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RESTAURANTS AND BARS REOPEN LAST WEEKEND

Cayman takes another step on the road back to normality from Sunday with further relaxation of the Level 3 lockdown measures which were introduced this past Monday June 1st.

The additional restrictions which were eased from Sunday, June 7th allowed for restaurants and bars to serve clients on the premises and will give greater scope and time for people to exercise.

“Sometimes I think the results may be a bit too encouraging in the sense that the pressure to go further faster continues to build and we are all very happy about the way things are going.”

Noting that there has been “some consternation” over some of the restrictions which will continue to be enforced on gatherings at bars and restaurants opening up on Sunday, he again stressed the public health necessity of having these measures in place.

With those businesses from Sunday able to provide an outdoors-only ser-

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Regiment Recruitment Campaign seeks 50 individuals

The recruitment campaign to find 50 outstanding, driven and enthusiastic people for the Cayman Islands Regiment gets underway today and will mark the start of a busy week for hurricane preparedness activity in Cayman.

As well as the search for reservists, Her Majesty's Ship Medway and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Argus will be arriving off shore to begin their Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercises. In addition, the five junior officers from the Cay-

man Regiment have all started their training programmes at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in the UK.

The recruitment campaign starts today and is open to British Overseas Territories Citizens and British Citizens, Irish Citizens and Commonwealth Citizens who have Permanent Residency in the Cayman Islands.

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CAYMAN'S HEALTH IN CAYMANIAN HANDS



The COVID-19 crisis has thrown an aspect of the Cayman's Islands health care industry into sharp focus.

To be clear, it's not the quality of healthcare delivery.

In fact, Premier Alden McLaughlin recently bragged about the global standing of Cayman in its fightback against the dreadful virus.

While Cayman has been credited for being in the top five globally for its aggressive testing regime, Premier McLaughlin took that a step further recently in claiming:

“I would hazard to say now that Cayman is the most successful country in the world thus far with managing this pandemic.”

With only one death and an impressive recovery rate, despite one of the highest per capita incidences of the disease in the region, Cayman can be proud of its record in suppressing COVID-19.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

MITIAMA Guidance on Exemption Process for Restaurants/Bars

The Ministry of International Trade Investment Aviation and Maritime Affairs (MITIAMA), which grants curfew exemptions through its Curfew Time operation, has developed guidance for restaurant and bar owners seeking to open outdoor seating areas from Sunday, 7 June 2020.

The one page document offers COVID-19 prevention guidance with regards to set up of the outdoor area, operations and customer management. It was developed to assist restaurants and bars that are now permitted to open/re-open by the most recent public health regulations, pending approval by MITIAMA.

A copy of the guidelines is available from www.explore.gov.ky/curfewtime the page developed by MITIAMA to facilitate applications by businesses for exemptions from curfew restrictions.

The rules set out for operations of restaurants and bars outdoors are as follows.

- Set up:**
- Tables should be a minimum of 8ft apart.
 - Maximum group size is 6 individuals.
 - Customers from different households must sit 6ft apart.

- Customers from the same household can sit closer together.
- Social distancing must be maintained in restrooms and waiting areas.
- All seating must be removed from the bar area.
- No person shall be permitted to be seated or served at an indoor counter in a restaurant or bar.

- Restaurant Operations:**
- All dining must be in an open-air establishment. No enclosed or a/c dining allowed.
 - All employees must wear masks/face covering.
 - Sanitisation stations must be setup accordingly.
 - Mingling or physical contact with others is prohibited.
 - All employees must maintain social distancing of 6ft from co-workers/guests.
 - One time paper menus will be used, or no contact menu display boards.
 - Shared condiments are not allowed on tables — all condiments must be single use.
 - Bus staff must wear gloves and mask when handling used dishes and tables.
 - Restaurant and bars shall operate no later than 9pm.



► Grand Old House Dining area

Customer management:

- Customers can only be served when seated at a table. No bar or standing service.
 - Customers must use a mask/face covering at all times when not seated at their table.
 - Mingling or physical contact with others is prohibited.
- Curfew Time reminds owners to ensure compliance with the requirements of all other Government agencies involved in the regulation of restaurants prior to seeking an exemption.

Applicants making physical changes to their outdoor areas must email a copy of their site plan/sketch to planning.dept@gov.ky for review.

Food hygiene requirements for the reopening of food establishments are available from the Department of Environmental Health at dehcustomerservice@gov.ky.



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vice to clients from Sunday, it throws the plight of the tourist industry into sharp focus.

The sector has been the hardest hit across the economy due to the pandemic.

Many of the restaurants and bars would normally be doing brisk business, teeming with a mixture of residents and visitors.

The Premier, while urging residents to frequent those establishments strongly suggests making reservations given the social distancing arrangements which will need to be followed.

