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PREMIER: PPM the only choice for Government

By Lindsey Turnbull

At the recent Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce's AGM, Premier Alden Mclaughlin outlined how, over the past eight years, his Government had brought the Islands up from a state where the economy was "on its knees" since a faltering recovery after the 2009 global economic crash, all the way to the strong and prosperous heights of early 2020.

"In my view, our biggest achievement was to bring stable and effective government back to these islands," he stated.

Government finances were brought back to where they needed to be, government spending was under control, while fees were not increased and some were even reduced. Investment took place in projects that would strengthen national infrastructure using existing revenue streams.

"Cayman has gone to being a case study in effective financial management and good governance," he said. "Business confidence was restored and investment started to flow again."

As a result, at the end of 2019, Cayman's economy was the envy of the region, growth averaged over three per cent over

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► Cayman Islands Premier Alden Mclaughlin

RCIPS Hosts Career Tour



► Neil Mohammed, Deputy Unit Executive Officer of the Air Operations Unit, speaks about the role of the police helicopter

On Friday, 29 January, the RCIPS hosted a group of young Caymanians to provide an overview of the various career options within the Service followed by a tour.

The presentation and tour were organised by the RCIPS HR Unit and announced via a Career Flyer post on RCIPS social media channels. The selection of 14 young people, representing both public and private schools, and recent graduates, then expressed their interest in attending.

"This hands-on tour is a new initiative. We also hold our local recruitment campaigns at least once a year, along with participation in career fairs and demonstrations in various schools. With

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Personal Debt

Your other personal debts should be managed carefully. They are normally classified as short term loans and attract higher interest rates than your mortgage. Credit cards are often used to pay short term debt, but sometimes end up becoming long term debt at high interest

rates. If you are unable to clear your credit card balance, consider applying for a debt consolidation for a specific period at a lower interest rate.

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the past five years, Caymanian unemployment was below five per cent and jobs were continuing to grow for Caymanians. Tourism and development were also going great guns.

"That is a track record of success that I am proud of, that my Government is proud of, that all of Cayman can be proud of," the Premier confirmed.

Pandemic response

While the Government had hoped for the best, hope alone was not going to beat a pandemic and so the Government began making plans as to how it would deal with a possible pandemic as early as January 2020. Even though he was pleased that the business community felt that the Government had struck the right balance of shutting down borders to protect the health of the population, the Premier acknowledged their real concerns of the effect such a shutdown was having on business.

But, constantly opening up and then shutting down again had a detrimental effect on economies (as with the UK) which would offset any financial gains made while the economy was open, the Premier confirmed.

"The impact on people's health would be nothing short of catastrophic," he said.

The result has been that Cayman residents have been able to enjoy an almost normal life when compared to the rest of the world.

Government has been instrumental in helping those businesses and families most impacted by the crisis, providing assistance for displaced tourism workers with further assistance coming soon. Those needing to isolate have been provided with safe accommodation and laptops have been provided for students having to study remotely. A grant scheme has been providing direct financial assistance for businesses in need. A Government-backed loan scheme has also been developed for local businesses in conjunction with local banks.

The future

Inherent risks with opening up too soon meant that Cayman's borders would not be opening up as hoped at the end of March, and not until the elderly and vulnerable had been vaccinated.

The Premier said he was still confident as far as Cayman's economy, looking ahead. The financial services industry was in good health, despite facing challenges, and investment in Cayman was booming, as highlighted by the announcement late last year of a \$350 million hospital to be built called Aster Cayman Medcity. Health City Cayman Islands would also be making a major announcement soon, the Premier confirmed.

Commitments had been delivered upon when it came to strengthening the delivery of education, safeguarding the environment, dealing with the landfill site, enhancing Cayman's border controls, supporting the RCIPS and Cayman Fire Service and creating the Cayman Islands Regiment and mental health facility. Road networks had been enhanced, affordable homes built, the airport expanded, veterans were better supported, and key legislation had been passed.

"We have ably demonstrated the strong leadership necessary to steer the country in good times and in bad. But effective political leadership also means being willing to work with others. The strength and stability of the Unity Government reflects the willingness of each of us involved to always put the country's interests first," the Premier said, stating that every member of Cabinet had stepped up during the pandemic to ensure effective leadership through the crisis.

The Premier picked out the Financial Services Minister, Roy McTaggart, for particular praise, stating that his financial stewardship had been integral to the achievements of Government.

"As we look to the future, that certainty of strong and effective leadership remains essential if Cayman is to emerge successfully from this crisis and restore prosperity to all of our people... I can think of no one better suited to the task that lies ahead for the next Premier than your former President [of the Chamber of Commerce], Roy McTaggart," Premier McLaughlin stated.

Mr McTaggart had created a resilience that had allowed the Cayman Islands to cope with the crisis and injected business discipline into public service. The Premier said he was confident Mr McTaggart would be chosen to lead the party at the Progressive Party's upcoming conference.

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OVER-60s VACCINATIONS CRITICAL TO CAYMAN'S REOPENING PLANS

By Staff Writer

With more than half of persons over 60 already vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, the government says it's aiming for a 90 per cent threshold of that age group as a target to ease the quarantine restrictions and ultimately reopening the borders.

"Re-opening of our borders is contingent on getting 90% of those older than 60 to be fully vaccinated. We have vaccinated approximately 55% so far," Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin disclosed on a press conference on Thursday.

"Cabinet has agreed once we reach 90% border controls can be changed to allow incoming travellers to quarantine for 10 days instead of 14," he said.

Once that target is reached, Premier McLaughlin said travellers must have a negative PCR test 72 hours before departure as well as on arrival at the airport.

"They will also need to have completed a valid vaccination programme as approved by the Chief Medical Officer and a negative PCR test on day 10 before being approved to leave quarantine."

He also informed that "going forward COVID-19 vaccines will be limited to those who are legally and ordinarily resident in the Cayman Islands."

Critical to all that however, is the government's objective to vaccinate 5,000 of persons aged over 60. To date 2,300 have received their shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine being administered in two doses.

But with a little over half - 55 per cent - of the over 60s, and 65 per cent of those aged over 70 already vaccinated, persuading others in that age bracket has become a priority in the interest of their own health and the wider community interest.

At the current rate, Mr McLaughlin said, it was hoped that they would reach the target by month-end.

"I believe that on the current trajectory. We should hit there at the end of this month. But again, but that depends on people from that demographic going forward to get the vaccine now we are at 65 our yes 65."

Saying that he was "quite pleased" with the overall take up of the vaccine, the Pre-

mier nevertheless admitted that there were some challenges.

"I think we're all quite pleased with how well it's going," he said but acknowledged that "the last push is usually the hardest in any endeavour."

It has emerged that there are some pockets of vaccine resistance from within that age group and the government is now appealing to the churches to assist in persuading those who are reluctant to get inoculated.

"Some people are still requiring convincing," the Premier disclosed, "but what I am getting anecdotally is that the more people that are vaccinated, the more people that can that can give a testimonial about it to the others, the more likely it is I believe that people are going to come on board."

