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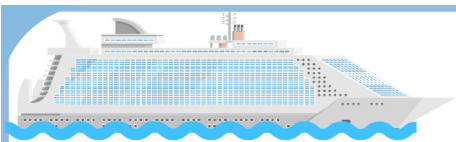
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Cruise Ship Port Schedule 2020

Date	Cruise Ship	Arrive-Depart	
12 March, 2020 Thursday	Norwegian Gem	08:00	17:00
12 March, 2020 Thursday	Norwegian Epic	08:00	17:00
13 March, 2020 Friday	MSC Preziosa	08:00	18:00
14 March, 2020 Saturday	Oceania Sirena	08:00	15:00
15 March, 2020 Sunday	Braemar		
16 March, 2020 Monday	Celebrity Reflection		16:00
16 March, 2020 Monday	Azura	07:00	17:00
16 March, 2020 Monday	Vision Of The Seas	08:00	17:00
17 March, 2020 Tuesday	Costa Magica	07:00	17:00
17 March, 2020 Tuesday	Serenade Of The Seas	08:00	17:00
17 March, 2020 Tuesday	AIDAperla	08:00	18:00

The Living Word

Water into Hope

Read: John 4:4–14

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. John 7:37

Tom and Mark's ministry refreshes lives. This is clear in the video they share of a group of fully clad children laughing and dancing in the refreshing water of an open shower—their first ever. The men work with indigenous churches to install water filtration systems on wells in Haiti, easing and lengthening lives as diseases connected to contaminated water are prevented. Access to clean, fresh water gives the people hope for their future.

Jesus referred to "living water" in John 4 to capture a similar idea of a continual source of refreshment. Tired and thirsty, Jesus had asked a Samaritan woman for a drink (vv. 4–8). This request led to a conversation in which Jesus offered the woman "living water" (vv. 9–15)—water that would become a source of life and hope within them, like "a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (v. 14).

We discover what this living water is later in John, when Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink," declaring that whoever believed in Him would have "rivers of living water [flowing] from within them." John explains, "By this he meant the Spirit" (7:37–39).

Through the Spirit, believers are united to Christ and have access to the boundless power, hope, and joy found in God. Like living water, the Spirit lives inside believers, refreshing and renewing us.

How has Jesus satisfied your thirst through His Spirit? How will you share what Jesus has done for you?

Dear God, thank You for leaving us Your Spirit. Work in us so that our lives point others to You.

DAY 3/11

Max UV Index: 10 Very High
 Wind: ESE at 15 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 26 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 55%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 1.8 mm
 Rain: 1.8 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 2
 Hours of Rain: 2

30° Hi



Intervals of clouds and sun with a passing shower or two

NIGHT 3/11

Wind: ENE at 7 km/h
 Wind Gusts: 18 km/h
 Probability of Precipitation: 46%
 Probability of Thunderstorms: 20%
 Precipitation: 1.3 mm
 Rain: 1.3 mm
 Snow: 0.0 cm
 Ice: 0.0 mm
 Hours of Precipitation: 1
 Hours of Rain: 1

23° Lo



Partly cloudy with a shower in the area

SUNRISE/SUNSET

Sunrise AST
6:16AM

Sunset AST
6:17PM



Duration
12:01hr

MOONRISE/MOONSET

Moonrise AST
10:32 PM

Moonset AST
10:14AM



Duration
11:42hr

'Burga' gets multiple life sentences

Calvin 'Burga' James will likely die in prison after he was given two life sentences plus 30 years in the High Court yesterday.

The sentences will run concurrently, meaning they will run at the same time.

In February, James, in the early stages of his trial pleaded guilty to two counts of murder for the death of his niece, Tahisha Thomas and his nephew's girlfriend, Sanchezca Charles.

Facing charges for five offences, he also pleaded guilty to shooting with intent to murder his nephew

Lawrence James.

During the sentencing hearing yesterday afternoon, Justice Ian Morley described the convicted man as "permanently dangerous".

Burga shot his niece, his nephew and his nephew's girlfriend in Donovans, when he entered the home they were occupying in October, 2018. One woman died at the crime scene and the other succumbed at hospital.

James was asking for his sister and when he was told she wasn't there, he opened

fire on those that were present, before fleeing in a stolen vehicle.

At the time of the shooting, the suspect was on bail, on charges of attempted murder.

In 2015, Calvin James was charged with three counts of attempted murder.

He had attacked his sister, tazing her with a stun gun and beating her with a piece of wood. In the same 2015 incident, he inflicted several chops on his niece with a cutlass.

He escaped before the police arrived, but was later traced to an abandoned house in Hatton.

In their attempts to apprehend him, Calvin James

fired a flare gun at the law enforcement officers. He was subsequently arrested and charged.

While he was remanded to prison by the Magistrates' Court, a High Court judge later granted him bail. It is during that period of his freedom the 2018 incident occurred.

Police subsequently issued a wanted bulletin for Calvin James after he went on the run. He was captured on January 13th, 2019.

During the sentencing, Justice Morley ordered the gun used to kill the two women be destroyed and the land said to have been at the centre of the feud to be vested to his sister.

Girls Up Antigua – Black History Month Heroines

GIRL UP is a United Nations Foundations Initiative which started in 2010, and July 2019 in Antigua. It is a club aimed to empower young women ages 13-19 years old and tackle issues facing girls in society.

A week ago, Girl Up Antigua hosted its first Extraordinary Assembly at the NOMAD Antigua restaurant to honour the three Women of Inspiration for their Black History Month Project held in February: Ms. Alexandrina Wong, Ms. Sarah Catherine Davis and Ms. Zahra Lake, who was represented by her sister Senator Aziza Lake. The purpose of the Black History Month project was to commemorate Antiguan women who have made an outstanding contribution and highlight their achievements.

During the month of February, the stories of the inspirational women were shared with the public through radio and television.

Other Girl Up Antigua Club activities

Since the inception of the club, Girl Up Antigua has met with the Housing Minister, Maria Browne, the esteemed Patron, and donated to the Sunshine Home for Girls during the Christmas season in 2019.

Interested individuals can contact Girl Up Antigua via email: antiguagirlup@gmail.com, Facebook: Girl Up Antigua, Instagram: @girlup_antigua, Website: <http://clubs.girlup.org/home> or Phone: (268) 772-4278/ 773-7985/ 77607985 or 764-6307

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Rule 15

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

In the Estate of COLIN ALPHONSO HANLEY late of A. Goodwin Street, Marble Hill, St. John's, Antigua, Deceased
**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT
2ND PUBLICATION**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by NEIL PATRICK EDWARDS of 500 St. Clair Avenue West, Suite 1806, Toronto, Canada, Executor for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 15th day of August, 2018 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 12th day of July, 2018, wherein the Applicant is the Sole Executor. Any person having an objection to the application for the grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 4th day of March, 2020

Filed by JOHNSON GARDINER, Attorneys-at-law whose address for service is 51A St. Mary's Street, St. John's, Antigua.

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Country prepares for the inevitable

“The entry of Covid-19, Coronavirus to our shores is inevitable. No need to panic, or become hysterical. We have established the protocols and infrastructure to contain its spread among the domestic population. In the meantime, kindly take the necessary precaution to protect yourselves from the Coronavirus. Blessings.”

These were the words of Prime Minister Gaston Browne on his social media platforms earlier this month. With the reality of COVID-19 hitting our shores now settling in, the country has moved in full preparation mode.

Last evening, hundreds of shoppers flooded supermarkets across Antigua, purchasing loose and bulk items in preparation for a possible social distancing advisory. One shopper commented, “the reality is when this virus becomes a real thing in the country, I and my family will not be going anywhere-especially a supermarket. So, I am doing my bunkering shopping

now,” the epicurean customer said.

Items such as Lysol, hand sanitizers and Clorox wipes are now scarce commodities on the island.

With the increased traffic, supermarkets have also employed sanitization measures in their businesses. Portable handwashing areas and self-use hand sanitizer desks can be seen on entry to Epicurean- one of the largest supermarkets on the island.

While citizens continue to prepare for self-quarantine, the COVID-19 task force continues to amplify their awareness and education campaign.

Over 3,000 awareness posters are being plastered across the island. Schools, clinics, government offices, and businesses are being provided with copies of illustrated COVID-19 educational reproductions. COVID-19 themed Town hall meetings and staff meetings are also taking place across the island with the anticipation of a major public consultation in short order.

The Ministry of Health, Wellness, and the Environment have also advised that the isolation and quarantine units at the Margetson Ward are nearing completion; and, preparations are at an advanced stage to have testing for the COVID-19 virus being done locally with the assistance of the Pan Amer-

ican Health Organization (PAHO). This would allow for the swift diagnosis of potential cases.

