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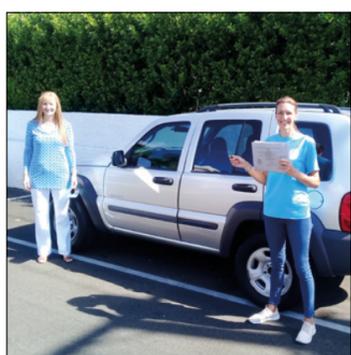
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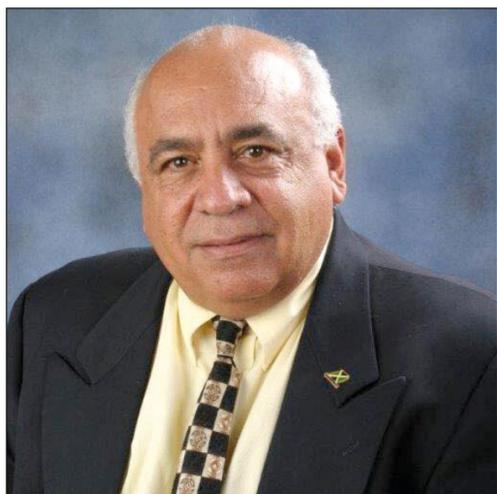
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CAYMAN MOURNS THE PASSING OF 'ROBBIE' HAMATY



▶ Capt. Robert Hamaty

Cayman society is mourning the passing of Robert Hamaty, one of its much-loved adopted sons and business stalwart.

Mr Hamaty's passing was announced in a press release from the Tortuga Rum Company, the world-famous brand which he founded in the Cayman Islands.

"We are deeply saddened to report, on the morning of the 13th of June at Miami Baptist Health Center, Robert Hamaty passed away peacefully," the solemn announcement said.

"Mr Hamaty was a well-known public figure across The Cayman Islands and worldwide.

"The founder and owner of Tortuga Rum Company, he was known

for Cayman's largest export, Tortuga Rum cakes and iconic store fronts across The Cayman Islands amongst many other things."

The Jamaica-born former airline captain set up Tortuga in 1984. He was a captain with the then Air Jamaica before joining Cayman Airways in 1978 in a similar role.

Robbie, as he was affectionately known, had to give up flying on medical grounds but then turned his full attention to his Tortuga brand of rum, cakes, sauces and coffee.

It earned him - and Cayman - worldwide recognition.

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CAYMAN CRIME DOWN OVERALL - but some areas spike

Overall levels of crime stabilised in the Cayman Islands between 2018 and 2019.

The annual report by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) shows that "in 2019 the overall levels of crime remained stable and controlled," with total volumes of crime increasing by less than 1%.

The number of Murder, Rape, Robbery and Burglary crimes recorded in 2019 were at their lowest levels in the past 5 years.

There were substantial reductions in the crimes of Murder (-75%), Rape (-52%), Robbery (-37%) and Burglary (-34%) compared to the volumes recorded in 2018.

The annual report released by Police Commissioner Derek Byrne attributes this "marginal increase" as being "indicative of a growing willingness on behalf of victims to report and the commitment of the RCIPS to investigate crimes which in the past went unreported."

Domestic violence

However, despite the low overall year-on-year numbers, the statistics show a concerning rise in the rates of domestic violence.

"In 2019 there was a 28% increase in the number of domestic violence referrals and a 33% increase in child safe-

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▶ Police Commissioner Derek Byrne

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CAYMAN NATIONAL CONCLUDES MASK TASK DESIGN COMPETITION

In a show of support for public health and safety, and to encourage acceptance and understanding for the mandatory wearing of protective face masks in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Cayman National launched the Mask Task Design competition. Supporting objectives included encouraging entrepreneurship and environmental friendliness with a focus on washable, re-usable masks.

Interested persons were invited to unleash their creativity and flair using the rules and guidelines of the competition, and participants across various life stages and backgrounds certainly rose to the challenge.

Two weeks later at the close of competition, Cayman National recorded approximately 50 entries consisting of a vivid array of environmentally friendly, creative, functional, fun and exciting submissions.

It was heartening to note the enthusiasm with which the Cayman Community showed the true spirit of being **#InThisTogether**. Overall, it was inspiring to see how persons took the circumstance life has thrust upon us and made a beautiful "health first" statement out of it.

Once the Judges had completed the difficult task of narrowing down entries to the top 5 selections, this information was shared among staff and via social media for the votes that would decide winners of categories as well as the overall winner of the competition.

With tremendous response on Cayman National's Facebook (Cayman National) and Instagram (@caymanna-



► Winner Ashley Jade Peharie (L) accepts cheque from Glastayaisa Dawkins, Marketing Assistant

tional.ky) pages, as well as staff votes garnered internally, the clear winner emerged. The passionate social media and staff votes catapulted the champion Ashley-Jade Peharie to the top, where she won the grand prize of \$1000.00. She also top-scored in the social media vote segment, winning an additional award of \$50. Four other entrants won gift certificates, with one winner very generously passing it on, donating the prize to the Lean on Me Foundation.

Cayman National would like to thank everyone who participated, submitted entries, voted, encouraged others and shared such wonderful comments. The Cayman National Corporation encourages all of Cayman to continue to protect ourselves by wearing protective face masks/face coverings and keep our Cayman community safe as we come through this season together.

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PAC Meets in June

The Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee has scheduled public hearings on the following dates below.

Annual Reports for the Department of Labour & Pensions (Formerly the National Pensions Office) Hearings:

- Wednesday, June 17th, 2020 at 9:00 am (confirmed)
- Thursday, June 18th, 2020 at 9:00 am (confirmed)
- Friday, June 19th, 2020 at 9:00 am (confirmed)

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CAYMAN PREPARES FOR NEXT PHASE OF REOPENING

Barring any unexpected developments, more restrictions are expected to be relaxed in the coming week as Cayman gradually returns to a degree of normality while keeping COVID-19 at bay.

That's the message from Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin as Cayman moves through the five-stage stage system towards a return to normality.

The territory has been at the Level 3 (Moderate Suppression) phase for the past fortnight which continues through to June 21st.

During this time more commercial and public activity has returned including some types of recreation although a hard overnight and soft daytime curfew remain in place.

The next stage, Level 2 (Mild Suppression) would see even more restrictions eased especially on Grand Cayman with more customer-facing businesses and offices allowed to open, more freedom of public gatherings, and crucially, the possibility the resumption of church assemblies being one of the most anticipated - and demanded - activities.

However, the borders are expected to remain closed to regular sea and air travel other than what has been specified in the current regulations.

The awaited decision on the reopening of the borders is critical to the tourism economy sector. In the interim, the emphasis is being focused on planning for 'stay-cations'.

Premier Alden McLaughlin has been giving a preview of what the next phase of 'unlocking the lockdown' is likely to look like.

Speaking on Friday he said: "Unless something really nasty jumps out at us, which we don't expect, we will be moving to Suppression Level 2 on the 22nd (of June). We are still working out the details and I hope to make an announcement by the middle of next week so that people will have some time to prepare."

He said the plan is for Level 2 is intended to span four weeks from June 22nd to the end of the third week of July.

The regulations for that phase are now being drafted and will be enacted across two periods of two weeks each from June 22nd and July 5th, then from June 19th and beyond.

Meanwhile, businesses which are eligible for a support package launched about a month ago are being urged to take advantage of it.

The Micro and Small Enterprises relief and stimulus programme for those involved in the tourism sector is meant to offset the impact of the economic downturn and prepared them for new realities once full commercial activity resumes.

Backed by a CI\$ 14.5 million fund provided by the government, the scheme includes low-interest loans, grants, technical assistance and training.

To date, 586 applications (over three quarters) have been processed.

Grant applications submitted to be paid out total close to CI\$ 750 thousand, and 77 businesses have already received full payment of CI\$ 3,000 each.

Under the Low-Interest Loan Programme funded and administered by

the Cayman Islands Development Bank (CIDB), 48 applications have been received and are being processed.

The training programme has already conducted six webinar sessions in which 338 persons have participated.

Those were hosted by Centre for Business Development and covered topics including Managing Cash Flow in a Crisis, Moving Your Business Online, among other areas.

Premier McLaughlin is encouraging micro and business owners to "pursue these opportunities which are available to assist you to navigate these challenging times."