PREACHING TO GET VACCINE CONVERTS

The Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee has been in contact with the church leaders, he reported, including The Seventh-Day Adventist conference and the Cayman Ministers Association, "because the church plays a huge role in this community."

He said Dr Lee has been explaining the science of the vaccine to the church leaders "in the hope that it helps to break down some of the obstacles and some of the resistance by some people within churches to taking vaccines."

Meanwhile, CMO Dr Lee reported that he was quite pleased with the pace of the overall vaccination programme.

"So far there have been 11,856 jabs given across the Cayman Islands, which is a phenomenal amount. Of those, there are 3939 which are people who've had their second doses."

In all, 12.2 percent of the overall population overall has received at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Regarding the crucial 60-plus age group, Dr Lee commented: "It's really encouraging to hear that 65% of our over 70s have received the first injections and 55% of our over-60s. Those are very encouraging figures."

HE Governor Martyn Roper added echoed the importance of reaching the critical 90 per cent threshold of persons in that age group coming forward to receive their vaccines.

"As Premier and Dr Lee set out, we need 90% of the over 60s to be vaccinated before we look at opening the islands up any further."

Speaking to the wider community he added: "We are making good progress towards that target but everyone needs to play their role. It's vitally important that you take your vaccine when offered. As much as the protection for you individually, taking a vaccine is for our community, particularly to protect our elderly and vulnerable."

He again urged the public to rely only on accurate information about the vaccines.

SUPPLYING AND ADAPTING

Governor Roper confirmed that a third shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine will be arriving on the 11 February BA flight.

"This time we have been able to secure more doses than the first and second consignments. The next consignment will consist of 15,000 doses. The third consignment will take us to a total of 38,000 doses, which will vaccinate close to 20,000 people. My office remains in touch with London about subsequent supplies on the next two BA flights in February and March," he stated.

Meanwhile, Premier McLaughlin has spoken about the government having to adapt to changing circumstances in the management of the impact of the pandemic in Cayman.

"We really can't plan too far ahead because it's changing so fast. We just have to do the best we can given the particular circumstances. In another two weeks or three weeks we may well come here and say something significantly different if there are changes."

It was also confirmed that Cayman has chosen not to take up its share of the glob-



► Lucille Seymour 2nd Dose COVID vaccine

al COVAX vaccination distribution, instead allowing its allocation to be shared with other countries facing challenges with their vaccine supply.



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Street Renaming Notice

In accordance with Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Roads (Naming and Numbering) Act (2019 Revision), the Minister responsible for Lands notifies the public of the intention to rename: the portion of South Church Street from Goring Avenue to Shedden Road; Harbour Drive; and the portion of North Church Street from Fort Street to Mary Street to Seafarer's Way. Any objections to the renaming of this street can be made in writing to the Minister responsible for Lands at the Government Administration Building, Box 105, Grand Cayman KY1-1900 within one calendar month of the date of the publication of this notice.



► Cayman Islands Premier Alden McLaughlin

CIG Financial Performance leads to more Cash Pay-outs

Ahead of what Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin called “a most exciting announcement”, Government has again dipped into its coffers to provide more financial support to individuals and small businesses struggling in the economic downturn caused by the COVID-10 pandemic.

This comes as the government says its finances are still in broadly good shape notwithstanding the impact on expected revenues which it reports have been offset by less spending in some areas and improved performance in others.

According to Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin coming at a press conference this week will be “a most exciting announcement that will have a massive positive impact on the lives of everybody who lives here.”

No details were indicated other than “it’s not about COVID” at what would be the government’s third press conference for the year so far and the second this month. That’s quite unlike the pattern in the second half of last year when the previous weekly press conferences updating on the pandemic had trickled to a minimum.

But with campaigning for the May general election now hitting full stride, this has led to a swirl of speculation including the likelihood of a generous pension offer, possibly more targeted financial assistance, or job creation to alleviate the economic slowdown and financial burden.

The government went to great lengths at last week’s press conference to highlight its stewardship of the economy, especially during the pandemic, but also the growth it spearheaded since coming into office.

Based on better-than-expected performance of government finances last year, it announced then further assistance for furloughed tourism workers with a CI\$500 increase on their monthly CI\$1,000 until June.

Also, small businesses which did not qualify for the previous roll-out of government support will now get a one-off payment of CI\$3,000, plus, government will cover the premiums of persons who have been unable to pay their health insurance premiums.

Hon. Commerce Minister Joey Hew reported that since the pandemic started over around CI\$10 million had already been provided to more than 4,000 small business in loans and grants.

Hon. Health Minister Dwayne Seymour in announcing the assistance with insurance premiums said from April to June last year the Ministry of Health in conjunction with the Health Insurance Commission had offered an initial assistance programme to those persons who needed help to pay their remiums.

Around 1,250 persons are said to have benefited at a cost of approximately CI\$400,000.

For the new phase of support, Mr Seymour said, “For some time now we have been considering how best to continue with health insurance assistance and I am pleased to confirm that the Ministry and the Health Insurance Commission, together with the Approved Insurance companies, have agreed to this new programme focused on assisting those in the tourism and hospitality industries who have suffered job loss and severely reduced income from their businesses.

Hon. Finance Minister Roy McTaggart who will be taking over the leadership



► Minister McTaggart announces Tourism Stipend Increase

reins of the coalition-leading People’s Progressive Party from outgoing Premier Alden McLaughlin, has credited prudent economic management.

“As we continue to navigate through this global pandemic, I’m happy to be able to report today that we are in a much better place than we anticipated at the start of the pandemic,” the Finance Minister stated.

With an unmistakable nod to the election campaign and pushing the party’s prospects for a return to power, Mr McTaggart said:

“We have over two terms now demonstrated fiscal leadership by creating substantial surpluses that were used to reduce debt by more than half, rebuild cash reserves and to fund large infrastructure

projects from cash without increasing taxation or debt.”

In full campaign mode, he continued: “Few other past administrations, if any, can lay claim to similar accomplishments. But this administration can. And we did it with sound planning, judgement and leadership. That sound planning ensured that when COVID-19 hit we were as well prepared financially to weather the storm even with borders closed.”

The PPM leader-designate said, “That is the same planning, judgement, and leadership that prepared the country financially for an economic downturn that helped guide these Islands through the worst of 2020 and is helping bring some confidence to our prospects in 2021.

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Dart Real Estate announces its newest residential offering in Camana Bay

Kapok, Camana Bay's newest residential building, is scheduled for completion in August 2022.

Named for a majestic tropical tree, this new 10-storey for-lease apartment building is located at 108 Bismarckia Way, across from Foster's supermarket. In addition to residential premises, Kapok features more than 15,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space, now available for pre-lease.

The Dart commercial leasing team is actively accepting proposals for the retail spaces. New tenants will be carefully considered based on which key amenities are most additive to Kapok's residents and those businesses which add to the "bustling village feel of the Town Centre," said Jennifer Ebanks, senior manager of leasing for Dart.

"We have seen continued demand for quality commercial and residential spaces," she added, "which we are confident Kapok will help meet. In Camana Bay, 97% of our commercial spaces are filled, so we are excited to have this retail inventory coming online to allow us to welcome new tenants to Camana Bay's vibrant Town Centre."

