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New Traffic Signal for South Sound

The National Roads Authority (NRA) will launch a traffic signal metering system in South Sound near Old Crewe Road, with the aim of easing traffic congestion on the Linford Pierson Highway during the evening peak periods.

The scheme is designed to regulate traffic flow at the Grand Harbour Roundabout, particularly during the evening rush-hour for commuters travelling east.

Since its construction in 2003, the Grand Harbour Roundabout has experienced significant traffic flow movements. NRA traffic counters recorded upwards of 40,000 vehicle trips per weekday along the main highway by Grand Harbour Development in 2018. During that same year, an average of 4,821 vehicles was recorded travelling eastbound through the Grand Harbour Roundabout in and around the 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. window.

The increased evening traffic is presenting the NRA with a new challenge. At present, motorists travelling east from single lane South Sound Road onto the roundabout have priority over motorists using the two eastbound travel lanes on Crewe Road. This forces them to give way to the right, creating traf-



▶ Image shows location of metering arm on South Sound Road

fic queues extending back onto Linford Pierson Highway.

Because the resulting tailbacks cause delays to commuters on the main carriageway, the NRA will install a metering system on South Sound Road, which will control the flow of traffic on this artery. This will enable an increased movement of traffic from the dual carriageway on Crewe Road onto the roundabout.

"The traffic meter is going to allow gaps in the eastbound evening peak

traffic flow on South Sound Road, that will in turn cause eastbound traffic on the main artery to flow through Grand Harbour Roundabout much faster," says

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CMEA takes Soca Monarch to CARIFESTA



Finance Deal for the Cruise Berthing Facility is a WIN



After years of discussion, hard work and negotiation, last week the government announced that it had selected a preferred bidder to construct the cruise berthing facility and enhanced cargo dock in George Town.

The government was clear throughout this process that they would release details to the public at the earliest opportunity. Now that the preferred bidder has been selected, the need for strict confidentiality has ended, giving way to the announcement of the finer details and the project

Following careful analysis of the options included in the proposal by the Ministry of Tourism, Port Authority, the Major Projects Office and industry partners and after approval by the Central Tenders Committee, the preferred

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EDITORIAL

Media and Small Business

The success of the economy depends heavily on the success of small business. These businesses are vital to the success of the economy. Not only do they provide the success stories of the future but also because they meet local needs.

Local consumers are encouraged to support these small businesses which also provide much needed jobs as they grow, but often times information about these small businesses are not readily available.

Caymanian Times is doing its part as a media source to promote and educate consumers on the location and services of these businesses. In addition to offering affordable rates, we



also publish news articles about these businesses in adition to business advice, on a regular basis.

We encourage consumers to buy local and to support small businesses in

> the Cayman Islands. These businesses also break monopolies and offer lower pricing which in turn contributes to the reduction in the cost of living in these is-

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

CI:GO App Available for Download

The Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport is pleased to announce its new digital taxi fare calculator, CI:GO, is now available for download from the App Store and Google Play. The app can be found by typing "CIGO" or "Taxi Fare Cayman" in the search bar of the respective phone

This free mobile app is a simple way for residents and visitors to quote their journey in advance. CI:GO allows users to drop a pin or enter the pickup and drop-off location of an intended ride, then specify the number of passengers and how many pieces of luggage. Based on the information provided, the app will calculate the fare in both KYD and USD dollars. Op-

tions include getting a breakdown of the fare, editing the trip, splitting the fare or getting directions.

All fares provided by the app are based on the newly introduced national taxi fare schedule that went into effect Friday 2 August at 12:01 a.m. The public is encouraged to provide feedback on the app as it is rolled out by clicking the feedback tab in the app.

For more information on the app and the new taxi fare schedule please visit www.cigo.ky. 😚



The Finance Deal for the Cruise **Berthing Facility is** a WIN for Cayman!

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bidder selected by government was announced to be a consortium called Verdant Isle Port Partners (VIPP).

VIPP comprises four companies in partnership and is led by local and trusted construction company McAlpine, marine engineering experts Orion Marine Construction Inc., and cruise industry partners Carnival Corporation and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Caymanians should know that together they offer considerable local and technical expertise and are familiar with projects of this nature and scale.

The bid that was selected by government comes in at CI\$196.5m and includes the enhanced and expanded cargo facility.

However, crucially the upfront cost of construction will be met entirely by the consortium, including any overspend that occurs. Government has offered no loans, issued no bonds and provided no guarantees to the Verdant Isle group. The total cost of constructing the cruise berthing facility and enhanced cargo facility - as well as the maintenance for 25 years - falls entirely on the consortium.

Verdant Isle will get their money over this time from a portion of the passenger fee that currently pays for tendering services. Passenger fees are paid by cruise lines for each individual passenger aboard. These fees are wrapped up in the cost of a cruise, in much the same way taxes are included in the cost of an airline ticket. What this means is that cruise passengers will be paying for the piers with the consortium merely advancing these funds for construction.