According to the ministry’s press statement, “the health ministry also advises that PAHO will be on the island on March 16th, 2020. The team of technicians is expected to conduct meetings, site visits, training and simulation exercises.”

This was highlight-

ed on the same day it was announced that there are 2 suspected cases of COVID-19 in Antigua that is being investigated on Thursday. The health ministry advised that “once the reports of the testing results are available, this information will be shared with the public.”

Up to press time, no confirmation of the test results was revealed.



Foot operated handwashing station posted outside of Epicurean entrance door.

NOTICE

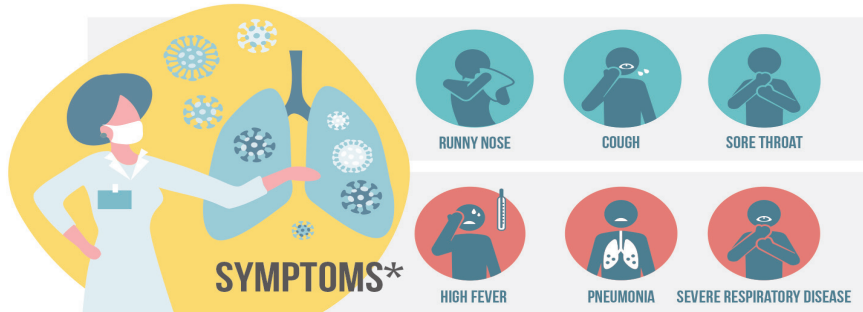
Seeking an Office Assistant; Secretarial Experience is an asset. Individual must be willing to work on Saturdays and be proficient in QuickBooks. Interested persons are asked to send their C. V. to ljobsantigua@gmail.com.

COVID-19

Coronavirus Disease 2019

BE AWARE.

COVID-19 is a new respiratory illness that was first discovered in Wuhan, China. It is transmitted **from person to person**.



COMMON
SYMPTOMS

SEVERE
CASES

*Symptoms may appear **1 to 12 days** following exposure to the virus



Who is most at risk of becoming seriously ill?

- People over age 60
- People with pre-existing conditions such as diabetes and heart disease



How is it transmitted?

- Through close contact with an infected person
- By an infected person coughing or sneezing
- By touching contaminated objects or surfaces and then touching your mouth, nose or eyes



Currently there is **no vaccine or specific treatment**. We can only treat the symptoms. **Serious cases** may require oxygen and ventilatory support.

PREPARE.



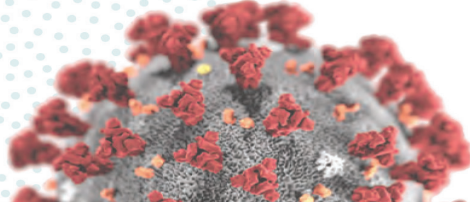
Make sure you get your information from a reliable source.



Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based gel.



Cover your mouth with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze or use a tissue and dispose of used tissue immediately and wash your hands.



ACT.



Avoid close contact with people who have flu-like symptoms.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.



Avoid sharing cups, plates or other personal items and disinfect all surfaces that are touched frequently.



If you have traveled to areas where COVID-19 is circulating or have been in contact with someone who has it and you experience fever, cough or difficulty breathing, seek medical attention immediately. Do not self-medicate.

Note: Information may change when more is known about the disease. February 2020.

PAHO

Pan American
Health
Organization

World Health
Organization
REGIONAL OFFICE FOR THE
AMERICAS

BE AWARE. PREPARE. ACT.

www.paho.org/coronavirus

Local News

Thursday's announcement by Princess Cruises that it will halt all further cruises for two months, has sent shock waves through the local cruise sector.

Director of the Caribbean Cruise Association and President of the Antigua and Barbuda Cruise Association, Nathan Dundas, said he fears the announcement will lead other cruise lines to adopt similar measures.

Reports out of the United States said Princess Cruises will halt global operations of its 18 cruise ships for two months, after two of its ships carried passengers who were diagnosed with the coronavirus.

The move came after another cruise ship operator,

Cancellations heighten fear

Viking, announced it would also suspend all ocean and river cruises until May 1. Viking has 16 ocean-going ships and more than 70 vessels overall.

According to Dundas there are between 30 and 50 additional calls booked for Antigua until the end of the season with one more month to go. "I am very concerned that we are not likely to get that number of calls if the trend of cancellations continues," he observed.



Director of the Caribbean Cruise Association and President of the Antigua and Barbuda Cruise Association, Nathan Dundas

General Manager at Global Port Holdings Limited, Donnas Regis, said the fact that the cancellations are coming at the back end of the cruise season, is perhaps the one of the positive out this situation.

She noted that Princess Cruises only had two remaining calls for the season thus the impact would be less than had the announcement take effect a month or two earlier.

She said its too early to tell the overall impact as there's every likelihood that other vessels may fill the breach. She added that the company is working closely with the ministries of health and tourism to coordinate its action plan.

She disclosed that GPH has been holding regular meetings with its key stakeholders on strategies

to 'weather this imminent storm'. These meetings have been held with tour operators, taxi drivers and tenants at the Heritage Quay.

Head of the St John's Taxi Association, Patrick Burnett, said its too early to quantify the true impact of the cancellation and potentially others on the industry., noting that every single cancellation hurts his members.

"Our season runs for six months, so each call is important as taxi men have to earn enough to take them through the lean months. Its going to be a hard couple of months for my members," Burnett noted.

He said he has advised his members to take precautions to guard themselves from becoming infected with the virus. These include the hygiene tips published by the ministry of health.

SECRETARY



Institution: The University of the West Indies, Five Islands Campus
Location: St. John's, Antigua
Type: Full-Time

MAIN PURPOSE OF JOB:

To perform secretarial functions and related duties to enhance confidentiality and efficiency within the department.

- The successful candidate will be required to perform secretarial and clerical duties by:
- Taking dictation, minutes of meetings etc. and reproducing same in a format such as letters, memos, speeches, reports etc.
 - Typing/word processing, duplicating confidential documents, reports, manuscripts etc.
 - Typing/word processing general correspondence etc.
 - Maintaining a filing system of all documents, and other work-related material, ensuring security and easy retrieval.
 - Processing incoming and outgoing mail in a manner to enhance speedy and efficient dispatch from and distribution within the department.
 - Maintaining an up to date departmental diary of appointments, meetings etc.
 - Preparation of bills, collection of fees for telephone fax and photocopying machines and dispatch same to Bank/Bursary.
 - Assisting in the production of final documents, collating and circulating departmental documents.
 - Assisting with organizing seminars, conferences, meetings etc.
 - Receiving, routing and making telephone calls.
 - Receiving, routing and sending fax messages.
 - Managing of departmental imprest
 - The maintenance of an adequate office supply etc.

Applicants are required to submit a cover letter and curriculum vitae with the names and contact details of three (3) referees. These should be sent by electronic mail to hr.fiveislands.uwimona.edu and addressed to:

The Director
Finance and Administration
The University of the West Indies
Five Islands Campus
St. John's, Antigua

The final date for receipt of applications is Friday, March 20, 2020.

The University thanks all applicants, however, due to the volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates

Government preparing for COVID-19

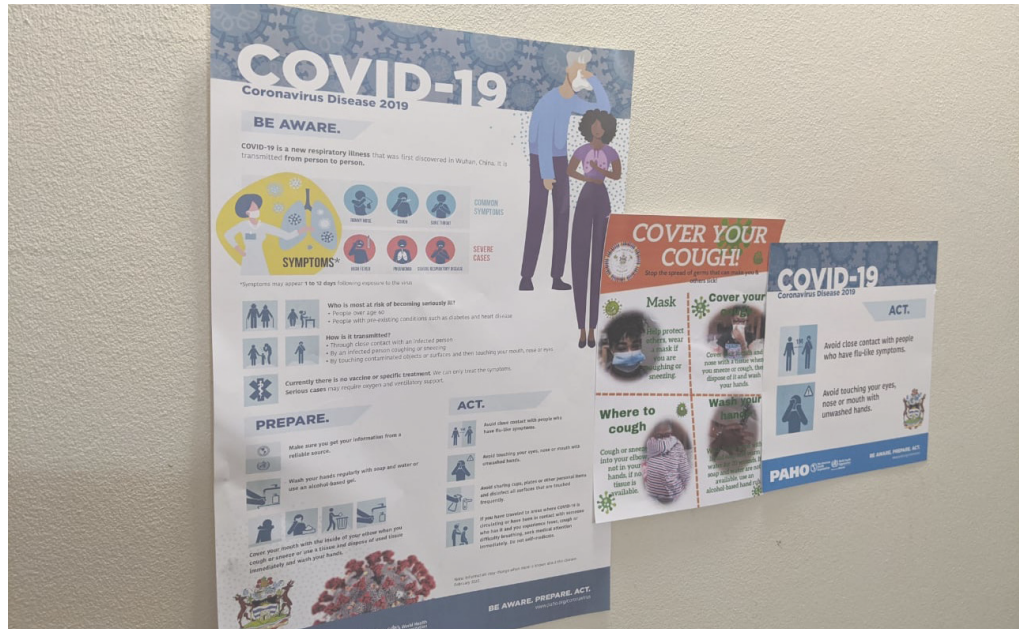
There is a firm commitment on the part of the Antiguan and Barbudan government that it will spend as much as it takes on preparing the country to withstand the effects of COVID-19.