In spite of global volatility as a result of the pandemic, the commercial real estate market on Grand Cayman has shown strong resiliency, Ebanks added. "Our next commercial building, 60 Nexus Way, is under construction in the southern part of the Town Centre, and we are receiving multiple enquiries for office space there as well."

Kapok features thoughtful, modern design, with residential amenities celebrating the best of outdoor living, including an outdoor swimming pool, outdoor kitchen and observation deck featuring panoramic views. Dedicated parking and a shared resident leisure lounge are also planned. The building design incorporates a combination of textures through the use of metal, stone and concrete as well as warm lighting and wood panels.

Kapok will offer 89 for-lease apartments ranging from studios to three-bedroom floor plans. Residential leasing will commence in 2022, although interested parties are welcome to contact Provenance Properties, the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Estate in the Cayman Islands, to register their interest by emailing kapok@camanabay.com.

To enquire about leasing retail space on the ground floor of Kapok, contact leasing@dartrealestate.com or +1.345.640.3600.

About Camana Bay

A destination within a destination, Camana Bay is a vibrant town located in the heart of Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory.

Situated on 685 acres between Seven Mile Beach and the North Sound, this mixed-use master-planned community is one of the first examples of New Urbanism in the Caribbean.

Developed by Dart Real Estate, Camana Bay offers more than 650,000 square feet



► A rendering of the northwest entrance to Kapok in Camana Bay, estimated for completion in August 2022

of commercial office and retail space as well as 63 luxury apartments available for long-term lease, and condos, townhomes and duplexes at OLEA, Camana Bay's first for-sale residential project. The town also offers public spaces for all to enjoy, world-class shopping and dining, as well as family-friendly entertainment, events and attractions.

For more information, visit camanabay.com and keep up with the latest developments on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

About Dart Real Estate

Dart Real Estate is a development company based on Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory.

The company's flagship development is the 685-acre mixed-use, master-planned town of Camana Bay, the Caribbean's first and only community founded on the principles of New Urbanism.

Dart Real Estate's portfolio continues to grow with the addition of world-class Seven Mile Beach developments, including the LEED® Silver-certified Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa, The Residences at Seafire, The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman, an upcoming five-star resort and residences, and Paradise Villas on Little Cayman. Dart Real Estate also manages Regatta Office Park, Flagship Building, Island Plaza and the Cayman Islands Yacht Club. It developed the residential neighbourhoods of North Creek and Salt Creek. In addition, the 26-acre Dart Nursery propagates and supplies native plants and trees for all of its developments and properties.

Dart Real Estate strives to enhance the quality of life and to create opportunities for all in the Cayman Islands through purposeful placemaking, meaningful connections and lasting experiences that transcend bricks and mortar.

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A Nice end to beautification projects

Hundreds of Caymanians and residents took part in beautification projects around Cayman in December and then again in January, projects that gave two weeks of work to the unemployed as well as enhanced the appearance of public areas. Newly released figures indicate that a total of 742 people registered to work with the Government's National Enhancement (NiCE) Project, one of which was held from 7th to 18th December 2020 and another from 11th to 22nd January 2021.

The projects were led by the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, and gave work to 684 Caymanians and 58 people married to Caymanians.

Project Manager, Lois Kellyman said Covid-19 restrictions had them operate slightly differently this year, the third year that the Ministry had led the effort.

"We decided to undertake NiCE registration last November in the districts to keep within national COVID-19 regulations, which limit gatherings of more than 500 people," Mrs Kellyman said.

As a result, smaller work groups than usual were deployed to work with super-

visors from WORC, the Department of Environment, Public Works Department, National Roads Authority. Groups were also assigned to the Mosquito Research & Control Unit and the Agricultural Grounds.

As well as clearing scrub, roadside remediation work and clearing beach accesses, NiCE teams tackled general maintenance work at the Agricultural Grounds and refurbishment of the truck scale at the George Town Landfill.

CPI Minister, Joey Hew, said over the years, they had developed the project into a multi-agency programme, including WORC and others, that played a pivotal role in the employment and training of Caymanians.

"I think we are at a place where we can extend the programme. We can look to start partnering with other agencies and perhaps extend the project over a longer period of time and use as a training programme, a second chance programme, a bit of a rehabilitation or on the work training programme for some of the folks who are fully able and capable of working



but for whatever reason unable to find full-time employment at this time," he advised.

"We were pleased to offer gainful temporary employment in the run up to

Christmas and in the new year to retirees who still felt able to put in a few weeks as well as the under employed and those who are unable to work for varying reasons," Minister Hew said.

Smith Road Pharmacy to close temporarily for expansion

The Health Services Authority (HSA) advises the public that the Smith Road Centre Pharmacy location will be temporarily closed effective Saturday, 6 February 2021.

The closure of the Smith Road location is a necessary action to facilitate further development of the building space, which will be expanded to make room for the relocation of the Main Pharmacy from the Cayman Islands Hospital to the Smith Road Centre.

"The expansion of our pharmacy services and relocation of our Main Pharmacy to the Smith Road Centre is a part of our Master Facility and Service Development Plan to increase services and enhance access to care," said Chief Pharmacist Colin Medford. "The changes we are making



will help us to better meet the needs of the people who visit our pharmacies by delivering convenience and efficiency, in addition to expediting the process of medication dispensing."

To manage this redirection of patients to the Cayman Islands Hospital, the Main Pharmacy will extend its opening hours as of Monday, 8 February. The new hours will be Mondays - Fridays 8:00 am - 9:00 pm and Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays 8:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Wastewater COVID Discount Policy Extended

The Water Authority Wastewater COVID-19 Discount Policy for commercial customers has again been extended by an additional three (3) months; which now means customers may apply for a discount on wastewater bills for April 2020 through March 2021. Customers who want to benefit from this temporary discount, must make the request in writing and provide

1) water consumption records for the entire calendar year 2019 and

2) the Cayman Water Company bill(s) for the month(s) under consideration. Requests should be submitted to info@waterauthority.ky.



Water Authority - Cayman

For more updates, please visit the Authority's website www.waterauthority.ky and social media pages.

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

Planned Works – Anthony Drive Infrastructure Upgrade

Water Authority - Cayman wishes to advise its valued customers and the motoring public of planned works to upgrade the water supply infrastructure along Anthony Drive, between the Smith Road and Andy Drive intersections. **Works will begin on Monday 8 February and the project will last 6 to 8 weeks.**

Through the course of the work customers in the area may experience service outages. The Authority make every effort to give advanced notice related to outages. Customers can also visit our website www.waterauthority.ky for updates or tune into Radio Cayman for outage notices.

Motorists are advised to avoid driving in the area between 6:30 a.m. to 2:30



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p.m. weekdays during the works. If motorists must use the road, they are encouraged to drive with caution and follow all traffic signs to ensure their and the Authority's staff safety.

The Water Authority appreciates the patience and understanding of its customers and the public as it undertakes these works, and apologises for any inconvenience this may cause.

DEH Relocates Recycling Depot in Red Bay

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) wishes to inform the public that the recycling depot located at Hurley's will be closing as of Saturday 13 February.