That points to the considerations which would need to be assessed when tourism returns, especially stay-over and in-country 'stay-cations'.

SUPPORT FOR UNEMPLOYED CAYMANIAN TOURISM WORKERS

For Caymanian tourism workers currently off the job, Premier Mclaughlin announced that the government has extended the safety net for them for another three months.

He reported that to date, more than 1,000 Caymanian tourism workers have applied for government assistance after losing their jobs.

The extended deadline to register expires at 11:59pm on Sunday June 7th. The previous deadline was May 31st.

Once registered and approved they will receive a payment of CI\$1,000 per month for the next three months.

CAUTION URGED DESPITE TOP GLOBAL STANDING IN COMBATTING COVID

With COVID-19 still very evident in the community, the premier urges that it is vital that residents continue to take the necessary safety precautions.

According to Mr McLaughlin, the infection rate in Cayman is between 1.3% and 1.5% - about 975 people who are likely carriers of the virus.

While he says Cayman is a world leader in controlling the virus and the public is largely cooperating with the measures out in place, the Premier was nevertheless mindful of the risks which still exist.

"I would hazard to say now that Cayman is the most successful country in the world thus far with managing this pandemic," he asserted before qualifying that with: "Obviously we have significant advantages with size, scale, and population allow us to do things that other countries find difficult in doing."

He went on to say that "there is still significant amounts of the virus out there in the community and the only way we are going to avoid it being spread is to continue to be vigilant about social distancing and the wearing of masks, and avoiding too many people being too close to each other."

FOUR ADDITIONAL COVID CASES

Meanwhile, in giving his update on COVID-19 monitoring on Friday, Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee reported that the number of cases confirmed in Cayman has risen rose to 164 following another four positive results.

One was via an infected person and the other three who were asymptomatic were uncovered via the screening programme.

According to Dr Lee, 13,947 tests have been carried out so far with 694 reported on Friday.

Of the active cases, one is symptomatic and 69 are asymptomatic.

Ninety-three persons have recovered from the disease, 54 are under observation in government facilities and 220 under home isolation.

The two persons who were in prison isolation have now been declared negative.

MEASURES EFFECTIVE FROM 7th JUNE, 2020

From Sunday 7th June, 2020, hard curfew will be from 10 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac, res-

taurants and bars, will be able to serve customers on any patio or other outdoor area which forms a part of the premises of the bar or restaurant.

However, the following conditions will apply —

No more than six customers at a table, and unless these customers all come from the same household, social distance requirements must be observed;

(ii) each table must be at least eight feet apart; (iii) no person shall be seated or served at an indoor counter in a bar or restaurant; and

Restaurants and bars will be able to open for such services until 9 p.m. Therefore, persons who travel to restaurants or bars to collect their food or to dine outdoors now have until 10pm to return to their homes. The restaurants can continue with delivery of food until 11 pm which will be one hour later.

From 7th June, 2020, persons employed by businesses other than restaurants will be able to deliver until 11 p.m.

In relation to exercise- a person will be able on and after 7th June to exercise with five (5) other persons who are not members of the person's household up for no more than 2 hours per day, between the hours of 4:45 am and 9 p.m. This includes engaging in open air non-contact sports.

Also persons will be able to exercise on a beach, swim in the sea and fish from the shoreline on any day. Persons must however continue to observe the

social distance requirements when exercising.

On and after 7th June, 2020, in Grand Cayman, a person may use a boat between the hours of 4:45 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on any day only for the purpose of fishing in the waters, subject to the following conditions: no more than six persons shall be on a boat; no person shall travel for pleasure between the Islands to visit Cayman Brac or Little Cayman; and no more than six persons will be allowed on a boat.

The prohibition on boating activity in certain areas will continue. Thus, persons are still not permitted to congregate or have boats remain in Starfish Point, Rum Point, the Sandbar and Stingray City.

In Cayman Brac, on and after 7th June, 2020 a person may, on any day, continue to use a boat to travel for pleasure, including for fishing in the waters and will be permitted to have six persons on board at any one time.

The definition of "public meeting" will change in Grand Cayman and gatherings of up to six persons will be permitted.

In Cayman Brac there has been no change and twenty-five persons or less will continue to be able to take part in the said activities. The social distance requirements will continue to apply.

This does not relate to Little Cayman. However, social distance requirements and the wearing of masks indoors public places continues to apply to Little Cayman. 🌐



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Promotions at CUC

Congratulations *Claire and Jason*

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) recently promoted **Claire Stafford**, Company Secretary & Data Protection Officer and **Jason Burke**, Manager Systems Operations.

Claire joined the Company's Corporate Compliance Department in 2011 as a Corporate Compliance Officer and was promoted to Assistant Company Secretary & Corporate Compliance Officer later that same year. In 2013, Claire was promoted to Manager Corporate Compliance & Assistant Company Secretary.