Health Minister, Molwyn Joseph commented this week it is no longer a case of if, but rather when the virus is detected in the country. Speaking to reporters during yesterday's post-cabinet press briefing, Information Minister, Melford Nicholas said while US \$ 2 million were set aside in the initial phase to commence preparations, it will not be viewed a budget, since more resources will have to be acquired. Rather he described it as "a project".

"It is often puerile to actually say we are starting with a budget," he declared, adding this is a situation where government does not intend to "count the pennies."

Using the isolation and quarantine facilities at the old Holberton Hospital and frontline staff as examples, Nicholas said if renovation totals in the millions of dollars, the funds will be sourced.

The information minister indicated government's response to the virus is inevitable and ports of entry, improved in-



Awareness posters on the walls of the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs

frastructure and procurement of supplies are among its priorities. Cabinet notes of 11th March outlined that; "Cabinet expressed its satisfaction that the response of the administration has been strictly in line with the guidelines issued by the WHO and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)."

Government is working assiduously to complete preparation for quarantine units at Margetson's Ward at the old

Holberton Hospital building. Work there is said to be in an advanced stage and officials from the Pan American Health Organization are expected on island next week to conduct meetings, site visits, training and simulation exercises.

Testing for the COVID-19 virus is expected to be done locally with the assistance of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), which will allow for the swift diagnosis of potential cases.

LIAT takes COVID 19 precautions

LIAT is assuring the traveling public that it continues to listen to its customers and work with the health and government authorities across all destinations as the World Health Organization has declared the spread of the COVID-19 virus a global pandemic

LIAT said it aims to meet or exceed guidelines from authorities, as nothing is more important than the safety of its customers and employees.

In this regard, the airline has implemented the following actions:

- We are implementing travel restrictions based on advisories from governments across the region.
- We will continue to monitor and update this information.
- Waiving change/cancellation fees on bookings for affected customers and will work with passengers to adjust their travel plans.

- Ensuring that its aircraft are cleaned in compliance with global cleaning standards at both overnight and transit stops.
- Promoting handwashing and healthy hygiene among our employees and passengers.
- We have also worked to ensure that alcohol-based sanitizing wipes are available for passenger use.
- Taking measures that follow the recommendations of

regional and global health authorities.

- Activated a special Project Team to monitor this situation in real time.

LIAT said it will remain committed to the safety of its passengers and employees as it works to connect the region.

The airline will share any changes made to travel restrictions, its schedule and cancellation policies in a timely manner.

Financial measures necessary to ride-out the Coronavirus

(The writer is Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and at Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)

Regardless of the number of Coronavirus cases (COVID-19) that occur in the Caribbean, the economies of each of them, particularly those dependent on tourism, will suffer in the immediate to medium term.

Fear, and travel restrictions on persons living in countries with COVID-19, have already disrupted the global economy and supply chains for goods and services.

Indeed, every country in the world will be adversely affected economically even if any of them avoid a major public health emergency.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already made an early forecast that its predicted 3.3% growth in 2020 will not occur. Optimistically, the Fund now expects growth below 2.9%.

Growth rates in the tourism-reliant countries have already declined. Many hotels have experienced cancellations over the immediate period and well into the next winter season. Of the world's top twenty-five tourism dependent countries, nine are in the Caribbean.

In order of highest dependence, they are: British Virgin Islands, Aruba, The Bahamas, St Lucia, Belize, Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and Jamaica.

With a reduction in the numbers of hotel guests and patrons of restaurants as well as the number of persons renting vehicles, earnings in the sector have dropped; jobs are being lost; and government revenues are declining.

The situation is worse for those Caribbean countries that also rely on cruise-ships as part of the overall contribution of tourism to the economy. The latest authoritative figures rank those countries in order of dependence as: St. Kitts and Nevis at 5.9% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP); Antigua and Barbuda, 4.1%; Belize, 4.0%, St. Lucia, 3.9%; Bahamas 3.0%; Dominica, 3.0%; Grenada, 2.8%; and Barbados, 1.5%.

The U.S. State Department has been discouraging Cruise ship travel, warning U.S. citizens, particularly travelers with underlying health conditions, "not to travel by cruise ship". The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance, cautioning travellers of "increased risk of infection of COVID-19 in a cruise ship environment."

Fear of being quarantined on a cruise ship anywhere in the world has frightened potential passengers. Cruises to the Caribbean have been badly affected. Stock values in Carnival Corp. is down 52.7% year-to-date; Royal Caribbean is down 61.3%, and Norwegian has fallen 65%.

Obviously, all the commercial businesses in the tourism sector in Caribbean countries will also face a reduction in their profits. If the fear over COVID-19 persists and the quest for a vaccine is protracted, these businesses could fall into financial loss. In those circumstances, even more work-



By Sir Ronald Sanders

ers will be laid-off and their restricted spending will impact other sectors from which they buy goods and services.

Governments will be particularly hard-pressed because they will be deprived of revenues at a time when they are required to spend more money, much of it in foreign exchange, in their attempts to militate against COVID-19 which, despite best efforts, will enter their countries and could spread into community clusters as it has done elsewhere in the world.

Small Caribbean states do not have the considerable resources or economic and fiscal tools of rich North American and European countries that can be deployed by Treasury Departments and Central Banks. But, there are still come options available provided all sections of the society assume the mantle that "everyone is in this together".

Measures to stop the incubation and spread of the virus, including good hygiene, meticulous handwashing, self-isolation, cancellation of events that attract large crowds – all of these are necessary. But steps will also have to be taken to help both persons who become unemployed and those self-employed persons who get ill with COVID-19 and are forced not to work for a minimum of 14 days.

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The banking sector could be enormously helpful in efforts to keep the economy buoyant by implementing several actions. Among them: renegotiate payment terms for house mortgages and other property, particularly vehicles, for persons who are either temporarily laid-off or self-employed persons who cannot earn because of illness; bank fees and charges, which are higher in the Caribbean than in many other parts of the world could be reduced significantly; and interest rates on loans could also be decreased while COVID-19 affects economies.

Certainly, government debt to domestic banks should be renegotiated and the banks should agree to extend the repayment periods and reduce the interest rates while governments are compelled to increase spending to deal with the public health emergency that all Caribbean countries now face.

If, heaven forbid, Banks are unwilling to adopt such measures, which, ultimately, will be to their benefit by ensuring that loans don't sour, and customers can continue to buy their services, then governments might have to resort to legislation to urge them in a sensible direction.

Trade Unions and other bargaining agents could also play an important part in the current crisis by putting into abeyance all demands for increased wages and payment of arrears. Making such de-

mands, at a time when both governments and the private sector face reduced income, would destabilize already unstable economies.

Governments might also have to consider placing a moratorium on repayment of foreign debts. The repayment of such debt requires foreign exchange, whose earning will be reduced by the decline in tourism. Further, existing foreign exchange reserves will dwindle as those reserves are used to continue to import goods and services for the society, including new spending on equipment and medicines to fight the coronavirus.

No reasonable international bank or foreign lending agency, including Export-Import banks of individual nations, could demand to be paid debts in full at a time of impossibility, when there is every possibility of debts being discharged in the future.

The spread of COVID-19 in North America and Europe, and the economic effect on the Caribbean region, once again demonstrates the region's vulnerability to external circumstances.

The need for a stronger, more resilient, more integrated region - at all levels including fiscal policies and financial strategies - is emphasised by the vulnerability that COVID-19 has underscored, even though the virus itself hardly hit Caribbean shores.

Responses and previous commentaries: www.sir-ronaldsanders.com

VACANCY

HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTOR

The Antigua Public Utilities Authority is now seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the position of Health & Safety Inspector.

The Health & Safety Inspector is responsible for maintaining and improving safety in the workplace by identifying, assessing conditions and procedures of work which could produce accidents and losses. The Inspector will also contribute to developing accident-prevention and loss-control. Maintain an effective information system/program which identify hazards, risks and the steps required to eliminate or control them.