DEH noted that this was the end to a long standing and successful partnership and thanked Hurley's and Grand Harbour for their support of the recycling scheme to this date.

At this time DEH is seeking an alternative location to service the Red Bay and Prospect communities.

DEH thanks the community for their continued efforts towards creating a greener Cayman through recycling. The



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public is asked to use an alternative location either at Foster's Countryside or Foster's George Town for recycling in the interim.

Details on the new site will be provided as soon as the new location is up and ready.

US\$200 Million frozen in anti-money laundering clampdown

The Cayman Islands Bureau of Financial Investigations (CIBFI) has secured court orders freezing US\$200 million, in what the authorities describe as “a significant contribution to combatting money laundering and related offences”.

CIBFI Chief Inspector, Richard Barrow said the funds seized are “part of several ongoing international investigations and have been frozen by the jurisdiction as part of the investigative process.”

He also disclosed that “a small number of which relate to the potential financing of terrorism.”

National Coordinator for the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group (AMLSG), Elisabeth Lees, says, “Although it is still in its infancy, the Bureau, along with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, has already secured restraint orders, which are proven tools to prevent the dissipation of assets by money launderers.”

She adds that the team is essential for the Cayman Islands as we seek to ensure that we are investigating and prosecuting

criminal cases in line with our risk profile and international standards.”

According to a government press release, the Cayman Islands has been tasked with implementing recommendations by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), the regional body of the FATF (Financial Action Task Force) on combatting money laundering and financing of terrorism.

The government says implementation of their recommendations “is essential to support national compliance and, as a result, protect the Cayman Islands from being placed upon the “grey list” by the FATF.”

An assessment of the steps being taken by the jurisdiction is expected to be announced by the FATF this month following an ‘observation period’ from February 2019 to October last year.

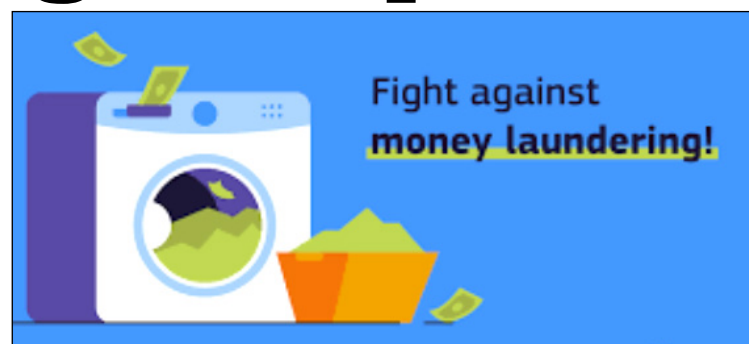
The newly appointed Head of the Bureau, Victoria Templeman, says they are committed to developing the unit into a global centre for excellence, working in

partnership with national and international stakeholders such as Interpol and Europol.

“Investigation, collaboration and intelligence sharing with our counterparts across the globe position the Bureau as an essential part of international crime-fighting efforts when it comes to money laundering and related offences.”

She said, “The Bureau offers a diverse range of expertise, particularly with regards the quickly evolving area of cybercrime. It has also successfully harnessed home-grown talent, who offer a comprehensive knowledge of the vast and multifaceted financial services industry enjoyed by the Cayman Islands.”

The 11-member CIBFI consists of specialists with experience in the Cayman Islands, the UK, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Sweden says it follows “a strategic international recruitment campaign to ensure experienced and accredited financial investigators, police and civilian professionals and financial analysts.”



The Bureau says personnel numbers are expected to grow during 2021, as it develops and undertakes increasingly complex and sophisticated investigations.

The Cayman Islands Bureau of Financial Investigations (CIBFI) was established in March 2020, from an interim task force set up in April 2019. It is a separate entity from the Financial Crime Investigation Unit, which deals primarily with domestic financial crime matters.

The Bureau says it “utilises advanced law enforcement techniques in the investigation of complex, cross-border financial crimes, while conducting pro-

active analysis of intelligence alongside financial transactions.”

It also provides outreach to private sector stakeholders, alongside the Financial Reporting Authority (FRA), on topics that include typologies and the findings from the jurisdiction’s National Risk Assessment.

The CIBFI says “this is essential to ensure active collaboration between industry and law enforcement in the tackling of sophisticated organised crime.”

It says the Bureau’s work also forms a vital prong in the Cayman Islands’ strategy to meet and exceed international anti-money laundering standards.

PILOTS DECLARE MAXIMUM CONFIDENCE IN MAX 8

In what equates to the ultimate vote of confidence, the Cayman Islands Pilots Association (CAPA) says it supports the decision to ‘unground’ Cayman Airways’ two 737 Max 8 planes.

“We look forward to having you our valued customers, as well as our own family and friends back on board the 737-8,” CAPA said in a statement following the announcement that the aircraft had been cleared to return to commercial operations.

The endorsement comes as Cayman Airways prepares the planes for passenger service by the middle of this month.

Airlines around the world were ordered in 2019 to take the Boeing 737 Max-8 out of service following two fatal crashes which led to extensive investigations into the cause and resulted in a series of comprehensive modifications to the aircraft.

In the statement signed by CAPA president Captain Gary R Hyndes and First Officer Norbert ‘Kel’ Thompson Jr - chairman of CAPA’s safety committee - the pilots say the aircraft is “one of the safest to fly now.”

“The consensus is that because of the extraordinary scrutiny from several Civil Aviation Authorities around the world which involved hundreds of professionals pilots and engineers, we can say without hesitation that this aircraft is one of the safest to fly now.”

They further state that “it is our professional opinion that a well-trained and



competent crew will only add to the layers of safety now mandated by the rectification process.

Cayman Airways is singled out for its “commitment to pilot training” which CAPA says “meets or exceeds every Civil Aviation Authority’s regulatory requirement.”

The pilots association said during the 22 months that the aircraft was grounded, its members continued to be simulated.

“It is also noteworthy to mention that our members receive training every six months, whereas many airlines around the world train their pilots less frequently to save on their training costs - as little as once every 18 months.

“It is our learned opinion that the frequency and quality of training we receive enhances the ability of our members to respond appropriately to any unforeseen abnormal situations,” the statement said.

To remove any lingering doubts in the minds of the travelling public, the pilots association gave this commitment:

“We the members of the CAPA would like to reiterate to the travelling public that safety remains our highest priority when operating any aircraft and we will never prioritize economics or flight schedules over safety.

We look forward to having you our valued customers, as well as our own family and friends back on board the 737-8.”

Regional bank honours star achievers Cayman

Despite severe restrictions on travel which prevented the usual gathering in Barbados, CIBC FirstCaribbean reached around the region recently to honour its brightest and best performers for 2020.

Chief Executive Officer Colette Delaney told those gathered for the online Achievers Awards Ceremony that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has caused staff at all levels to work even harder to meet the needs of clients and she praised them for rising to the challenge.

"Difficult times have called for innovative approaches to our work, and I am extremely proud of the way our entire team has risen to the challenge," Ms. Delaney said.