She obtained both a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree in 1992 and a Master in Business Administration (MBA) in 2011 from the University of Liverpool in the United Kingdom. Claire is a certified Governance Professional (GPC.D) through the Governance Professionals of Canada (GPC) having successfully graduated from their Governance Professional Education Programme in 2019. The GPC is a Canadian professional organisation with the mandate to be the voice of all governance professionals in Canada.

Claire completed the Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) Level 5 certification in 2019 and serves as Chairperson of the Company's Human Capital Committee.

Jason joined the Company in 1995 as a Unit Operator Trainee. He transferred to the Production Maintenance Department (formerly the Mechanical Maintenance Department) in 1997 as a Heavy Duty Mechanic Helper and was later promoted to Heavy Duty Mechanic. In 2000, Jason was awarded a two-year technician scholarship and graduated with Associate's degrees, with high honours, in Industrial Maintenance Technology and Facilities Management & Engineering from Texas State Technical College in Waco, Texas in April 2002. Following graduation, he returned to the Production Maintenance Department in 2002 and served in a number of leadership roles including Manager Production Maintenance, a position to which he was promoted in 2007.

In 2013, Jason was awarded a second CUC scholarship to attend the University of Portsmouth in the United Kingdom. Following his graduation in 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering with First Class Honours, Jason joined the Engineering and Business Development Department as a Senior Project Manager.

As Senior Project Manager, Jason coordinated the design, construction and integration of a number of major projects including the Seven Mile Beach Substation on West Bay Road, which is scheduled to be completed in 2020. In addition, he completed his ILM Level 5 certification in 2019.

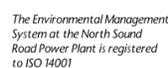
CUC is committed to promoting from within the Company and continues to provide opportunities for training, education and career advancement to all its employees.



Claire Stafford
Company Secretary & Data Protection Officer



Jason Burke
Manager Systems Operations



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And so should the healthcare professionals, including support staff working throughout the health care system.

But it's more than a system, it's an industry.

Caymanians Times put the issue to Health Minister Dwayne Seymour.

The question was "if there are any programmes available that will encourage Caymanians to follow that profession" - and not just for the comparatively high levels of remuneration.

The concern was predicated on the fact that there aren't currently many Caymanians in that industry. It proposed that "what should be encouraged is for Caymanians to consider diversifying and go into the health industry."

Minister Seymour framed his response very carefully in prescribing the direction that Cayman could - and possibly should - take on this issue.

"It's been a pet peeve of mine for years," he revealed citing nearby Cuba as an example to be emulated.

"Look at the example of Cuba where they concentrated on certain specialities to encourage their people to be trained in and we see how Cuba now has many doctors, nurses and medical staff."

Warming to the topic but carefully choosing his words - the Premier was seated just two chairs away - Minister Seymour put his views on record.

"At some point the conversation needs to be had in the very near future about where we want to take Cayman, what industries we want our people to be trained up in and where we want to put most of our resources."

"I think we need to concentrate," he offered. "I think we are all over the place as a country...my personal note."

On that note, he pointed to the ongoing nursing programme at UCCI. There are also schemes available via Health City and the HSA which have been providing nurse training programmes as well as overseas study at undergraduate and specialist levels.

"There are some other opportunities that I've discovered over the last six months that I wasn't able to unveil because of the COVID-19 crisis in terms of some opportunities in the US for young Caymanian doctors that I've been working on for almost a year and not only at University of the West Indies in Jamaica."

According to Mr Seymour, "It's very good conversations for us to continue having and one that I'm duly interested in and I think the government has alluded that they are interested in the medical field in terms of training up Caymanians."

"So", he added, "we just need to get a real solid approach as to how we move in that direction and where we want to go as a country."

I've never really seen that drive like we had in the 70s or 80s where it was fi-



► Health Minister Dwayne Seymour

ancial services and was concentrating on that."

But if Cayman were to invest more in developing its own Caymanian healthcare expertise across the range of professions in the industry, the interest must be there among Caymanians, the minister reminded.

"First of all we need to ask the children 'are you interested?'" he proposed.

"Sometimes I think we forget to include the children as to what they want

to do. Maybe it's just technology that we concentrate on and a lot of that is happening here with Tech City."

"So it will be a great conversation for us to continue having," he concluded.

Yes indeed, Minister Seymour, but not just a great conversation - a necessary conversation and action to ensure that Caymanians are equipped with the skills, training and qualifications to drive the industries which drive the economy. 🌐

Regiment Recruitment Campaign Marks Busy Week for Cayman Islands Preparedness

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If you are interested, you will need to be aged 18 to 50 years, pass written and fitness tests and then an interview. Experience is not required but previous military service such as the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps is welcomed. Full training will be provided and successful candidates will be paid a per diem allowance when they attend.