He said, "The micro and small business grants, for example, is money being given to small businesses to provide working capital assistance. We have worked to make the requirements very simple."

One of the requirements for accessing the funds is that qualifying businesses must be 100% Caymanian owned.

That has ruled out a large of businesses, a matter the Premier said he is looking in to.

"Frankly this is the one truly under-performing bit of the package that government is trying to roll out," Mr McLaughlin noted, adding that "we do recognise that there are issues here."

He said, "We are having discussions about this because this is quite worrying and is the one area of the package that's still not working."

In related developments, the Ready2work programme has been relaunched.

The programme is designed to provide industry-specific training and re-tooling of Caymanian workers to better prepare them for the workforce.

Potential candidates are provided with the training and development of soft skills to better prepare them to find employment.

According to Premier McLaughlin, it also allows employers to fill job vacancies with Caymanians by being involved in their training, and by extension ensuring a vibrant economy.

And, the Passport2Success (P2S), another skills training scheme, has just completed its most recent graduation.

Passport2Success (P2S) is a 16-week soft skills training programme that bridges the gap between high school and the World of Work for young people ages 17 to 24 years of age.

The graduating class comprised of Jarid Bodden, Delecia Brown, Isaiah Cornwall, Jada Dixon, Dazhawn Godet-McField, Leah Forbes, Tariah Lemay-Nottage, Motishia Mothen, Sabriya Seymour and Tristan Watler.

In extending congratulations to the graduates for this cohort, Premier McLaughlin stated:

"These ten young people will be looking for employment opportunities in administration, construction, retail, utility infrastructure and travel.

Hiring these young people will give them the opportunity to apply the skills and knowledge they have learned and grow the local economy."

To date, more than 500 young people have participated in the programme which has been running for the past 10 years.



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PREMIER SETS RECORD STRAIGHT ON AIR BRIDGE ARRANGEMENTS

“Government is not prioritising new work permit holders over Caymanians or permanent residents on the air bridge arrangements.”

That assertion by Hon. Premier Alden was aimed at quashing rumours of preferential treatment for non-nationals arriving on the special repatriation flights being organised by the government.

Responding to what he described as “an unfortunate exchange on social media which has led to a lot of angst, frustration and anger,” he said, “as so often is the case with these things there’s a certain amount of truth and an awful lot of speculation.”

Mr McLaughlin explained Caymanians and permanent residents comprised the vast majority of the passengers on Thursday’s incoming British Airways flight, which appears to have been the trigger for the rumours.

Of over 100 persons on the flight, only 19 were work permit holders, he stated.

The Premier also reminded that employers of work permit holders are required to pay for the time spent for mandatory isolation at a government facility.

He acknowledged that there was an issue with the number of available rooms procured by the government for mandatory isolation of persons returning to the territory under the specific travel arrangements.

Noting that “there are many people who believe that they ought not to

be placed in mandatory isolation and would prefer to self isolate,” The Premier advised that, “government’s view is still that given the volume of infections especially in the United States and the United Kingdom “we cannot run the risk of allowing people to self-isolate.”

He said the government does not have the means to effectively monitor that they are staying at home and the risk was too great.

“While things are still generally going well, no one knows what the impact of the introduction of another strain of that virus will have or indeed how sick it may make persons who do become infected.”

Mr McLaughlin stated that for the time being the government will continue to insist that persons who return isolate in a government facility for 14 days.

With 226 rooms currently available at three hotels for this purpose, he disclosed that additional rooms were being sought and discussions have already started with a major hotel.

“The challenge in finding accommodation is in part because some properties and now gearing up for refurbishment ahead of what they are hoping will be a decent vacation period, and then the re-opening of tourism later this year.”

Further addressing the matter of Caymanians overseas who are trying to get home, Mr McLaughlin said there were



110 nationals and 55 permanent residency holders in the US registered for repatriation with an additional 158 in other countries.

Customs and Border Control has taken over the coordination of the repatriation flights in a move aimed at streamlining the process.



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A 42 year resident of Cayman, Mr Hamaty was appointed as Jamaica’s honorary consul here in 1992, a position he held until 2009.

Deeply loved and respected in both his birthplace and his adopted home, Mr Hamaty will be sorely missed by family and friends. The management of Caymanian Times extends deepest condolences to Mr Hamaty’s family and staff.

MINISTRY OF TOURISM PAYS TRIBUTE TO ‘ROBBIE’ HAMATY

The Ministry of Tourism has paid tribute to much-loved businessman and former airline captain, Robert ‘Robbie’ Hamaty who passed away on Saturday.

In a statement, the Ministry said “it is greatly saddened by the passing of our dear friend and esteemed tourism industry partner.”

Mr Hamaty died in Florida on Saturday 13 June, 2020.

Originally from Jamaica, he made the Cayman Islands his home for over four decades.

“He was well-known as Captain Hamaty during his days as a pilot with Cayman Airways, but is perhaps best known for founding the Tortuga Rum Company in 1984, along with his wife Carlene. The company has since flourished into an internationally recognized brand and its rum cakes are the Cayman Islands number one export.”

The Ministry described Mr Hamaty as “a man of purpose who was admired for his business acumen and highly respected as an advocate for our tourism industry. In 1992 he was appointed as the Cayman Islands first Honorary Consul for Jamaica and greatly contributed to the development of diplomatic and trade relations between the two countries during his 16 year tenure.”

It further noted that “throughout his life Robert Hamaty received many

well-deserved accolades from international organisations and publications, and held Directorships on a number of Boards, locally and overseas. He served as Chairman of the Cayman Islands’ Port Improvement and Beautification Committee from 2001 to 2004, and was a founding member of both the Jamaica and Cayman Islands Airline Pilots Associations.”

In 2010 Robert Hamaty was conferred with the Order of Distinction, in the Rank of Officer, in recognition of his outstanding service and accomplishments in the fields of tourism & hospitality, manufacturing and global brand building.

The Ministry of Tourism said: “Robert Hamaty held a deep and abiding love for the Cayman Islands, and his passion for people and spirit of ‘Caymankindness’ were evident in every aspect of his life. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and by countless others who took inspiration from his courage, integrity and strength of character.”

The statement ends with the Ministry of Tourism extending deepest sympathy to his family, friends and loved ones.

“We are sorry for your loss and trust that you will find comfort together during this difficult time. We pray that Robert is resting in God’s eternal peace and will fondly cherish the memories he has left in our hearts.”

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Robert Hamaty, a businessman who shared his success

By Christopher Tobutt

Few people have contributed more to the Cayman Islands than Robert Hamaty, who sadly passed away on the morning of Saturday 13 June at the Baptist Health Center in Florida. The 72-year-old Jamaican-born businessman and former pilot, who made the Cayman Islands his home for 42 years, was a well-known and much-loved and respected public figure across the islands. The company he founded, Tortuga Rum, became an iconic feature of Cayman tourism and produced the country's largest export, Tortuga rum cakes, with store fronts throughout the islands.

Although he was known mostly in Cayman as a very successful businessman and entrepreneur, Mr. Hamaty has filled other roles, too. He was Honorary Jamaican Consul in the Cayman Islands for many years. He supported the whole community, and was known by many a business mentor and a generous, kind-hearted friend.

Mr. Hamaty began his career as a professional airline pilot. Mr. Hamaty's father was a prominent attorney with a large sugar plantation in West-

moreland, Jamaica, who began flying in the early 1960's. He would take Robert along with him as he flew to his court cases. At the age of 17, Robert enrolled in the Embry-Riddle Flying School in Florida. A year later, after he received his pilot's license, he returned to Jamaica, where he got a job flying fairly small four-engine Heron aircraft with the Jamaica Air Service.

After he had amassed 3,500 hours' experience, Mr. Hamaty joined Air Jamaica. After attending Montreal Ground School, he was hired as a co-pilot in one of the biggest airplanes in the world at that time, the DC-8. "Then they moved me onto the smaller airplane, the DC-9, where I became the youngest person ever promoted to captain. I was 24 years of age," Mr. Hamaty said.

"I had knowledge that the Cayman Islands had just bought a BAC 111, so I contacted them...and asked if there was any possibility of flying for them," he said. After a successful interview, Mr. Hamaty spent 14 years as a pilot for Cayman Airways, much of it involved with helping to train new pilots.



