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Agriculture – a modern day industry

During the 1990s, agriculture grew in leaps and bounds, kick-started by a new headquarters for the Department of Agriculture at Lower Valley, where they worked in tandem with the Agricultural Society. With such a large space now available, it was a move which allowed “all kinds of unimaginable things for the future”, Chief Agricultural and Veterinary Officer Dr Alfred Benjamin (1988 to 2007) recalled.

In 2001, Kurt Tibbets, who served as Minister for Planning, Communications and Works and as Leader of Government Business from 2000 to 2001, sent his own message on agriculture as outlined in the 35th annual Agriculture Show programme,

where he stated that the visibility of the tourism and finance sectors produced a tendency to forget the key role that agriculture played in the quality of life in Cayman. Mr Tibbets outlined plans he had at the time to explore ways to diversify and strengthen this sector of the economy, such as exploring aquaculture and fish farming.

Seven years later, Cayman’s Agricultural Society President James Sherieff wrote about some of the ways in which the industry had progressed, with the introduction of a new modern abattoir and the opening of the Market at the Grounds, “where

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► People love to shop at the Market at the Grounds

PREMIER: COVID-19 HARSH REALITY



► Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin

The gravity of the situation facing the Cayman Islands due to the COVID-19 pandemic has been further forcefully driven home by Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin.

Reinforcing previous statements he has made about the scale of the crisis now facing the territory, he said the gravity of the situation is possibly the worst health crisis the world has faced in over a hundred years.

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Jurors who are scheduled to attend court on 1 April 2020 are **no longer to attend** and may be regarded as **being on standby** until the end of their session which expires on 1 July. The court will communicate updates in due course. 🌐

New Hours for Treasury GAB Counter

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak and the recent changes to Cayman's retail banking hours of operation from, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, please note that **effective Tuesday, 24 March 2020, the Treasury Cashier's new hours will be from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm daily until further notice.** 🌐



COVID-19 Procedures at WORC Apollo House West

During this time of national uncertainty, we appreciate the spectrum of vulnerability across our diverse customer base of individuals, families, corporate entities, and public sector partners alike.

Given the potential for COVID-19 to cause significant socio-economic impact to the Cayman Islands, the team at Workforce Opportunities and Residency Cayman (WORC) is actively evaluating and making changes to our policies and service delivery methods as necessary to responsibly maintain continuity of operations.

For the safety of both staff and customers, we encourage all of our customers to utilise the phone numbers and email addresses provided and to avoid in-person attendance at the WORC offices at Apollo House West.

This advisory is only one of what will be a series from WORC to keep customers in the know on matters relating to our services.

Employment Services

We recognise that COVID-19 will potentially result in the displacement of Caymanian employees, and as such we are pursuing strategic solutions to connect Caymanian job-seekers with employment opportunities and support services.

Our Employment Service Officers are equipped for remote working, and as such they will proactively establish contact with our current and newly registered Caymanian Job Seeker customers to offer specialist guidance, support, and assistance via phone and video conferencing.

If you have registered and have not yet been contacted, we ask that you reach out to the one of the Employment Service Officer listed below:

- Rohan Webster – 244-4020 or rohan.webster@gov.ky
- Felipe Terc – 244-4026 or felipe.terc@gov.ky
- Priscilla Powery-Livingston – 244-4021 or Priscilla.powery-livingston@gov.ky
- Tania Ebanks – 244-4023 or tania.ebanks@gov.ky

If you are Caymanian job seeker and require assistance in finding employment, contact:

- Shantannia Bryan – 945-9672 or email shantannia.bryan@gov.ky

Please be reminded that for matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the Labour Law and Pensions Law, customers can contact the Department of Labour & Pensions at 945-8960 or email dlp@gov.ky

Passport Endorsements Stamps

Effective 20 March, until further notice, WORC will no longer provide passport endorsement stamps.

If your Work Permit has been approved and you have received a Work Permit License (approval letter), **do not** come to the WORC office. Your Work Permit License (approval letter) will act as the authority you need for any travel purposes.

If you have not received your Work Permit License (approval letter), contact:

- WORC Call Centre – 945-9672 or Customer Care WhatsApp 925-7199 or email generalqueries@worc.gov.ky

Work Permit Renewals

In the interest of reducing the burden on medical personnel and facilities, applications submitted between 20 March and 20 May for a renewal of a Work Permit will not require a medical.

Additionally, applications related to medical and essential services personnel will be considered on a priority basis to assist in rapidly surging critical resources.

While we manage resource constraints internally, we ask for customers' patience where delays are experienced in relation to applications for the grant of a Work Permit, Permanent Residency, or Caymanian Status.

Application Drop Offs

Customers dropping off applications are asked to place completed documents and payments (cheques are preferred) using a drop bag that you will be given at the WORC office door. Customers will be asked to fill out the drop bag details and leave this with WORC staff for processing. Should a member of the team need to contact you, we will do so with the information provided on the application. Where payments are by cheque, customers' receipt will be sent via email.

Job Registration and Job Postings

Using a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer, Job Seekers and employers can register and interact with our JobsCayman platform. Unfortunately, due to technical constraints, the JobsCayman platform cannot currently accept registrations or job postings via mobile phones.

Employers and Job Seekers who are already registered, are encouraged to visit www.worc.ky for 'How To' guidance while additional assistance can be accessed by calling 925-9639 or emailing generalqueries@worc.gov.ky 8am – 4pm Monday thru Friday.

Training & Development

Workshops have been cancelled for the next 2 weeks, however, key team members are accessible via phone or email from 8am – 4pm Monday thru Friday:

- Passport2Success – Paul 925 5827 | paul.puckerin@gov.ky
- Ready2WorkKY – Antonette 926 6286 | antonette.mcfarlane@gov.ky
- National Training & Development & Ready2WorkKY – Dianne 925 7230 | Dianne.conolly@gov.ky

Complaints

Customers wishing to lodge a complaint should do so by email only, by contacting worccomplaints@gov.ky.

This email address will be checked daily and resulting actions handled by a WORC Compliance Manager.

Residents of Cayman Brac are also advised to utilize the WORC complaints email address or to send written complaints addressed to WORC Complaints Manager (Confidential) P.O. Box 1098, George Town, Grand Cayman KY1-1102. 🌐

Water Authority Waives Penalty Fees

To further assist customers facing financial hardship during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Water Authority-Cayman will waive penalty fees for March 2020.

