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## MAX 8 BACK IN THE SKIES



Cayman Airways is planning to have its two Boeing 737 Max 8 (B737-8) back in the skies by mid-February following the lifting of the flight ban by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) and other international regulators.

CAL President & CEO, Fabian Whorms said in a statement on Thursday, that “it’s yet another important milestone taking Cayman Airways one step closer to returning our two grounded aircraft to service.”

The Cayman Airways planes were part of the global fleet of the Boeing-manufactured aircraft grounded in 2019 following two fatal crashes within a year of each other.

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## PREMIER CLEARS THE AIR ON SPEAKER CRISIS

By Staff Writer

Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin has expounded publicly for the first time on the thorny issue of the call to remove the Speaker of the Parliament, Hon. McKeeva Bush.

Mr Bush has been under pressure to step down or to be forced out following a conviction and suspended sentence last year on assault charges against a woman.

A few days ago the Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Arden McLean filed a motion of no-confidence against the Speaker which was seconded by Hon. MP for North Side Ezzard Miller who was previously the opposition leader.

In an accompanying press release, they also chided the Premier for failing to take action against the Speaker.

The issue was put to Premier McLaughlin during the annual general meeting of the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce this past week, where he had given the keynote address and was taking questions.

It was clearly a question he was anticipating.

### VERY, VERY, REGRETTABLE

“I was wondering when the Speaker Bush question or com-

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► Premier Alden McLaughlin

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## EDITORIAL

## Real Estate Market-Dynamics Evolving in Cayman

The price of real estate in the Cayman Islands has been edging upward steadily, as demand around the world to live in the British Territory has increased exponentially.

For realtors, this particular boom comes on the heels of an already healthy market, before Covid-19.

However, there are some fundamental differences underpinning the trends that have emerged in the current dash for property in the Cayman Islands.

"The dynamics have changed somewhat and what we are seeing is prices going up for homes, whilst the rent market is holding fairly steady or in some instances prices have gone down; maybe 12 to 15 percent," noted Cayman Islands Realtor Matthew Brown.

"Essentially, we are finding that many people who were once living in-land are able to now afford accommodations closer to the coast, as those properties sit empty, due to the pandemic. The majority of persons coming to the Islands are really looking to purchase or build their own properties," he added.

With the tourism market now non-existent - for the most part - and the short to medium-term job markets in the Islands being decimated by Covid-19 restrictions on travel, it has meant that many apartments along the West Bay Road have had to sit empty, especially those that were used by a more transient demographic, according to Mr. Brown.

Beyond this reality is the fact that the demographic of buyers is also changing rapidly.

"What we are also seeing is people from as far as South East Asia attempting to own property in the Cayman Islands.

"As the jurisdiction continues to be featured in the News, the interest has peaked in circles where the Islands may have been once unknown.

"Add to that the fact that there is all but little crime here, the standard of living is among the best in the world and there



is no income tax, property tax or inheritance tax and Cayman begins to sound more like the Promised Land, than just another Islands in the middle of the Caribbean Sea," he remarked.

A move away from cash by many investors, bolstered by low interest rates, is also causing many high net worth persons to seek to put their money into hard assets as a safe store of wealth; fuelling the heightened interest in Cayman as an investment opportunity around the globe.

"It seems to be the perfect storm and everything from higher-priced properties to those on the lower end of the scale are up for grabs. People want a piece of paradise and that slice is continuing to rise in profile and price," said Fund Manager George Hanni.

It remains to be seen what will happen with larger development projects on the Island of Grand Cayman. However, with the Covid-19 vaccine now available, developers say they are optimistic that once borders reopen and travel begins to return to pre-Covid levels, Cayman will be poised for success.

"With billions of dollars being spent in development over the past several years in the Cayman Islands, the construction industry continues to thrive, despite the hardship being experienced in many other areas of commerce.

"We are in a great position. This is in large part to the sacrifices we made early in this pandemic and we can now see other countries around the world following the strict approach we took at the onset of the Virus," explained Resident Mark Terrance.

## SOFTWARE GLITCH BLAMED FOR QUARANTINE ERROR

A software error is being blamed for a traveller being permitted to quarantine at a residence which did not meet the approved criteria.

The details of the software glitch were not disclosed but a press release on Thursday sent from the Government Information Service on behalf of Travel Cayman, said the agency investigated the matter and "software engineers are rectifying the issue."

While it was not clear if the software error has been finally 'rectified', the unsigned statement sent from the GIS on a Travel Cayman letterhead does say that "additional verification protocols have been put in place and manual checks are being carried out in tandem."

It said the traveller's request to quarantine at a private residence was denied and the person was instead approved for a Government-sponsored facility.

However, the statement claims that due to an error in the system, the traveller was transported to the unapproved quarantine address originally requested.

It is not clear if during the transfer to, or arrival at the location, there was any communication by the traveller or anyone else that the destination reached was not the one approved.



Also not clear from the press release is how long the person had been at the residence before the error was uncovered, or if they had been relocated.

It does say that all residents at the dwelling have been tested and that Public Health has confirmed that there is no cause for concern or risk of community transmission.

The outcome of the tests carried out was not stated.

According to the press release, the traveller is due to complete their quarantine period today.

As of Thursday, the number of people in isolation, either at a government facility or in their homes, as required by the Medical Officer of Health, is 910.

## No reopening until vulnerable are vaccinated

By Lindsey Turnbull

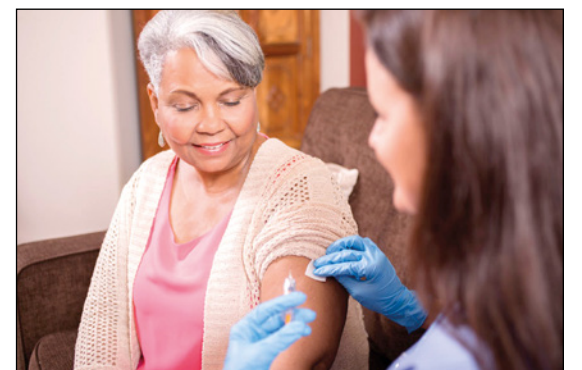
Cayman's business community had hoped that Government's proposed border reopening date of end of March would become a reality since the vaccine rollout, however those hopes will now have to be put on hold for a further period of time since the Premier's announcement yesterday that the borders would not be reopened until 90 per cent of Cayman's elderly and vulnerable people had been vaccinated against the coronavirus. Instead, he hoped that Cayman would be able to enjoy an improved stayover tourism season for the end of 2021/beginning of 2022.

Speaking at the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce on Thursday 28th January, Premier McLaughlin stated that there were grounds for optimism, especially as the United States was getting to grips with its vaccination rollout as the US was Cayman's biggest source of tourism revenue.

The good news was that the vaccination programme offered hope.

"A successful rollout of mass vaccination programmes across the world offers the prospect that we can now think positively but cautiously about reopening Cayman. Additionally, providing that enough people take the vaccination, we can be confident that our population will have a great deal of protection against Covid-19 disease," he said.

However, he felt that changing circumstances meant that opening plans had to be flexible. The new variants of the virus and the worry that existing vaccines might not work so well with these new variants



meant that that it was harder to confirm when the opening of the borders would take place.

A few weeks ago, the Premier was "relatively confident" in the opening plan for end of March, but new variants were "game changers" to the plan, particularly as these new strains had been detected in travelers coming to Cayman, which had caused the Government to reassess opening plans. The safety of public health was the major consideration, he said.

"We hope to be in a position to enjoy an improved stayover tourism high season," he said, referring to the high season of end of 2021 and early 2022. He was less clear on the opening up of the cruise sector, the opening of which was "doubtful in the extreme" in 2021.

Any reopening plan would be "absolutely contingent" upon getting more than 90 per cent of Cayman's vulnerable people being vaccinated, the Premier said.

"Our greatest challenge is persuading enough of the right demographic to get vaccinated. That is absolutely key," he said. "Without this, quite frankly, there is no way we can open safely."



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# CAL's MAX 8 BACK IN THE SKIES MID-FEBRUARY

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The CAACI cleared the planes to return to Cayman's airspace just yesterday.