► Robert Hamaty, former pilot and founder of Tortuga Rum



► Robert Hamaty as a young pilot

One day Mr. Hamaty had an idea: "I saw people coming out of Bermuda with this 'Goslings Rum,' but when I took off and flew over Bermuda I didn't see any sugar factories. So when I

got back to Jamaica I asked people in the rum industry where it came from and they said, 'That's our rum; we ship the rum from here and they bottle it.' Mr. Hamaty then went to talk over his plans for his own brand of rum with some executives belonging to the Wray & Nephew rum company in Jamaica. After much discussion, a unique blend of rum was developed for Mr. Hamaty's new company, and the first shipment of Tortuga Rum arrived in December 1984.

In 1991, Mr. Hamaty picked up a very severe flu virus that resulted in a damaged heart, and a lost pilot's license. "They told me how bad the damage was and after about five year they figured I'd need a heart

transplant," Mr. Hamaty said. The transplant came in 1996, "I was six and a half weeks in Jackson Hospital. Not knowing whether I was going to live or die was a quite intense part of my life," he recalled. The operation was a success, however, and soon Mr. Hamaty left hospital, grateful for the new life he had been given.

The one thing that everyone said about him at his 70th birthday party was that he 'always helps others, whenever he can.' It was a phrase you heard over and over again. Mr. Hamaty was a shining example to us all - a very successful businessman who wanted everyone around him to share in his success and happiness. 🌐



► Robert Hamaty, at a recent birthday celebration



► Robert Hamaty and family



► As a young pilot, at a training course in Montreal



► Robbie and his wife Carlene

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guarding referrals dealt with by RCIPS. This is in line with steady increases in recent years.

"In 2019 less than 3% of the most serious violent crimes involved an element of domestic violence, compared to 31% for 2018."

The RCIPS says this indicates it is increasingly able to intervene earlier to assist victims before levels of violence escalate.

It also reports that over the period it "continued to invest significant resources into addressing crimes that impact the most vulnerable in our communities."

Sexual Crimes

Also showing a worrying increase was the level of sexual crimes which rose by 29% (showing 24 additional incidents) in 2019.

That was noted mainly in Indecent Assault on a Female, which has increased by 21 (84%) crimes in 2019 compared to 2018.

While overall sexual crimes increased, the RCIPS says there was "a substantial reduction" in the number of rapes. Eleven cases were recorded down by more than half at 52% of cases of rape in 2018.

It says "increased reporting and awareness of sexual crimes allows better understanding of sexual crimes. Therefore increased recording is a positive for RCIPS to allow improved prevent and deter opportunities as well as to catch and convict offenders and support victims."

Drugs

In 2019 the number of drug-related crimes reduced by 38. The reduction is mainly due to the decrease in Possession of Ganja crimes.

Throughout 2019 drugs were seized by RCIPS, including ganja with an estimated street value over CI\$ 4.2 million and cocaine estimated street value over CI\$ 28,000.

Organised crime

The RCIPS reports that in partnership with other law enforcement agencies at local and international levels it continued to target organised crime groups seeking to bring illegal commodities into the Cayman Islands.

In 2019, as a result of multiple investigations, RCIPS recovered 9 illegal firearms, a quantity of ammunition and drugs with an estimated street value of CI\$4.2 million dollars.

Also, 4,102lbs of Ganja was seized at sea resulting from intelligence-led operations.

Firearms

In 2019 the number of firearm crimes increased by 2. This includes the seizure of firearms from individual criminals and crime groups as part of law enforcement activity.

RCIPS said it recovered a total of 9 firearms - 5 revolvers, 2 pistols, 1 shotgun and 1 assault rifle.

(A firearms-enabled crime is any crime that has been committed where a firearm including an imitation has been discharged or seen/threatened). In 2019 there were 29 crimes believed to involve a firearm.

This includes crimes of Robbery (8), Threats to Kill (5), Aggravated Burglary (2), Attempt Murder (2) and Murder

Acquisitive Crime

The crime types which fall within this area of crime are Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Robbery and Theft.

Last year there was an overall reduction by 163 (or 12%) in the number of Acquisitive Crimes recorded. The reductions are mainly due to the decreases in Burglary.

There were 264 recorded Burglaries or attempts, compared to 400 for 2018. Put into context there were 4 burglary crimes per 1,000 population in 2019 compared to 6 per 1,000 population in 2018.

In 2019 there were 31 recorded Robberies or attempts, compared to 49 for

2018. This equates to a year on year reduction of -37% in the volumes of Robbery.

Public Order

Public Order crimes have increased by 91 (12%) in 2019 compared to 2018, due mainly due to increases in Causing Fear or Provocation of Violence. Of the 878 Public Order crimes recorded in 2019, 309 (35%) were Domestic related and 93 (11%) occurred at a licensed premises.

Serious and Organised Crime

There were 80 proactive investigations carried out in 2019, the types of crime include importation of drugs and firearms, threats to the economic wellbeing of the island through illegal gambling and illegal immigration, those concerned in burglary and the commission of firearms enabled violent crimes.

The Financial Crimes Investigations Unit dealt with 111 disclosures from the Financial Reporting Authority. The Financial Crimes Investigations Unit (FCIU) also investigated 13 reports of counterfeit currency.

136 incident reports were logged compared to 118 in 2018 - an increase of 15%. Of the 136 incident reports, 28 were complex money laundering investigations.

Another division, the Cyber Crime Investigations Unit (CCIU) assisted in the forensic analysis of 28 attempted cyber-crimes and 20 committed cyber-crimes or cyber-enabled crimes last year. It also supported 53 criminal investigations through the use of digital forensics.

Roads Policing

Motor Vehicle Accident (MVAs)

In 2019 nine people died in motor vehicle accidents (MVA).

These fatalities were located on BT (4), GT (1), EE (1), WB (1) and CB (1).

21 persons were seriously injured and 438 persons slightly injured last year as a result of a MVA.

There were 88 MVA's on Grand Cayman, and two on the Sister Islands, (1 on each), where the driver of vehicle was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

Overall for 2019 there were 2806 confirmed Motor Vehicle Accidents (MVA), compared to 2409 for 2018, an increase of 397 (16.4%).

Driving Under the Influence

272 summons were handed out for driving a motor vehicle under the influence (DUI) of alcohol, compared to 321 for 2018; that's 49 fewer in 2019, equating to a 15.3% reduction.

Approximately 24% of DUI's in 2019 involved a suspect shown to be at least double the legal limit when breathalysed by officers.

There were 5 DUI crimes where the reading was greater than 300 mg of alcohol, over 3 times the legal limit. These were located in Bodden Town (2), West Bay (2) and George Town (1).

Tickets

In 2019 7,850 traffic tickets were issued, compared to 7,525 in 2018.

3,094 tickets were for speeding compared to 2,124 were issued - a year on year increase of 970 tickets, or 45.7%.

88 of the tickets were for speeds of 70 mph or greater. This includes two incidents on the Esterley Tibbetts Highway where speeds of 99 mph and 102 mph were recorded.

2020

With 2020 already halfway through, the RCIPS will seek to build on the successes achieved in 2019.

It committed to "listening to our communities and continuing to ensure that the Cayman Islands remain a safe place to live, work, visit and conduct business." 🌐

ROTARY CENTRAL CAYMAN ISLANDS LAUNCHES ANTI-SPEEDING CAMPAIGN

Rotary Central Cayman Islands will launch an anti-speeding campaign in response to an increase in speeding as lockdown restrictions ease and people return to driving on Cayman's roads.

The Slow Down Cayman campaign will highlight the human element of deaths and serious injuries caused by road accidents.

Mr Colin Fawkes, President of Rotary Central Cayman Islands said the recent surge in speeding and reckless behaviour on Cayman's roads has alarmed the service club and police.

"During this period of lockdown and curfews, some drivers have used the lack of traffic to drive at significantly excessive speeds," he said. "People needs to remember if they are driving dangerously they are putting lives at risk - speed limits apply no matter how busy or quiet the roads are."

"Roads will become progressively busier in the coming weeks and the reality is that if people continue to drive at

unsafe speeds above the limits, or faster than is sensible for the conditions, people will continue to be hurt or killed as a result," President Fawkes said.

The primary focus of the Slow Down Cayman road safety campaign is to educate drivers on how excessive speeding can result in serious and often fatal road accidents.

This is the third road safety campaign run by Rotary Central. The first campaign in 2017 was Share the Road, followed by a national awareness campaign highlighting the correct use and importance of disabled parking spots, Not Your Spot in 2018.