This action is in addition to the COVID-19 Payment Deferral Policy developed by the Authority, to assist persons who may be temporarily out of a job due to the pandemic. If a customer has been impacted please contact the Water Authority about the deferral policy via email info@waterauthority.ky or by phone at 949-2837.

Customers seeking to make a payment can do so online by visiting www.waterauthority.ky and clicking the "Pay My Bill" button on the home page, online via local banks, or by cheque using the Authority's dropbox at its Red Gate Office. Customers that need to make cash payments can do so at the counter of their local branch, or all Post Offices in Grand Cayman, with the exception of the Hell Post Office in West Bay.

Customers can still conduct business with the Authority electronically. Our Customer Service team can be contacted by emailing info@waterauthority.ky or calling 949-2837.

Cayman Brac customers who require trucked water can continue to make requests by calling 948-1403.

Customers are reminded that the Authority is focusing on providing



essential services. Essential services mean services that ensure customers have water supply and include reconnecting customers who were previously disconnected due to past non-payment, as well as responding to any water service issues active customers may experience.

The Authority encourages its customers and the public to remain calm, and take actions to prevent the spread of the virus. We can all play our part by practising social distancing and washing hands frequently with soap and water, to lessen the impact of the virus on our community.

For more updates, and important messages from the Authority customers can visit the website www.waterauthority.ky and social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

The Water Authority is the statutory body responsible for the management of water and wastewater in the Cayman Islands. The Administrative Headquarters is located at 13G Red Gate Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. 🌐

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He was speaking on Monday following the disclosure that the number of COVID-19 cases had increased (to five at the time) and the announcement of the imposition of a 10-day curfew from 9pm to 5am.

"We have put in place some measures earlier than most places in the world did, which, pray God they work. We appear to be ahead of the curve with respect to the virus.

"We have now shut down the borders of this country. If our measures succeed we will go through two weeks of great inconvenience and stress (but) we will have prevented community spread."

Once that is achieved, the Premier said the Government can look at how it could relax some of the strictures it has been forced to put in place.

However, he emphasised that if the present measures fail to produce the desired results, the prospects look ominous.

"If we fail it is not going to be two weeks of semi-lockdown, it is going to be a minimum of twelve weeks of absolute lockdown, hundreds of deaths, many funerals that we are not going to be able to attend because of the restriction on numbers."

He was then referring to the reduction from 50 to 10 as the maximum number of people who are allowed to congregate in groups.

Further hammering home just how serious the situation is, Premier McLaughlin called on citizens and residents not to let their guard down.

"We cannot behave flippantly about this matter. It needs every single soul who is here to believe that this is the right thing to do and that we absolutely must do it."

He expressed gratitude "to all the people who are working so hard to keep this disaster from attending us", and called on the public to give their support to all the frontline and emergency staff "who are working to keep this country safe."

"I'm sorry if I appear so morbid, so worried about this," Premier McLaughlin stated, but again stressed, "this is the harsh reality the country faces."

He was confident though that Cayman was in a much better position than many other countries largely because of its early and pre-emptive actions.

"Let's do this. Let's set an example to the world about how you manage an epidemic like this. But we need each and every one of you," he implored.

I appeal to you as your Premier, let's do this with the seriousness which it deserves and let's save Cayman and each other together."

Premier McLaughlin said the intensified actions reflect the seriousness of the situation and are necessary to slow the spread of the disease and curb the chances of community transmission. 🌐

CURFEW EXTENDED

The Cayman Islands is effectively being placed on lockdown effective Wednesday.

The 9pm to 5am curfew which comes into effect tonight will be extended for an additional three hours on Wednesday from 7pm to 6am.

This comes as the Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee announced that another person has tested positively for the COVID-19 virus bringing the number to 6.

The person is a patient of the Health Services Authority.

As is standard procedure the positive sample will be sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for confirmation.

14 samples have returned as negative. Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin in announcing the extended curfew said there will be allowances for essential services personnel and workers of companies designated as providing essential services.

Explaining that this is now practically a "lockdown", he said Cabinet will be meeting today to finalise the regulations governing the current status.

Details are expected later today especially on the definitions of an essential

service worker, profession or business in this situation.

Plans call for establishing a competent authority to make such determinations.

The Office of the Attorney General is working out the legal parameters.

But in the interim, the Premier insisted "unless your establishment is essential, you need to shut it down and send your people home."

He said Government will be meeting with the supermarkets concerning their special status.

Restaurants had already been ordered closed except for providing takeout and delivery services, but some details still being worked out on their specific situation.

Cargo services coming into the territory by sea and air will continue although restrictions will be placed on the movement of their crews.

His Excellency, the Governor, Martyn Roper said the objective under the current circumstances is to limit human contact in the public space as far as pos-

sible and get thousands of people off the streets.

He said of special concern is the risk posed to the elderly.

In urging the public to cooperate with the police and other law enforcement authorities, Governor Roper said, in addition to police patrols, customs and border agents will be stepping up their vigilance and the helicopter service will also be monitoring movements.

He acknowledged that "the curfew might not be perfect from Day One and will be adjusted as needed."

Deputy Governor, Franz Manderson, advised that the vast majority of government offices are being closed including some which provide key services.

However, for immigration purposes, special consideration is being given to non-nationals whose work permits are on the verge of expiring.

They will not be subjected to any deportation proceedings in a gesture of "good grace" and are advised to stay indoors like everyone else and stay safe.

"I treat this as a war," Premier McLaughlin stated during the mid-morning press briefing.

An update was planned for later today. 🌐



► (L-R) Minister for Health Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin, HE Governor Martyn Roper and Chief Medical Officer Dr John

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The Pines Retirement Home Board of Directors and Management

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS Requests Public Assistance to Locate Wanted Man

On Tuesday, 24 March, the RCIPS requested the public assistance in locating Manuel Carter-Ramirez, who is wanted in connection with a series of burglaries in West Bay, between 16 and 19 March. He is 40 years of age, and from West Bay. A picture of Manuel Carter-Ramirez is attached.

Mr. Carter-Ramirez is about 140lbs, between 5'5" and 5'7" in height and is of light brown complexion.

Manuel Carter-Ramirez is known to be violent and should not be approached. If seen, 9-1-1 should be called immediately and the location and time of the sighting should be provided.

Crime Stoppers can be contacted free-of-charge at 800-8477 to remain anonymous, or online at <http://www.crimestoppers.ky/home/>.