Key duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Performing Health & Safety functions in any of the Authority's core Business Units (BU's) - Water, Electricity, Telecoms, Head Office.
- Notifying the Health Safety & Wellness Officer (HSWO) and BU Manager of accidents or incidents involving employees immediately, on receipt of a report.
- Notifying the HSWO and BU Manager of accidents or incidents involving damage to property within twenty-four (24) hours of a report being received.
- Completing preliminary accident/incident investigations within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence of an incident/accident.
- Developing specifications for hazard specific safety devices and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), sourcing and selecting vendors of the required devices and ensuring that the appropriate stock of these items is maintained.
- Ensuring that employees are suitably trained in the proper use and maintenance of assigned PPE and that employees use the PPE as stipulated.
- Causing a task or equipment to cease operation in a timely manner whenever there are clear indications of imminent danger.
- Documenting and maintaining records, inclusive of complaints received, observed safety violations and actions taken.
- Identifying training needs.
- Submitting monthly reports to the HSWO in a timely manner.

The ideal candidate should possess the following:

- Minimum of an Associate's Degree or equivalent in Occupational Health & Safety, Industrial Hygiene, Biology, Chemistry or a related field
- Diploma/Certification in Occupational Health and Safety or related field;
- A suitable combination of experience and qualification
- Attention to detail with excellent communication skills
- Proficiency with MS Office suite of applications
- A valid driver's license and a vehicle.

Interested persons are asked to apply in writing to:

The Human Resources Manager
 Antigua Public Utilities Authority
 P.O. Box 416
 Crn. High Street & Independence Avenue
 St. Johns, Antigua
OR Email: hr@apua.ag

Deadline for application is 18th March, 2020

** Only suitable applicants will be acknowledged **
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Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association Press Release on Respect for Rule of Law

The Antigua and Barbuda Bar Council expresses its unwavering support for the Rule of Law, the Separation of Powers and for the independence and integrity of our judiciary.

In an interview broadcast on PointFM radio station on or about 7 March, 2020 (and subsequently reported on by various media outlets), the Honourable Prime Minister Gaston Brown attributed certain actions to a judge of the High Court of Justice and further commented critically on those alleged actions in relation to a court case involving the Government and HMB Holdings Ltd.

There is nothing improper about anyone expressing concern with a particular judicial decision or characterizing a decision as “flawed”. However in doing so it is important, particularly for members of the Executive and senior government officials, to demonstrate respect for the Rule of Law and Separation of Powers which form the foundation of our democratic society.

It is the considered view of the Bar Council that some of the Honourable Prime Minister’s words during the above-referenced interview raised real concerns with respect to the Rule of Law and the doctrine of Separation of Powers. Additionally, the information conveyed in that interview



did not accurately represent the actions of the judge who was the apparent subject of the Prime Minister’s criticisms.

In the interview it was stated that a judge “is about to or has made a garnish-ee order” on NAMCO. In fact, the Bar Council has confirmed that, while there was an application for garnishment brought before a Judge, that application was not fully heard and the Judge has to date made no final decision in respect of such application. It is therefore not accurate to suggest the judge had made a garnishee order at all.

In any event, an application for garnishment is a well-established process by which judgements of the Courts may be enforced. The rules and procedures pertaining to such applications are long-standing and provide considerable pro-

tections for both parties to such proceedings.

The Bar Council considers the use of the words “perverted” and “nonsense” as inappropriate to describe a judge’s actions. Further and of even greater concern was the Honourable Prime Minister’s statement in response to a purported request from the judge to give an undertaking not to sell shares or assets of NAMCO.

The Prime Minister said, “I sent back a message to tell him [the Judge] that I am not giving him any such undertaking so if he want put me in jail he can put me in jail.”.

The Bar Council considers these words to be indicative of a disregard for the Court’s authority. Such words suggest to the public that it is acceptable to be confrontational with the Court and that it is accept-

able to defy an order of a judge (or in this case what appears to have been an anticipated order). The idea that any member of the Executive would embrace or encourage defiance of any actual or anticipated judicial pronouncement is abhorrent to the doctrine of Separation of Powers.

Further there is nothing unusual or improper about a judge enquiring of a party (or of one party enquiring of another at a hearing) whether an undertaking may be offered as an interim resolution pending hearing of certain matters. Such undertakings are generally voluntary and cannot properly be characterized as a perverted decision of the court.

Moreover, there is a system of appeal in place which offers recourse to any person who disagrees with a judgment. It is perfectly acceptable to express an intention to appeal a decision with which one disagrees. In fact the Honourable Prime Minister also indicated such an intention. However to suggest that the head of the Executive branch of government might deliberately disobey a court order undermines public confidence in the Rule of Law.

The Bar Council is encouraged by the fact that the Honourable Prime Minister did acknowledge in his in-

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Sandals names Employee of the Year

Sandals International (Antigua) has named a butler as its employee of the year, 2019-20.

In a statement to the local media, the resort named Wendel Richards, as a true hospitality professional, naming him as its Diamond Team Member of 2019, the highest employee accolade on property.

For this singular honour, Richards received an engraved acrylic award, a stay for two for five nights at another Sandals resort and a 42" flat screen SMART television are among the many prizes he won.

The statement said that by winning this award, Richards is now a contender for the Ultimate Team Member of the Year, as he will compete against the top employees at the other Sandals resorts across the Carib-

bean.

The prizes there include US\$20,000, one week's paid vacation at a Sandals of his choice, first class air transfer for two, among other VIP treatments.

Working in the hospitality industry, and more specifically at Sandals, has come as second nature to Richards.

He grew up in a household where his family members worked in the hotel sector and his mother worked at Sandals.

An Antiguan by birth, Richards grew up in Potters Village. He attended the Potters Primary School and later the Clare Hall Secondary School. Upon graduating from the secondary institution, he applied for a job at the resort.

"It was a very positive experience,"

he said of his early months with the company. "I started out as a waiter."

Shortly after, the awards came rolling in.

"Month after month I won the Most Guest Nominated Award," he said. "After the (then) General Manager saw how good I was, he suggested that I become a butler. At first I didn't want to be a butler because I loved what I did."

However, after some of the butlers encouraged him, Richards was eventually convinced that he needed to give it a try.

He became a butler officially in August 2006.

"I enjoy making the guests' vacation most memorable and enjoyable," he said. "I enjoy exceeding guests' expectations."

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terview the doctrine of Separation of Powers. However such acknowledgement is not consistent with other statements made in the same interview which have the potential to undermine the Rule of Law.

It is an imperative pillar of good governance that the members of our Executive and of our Legislature demonstrate by their words and actions unreserved respect for our Courts and for our esteemed judiciary who are one of the vanguards of our democracy.

The Antigua and Barbuda Bar Council therefore takes this opportunity to express our continuing trust in the integrity and independence of the Courts and our support for all the hard-work-

ing judges who continue to honourably serve our jurisdiction. We also call on all members of the Executive and the Legislature to demonstrate at all times unreserved respect

for the judiciary and to ensure that all comments in respect of judges and court decisions are expressed in terms which recognize the important role of the judiciary in our democracy and

which promote the Rule of Law.

Antigua and Barbuda Bar Council (Executive of the Antigua and Barbuda Bar Association) 12 March, 2020.



The evolution of road safety

Airbags, the idea was first conceived in 1941, and a decade later, American John W Getrick patented the first airbag use.

The airbags will save the riders from injuries as there is always a chance that the upper body and the head of the riders will collide to the interior of the vehicle and that may result in injuries or fatal accidents.

CAUTION PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY

DRIVE SAFELY

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 ANTIGUA & BARBUDA TRANSPORT BOARD
 A Message from Antigua and Barbuda Transport Board

Antigua and Barbuda helps draft pro-women resolution

Antigua and Barbuda participated in the drafting of the Resolution now up for discussion at the Organisation of American States on "Women's Representation and Participation in the OAS".

The country's permanent representative to the OAS, Sir Ron Sanders said the country was pleased to have been a part of this important exercise.

However, he said while Antigua and Barbuda was proud to be among the sponsors of the Resolution, it still felt that it could have gone further.

"Mr. Chairman, were it left to the delegation of Antigua and Barbuda alone, the Resolution before us would have been very different, and it would have been named differently.

"It would have been entitled, "The failures of the OAS to ensure representation and participation of Women", Sir Ron explained.

Additionally, he added, it would have listed the several resolutions adopted by General Assemblies of the OAS mandating the Secretariat to remedy the many deficiencies

in this Organization that have prevented women to be treated as equals.

As an example, he said previously, in June 2004, by Resolution AG/RES. 1977 (XXXIV-O/04), APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AT THE OAS, the General Assembly had urged the Secretary General to, among other things, achieve by 2005 the goal of having women occupy 50 percent of posts at each grade level within the OAS organs, agencies, and entities, particularly at the P-5 grade level and above, in order to achieve gender balance at all levels in the OAS.

Sadly, according to Sir Ron, neither this nor the other four

goals have been achieved.