Ms Susie Bodden, Past President of Rotary Central Cayman Islands said the upcoming campaign would be more hard-hitting and confronting in nature than the previous campaigns.

"Speeding is the leading factor in death and injuries on our roads," she said. "However, most drivers often resist the idea that the way they drive

puts themselves and others in danger."

"There is a tendency for complacency, over confidence and lower perception of risk when driving on familiar roads, people believe a crash won't happen to them. The everyday excuses drivers use to justify their speeding - such as 'it was safe speeding', 'just a little over' or 'I was running late' - have no place on our roads."

"Ultimately, there is no excuse for speeding because it can have tragic and life-changing consequences. The campaign will aim to confront drivers by getting them to see the outcome of their actions," Past President Bodden said.

The Royal Cayman Islands Police (RCIPS) has pledged its support for the Slow Down Cayman campaign. RCIPS Commissioner of Police, Mr Derek Byrne said there had been a sharp rise in the number of speeding motorists on Cayman roads.

"Considering that the maximum speed limit across the

islands is 50mph - which is not a target speed, it is very concerning how often our officers are detecting cars travelling at exceptionally high speeds. Since May 15th, our Traffic & Roads Policing Unit has issued over 600 speeding tickets with the top speed recorded at 102 mph," he said. "While there are a lot of changes in our lives at the moment, the risks from speeding have not changed."

In 2018, there were eight motor vehicle accidents in the Cayman Islands that resulted in the deaths of eight people. In

2019, there were eight motor vehicle accidents that resulted in the deaths of nine people. To date in 2020, there have been three motor vehicle accidents resulting in the deaths of three people.

"One death on our roads is one too many," President Fawkes said. "These road toll statistics are not just a number, it's someone's mother, father, child, friend. We're asking the people of the Cayman Islands to remember the lives lost on Cayman roads due to speeding and to slow down." 🌐



► (L-R at table) Royal Cayman Islands Police Service representatives, Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne, Deputy Commissioner of Police Kurt Walton, Inspector Dwayne Jones head of Traffic & Roads Policing Unit, and Superintendent Uniform and Specialist Operations Brad Ebanks, meet via teleconference with Past President, Susie Bodden and President Colin Fawkes of Rotary Central Cayman Islands to discuss the Slow Down Cayman campaign



► Ready for the medivac airlift



► RFA Argos

Big Royal Navy hurricane exercise on Colliers Beach

By Christopher Tobutt

A huge disaster preparedness exercise, involving 300 military personnel from the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships Argos and Medway, got underway on Colliers Beach at East End. The idea of the exercise was to simulate a disaster such as a hurricane, only within the overall context of COVID-19 restrictions. The event was attended by His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, and the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin.

Offshore, in the distance, the huge Argos ship could be seen, while helicopters buzzed overhead, and military personnel set up camp in the cabanas. In the exercise, one of them was an "Operations HQ" and another one was a medical triage unit, for speedy first-aid for anyone injured.

Leftenant Mark Freeman of the Royal Navy explained: "Today you are witnessing the HAADR exercise, that is Humanitarian assistance and Disaster Relief. So what we have is a troop of the 24 Royal Commando Engineers being landed ashore and practice putting people ashore and willing to deal with any hurricane or disaster that we might come across, and in the background the Wildcat Helicopter Being flown from RFA Argos.

"Some people from the ship who are going to simulate locals who might be



► Taking the casualty to the Wildcat Helicopter for airlift



► H.E the Governor, and Hon. Premier are briefed by a Royal Navy officer

distressed, who might have a variety of different issues such as injury. The commandos are going to move around and see what is required they have got various bits of kit. Their kit can be used to clear areas to help with engineering support but also got things like electric bikes so they can get from place to place quite quickly."

A group of commandos emerged from the bush carrying a big black nylon casualty bag, with a simulated, badly injured patient inside it, to the Triage cabana. "We've got a medic as part of the troop who can do some first aid for any serious casualties we have the

ability to do a helicopter lift back to RFA Argos where they have more medical facilities on board so this is practicing how they juggle the different casualties who come in at different times," Leftenant Howell explained.

The highlight of the exercise was seeing one of the Wildcat helicopters land on a stretch of beach. Everyone shielded their eyes as the sand was blown all around. The simulated injured person was then airlifted back to the ship.

Hon Premier Alden McLaughlin said: "I think the exercise by the Navy is good for them, but for us I think it will reas-

sure us that we've come a long way in the relationship between the UK and the territories in terms of disaster support. Things didn't go quite so well in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan, so this is hugely reassuring to us.

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper said, "That was really impressive. It shows the capacity of the Royal Navy to support us in a Crisis. We've spoken a lot about what happened during Ivan and the UK support but I don't think there can be any doubt today that the UK has stepped up massively in terms of what it makes available to the Overseas Territories." 🌐

Davenport Development Supports Community in Troubled Times



Local property development firm makes substantial donation of masks, computers and school lunches.

George Town, Grand Cayman: As many in the community struggle during the current healthcare crisis, Davenport Development Limited has redoubled its efforts to support those most in need with three major donations. These are:

- 35 new laptop computers for George Town Primary School
- 1,000 meals for school children through the Kiwanis Homeschool Lunch Programme
- 7,500 KN95 masks donated to the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority

Davenport Development Ltd has a long tradition of funding programmes and charities that assist and empower the youngest, often at-risk, members of the community. At a time when many are out of work and children are out of school, the firm is striving to keep pace with the growing need.

On Friday, June 5th, Mrs Danvers, principal of George Town Primary



School took delivery of 35 new laptops that students will be able to use at school and take out on loan. The developers have a long association with the school, having funded and built the performing arts centre in 2013, as well as sponsoring the Positive Intervention Programme their students attend. They therefore partnered with Alphasoft which supplied the equipment, spec-

ifying that it be destined for the George Town school.

Davenport Development has also ensured an additional 1,000 nutritious lunches will be made available to children in need through the Kiwanis Homeschool Lunch Programme.

"There are some kids in the community whose only decent meal each day is the lunch they get at school. With schools

having been closed since March, those kids are now seriously at risk. This programme is a lifeline for some children and their families, and one we are only too happy to support," said Ken Thompson, director of Davenport Development.

Thanks to family connections in Malaysia, Paul Pearson, director of the firm, was also able to procure a significant number of KN95 masks - the Chinese standard for respirator masks capable of filtering out viruses. With healthcare workers around the world suffering disproportionate rates of infection, Davenport Development Ltd was pleased to be able to provide Cayman's frontline health workers safe with this essential protective equipment.

These donations, worth over CI\$61,000 in total, will help keep Caymanian children fed, schools well-equipped and healthcare workers protected.

About Davenport Development: Davenport Development Ltd was established in 2006 by Paul Pearson and Ken Thompson. The company has built numerous residential communities in Grand Cayman, including Valencia Heights, Lantern Point, San Sebastian, ARVIA, VELA and soon to start BAHIA. 🌐



LIFE offers targeted reading for students in lockdown

Studying for Cayman's school children might be far from normal right now, but they can at least curl up with a good book and practice their reading skills thanks to more than a thousand books that have been donated to children during lockdown through the Literacy is For Everyone (LIFE) programme.

Since lockdown, 1,434 books have been donated to Cayman's students, including to those students who don't have access to the internet or a computer at home, or who don't have access to a ready supply of books. The books have been donated to seven public schools on Grand Cayman and the project has supported 461 students so far.

LIFE Project Coordinator Erin Galatopoulos said: "All books are like new or 'pre-loved' books that LIFE has received via donation. Each book was hand-selected personally for each student by an exempt employee of the school to match each student's reading level, age and interests. While this took extra time for everyone involved, the process increases the likelihood that students will both read and benefit from these books."

Prior to lockdown, LIFE volunteers researched the level of each book donated and that level was noted on the book. In this way, students are able to receive books aligned to their personal reading level and reading goals. In addition to these levelled books, many students also

received unlevelled fun books – activity books, hobby books and books with Disney characters – to inspire a love of books.

"Books were included with the packets handed out to students after the announcement of school closure until 30th June, thereby reducing the contact points during lockdown, something which we at LIFE take very seriously," Erin stated.

Response from teachers to LIFE's targeted book donation has been enthusiastic.

Jessica Jackson, Deputy Principal at East End Primary School, said: "We thank LIFE for their continued support of our students. The books will certainly be well read and well loved."