► Manuel Carter-Ramirez

Assault in George Town

At about 12:50AM on Saturday 21 March, the 9-1-1 Communications Centre dispatched officers to a report of an assault on Seymour Road in George Town. It was reported that a man had been at Vic's Bar when an altercation

occurred and he was assaulted by several men. The man was transported to hospital by emergency services to be treated for non-life-threatening injuries. The matter is currently under investigation.

UPDATE: Woman Charged with Murder in Relation to North Side Stabbing

The woman, age 36 of North Side, who was arrested in relation to the death of 27-year-old Marvin Xavier Conolly Armendarez, has now been charged with Murder. She was scheduled to appear in court on Monday morning, 23 March.

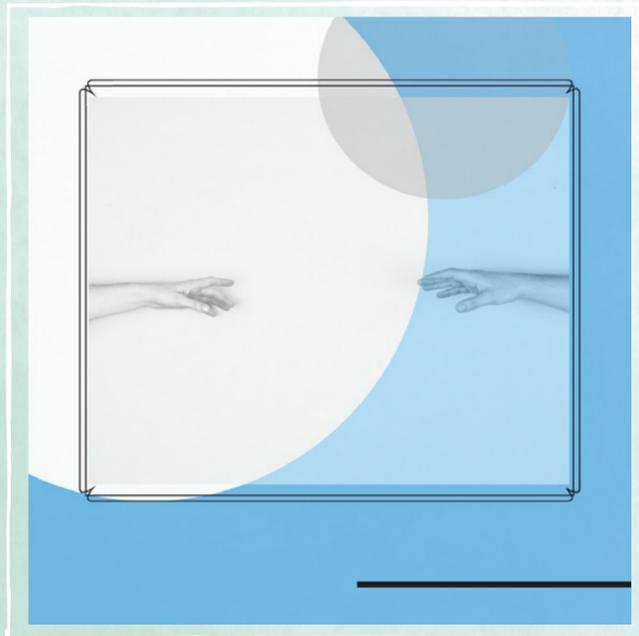
Just before 3AM today, Sunday 15 March, police and other emergency services were dispatched to a report in Splendid View boulevard, North

Side. It was reported that a man was stabbed and was unresponsive.

The 27-year-old-man of North Side was attended to by Emergency Medical Services and transported to the hospital by ambulance. He was later pronounced dead at the Cayman Islands Hospital by an attending doctor.

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WHAT IS SOCIAL DISTANCING?



Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.

Staying at least six feet away from other people lessens your chances of catching COVID-19.

Other examples of social distancing that allow you to avoid larger crowds or crowded spaces are:

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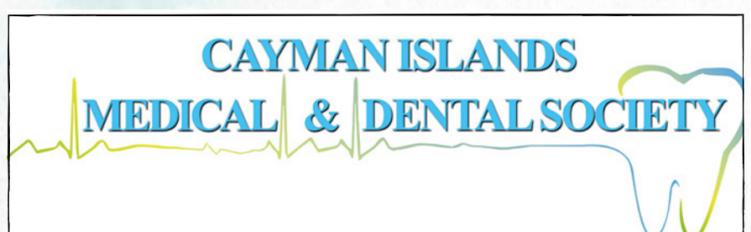
- Working from home instead of at the office
- Encourage and support your children to participate at online classes provided by schools as soon as available
- Visiting loved ones by electronic devices instead of in person
- But most important, take care of your own family and immediate neighbors

If you have contact with potentially sick people and then your children have contact with you and also the elderly people in your family, you are putting all at risk. Keep a safe environment, don't transmit the virus **by thoughtless behavior.**

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CMA Encourages Practical and Spiritual Response to COVID-19

Cayman Ministers' Association (CMA) has called the Christian community in the Cayman Islands to prayer and fasting in response to the crisis created by the novel Corona virus (Covid-19). The CMA Executive simultaneously encourages the entire community of the three Cayman Islands to support the efforts of the Government, recognizing that the health and well-being of the populace depends on individual actions as much as those of the medical professionals.

"We strongly encourage all our people to follow both the laws and the recommended guidelines issued by our Premier and Government," stated CMA Chairman Reverend Torrance Bobb. "We must be both practical and spiritual as a holistic response to this health crisis. This is why we encourage churches to abide by the prohibition of gatherings of fifty or less persons."

The CMA recognizes, says Reverend Bobb, that all churches must use discretion based on the actual size of their worship spaces, since fifty persons in

some sanctuaries may actually force people to congregate extremely close to one another, while in other church facilities even one hundred persons may seem like just a handful.

"We strenuously object to the idea that abiding by the law with regard to the limitations on the size of the gatherings and social distancing displays a lack of faith," stressed Rev. Bobb, adding, "Jesus encouraged us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. The Apostle Paul also reminds Christians in the book of Romans to obey those in authority."

However, whilst the CMA is fully supportive of the decisions of Government, the fraternity of local pastors also reminds people that God is neither ignorant nor unsympathetic to our plight, and that of the whole world.

"This is why we must look to God in this time of crisis," opines the CMA, "remembering that God is indeed the 'Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,' and the God who demonstrated the



full extent of his love by sending Christ to die on the cross on our behalf—a reality of which this Lenten season reminds us." 

PATIENT ONE OF TWO NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST RESULTS FROM HEALTH CITY

Hospital assures public that virus was contained and all persons at risk were contacted

Health City Cayman Islands is confirming that one out of two new positive COVID-19 individuals identified from samples sent by the tertiary care hospital was an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patient. The other is a medical staff member of the facility.

The announcement of the two new positive results on Monday, March 23 at a Cayman Islands Government press briefing brought the total of COVID-19 infections among Health City staff members and patients to four with 43 samples being confirmed as negative for the virus. Thus far, 47 samples from Health City has been tested and are pending confirmation by the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA). A total of 78 samples from Health City have been submitted for testing to date, so there are currently 31 pending test results yet to be received.

Several patients in ICU were tested as a precaution, as they were being treated in the ICU during the same time period as the Cayman Islands' first COVID-19 positive patient prior to the hospital being aware that the man carried the virus. That patient, a 68-year-old cruise traveler, was an emergency patient being treated for cardiac arrest who arrived at the hospital on February 29. He later developed symptoms of COVID-19, was tested and found to be positive on March 12. He subsequently passed away from complications of the virus and underlying health issues on March 14.