The deal that government has negotiated is certainly unique. It is rare for two cruise lines to join forces to build a single berthing facility and exceptional for cruise lines not to own or operate any retail space within the cruise terminal, which is the case in this instance. This is a win for Cayman!

But there are many other benefits. The planned facility will secure the future of the cruise industry in the Cayman Islands; it will protect the 4,500 jobs that are supported by cruise passengers; it will transform the George Town Harbour front and will finally put an end to Cayman's dubious distinction as the only Caribbean destination without berthing facilities. 🏵



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CMEA takes Soca Monarch to CARIFESTA

The time for the Caribbean Festival of Arts is here again and this year the Cayman Islands contingent will feature stars such as Notch and his Band Local Motion 345, as well as Cayman Islands 2019 Soca Monarch Vashti Bodden. The musicians are part of a group of 50 artists from the British Isles to make the

Smith is also the President of the Cayman Islands Music Association and is credited as being one of the progenitors of the Soca Monarch becoming a part of the CARIFESTA delegation; a development that came as a result of the CMEA working together with the Cayman Carnival.

Mr. Smith explained the importance of having our Soca Monarch as part of Cayman's musical offering.

"As you may know, the Soca Monarch competition was actually started by the CMEA. Most countries in he Caribbean

journey on this occasion. Notch, whose legal name is Jean-Eric

⊘lashti

Region showcase their respective Soca Monarchs at CARIFESTA and what better opportunity to out ours on display for our neighbors to see."

He added that Soca music, is one of the primary genres to emanate from the Caribbean and Cayman is now 'in the

In relation to his appearance/performance during CARIFESTA, Mr. Smith shared the following:

"It's always an honor to represent Country. It does't get any better than this; not just personally but also as President."

Mr. Smith added that the Association is also working more closely with the Cayman National Cultural Foundation and partnerships such as this would serve the arts industry in the Cayman Islands imminently and for years to come.

This year Cayman is not holding anything back and with a sturdy cash injec-

> tion of CI\$150,000, the CI Government is definitely sending a strong message about their support for the arts.

Entertainer and Soca Monarch Vashti Bodden has been contributing to both the local and regional scene; performing and releasing original music and representing the Cayman Islands brand near and far.

Accompanying Miss Bodden, as here Musical Director is Mr. George Jones, formerly of the world famous, Square One Band.

The Cayman Islands have been represented by musicians at CARIFESTA several times before, with bands such as the well known Swanky gracing the stage several times.

Lasting for roughly two weeks, this year's CARIFESTA



▶ Soca Monarch Vashti Bodden will represent the Cayman Islands at this year's CARIFESTA

will be held in Trinidad and Tobago. The event has been held since 1972.

According to Carifesta's website, "This first CARIFESTA attracted the participation of 1000 plus artistes from over 30 Caribbean and South American countries, giving expression to their creativity in music, dance, drama, painting, sculpture, folk art, photography, and literature."

Since that time CARIFESTA has grown exponentially and has become the premier event for culture and arts in the

Representatives from the Cayman Islands noted that this is also a great chance to network and look for other opportunities further afield.

The event also marks a return to touring for Notch and his band, as his duties as CMEA President meant his focus had been geared more toward governance and oversight of the music industry in the Territory more recently.



▶ Jean Eric Smith and Local Motion 345 are headed to CARIFESTA this year

IN PRAISE OF INTOLERANCE

Let's talk about tolerance, or for that matter intolerance. You may ask why I make no distinction between these opposing attitudes? The answer is this: sometimes when persons accuse you of being intolerant, they may in fact be complimenting you. When it comes to certain matters, it just makes sense to be intolerant of them. Why should anyone tolerate attitudes, behaviours and practices that one knows are detrimental to persons or communities? Should the police tolerate those who abuse all the rules of road safety and courtesy? Should our schools tolerate bullying by either obnoxious parents or antisocial children? Should we continue to tolerate the degradation and pollution of our environment by those motivated only by greed? And is it now supposed to be a virtue to tolerate immoral and unwholesome behaviours?

You may have observed, however (for it is quite evident) that in certain circles the concept of the pen being mightier than the sword has strategically been used to promote ideologies and immoral lifestyles under the artificially elevated value of "tolerance." Apparently all concepts of right and wrong must now bow to the supreme ethic of tolerance. Good wordsmiths among the promoters of immorality know that one quick jab with the word "intolerant" will permanently silence the majority of those who disagree with them. (And, God forbid that we teach our children that there is any value or attitude more important than tolerance.)

Of course, as you may have noticed, this supreme ethic of tolerance is quite one-sided. It is apparently quite appropriate for the supporters of blatantly sex-promoting parades and purveyors of a mutated reality about human sexuality and gender identity to call pro-family and pro-biblical ideologues intoler-



▶ Pastor Alson Ebanks

ant, and at times using highly abusive language, but (again) God forbid that those who oppose them dare express their views on these matters. Out comes the "intolerant" sword.