In his statement announcing the reinstatement of the B737-8 back into the flight schedule, Mr Whorms said, "For several months now, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) has been implementing a comprehensive series of actions designed to comply with all the new regulatory requirements to safely return the aircraft to service.

"It is important to note that, upon Cayman Airways being the first airline operator to announce the voluntarily grounding of its Boeing 737-8 fleet on March 10, 2019, an internal decision was also made by Cayman Airways that it would not return the grounded aircraft to service until all of the world's major regulators had conducted full and independent re-certifications, and there was alignment and consensus amongst these regulators," the Cayman Airways President and CEO explained.

With the manufacturers subjecting the plane to a comprehensive review and extensive technical modifications, Cayman Airways reports that it also took "every possible step necessary to independently assure itself of the aircraft's ability to operate safely, through continuous analysis of the prescribed design and operational changes while they were in development."

The airline said it has already completed all the aircraft modifications and improvements necessary to assure its safe operation, and that they are now implementing several final measures, many of which are above and beyond the prescribed requirements.

It further states that it worked very closely with the aircraft manufacturer and the civil aviation authority resulting in Cayman Airways and the CAACI being ultimately satisfied with the prescribed changes to the aircraft's design, the training requirements for pilots and maintenance personnel, and the new operational procedures.

According to Mr Whorms, "There also exists a solid assurance that the aircraft is ready to safely return to the skies from the fact that all of the world's major aviation regulators and certifying authorities have given the aircraft a level of scrutiny that is unprecedented in aviation history."



► Cayman Airways President and CEO, Fabian Whorms



► CAL President and CEO, Fabian Whorms with Capt. Steven Coe and FO Giselah Ebanks



He further pointed it that the B737-8 aircraft has already been returned to service by many airlines around the world, completing thousands of flights, with hundreds of thousands of passengers.

He called the decision to unground the Boeing 737-8 by the CAACI "timely" while confirming that, Cayman Airways plans to return the aircraft to service in the second half of February.

He also said that over the next week or two, more details about the "Return To Service (RTS)" plans will be disclosed including various activities on Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.



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# MCLEAN AND MILLER FILE NO-CONFIDENCE MOTION AGAINST SPEAKER

By Staff Writer

Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Arden McLean and Hon. Member for North Side, Ezzard Miller, on Thursday filed a Motion of No-Confidence seeking to remove McKeeva Bush as Speaker of the Parliament.

The motion comes after the Speaker was recently given a suspended custodial sentence for assault of a female and what the two signatories to the motion described as "the refusal of the Unity Government to take action against their colleague".

Stating that the Speaker of the Parliament is one of the most esteemed roles an elected member can hold under the Constitution, Opposition Leader McLean said:

"It was the hope of many Caymanians that the Speaker, Honourable McKeeva Bush, would have done the honourable thing and resigned in light of being convicted in a court of law."

He continued: "While it came as no surprise that Speaker Bush refused to resign despite his criminal conviction and suspended custodial sentence, I am surprised that Premier McLaughlin, as the leader of the Unity Government, refused to demand his resignation or take the necessary steps to remove him."

Mr McLean added that he'd hoped that the Premier "would have exercised the same moral conviction, integrity, and leadership that he displayed more than 8 years ago when he moved a No-Confidence Motion against McKeeva Bush after he was arrested and charged."

He said, "the actions of McKeeva Bush and the inaction of Premier McLaughlin demonstrate contempt for our democratic principles and will only further serve to marginalise women in our society."

Meanwhile, MP Ezzard Miller MP, the other signatory to the no-confidence motion against Speaker Bush, stated:

"The refusal of Speaker Bush to resign coupled with the inability of Premier McLaughlin and his Unity Government colleagues to do the right thing and remove him displays the highest level of dishonour and disrespect to our women and every single person that calls the Cayman Islands home."

"We are better than this!" he declared.

MP Miller added that "Both our Court of Law and our Court of Public Opinion have found Speaker Bush guilty and it is not right that a convicted criminal should hold one of the highest positions in our Parliament."

He further stated that he was saddened that members of the government, especially the women MPs, "have chosen to remain silent on this issue where a woman was assaulted, and the perpetrator was found guilty in our courts."



► McKeeva Bush as Speaker of the Parliament

"What message is this sending to women and the community?", the Northside MP asked.

Mr Miller expressed the view that "this Motion of No Confidence in the Speaker should therefore not have come from Opposition members. But this is what happens when Politicians decide to worry about re-election and how it will go down with the people who support Speaker Bush."

"This is shameful!" he said.

The motion refers to the section of the Constitution which stipulates that "a person shall vacate the office of Speaker or Deputy Speaker, on the passing, by the votes of two-thirds of the elected members of the Assembly, of a motion expressing no confidence in him or her as Speaker or Deputy Speaker, as the case may be."

However, it was not clear when or if a meeting of the Parliament will be held before the general elections scheduled for May 27th.

The parliament is due to be prorogued at the end of March.

When the matter of removing the Speaker was put to Premier Alden McLaughlin during a press conference, he'd remarked that he "wasn't sure that the country will be well served now by my taking

action which precipitates the collapse of the government and the holding of early elections."

In a recent testy exchange of correspondence between Opposition Leader McClean and the Premier, Mr McLaughlin had challenged Mr McLean to "confirm which members of the Official Opposition support your demand for the removal of Speaker Bush."

## PREMIER CLEARS THE AIR ON SPEAKER CRISIS

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ment would come," he chuckled when the issue was broached.

"The situation with Speaker Bush which resulted in him being charged before the court and convicted and sentenced and all those things is very, very regrettable," he Premier stated.

"There is nobody in my government that would say, otherwise."

"One of the great challenges of leadership," he opined, "is the exercise of judgement."

He compared the Parliament of the Cayman Islands with its 19 members, 12 on the government side, to UK Parliament with 650 members "where you have lots of choice".

Mr McLaughlin who leads the coalition Unity Government headed by his People's Progressive Movement Party (PPM) repeated a point he had made when the matter was first put to him during a recent press conference.

"I remain absolutely certain that an effort on our part to remove Mr Bush would have and probably even now would trigger the collapse of the government."

### HAD TO MAKE THE CALL

In expanding on that perspective, he referred to the timeline of events from when last February when the assault happened, to the outbreak of the pandemic and the focus on managing its impact locally, Mr

McLaughlin concluded that "to throw the government - and the country - into early elections at the start of the COVID-19 crisis" was something he could not contemplate.

"I had to make a call and I said 'I can't, I can't do this to the country at this stage.'"

He offered that if he were in opposition (inserting the proviso opposition with a small 'o') he probably would have "taken the view that many of the others have".

But he further qualified that by stating that "ultimately our responsibility which all of us...and I know I do take very seriously... is what is the overall best interest and welfare of the people that we have sworn to protect and you have to make these calls."

The Premier said his government has "taken much heat and I'm sure we take some more" over its stance on the issue.

He termed the motion on no-confidence as "a publicity stunt" considering the short time left before May 27th general election and with the Parliament scheduled to be dissolved by the end of March.

"Ultimately," he declared, "the electorate is going to have an opportunity to make its views felt on this and other issues about the government's performance, and on Mr Bush."

### CONTEMPLATED EARLY ELECTION

Giving further insight into his thinking on the matter, Mr McLaughlin indicated that his preference would be for early



► Premier Alden McLaughlin

elections "if we were dealing with ideal circumstances."

"I would love it to have one in March rather than to wait until May," but admitted that it would "throw off a whole lot of things which we are trying to get done in relation to managing this crisis and it would throw things into internal turmoil that would force the election office to have to go into overdrive."

He disclosed that he had discussed the prospect of early elections with the Governor "about five times since this incident has happened", but said each time he came away "with the very sober thought about whether that is in the best interest of the country or not."

In that respect, the PPM leader who is serving the second and final consecutive term at the helm of government, is confident that in that scenario his party would have been victorious.

"I think my government would be better off if we had all the elections at the stage because not many people are prepared, or are as prepared as we are."