All other ICU patients tested returned negative results for COVID-19.

All medical staff members, their family members, patients and other individuals considered to be at risk for infection were immediately quarantined and tested for the virus following the first positive test result. All tested individuals remain in quarantine until their test results are confirmed by CARPHA.

Since the tests were performed for the first time in the Cayman Islands, the samples were sent to CARPHA as a quality control measure, and confirmation of the initial results is expected within a few days.

Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil, Clinical Director of Health City Cayman Islands hastened to reassure patients that containment measures were swift and stringent.

"We are of course disappointed that one of the ICU patients being treated at the same time as the first COVID-19 positive patient has also returned positive results. The patient has been quarantined since March 12 and has been treated in medical isolation receiving the highest level of care. Thus far, the patient is doing well," he said.

Dr. Chattuparambil continued, "In light of the two new positive results, we have had many patient enquiries as to the level of their potential exposure to the virus which causes COVID-19. Please rest assured that all containment measures have been implemented, and we have acted responsibly in suppressing the spread of this virus from the initial cruise patient. We are a tertiary care facility that regular performs at the highest of standards, as is supported by our accreditation by Joint Commission International (JCI). We have infection control experts on our team, and we have been supported, advised and praised in our actions to contain this virus by Public Health Cayman and Public Health England."

He referred to the overall numbers and transmission rate, saying, "Additionally, the infection rate remains low with just four out of 47 samples tested being positive. And we are secure in the knowledge that we took the appropriate and correct steps to contain the virus very early on, which is actually still borne out by the test results thus far."

He further explained that that any person who has had potential infectious contact with a quarantined individual at Health City has already been notified and has been followed up with by the Public Health Department for evaluation and potential testing. He reiterated that if an individual has not been contacted, that they are not at risk from infection from the initial COVID-19 positive patient at Health City.

The hospital quarantined and tested all staff members, their families and other individuals who were considered to be at direct risk for exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The level of contact with the patient determined the risk level. Additionally, any of those individuals who displayed flu-like symptoms were included in the testing group.

The four individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will remain in quarantine for 14 days, as is the stand-



► Health City Cayman Islands Main Entrance

ard for these cases as confirmed by Public Health Cayman Islands and Public Health England. They will have confirmatory clearance tests conducted at the conclusion of this period, and will not be released from quarantine unless the test results are clear.

Dr. Chattuparambil confirmed that the hospital remains committed to the containment of the virus, and is continuing its vigilance.

"Please rest assured that we are abiding by the highest standards of infection control and have also taken expert advice on the containment of COVID-19. However, there are certainly other potential sources of COVID-19 in the wider Cayman Islands community, and I am urging everyone to follow standard precautionary measures against contracting the virus, including staying at home, regular hand-washing and practicing good respiratory hygiene," he said.

Dr. Chattuparambil advised that Health City is continuing to work closely with Cayman Islands Government health officials on regular updates regarding the local COVID-19 situation and will issue further updates as soon as any new information is available.

Individuals who develop any flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough, runny nose etc., are advised to contact the Cayman Islands Public Health Department at flu@hsa.ky or via the flu hotline at 1-800-534-8600.

For more information about how to protect yourself from acquiring COVID-19, visit www.hsa.ky/coronavirus and www.gov.ky/coronavirus

About Health City Cayman Islands

Health City Cayman Islands, the vision of renowned heart surgeon and humanitarian Dr. Devi Shetty, is supported by Narayana Health, one of India's largest private healthcare systems. Health City, only the second hospital in the Caribbean to receive the Joint Commission International's "hospital accreditation", provides compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services in a world-class, comfortable, patient-centered environment. Offering healthcare to local, regional and international patients, Health City Cayman Islands delivers excellence in adult and pediatric cardiology, cardiac surgery, cardiac electrophysiology, medical oncology, orthopedics, sports medicine, pediatric endocrinology, gastrointestinal, hepato-pancreato-biliary and bariatric surgery, neurology, interventional neurology and neuro-diagnostics, neurosurgery, minimally invasive spine surgery, gynecology, urology, pediatric allergies, colorectal surgery, dental, sleep lab and pulmonology services.

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THEN & NOW

Agriculture – a modern day industry

Here is the final part in our exploration of the development of agriculture in the Cayman Islands

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farmers, cooks, bakers, plant propagators and artisans have the opportunity to sell their products and to get reward for their hard work," he said.

Today's farmers and beyond

Some of the key modern-day farmers who have made their mark on the industry include Hamlin Stephenson, whose vision to have a central location where farmers could sell their produce was the basis for the Market at the Grounds, as well as Clarence McLaughlin, a familiar face at the Camana Bay farmers market and prolific farmer. Davy Ebanks established Cayman Vertigo in 2012, while Willie Ebanks is an older generation farmer growing a multitude of fruits and vegetables in North Side. Joshua Clark and his wife Lauren owns The Pharmacy also in North Side and they bring seasonal boxes of their produce directly to consumers.

But there is still the worry among Cayman's farmers that there are not enough youngsters looking to undertake agriculture as a career. Josh and Lauren are



► Beautiful produce from Clarence McLaughlin's farm



► Clarence McLaughlin's farm produces a wide range of fruit and vegetables

doing their best to engage youngsters with the concept of farming.

Lauren gave some background: 'We first opened the business on a very small scale and sold locally to friends and family as we were just growing produce in our back garden. Word began to spread and we have since evolved. Our primary focus is to make eating fruit and veggies 'cool' to make it the 'norm' and to promote a healthy lifestyle. We are trying to do this through selling our local produce and also providing interactive and

outdoor learning experiences with our children's Farm Camps."

In a positive move, farmers are now seeing their produce sold at all three main local supermarkets, with special sections earmarked for local produce, an indication of the maturity of the industry whereby Cayman's growers are now able to consistently meet the demands and expectations from consumers. Local restaurants, such as The Brasserie, have been embracing the 'farm to table' approach for a number of years

now, which is another positive move for farmers and fishermen who require a regular market for their produce in order to maintain their livelihoods.

