, Dc, KStJ, Governor-General of Jamaica.

In his remarks, His Excellency said, "We have to work on ensuring that every graduate in Jamaica who has gone through a tertiary level and has received tertiary level education whether they are in...Hanover, or in Gimme-Me-Bit in Clarendon or Manchioneal in Portland or wherever because it [the scholarship] is for all Jamaicans across the landscape and we [GOJ] have made ourselves available because of how we feel."

Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service, implored the scholarship awardees to aim for excellence as they seek to further their education and serve their country.

"It is fitting to name the scholarship after him [Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey] because we don't want you to limit yourself in any way. As recipients of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship you are not limited to what you can achieve and don't limit yourself to what you believe your country can achieve, despite our challenges," Minister Clarke said.

He further noted, "It's useful for leaders in our public service to have exposure to the common nature of problems that developing countries face and how these problems are addressed or solved in other contexts and other situations. And we hope by having a cohort size that's not 1 or 2 each year... after a few years we'll have a critical mass of young leaders in the public service who have this broad exposure and experience that Jamaica so desperately needs."

Keynote speaker at the event and Managing Director, HEART/NSTA Trust, Dr. Taneisha Ingleton charged the awardees to change the narrative by making full use of the opportunity presented by the Government of Jamaica.

"When we are in our workplaces, are we assuming the kind of posture and speaking the kind of language that the Right Excellent would want to hear? So I am asking you as you go forward, astonish the world, astonish the public service, astonish yourselves and make the public service a place in which the Right Excellent Marcus Garvey would be proud and even happier to serve," she added.

Today's award ceremony coincides with the 135th anniversary of the birth of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, ONH.

During the proceedings, Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the Right Excellent Marcus Garvey, ONH, extended congratulations to all the scholarship recipients and said he hopes the cohort will increase next year.

Awardees at today's ceremony are Shanique Graham, Elvis Bennett, Theresa McDaniel, Daniella Uter, Simone

Murray, Kensley Shay, Gabriel McLeod, Aneisha Lancaster, Anastacia Rose, Natalie Campbell Forbes, Mark Davis, Kenvoy Groves, Latoya Richards Franklin and Dr. Astrid Batchelor.

The Marcus Garvey Technical Secretariat (MGTS), Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, is the administrative arm of the Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Programme. The Secretariat coordinates the activities of the Scholarship inclusive of the application processing, scholarship awards, monitoring and evaluation and student welfare.

The scholarship recipients can pursue postgraduate studies from competitive, appropriately accredited universities in Jamaica, North America and Europe and must be Jamaican nationals/citizens under 45 years old at the time of application whether permanently appointed, temporary or on contract with at least 2 years of continuous service.



His Excellency the Most Honourable, Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J, (right) Governor-General of Jamaica, the Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, (left) Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dr. Julius Garvey (2nd left), son of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey, ONH, Dr. Diana Thorburn (3rd left), Director of Research, CaPRI and Dr. Astrid Batchelor (2nd right), 2022 Marcus Garvey Public Sector Graduate Scholarship Awardee engage in dialogue after the award ceremony.

Here are the highlights:



Omaal Wright performs a rendition in tribute to the Rt. Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey.



Ngozi Wright performs during the ceremony.



Dr. Taneisha Ingleton, Managing Director, HEART/NSTA Trust, delivers the keynote address during the ceremony.



Dr. Julius Garvey, son of the Right Excellent Marcus Mosiah Garvey offers remarks during the ceremony.



Camille Sinclair, Master of Ceremonies, guided the proceedings of the day's events.



(L-R) His Excellency the Most Hon. Sir Patrick Allen, ON, GCMG, CD, KSt.J, Governor-General of Jamaica and the Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service engage in dialogue after the ceremony.

Dr. Diana Thorburn presents the scholarship certificates



Hon. Marsha Smith, MP, presents the scholarship certificates



Profiles of the 2022

MARCUS GARVEY PUBLIC SECTOR GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP Programme Recipients



Shanique Graham
Thematic Area: Law
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Justice



Elvis Bennett
Thematic Area: National Security
and Strategic Studies
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Science, Energy Technology



Theresa McDaniel
Thematic Area: Economics
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Statistical Institute of Jamaica



Daniella Uter
Thematic Area: Public Health
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Health/St. Anns Bay Hospital



Simone Murray
Thematic Area: National Security
and Strategic Studies
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of National Security/JCF



Kensley Shay
Thematic Area: National Security and
Strategic Studies
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of National Security/JCF



Gabriel McLeod
Thematic Area: Climate Change:
Environment, Science Policy
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Scientific Research Council



Aneisha Lancaster
Thematic Area: M Sc Sociology
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Justice



Annastacia Rose
Thematic Area: Engineering
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Education/Mannings
High School



Natalie Campbell Forbes
Thematic Area: Law
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Jamaica Customs Agency



Mark Davis
Thematic Area: Governance
Level: PhD Policy & Governance
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Finance and the Public
Service



Kenvoy Groves
Thematic Area: M Sc Developmental
Studies
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Education



Latoya Richards Franklin
Thematic Area: Economics
Level: PhD
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Justice



Astrid Batchelor
Thematic Area: Public Health
Level: Masters
Place of Employment:
Ministry of Health



JAMAICA STOCK EXCHANGE LAUNCHES CBX CHANNEL

The Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) launched its Caribbean Business Exchange (CBX) Channel on Wednesday, August 24, 2022. CBX is a dedicated cable TV channel that features content produced by the JSE and regional and international broadcasting partners. It can be viewed on Flow 143 and Digicel 28.