"But," Mr McLaughlin conceded, "I can't allow that kind of consideration to override what's in the overall best interests of my country and my people so I'll just have to continue to take the licks for it until elections and then we'll see whether Mr Bush returns or not."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

# Planned Works – Temporary Service Interruption in Eastern Districts

Water Authority-Cayman will be replacing equipment at its North Side Pump House. On Tuesday 2 February between 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday 3 February between 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., customers in North Side and East End may experience low water pressure/or no water service during these times.

The Water Authority appreciates the patience and understanding of its cus-



tomers as it undertakes these works, and apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

# Virtual Asset Enforcement Provisions to Commence

The public is advised that on Sunday, 31 January 2021, the enforcement provisions outlined in the commencement order for the Virtual Asset Services Providers (VASP) Act will commence.

The commencement order was published on 28 October 2020.

These enforcement provisions allow the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) to take action where a person breaches certain provisions of the VASP Act.



For more information, email CIMA at [vaspinfo@cima.ky](mailto:vaspinfo@cima.ky)

# SECOND DOSES NOW BEING GIVEN IN COVID VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Top government officials and healthcare staff have kicked off another important phase of Cayman's national voluntary vaccination programme by being the first to receive their second shots.

HE Governor Martyn Roper, Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin, Hon. Health Minister Dwayne Seymour and Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee rolled up their sleeves on Thursday for their next dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 inoculation, three weeks after receiving the first jab according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

On the same day, the second consignment of the drug provided by the UK arrived on a British Airways flight ensuring no interruption to the ongoing vaccination programme.

To date, around 7,000 doses have been administered from the first shipment of 9,750 doses which arrived on January 5th.

Governor Roper remarked: "Our vaccine roll-out is going well with over 7000 having had the vaccine and second doses being rolled out. Our second batch of 10-11000 vaccines arrived (on Thursday) and I am in touch with London about the next batch in February. I hope to confirm that early next week."

Saying that "we need to ensure all our elderly and vulnerable receive the vaccine," Mr Roper added that, "If we can vaccinate the majority of our over 60s, we will protect our community from the worst effects of Covid."

"Please help encourage everyone in our community to take it when invited to do



► Health Minister Receives 2nd dose COVID vaccine



► Premier receives 2nd dose COVID vaccine

so," the Governor urged. "I understand that some people continue to have reasonable concerns about vaccines. But this is our only way out of the pandemic."

While the response to the vaccine has been positive, Premier Alden McLaughlin is urging members of the community within the eligible stages to take greater advantage of the availability of the vaccines," according to a statement issued by the government.

"The Cayman Islands is in a very fortunate position to have these vaccines," said Premier McLaughlin. "We have an opportunity that many from other countries can only hope for, and we must come together to do the right thing.

"Therefore, I am urging our Caymanians, particularly those in the older age group, to get vaccinated. It is for our own good, for the protection of our people and continuation of our economy," he said.

The Health Services Authority (HSA) and the Cayman Islands Airport Authority (CIAA) have partnered to improve the vaccination programme with the HSA COVID Vaccine Clinic relocated to the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) check-in area.

HSA Chief Nursing Officer and Acting CEO, Dr Hazel Brown observed that "having administered over 7,000 doses of this vaccine, we are confident that the vaccines can be delivered in a non-clinical setting, as is done elsewhere in North America and Europe,

provided there are equipment and supplies to address an emergency should one arise."

She noted that the airport terminal with its large space and ample parking "improves the efficiency of the vaccine delivery, reducing wait time and expediting the overall process."

The process of administering the vaccine also involves a precautionary rest and observation period of 15 minutes after taking the jab.

As explained by the health team, this allows time to see, in the rare event, if there are any immediate side effects. Should any vaccine recipient experience a serious side effect, medical staff are on-site to administer care."

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# “Proud of them”

**By our Special reporter  
in Cayman Brac**

This was the theme on Friday evening at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex as residents gathered to witness the two outstanding Brackers voted to receive, “The Proud Of Them Award 2021”.

Mr. James Myles Director of Youth Services spearheaded the occasion which was also attended by the Minister of Education, the Hon. Mrs. Julianna O’Connor Connolly.

Both speakers were in high praises for Criston Ferguson and Allison Flores Hernandez the two nominees who gained the prestigious award.

Criston’s parents had these beautiful remarks about him.

“When we received the news of his selection we were thrilled and elated. We both had knowledge of his undertakings and achievements and greeted the news with excitement. We believe that this award would further motivate him to accept challenges and excel to the highest of his potential. We would continue to encourage him to be a role model for all young people on Cayman Brac and the islands as whole. Well done to our son Criston.”

I spoke to Criston about this award and this was his reaction.

“I was aware of being nominated but unsure of being selected. The news thrilled me to the point of being ecstatic. I felt a sense of gratitude to my parents who are always encouraging me. I am also aware that with honour I have to be a role model to others. I am up to the challenge and will keep my standard high.”

Allison’s family was just as elated as Criston’s. Beaming with joy and excitement they said:

“We are extremely proud of Allison. She works diligently and has a determination for success that is admirable. Throughout her years we have been her source of inspiration and encouragement. This billboard display is truly something we will cherish for our lives. We encourage her to inspire others to achieve their true potential.”

Her elder sister Alec had this to say: “I am so proud of my sister that her efforts have paid rich dividends. She is a great example of how the academic and extra curricular can be mixed successfully. I know this will motivate her to even higher heights.”

Cayman Brac is extremely proud and happy for these two outstanding role models.



## CAYMAN BRAC LIONS CORPORATE CUP 2021



**By our Special reporter  
in Cayman Brac**

From as early as 6 a.m. residents began arriving at the grounds of the Administration Building to witness and participate in the event. There were participants from all ages with everyone drummed up and excited to be a part of the event. SASI was the main sponsor this year. After the preliminary registration and distribution of T-Shirts emblazoned with SASI’s logo, the event soon got underway.

Lion president Ms. Dionne Smith then addressed the vibrant gathering.

“It is such a pleasure to see so many of you this early morning, especially the young ones. This truly is a miracle. Given the impact of COVID- 19, we have to thank God that this is possible. I welcome all of you and do have an exciting time,” she declared.

Shakier Khan then led the gathering in

prayer and thereafter, things got off to an impressive start.

Firstly, the primary schools participants thrilled the crowd with their sterling performances. Parents cheered and shouted as they urged on the walkers. The contest was filled with close running but in the end it was the team from Creek and Spot Bay Primary School taking the gold in the juniors’ event, while the team from West End Primary School took the gold award in the Upper school level.

This year there were not the regular teams from the various houses from the high school. There was just one team and they received medals for their



participation. This loop event is always a gruelling encounter.

In the adult categories there were teams from the National Trust. Many in the group were retirees but dug in hard and made the rounds as required. They took the award for the team with most participants.

Cheered on by the school children in particular the

Educators’ team led by Principal of WEPS, Mr. Paul Samuels made no less than 5 loops at the event taking the award for this category. There was keen walking amongst the participants from Market Place, Seventh Day Adventist Church and All Nations Pentecostal Church. In the end it was once again the defending champions ANUPC who walked away with the Corporate Cup for 2021 for running, while Creek SDA took the cup for Corporate walking.

It was truly an exciting event as it concluded around 10 a.m.

# Ministry of Health Donates PCR tests

The Ministry of Health is pleased to announce that the last of the Season Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing kits acquired around a year ago have been donated to the Ministry of Health in Jamaica and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) in Trinidad. CARPHA is the single regional public health agency for the Caribbean and has been a great source of assistance to the Cayman Islands in various aspects of public health over the years.

Thirty-six thousand (36,000) kits for Jamaica were dispatched this morning, and the remainder to Trinidad will be sent shortly. Around 78,000 kits were shared between these two agencies. These kits' expiry date is the end of April 2021 and the laboratory at the Health Services Authority will be unable to use the number remaining before their expiration. This donation does not create any shortage of test kits for Cayman.