As the momentum increases for customers at a global level to question the sustainability and provenance of the food products they are buying, and to lean towards a more plant-based diet over concerns of animal welfare, the environment and health, it is hoped that Cayman's local growers will reap further rewards for their hard-earned efforts in the years to come. 🌱



► Farmer Josh Clark shows youngsters the art of butchery at his farm



► Farmer Clarence McLaughlin

Here is former Chief Agricultural and veterinary Officer Dr Joseph Jackman's favourite recipe for **Mango Chutney**, taken from the July 1976 *Nor'wester* magazine.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white vinegar
- 5 ½ cups brown sugar
- 10 cups green mango slices
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Half a cup chopped ginger root
- 1 clove chopped garlic
- 4 hot peppers (without seeds), chopped
- 3 cups seedless raisins
- 1 large onion, sliced
- Half cup of fresh orange peel, sliced
- 2/3 cup chopped Cayman almonds, blanched

Method:

Boil vinegar and sugar for five minutes, add remaining ingredients, mix well and boil slowly for 30 minutes until thick. Pour into sterilised jars.

POLICE NEWS

UPDATE: Woman Charged with Murder in Relation to North Side Stabbing

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The circumstances of this incident are being investigated by the Criminal In-

vestigations Department. A 36-year-old woman of North Side was arrested on suspicion of murder and remains in custody pending further investigation. 🌐

Update: Woman Arrested in Relation to Governor's Square Robbery

On Friday, 20 March, police arrested a woman, age 35 of West Bay, on suspicion of robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery, in relation to a Robbery on Lime Tree Bay Avenue mentioned below.

On 7th February, officers responded to a report of a robbery at Tortuga Liquor in Governor's Square, Lime Tree Bay Avenue. Two males entered the store, brandishing knives, and demanded cash from an employee there. One of the men assaulted the employee and both males then made off on foot with a quantity of cash, one of them fleeing towards the rear of Cost-U-Less. Emergency services attended the scene and the employee was transported to hospital for treatment, and later discharged.

The suspects were described as being dressed in all black clothing, long



pants, long sleeved shirts and gloves, with their faces covered.

Police continue to appeal for anyone with information to contact the George Town Police Station at 949-4222 or submit an anonymous tip using one of the methods below. 🌐

Fatal Collision Involving a Motorcyclist

Just after 12:10AM on Monday, 23 March, police and other emergency services were dispatched by the 9-1-1 Communication Centre to Hurley Merren Blvd, located between the Red Bay and Chrissy Tomlinson roundabouts; where it was reported that a motorcycle was involved in a collision and the rider was found unresponsive.

The rider was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital by Emergency Medical Services, where he was

pronounced dead by an attending doctor. The 44-year-old man from George Town was traveling east on Hurley Merren Blvd when he lost control of his black Ducati motorcycle, causing the collision to occur. No other vehicles were involved in this collision.

The matter is under investigation by the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit. The east bound lanes on Hurley Merren Blvd were closed as a result of the investigation, but have since been opened to the public. 🌐

Man Charged for West Bay Burglary

A man, age 27 of West Bay, was arrested on Friday, 20 March, and has now been formally charged with Burglary and Refusing to Provide a Specimen of Urine, in relation to an incident on Thursday, 19 March.

A pair of businesses on Batabano Road in West Bay were broken into and items and cash stolen.

He appeared in court on Monday morning 🌐

Overstayer Arrested Following Search

Shortly before 12:00PM on Friday, 20 March, officers were conducting a search warrant at an address in West Bay when they observed a man who attempted to flee upon seeing them.

The man was apprehended and it was determined that he had been overstaying since December, 2019. The man, a Jamaican national age 41, was arrested and transferred into the custody of Customs and Border Control officers. 🌐

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Location	Gas Station	Regular	Premium	Diesel
East End	Eastern Star Rubis (Woody's)	4.54	—	4.3
NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	4.60	4.96	4.44
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	4.54	4.94	4.33
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	4.61	4.96	4.51
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	4.69	4.94	4.49
Red Bay	Barcam	4.54	4.94	4.5
Red Bay	On The Run (Brown's Red Bay)	4.57	4.85	4.5
George Town	Peanuts	4.59	4.94	4.35
George Town	Jose's Escape	4.59	4.94	4.35
George Town	Refuel	4.14	4.39	3.89
George Town	Esso Tigermart Shedden Rd. (H&B 11)	4.54	4.94	4.5
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	4.69	4.94	4.54
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	4.65	4.96	4.49
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	4.56	4.91	4.44
George Town	On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park)	4.54	4.89	4.5
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	4.51	4.91	4.24
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	4.54	4.94	4.5
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	4.57	4.89	4.03
West Bay	Hell Esso	4.54	4.94	4.4
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	4.65	4.89	4.31
George Town	Scotts Landing	—	4.99	4.58
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Isolate yourself



stay in your home or temporary residence, do not go to work, school or other public areas



separate yourself from others in your home or temporary residence



use separate facilities if sharing, these should be cleaned before use by others



have food, medication & other supplies delivered to you



do not have visitors in your home or temporary residence



there is no evidence that pets can be infected with coronavirus however, it is good practice to wash your hands after contact

Prevent the spread of infection



frequently **cleanse hands** with soap & water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer



cough or sneeze in a tissue & bin it



use separate household items such as towels, bedding, cups & dishes



wear a mask when you are around others, **only** if you have been told to do so



wash hands with soap & water after using the restroom



wash hands with soap & water before cooking & eating

Take care of your health & wellbeing

For those with symptoms of infection:



get plenty of rest until you feel better



drink enough fluids so that you pass urine regularly



take paracetamol as advised, to reduce pain & fever

For everyone in self-isolation:



keep in contact with friends & family by phone, video & online



carry on hobbies & interests within your home if you are able to



take regular exercise within your home if you are able to

Seek help if you develop symptoms or existing symptoms worsen (eg. difficulty breathing) by calling the flu hotline on **1-800-534-8600** or **947-3077**. For emergencies call **911**.

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The Only COVID-19-free CARICOM Nation Prepares for Virus; Cases Elsewhere in the Caribbean Continue to Rise

As part of St Kitts and Nevis' comprehensive plan for and response to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Prime Minister Dr Timothy Harris says his government has committed an additional EC\$16.9 million (US\$6.3 million) to the health sector.

That is in addition to the EC\$62 million (US\$23 million) previously budgeted for the sector this year.

"We will spare no efforts and resources to keep our country safe," the Prime Minister said in an address to the nation last night.

He said several government departments and institutions are already in advanced discussions on the matter.