Dairdie Tingle, from Savannah Primary School, joined in the praise: "A huge thank you to LIFE! I know that the students and their parents will be appreciative. It takes a village...thank you," she said.

Victoria Read, from George Town Primary School, added her words of gratitude: "Thank you so much for helping us to get books for our students to read during this remote learning period. It is really appreciated by the staff and the students," she said.

LIFE Executive Director Marilyn Conolly advised that LIFE always welcomes book donations as they are sorely needed.



► East End Primary School student Keenan Harriott enjoying his book at home during lockdown

"We are working towards a community book drive and establishing a drop off location with appropriate protocols during lockdown," she explained. "However, in the meantime, please box up and set aside any children's books that are no longer being read in your

household. A book drive is coming soon!"

To learn more about the work done by LIFE for Cayman's children, and to support our efforts, please like us on Facebook and Instagram @LIFECayman or email us at books@life.org.ky.

Sinclair Group Donates Car to Cayman's ARK



► Sarah Dobbyn-Thomson, managing director of the Sinclair Group (left) and Tara Nielsen of Cayman's ARK (right)

Cayman's ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) and all its volunteers are doing an incredible job in distributing food and essential supplies to those most in need during these difficult times.

The Sinclair Group (Sinclair Corporate Services Ltd and the law firm Sinclairs) has now donated a Jeep Liberty car for the use of ARK's volunteers who do not have their own vehicles to continue ARK's community outreach and distributions, and made a commitment of ongoing financial support to this very deserving NPO. We know how fortunate we are to have a thriving financial services and law firm business and we want to help those in our community

who are struggling right now, by making donations where we are confident our support will reach those who most need it.

"ARK is absolutely delighted with the donation of the Jeep Liberty by The Sinclair Group", said Tara Nielsen.

"The car is in addition to their generous donation to support our Soup Kitchen and ongoing efforts to provide relief to those in need as a result of Covid-19. The vehicle is much needed and we have been needing one for many years! A huge THANKYOU and continued gratitude to Sarah and The Sinclair Group from ARK and the people we serve."

Kindness is not doing something for someone else because they can't, but because you can

The distressing international news we see every day shows what happens when people don't treat each other with kindness and compassion. In contrast to the turbulence abroad, the Cayman Islands is a haven of calm and harmony, where neighbours help neighbours and even complete strangers offer support to those in need. Caymankind is not just a marketing slogan for (absent) tourists. Now more than ever, it falls on each of us to do whatever we can to help our community come through these difficult times. Kindness is not doing something for someone else because they can't, but because you can.

As a relatively small financial services and law firm business (employing 8 people including 3 attorneys) everyone at the Sinclair Group recognises how blessed and fortunate we are to have continued working without any interruption throughout the pandemic lockdown - in fact we have been busier than ever. This has allowed us to increase our sponsorship of Meals on Wheels' Pledge a Senior Programme, donate financial support and a car to Cayman's ARK to facilitate their amazing work distributing food and supplies throughout Grand Cayman to those in desperate need, and continue our ongoing sponsorship of Cayman Arts Festival's music education programme for local children.

When Community Psychiatric Nurse Dympna Carten of the Government's NEOC - Human Concerns Cluster brought to our attention that there are elderly people and individuals with



► Dympna Carten & Sarah Dobbyn-Thomson

chronic mental health conditions in the Cayman Islands whose living circumstances are so stretched that they do not even have the "luxury" of a radio, let alone a TV or internet to keep them informed, connected and entertained in the midst of a global pandemic and now, hurricane season, we knew we had to help. We are proud and delighted

to become the first corporate sponsor of Dympna's initiative to provide battery-operated and/ or solar-powered radios to the most deserving and needy recipients who can feel so isolated a times. Dympna is co-ordinating with the Government's Department of Children and Family Services to make sure these radios go to the right homes, and we are

sure they will make a big difference in the lives of those receiving them.

A modest donation of C\$25 is all it would take to provide a radio and spare batteries to a disconnected family, please be kind just because you can.

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RCIPS Assists DOE with Monitoring Sea Turtle Nesting Sites

Since last month, the RCIPS has been assisting the Department of Environment with their monitoring of turtle nesting sites during the sea turtle nesting season, which began on 1 May across all three islands.

The Department of Environment's sea turtle conservation programme has been in operation for the past 21 years. However, COVID-19 restrictions this year meant that the Department of Environment couldn't call on the over 70 volunteers who usually assist them in identifying and mapping turtle tracks and nests. So the DOE turned to the RCIPS for assistance.

Exemptions were granted for a limited number of Department of Environment staff to monitor beaches in close communication with the RCIPS. Meanwhile, crews from the RCIPS Air Operations Unit have been keeping an eye out for the telltale signs of turtle nesting during their daily security patrols with the police helicopter.

"In the first two weeks, our crews identified in excess of fifteen turtle nests on beaches that had no foot traffic, a rare sight," said Steve Fitzgerald, Executive Officer of the Air Operations Unit. "This allowed our colleagues in the De-



partment of Environment to target their resources to the protection of these sites and start monitoring."

Once the sites were identified, the RCIPS ATV beach patrols were also tasked to assist in ensuring the safety of the nests.

"We found sites across the whole Island, and in some locations that turtles would not have probably been seen for a long time. The most spectacular find was one in Smith Cove, where the distinctive tracks led into the middle of the beach," said Steve Fitzgerald.

"It appears that the lack of human activity on beaches may have affected nest distribution, allowing turtles to nest in areas where there is typically too much disturbance," said Dr. Janice Blumenthal, a research officer in the DoE's Marine Resources Unit. "This was a unique opportunity to monitor turtle nesting during lockdown."

Information on the locations of specific nests is also used by the DOE to protect nesting turtles, turtle nests, and hatchling turtles from threats during each nesting season. These

threats include poaching of nesting females and eggs, operation of vehicles and heavy equipment on nesting beaches, beach bonfires, and artificial lighting.

"In addition to being a monitoring programme that is entering its third decade, our sea turtle conservation programme is essential for the conservation of endangered Cayman Islands sea turtle nesting populations," Dr. Blumenthal added. "We are very grateful to the RCIPS for assisting with the continuation of these efforts."

Home schooling works for some students but not working for others

A report produced this week by the Office of Education Standards on the success of the home schooling of Cayman's children since schools closed mid-March has found that it has not been a good substitute for students actually attending school.

"Although everyone involved in delivering home learning deserves recognition for the continuation of educational provision, a key finding from this review is that home learning currently serves as an imperfect substitute to school-based provision," the OES inspectors said.

Important technical issues and training requirements had been identified and the review also highlighted some inequality in terms of access for students of both primary and secondary ages in government schools.

The report, commissioned by the Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, looked at how education was continuing for students at five secondary/special/post-16 provision schools and 11 primary schools, namely: CIFEC, Creek and Spot Bay PS, Clifton Hunter HS, East End PS, John Gray HS, Edna Moyle PS, Layman Scott HS, George Town PS, The Lighthouse School, Little Cayman Education Service, Prospect PS, Red Bay PS, Savannah Primary School, Sir John A. Cumber PS, Theoline McCoy PS and West End PS.

Access and use of technology, in particular, was a particular focus in the report.

"An appropriate educational digital strategy is required to maximise learning for all students during this COVID-19 pandemic," the report stated. "Irrespective of the current crisis, a dynamic, well-resourced digital strategy is required to support all students of the Cayman Islands. In order to contribute effectively in the future as citizens of Cayman and compete in an international context, students need to learn using technology and need access to the most up-to-date resources to do so."

Co-operation, truancy and technology issues

The report noted the prompt response by schools in developing home learning packs once schools closed and the development of paper-based tasks and online face-to-face teaching after the Easter holidays. It also

praised the dedicated and hard-working team of educators.

"Teachers in government schools have, in almost all cases, demonstrated dedication and commitment to the challenge of teaching students based at home," the inspectors said.

But there was a need to ensure consistency in good practice across and within schools.

"Despite the significant efforts of all involved in the delivery of home learning, inspectors judged that a majority of students made less than expected progress when taught at home as compared to school. The current home learning arrangements offer an imperfect substitute to face-to-face education," they said.

Improvements were needed in order that all students had access to reliable technology, with 92 per cent of students accessing on-line learning, meaning 390 students had not yet accessed on-line learning and 9 per cent or 450 students needing access to a digital device or computer. These numbers were reducing but remained high, accounting for up to 30 per cent of school roll in certain schools.