Hon Premier, Alden McLaughlin, JP, MBE, said, "The purchase of these test kits has really helped Cayman in our mass screening programmes enabling us to open up our local economy, getting people back to work, students back to school and people back to living their lives. Sharing these test kits with our friends and neighbours who can use them to help save lives is beneficial to all of us."

Minister of Health, Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP, added, "Cayman has been very fortunate to have been able to develop robust and scalable PCR testing capabilities early in the pandemic. This has really helped in our mass screening programmes and our work to keep the threat of this highly infectious disease under control. We remain very grateful to Mrs. Susan Anne Olde, OBE who jointly purchased these kits with the Government. We are thankful we are able to assist others in the region in their fight against this ongoing global threat."



## Health Ministry Investigates Medical Waste Found on Beaches in Grand Cayman

A multi-agency team led by the Department of Health Regulatory Services (DHRS) has reached out to local registered healthcare facilities concerning the issue of medical waste found on beaches in Grand Cayman.

At this stage of the investigation, which was requested by the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, registered healthcare facilities are asked to support the information gathering process that will help determine whether there is a local or international source of the waste. The investigation is currently underway and will include the Sister Islands.

Noting that reports of medical waste turning up on various public beaches across the Island have spanned many years, DHRS Director Mervyn Conolly said: "This waste poses a very serious public health concern and working group members are united in their desire to see to understand the origin of the hazardous items and resolve the issue as quickly as possible. We are confident

that the public share the same desire and urge anyone who comes across medical waste in a public area to treat it with utmost caution and separate it from other waste."

For safe and proper disposal of medical waste, persons should call the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) customer service number, 949-6696.

Tourism sector workers or other individuals who may have found medical waste on any beaches in the past are also asked to report their findings to the DEH customer service number. Under the current Public Health Law (2002 Revision) and the Litter Law (1997 Revision), DEH is the Government agency with sole responsibility for the collection and sanitary disposal of medical wastes generated in the Cayman Islands.

The multi-agency working group includes representatives from the Ministry of Health, DHRS, Department of Environment, Department of Environmental Health, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Agriculture Department, Public

Health Department, and the Health Practice Commission (HPC), which licenses local healthcare providers, including medical laboratories.

Government's forensics lab has also undertaken to test the contents of a vial found

on the beach to determine whether the source of the contents is animal or human.

Mr Conolly says the working group will report its findings to the Ministry of Health and the public once the investigation is complete.



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### Report Medical Waste on Beaches.

- Exercise extreme caution in handling
- Store separately from other waste
- Report immediately to Department of Environmental Health

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# EARLY HURRICANE SEASON OUTLOOK

With the 2020 hurricane season still a very vivid memory, weather experts are already warning that there might hardly be any respite this year.

In an early pre-season outlook, forecasters at Colorado State University who monitor trends in the tropical Atlantic Hurricane Zone are predicting another busy season this year.

However, it is not expected to be on the scale of the record-breaking 2020 season, which surpassed the 2005 season as the busiest on record.

There were 30 named storms including 13 hurricanes - six of which were major - and forced a switch from the standard naming system to the Greek alphabet for only the second time in history.

For this year, weather experts at Colorado State University are predicting a 35 per cent probability for an

above-average season, with a 25 per cent possibility of an extremely active one.

That would translate into around 17 named storms, with about five likely to develop into major hurricanes.

A near-average season is projected at 30 per cent with just a 10 per cent prospect for a below-average season.

Cayman escaped the brunt of several ferocious storms that passed through our area last year with only some strong gusts, heavy rain and flooding but no serious damage.

The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has released the names of 2021 storms from the letter A to W as; Ana, Bill, Claudette, Danny, Elsa, Fred, Grace, Henri, Ida, Julian, Kate, Larry, Mindy, Nicholas, Odette, Peter, Rose, Sam, Teresa, Victor and Wanda.

In the event that more than 21 named tropical cyclones occur in the Atlantic Basin in a season, additional storms



will take names from the Greek alphabet as happened last year.

## CIS children release Moonlight into the sea

By Christopher Tobutt

More than 50 young students from Cayman International School (CIS) helped to release 'Moonlight,' a two-and-a-half year old green sea turtle, into the ocean on 29 January at Governor's Beach. Lots of moms and dads were there too, with phones at the ready to keep the memories of the special occasion safe. All the kids got excited when Cayman Turtle Centre staff took Moonlight onto the beach in a big black plastic tub and then each of the children took turns to stroke the turtle's shell (after sanitizing their hands to make sure that Moonlight didn't pass on any infections to other sea animals).



Grade Two teacher Amanda Brown explained: "We are in the midst of our 'One Ocean' project, and the children are learning about ocean issues here in Cayman and how together we can make an impact on our island and the ocean at large, and make a difference. The children chose the name Moonlight when they entered a competition to help with turtle conservation because when the sea turtles hatch they actually go to the sea to see the moonlight on the horizon."

Turtle Centre's Education Officer Shona McGill told the children all about Moonlight, and the other turtles which are all part of the Centre's Head Starting release programme, which gives baby turtles a head start in life by taking care of them until they are big enough to take care of themselves: "They started off a little bit larger than the size of a golf ball," she said.

"Does anyone here know why it is called a green sea turtle? because it looks pretty brown to me," Ms. McGill asked the



► Moonlight gets stroked by the children



► CIS students and teachers, along with Turtle Centre staff, wave bye-bye to Moonlight the turtle

children. "Yes. It is because it eats green things, like sea grass and when they eat those things they keep our coral reefs healthy. So just by you guys releasing one green sea turtle into the wild, you guys are not just helping sea turtles, you are helping every single animal out there."

Moonlight had a microchip about the size of a grain of rice attached to her, Ms. McGill explained, so that if she (or 'he' it is only when turtles are older that you can know for sure) was found, information could be gathered.

As the children waved bye-bye, Moonlight slowly made her way down to the edge of the sea where, first of all she

hesitated, before being embraced by the waves and welcomed into her new home. Turtles often hesitate like this when they are released, and it is thought that they have some way of imprinting information about the beach inside them, so that one day they will be able to come home to the very same beach to lay their eggs.

Two of the children who helped release Moonlight, Poppy and Finlay both age seven, were thrilled. "I liked letting the turtle go. I really liked it because I really like turtles," said Poppy. Finlay agreed: "I felt when I was releasing the turtle I felt happy because I was letting the turtle go into the sea," he said.



► Turtle Centre staff take Moonlight onto the beach



► Turtle Centre's Shona McGill gives the children a turtle-talk



# Turner Declares for Prospect

The official campaign launch for Prospect Political candidate, Mrs. Sabrina Turner was held at the Spotts Dock on Thursday, 28th January.

A crowd of prospective constituents, supporters and well-wishers, streaming into the venue to learn more about the candidate, who will now compete against Mr. Michael Myles - who has also declared for the District of Prospect - and incumbent Austin Harris, who has held the Seat for the past four years and is also expected run again in this year's General Election.

Onlookers heard from several speakers, who endorsed Mrs. Turner as their front-runner at the polls on May 26th.

Among those who vouched for her integrity, work ethic and moral fortitude was Attorney, Mrs. Keva Reid, who praised Mrs. Turner's strides in the arenas of business, family and community.

"It is an important endorsement, because I know her personally," exclaimed Mrs. Reid, who lauded Mrs. Turner as a, "voice of change and hope for a better tomorrow".



► Sabrina Turner addresses a crowd of onlookers at her recent political meeting to launch her candidacy for the Prospect Constituency

She noted that Mrs. Turner was prompted to 'run' by those whom she had served for many years as a member of the Prospect community and describe her as someone who would, "help to build and mould her constituency".

Mrs. Turner's personal accomplishments include being recognised as a finalist for the 2017 Community Spirit Award in recognition of her work with the Prospect Community Emergency Response Team, which she helped to create and direct.

The group has been instrumental in liaising with the Royal Cayman Islands Police and other Government agencies regarding matters of disaster preparedness and cleanup.

A graduate of the very first class of the Cayman Islands School of Nursing and the Valedictorian of her class, Mrs. Turner has also been active in business for over 18 years, serving the community through her Immigration Consultancy business.