See highlights from the event:



Dr. Marlene Street Forrest, CD, JP, Managing Director, JSE delivers the welcome and opening remarks.



Therese Turner-Jones, International Consultant, delivers the keynote address.



Fitzroy Prendergast, Station Manager, CBX delivers remarks about the channel's creation.



Entertainer Shane Bennett, performs during the launch.



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100TH LISTING



The Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE), celebrated its 100th listing on the stock market through the listing of One on One Educational Services Limited on Thursday, September 1, 2022. Hon. Marsha Smith, MP, Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service, offered remarks at the event.

Here are some highlights:



The People Inside the MOFPS



Carlene Smith

Deputy Financial Secretary (DFS)

Meet Carlene Smith, Deputy Financial Secretary (DFS) of the Corporate Planning and Administration Division (CPAD) at the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service. DFS Smith oversees 11 branches and has been in the public sector for over 13 years.

Here are some things about her.

1. If you could change something about Jamaica what would it be? Why?

I would change the primary education system to ensure that all Jamaicans not only have access to education but that remedial interventions commence at grade 1 for children who are not performing at the required standard. This would ensure that majority of our population can function at the secondary and tertiary level and are not just passed through the system as is the current practice.

2. What is your favourite way to spend a day off?

My favourite way to spend a day off is relaxing by the beach.

3. If money were no object what would you do?

If money were no object, I would travel the world and experience different ethnic cultures.

4. What is your favourite thing about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about my job is the team I work with and the energy they bring to the job. I also love the diversity of areas that fall under my portfolio. There is no opportunity to get bored and my mind is fully engaged in working with my team to design and develop new and creative ways to lift the service standards of the Ministry.

5. Top 3 lessons you would teach your younger self:

- Start planning for retirement as soon as I start working.
- Live in the moment while planning for the future.
- Stars shine brightest when the night is darkest.

THE FUTURE IS DIGITAL

LYNK ABM CASH-IN/CASH-OUT

The Proceeds of Crime Act allows the Bank of Jamaica to permit the creation of accounts with low risk and less stringent Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements for opening bank accounts. The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), JAM-DEX is a legal tender that allows for the remote transfer of funds, anywhere and anytime.

On Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, Minister of Finance and the Public Service participated in the launch of the Lynk ABM cash-in/cash-out feature which broadens the functionality of the Lynk digital wallet.

Get to know these abbreviations as Jamaica's future is digital:

ABM= Automated Banking Machine
CBDC = Central Bank Digital Currency
KYC = Know Your Customer
POCA = Proceeds of Crime Act



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP (right), Minister of Finance and the Public Service and Patrick Hylton (left), OJ, CD, Chairman, National Commercial Bank (NCB) Jamaica watch as Vernon James (centre), CEO, Lynk demonstrates Lynk ABM cash-in/cash-out feature during the event.

MINISTRY MATTERS

IDB'S COURTESY CALL TO MOFPS



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, (centre), Minister of Finance and the Public Service pose for our lens with Carmen Madriz (left), Acting General Manager of the Caribbean Department at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and Robert Le Hunte (right), Executive Director representing the Caribbean Constituency, during a courtesy call to the Ministry on Friday, July 8, 2022.

EU DELEGATION'S COURTESY CALL TO MOFPS



Hon. Nigel Clarke, DPhil., MP, (3rd left), Minister of Finance and Public Service shares a photo with Francesco Greco (left), Delegation in Barbados (future European External Action Service Desk Office for Jamaica), Myriam Ferran (2nd left), Deputy Director General for International Partnerships at European Commission, Javier Niño Pérez (3rd right), Deputy Managing Director for the Americas in the European External Action Service, Aniceto Rodriguez Ruiz (2nd right), Head of Cooperation, Delegation in Jamaica and Olga Baus Gibert (right), European External Action Service Desk Office, Jamaica.

2022 HEALTHY WALLET EXPO

The Ministry of Finance and the Public Service hosted its inaugural **Healthy Wallet Expo** on Friday, August 19, 2022. The Expo was geared towards helping the Ministry's staff improve financial health and build wealth by giving external entities direct access to the Ministry's staff complement.

Here are the highlights



Shelly-Ann Weeks, Director, Corporate Communication and Public Relations presents gifts to staff members for their participation during the Healthy Wallet Expo.



Members of the Corporate Communication and Public Relations Branch.



A staff conducts business with representatives from Credit Info Jamaica.

2022 HEALTHY WALLET EXPO



Colleen Cohen, Corporate Communication Manager, assists a staff member with registering for the Expo.

Representatives from the Revenue Appeals Division assisting staff.



The team from the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Commission (BGLC) was geared and ready to conduct business with staff during the Healthy Wallet Expo.

A staff member pauses for a photograph during the Healthy Wallet Expo.



The team from Sagicor Investments conducting business with staff during the Expo.



Shakiel Rochester Shorter (left), Public Relations Manager and Suzell Wray (right), Public Relations Officer, hosted a highlights package of the day's activities.

FARMERS' MARKET

Highlights

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*Season 4 premieres on Thursday, October 6, 2022
at 5:00 p.m. on TVJ and 6:00 p.m. on CVM*



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