There were also issues with teachers demonstrating variable levels of confidence in using technology, the report noted. Students' attendance during on-line teaching sessions had been fluctuating and this adversely affected their learning and progress. The report found that 88 per cent of students were attending home school daily, meaning 590 students were not.

"School leaders referred persistent absence to truancy officers but there had been slow progress in addressing poor attendance to the full available range of classes," the report noted.

In addition, the report said that while the vast majority of staff were willing to have their lessons observed remotely for the purpose of this review, a few teachers did not collaborate. In addition, principals reported that a few teachers did not provide regular on-line classes, as judged necessary.

"The irregularity and variable quality of on-line learning accounts for some inconsistency in progress. Clear guidance is required from the Ministry of Education to ensure all staff provide adequate teaching sessions to promote satisfactory learning and progress for all students," it stated.



Looking to 2020/21 and 2021/22

Recommendations from the report included the development of a comprehensive educational digital strategy to promote high quality learning for all students in government schools incorporating regular opportunities for students to learn more effectively at home as well as at school.

Teachers needed ongoing professional development opportunities that related to the agreed learning platforms to be used by schools, the report said, with resources supplied to meet these needs. Wifi needed to be improved across the Cayman Islands to improve home schooling as well, and there needed to be a focus on upper primary and secondary schools providing access for their students to their own electronic device.

All school leaders should agree minimum expectations in terms of on-line, face-to-face teaching at different stages of education and monitor implementation on a regular basis, they suggested.

The Ministry of Education should provide a clear lead and direction to schools in order to devise coherent 'catch-up' plans for 2020-21 and 2021-22, they recommended, with strategies implemented to adapt schools to ensure students' health and safety in the school environment when they return to school.

Schools also needed to ensure gaps in learning were closed, which could be effected by lengthening the school day, providing catch-up sessions, additional examination classes or summer school.

"Lengthening the next two academic years, if possible, may be a necessary consideration," the report said.

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► DLP Director Bennard Ebanks

Backlog of cases piling up at Labour Appeals Tribunal

A large backlog of appeal cases before the Labour Appeals Tribunal (LAT) has been stumbled on during an investigation by the Cayman Islands Ombudsman into an outstanding matter.

A complaint filed by a Cayman resident who waited more than six months to have his employer's appeal heard led to the discovery of 11 cases that have been delayed outside statutory timelines.

The delays ranged from just a few months to almost two years in some cases.

The LAT is required by law to hear appeal cases in three months.

The backlog was discovered as part of a maladministration investigation into the LAT being carried by the Cayman

Islands Ombudsman, Sandy Hermiston, with the assistance of the Department of Labour and Pensions (DLP).

Ms Hermiston said: "It is simply not fair to make workers or companies wait so long for a hearing. It defeats the original purpose of the tribunal."

She said this amounted to maladministration, defined as ineffective or inefficient management of public affairs.

"To delay justice is an injustice," the Ombudsman stated, adding that "the LAT and DLP have agreed with our findings and have pledged to resolve the situation forthwith."

One method the DLP and LAT have suggested, particularly given the current situation with COVID-19, is to hold appeals hearings via Zoom or other

virtual meeting technologies, making it easier to assemble the parties involved.

The first such virtual appeal hearing was conducted Friday, 5 June.

The Ombudsman has also recommended that the LAT be adequately staffed to avoid such backlogs recurring.

DLP Director Bennard Ebanks committed to addressing "the staffing challenges identified by the Ombudsman as the DLP will now be directly involved in measures to ensure the LAT is staffed properly to address the backlog in hearings."

He explained that the Labour Appeals Tribunal (LAT) operates independently of the DLP.

"I value the input of all of our stakeholders in order to make the DLP, and

independent Tribunals system better, and is an example of the complaints procedures, and subsequent investigation resulting in recommended changes for improvement," Mr Ebanks said in a statement.

Ombudsman Hermiston commented that "this type of cooperation from the DLP and LAT with our investigations is appreciated and will only help improve public administration in Cayman."

She added that "the goal of our office is to promote good governance. This is rarely accomplished by simply identifying problems or mistakes without making positive and constructive recommendations which entities then act upon." 🌐

Sanitation Guidelines for Cayman Islands Tourism Industry Now Published

The Cayman Islands tourism industry is comprised of many business categories that both directly and indirectly service our visitors. From the National Flag Carrier Cayman Airways to public transportation, accommodations, attractions, and restaurants, it is imperative that the industry prepare for the reopening of these sectors to the local community who also uses those services but also for the pending return of global visitors.

Following collaboration with Government partners such as the Ministry of Health, Department of Environmental Health, and collaboration with private sector stakeholders, standards of practice have been developed to establish industry guidelines for sanitation.

"The Cayman Islands' swift actions at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has placed us in an excellent position to confidently begin reopening many areas of the economy that we all enjoy. It is the responsibility of each of us in tourism and the wider community to ensure that we remain vigilant and follow all standards, best practices, and official guidelines to safeguard that we



maintain this positive outcome," explained Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Moses Kirkconnell. "I previously shared that our goal is to ensure that each touchpoint of a guest's experience is safe and clean once they are in the Cayman Islands. This means we have to make adjustments from our usual ways of doing business, whether that is further spacing of tables in restaurants or limiting group sizes in public transpor-

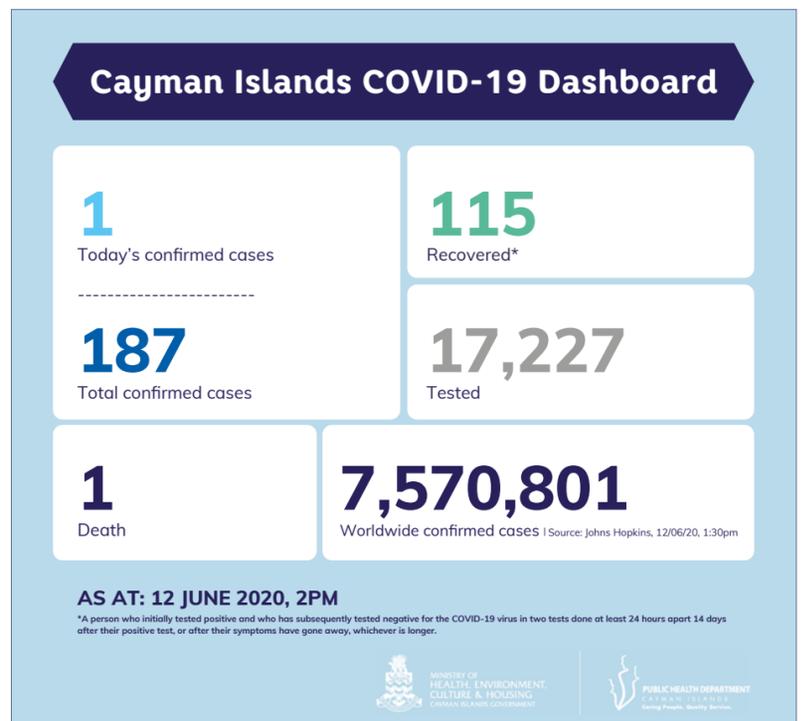
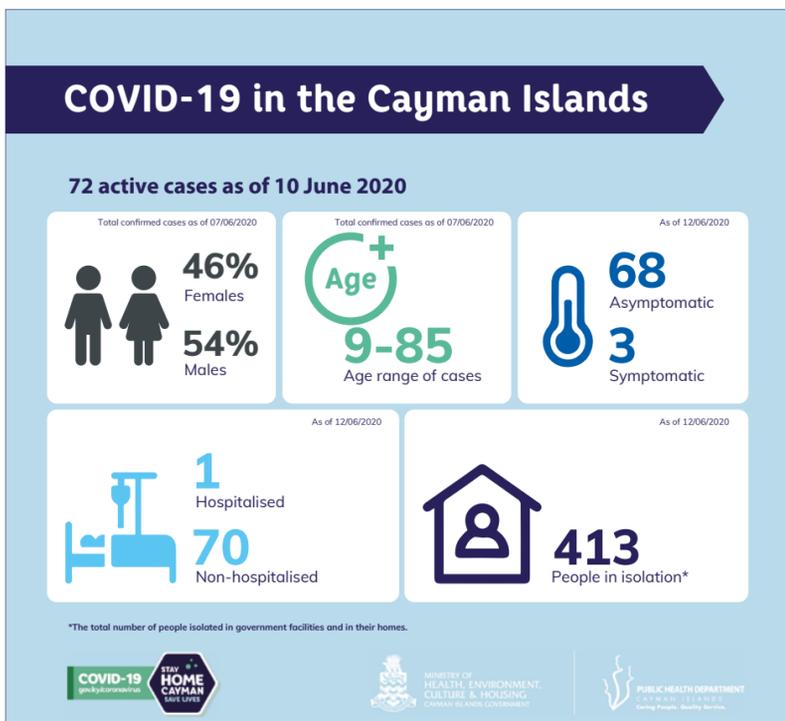
tation, disinfecting surfaces more often; we must create a safe environment for the thousands of people in our industry, our community, and for our guests when they return."