"Our Ministry of Labour and Social Security has spearheaded a dialogue with our partners on tourism and manufacturing and we are working with employers to coordinate a response to the evolving situation," the twin-island federation's leader said, adding that the Social Security Board will convene a special meeting today to determine its own response.

"Our Ministry of Finance has also been part of the governmental outreach and it is fine-tuning a government response to a fiscal and economic situation. The Ministry of Tourism will spearhead outreach with tourism stakeholders as we re-calibrate our strategies on this important sector."

St Kitts and Nevis has imposed some travel restrictions for non-nationals travelling from several countries: China,

Iran, South Korea, Singapore, Europe, the United Kingdom and the United States. Those individuals will be refused entry.

There will also be a mandatory 14-day quarantine period for nationals arriving from those countries.

Prime Minister Harris has strongly advised citizens to avoid all non-essential travel to countries or jurisdictions where COVID-19 cases have been confirmed and where there is local/community transmissions.

All non-national travellers arriving from any other international destination at all points of entry will go through an advanced screening process. They will also be subjected to the mandatory quarantine period and could also be refused entry into the country.

Over the weekend, Dominica and Grenada confirmed their first cases of COVID-19 while Belize announced its first cases today, which means that within the CARICOM region, St Kitts and Nevis is the only country that is COVID-19-free.

Trinidad and Tobago added another 40 people to their count of cases over the weekend, after 40 of a group of 68 nationals who returned to the twin-island republic from Guadeloupe after going on a cruise on the cruise ship Costa Favolosa on which COVID-19 cases were confirmed, tested positive for the virus at a government quarantine facility.

Two other Trinidadian women who were also on the cruise but returned a



► Prime Minister Dr Timothy Harris

day before the other 68, had tested positive for the virus and were immediately hospitalized.

The number of cases there has risen to 50.

That number, added to cases elsewhere in the 15-member grouping, put the total number in CARICOM over 100: Jamaica (19), Barbados (17), Guyana (5), Suriname (5), the Bahamas (4), Haiti (2), St Lucia (2), Dominica (1), Grenada (1), Montserrat (1) and St Vincent

and the Grenadines (1), Belize (1), Antigua and Barbuda (1).

Other Caribbean countries outside CARICOM that are dealing with the crisis are: the Dominican Republic, Venezuela, Cuba, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Aruba, Saint Martin, Sint Maarten, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Curaçao, and Saint Barthelemy.

As of this morning, there were 338,307 cases of COVID-19 globally, including 14,602 deaths. 🌐

Cruise Industry in Barbados Expected to Benefit From COVID-19 Crisis

Minister of Tourism and International Transport Kerrie Symmonds says Government's demonstrated commitment to cruise ships home porting in Barbados' waters, amid the COVID-19 crisis, could redound to its benefit in the months ahead.

He said the country's humanitarian approach to the issue was already seeing positive results with the possibility of a Southern Caribbean Cruise Alliance allowing for a cruise itinerary in the summer being on the cards for Barbados.

Symmonds made the disclosures as he addressed a press conference yesterday to give an update on what was happening in the tourism sector amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

Several cruise ships are currently anchored in Barbados' waters after the International Cruise Association suspended all cruises for a one-month period in the first instance.

Passengers on board the cruise ships were repatriated back to their countries, while efforts are still



ongoing to do the same for some crew members who remain on island.

"I don't think that there have been any negatives for Barbados, in terms of our relationships for partnering with the cruise lines as we did. The fact of the matter is

that first of all, we honoured contracts that we had to honour internationally," Symmonds said.

"The reality is that once you get into the home porting business, you are by law required to carry out certain levels of responsibility. It isn't only that you get the benefit of the ships coming here, and you get the advantage of an opportunity to make money off of provisioning There is also a little burden that you have to carry sometimes, and that burden is that you have to take your responsibility for the ships that homeport out of your shores."

Symmonds stressed that Government was now being viewed as a "trustworthy" partner, with others expressing a willingness to enter discussions on expanding relationships.

"We have to see it as a benefit from the posture that we have taken. And, again, down the road it can only speak towards offering significant commercial opportunity to the country; employment benefits as well," he said. 🌐

Barbados Keeps Borders Open; COVID-19 Cases Increase to 17

Despite the number of confirmed cases of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) increasing to 17 yesterday, the Barbados Government is keeping its borders open but ending commercial flights.

Minister of Tourism and International Transport Kerrie Symmonds said yesterday that Government is putting steps in place to ensure the country maintains air connectivity, so it can continue to import commodities such as food, medical supplies and equipment.

He said that rather than join the queue of countries requesting chartered flights, Government was negotiating with airlines to provide at least a once-a-week service from major gateways.

During yesterday's press conference, Symmonds outlined plans for maintaining international access.

Barbados will continue to get Air Canada flights from Toronto until the airline halts global operations by next Tuesday, March 31. The Montreal to Barbados flight was suspended on Saturday.

Government will engage in discussions with Air Canada to provide a weekly flight from Toronto to Barbados to maintain connectivity and import supplies, Symmonds said.

West Jet ceased its worldwide operations on Saturday and when and if they recommence is a wait and see matter.

Flights to and from Europe, which has been severely impacted by COVID-19, are also affected.

Lufthansa's Eurowings, which was originally scheduled to end its winter contract in mid-April, suspends operations today.

Condor has suspended operations indefinitely and Symmonds said discus-

sions to recommence service will take place when conditions are favourable in Europe and Barbados.

Both airlines will focus on repatriation of passengers and citizens, who are mainly from Germany and other European countries.

Virgin Atlantic is suspending service from today. Repatriation flights began on Saturday, and the Tourism Minister said British Airways has a cooperative arrangement with Barbados and Virgin Atlantic to repatriate persons who were unable to get a Virgin Atlantic flight.

British Airways will continue to fly to Barbados until Thursday, and Government will meet with BA officials today to discuss the possibility of maintaining a once weekly flight between the UK and the island to freight medical supplies, food and other items into the island.

Minister Symmonds said British Airways indicated it would recommence service to Barbados on April 16.

American Airlines has suspended operations for three days, beginning yesterday. It flights will resume on Thursday with two weekly flights from Miami to Barbados and one weekly flight from Charlotte, North Carolina to Barbados, until April 1.

JetBlue suspended operations into Barbados on Saturday, but will provide a direct flight on Saturdays from New York for an indefinite period of time, and this could increase to twice weekly based on demand.