Despite all these resolutions, spanning a period of 21 years, the Organization has still not fulfilled these mandates and it is felt that this Permanent Council is still repeating the same urgings made by General Assemblies as far back as 1999.

"There is clearly something very wrong, and it is up to member states to right that wrong. Women's rights are human rights; they are political rights; and they are civil rights. We cannot, with any credibility, argue for respect for human, political and civil rights, without demonstrating, within our own organization, our high regard for the rights of our women," Sir Ron declared.

NOTICE

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

To: Your Worship
St. John's Magistrate Court
Gray's Farm
St. John's Antigua

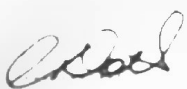
To: Your Worship
St. John's Magistrate Court
Grays' Farm
St. John's Antigua

Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: Notice – Application for Liquor Licence

I, Colin Norman Orlando Noel of Carlisle with registered business situate at Jasmine Court, Friars Hill Road, in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that it is my intention to apply at the next sitting of the liquor licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate's Court, Gray's Farm, St. John's, Antigua on Thursday, 2nd of April 2020 next ensuring for a Liquor Licensing Pursuant to Section (11) (5) of the Licensing (intoxication Liquor) Act Cap. 249 of the Laws of Antigua and Barbuda 1992 Revised Edition, in respect of premises known as "The Vineyard Restaurant & Bar" situated at Marble Hill Road in the Parish of St. John, Antigua and Barbuda.**

Date the 10th day of March 2020




To mark International Women's Day we are holding a COMMISSIONER FOR A DAY COMPETITION

Are you interested in international affairs? Do you want to understand more about what the UK is doing in Antigua and Barbuda? Ever wonder what diplomats do?

We are offering the chance for two women between the ages of 18-25 years the chance to shadow our Resident British Commissioner, Ms Lindsay Thompson, for a day in May.



Resident British Commissioner Thompson

To apply you must:

1. Be female, aged 18-25, and a resident of Antigua and Barbuda
2. Be following @LT_in_AandB on Twitter & lindsay.thompsonuk on Instagram
3. Be following UKinCaribbean on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram
4. Create a video not more than 90 seconds identifying challenges to gender equality in Antigua and Barbuda and recommendations to address these challenges
5. Post video on your social media accounts with hashtag: #RBC4adayA&B
6. Email the link of your post to RBC.AntiguaandBarbuda@fco.gov.uk

Competition closes on 31 March 2020 @ 11:59 pm

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO THE DESTINATION STEPPED-UP FROM 14 TO 21 DAYS.

EOC TO MEET THURSDAY AND MPS TO BE INFORMED

The travel restrictions which were issued by the Government of Sint Maarten have now been increased from 14 to 21-days, Prime Minister Silveria Jacobs disclosed on Wednesday.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be meeting on Thursday and a meeting will be held with Members of Parliament (MPs) to provide them with an update on national preparations for COVID-19.

Jacobs said the World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday declared that the coronavirus COVID-19 is now an international pandemic. Such a declaration calls on all countries to speed up their response and containment measures and to be prepared to take any additional measures that are required to protect public health. The Government continues to work closely with the Government of French Saint-Martin and Kingdom counterparts in order to prepare and plan to mitigate the spread. Prime Minister Jacobs added that the business community as well as Government will have to look at ways of allowing workers to work remotely from home, especially for persons who have traveled

to COVID-19 hotspots including those who are not mentioned in the country's travel restriction lists. Persons should self-isolate for 14-days at home; contact their family physician (GP) and provide a list of their flu-like symptoms to their GP if they develop any. The family physician will determine if the Collective Prevention Services (CPS) should be contacted. For more information you can call the 914-hot line during business hours.

Children with flu-like symptoms should remain home; self-isolation is the best way to contain communicable diseases. Special attention should be paid to senior citizens, especially those with pre-existing health (respiratory) conditions. Passengers and airline crew who have been in China (People's Republic), Hong Kong (SAR China), Iran, Italy, Japan, Korea (Rep.), Macao (SAR China) or Singapore in the past 21 days, are not allowed to transit or enter Sint Maarten.

This does not apply to nationals of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (being from Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Netherlands, St. Eustatius, Saba and Sint Maarten); and this does not apply to residents of Sint Maarten.



All passengers must fill in the embarkation card in order to know where the passengers are coming from before the aircraft/ship arrives in Sint Maarten.

There are zero cases of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 on Dutch Sint Maarten at this time. Our screening processes at our ports of entry have been stepped up in cooperation with the airlines who are also following their own screening protocols based on World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations. There is no reason to panic; stay calm and take preventative hygiene mea-

sures at home, on the job, in school that have been promoted by the Ministry of Public Health for the past several weeks via the Government's Department of Communication. Persons should refrain from hugging and touching each other when visiting family or friends. We have to get back to the 'No touch rule' in order to protect ourselves at this point in time with the global COVID-19 outbreak.

The Government continues to work diligently to increase capacity within the public health sector, but this will take some time.

Regional News

Lockdown – PM Holness says Jamaican schools will be closed for 14 days



Jamaica Prime Minister Andrew Holness closes all Jamaican Schools from today.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness has announced that Jamaicans schools will be closed for a period of 14 days in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

This was disclosed at a press conference at the Office of the Prime Minister on Thursday afternoon.

Holness said that as of March 13 schools across the island will be closed for 14 days with a plan to review that decision after 10 days.

He said the period will give time to parents to prepare for having their children at home, as well as give

educational institutions an opportunity to make preparation for students to continue learning at home.

The Prime Minister also disclosed that the Heart Trust/NTA will be closed during the 14-day period. Teachers' colleges and community colleges, as well as early childhood institutions, will be closed.

Universities are not included in the 14-day lockdown. However, Holness said that the government is encouraging the tertiary institutions to offer online classes.

St. Maarten: Carnival Postponed!

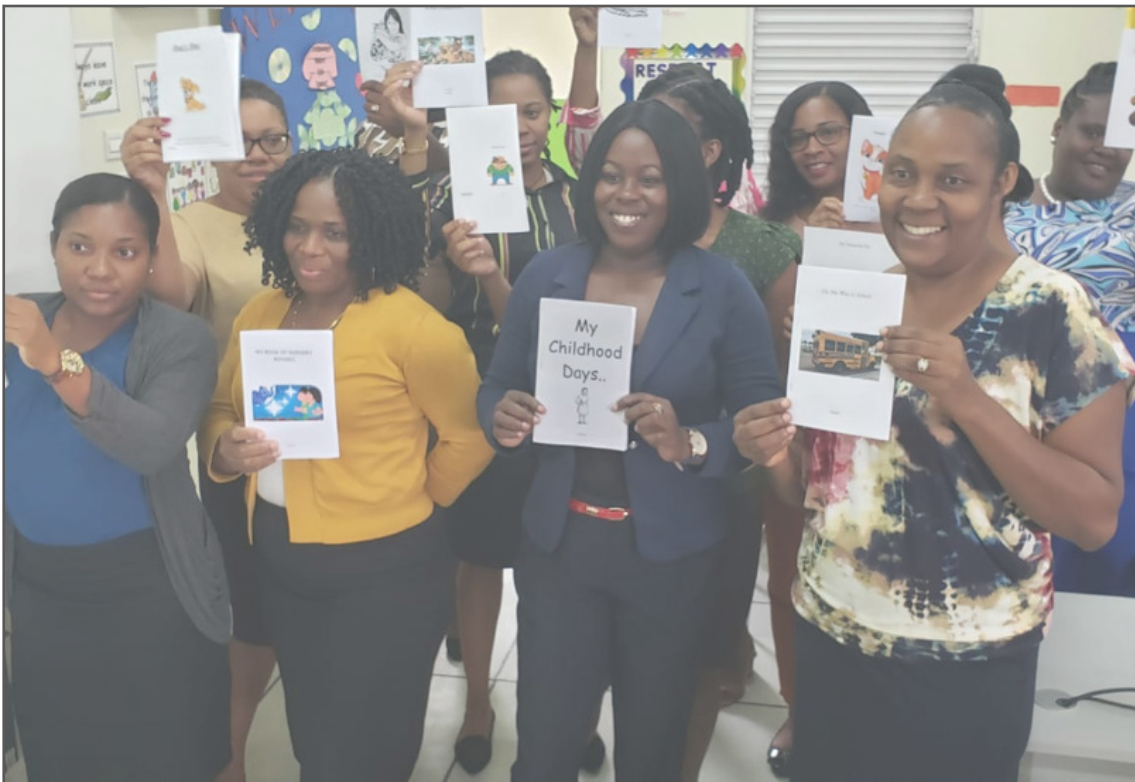


The Government of St. Maarten has decided to postpone Carnival 2020 in response to the rapid spreading of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The foundation was informed of this in a meeting called by Government on Thursday, March 12 and agrees that public safety comes first. The SCDF

will issue a series of notices to the public and all Carnival stakeholders in the coming days. Please monitor the media for updates.