For more information and the application and medical forms visit www.gov.ky/ciregiment

Meanwhile, HMS Medway and RFA Argus will be exercising their plans to support Cayman should a hurricane or similar natural disaster occur. This will include bringing troops and equipment ashore to test logistics and then checking to ensure they have appropriate communications and can carry out medical evacuations. The exercise this year will also ensure that appropriate measures are in place to avoid contact between the ships company and those on-

shore. Both ships are COVID19 free and the crews have been at sea and isolated for an extended period of time. But out of an abundance of caution and also to prevent possible infection being transmitted to the ships there will be no close contact with the population on shore.

RFA Argus will be arriving in Cayman territorial waters on Saturday 6th June and HMS Medway on Monday 8th June. The Royal Navy Merlin and Wildcat helicopters on board RFA Argus will be providing search and rescue cover, carrying out counter-narcotics and border protection patrols and will be available to attend critical incidents as requested whilst the RCIPS helicopters are being serviced in the USA.

The Security Assistance Team (SAT) has been supporting the arrangements including coordination of the exercises, obtaining the agreement for helicopter cover and support for the training and kit required for the 50 new reservists.

His Excellency The Governor Mr Martyn Roper said: "There's lots happening



next week but I am particularly pleased to be able to launch the recruitment of the first 50 reservists for the Regiment.

"It is highly appropriate that it's happening this week which marks the beginning of the Hurricane Season, since that will be the primary focus of the Regiment. I'm delighted that even in the midst of the current crisis we are continuing to move forward with the recruitment programme. With weather forecasters predicting a busy hurricane season this year, having the first reservists available to the Cayman Islands by the end of August is a welcome addition to our resilience."

"Advancing the Cayman Regiment during a global pandemic is a significant achievement. I would like to thank the Commander of the Regiment, UK SAT team and my own staff for delivering this at great pace under much pressure."

"The Premier and I are committed to ensuring that Cayman is ready for the challenge and the formation of the Regiment is an important part of this. The extensive external assistance provided to Anguilla, BVI and TCI after the 2017 hurricanes and last year to The Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian, demonstrate the importance of ensuring that UK forces and OT responders are properly prepared. This is especially important this year as we have to adapt due to COVID19. I am therefore pleased that RFA Argus and HMS Medway will be able to carry out exercises in Cayman next week. I am also very grateful to the SAT team and RFA Argus for arranging to provide helicopter cover whilst the RCIPS helicopters are off island."

"All this work underlines the UK's support and commitment to the British Overseas Territories." 🌐





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► Cayman Cabana owner Luigi Moxam felt the need to assist with the efforts of Meals on Wheels by providing a special Saturday meal for seniors. Volunteers collected traditional fish tea and fresh Brac Bread for delivery to seniors



► Ainsley Imperato made a donation of snacks on behalf of Cayman International School (CIS)

Meals on Wheels Continues to Increase Its Reach and Serve the Needs of the Community

Meals on Wheels has been serving the needs of the community since 1997, by delivering a hot meal with a soup to seniors, disabled, infirm and homebound. During the current pandemic, MOW General Manager, Jennifer West stated that "We have reached an incredible number of clients, and we have now been serving over 400 hot, nutritious meals and 300 hot soups, per day!!" This is a huge leap from the 235 that were being served before government measures to save lives were put into place. All meals are delivered to homes by volunteers from one of our district or community kitchens across the islands each week day.



► The Department of Agriculture have generously donated pumpkins, bananas, plantains and mangoes which are used in the MOW district kitchens to prepare meals for seniors

Due to health concerns and medical conditions, the meals are prepared according to each client's dietary needs, allergy requirements or conditions. During this pandemic our meals have continued to be delivered to our seniors across the island, however due to children and family members being at home, in many cases where jobs have been lost, we also cater to those who are in need of a hot meal. West explains that "With so many people without enough income to support their families food security, we have increased our services to include a wide range of persons who have been deemed vulnerable or at risk of going hungry."

When meals are delivered, it's not just about a hot meal but it's also the social interaction, many seniors live alone and the volunteers have been their social connection for years on end. Due to social distancing standards being kept we have had to change how we go about connecting with our seniors and having conversation. As a part of their contingency plan that quickly had to be implemented, Meals on Wheels launched a "Call-A-Senior" programme which is being used to maintain social interaction, provide a means of communication

and conduct wellness checks throughout this period. This programme has been adopted by the staff of Stepping Stones Recruitment, KMPG, Conyers, Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants and the Directors of the Board of Meals on Wheels. Seniors have been able to stay up to date, request items or services needed and connect with new friends.