Sorry folks, it doesn't scare everyone. Some of us know that tolerance is a good thing in the right context, just as is intolerance. In case someone feels like pulling out the "Jesus was all about love" and tolerance sword, let me disabuse you of that notion. Here are his words to the church in Revelation 2:20: "But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practise sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols."

Clearly the Son of God, who promoted and demonstrated love as the supreme ethic, sees no inconsistency between loving someone and being intolerant of their conduct. In truth, then, it is the antithesis of love to encourage or promote practices that are morally, socially and spiritually destructive to people for whom Christ died. It is time for a heightened intolerance of evil in our homes, schools and society as a whole. (Pastor Alson Ebanks) (?)



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Walkers Admits Two New Caymanian Attorneys

Walkers is pleased to announce that Dajsha Samuels and Abigail Drummond have completed their legal training, with both being called to the Cayman Islands Bar on 5 August 2019 and 6 August 2019 respectively. The applications were moved by Walkers Partners Colette Wilkins and Philip Paschalides before the Hon. Justice Williams, at the Grand Court in the Cayman Islands.

Dajsha Samuels was born and raised in the Cayman Islands where she attended Red Bay Primary, Cayman Prep and High School and Cayman International School. Dajsha undertook her LLB degree at the University of Bradford, graduating with First Class Honours in 2015. Dajsha went on to complete her LLM in International Financial Law in 2016 at King's College in London and received a Merit pass. In 2017, she went on to complete her LPC at the University of Law Moorgate, where she also undertook an MSc in Business Law and Management. Prior to commencing her articles Dajsha worked at Walkers Fiduciary Limited for four months. Dajsha was articled to David Collins, a Partner in Walkers' Finance and Corporate Group.

Dajsha states, "The continuous support and constant investment in training and development at Walkers is truly exemplary and it has assisted me in my professional development and strive towards excellence. Most importantly, the firm has taught me to have confidence in my abilities by being trained to be an independent thinker. I am proud to say that I have done it the Walkers' way."

Abigail Drummond was a recipient of the 2013 Walkers' Legal Scholarship. Born and raised in the Cayman Islands, Abi attended Red Bay Primary, St. Ignatius Catholic School and the United World College of the Atlantic in Wales. Abi undertook her LLB degree at the University of Bristol, graduating with Upper Second Class Honours in 2016, and then went on to complete



▶ Dajsha Samuels and Abigail Drummond

the LPC at the University of Law in Bristol where she was awarded a Distinction. Abi has participated in three legal internships with Walkers since 2014, completing placements in the Investment Funds, Finance and Corporate and Insolvency and Dispute Resolution groups. Abi was articled to Philip Paschalides, a Partner in Walkers' Finance and Corporate Group.

Abi comments, "From my internship through to my Articles, Walkers has provided me with a great balance of amazing support and independent challenge. I am humbled by the amount of time the talented team at

Walkers has invested in me. I look forward to beginning my legal career at this top-ranked offshore law firm."

Walkers' Partner and Chair of the Trainee Committee, Caroline Heal commented "We would like to congratulate Abi and Dajsha on their recent admissions to the Cayman Islands Bar and are delighted that these talented young Caymanian women will continue their career progression here at Walkers. We are committed to providing a challenging yet supportive learning environment for our articled clerks and it has been extremely rewarding to see Abi and Dajsha reach this important milestone." 🤇

BritCay helps bereaved parents launch new evacuation kits for families of sick children

new initiative for families of sick babies and children being evacuated to seek urgent medical care overseas. Evacuation kits will be provided to the parents or guardians of evacuees in order to provide practical help and support in their time of need.

The kits were designed by Rich & Maya Lewis, whose son Leo was evacuated when he was just 3-days old, to give families access to medical resources unavailable here in the Cayman Islands. Drawing on their own experiences, the items in the pack have been curated to make an ordeal that no parent ever wants to endure, that little bit easier to cope with.

"Finding out that your child is so sick that you need to leave the country in a matter of hours is incredibly upsetting.

This month will see the launch of a It's a situation no parent ever wants to find themselves in" Maya Lewis explained. "In a short space of time you have to pack and think of everything you might need to live in another country for an undefined period of time. It's terrifying."

> With that in mind, the kit contains some basic essentials, as well as, a packing list and a hand-written letter of support from the founders. "We just want people to know that they're not alone, to stay strong and that we understand what they're going through."

> The couple applauded British Caymanian Insurance Company Limited (Brit-Cay) for ensuring that their own evacuation process went smoothly. "We were pretty confident that our policy would cover all of the costs of the evacuation and Leo would be able to get the medical

___ help he needed, at one of the world's leading children's hospitals in Miami," Lewis contin-

> Both parents are now thrilled to have partnered with the insurer to offer this additional level of support.