"You are the embodiment of the fact that one can excel in the most trying of circumstances," the CEO told the 10 outstanding achievers drawn from the bank's business units in Antigua, Barbados, Bahamas, Cayman Islands, Dominica and Grenada and who were rewarded for outstanding performances in Retail and Business Banking, Corporate and Investment Banking and Enterprise Security & Fraud Management.

She noted that the bank's "matrix structure" also positioned it to readjust to the new work from home environment "as we are quite used to multi-national teams working across borders, often by conference calls and our latest toys – WebEx and Microsoft teams, so to say that FirstCaribbean didn't miss a beat when the pandemic hit would be an understatement!"

Platinum Manager Laveda Burton and Sales Specialist Kerrin White were the awardees for the Cayman Islands.

Laveda is the top performer among all platinum managers across the region and received numerous commendations and rave reviews from clients. Kerrin surpassed her annual targets by mid-year ending the year at 201%. Her results have had a significant impact on the overall success of the Cayman team and she is ranked number one in the regional sales.

Barbadian Lian Richards, Senior Analyst, Fraud Risk Management was presented with an Award of Distinction for her outstanding abilities as a fraud investigator.

Other awardees were Sales Specialist Michael Roach of Antigua, Senior Officer, Corporate and Investment Bank-



► Specialist Kerrin White



► Platinum Manager Laveda Burton

ing, Shevette Strachan and Relationship Manager, Nickia McPhee of the Bahamas, Manager, Business Performance and Strategy Implementation, Kevin Hinds and Jeffrey Newton, Head, Credit Underwriting and Portfolio Management of Barbados, Small Business Officer, Caryl Fontaine of Dominica and Manager, Business Banking, Eberna White of Grenada.

"The excellence you have displayed, that got you nominated for these awards, shows your leadership capability and we are relying on you to go back out there and help us keep up the teamwork and collegial spirit." Ms. Delaney told the award winners.

Guest speaker Sonia Layne-Gartside, an internationally acclaimed Organizational Change Management (OCM) professional and author of the book "Workplace Anxiety - How to refuel and Reengage", spoke on the topic: Thriving in Uncertainty: Why 2021 will be even bigger and better for you.

She told the awardees that they were "gems who have shown remarkable resilience in time of uncertainty". She challenged them to go back to the organization and "sprinkle some of their resilience, ability to be agile and to look pass the challenges of the pandemic and to excel in this extraordinary way".

PURCHASE OF SHARES IN FIRSTCARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL BANK LIMITED BY GNB FINANCIAL GROUP LIMITED FROM CIBC WILL NOT PROCEED

CIBC remains majority shareholder in FirstCaribbean

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce ("CIBC") today announced that the transaction that would have seen GNB Financial Group Limited acquire a majority stake in FirstCaribbean International Bank Limited ("FirstCaribbean") will not proceed as the transaction did not receive approval from FirstCaribbean's regulators.

"While this transaction would have supported FirstCaribbean's long-term growth prospects, it is only one way of supporting growth for our bank going forward. CIBC has held a majority ownership stake in FirstCaribbean for a number of years, and there exists an excellent working relationship with a shared focus on meeting the needs of our clients" said Colette Delaney, CEO, FirstCaribbean.

"FirstCaribbean is a strong, well-run bank which is adjusting sensibly to the economic reality of the pandemic and is well-positioned to recover as the economies of the region recover. We remain laser focused on delivering on our strategy – providing our clients with first class service through a modern everyday banking experience and providing our employees with the best possible work experience.

CIBC FirstCaribbean is a relationship bank offering a full range of market leading financial services through our Corporate and Investment Banking, Retail and Business Banking and Wealth Management segments. The bank is located in sixteen (16) countries around the Caribbean, providing banking services through approximately 2,900 employees in 64 branches and offices. CIBCFIB is one of the largest regionally listed financial services institutions in the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean, with US\$12 billion in assets and market capitalization of US\$2 billion.

About FirstCaribbean

FCIB is a leading financial institution operating throughout the English and Dutch-speaking Caribbean with a strong balance sheet and regionally-leading digital banking capabilities. FCIB's team, extensive branch network, ongoing investments in technology and unwavering client focus are competitive differentiators that enable it to maintain its leadership in the Caribbean banking sector.



► FirstCaribbean International Bank main entrance

About CIBC

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23,647 voters ready to choose new Government



ELECTIONS OFFICE
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Last week the Elections Office published the Revised Register of Electors, revealing that 23,647 people were eligible to vote in the upcoming 26th May election. The list is subject to objections or claims raised during the revision period, however if none are forthcoming, this will be the definitive list used in the next General Election.

The voting populace has increased by 2,421 new electorates, or 11.4 per cent more than the total number of voters at the last April 2017 General Election, with 1,406 new voters added to the 1 January 2021 Official list of Electors.

The district which saw the highest increase in new voters was Newlands, with

an increase of 18.4 per cent in new voters when compared to April 2017, while Cayman Brac East actually saw a decrease in voter numbers, by 1.2 per cent. Other districts which saw hefty increases in its voter numbers over the last General election were North Side, with a 16.8 per cent increase, West Bay North (16.6 per cent increase), George Town East (15.3 per cent increase), West Bay South (14.8 per cent increase) and Prospect (14.6 per cent increase). Districts with the lowest increase after Cayman Brac East were Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman, with just a 1.6 per cent increase, West Bay West with just a 3.8 per cent increase and George Town West with a 5.3 per cent increase. All other districts had an almost or above 10 per cent increase in their voters.

The Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell was pleased with the efforts made by the district Registering Officers and the Elections Office team who, he said, worked hard to process all application forms and change of details forms that were received.

"The Registering Officers and Elections Office team were fantastic as they delivered an efficient and professional service, answering countless telephone calls and



assisting hundreds of persons with the important step of registering to vote. Especially on the last day for voter registration (20 January) when a total of 506 new voter application forms and 256 change of details forms were received, 392 of which were delivered in person. I am very thankful to work with these outstanding public servants," Mr Howell said.

The next deadline to register to vote is 1 April 2021. Those who register on or before this date will be added to the Register of Electors that becomes official on 1 July 2021. These persons registering after midnight on 20 January 2021 will not be able to vote in the May 2021 General Election. Information on how to register to vote is available at elections.ky.

COX LUMBER OFFERS 2 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL STUDENTS

Cox Lumber, Cayman's #1 contractor supplier is continuing its annual tradition of awarding two \$2000 CI scholarships to two different Caymanian students who plan on attending college in the next year.

Following on the footsteps of late founder Lynton Tibbetts (who generously supported local students and the community) they are excited to continue this scholarship program. These scholarship monies can be used for any expenses including books, fees, room and board, school supplies or misc. expenses related to their schooling.

Interested students should email why they should be considered. Include a short paragraph on their accomplishments, their chosen school to continue their education and their goals.

Deadline for consideration is May 31st. The 2 scholarship recipients will be contacted and announced on local radio and posted on Cox Lumber's social media pages June 7th.

Email address for interested students is Scholarship@coxlumberLtd.Com

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COVID vaccination schedule week of 8th February 2021

The Public Health Department has published the COVID-19 vaccination schedule for the week commencing Monday 8th February 2021.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to administer Dose 2 vaccinations for persons due from Stage 1, Group A, B and C.