In our efforts to keep our seniors safe and at home, volunteers began delivering weekend groceries to our seniors to assist with supplementing their daily hot meal since the beginning of lockdown. It has become a challenge to source enough items since so much was not readily available, and we had to cancel our drop-off once shelter-in-place regulations came into effect. Rob Imperato, MOW Board Chairman is pleased to announce that a Community Can Drive is now again underway. He mentioned that "Thanks to the kind support of Buy\$mart we now have an easy access point where members of the community can drop off non perishable items in the shopping carts marked "Community Food Drive." Carts are just inside the main doors and donations can be dropped off Monday and Saturday, from 8am to 6pm, no waiting in line is required!



► Board Chairman, Rob Imperato stands with the initial food donations which have since been distributed island wide

Meals on Wheels receives a small monthly government grant which depend heavily on community support for funds and donations to allow us to provide meals and groceries free of cost to our seniors who otherwise would not have a single hot meal every day.

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► Chef Alex of Ristorante Papagallo provides much needed support by preparing fresh fruit to be delivered along with lunch meals



► In an effort to assist with the demands for food, Wharf and Grand Old House quickly partnered with Meal on Wheels to offer additional meals free of charge!




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COVID-19 DASHBOARD

Cayman Islands COVID-19 Dashboard

4 Today's confirmed cases	93 Recovered*
164 Total confirmed cases	13,947 Tested
1 Death	6,703,686 Worldwide confirmed cases Source: Johns Hopkins, 05/06/20, 2:30pm

AS AT: 5 JUNE 2020, 3PM

*A person who initially tested positive and who has subsequently tested negative for the COVID-19 virus in two tests done at least 24 hours apart 14 days after their positive test, or after their symptoms have gone away, whichever is longer.

COVID-19 in the Cayman Islands

70 active cases as of 5 June 2020

Total confirmed cases as of 31/05/2020 44% Females 56% Males	Total confirmed cases as of 02/06/2020 Age+ 9-85 Age range of cases	As of 05/06/2020 69 Asymptomatic 1 Symptomatic
As of 05/06/2020 0 Hospitalised 70 Non-hospitalised	As of 05/06/2020 274 People in isolation*	

*The total number of people isolated in government facilities and in their homes.

The Great House Owners Donate funds for COVID 19 Relief

Owners of The Great House raise \$51,740 for Help during COVID-19 Crisis in Cayman

The Great House owners approved emergency grants last week totaling \$51,740 to assist non-profit local agencies with immediate needs, focusing on food, shelter and taking care of elderly and children in Grand Cayman.

"Our Owners and Strata have always supported non-profits as they fill gaps across Grand Cayman," said John Cresap, Executive Committee member of the Great House. "During this unprecedented time, we see alarming numbers of those in need, and our owners agreed unanimously that we wanted to act quickly to assist with some of our community's most vital necessities."

Grants will be provided to Feed Our Future, Acts of Random Kindness, Jasmine, Cayman Islands Red Cross, Resilience Cayman and The National Trust Cayman Islands. All funds are for immediate use to address COVID-19 related issues in Grand Cayman.

"We are watching our fellow citizens and friends in Grand Cayman come together and we are especially appreciative of the hard-working staff at all non-profit organizations, who are feeding, housing and supporting those who need extra help and hope during this hard time," said Cresap.

I am so pleased and honored to work with such generous owners and happy to see them give back to Cayman in these times said Sue Greene, Manager of The Great House. "They support this community in so many ways, not just in this effort, and whilst there is so many in need as a result of this pandemic, every bit helps!"

The owners of The Great House and their families and friends have been visiting Grand Cayman for decades and they felt they should give back to the people of Cayman for all the years of hospitality. Their hope is that the islands will recover from this global crisis soon.

About The Great House

The Great House was built in 1990 and has 26 owners from the around the World. Located on Seven Mile Beach



with their signature "Great House Blue" roof and signature windows, the name of the property is derived from the delightful architecture reminiscent of a

traditional Caribbean Great House and offers a condominium complex that is full of character. Some may recall it appearing in the movie "The Firm".

POLICE NEWS

Sudden water related Death in South Sound, 5 June

Just before 4:30PM on Wednesday, 3 June, police and other emergency services were dispatched to an address on South Sound Road, where it was reported that a woman was found unresponsive in a pool at the location. She was removed from the water and residents at the location commenced CPR, until the ambulance arrived and EMTs took over medical assistance.

The woman was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment and was placed in the Critical Care Unit where she was said to have been in serious and life-threatening condition.

Just before 8:30PM yesterday, 4 June, police were informed that the 29-year-old-woman, a resident of George Town, had succumbed and was pronounced.



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CHTA'S FRANK COMITO SAYS CARIBBEAN DISASTER COORDINATION EXPERIENCE HELPING TO FIGHT PANDEMIC

A tourism leader has lauded the coordination between many of the region's governments, the tourism industry and public health authorities, which used their experiences with natural and man-made disasters to minimize the effects of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and to strengthen Caribbean resilience.