"When we heard Rich and Maya's story we were immediately moved to assist," said BritCay Health Manager



Lewis (3rd & 4th from left) present evacuation kits to Cayman Islands Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Paediatric Unit staff (from left) Sue Doak and Kerry Bennett-Reed. Going forward, the packs will be available to all families of babies and infants facing evacuation from the Cayman Islands Hospital, regardless of insurer

Lamar Haynes. "This is a wonderful initiative and we're happy to put our support behind it. While no parent wishes to face what Maya and Rich did, we hope this will help remove some of the stress involved for those who unavoidably find that they need evacuation services."

The packs will be available to all families of babies and infants facing evacuation from the Cayman Islands Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Paediatric Unit from August, regardless of insurer. They will contain a hand-written card from Leo's parents; a packing list; a USB charging extension cord; a note pad and pens; basic toiletries (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner & face wipes); \$100 Uber eats voucher; water bottle; granola bars and a tote bag. 😚



► Close-up of kit contents

ESTERA LAUNCHES ECONOMIC SUBSTANCE SOLUTIONS

Estera, a global provider of corporate, funds and trust services, has launched a market-leading, interactive economic substance client portal together with a new client guide. The portal and guide will be used by Estera clients to help establish how their entities are impacted by the new economic substance regu-

Economic substance legislation came into effect in the Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories on 1 January 2019 and requires relevant entities



▶ Richard Gordon, Corporate Director of Estera in Cayman

with tax residence or, as relevant, incorporation and income in impacted jurisdictions to evidence adequate local resources, facilities and control over certain income generating activities.

Estera is extremely well placed to help clients understand and respond to the new legislation as it has a comprehensive understanding of its clients. In addition to its recognised jurisdictional and regulatory expertise, it has experience in gathering and reporting company data. Furthermore, Estera has a significant presence in jurisdictions affected by economic substance legislation.

The portal contains a set of questions, which will allow clients to understand the impact of the new legislation, based on their responses. Once each entity completes the survey, Estera will deliver a preliminary understanding of the applicable substance obligations (if any are relevant), provide relevant template resolutions and outline the next steps that the entity will need to take including opportunities to add substance where needed.

The importance of compliance with the new substance regulations cannot be understated given the potential liability for extensive penalties. Estera's experts will help clients navigate the complexities of the new legislation and meet the requirements.

Eric Anliker, Estera Group Counsel said "Our new portal and guide will help clients understand if their entity is in scope of the new law and if it meets the substance requirements. In case of substance gaps, we are offering solutions to test and further enhance substance compliance so that our clients meet the require-



► Eric Anliker, Estera Group Counsel

ments. At the relevant time, we will also help prepare and submit economic substance reporting."

Richard Gordon, Corporate Director of Estera in Cayman added "We are able to tailor our solutions to meet our clients' requirements - whether that is as simple as providing additional directors and / or providing bespoke solutions to the entity, so that it is compliant with the new legislation. Our economic substance solutions and client portal will make life easier for our clients."



Hurley's Media and Car City present first Cayman Islands Blood Bank van

Hurley's Media Ltd. and Car City in partnership with the Health Services Authority (HSA) and Cayman Islands Blood Bank presented Cayman's first dedicated blood bank van on Wednesday, 7 August. The van will improve safety and ease the transport of essential equipment and materials for mobile blood drives.

"Having a vehicle that is readily available and used exclusively to facilitate the collection of blood is a major milestone for the Blood Bank. As requests for mobile blood drives increase, this contribution will make a significant difference in how efficiently the blood drive process flows," said Blood Bank Manager Judith Clarke.

Over the years, with the increase of medical operations performed locally, such as cardiac surgeries, there is a greater demand for blood. The Cayman Islands Blood Bank will utilize the van for all mobile blood drives. Each of the van's corporate sponsors will host a public blood drive over the next 12 months in hopes of increasing the current donor pool from 2.5% to 5% of the population

to meet the growing needs of Cayman.

Members of the public will be able to track the van's blood drive related activities on the Cayman Islands Blood Bank's website (www.bloodbank.ky) through a feature that will indicate when the van is being used for a blood drive and pinpoint its exact location. This gives members of the community an opportunity to drop by blood drives open to the public and donate on the spot

"We are grateful to all the sponsors for making a difference in our community by playing their part in saving lives," said Ms. Clarke. "Community efforts such as that displayed by Hurley's Media and Car City

are crucial to achieving and maintaining an adequate level of blood on the island



▶ Hurley's Media sales team and Car City sales Manager, Taylor Foster join HSA management and Blood Bank staff for the new van donation. (L to R: Dr Delroy Jefferson, HSA Medical Director; Dr Courtney Cummings, HSA Deputy Medical Director; Greg Honeyghan, Blood Bank; Judith Clarke, Blood Bank Manager; Marcia Walters, Blood Bank; Starri Smith, Lab intern; Hurley's Media Sales Team – Dori Blair, Eric Vincent, Ilse Dacker, Jay Mumtaz (Manager), Ondine Bult and Car City Sales Manager, Taylor Foster

at any given time. We are fortunate to have such tremendous support."