"It is imperative that we vaccinate as many of our vulnerable persons in the community as possible," said Dr Hazel Brown, HSA Chief Nursing Officer and Acting CEO. "I encourage all persons 60 years and older to please come forward to get your vaccine. If you have not yet received your first dose, you may attend the vacci-

nation clinic during any of the published times to receive your vaccine. Age is the leading contributor to severe COVID-19 disease and poor outcomes. Protecting yourself will also help protect the vulnerable in the community."

Individuals receiving their second dose are reminded that the date noted on the vaccination card for the second dose is the **earliest date** in which you can receive the vaccine. If you received your first dose at a District Health Centre you can receive your second dose at the airport should you choose to do so on your appropriate date and Surname time.

"The new offsite COVID vaccination clinic at the airport has proven to be a great location to administer the vaccine in large numbers," Dr Brown said. "It has significantly improved our efficiency and has improved the overall experience for patients as it has a large space, ample parking and reduces the wait time. We remind people to come throughout your allocated time slot as arriving early to wait in a queue is not necessary."

As a reminder, the vaccination clinic previously located at the Cayman Islands Hospital is now located at Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) check-in area. Facemasks are also required at all of the vaccination clinics.

If you are home bound and unable to attend one of the vaccination clinics, please contact the Flu Hotline 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 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.

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

When receiving your second dose, you MUST also bring along your vacci-



► HSA Registered Nurse, Alicia Gaynor, administers the COVID vaccine at the Offsite Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)

nation card reflecting your first dose. Public Health will not be administering the vaccine before the date noted on your vaccination card.

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 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

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

Wednesday, 10 February 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 10:00am	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	North Side Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname A - D	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname E - G	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname H - M	DOSE 2
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname N - Z	DOSE 2
Thursday, 11 February 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 10:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	West Bay Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
Friday, 12 February 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 10:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A, B, C - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B, C - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
*Schedule and groups subject to change. Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky			
Stage 2, Group A - 16+ years old with medical conditions			
The Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic is now located in the ticketing area of the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA). Please park in Long Term Parking.			
When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose. The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.			
Facemask & Photo ID required			



► Pastor Dave Jorge, First Baptist Church, receives his first dose of the COVID vaccine

ROW OVER CIVIL PARTNERSHIP JUDICIAL REVIEW

By Staff Writer

THE Governor Martyn Roper is being called on by the LGBTQ+ rights organisation Colours Cayman to investigate a series of conflicting statements from the Judicial Administration office about public access to information about an ongoing judicial review.

The issue revolves around last year's decision by the Governor to use his Reserved Powers in the Constitution to override the then-Legislative Assembly (now Parliament) of the Cayman Islands to enact the controversial Civil Partnership law for same-sex couples.

The judicial review into the Governor's decision was requested in October by attorney Kattina Anglin, public relations officer for the organisation Christian Association for Civics (CAC).

Ms Anglin and Colours Cayman are on opposite sides of the gay rights debate.

In its request for the investigation, Colours Caribbean refers to conflicting statements attributed to the Judicial Administration office on a media request for access to information about the review.

"I reached out the judge who was presiding over the Leave Application and based on indications received from the judge, the ex parte application was not made available to the public," an extract of an email from the Clerk of the Court said.

Another quote stated that the Clerk "ha[d] not be[en] granted permission to place any documents in relation to this matter on the public register."

Colours Cayman also referred to a subsequent statement issued via the Gov-

ernment Information Service(GIS) on the matter seeking to clarify the matter:

"The earlier communication from Judicial Administration sent to CNS stating that (i) Justice Williams had been consulted by the Clerk of Courts concerning the application being made public and (ii) Justice Williams had indicated that the ex parte application was not to be made available to the public was not accurate," it stated.

That GIS release went on to say: "For the avoidance of doubt, Justice Williams was not consulted and he gave no such direction. That judgment was not uploaded to the Judicial Website, as it was inadvertently overlooked."

According to the GIS release: "The application was not placed on the Public Register because it was ex parte in nature and in keeping with what is often done in such cases. This case being of genuine public interest ought not to have been embargoed in any way without an order from the judge, and no such order was made."

It confirmed that "on 22 January 2021, upon being informed that the ex parte application had not been placed on the public register, Justice Williams ordered that to be done."

"For the avoidance of doubt," it concluded, "Justice Williams did not direct that the publication of the judgment be restricted in any way."

According to Colours Cayman, "This corroboration of aspects of the email of the Clerk of Court must not in any way be taken as an attack to the integrity of Justice Williams or the judiciary, but rather a simple and unavoidable fact that flows



from the written statements of different independent and reputable sources."

It goes on to say: "It would be wholly wrong, of course, to favour the Clerk of Court assertions over those of Justice Williams or vice versa. Each assertion simply needs to be probed as a consequence of the Statement of the Court, which by its content dictates that one of the parties is being untruthful," it further states.

According to Colours Cayman, "either the judge was consulted and directed to keep the written authorisation away from

the public as the Clerk of Court asserts or Justice Williams was not consulted and gave no such direction as the judge asserts."

In calling on the Governor to mount an investigation into the issue, the gay rights organisation states: "Colours Caribbean respectfully submits that Your Excellency will be failing Her Majesty if when faced, as you are, with the 50 per cent chance that a Judge has been untruthful, you were not to discharge your constitutional role and responsibility towards Her Majesty."

Cayman Islands Little League Sets Out to Restore the Dream

On Saturday, 30 January, the Cayman Islands Little League Association (CILLA), in partnership with the YMCA of the Cayman Islands launch its public fundraising campaign at the Field of Dreams.

The project, referred to as "One Team One Dream", is estimated to cost \$2.1 million; \$1.6 million has already been raised in donations. The renovation will include replacement turf for all four fields, additional enhancements to the fencing and lighting currently in place and building refurbishment.

"We are very excited about this project, and what it will mean for the Cayman community. Updating our facility and installing new turf for the baseball and softball fields will provide a safe environment for the kids to develop skills, meet new friends and learn sportsmanship while playing the game," said John Cridland, President of CILLA.

David Watler, Chairman of the YMCA, said he is thrilled with the progress of the project thus far.

"This project will impact the 3000-plus people that use this facility every year. Little League provides so many benefits within our community well beyond the physical wellness. It brings our community together and involves all ages, nationalities and genders. It builds strong character



► Working Together Y and Cilla Board members (L to R) David Watler, JC Calhoun, Erwin Freeland, John Cridland, Melissa McWatt, Andrew Holiness, Alex McCallister, Rhonda Kelly and Brent McComb

skills such as teamwork, sportsmanship, and leadership. The Y is so pleased with our Little League partnership and this project will serve to strengthen our community and that partnership even more."

CILLA has more than 400 players on its roster, ranging in age from 4 to 17-years old. Participation has remained free to the public for over 30 years, thanks to the Association's community partners.

Donations for the "One Team One Dream" project are now being accepted. For more information or to donate, visit www.littleleague.ky or contact info@littleleague.ky.