Speakers on the evening pointed out that many persons might be familiar with Sabrina Turner as a result of her time as a host of the Caymanian Business Buzz on Radio Cayman.

"She has a selfless desire to be a part of the solution and her mindset in this regard is infectious," according to one of the honorary speakers at the event.

Others who offered their public endorsements and support for Mrs. Sabrina Turner included Mrs. Deanna Look Loy, whom has worked as a public servant for thirty three years.

As a teacher of Spanish at the John Gray High and George Hicks High Schools, Mrs. Look Loy said Sabrina was one of her past students, whom she had great respect for.

"Sabrina will set the tone for a new Prospect," she noted, adding that the candidate's commitment to her community and its important initiatives was part of a pattern of excellence.

Upon addressing the audience, Mrs. Turner touched on the theme of women in politics and the importance of having balance and equality.

She noted that more emphasis needed to be placed on Cayman's heritage, as well



► An audience of several hundred persons look on as the campaign to elect Mrs. Sabrina Turner was launched on 28th January

as funds allocated to areas of productivity such as the arts and the general development of the Caymanian people.

"I see the pain in the eyes of our young people," she lamented, adding that many were simply pleading for an opportunity and a proper education.

Mrs. Turner also addressed some of the 'disparities' taking root in Cayman's demographic.

"Affordable housing and home ownership, as well as a proper immigration accreditation system and better corporate citizenship/partnerships are extremely important," noted Mrs. Turner.

She explained that she would be leading initiatives to retrain tourism workers, whom have been disenfranchised as a result of COVID-19.

"Tourism is not coming back anytime soon and I want to encourage persons to retool," she said.

Mrs. Turned also spoke about the importance of self-sustainability and not being so dependant on the outside world:

"We have to embrace and support individual farming and encourage individual farmers and local growers.

"Especially with the threat of COVID-19, we have to know that this bubble that we have created does not come cheap and the only way to drive down the cost-of-living going forward is to encourage inward investment and growth in these different areas."

She also pledged to represent 'Country' and 'People' at all times.

"It's about country and people not self. I will walk beside you and I will stand for Cayman. The rising tide must lift all ships," she told the audience.

In the last 50 years of the Cayman Islands' history, only 25 women have attempted to run for public office. Among those, only have been successful in their bids.

Mrs. Turner said she was determined to make history and continue the legacy of the strong and resilient Caymanian women whom have come before her.

## POLICE NEWS

# Police Seek Public Assistance to Locate 3 Wanted Men

Over the course of the last few months, the police have conducted extensive searches which have been unsuccessful. In addition, repeated requests to surrender at their last known addresses have been ignored. As a result, the Police are seeking the assistance of the public in order to locate three wanted men, Otis Myles of George Town, Mitchum Wood of Bodden Town and Kurt Ebanks of Bodden Town. All three men have breached the terms of their conditional release from Her Majesty's Prison Northward and must now be returned to continue their custodial sentences.

Otis Melbourne Myles, age 34, is described as having dark brown complexion, brown eyes, and low cut black hair with facial hair. He is of slim build and approximately 6' in height.

Mitchum Kenjo Wood, age 32, is described as having long black hair, light



► Kurt Ebanks



► Mitchum Wood



► Otis Myles

brown complexion, and brown eyes. He is of slim build and approximately 6' tall.

Kurt Fabian Ebanks, age 44, is described as having light brown complexion, brown

eyes and a bald head with long facial hair. He is of medium build and is approximately 5'11" tall.

A picture of each man is attached.

The public is reminded that according to the Police Law (2017 Revision) it is against the law to obstruct, mislead or act in such a way as to prevent the apprehension of a person who has committed an offence. If prosecuted for such an offence, you may be liable on conviction to a fine of \$5000 or imprisonment for two years or both.

The police are encouraging anyone with information about the whereabouts of these individuals to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222. Additionally, the men themselves are also encouraged to turn themselves into the Cayman Islands Detention Centre, or the nearest active police station, at any time, day or night.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website [www.rcips.ky](http://www.rcips.ky).

# COVID vaccination schedule week of 1st February 2021

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Monday, 1 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	Bodden Town Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Bodden Town Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Bodden Town Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1, Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1, Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1, Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname A - D	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname E - G	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname H - M	DOSE 2
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname N - Z	DOSE 2
<i>*Schedule and groups subject to change. Most up to date schedule will be on <a href="http://www.hsa.ky">www.hsa.ky</a></i>			
<b>Stage 2, Group A - 16+ years old with medical conditions</b>			
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COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Tuesday, 2 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname A - D	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname E - G	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname H - M	DOSE 2
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname N - Z	DOSE 2
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The Public Health Department has published the COVID-19 vaccination schedule for the week commencing Monday 1st February 2021.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues for all persons in Stage 1, Groups A, B, C and Stage 2, Group A (see details below).

The Health Services Authority (HSA) and the Cayman Islands Airport Authority (CIAA) have partnered to improve the process of delivering the COVID-19 vaccination. Effective 27 January 2021, the COVID

Vaccine Clinic was relocated to the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) check-in area.

The latest schedule will primarily focus on the second dose for persons from Stage 1, Group A. Individuals who received their first dose at a District Health Centre can receive their second dose at the airport should they choose to do so on their appropriate date and Surname time. The airport provides a large space and ample

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COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Wednesday, 3 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
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<b>Stage 2, Group A - 16+ years old with medical conditions</b>			
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COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Thursday, 4 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname A - D	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname E - G	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname H - M	DOSE 2
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname N - Z	DOSE 2
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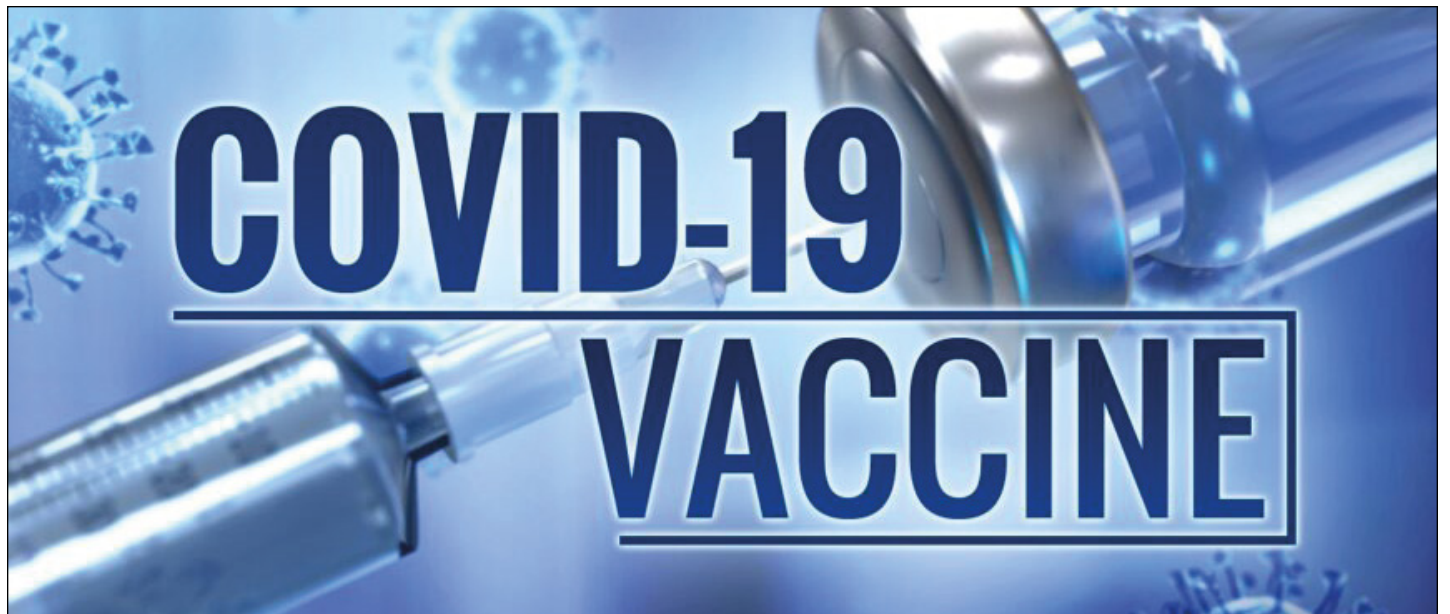
# Vaccination schedule

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parking improving the efficiency of the vaccine delivery, reducing wait times and expediting the overall process. Persons are encouraged to come throughout your allocated time slot as well.