The new sanitation standards for tourism sectors are now available on <https://www.visitcaymanislands.com/en-us/ourcayman/sanitation-guidelines> and provide guidelines for the following businesses:

- Attractions
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- Tourism Accommodations
- Public Transport
- Restaurants
- Retail
- Tour Operators
- Dive Operators

For more information on the tourism sector sanitation guidelines, email sanitation@caymanislands.ky. 🌐

COVID-19 DASHBOARD





► Lauren Hew



► Sabine Ellison



► Audrey Weber

Athletes standing united against inequality and injustice

In the wake of George Floyd's death, student athletes from multiple universities and institutions around the US walked, ran, biked and, or swam 8.46 miles on Monday 8 June to raise money and awareness for Black Lives Matter.

In Cayman, overseas Camana Bay Aquatics Club swimmers Lauren Hew, Audrey Weber and Sabine Ellison supported the cause and encourage anybody who can to go on line and make a donation - with donations going directly to Black Lives Matter, a nationwide organisation that actively fights against the injustices and inequalities that Black Americans have endured for over 400 years.

The fundraiser was designed by the USCB women's soccer team, in which they would run 8.46 miles to signify the 8:46 minutes former Officer Derek Chauvin held his knee to George Floyd's neck, as Floyd struggled to say "I can't breathe". UCSB decided to make a GoFundMe and open the fundraiser to all collegiate athletes, as well as anyone else who would like to help.

Lauren Hew, a Cayman Islands National Senior Swimmer started at Governor's Beach - ran 1 mile on West Bay Road, biked 6.46 miles to West Bay and back to Governor's Beach and then swam 1 mile from Governor's beach to Public Beach.

Lauren shared her feeling on the initiative, explaining why she took part: "The fundraiser was put together by some athletes from the UCSB soccer team. In the wake of the recent injustices that have taken place in society, student athletes from multiple universities and institutions around the nation joined by walking, running, biking, and, or swimming 8.46 miles to raise money and awareness for Black Lives Matter. Student athletes are often in the spotlight so I think it is important for us to use our voices to bring awareness to these injustices and support members of the black community, beyond just posting on social media. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves, listen, and fight alongside them."

Audrey talked about her decision to take part and how much it meant to her personally: "After I sent a message to the Oberlin College swim and dive team (where I am committed to swimming in the fall) they decided to take part in it as well. The goal was to get donations from family members and friends in support of the Black Lives Matter (BLM) organisation in order to help combat racially charged police brutality, as well as many aspects of systemic racism in the US as a country. As an American living in Cayman, I have felt distanced from the BLM

movement despite my passion for it, so I really wanted to find a way to support it from home. Sabine Ellison, Mikayla Corin, Holly Stradling and I ran 1.46 miles, swam 1 mile, walked 1 mile and cycled 5 miles to get to the goal of 8.46 miles. As I write this, the GoFundMe is at \$78,000 but it seems each time I check it rises drastically."

Sabine rounded out the discussion with her thoughts in the wake of George Floyd's death: "the reality of police brutality and racial injustices both in America and across the globe have been brought to light. I chose to run, swim and bike 8.46 miles alongside my friends to represent the 8 minutes and 46 seconds that Officer Derek Chauvin had his knee on George Floyd's neck, as an act of solidarity to express my support for the BLM movement. It is crucial that we are all aware of the inequality and injustice in our world. I would like to encourage everyone to actively seek out ways to support this movement such as educating yourself on racial inequality, reflecting on your own ideas regarding race, signing petitions and donating to the various organisations who fight against these racial injustices. I applaud all the different ways in which the global community has united against racial injustices and hope that this momentum

continues, resulting in concrete change in our world. Let's spread love not hate."

Lauren was joined in her 8.46 miles by her biggest fan - Mom, Sandy Hew; and Audrey and Sabine were joined by former CBAC teammates Holly Stradling and Mikayla Corin.

"We are so proud of our athletes," said CIASA President Michael Lockwood. "Standing in solidarity with athletes from across the US, raising money for Black Lives Matter and the important work they are doing is something which takes courage and strength. Lauren, Audrey, Sabine, Holly and Mikayla - thank you for taking positive action in the fight against police brutality and racial injustice."

In Cayman, in addition to being a competitive sport, swimming is a life-saving skill and one which CIASA believes should be available to every Cayman Islands' resident. A 50-meter pool will go a long way to making this a reality as the increased pool space will increase the capacity for learn-to-swim lessons to take place. What's up next for these, and all of Cayman's swimmers? Training in the pool again when they are safely opened with social distancing protocols and guide lines in place. For more information on CIASA visit www.ciasa.ky or contact Kathy Jackson at skyjackswim@gmail.com

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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

First Sandals reopens in Antigua

The Sandals Grande Antigua Resort has reopened, making it the first Sandals resort in the Caribbean to do so since the pandemic began.

The all-inclusive property officially began welcoming guests on June 4 as Antigua and Barbuda reopened its borders to international travellers with new entry protocols.

"We have been highly anticipating this moment and have spent this time strengthening every element of our health and safety protocols with our guests in mind. We are pleased to report that The Ministries of Health and Tourism have certified that we have successfully completed the stringent registration and inspection protocols with flying colours," said Gordon "Butch" Stewart, founder and chairman of Sandals Resorts.

"We are eager to provide that much-needed escape for travelers who have been cooped up and are now seeking a place to relax that gives them the privacy, reassurance and the space they're looking for. At Sandals, we include everything but worries, so guests can leave those behind and take this time to recharge with the ones they love. That's our promise."



► Antigua Sandals has lots of safety measures

Sandals has launched a health and safety campaign that includes measures like either in-room check-in or "at-home" check-in before they arrive; the addition of hospital-grade disinfectants and electrical aerosol sprayers for guest room cleaning; and the introduction of protective face gear and gloves for staff.

Hand sanitizing stations have been installed across public spaces, in rooms and in dining locations, and added measures like air-duct sanitization for each arrival and departure and the use of UV-LED lighting equipment.

All the company's resorts are also equipped with medical stations staffed daily with a registered nurse and "24-7 on-call medical personnel." The Jamaican Sandals is expected to open this week. 🌐

Retaining Scotland was not popular

The automatic renewal of Baroness Patricia Scotland's term of office as Secretary-General was not widely welcomed among heads of government of the 54-nation Commonwealth.

This was revealed in a letter dated June 8, 2020, from British Prime Minister Boris Johnson to all Commonwealth heads of government. In the letter to heads of government, Johnson disclosed that a proposal from Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley to "re-appoint Baroness Scotland as Secretary-General of the Commonwealth for a second four-year term now" did not get support.

Patricia Scotland is a British Baroness and a member of the UK House of Lords. She held several posts under patronage of British Labour Party governments, but it was the Conservative Party prime minister who promoted her candidature for the Secretary-General's job despite not being an obvious candidate. However, the 64-year-old British-Dominican's ineffectiveness in office together with various scandals involving dismissals of all deputy secretaries-general, lavish spending on her official residence and awards of contracts to friends outside of guidelines, led to her being distanced by UK prime ministers and to both Canada and Australia, cutting off funding for the Commonwealth Secretariat's activities.

It is now common knowledge in Commonwealth circles that a new secretary-general is being canvassed in



► Baroness Scotland's reappointment has caused controversy

Africa to replace Scotland who is accused by African representatives has "done nothing for Africa".