► A/Supt. Brad Ebanks & HR Officer Samantha Bodden pose with the tour participants

RCIPS Hosts Career Tour for Young People

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this initiative, we wanted to invite interested young people to get an inside look at our operations by meeting with the various units. This enabled them to get a firsthand experience and become more aware of the various career opportunities available across our Uniformed and Civilian Units, including but not limited to Human Resources, Finance, and IT," said Human Resources Officer Samantha Bodden.

The students were greeted at RCIPS Headquarters by Deputy Commissioner Kurt Walton, Deputy Chief Officer, (seconded) Nancy Barnard, Assistant HR Manager, Deserey Gayle and the rest of the team, who presented them with an overview of the RCIPS. Afterwards they visited various units, including the Firearms Response Unit, Crime Scene Investigation Unit, and the Air Operations Unit. They received demonstrations on the police tactical vehicles and equipment, collecting fingerprints, and the features and capabilities of one of the RCIPS helicopters.

"We are always looking for different ways of reaching out to young people in the community who may have an interest in various aspects of law enforcement, and showing them just how versatile the career options within the service are," said Deputy Commissioner Walton. "This was the first RCIPS Career Tour, but it certainly will not be the last. We hope to get even more young people involved going forward, and I was especially pleased to hear that several of the participants expressed interest in interning with the RCIPS in the future."

The RCIPS encourages anyone interested in attending a future Career Tour to contact the RCIPS HR Team at RCIPSRecruitment@rcips.ky to be informed when the next tour is announced. Alternatively, interested persons should follow RCIPS social media channels for future announcements.



► Deputy Commissioner Walton, Asst. HR Manager Deserey Gayle, & HR Officer Samantha Bodden pose with the tour participants



► Officers from the Firearms Response Unit demonstrate some of the equipment they utilize

Girls Softball – Game Report

SOL Pumas 13, SOL Jaguars 7

CILLA Girls Softball continued on Wednesday, February 3rd as the SOL Pumas had two big innings en route to a 13-7 victory over the SOL Jaguars.

Both teams took advantage of several walks, a few hit batters, and a couple of defensive lapses in the first inning, and the SOL Pumas led 6-4 going into the second. The pitching and defense quickly improved and the SOL Pumas only added one run, while the SOL Jaguars plated two runs.

The decisive inning was the third, with Jelyah McLean's 2 RBI single to right field being the big hit in a five run inning for the SOL Pumas. In the bottom of the third, SOL Pumas pitcher Aydis Rostran struck out the side as the SOL Jaguars were unable to score, despite loading the bases. Each team scored one more run in the fourth inning to make the final result 13-7. The SOL Jaguars are to be commended for playing a really competitive game while missing a few key players.

Aleigha General and Kenia Rostran scored two runs each for the SOL Pumas, while Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin was on base three times and had 2 RBIs. Rio Windsor and Hannah Lawrence scored two runs apiece for the SOL Jaguars and pitchers Clara Ramos and Withney Jackson combined for seven strikeouts.

The defensive play of the game was made by Aleigha General, Kenia Rostran and Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin of the SOL Pumas, as they teamed up on a rare 1-2-5 double play!

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Pumas	6	1	5	1	—	13
SOL Jaguars	4	2	0	1	—	7

SOL Panthers 27, SOL Pumas 7

The second game of the week was played on Saturday, February 6th and the SOL Panthers scored multiple runs in every inning on their way to a convincing 27-7 win over the SOL Pumas.

Keirsten McLaughlin, Demae Lee, McKenna Knapik and Sofia Watler each scored



► SOL Panthers

four runs for the winners, with Demae's fourth inning grand slam being the big hit of the game. In addition to some excellent hitting by several players, the SOL Panthers also took advantage of several walks and a few errors. Eowyn Hawkins continued her consistent hitting this season with two more solid line drive hits. Catcher Jahzara Barnes made a good throw to put out a runner at first after a dropped

third strike. Stephanie Menko, playing third base, made a perfect throw to retire a runner at first. Pitcher Sofia Watler had a good game on the mound, especially in the second and third innings, as she held the hitters in check.

Kenia Rostran had a solid RBI hit for the SOL Pumas, and she came all the way around to score the second run on the play when the outfield misplayed the ball.

Young outfielder DeShae Cann continues to improve and is already showing a great understanding of the game in her first year of Girls Softball.

Unfortunately the SOL Pumas allowed several fielding errors as it just wasn't their night. The good news is that they have already have a victory and they are only half a game out of first place with lots of time left in the season.

Both teams looked superb in their beautiful new uniforms, proudly sponsored by SOL Petroleum.

Games continue on Wednesday, February 10th as the SOL Jaguars take on the SOL Panthers at 6:30 pm.

On Saturday, February 13th the SOL Pumas take on the SOL Jaguars at 6:30 pm.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Panthers	6	6	4	11	—	27
SOL Pumas	5	0	2	—	—	7

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
SOL Panthers	1	0	1	39	19	0
SOL Pumas	1	1	0	20	34	0.5
SOL Jaguars	0	1	1	19	25	1



► SOL Pumas

2021 CUC Open Water Swim

Conditions were perfect for the 32nd Annual CUC Open Water sea swim which took place on Saturday 30 January.

Over 90 swimmers took to the water, including CUC's CEO Mr. Richard Hew (who finished second in his age group); and two swimmers who used the 400m distance as an opportunity to try out open water.

"We are grateful to CUC for their continued sponsorship of Cayman Swimming," said Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association (CIASA) President, Michael Lockwood. "We had great weather and a great turn out for the swim," he continued "and our ability to gather and enjoy our beautiful Seven Mile Beach is a blessing not lost on us."

First swimmer to finish was Stingray Swim Club's Jake Bailey (10:01), Seven Mile Swimmers' Will Sellars and James Allison were second and third respectively (10:05, and 10:15). First woman to finish was Stingray's Raya Embury-Brown (10:24), second was Lauren Hew (10:27) and third was Stingray's Kyra Rabess (10:31).



► 2021 CUC Open Water Top 10 Finishers

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Guyanese fishermen freed from Venezuela

Guyana's conflict with Venezuela over a disputed border is intensifying after 12 Guyanese fishermen were freed from a Venezuelan jail.

President Irfaan Ali expressed gratitude to Guyana's regional and international partners for joining in calls for the release of the fishermen who were detained in Venezuela from Jan. 21 for 12 days.

The fishermen along with their vessels, Lady Nayera and Sea Wolf, were intercepted by a Venezuelan navy ship off the coast at Waini Point within Guyana's Exclusive Economic Zone.

Following the detention, Guyana received support from many Caribbean countries, the UK, US, CARICOM, the European Union and the Organization of African Countries.

President Ali said those statements made an impact and contributed to Venezuela releasing the crew and boats who they claimed were fishing illegally in its territorial waters. They appeared in court and were told they would be held for 45 days pending an investigation.

However, following the intervention of Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro, the case was dropped. The detention oc-



► President Irfaan Ali is grateful for international support

curred as Guyana awaits the start of the substantive hearing of the border case.