Individuals receiving their second dose are reminded that the date noted on the vaccination card for the second dose is the earliest that is recommended. Public Health will not be administering the vaccine before the date noted on your vaccination card.

The Public is reminded to adhere to the published schedule to limit congestion at the various vaccination sites.



COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
<b>Friday, 5 February 2021</b>			
9:00am - 10:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
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<b>Stage 2, Group A - 16+ years old with medical conditions</b>			
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COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
<b>Saturday, 6 February 2021</b>			
8:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname M - P	DOSE 1
10:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname Q - S	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname T - Z	DOSE 1
2:30pm - 4:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A	DOSE 1
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For the most up to date vaccination schedule visit <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>

**Stage One:**

**Group A**

- Residents and staff of institutional facilities
- Individuals aged 70+
- Healthcare workers and first responders
- All frontline staff dealing with incoming travellers

**Group B**

- Adults 60+ or with a relevant health status

**Group C**

- Workers essential to Government continuity

**Stage Two:**

**Group A**

- Anyone aged 16-60 with relevant medical conditions predisposing to COVID-19

**Group B**

- Those living at home with persons from stage one of the programme
- Essential workers, teachers, school staff

**Stage Three:**

- Those aged 50+
- Everyone else 16+ who has not been vaccinated

Persons over 60 years old are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as they are some of the most vulnerable and we want to keep them protected when our borders open. **If you are home bound and unable to attend one of the vaccination clinics, please contact the Flu Hotline or your local HSA District Health Centre and arrangements will be made to with a Public Health nurse to provide your vaccine in the comfort of your home.**

Persons receiving the vaccine must wear a facemask, present a Government photo ID and sign the COVID-19 vaccine consent form (dose 1).

The form is available at <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/> or <https://bit.ly/3ot0IG3>.

**HSA Flu Hotline** - 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 or [flu@hsa.ky](mailto:flu@hsa.ky)

**District Health Centre Contact Numbers**

- George Town - 244-2800
- East End - 947-7440
- North Side - 947-9525
- West Bay - 949-3439
- Bodden Town - 947-2299
- Faith Hospital - 925-1190

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# SCOTIABANK APPOINTS SARAH HOBBS AS COUNTRY HEAD FOR CAYMAN

Scotiabank Cayman has announced the appointment of Sarah Hobbs to the role of Vice President and Country Head of Scotiabank & Trust (Cayman) Ltd. Sarah, who has over two decades of experience within the Bank, will now lead Scotiabank's local business strategy and operations across the Cayman Islands. Sarah joins the Cayman team after serving as Managing Director for Scotiabank (Belize) Ltd.

Commenting on the appointment, Roger Archer, VP-District Head, Caribbean North expressed congratulations and shared that Sarah "has a strong understanding of the Cayman market having previously spent four years as Director of our Scotia Private Client Group."

"We are confident that Sarah's strong track record of sound leadership and her in depth knowledge of the Caymanian banking environment will enable her to quickly make an impact on the business and our customers' experience," Archer noted.

Sarah has held increasingly senior positions over her banking career across the areas of Retail Banking, Commercial Banking, Wealth Management and Operations. She has also served as Country Head for the Bank's operations in the British Virgin Islands.

Sarah holds a Master's Degree in International Business with distinction from the University of South Carolina with concentrations in Finance and Marketing and is involved with several charitable organizations.

## About Scotiabank

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► Sarah Hobbs

## Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme Now Open to Applications

*The Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme offers students and recent graduates the opportunity to intern with global businesses established within the Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) special economic zones.*

This is an excellent opportunity for individuals to get hands-on experience and gain knowledge in highly innovative careers. Internships often lead to fast-tracked professional development and the ability to chart career paths across various knowledge-based industries. The 2020 Internship Programme placements included computer programming, artificial intelligence, media and marketing, business administration, amongst others. For up to three months, interns became part of the CEC community and were able to network with professionals from over 250 special economic zone businesses.

Charlie Kirkconnell, the Chief Executive Officer of CEC spoke of the programme, "The world has changed in the last several months but despite the many new challenges, we remain committed to continuing to offer unique skills and career development opportunities to students and job-seekers. More than ever, opportunities such as those offered by CEC's Enterprise Cayman initiative will shape the future of Cayman's workforce and the new industries that are emerging locally. We are excited to see more and more young Caymanians each year enter the Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme and start down the road to becoming Cayman's future innovators and entrepreneurs," he says. One of the most notable opportunities was an internship placement offered to Aaron Santama-

ria who was able to gain valuable work experience with Silicon Valley company, Brave Software. Brave is the most private, safest, and fastest browser currently available.

"Working at Brave and experiencing what it's like to be in a tech company that's known around the world was very exciting for me. I was exposed to the different technology behind their products and an incredible level of innovation that I didn't think I would get to see so early on in my career. It really inspired and motivated me to pursue the career further," says Santamaria who is now employed full time with Brave Software as IT & User Support Engineer within their IT department.

Because of The Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme, young Caymanians have access to global companies within CEC, allowing successful applicants like Santamaria to access cutting-edge industries without competing against hundreds of international students for the placement.

According to Santamaria, "The Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme is a unique experience. If I had the chance to do it again, I would. I've learned so much from this global network of individuals. The experience has helped me to land my first tech job in Cayman, in an industry I went to school for and can now pursue in the place that I grew up in."



► Aaron Santamaria & Ryan Watson

The internship program allows students to build a network with global professionals and learn from their experiences and gain insight into how the industry works - "But what makes the programme so vital is that interns have the chance to impress and secure a long-term job opportunity with the companies they have contributed to. It opens the door to professional careers that wouldn't happen without the programme. Now in its ninth year, the success of the programme is evident," said Bianca Mora, CEC's

Marketing & Public Engagement Manager.

Ryan Watson, Vice President of IT at Brave Software, offers opportunities to the Internship Programme each year. He says of his company's participation in the programme, "there is excellent hardworking young talent in Cayman, and we're proud at Brave Software to help foster a tech community in the Cayman Islands from the ground up. We'll be offering opportunities again this year and encourage other innovative companies to do the same. I look

forward to another year of high calibre applications for 2021."

**The programme is open to Caymanians and residents of the Cayman Islands aged between 18 and 25 and placements run for two to three months. The deadline to apply to the 2021 Enterprise Cayman Internship Programme is 1 April 2021. For more information and queries, please contact [innovate@caymanenterprisecity.com](mailto:innovate@caymanenterprisecity.com). To Apply directly visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SW2V96L>**

# Girls Softball – Game Report

## SOL Jaguars 12, SOL Panthers 12

The 2021 season of CILLA Girls Softball got underway at the Field of Dreams on Saturday evening, January 30th, as the SOL Panthers rallied from five runs down in the final inning to earn a 12-12 tie against the SOL Jaguars in an exciting first game!

Both teams got off to fast starts in the scoring department as each side plated six runs in the first inning, using a few walks, a few errors, and some timely hits to make the score 6-6. Each team scored just once in the second inning as the pitchers slowed down the offensive attack and the defense contributed some good plays.

The SOL Jaguars took the lead 9-7 after scoring single runs in the third and fourth inning, while not allowing any further runs to the SOL Panthers.

In the exhilarating fifth inning the SOL Jaguars extended their lead to 12-7 and they seemed headed for victory. The SOL Panthers had other ideas though, quickly

rallying for a couple of runs in their final at bat to give them hope. Stephanie Menko had a huge two RBI double to bring the score to 12-11. With two outs, and the game on the line, Eowyn Hawkins rocketed a triple to the fence in left centre to tie the game at 12-12. Pitcher Zhanna McDonald then calmly induced the next hitter into a grounder and she made a perfect throw to first base for the final out to preserve the tie.