The Blood Bank van is the second initiative from Hurley's Media and Car City, after hosting Cayman's first ever mobile blood drive at Car City in March last year which resulted in widespread interest from other companies on island.

Corporate sponsors of the van include CIBC First Caribbean, Cayman First Insurance, Island Heritage, SALT Technology Group and Elite Marble & Granite. Community sponsors are BAF Insurance Company and Health Care Pharmacy.

"I would like to thank everyone involved, especially the staff at the Blood Bank. Without their hard work, none of this would be possible," said Car City Sales Manager Taylor Foster. "It is truly amazing what we can do, the problems we can solve and goals we can accomplish when we all work together as a community. This is an ongoing partnership and together, with this new van, we can make a big difference."

"We are extremely proud of the support we have received for this project from everyone involved. Cayman has always come together when it comes to helping the community. The generosity of the sponsors for this project, the team at Car City, and all those working behind the scenes are perfect examples of that sense of community," said Eric Vincent, Sales Representative at Hurley's Media. "We are looking forward to continuing to raise awareness for the Blood Bank and working with them for years to come."

To register to be a blood donor, determine your eligibility or book an appointment visit www.bloodbank.ky or walkin to the Cayman Islands Blood Bank located at the Cayman Islands Hospital (2nd floor). Opening hours are Monday-Friday 7am - 6:30pm and Saturday 9am - 5pm. Thank you to our website partner and ongoing supporter, Generali for your generous support for the Blood Bank.



▶ Blood Bank Manager, Judith Clarke, accepts the keys to the new Blood Bank Van from Taylor Foster, Car City Sales Manager

FOCUS ON DEVELOPMENT

An alluring new development on the North Sound

Allure is a brand new development of 13 two-bedroom and 13 three-bedroom units that is currently grabbing the attention of buyers looking for a water-front property that is in the mid-to-high price range, yet conveniently close to schools, shopping and town.

This gated development is located in Tropical Gardens and offers luxurious condo living on the waterfront, with the two-bedroom units situated on the lower level and the three-bedroom units occupying the upper two floors, which also includes a penthouse master suite with a back terrace.

Michelle Watler, Real Estate Advisor with Engel & Völkers Cayman Islands, gave some background as to what stage the developers are at: "Currently it's in the pre-construction stage so, we are pre-selling units with an anticipated ground breaking in October," she advised.

As far as pricing goes, she said: "The two-bedroom units started at CI\$410,000 however, we only have one two-bedroom unit left at CI\$470,000. We have the three-bedroom units starting at CI\$620,000."

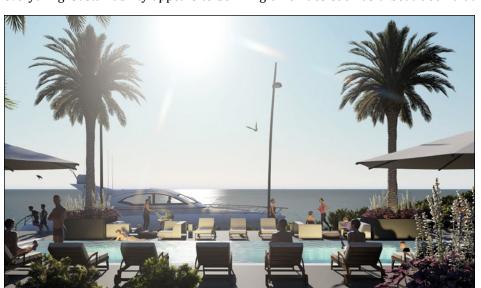
Michelle said that Allure would appeal to professionals and executives looking to purchase a property on the water, with energy efficiency in mind while being conveniently located close to everything. Sustainability appears to be



high on the list for buyers in this mid to high range of the market and Allure successfully ticks this box, as the units come with an installed solar panel system and gas appliances, as well as other interesting amenities such as a boat dock that

gives owners easy access to Rum Point and Stingray City, and terraces or balconies to enjoy the North Sound breeze.

The development is being built with resistance to storms in mind and is made from ICF construction, incorporating hurricane rated windows and doors. Added benefits for owners include an infinity pool and a boardwalk, promoting a family-friendly, relaxed atmosphere within a great little community.







Grand Harbour Roundabout Traffic Metering

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Acting Managing Director at the NRA, Ed Howard.

South Sound itself experiences significant spillbacks during weekdays. However, AMD Howard notes that the congestion of South Sound Road is also partly caused by motorists using Old Crewe Road as a cut-through road during the evening peak. Motorists using Old Crewe Road as a shortcut will now also have to adhere to the new signal.

The traffic signal meter is expected to go live by Monday 19 August 19, 2019. The NRA notes that this is an interim solution, before more detailed plans for traffic relief in this area. The new metering signal will be placed further back from the roundabout and will include advance warning signs, a cantilevered signal head over the travel lane, and a painted stop bar designation in which motorists are required to stop.

The new signal will activate on weekdays (Monday through Friday) during the evening peak hours only. The signal will cycle drivers through at intervals of 10 to 12 seconds. An illuminated red ball will signify that drivers are required to come to a complete stop. An amber ball signifies that motorists proceed with caution.

Such metering signals are quite common in the UK, Australia and U.S.A where they are used in various situations, including at roundabouts, and for regulating traffic joining the motorways at congested periods.