Early Grade teachers in the OECS producing their own culturally relevant books to teach reading!



The OECS/USAID ELP will run through to September 2020 continuing to develop and implement impactful initiatives that advance early grade reading throughout the OECS.

The USAID/OECS Early Learners Programme (ELP) has facilitated the training of primary school teachers in Bloom Software to enable the creation of customized content for their classrooms.

One of the challenges in the OECS is a lack of culturally relevant books for students and the Bloom software makes it easy to create simple relatable books. The software is so user-friendly that primary school students are also being encouraged to create their own books

to engender more reading throughout the OECS.

Thus far a total of approximately 130 teachers have been trained across the OECS, with training still ongoing in Saint Lucia. These learning sessions are enabling teachers to create books with content that would facilitate learning in a more culturally relevant way. Teachers know their students and curriculum, and therefore have the opportunity to create tailor-made books that can

address specific topics and meet the needs of their students. Teachers with basic computer skills who participated in the sessions felt well equipped and confident to go back to the schools and teach the students how to create and publish their own books. The creation of books by students facilitates and enhances reading and writing skills. Further, when the students create content that they are interested in, they are keen to read and share their publications.

This fuels creativity, critical thinking and stimulates interest in reading and writing.

Dominica held one of the most recent Bloom Software training sessions with 48 primary school teachers. According to the facilitator and ELP Coordinator Carine Burnette, "The programme is quite important as it gives teachers or anyone who wants to write, the opportunity to generate and express ideas. The software further enables the teachers to publish their books for utilization within the classroom setting. The teachers had the opportunity to create content that was relevant to the students in their classrooms and the specific lessons that they are working on to make the subject more interesting and relevant. Language, characters and activities within the books can be specifically related to the Caribbean lifestyle which enhances the reading and learning process. The teachers were very enthusiastic about going back to the classroom to use the software and share it with their students."

Regional News

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Police probe live radio threat on Wickham's life



Renowned Caribbean Pollster and Talkshow host Peter Wickham

A threat on the life of pollster and talkshow host Peter Wickham, made Tuesday on live national radio, is now the subject of a police investigation.

The ongoing political tensions in Guyana appeared to boil over on Voice of Barbados radio while Wickham was presenting the Down to Brass Tacks call-in programme, apparently drawing the ire of a caller

about his comments on the post-election impasse.

The caller said: "I warned you before sir to stay out of the affairs of my country and you still meddle into it."

Wickham asked: "You are Guyanese?"

The caller did not reply but said: "Now I know that you are travelling soon from now, make your peace with the Lord before your leave." The call ended.

Wickham, a Director of the Caribbean Development Research Services, which conducts public opinion polling across the Caribbean had expressed concern about the process in Guyana. A week after the March 2 regional and general elections, the winner is yet to be declared after the electoral commission released unverified results from the populous Region Four, prompting the Opposition People's Progressive Party/Civic to file an injunction asking the court to bar the declaration of a winner while the court reviews the case.

Wickham suggested that the data published so far favours the Opposition PPP/Civic and the party was likely to be declared the winner.

Today, Chief Justice Roxane George-Wiltshire ordered the Guyana Elections Commission to restart or continue the verification of the results for Region Four by 11 a.m. on Thursday.

Wickham, who described the call as a threat, con-

firmed this evening he had lodged a report with the police and that an investigation had begun.

On his Facebook page, he also invited anyone with information about the caller to provide any information they could.

Wickham also made it clear that he would not be intimidated.

A defiant Wickham said: "I should also add that I remain committed to my work in the region and promise to continue offering professional opinions whenever the opportunity arises (as long as I am in this business).

"I do appreciate that my comments will often delight and sometimes offend, but such is life!"



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Anger, confusion in Europe as Trump issues coronavirus travel ban

Travel to the US from most of Europe will be suspended for 30 days beginning on Friday, President Donald Trump announced, citing a need to combat the spread of the coronavirus.

Trump's move on Wednesday came amid rising global panic after the World Health Organization (WHO) warned that the spread and severity of the illness, now considered a pandemic, was due to "alarming" levels of inaction. The ban applies to the 26-country Schengen Area. Among the countries excluded from the ban as they are not in that zone are infection-hit countries such as the United Kingdom, Ireland, Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Cyprus. "The restriction applies to foreign nationals who have been in the Schengen Area, 26 countries in Europe with open borders agreements, in the last 14 days," a White House statement said. "Those who are exempt from these restrictions, such as American citizens, will be directed to a limited number of airports where screening can take place."

"There is extensive travel back and forth between Europe that heightens the risk here in the United States."

The response to Trump's move in Europe ranged from anger to confusion. "The European Union disapproves of the fact that the US decision to impose a travel ban was taken unilaterally and without consultation," Ursula von der Leyen and Charles Michel, the respective presidents of the European Commission and European Council, said in a joint statement. "The European Union is taking strong action to limit the spread of the virus."

"The coronavirus is a global crisis, not limited to any continent and it requires cooperation rather than unilateral action."

Trump said on Thursday that he did not notify EU leaders because "it takes time" and he had to move quickly. He added that he excluded the United Kingdom because the country was doing a good job at controlling the spread of the coronavirus. Many had concerns over the economic impact of travel bans. The news hit financial markets hard, with stocks diving and oil slumping, as investors were disappointed by the lack of broad measures to offset a likely fall in consumption.

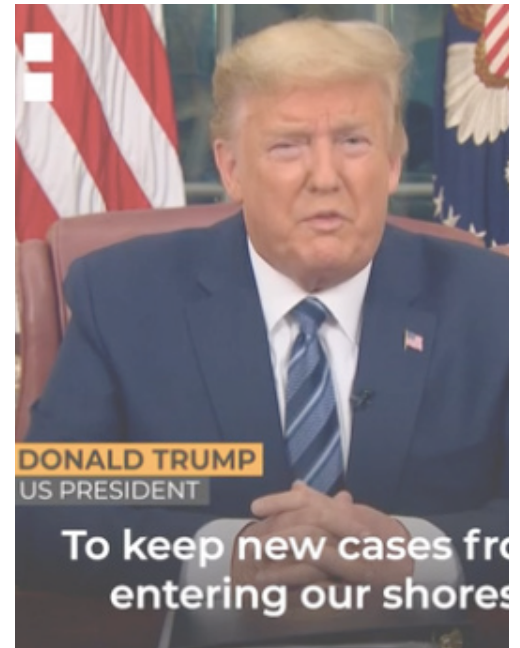
British finance minister Rishi Sunak played down the prospect of the UK imposing similar travel restrictions, but acknowledged the US decision could have a knock-on effect on the British economy.

He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "With regard to flight bans, we are always guided by the science as we make our decisions here, and the advice we are getting is that there isn't the evidence that interventions like closing borders or travel bans are going to have a material effect on the spread of the infection."

Meanwhile, many observers said the ban lacked clarity and could be interpreted as a political move.

"Non-Schengen and UK excepted: this is not about containment, this is about sending a political message. In a time where the EU is challenged to its core, the US is closing its borders and turning its back on allies," tweeted Benjamin Haddad, director of the Future Europe Initiative at Atlantic Council.

Al Jazeera's Laurence Lee, reporting from London, said: "The EU is absolutely furious about this, bewildered, and trying to work out what the ramifications are. They weren't consulted apparently before Trump said this



EU 'disapproves' of travel ban as observers question efficacy of order which excludes some infection-hit countries

in the middle of the night, European time.

"They are trying to understand what it means. There are enormous concerns about trade between the EU and US."

"Trump seems to be making a cynical but political point out of this, by blaming Europe but not the UK. But it is a problem for the UK too, because European travellers who want to go to the US will think maybe I should stop off in London and travel from there."

If that happened, Lee said, it would be extra strain on Britain's National Health Service.

Trump said it was possible that he could extend or shorten the Europe travel ban depending how the situation plays out.

There have been more than 126,000 cases of the virus worldwide since its outbreak late last year in China, and over 68,000 people have recovered.

China is the epicentre of the crisis, with most infections and deaths, followed by Italy, Iran and South Korea.

Coronavirus: US is failing on testing, says Fauci

The testing system for coronavirus in the US is currently failing, a top health official has admitted.

"The system is not really geared to what we need right now... let's admit it," said Dr Anthony Fauci from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Authorities in the US have come under fire for carrying out far fewer tests than many other affected countries.

There are currently more than 1,300 confirmed cases of the virus in the US.

President Donald Trump says the US has "a tremendous testing set up where people coming in have to be tested". However, he has not given further details, and there has not been routine testing for the virus in the US.

How many tests are being done in the US?