Kiersten McLaughlin, Demae Lee, Sofia Watler, McKenna Knapik and Stephanie Menko each scored two runs for the SOL Panthers, while Shay Windsor, Zhanna McDonald and Madison Malice each scored twice for the SOL Jaguars.

Withney Jackson did very well in her first inning of pitching for the SOL Jaguars and catcher Shay Windsor and pitcher Clara Ramos teamed up to tag out a runner at home.

Catcher Jahzara Barnes made a fine catch on a pop-fly for the SOL Panthers



and Demae Lee had a solid pitching performance during the middle innings to keep her team in the game.

Both teams are to be congratulated for playing an entertaining first game of the season!

This year the entire Girls Softball division is being sponsored by SOL Petroleum, so huge thanks to them!

Games continue on Wednesday, February 3rd as the SOL Jaguars take on the SOL Pumas at 6:30 pm.

On Saturday, February 6th the SOL Pumas take on the SOL Panthers at 6:30 pm.

### Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Jaguars	6	1	1	1	3	12
SOL Panthers	6	1	0	0	5	12

### Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
SOL Jaguars	0	0	1	12	12	0
SOL Panthers	0	0	1	12	12	0
SOL Pumas	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Fowler Named Reserve Champion at WEF

By Eve van den Bol

Caymanian show jumping athlete, Chloe Fowler, was named Reserve Champion in the 1.15 meter Adult Amateur Modified Jumper Division at week 1 of the Winter Equestrian Festival (WEF), held at Palm Beach International Equestrian Center in Wellington, Florida. On her way to being named Reserve Champion, Fowler and her mount Lady Maria BH bested 22 other starters to win the \$2,500 stakes class. The pair were 4th and 8th in the other two classes in their division.

This past weekend, for week 2 of WEF, Fowler moved up to a higher division with Lady Maria BH and they placed 12th out of 48 competitors in the \$10,000 1.25 meter NAL Low Amateur Owner Classic and 13th out of 78 entries in the \$1,500 1.20 meter Low Amateur Owner Jumper class.

Fowler, age 18, is taking a gap year to compete in Florida before starting university in the UK. In January 2020 before lockdown, she made her international show jumping debut at the Palm Beach Masters where she placed 5th in the

CS12\* 1.20m \$2,500 Bainbridge Tour Final.

"Week 1 of WEF was only the second competition for Fowler with Lady Maria and she has shown that they are a force to be reckoned with in their divisions. We expect continued great results as they gain mileage together," declared Eve van den Bol, President of the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation.

The Winter Equestrian Festival is one of the largest and longest-running equestrian events in the world and it attracts many international athletes com-

peting at the highest levels of the sport of show jumping. In 2021, it will feature 13 weeks of competition from January to April.

The Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation is the national governing body for equestrian sport in the Cayman Islands and part of its mandate is to support Cayman's athletes competing overseas. In addition to Fowler in the USA, Isabelle Smith, age 21, has been representing the Cayman Islands in international show jumping across Europe in the 1.20 meter and 1.35 meter divisions on her two horses.



► Jan Chloe Fowler and Lady Maria BH in action at WEF

► Jan Chloe Fowler at WEF riding Lady Maria BH named Reserve Champion at 1.15 meters

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► The Premier of Bermuda David Burt



# UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

By Michael Jarvis,  
UK Correspondent

## COMMISSION OF INQUIRY IS TALK OF THE TOWN IN BVI

A UK government-funded Commission of Inquiry into corruption allegations against the government of the British Virgin Islands (BVI) has triggered contrasting waves of reactions across the territory.

The six-months inquiry which got underway in mid-January is probing claims of corruption, victimisation and failures in the criminal justice system.

It is the main topic of debate; from those who question the motives and timing of the investigation - including suggestions of colonialism, to those who hold the view that successive governments had brought this upon the territory.

Premier Andrew Fahie who has vigorously questioned the basis and timing of the inquiry has also alluded to the prospect of 'self-determination' for the BVI as a probable fall-out from the exercise.

When he announced the Commission just before departing the territory last

month, former Governor Gus Jaspert said: "These concerns were put to me by individuals across the community, including senior business leaders, public officers, community groups, media and others. Cumulatively, they paint a worrisome picture."

The COI was launched on January 18th. Mr Jaspert left the BVI five days later.

There is no limitation stated on how far back the inquiry will probe.

The final report is expected by mid-July.

## FEBRUARY ELECTIONS FOR TURKS AND CAICOS

Election fever has gripped the Turks and Caicos Islands with voters going to the polls on February 19th. Elections were due by last December but were postponed due to the COVID-crisis.

The incumbent Peoples Democratic Movement (PDM) government of Premier Sharlene Cartwright Robinson is being challenged by the main People's National Party (PNP) being led for this election by former chief minister Washington Misick.

Mrs Cartwright-Robinson is the territory's first female leader.

The PDM won six of the ten constituencies and four of the five At-Large seats in the last elections held in December 2016 for the 21-seat House of Assembly under a new two-tier electoral system.

Management of the COVID-19 crisis has already emerged as the dominant issue alongside pre-pandemic economic performance and concerns about crime and illegal immigration.

To date, TCI had recorded eight deaths from the pandemic with 1,387 cases.

## TAXING TIME FOR BERMUDA?

The Premier of Bermuda David Burt has raised the prospect of income taxes for the territory.

Citing the rising cost of living as a main reason for the consideration, Mr Burt told the annual conference of his ruling Progressive Labour Party (PLP) that "difficult conversations may be needed".

"For our economy to be sustainable, we must have those conversations that we may not have been comfortable having before."

With Bermuda's economy being impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Premier said: "It is now time to work

together to implement overdue changes in a fair and balanced fashion."

Mr Burt said the cost of living and the cost of doing business were the most pressing issues facing Bermudians, and tax reforms could help address that.

Instead of personal income tax, the Government of Bermuda levies a payroll tax on companies.

## MONTSERAT WOOS REMOTE WORKERS

Montserrat has launched its version of a remote workers scheme.

The territory which has been almost completely reliant on UK aid since its economy was decimated by volcanic eruptions over 25 years ago, is hoping that revenue from the scheme will give it more say over how its budget is allocated.

Montserrat is charging between USD\$500 and USD\$750 for its remote workers scheme for a year's stay without having to pay income tax locally.

With a current population of a little over 4,000, Montserrat has not had any active COVID-19 cases since last July and has only had 13 cases of the virus and 1 death to date.



► The Virgin Islands Premier And Minister Of Finance Honourable Andrew A. Fahie



► The Virgin Islands former Governor Gus Jaspert



► Turks and Caicos Islands Premier Sharlene Cartwright Robinson

## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

## US Embassy: Trinidad is not safe

Trinidad and Tobago is not a safe place to travel to presently for many reasons, according to the United States Embassy in Port of Spain. It has advised Americans to reconsider travelling to Trinidad and Tobago to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the prevalence of crime, terrorism and kidnapping.

The embassy on its website on Jan. 25 stated that the Centres for Disease Control (CDC) had issued a "Level 3" travel health notice for Trinidad and Tobago due to COVID-19. The embassy defines a "Level 3" alert as "reconsider travel to Trinidad and Tobago". Level 4 is "Do not travel".

"Travellers to Trinidad and Tobago may experience border closures, airport closures, travel prohibitions, stay at home orders, business closures, and other emergency conditions within Trinidad and Tobago due to Covid-19," the statement added.

With regard to crime, the Embassy listed several areas US citizens should not visit. They include: "Laventille, Beetham, Sea Lots, Cocorite, and the interior of Queen's Park Savannah in Port of Spain as violent crime, such as murder, robbery, assault, sexual assault and home invasion is common."



► Port of Spain's health and safety problems are mounting

## Grenada won't ease virus curfew

Grenada will not lift its 10pm-5am covid curfew after a spike in COVID-19 cases in neighbouring islands. The measure will remain in place for at least the next two weeks.