However, Frank Comito, CEO and Director General of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA), asserted that until a vaccine is developed, the Caribbean, with its tourism dependent economies, has to face facts: "First, our economies depend on visitors, and second, COVID-19 is not going away soon, so we have to do everything possible to minimize risk to both our residents and visitors while slowly reopening tourism."

Comito, whose association is a member of the COVID-19 Caribbean Tourism Task Force, stated the Caribbean had effectively minimized the spread of the disease because Caribbean health authorities, governments and tourism industry stakeholders were able to adjust and apply health safety protocols used to effectively manage risks in the past.

He said the Caribbean tourism sector was able to rebound strongly from adversity after developing resilience from experiences such as hurricanes, 9/11, Zika, chikungunya, volcano eruptions and earthquakes.

The CHTA leader said traveler confidence in the region would be strength-

ened by building upon such experiences: "We are seeing an unprecedented level of collaboration and resolve to manage the risks from this new virus. Health safety protocols and guidelines are being put in place, mirroring the international standards which have been recommended, and adding more stringent measures. Training is underway and significant training and protocols will continue to come on stream. The process has not been easy as we are all treading uncharted waters, but we are all working from the common position of minimizing risks to our residents and travelers."

Notwithstanding the diversity of the region's countries and territories, the tourism chief was encouraged that "both the governments and the industry have been taking advantage of the lockdown by preparing for the contingencies, such as health and safety plans and preparing for social distancing, quarantine, isolation and treatment."

He expressed encouragement in the work being undertaken by many jurisdictions, pointing to destinations like the U.S. Virgin Islands, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Barbados, Puerto Rico, The Bahamas, St. Maarten, Aruba, Curaçao and many others which have been working with tourism and health officials, local hotel and tourism associations, individual hotels, resorts and the business community to draw up guidelines. "These are founda-

tional to new operational changes, employee training, and heightened traveler awareness to help provide the health safety assurances we all need," he added.

Comito declared there is no better place in the world for the traveler to escape, refresh and recover from the challenges the pandemic has wrought: "The Caribbean's unmatched natural beauty, our varied and rich experiences, the incredible hospitality of our people - these are our gifts to the world as it seeks to heal."

CHTA is a member of the COVID-19 Caribbean Tourism Task Force, established early in March and comprising CHTA, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS), and the Global Tourism Resilience & Crisis Management Centre (GTRCMC).

About the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) is the Caribbean's leading association representing the interests of national hotel and tourism associations. For more than 55 years, CHTA has been the backbone of the Caribbean hospitality industry. Working with some 1,000 hotel and allied members, and 33 National Hotel Associations, CHTA is shaping the Caribbean's



► Frank Comito, CEO and Director General of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association

future and helping members to grow their businesses. Whether helping to navigate critical issues in sales and marketing, sustainability, legislative issues, emerging technologies, climate change, data and intelligence or, looking for avenues and ideas to better market and manage businesses, CHTA is helping members on issues which matter most.

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REOPENING BORDERS

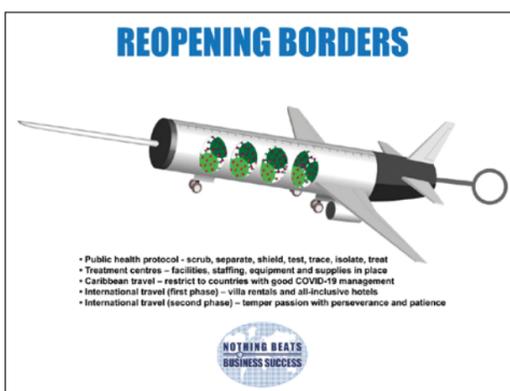
By Basil Springer

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: Love your neighbor as yourself." - Galatians 5:13-14

In the face of an unstable mutating virus and the uncertainty of an effective vaccine, global public health protocols have been sensibly advocating the importance of a healthy immune system, personal hygiene, physical distancing, wearing masks, testing widely, contact tracing, patient isolation and treatment. Caribbean countries have been augmenting the facilities, staffing, equipment and supplies at their treatment centers.

Coupled with this, in the Caribbean, we are rolling out phased "back to work" protocols to stimulate the restarting of our economies. Let us hope that the general population will be law-abiding and give these management approaches a chance to contain community spread of the virus.

The real challenge comes when the national borders are reopened to airline and later, cruise travel, both of which are drastically revising their sanitization and protection protocols to reduce risk and ease travelers' concerns. The new passenger experience is likely to be totally different from what we have grown accustomed.



It would seem sensible, for a region with a uniformly low incidence of the pandemic infection, to reopen its borders with a focus on LIAT with an entirely new value proposition and incentive to serve the region. Firstly, for intra-Caribbean airline passenger traffic to satisfy the significant pent up demand for regional travel and, secondly, as a connector for international airlines with which they have interline agreements.