Symmonds said these measures ensure Barbados is not "cut off from access" to the US market. They also facilitate the repatriation of passengers; the return of Barbadians to the island and



will allow the country to benefit from access to vital supplies, such as pharmaceuticals and medical equipment.

As for regional flights, Symmonds said the situation with LIAT is fluid as Caribbean Community (CARICOM) states continue to make decisions regarding border closures.

LIAT's board indicated that reduced and revised schedules should be maintained where possible. One of the reasons for this, the Minister said, was to facilitate various forms of assistance from Barbados to CARICOM member states.

Since Trinidad and Tobago has implemented adjustments to its borders, discussions will need to take place with Caribbean Airlines.

Air Antilles from today suspends service indefinitely, until circumstances improve.

The Tourism Minister expressed gratitude to the airlines.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the travel trade partners for their cooperation, especially those legacy carriers, which have gone above and

beyond the call of duty in an effort to meet us halfway in order to ensure that the island itself is not cut off from the international community because, as you know, there is really no way of Barbados provisioning itself," he said.

The number of COVID-19 cases increased by three yesterday. All three – two men and a woman – all arrived from the United Kingdom. One is the partner of a visitor who tested positive the previous day.

Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anton Best reported that the latest three had all been placed in isolation, and were so far displaying only mild symptoms.

Tests done on 14 other people were returned negative.

Meanwhile, three people are quarantined in a medical facility at the Barbados Defence Force base at Paragon.

As a result of aggressive contact tracing being conducted daily, the Ministry of Health and Wellness has reported that numerous others are in self quarantine, being monitored by public health officers. 🌐

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS

- 1 Taunt
- 5 Small epsilon herrings
- 11 Former senator Bayh
- 12 High-protein grain
- 13 Home, informally
- 14 Clear a drain
- 15 Suffering
- 16 Mosquito attack
- 17 Radiate
- 19 Pillbox, e.g.
- 22 Goblet parts
- 24 Foe of Harry and Ron
- 26 Danny of "The Court Jester"
- 27 Wrong
- 28 Supreme Court justice Kagan
- 30 Two-wheelers
- 31 Join together
- 32 "Captain Blood" star
- 34 Sky shade
- 35 Future embryos
- 38 Polite denial
- 41 Manipulative sort
- 42 Cloverleaf part

- 43 Letter after epsilon
- 44 Slob's creations
- 45 Reversed one

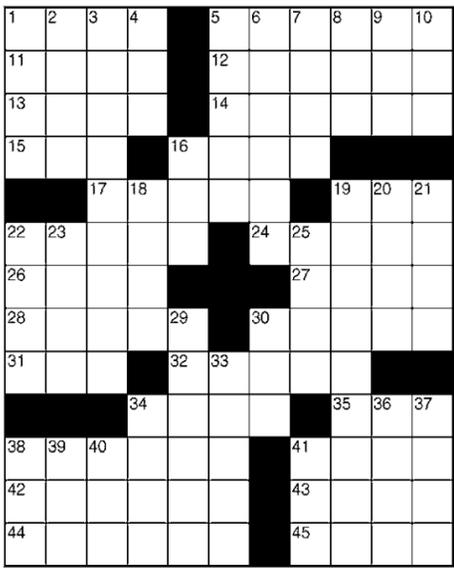
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- 1 Empire's foes
- 2 Demonic
- 3 Having keen vision
- 4 Hosp. VIPs
- 5 Ten-armed swimmer
- 6 Did a fourth-down job
- 7 Stand
- 8 Small worker
- 9 Overly
- 10 Tree fluid



Yesterday's answer

- 16 Tour carrier
- 18 Movie mutants
- 19 Having an aquiline schnozz
- 20 Plot unit
- 21 Stocking stuffers
- 22 Contort
- 23 Yarn
- 25 Forecast word
- 29 Burning
- 30 Tourney pass
- 33 Oatmeal annoyances
- 34 Ram sounds
- 36 White House power
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- 38 Jacques or Jean
- 39 Count start
- 40 "— Miniver"
- 41 Israeli gun



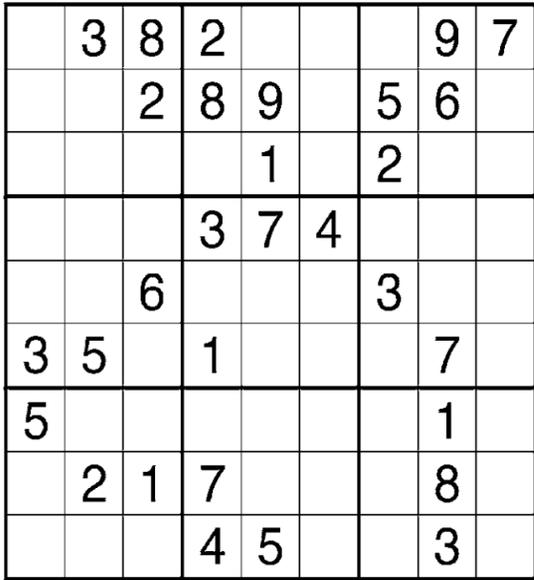
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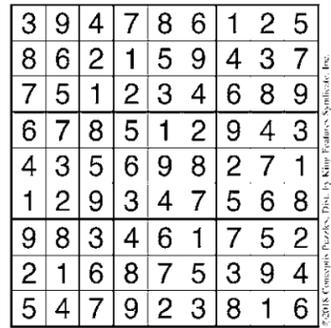
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Difficulty Level ★★