The NRA would like to thank motorists for their vigilance in observing and respecting the new metering system. The aim of this project is to ensure the Grand Harbour Roundabout will work more effectively, by restoring traffic flow priority to the major artery.

The new signal pole on South Sound Road will also soon feature the installation of the first set of electronic vehicle registration (EVR) detection devices designed to read the new drivers registration stickers and plates.



Bruce Blake / Canover Watson Charged by AntiCorruption Commission

On 8 August 2019, following a complex and protracted investigation, Investigators from the AntiCorruption Commission charged Mr. Bruce Blake and Mr. Canover Watson with the following:

Blake, Bruce:

- One Count of Secret Commissions contrary to s.21(1) C of the Anti-Corruption Law 2008;
- Two counts of Acquiring or Retention of Criminal Property (Money Laundering) contrary to s.134(1) and s.135 of the Proceeds of Crime Law 2008;
- Two counts of False Accounting, contrary to s.255(1) of the Penal Code 2010 and 2013 (Revisions).

2013 (Revisions). Watson, Canover:



► Mr. Canover Watson



► Mr. Bruce Blake

- Two counts of Secret Commissions contrary to s.21(1) C of the Anti-Corruption Law 2008 and 2014 (Revision);
- Three counts of Transferring or Retention of Criminal Property (Money Laundering) contrary to s.133 and s.134(1) the Proceeds of Crime Law 2008:
- Two counts of False Accounting, contrary to s.255(1) of the Penal Code 2010 and 2013 (Revisions).

Both persons have been further bailed to appear to appear in Summary Court on 20th August 2019.

As the matter is now before the Courts, the Commission did not provide any further comment on the matter.

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CIVF announces the King and Queen of the Court

In collaboration with the Cayman Islands Volleyball Federation visiting Brazilian Coach, Pitter Rosa, hosted a King and Queen of the Court tournament on Sunday, August 4th. The format for this tournament required each player to play with a different partner for a single set to 15 points. Points were then awarded to the individual players on the victorious teams, which were then calculated at the end of the tournament to identi-

fy the King and Queen of the court. For the men, Olney Thompson was crowned the King of the Court and for the women JoAnna Poyssick took home the title of the Queen of the Court. The runners up for the men consisted of Nathan Dack, Casey Santamaria, and Daniel Pattico, and Maryn McCoombs, Alicia Proud, and Krystal Ferrari on behalf of the women.

Technical Director, Javid Ali, was quite impressed with the turn out as he noted:

> "The interest in doubles is definitely increasing, and this was evident with the 15 men and 9 women who competed in the tournament this past weekend. It's great to see that more and more people are trying their hand at doubles, as we have players transitioning from the indoor leagues and from our fours Corona Beach league." Having transitioned from indoor volleyball to beach himself National Senior

Men's player, Olney Thompson, discussed the increased intensity associated with the sport: "When you play beach volleyball all the weight is on your shoulders, as you no longer have 5 teammates helping you bear the load and responsibility. Although both games work on the same skills (i.e. passing, setting, blocking, spiking) beach is a much more skillful game that always keeps you thinking."

The event was well received by all the participants as the First place winner JoAnna Poyssick explained: "CIVF and Coach Pitter did a great job at organizing

the King and Oueen tournament. It is a great way for all players to test their skills in the game of beach volleyball and have fun. All the athletes played well and brought good competition to the tournament. I hope they run more tournaments like this to continue to grow the game here in Cayman." JoAnna can rest assured knowing that CIVF fully



intends on continuing these worthwhile events going forward. The coaches and players alike recognize the benefit of these tournaments as the format allows for players of all ages and abilities to learn by playing with various partners throughout the competition. Be sure to stay tuned to CIVF's Facebook page for the latest updates and events.

Greenhouse Lynx end HSM Vipers winning streak

The Cayman Islands Flag Football Premier League moved into week 5 of the season with some interesting games to shake up the teams.

First game of the day, the RedStripe Wolverines took on the Maples Jaguars. This is the first time in the season that these teams faced off against each other. Jaguars took the field first on offense but unfortunately couldn't manage to move the ball up resulting in a turn over close enough to Wolverines goal line for running back Agueda Blake to run in the ball for an early touchdown. Sarafina McField and Alyssa Phipps made key tackles for the Jaguars but despite these efforts, Wolverines QB Antoinette Lewis found Nekita Saintvil for an impressive second touchdown for the half, Saintvil surpassing 3 of the Jaguars defenders. In the second half Jaguars came in more engaged and aggressive, preventing the Wolverines to score any further in the game. On offense, Jaguars

QB Tracey Seymour managed to gain more yards with throws to Chantel Simm and runs down field by Jordyn Williams, pushing them close enough to the goal line but unfortunately not being able to score, ending the game 12-0 for the Wolverines. These teams face of again Monday, 12 August, which we suspect to be an interesting re-