One candidate, Amina Mohamed, a Kenyan who was one of the deputy secretary-generals of the Commonwealth dismissed by Scotland has launched a campaign for the job. Apart from some of the 12 Commonwealth Caribbean states, Scotland, who won support in 2015 under the guise of being Caribbean because she was born in Dominica (she left when she was two years old) has little support for a second term. 🌐

St Lucian gives Gros Islet vendors \$20k

A St Lucian journalist has raised a substantial sum for vendors in the north of the island who have had little or no income in the past three months because of the virus.

Kenson "Bay Bay" Casimir, organiser of the Gros Islet Virtual Friday Night Fundraiser presented a cheque of EC\$20,447 (KY\$6,300) from funds raised from the event to the Gros Islet Vendors' Association.

Casimir hosted a virtual telethon on May 8 dedicated to raising funds for the Gros Islet vendors who lost their income due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shut down in tourism in St Lucia.

The Virtual Fundraiser was held on television and social media, attracting over 50,000 viewers and featured local artists including Cooyah, Ezra d fun machine, Kisha, Mighty, Freezy, Blackboy, Michael Robinson, Big Sea; Friday Night DJs Mad Crew Sounds and international sensation DJ Kevin Crown.

The event has been dubbed the "largest and most entertaining online



► Friday nights at Gros Islet used to be heaving

fundraiser in Saint Lucia's history" by persons who were viewing from home.

Casimir said: "The immediate willingness of artists who performed to raise funds for the vendors was absolutely heart-warming. Everyone came together in such a short space of time to help out and played their part whether as volunteers to man the phones, as the production team, as performers, as persons pledging, St Lucians locally and abroad really came out to show their support." 🌐

St Vincent will expand cruise facility

St Vincent and the Grenadines is planning for an expanded cruise facility. The island chain was projecting an estimated 294,000 passengers on 235 sailings in the 2019-2020 season prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year they welcomed 239,000 passengers on 272 sailings. Cruise officials predict 293 calls in 2020-2021.

The primary port, Kingstown, received 89 of this season's calls, followed by Bequia island with 56 calls and Mayreau with 52. The Tobago Cays and Union Island combined for 39 calls.

A port modernisation project is scheduled to begin by the end of this year. Funded by the Caribbean Development Bank through the United Kingdom Caribbean Infrastructure Fund, construction of a new cargo port will come first. The second phase includes construction of an inter-island and regional port. Both phases are estimated to take two-and-a-half years to complete. Developers have stressed the work will be climate resilient.



► St Vincent is improving its cruise facilities

Work on the Chateaubelair Wharf located in the north-western part of the island is also ongoing. The \$1.8 million-dollar project is funded by the World Bank and will bring the wharf up to international standards. Construction of a new tender jetty, a low landing platform and accommodation for yachts are included in the project.

The horrific killing of George Floyd, an African American man who died from asphyxiation after a white police officer consistently pressed on his neck in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, has been the catalyst for putting the concerns. 🌐

Bahamas promotes itself online

The Bahamas, which has been taking its sales and promotion efforts online amid the new realities of the travel industry, expects its tourism industry will soon bounce back.

The Bahamas has been hosting a series of virtual sales meetings with partners in the United States and Canada to keep the destination top of mind "for not only the travel trade but other business partners and suppliers."

Without the ability to host traditional in person interactions with its sales team, the country's tourism ministry quickly pivoted to online events, virtu-



► Bahamas hopes for a stream of tourists soon

al trip simulations and live social media sessions.

The response has gotten "rave reviews," officials said. 🌐

Trinidadians stage BLM protests

Trinidad has staged its own Black Lives Matter protest, inspired by the worldwide movement caused by the killing of George Floyd in the US three weeks ago.

More than 500 people joined in solidarity with #BlackLivesMatter by demonstrating in front of the United States Embassy in Port of Spain on June 8. It was the second public protest on the issue in four days, with this on being more heated than its predecessor.

"No justice, no peace," chanted protestors assembled in the Queen's Park Savannah. Drivers passing along the perimeter of the city's main green space held their hands in fists out of cars, sounded their horns, and shouted the slogan "Black Lives Matter" in solidarity not only with African Americans, but also in acknowledgment of the deep-seated racism still festering under the surface of Trinidad and Tobago's multicultural society.



► The BLM protestors were generally well behaved

While there were altercations with the police, mainly over lack of consent with regard to an officer filming protestors, the protest was peaceful and harmonious overall. For the most part, protestors practised proper social distancing protocols, which were enforced by the police present.

US Ambassador Joseph Mondello spent some time talking with protestors. He commended everyone who turned out for their message — and for wearing masks and practising safe social distancing. 🌐

Jamaica will open with care

Jamaica is reopening its borders for international travellers today (June 15). Visitors can expect new health and safety protocols to keep them safe from the spread of COVID-19.

Extensive protocols will be in place, including health screening before entry and upon entry. "Tourism is the lifeblood of our local economy and, with the help of international experts and a dedicated task force, we have developed protocols that allow us to safely reopen our borders," said Donovan White, Jamaica's director of tourism. "We are confident that as we restart our economy, Jamaicans will work together to ensure a safe, secure and seamless experience for our tourism workers, their families, and visitors, while preserving the authentic experiences travellers seek when they visit our shores."

When visitors arrive, they will be screened via thermal temperature checks and symptom observation. If



► Kingston, Jamaica will be buzzing again soon

someone's temperature is elevated, the visitor will be subject to additional screening, including testing, if needed. Any visitor who exhibits symptoms or is ill will be subject to quarantine.

These new health and safety protocols will be revisited every two weeks consistent with the government's approach of evaluating the COVID-19 global situation, and as more is learned about the virus or medical advancements are achieved and the risk profile changes, adjustments will be made to these protocols. 🌐

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Alleviates
 - 1 Secure, as a climbing rope
 - 6 Building directory site
 - 11 Muscat native
 - 12 Concur
 - 13 Pigeon's perch
 - 14 Court event
 - 15 Take a stab at
 - 16 Like corsets
 - 18 Freud topic
 - 19 "Well, that's obvious!"
 - 20 UFO pilots
 - 21 Skilled
 - 23 Fake duck
 - 25 Young one
 - 27 Excellent, in slang
 - 28 Arab leader
 - 30 Director Preminger
 - 33 Deplore
 - 34 Acquire
 - 36 Possessed
 - 37 Blow up
 - 39 Ivy League student
 - 40 Wise words

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 1 Ran off
 - 2 Come into view
 - 3 Excalibur's bestower
 - 4 Director Lee
 - 5 Give up
 - 6 Fastened, in a way
 - 7 Shrek, for one
 - 8 Venice nickname
 - 9 Model's asset
 - 10 Puppy sounds
 - 17 Vid.
 - 22 Low digit
 - 24 Corp. VIP
 - 26 Striped female
 - 28 Goopy treat
 - 29 Beer bash need
 - 31 Natural gift
 - 32 Lyric poets
 - 33 Attain
 - 35 Comb components
 - 38 Like some wines
 - 42 "Right you —!"

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 Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		5		7		9		
	8	7			6	3	4	
	7		3		1			
2				5				6
			9		4		8	
	9	1	8			2	7	
		3		1		5		

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

8	4	3	6	1	5	7	2	9
9	7	2	3	4	8	5	1	6
1	5	6	2	9	7	4	8	3
3	1	7	9	8	6	2	5	4
6	2	4	7	5	1	3	9	8
5	8	9	4	2	3	1	6	7
4	6	1	5	7	9	8	3	2
2	3	8	1	6	4	9	7	5
7	9	5	8	3	2	6	4	1

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Word Search

- Bengal
- Berlin
- Germany
- Hartford
- Haven
- Indies
- Irian
- Lothian
- Midlands
- Minster
- Orange
- Pakistan
- Point Prussia
- Riding
- Sussex
- Virginia

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I	H	I	I	D	E	D	I	L	G	R	G	H	N	E
Y	U	N	M	G	D	P	I	S	N	N	A	S	A	R
V	N	P	N	T	P	G	N	E	E	E	I	H	T	E
C	D	A	U	R	P	A	M	B	S	D	T	T	S	T
S	R	O	M	O	I	N	A	I	H	T	O	L	I	S
O	N	V	I	R	G	I	N	I	A	M	F	L	K	N
T	M	N	I	T	E	C	V	A	C	T	W	W	A	I
M	T	O	G	I	U	G	R	H	A	V	E	N	P	M
P	R	U	S	S	I	A	U	T	D	V	F	M	R	M

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

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