Guyana is looking to the International Court of Justice to uphold the validity of the 1899 Arbitral Award which settled the land boundary between the two countries. A case management hearing, which has twice been delayed at Venezuela's request, has been set for Feb. 26.

St Lucia and Barbados tighten virus rules

St Lucia and Barbados have stiffened their Covid-19 protocols.

From Feb. 10, all arrivals to Saint Lucia (aged 5 years or older) must provide a negative result from a Covid-19 PCR test taken no more than five days before arrival, down from the previous requirement to produce a test taken seven days prior to arrival.

In line with existing protocols, arrivals must also complete and submit a travel registration form, and adhere to safety protocols in place throughout the island, including wearing a mask in public places.

Screening and temperature checks are mandatory at ports of entry and

throughout visitors' stay, and transfers must be carried out by a certified taxi to Covid-19 approved accommodation.

In Barbados, a curfew has been extended from 7pm to 6am, instead of 9pm to 6am from until Feb. 17.

Beaches will only be open between 7am and 9am and for exercise and swimming only until that date, and some non-essential businesses will remain closed.

This is in addition to existing protocols which include providing a PCR test taken three days before travel. Visitors must remain in their room at their accommodation for five days and then take a second Covid 19 PCR test.



► St Lucia's covid rules have changed

Cuba lifts private business rules

Cuba has announced it will allow private businesses to operate in most industries, in what is a major reform to its state-controlled economy.

The list of authorised industries had expanded from 127 to more than 2,000. Only a minority of industries would be reserved for the state, she said.

The communist country's economy has been hit hard by the pandemic and US sanctions introduced by the Trump administration. Cubans have been facing shortages of basic goods.

Apart from hundreds of thousands of small farms, Cuba's non-state sector is composed mainly of small private businesses run by artisans, taxi drivers and tradesmen. Around 600,000 people, around 13 percent of the workforce, joined the private sector when the opportunity arose.



► Cuban business owners may get a boost

However, a large number of private businesses are involved in the island's tourist industry, which has been hard hit by the pandemic and sanctions.

Given how slowly reforms tend to move in Cuba, it may still be some time before the change is noticeable in daily economic life.

Trinidad cops hunt serial sex killer

Trinidad security forces are hunting a serial killer or killers who they fear may strike again soon. One woman's body was recovered last week and human remains were found close by. The area has seen several women disappear in recent years.

The discovery of human remains at Heights of Aripo, north-east of Arima, just hours after the decomposed body of Andrea Bharatt was found has prompted homicide investigators to widen their investigation to include a series of sex crimes in which women were raped and murdered but their bodies never found.

Bharatt, 23, was kidnapped on Jan. 29, after boarding a car at King Street, Arima, on her way home from work. Her body was found six days later. "We are certain that this man, who is the main suspect in Andrea's murder, used this area as his



► Andrea Bharatt was kidnapped and murdered

dumping ground in the past. This man knows the area well and is well connected," a police spokesman said.

Montserrat offers work from home too

Montserrat is now welcoming digital nomads and work-from-home professionals to settle there for up to 12 months. It has joined the global destinations courting professionals who can work away from their home country.

The idea of the year-long Montserrat Remote Workers Stamp is to give professionals and entrepreneurs the opportunity to experience

a work-life-vacation balance, trading in a routine at-home environment for exotic black-sand beaches and rich cultural offerings during the pandemic.



► Little Bay, Montserrat could entice professional nomads

Application fees for the program are US\$500 for individuals and US\$750 for individuals accompanied by a maximum of three family members. Candidates must show proof of full-time employment, an annual income of minimum US\$70,000 and up-to-date health insurance coverage for applicants and accompanying family members.

Located in the Eastern Caribbean with a total area of just 39.5 square miles, the green mountainous Montserrat possesses a great network of hiking trails and dark-sand beaches. It also has an active volcano, the spectacular Soufriere Hills Volcano.

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

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 In the lead
 - 6 Croc's cousin
 - 11 Dance of Brazil
 - 12 Fragrance
 - 13 Silky-coated dog
 - 15 Fitting
 - 16 "— Abner"
 - 17 Start of a count
 - 18 Some skirts
 - 20 Parts of hearts
 - 23 Pursue
 - 27 Accomplishment
 - 28 Ready for business
 - 29 Home run, in slang
 - 31 Jacket material
 - 32 Showed over
 - 34 Ocean between Eur. and Amer.
 - 37 Clinic nickname
 - 38 "Modern Family" network
 - 41 Stiff, hot drink
 - 44 Juliet's love
 - 45 Cook's mushroom
 - 46 March 17 honoree, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 China setting
 - 2 Angel's instrument
 - 3 Give off
 - 4 Crunch targets
 - 5 Showy flower
 - 6 Dublin tongue
 - 7 Museum subject
 - 8 Visitor to Oz
 - 9 Foreboding sign
 - 10 Quite uncommon
 - 14 Major no-no
 - 18 Bishop's topper
 - 19 Depicted
 - 20 Back, on a boat
 - 21 Pot brew
 - 22 Scoundrel
 - 24 King Kong, for one
 - 25 Take in
 - 26 Finish
 - 30 Very popular
 - 31 Puget Sound city
 - 33 Bird of myth
 - 34 Broadcasts
 - 35 Easy gait
 - 36 Like old lettuce
 - 38 Bushy hairdo
 - 39 Tavern order
 - 40 Boston cager, for short
 - 42 Sailing site
 - 43 Dandy

B	A	L	K	C	A	S	T			
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Yesterday's answer

Word Search

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

- Aught
- Autumn
- Bomb
- Column
- Comb
- Feign
- Gnarled
- Gnat
- Gnaw
- Gnome
- Gnu
- Indict
- Knave
- Knee
- Knife
- Knight
- Limb
- Limn
- Malign
- Mnemonic
- Numb
- Psalm
- Ptarmigan
- Sign
- Thumb
- Writ
- Wrong

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	10
11						12				
13					14					
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46							47			

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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

ONION, IT'S OUR FREN' CURTIS WIMPKINS

OH NO, DERRICK AND ONION!

YO' MAMA'S SO DUMB SHE THINKS CHOCOLATE MILK COMES FROM BROWN COWS!

HA, THAT 'S DUMB! AIN'T IT DUMB?!

BRAY BRAY BRAY BRAY

THE FUTURE COMEDY DUO OF SAN QUENTIN

BRAY HA! BRAY! BRAY! HA HA

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

YOU-SMASHED MY HELMET! WATER-RUSHING OUT--!

CAN'T-BREATHE UP HERE--!

THEN GO WHERE YOU CAN BREATHE, FISH-STICKS!

WHO IS THAT WOMAN? AND WHERE'D SHE COME FROM?

STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 3-17

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

UH, KID--SOPHIE--HOW...HOW DID YOU FIND ME?

I...HAVE TO ADMIT, I DID FOLLOW YOU.

WHAT IS IT WITH EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN?! THE MALL'S DISAPPEARED, SO THE SUBURBS ARE NOW ALL ABOUT STALKING?!

I KNOW IT'S WEIRD! I KNOW IT'S WRONG! I DO...BUT...BUT I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT YOUR EDITORIAL.

MARCELLO + MARY 3-17

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