Next up we had The Uncle Clem's Wolves and Maples. The Wolves have been coming into their games with a lot of composure and assurance that they are here to win. Wolves QB, Jordan Stubblefield, kept control of his offense, with rotational passes across the field, often favouring players such as Demetri Chambers and David Taylor, both with 5 catches each within the game. Alex Pascal secured the first touchdown for his team, proving to be a major key to his team's accomplishments this season. Later on we would see 3 more touchdowns secured by Ryan Ebanks, Peter



Whittaker and Leeroy Bodden, who has also shown significant improvement this season. Despite Maples forceful defence, with key tackles by Brian Bodden, Nigel Solomon and Jamal Bodden, as well as an interception by Larue Nixon; Maples offense struggled to move down the field, as QB James Stephen found it difficult to make completions with his players, and

Wolves defensive players were not letting up, with 3 sacks from Demetri Chambers, Tareek Gardner and Joshua Mcfarlane. The Wolves ended the game with a huge blowout of 27-0.

Third game of the day really shook the stands up with the top two teams going head to head for the first time this season, HSM Vipers and the Greenhouse Lynx. Both offensively and defensively these teams stand out. The Vipers made notable gains on offense with run attempts by veteran running back Jennifer Cotarelo-Choice and with QB rushes by Erica Burke, but these were all stopped by Lynx defensive players such as Kristina Seymour and Latoya Cover, including an interception by Marleena Smith. During the game, Lynx QB Keisha Solomon looked to Smith as her key receiver and runs by Shenel Gall, both known to be swift competitors. With just seconds left on the clock, viewers thought this game would go into overtime. But with a catch by Gall, she then ran it in for the first and only touchdown of the game, narrowly escaping Vipers defence, thus ending the Vipers

winning streak, 6-0. Last game of the day had everyone on the edge of the seats when Burger King Panthers went up against Miller Lite Hellcats. Motivated to win, both teams seemed to have come in with altered game plans, Panthers bringing in QB Glenn Duran and Hellcats bringing in QB Kevin Solomon for the first time this season. However, neither of these QB's had an easy task, as each defensive team had 4 sacks throughout the game. Solomon looked to players such as Terry Ballard and Abdull Petterson, but it was runs from Phil Brown that gave Hellcats the extra push they needed on offense. Hellcats managed to make it close enough to the goal line to make a field goal conversion, putting the first

score on the board 3-0. Duran answered back, having numerous completions, managing to find Paul Chin in the end zone for the team's first touchdown of the game, pushing Panthers up 7-3; Richard Campbell kicking the extra point. However this didn't stop Hellcats, as Solomon found Tikko Moore for a touchdown shortly after, pushing Hellcats back on top 9-7. As the game neared the end, Panthers showed us why every minute counts as Duran threw into the end zone yet again, this time finding Chris Bennett for the winning touchdown. Hellcats tried to come back with a throw into the end zone in the last seconds of the game, which was denied by an interception by Jahmi Dunbar of the Panthers. The closest game of the day ended 14-9 for Panthers.

To wrap up week 5, the ladies hit the Annex sports field Monday night where the Maples Jaguars took on the Greenhouse Lynx after a major loss in week 3 where Lynx beat Jaguars 27-0. Lynx took to offense first with QB Erica Bosch taking control of her team to quickly move them up the field, with the help of her O-Line giving her enough time to find Christsania Parker in the end zone for the first touchdown of the game. Maples seemed to struggle to become engaged in the first half of the game later on giving up another touchdown to Parker, ending the half 12-0. In the second half Maples came in with a completely different attitude and refused to allow Lynx to gain any more points, where we saw major blocks from Krista Samuels and Khadija Chisholm, as well as a key tackle by Alexia Williams preventing Bosch from running into the end zone. Unfortunately for Maples they were unable to move the ball much due to Lynx vigorous D-Line. Although an improvement for Maples, Lynx still managed to secure their second win for the week, 12-0. 😚



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THE OTS, BORIS JOHNSON AND BREXIT

By Michael Jarvis
UK Correspondent

With the United Kingdom locked in an acrimonious spat with the European Union - and internally - over Brexit, it's becoming well nigh impossible to find a space for the Overseas Territories amongst the pressing issues occupying the attention of the 'mother country' at present.

The situation is further complicated by the raft of new faces at the forefront of the British government preoccupied with Brexit; the process of the UK's exit from the EU.

On the surface, the fact that new prime minister Boris Johnson was a previous foreign secretary under whose portfolio the OTs 'resided', might be somewhat reassuring.

Prime Minister Johnson is no stranger to the OTs having personally - although some might argue, belatedly - jetting out to the Caribbean territories in the aftermath of devastating hurricanes in 2017 to personally hand out hurricane relief.

His subsequent commitment - before he abruptly quit the government of Theresa May - to ensure that hurricane relief, and more importantly preparation, are well in place after that experience might be paying off.

The standard UK naval disaster response presence in the Caribbean, especially for the OTs, has been 'beefed up' on the back of that.