To facilitate this, the governments and the private sector would need to create user-friendly enabling environments. Governments must drastically reduce the air travel related taxes by engaging in a policy of "tax the outputs, not the inputs" to give the regional airline industry an opportunity to grow from strength to strength. The regional and international private sector

must inject capital and provide services in support of a revitalized regional travel industry.

The public health protocol may have to change to "test, travel, test, trace, isolate and treat", as we strive to further contain contagion throughout the community.

Travel to the Caribbean should first accommodate regional, business and medical travel; and then tourists from select countries. The country and city selection will depend on the success of pandemic containment. How well we manage these reopening phases will determine the rate of economic recovery and whether we can avoid a second wave.

Villas, timeshares and hotels that have strong sanitization and distancing protocols may be the accommodations that we promote as we await the return of traditional sources of visitor supply. But as the experts have opined, it will not be business as usual for a long time. The passion that we have for opening our borders to international travel therefore must be tempered by patience and perseverance.

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AMERICAN AIRLINES RESUMES SERVICE TO ANTIGUA

Airline resumes service to the Caribbean with Antiguan First Officer Brian Chase in the cockpit

On Thursday American Airlines resumed daily service to V.C. Bird International Airport (ANU) in Antigua from Miami International Airport (MIA), marking a significant milestone for the airline as it resumed operations to the Caribbean since COVID-19 travel restrictions were instituted.

Flight 2405, which landed at ANU at 10:56 p.m., was piloted by Antiguan First Officer Brian Chase. "It was truly an honor and a blessing to be a part of this flight as American resumed service to the Caribbean and to my home, Antigua," said Chase. "It was significant moment in my 17-year career as a pilot, as we are helping reunite families and friends who have been separated since earlier this year due to the pandemic."

While American continued to fly to San Juan (SJU), St. Thomas (STT) and St. Croix (STX) in the Caribbean, Antigua marks American's first international destination in the region to resume operations. Service to ANU will operate daily on a Boeing 737-800 aircraft, featuring 16 seats in First Class and 156 in the Main Cabin.

"As the premier carrier in the Caribbean we are thrilled to resume our service to Antigua, the region's first interna-



tional destination to restart operations. In the coming months we are looking forward to our continued resumption of service across the Caribbean," said Alfredo Gonzalez, American's Managing Director of Operations for the Caribbean. "American's top priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our customers and team members, and we are focused on following the latest guidance from health experts and government authorities. We want our customers to feel confident when traveling with us and we are looking forward to welcoming them at our airports and onboard our aircraft in the near future."

American's ongoing commitment to customer and team member well-being in response to the pandemic has multiple layers, including clean airports and airplanes, healthy team members,

and requirements for customers to wear face coverings. At every step of their travel journeys, American is working to give customers more confidence and peace of mind when they travel on American. The airline has expanded the frequency of cleaning in airport areas under its control, including gate areas, ticket counters, passenger services counters, baggage service offices and team member rooms. American has also enhanced aircraft cleaning, distributed sanitizing wipes and gel for customers, and reduced interactions between flight attendants and customers by limiting food and beverage delivery.

For the latest on American's changes to scheduled service and other information related to COVID-19, please visit the Newsroom.

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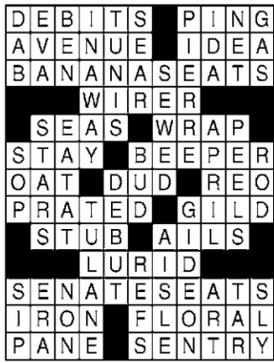
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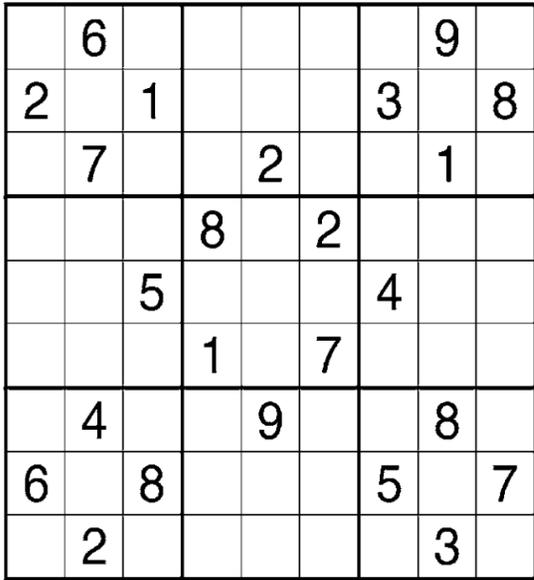
Yesterday's answer