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- Downfall
- Download
- Downpour
- Downsize
- Downstream
- Downtown
- Downwind
- Upbeat
- Update
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- Upkeep
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- Upsurge
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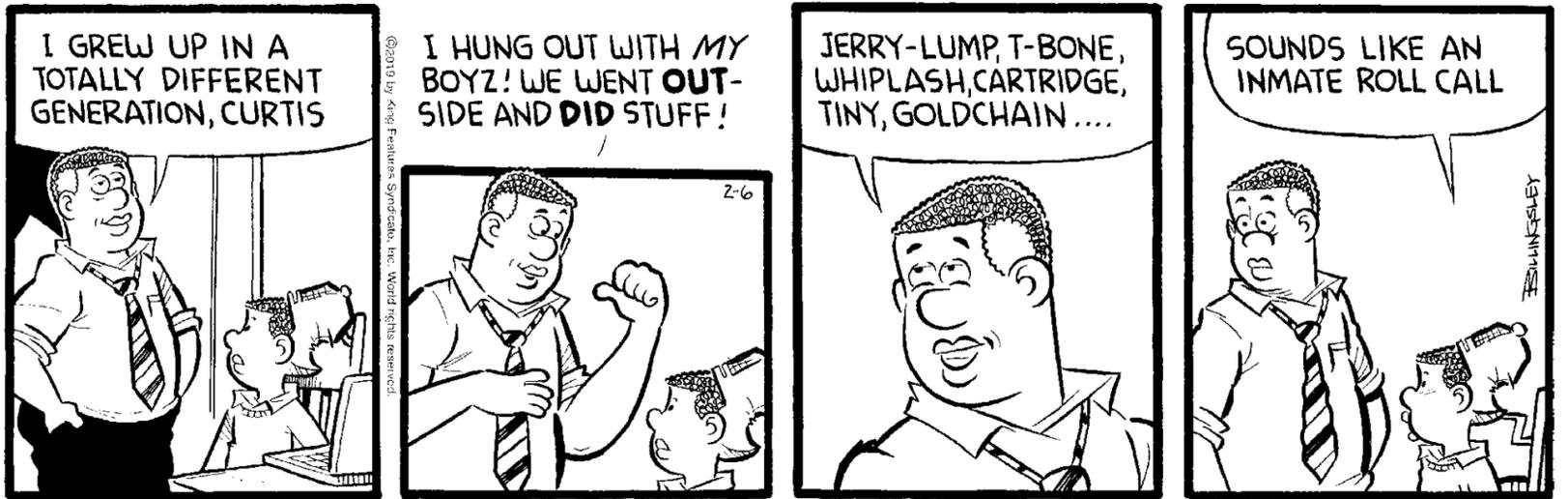


Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.



CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



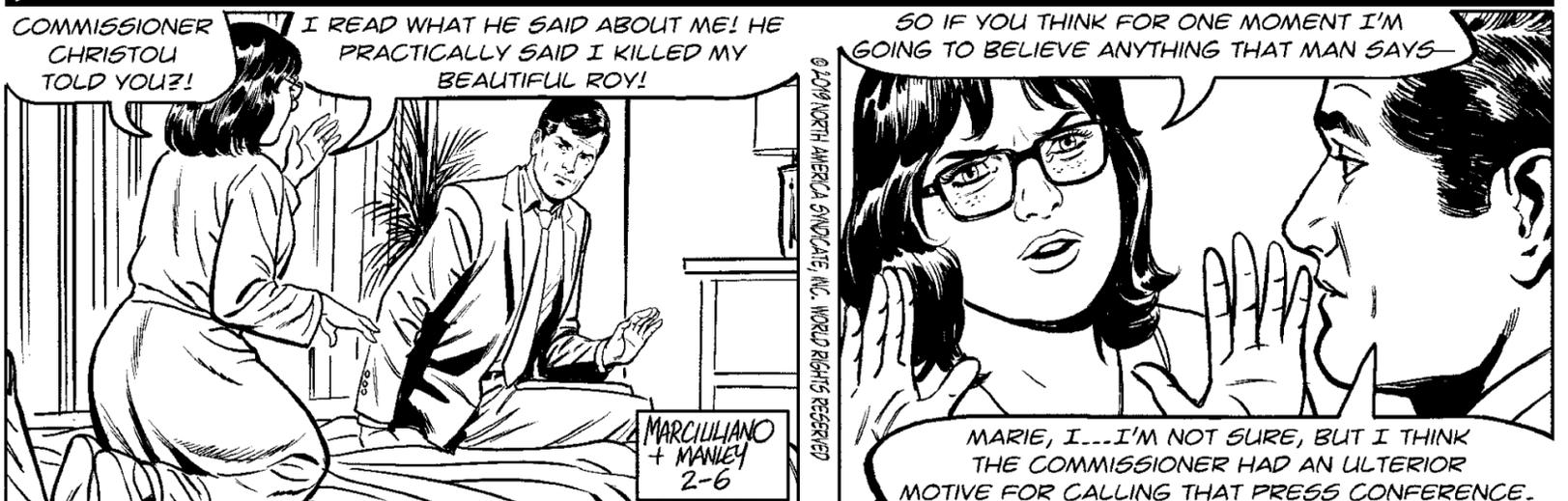
THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee



JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley



Coronavirus Information and Advice for Vulnerable People

Prevention Tips

- frequently **cleanse hands** with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- **cough or sneeze** in a tissue and bin it
- **if a tissue is not available** cough/sneeze into your elbow not your hands
- **avoid close contact** with people suffering from fever or cough
- **avoid travel** if you have a fever, cough, or flu-like symptoms
- **avoid wearing a surgical mask** unless advised by a medical professional

Extra Steps You Can Take To Avoid Covid-19

If you have a **chronic illness** (e.g. respiratory disease, diabetes, heart disease, COPD, hypertension or cancer), are **elderly** (over 60) or have a **compromised immune system**, you can further protect yourself with the below extra precautionary steps in addition to the prevention tips above.



1

limit guest visits at home to a few family and friends or your district community officer during an outbreak



2

avoid guests who show signs of flu-like symptoms



3

remain 3 – 6 feet away unless being checked by your healthcare provider

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Coronavirus – Self-Isolating

Do

- Stay at home
- Try not to be in the same room as other people at the same time
- Only allow people who live with you to stay
- Stay in a well-ventilated room
- Ideally, keep two weeks of food, drink, medication and cleaning supplies at home
- Ask friends, family members or delivery services to carry out errands for you such as getting groceries, medicines or other shopping
- Make sure you tell delivery drivers to leave items outside for collection
- Clean toilets and bathrooms regularly
- Think about a bathroom rota if a separate bathroom is not available, with the isolated person using the facilities last, before thoroughly cleaning the bathroom themselves
- Use separate sheets and towels from anyone else in the household and launder at the hottest temperature possible for the material
- Wash crockery and utensils thoroughly with soap and water. Dishwashers may be used to clean crockery and cutlery
- Stay away from your pets — if unavoidable, wash your hands before and after contact

Do Not

- Invite visitors to your home or allow visitors to enter
- Go to work, school or public areas
- Use public transport or taxis
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding or other items with other people in your home

Self-Isolation and Mental Health

Stay in touch with friends and relatives on the phone or by social media. You may find it helpful to talk to them.

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