However, while that might have been a direct result of Mr Johnson's intervention as foreign secretary, his position regarding the OTs as their prime minister is still an unknown quantum.

Prime Minister Johnson has not only inherited Brexit, which was the key focus of his near obsession with the top role.

He has also inherited the challenges of the relationship between the UK as the administrative power/mother country and its remnants of empire scattered across the globe - most of them in the Caribbean.

In his government, that challenge now sits squarely with his new foreign minister, Dominic Raab, an arch-Brexiteer, but whose take on where the OTs figure in that process is quite unclear.

It's noteworthy that there would have been an overlap between Prime Minister Johnson being in office as foreign secretary and the start of the most recent UK Foreign Affairs Committee's (FAC) parliamentary inquiry into the future of relations with the overseas territories.

By the time he demitted that role and set his eyes once again on the lofty prize of the prime ministership, the FAC had concluded its inquiry.

Its key recommendations met a firm rejection of its key findings by the Theresa May government via the office of the foreign secretary, at that time Mr Johnson's successor Jeremy Hunt (who was to become his main challenger for the role of prime minister).

Mr Johnson prevailed, Mr Hunt quit the post and the OTs now have their third foreign secretary in as many years.

The key and most controversial recommendations in the FAC's report, which were rejected by the previous Theresa may government (and Mr Hunt as foreign secretary) were; a demand that the OTs adopt same-sex marriage to a given timeline - with the threat of being imposed by imperial decree, and granting voting and elected rights to all British citizens in the islands.



▶ Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson is a British politician, serving as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party since July 2019

Will those be revisited?

Another central issue that, despite objections from the British government was previously adopted by parliament, is the matter of the public disclosure of beneficial owners of companies registered in the OTs, especially in their lucrative offshore financial services sector

That doesn't seem likely to get any push-back from the present Johnson administration.

There are other issues pending coming out of both the report and the annual Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) meetings between the OTs and their UK administrative counterparts.

And there were other aspects of the recommendations which, despite gov-

ernment supposedly being a continuity, is no guarantee of status quo.

In the last JMC plenary session, the British government - then the Theresa May administration - committed to:

• "reaffirmed the UK government's commitment to taking the Territories' priorities into account as the UK prepares to leave the EU, including in relation to funding, trade, the environment and education."

• and gave assurances that "in the unlikely scenario that we leave the EU without a deal, existing projects under certain EU funding streams will be guaranteed by Her Majesty's Treasury for the lifetime of those projects."

It is now highly likely that the UK will leave the EU without a deal following the political strategy trajectory of the Johnson administration and its current stalemate with the EU over Brexit.

The EU is adamant that it already has a deal negotiated over two years with the Theresa May government, and which included the UK's assurances to the OTs.

But with the Johnson government committed to a no-deal Brexit by the next deadline of October 31st on the Brexit calendar, the wildly shifting political sands, tides and affiliations, all against a backdrop of constitutional uncertainties, the issues for the OTs seem all but on-hold/status quo for the time being

However, amidst all this, at least one thing is certain; Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon, widely considered as a champion or at least a sympathetic ear for the OTs, retains his position as Minister of State for the Overseas Territories...subject to change.



▶ UK Overseas Territories map

POLICE NEWS

The JMU and AOU continue to do Vigilant Border Patrols

Just before 10PM on Tuesday 6 August, the Joint Marine Unit consisting of officers from the RCIPS and CBC, along with the Air Operations Unit were on border patrol duties.

About 11 miles off the shore of

About 11 miles off the shore of East End and within the Cayman Islands jurisdictional waters, the AOU spotted a boat that had one occupant and what appeared to be several packages on board. This raised the suspicions of the officers who then informed the Marine Vessel M. Luke. MV M. Luke made their way to the location using lights and siren and the vessel attempted to evade them, but was intercepted with the assistance of the AOU.

A search was conducted of the vessel and over 40 packages containing what the officers believed to be ganja was on board. The occupant, a 32-year-old-man of Cayman Brac was arrested on suspicion of Importation of Ganja along with other drug related offense. The vessel and its contents were seized and an investigation was launched into the matter.

The estimated weight of the ganja recovered from the vessel was in excess of 1200lbs and has an estimated street value of over \$1 million CI dollars.

The 32-year-old-man from Cayman Brac has since been charged and is expected to appear in court today on charges of Importation of Ganja and Possession of Ganja.









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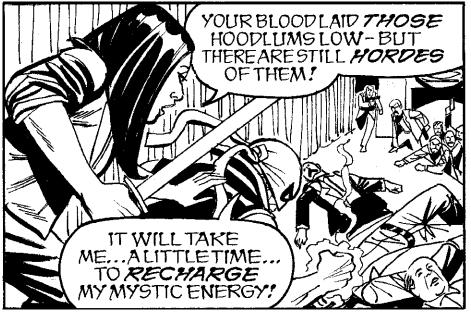
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