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Answer to previous puzzle

4	2	5	3	6	8	7	9	1
8	1	6	9	2	7	5	4	3
3	7	9	4	5	1	6	8	2
7	5	4	6	1	2	8	3	9
2	8	3	7	9	5	1	6	4
6	9	1	8	3	4	2	7	5
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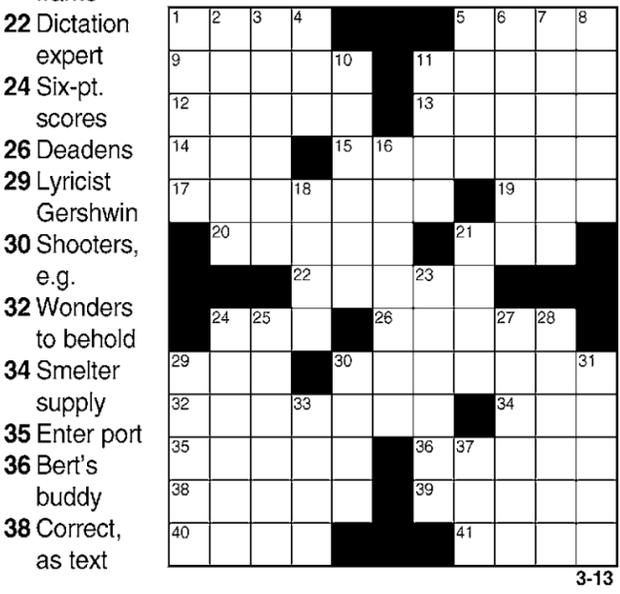
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.



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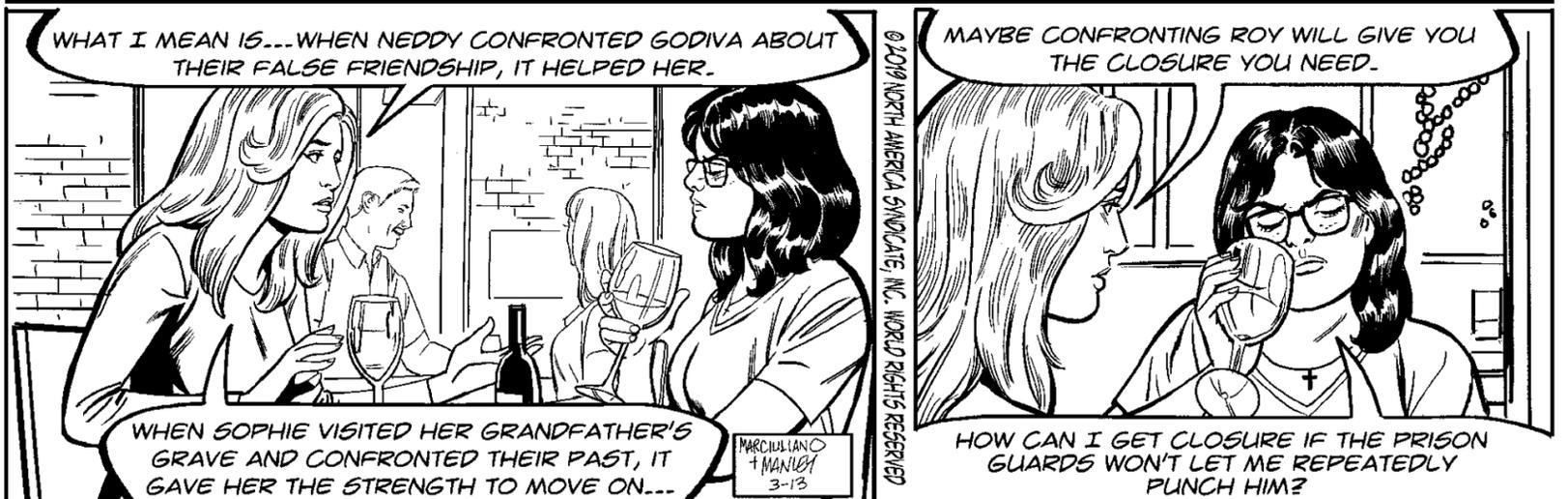
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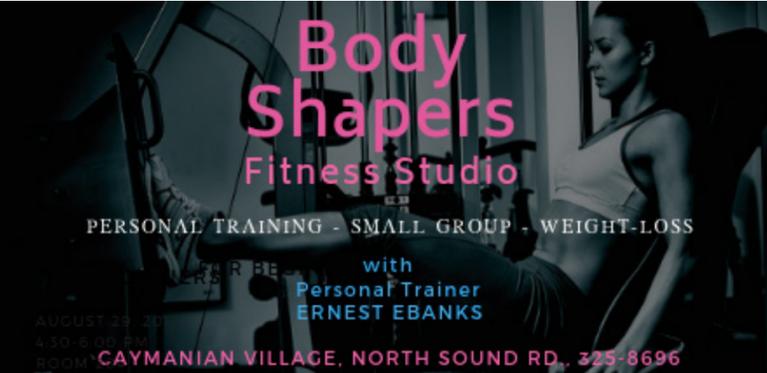
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