In an interview with CNN on Thursday, Vice-President Mike Pence could not confirm how many Americans had been tested for the virus, saying he "would leave that to the experts".

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a total of at least 11,079 specimens have been tested since January. However, the number of people tested is likely to be lower, as patients typically provide at least two specimens for testing.

Furthermore, government



officials say they do not know the number of people being tested, because some tests are being conducted by private hospitals and laboratories that have not been reporting in to the CDC.

The Atlantic, which is running a project to track the number of tests being conducted, estimates about 8,000 people have been tested. Meanwhile, lawmakers who went to a briefing with health officials told Politico that fewer than 10,000 Americans had been tested.

By contrast, South Korea has tested more than 210,000 people and is testing nearly 20,000 people every day, while in the UK, more than 29,700 people have been tested, and more than 1,000 tests are being carried out per day.

In neighbouring Canada, there are currently about 100 confirmed cases. About half

of those are in Ontario, which has tested about 4,185 samples.

Dr Fauci acknowledged to a congressional hearing that the US faced particular difficulties with testing.

"The idea of anybody getting it [testing] easily, the way people in other countries are doing it, we're not set up for that. I think it should be, but we're not."

Why has testing in the US been slow?

It could be down to a combination of factors.

The US declined to use a test approved by the World Health Organization in January - instead, the CDC developed its own coronavirus test. However, there were manufacturing defects with the initial CDC tests which meant many of the results were inconclusive.

Lawmakers who attended

Thursday's health briefing said that there were also problems with the supply chain for testing kits, with stocks of cotton swabs and gloves running low.

And earlier this week, the director of the CDC told a congressional hearing: "There's not enough equipment, there's not enough people, there's not enough internal capacity."

"The truth is... we've underinvested in the public health labs."

What's the reaction been?

On Wednesday, President Donald Trump announced sweeping travel restrictions on 26 European countries - but was criticised by Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer for not addressing the lack of sufficient coronavirus testing kits.

Republican lawmakers have also expressed frustration, with one senator, James Lankford saying: "We've got a long way to go to be able to get rapid, efficient testing."

Mr Lankford added that it was "not accurate" when President Trump said everyone in the US who wanted to get tested could get one.

Meanwhile, Senator Mitt Romney said it was "very frustrating" that the testing had been slow.

"You can't get wipes for your countertop. You can't get alcohol... and it's very difficult to get tests."

Sophie Trudeau, wife of Canadian Prime Minister, tests positive for coronavirus

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's wife, Sophie Grégoire Trudeau, has been placed in isolation after testing positive for coronavirus.

She is feeling well and has mild symptoms, and will remain in isolation for 14 days, according to a statement from the Prime Minister's office.

He is not being tested at this time.

Health officials will reach out to those who've been in

contact with her as necessary, the office said.

"The Prime Minister is in good health with no symptoms. As a precautionary measure and following the advice of doctors, he will be in isolation for a planned period of 14 days," the office said in a statement.

"Also on the advice of doctors, he will not be tested at this stage since he has no symptoms.

"For the same reason,



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his wife, Sophie Grégoire Trudeau.

doctors say there is no risk to those who have been in contact with him recently."

He will continue with his duties, and plans to address Canadians today.

Judge orders Chelsea Manning to be released



Former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning speaks to reporters outside federal court shortly in Alexandria, Virginia, on March 8, 2019.

A federal judge ordered Thursday that former Army analyst Chelsea Manning immediately be released from the Virginia jail where she's been held in contempt for almost a year.

Manning, 32, was taken to a hospital Wednesday after she attempted suicide, her legal team said. She had been sched-

uled for a hearing Friday in Alexandria, Virginia, where she has been held since May after she refused to answer questions from a grand jury looking into the release of documents to WikiLeaks.

But U.S. District Judge Anthony Trenga said Thursday that the grand jury had completed its business and found that Manning's "appearance before the Grand Jury is no longer needed." He ordered the Justice Department to release her immediately but ordered her to pay the \$256,000 in fines that had accrued as she fought the order to testify.

Manning was convicted at a court-martial of espionage and other charges in 2013 for leaking secret military files to WikiLeaks. She has refused to answer further questions about WikiLeaks, arguing that she already did so during her trial seven years ago.

She was ordered jailed in May 2019

after refusing to appear before the grand jury, even with a grant of immunity. She was told then that she would be jailed and fined each day until she agreed to appear or until the grand jury went out of existence. (Federal grand juries typically serve limited terms.)

Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison, but she was released in 2017 after President Barack Obama commuted her sentence. Manning said she refused to testify before the grand jury because "I don't believe in the grand jury process." "I don't believe in the secrecy of this," she said outside the courthouse before she was jailed.

Her lawyers asked that the fine be set aside, but the judge denied the request Thursday, declaring that it had been "necessary to the coercive purpose" of the civil contempt order that put her in jail in the first place.

Your Stars Foretold



Aries

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

Put an extra spring in your step, Aries. The slow, steady pace may be something that you're comfortable with, but note that the situations of the day call for something much more dynamic and brave.



Libra

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Don't be a pushover today, Libra. This is your time to lead. At least get your opinion out in the open and let it be known to the people around you. Put some passion in your day in order to live things up and get the energy moving. A powerful transformation may take place within you as you start to wield your power instead of give it blindly away to others.



Taurus

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Be prepared for all-out combat with people today, Taurus, even though this is pretty much the opposite of your normal style. In fact, "opposite" is the name of the game for you today. Don't be surprised if you walk into an ice cream shop wanting vanilla and all they have is chocolate. Remember to not get upset by these types of situations over which you simply have no control.



Scorpio

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

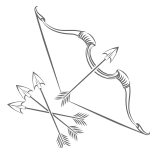
You have a great deal of power at your disposal today, Scorpio. You should keep in mind that just about anything you wish for will come true. Don't waste words or actions. Concentrate your energy and focus it on one or two important things instead of dispersing it and thereby diluting your overall power. There isn't anything to fear on a day like this.



Gemini

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20)

Control is apt to be a big theme for you and the people around you today, Gemini. You'll find such a brutal dispute over who is holding the reins that once someone finally gets a firm hold of them, he or she is apt to take the situation to the extreme. There's an aggressive tone to things that can't easily be ignored. Keep an eye on your associates on a day like this.



Sagittarius

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Be careful of getting into fights today, Sagittarius. However, if a squabble or altercation of some sort seems inevitable, don't shrink away and hide. It's important that you face the source of the attack and stand up to whomever or whatever is getting in your path. Conjure up the warrior inside you and you might surprise yourself with the incredible power you have within.



Cancer

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22)

In general, things should be going extremely well for you today, Cancer, so don't miss this opportunity to pursue your dreams in every sense of the word. Do things with passion and don't hold back. Remember that your mind and will are the only things stopping you from getting where you want to be. There's a great deal of magnetism at your disposal today, so enlist others to help you.



Capricorn

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

Issues regarding freedom are apt to come up today in more ways than one, Capricorn. These issues could be connected with opportunities for adventure and travel. Although you initially want to dive into this promised freedom, take time to reflect on what you need in your current situation before making any final decision. Don't forget the other people in your life and how such actions might affect them and your relationships.



Leo

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22)

You may feel anxious today, even more so than usual, Leo. Your nerves may be quite jittery, and there's a feeling that you may not be on exactly the right track. More than likely, what you need to do is simply calm down and relax. Let your brain slow down and think clearly without the distraction of many people telling you what to do.



Aquarius

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18)

There is a great deal of startup energy working for you today, Aquarius. You may feel as if you're walking on hot coals. This isn't a good day to sit on the couch watching TV. The coals will burn you for sure. It's important that you keep moving. Engage in activities that exercise your mind as well as body. You'll feel much better if you can point to something and say that you created it.



Virgo

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sept 22)

Other people are the most important aspect of your day today, Virgo. You'll find that things might get a bit difficult and unruly alone, but if you connect with others, even the most challenging task becomes almost effortless. One toothpick is easily broken, but 50 toothpicks together are as strong as steel. Conjure up this power created by a force of people who all share a common goal.



Pisces

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20)

Your energy will light up any room you enter today, Pisces. Feel free to take advantage of this incredible magnetism by initiating and encouraging others to join you in creative activities and bold adventures. However, be careful that your head doesn't get too big. You can be proud without becoming egotistical; otherwise you'll end up losing your followers before you even get started.