The decision was based on increasing active COVID-19 cases in St Vincent, where there are now more than 600; Barbados, which has over 800; and St Lucia, which is dealing with around 400.

"Our health system, its strength and its weaknesses are no different from theirs and, as such, we need to recognise that right now the threat of COVID-19 to Grenada has never been greater from outside of Grenada," said Health Minister



► Grenada has the virus under control for now

Nickolas Steele, adding that while the country's health system and border control have been strengthened, they are not fool-proof.

Steele said while there are no active community or cluster cases in Grenada, the government has to be cautious.

## Dominica opens its first vet school

Dominica now has a medical school that solely focuses on veterinary studies, in the capital Roseau.

Golnaz Naderkhani, President of the St Nicholas University School of Veterinary Studies, claimed at the opening ceremony last week: "St Nicholas university is the first and only academic institution of its kind in the Caribbean. We are an academic institution committed to providing quality education

oncologist, as well as an agro medicine and critical care specialist. Students from high-risk countries such as the US, Canada, and other Caribbean islands are not allowed to begin this semester, but will join this September. Therefore, only ten students - all females - were at the first class on Monday.



► Dominica has launched its first veterinary school

## Cuba's hopes raised by Biden

The Biden administration will review US policy on Cuba, the White House said last week, raising hopes that crippling measures will soon be lifted.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki announced: "Our Cuba policy is governed by two principles. First, support for democracy and human rights - that will be at the core of our efforts. Second as Americans, especially

Cuban-Americans, we are the best ambassadors for freedom in Cuba. So we'll review the Trump administration policies." Republican Trump targeted Cuba after taking office in 2017, tightening restrictions on US travel and remittances there, and imposing sanctions on shipments of Venezuelan oil to the island.

The policy was popular among the large Cuban-American population in South Florida, helping Trump win the state in



► Cubans hope for better relations with US

November though he lost the election to Democrat Biden, who was former President Barack Obama's vice-president. Nine days before Trump left office last month, his administration announced it was returning Cuba to the US list of state sponsors of terrorism, a move that could complicate Biden's efforts to revive improved relations with the Communist-run nation that Obama initiated before Trump became president.

## Rasta's locks may be world's longest

A Rastaman in Jamaica believes his dreadlocks will one day be recognised as the longest in the world and enter the Guinness Book of Records.

Rupert Scott, 71, has been growing his hair all his adult life and believes they are 20ft long. Cleansing it, he said, can take as much as three hours. After washing for about 45 minutes, the majority is draped over a clothesline for partial drying. A complete drying may take as many as four days.

"I wash it like once a month and it takes me two bottles of shampoo and one conditioner, and four days to dry properly," he said. "I use tuna or aloe vera as moisturiser, and I ensure that I keep it covered and wrapped up from dust, especially now since there is road work going on."



► Rupert Scott's locks are 20ft long

The father of 18 is a local celebrity in Middleton, St Thomas. He said: "I remember going to France and I was like a movie star. There were paparazzi everywhere and persons just want to take photos with me. The white women dem love mi off, they are always marvelled by me and my locks."

# 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

		9					1	8
	1		2	3	6		9	
		7					2	6
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4	5			6			3	2
6			8	1				
9		1					6	
	8		3	4	9		2	
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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Difficulty Level ★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Singer chow
  - Tori
  - 5 Dentist's directive
  - 10 Tycoon
  - 12 Record company
  - 13 Fight sight
  - 14 Tolerate
  - 15 Part of RSVP
  - 16 Ran into
  - 18 Bankroll
  - 19 Less complex
  - 21 Dyeing tubs
  - 22 Peach's kin
  - 24 Caravan stops
  - 25 Orange's kin
  - 29 Train units
  - 30 Snappy answer
  - 32 Moody music
  - 33 Can. neighbor
  - 34 German article
  - 35 Finger-paints
  - 37 Low card
  - 39 Cow of commercials
  - 40 Like seawater
- DOWN**
- 41 Canary
  - 42 Dick Tracy's love
  - 1 Degrade
  - 2 Robin's love
  - 3 Threat phrase
  - 4 Abel, to Adam
  - 5 No longer fizzy
  - 6 Research site
  - 7 Luke's mentor
  - 8 Sober
  - 9 Some coasters
  - 11 Conven-tion ID
  - 17 Classroom needs
  - 20 Smart-phone pictures
  - 21 Drop in
  - 23 Enjoys a favorite book
  - 25 Steamed snack
  - 26 Incite
  - 27 Small bump
  - 28 Puts up
  - 29 Hands over
  - 31 Low cards
  - 33 Purposes
  - 36 Bridge action
  - 38 Pig out

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NEON			RU	STS				
		FED		PIC				
		SWE		THAI				
BOO		COB		HUN				
RUN		LATE		ONS				
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SCENT			NOS	SIR				
HERDS			SWE	EET				

### Yesterday's answer

- 11 Conven-tion ID
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## Word Search

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

- Ballet
- Bellow
- Billet
- Billow
- Bullet
- Callow
- Fallow
- Fellow
- Follow
- Gallon
- Hallow
- Hollow
- Mallet
- Mallow
- Mellow
- Pillar
- Pillow
- Sallow
- Tallow
- Teller
- Tiller
- Valley
- Volley
- Yellow

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

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
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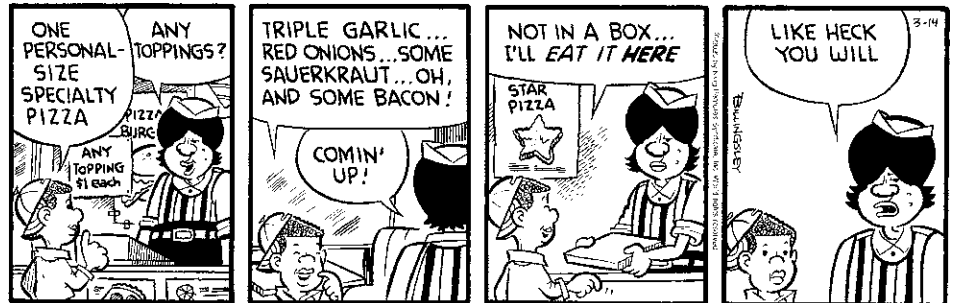
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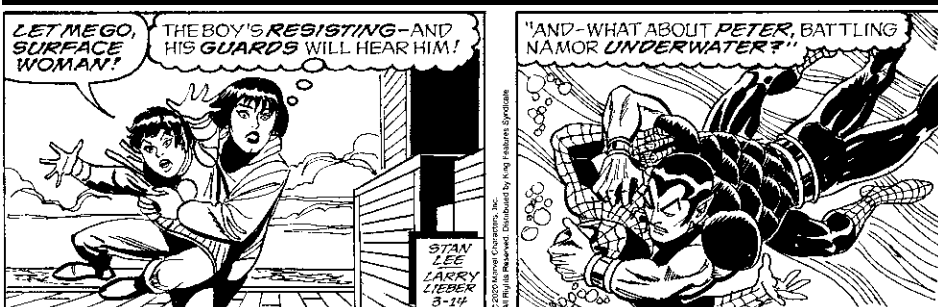
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By Ray Billingsley



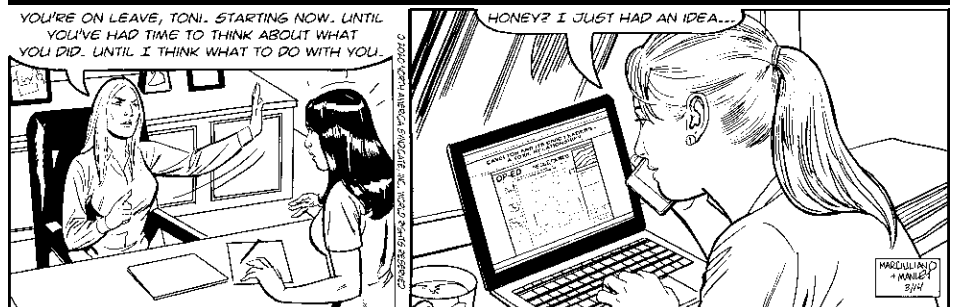
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