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Fanon
5 How-to book
illus.
9 Like Stein's
generation
13 Lhasa ____ (dog
breed)
17 TV's answer man
18 Over, in
Österreich
19 Sweet sandwich
20 Bacteriologist
Jonas
21 Weapon for
Colonel Mustard
22 Diva Te Kanawa
23 Fabled exterminator
25 "Things are
seldom what
they ____"
26 Those: Sp.
27 Place Lot left
28 Psychologist
LeShan
29 Preps for a
photo, as a
model
31 Landlord

- 33 Author Norman
Vincent
36 Den piece, often
40 Skier's transport
43 Former Peruvians

- 45 Skywalker
48 Bug-eyed
Ranch owner
George

- 46 Gasoline rating
48 French auto
50 Diminutive suffix

- 51 Giotto's crea-
tions
52 "____ Without
Rain" (Enya)

- 53 Hard work
55 Piedmont capital
57 Dubbed one:
abbr.

- 58 Thought: prefix
59 Curare's kin
60 Creed
63 Japanese city

- 64 Midwest export
65 Norton and
Howard
69 Male falcon: var.

- 71 Empty talk,
slangily
73 English school-

- boy
75 Sounds of a
water balloon
battle

- 76 Big wheel at the
firehouse
78 Smelter's dross

- 79 Hebrew lyre
80 Endure
82 Bully's prey

- 83 Property trans-
feror
86 Poet Jones
(Amiri Baraka)

- 88 By: Sp.
90 Filthy ____
(money, pejora-
tively)

- 92 Mme.'s daughter
93 King Tut's was
found in 1922

- 97 Miller's warm-up
garb
99 Belgian-French
river

- 100 ____ Hassan
101 Gifts to mendi-
cants
102 Allowance for
evaporation

- 103 Some August
babies
104 Swedish diva
Jenny

- 105 Police pressure,
slangily
106 Like Southern
California's
climate

- 107 Feudal worker
108 Authorizes

- DOWN**
1 Flivvers
2 Sunscreen
ingredient

- 3 First name in
cartoon skunks
4 Like an A+
paper

- 5 Peerage
members
6 Sacred birds of
Egypt

- 7 Hairspray choice
8 Cubist artist Juan
9 Cuts back a tree

- 10 Baltimore team
11 Like some rye
12 Hubbubs

- 13 Faulkner's "____
Lay Dying"
14 Reading
material

- 15 Northern trans-
port
16 Gumbo pod

- 24 Evening hrs.
30 Wine: prefix
32 Ballplayer Mel
et al.

- 33 Type measure
34 Town NNW of
Oklahoma City

- 35 Court minutes
37 Soldiers' vaca-
tions
38 Rickenbacker,
e.g.

- 39 View from
Gotland
41 Soon
42 Unwind

- 44 Descendants of
Shem
46 Accustoms to

- 47 Tenth of a mil-
lennium: abbr.
49 Of a knob
51 "____ Jacques"

- 54 Suffix of employ-
ment
56 First beagle to
win Best in Show

- 60 "____ Gift" (W.C.
Fields film)
61 Uses a straw

- 62 Tearjerker
63 Eight: prefix
65 Self-appointed
information
source

- 66 Michael Col-
lins's homeland
67 "Vanity Fair"
director Mira

- 68 Arrogant
summons
70 Steak-eater's
specification

- 72 River islet
74 Eight: prefix
76 Ives's colleague

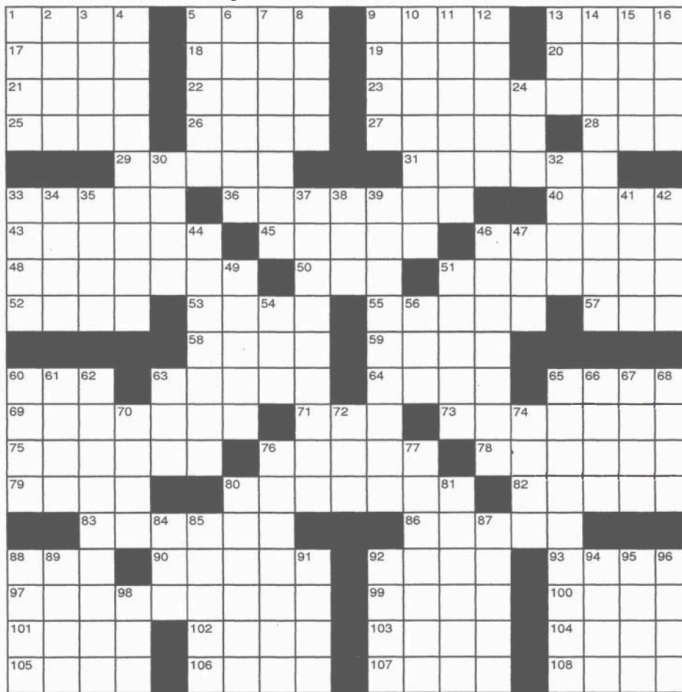
- 77 Colts' siblings
80 Self-assured
81 Wrestling hold

- 84 Benevolent
brother
85 Uses Pledge

- 87 Designer Tracy
88 Memphis god
89 Heraldry band

- 91 Major ender
92 ____ poblano
94 "Alice's Restau-
rant" cop

- 95 ____ Saint-Michel
96 Spring open-
ings?
98 Chicago's zone:
abbr.



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Edwards proud of team

Former national captain presently the president and coach of Cool and Smooth Empire Veron Epilus Edwards Jr. is happy with the performance of his team for the 2020 ABFA First Division season.

Speaking to his Co- Host Vernon Springer on the TIMEOUT program Edwards said the Executive of the 13 times champions made a decision two years ago after relegation to rebuild a squad with local talent mostly community based.

To date the decision seems

to be bearing fruit as Empire leads the First Division standings.

When ask about some of the outstanding performers he pointed to captain N. Starci Watkins who is one of the only remaining players for his leadership and commitment, senior player Mike France and Sydney Samuel Jr., 16 year old Zahiem Mus Greene the son of former national goalkeeper Keithly Zazawaki Greene, Rakeem Joseph USVI international, and Ratijah Hulk Davis 17 year old 6'2 250 pound de-



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fender.

Edwards says he is confident his team will gain pro-

motion this season because of their, desire, focus, hunger for success.



Grammar School defeats Sir Novel Richards in School Cricket

Antigua Grammar School defeated Sir Novel Richards School by 67 runs in the Ministry of Sports Under-15 School cricket competition.

AGS posted 164 for 6 with Treyorn Francis smashing 46 and Ronaldo Antigua add-

ing 21.

Jayquan and Brian Balgobin picked up 2 wickets each.

In response SNRS manage 97 with Jared-Jon-Baptiste scoring 35 and Treyorn Francis bagging 6 for 16 in 4.1 overs.

Arsenal manager tests positive for COVID-19

Mikel Arteta Arsenal manager tests positive for coronavirus and the club's game against Brighton on Saturday has been postponed.

The Gunners have closed their training ground and club staff who had recent contact with Arteta will now be isolated.

37 year old Spaniard says he is really disappointed, he noted that he took the test after feeling poorly.

Arsenal expect a significant number of people will self isolate including the full first team squad.

Empire to clash with Tryum

DEWS

Today (Friday) is an important day in the 2020 ABFA First Division promotion race when 13 time premier league champions Cool and Smooth Empire who presently lead the division clash with Tryum at Cashew Hill at 5:00pm.

Both teams played to a one-all draw in their first encounter at the ARG.

A win for Empire would move them closer to a premier league return while Tryum need a win and keep their hopes of a top two finish alive.

The men for west will try to use their speed, skill, youth and top striker Rakeem Beauty Joseph to keep their good form alive while Tryum will look to use their experience.

A big crowd is expected at Cashew Hill later today (Friday).

Attacking Saints and Real

Blizzard were successful in the ABFA second division on Wednesday, while Aston Villa and Sap kept their automatic premier league hopes on track in the first division.

Attacking Saints Hammered 5,P's F.C Wadadli 9-0. Shakeem Lanquaduc and Malone Joseph netted twice, while Dorian Cole, Keron Mc Kenzie, Roneba Cordice, Nasheem Phillip and Jossue Samuel scored a goal each.

Real Blizzard upset league leaders Garden Stars 2-1. On target for Blizzard was Taharie James in the 1, and Milique London in the 30. Tarek Charles had equalized in the 17.



In the closely contested First Division Sap ease past their community rivals Bolans 2-0 at Bolans.

Tyrique Tongue in the 32 and Rockeem Russell in the 80 led the way.

Aston Villa edged past Fort Road 2-1. Fort Road took

the lead in the 7 but Villa bounced back through Revi-ro Torres Yasnay and Omega Jeffery.

Empire continue to lead the standings with 42 points from 18 games, Sap lies second on 41 from 20 outings, Villa 39 from 17 games, and Tryum on fourth with 39 from 19 matches.

In First division games played yesterday (Thursday) Willikies destroyed Potters 5-1, Bluejays brushed aside John Hughes 3-1, West Ham and Police played to a one-all draw.

In the female program at the technical center Grenades and Trendsetters played out a 1-1 draw.



Blue Jays F.C.