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Cayman is still a very safe place

Declaring that crime levels in Cayman remain comparatively low, Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne says the Royal Cayman Island Police Service (RCIPS) is nevertheless mindful of how some types of criminal activity could increase once the borders reopen.

The Commissioner, accompanied by several senior ranks, was at the time giving the annual report on crime in Cayman for the period 2019 to 2020.

"2020 was dominated by the COVID 19 pandemic and it completely changed our operating environment," the Commissioner reported.

He said the report showed a reduction across a broad range of crime classifications.

"I suppose the key outcome is that our crime platform remained very stable and very controlled during 2020. And for a successive year, the Cayman Islands remains a very, very safe place to work and to live."

However, as the jurisdiction begins to open up, Commissioner Byrnes noted that so far for 2021 an uptick was being noticed especially in knife crimes.

"Going into 2021 we still have some concerns around the bladed weapons. We're not saying that crime has gone away, we still need to be very alert. None of us have become relaxed or complacent around crime," the Commissioner said.

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► Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne



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OfReg responds to oil tank leak reports

With reports recently circulating in the local media that the November 2019 huge leak of diesel from the Jackson Point storage tank was preventable, the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) has issued a statement in which it says it wanted to clarify the current situation regarding the incident, which occurred at one of its licensee's storage facility.

OfReg said it has been taking "appropriate actions" regarding the tank leak at the Rubis Terminal in late 2019. They said the event kick-started a preliminary investigation conducted by external consultants Spenergy, who only released their report in January of this year.

This report has not as yet been released by OfReg because there were aspects of the investigation still ongoing, they explained. Blaming the global pandemic for slowing down the process, they said to ensure compliance with the necessary legal requirements and protocols (including guaranteeing due process and engagement of the parties concerned), some additional steps were still needed to properly conclude the investigation. They anticipated that their official report would be ready by June of this year and said that the case file would be submitted to the Of-

Regulation and Competition Office of Director of Public Prosecutions for further handling.

OfReg said they wished to assure the public that any potential impact that might have arisen at the time of the incident or subsequently was adequately addressed.

"An environmental assessment was commissioned at the facility and all surrounding areas by the relevant authorities to ensure appropriate action was taken," they confirmed, adding that due to the ongoing nature of the investigation, they could not provide additional comments at this time and that the media would need to wait for the official final report.



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► Alfredo Whittaker received his graduation certificate



► Navaro Pearson received his graduation certificate

Passport 2 Success – a passport 2 Cayman’s future

By Christopher Tobutt

Its young people who need the success of a good job and a sense of achievement that goes with it which make sure a country’s future is secure. 11 students Cohort 33 of the Government’s preparation-for-work program, Passport2Success graduated at the George Town Yacht Club on Wednesday May 12. The 16-week course bridges the gap between school or college learning, and applying that knowledge in the real-life world of work. The students are taught that the most important thing is, “Getting up, dressing up, and showing up,” and if they are prepared to do that, well, Passport2Success can usually do most of the rest.

As is usual, the graduates themselves took part in organizing the program. Tre Bodden and Sabrina Suberan were the greeters, making everyone feel welcome, including VIP’s such as Deputy Premier, Chris Saunders, who began by thanking them for the lovely meal. “This is the first government event I have attended since being elected where I got fed,” he joked. Mr. Saunders told them all about own real-life second-chance story, of how when he first went away on a scholarship to study in New York, he spent the first year partying, before dropping out of college with a GPA of 1.69. Later he was told that because he had dropped out, he would have to repay the 20,000 dollars for his school fees, or



► Passport2Success Cohort 33 graduates, with some of Cohort 32, too, along with course facilitators and members of staff and others who help make the program such a big success

go back and finish his degree. He opted for the latter, he said, taking it a lot more seriously the second time and being very successful.

He encouraged the graduates to keep on “bettering yourself,” as they embraced the opportunities of life-long learning. “Do not be afraid to make mistakes,” he said, because you can learn from your mistakes...Congratulations. We’re here to work for you guys, well done,” he said.

Kacee Dilbert, one of the graduates, came

onstage to present her reflections of what she had learned during Passport2Success: “In the interview I explained what I had been doing with my life, and they said it might not be the program for me because of my long term work she said, but after being accepted she found the other students welcomed her like family. “We had so much fun every day. I thank you for having an open mind and accepting me,” she said, and that she had learned that whatever setbacks you face, you can always overcome them.

Alexander Finnikin came next. He said that he did not feel he was the average passport to success student. “I was fresh out of college...after the interview I was not sure it was going to be a good fit for me,” he said. “Then I got a call from Miss Catherine (Tyson, one of the course fac-

ilitators). I am here sixteen weeks later a totally changed person.

Kylie Bell actually graduated in Cohort 32, several months ago, but along with 5 other ex-students, she had been invited to attend the course again so that she could learn even more and encourage the new students. She said that she had learned, “Opportunities arrive at the right place and the right time,” she said.

Next all the Cohort 33 Graduates took part in a rap-style song about all the things Passport2Success had taught them.

Facilitator Catherine Tyson encouraged the students: Thank you all you beautiful young people ...that have allowed us in your lives,” she said. “We are all here for youthe only thing we can’t be is you thank you so much for just being amazing. Remember that the world is your oyster.



► Aaliyah Brown received the Top Girl award



LIQUOR LICENSING QUARTERLY SESSION

Tuesday, 08 June 2021, at 10:00am,
Government Administration Building, Room 1038,
Elgin Avenue,
George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

1. **Confirmation of minutes:** - Minutes of the Meeting for the March 12th, 2021 session.
 2. **Grant applications:** Applicants shall attend before the Board at the time of the opening of the session and may, in addition, be represented by a person qualified to practise law in the Islands.
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► Minister Bryan with MonaLisa Meade, John Lawrus and Carla Reid

Ministry of Tourism and Transport Staff Meet and Greet New Minister

Hon. Kenneth Bryan, newly appointed Minister of Tourism and Transport hosted a meet and greet on Friday, 7 May, 2021, with over 75 staff members within his portfolio.

The meeting was held at the iconic Pedro St. James Castle, which also falls under the Minister's remit and included staff from the Ministry and Department of Tourism, the Public Transport Unit, the Tourism Attractions

Board with their Board of Directors. DoT staff members based in the US, UK and Canada who are on Island to attend marketing meetings, were also in attendance.

The Minister stated that since taking office he has received a very warm welcome and he has been keen to meet more of the men and women who keep the tourism and transport engines turning. Noting that he was a "young and energetic new Minister," Minister Bryan affirmed his interest in gaining a deeper understanding about the roles that each member of his team plays, so that he could be a better leader and a better Tourism Minister for the Caymanian people. The Minister confirmed that he is keen to build a productive working relationship with his team members, and he encouraged open dialogue and the sharing of ideas.

During his remarks, Minister Bryan discussed his vision and priorities for the



► Minister Bryan Addresses Staff

Ministry of Tourism, which included putting plans in place to safely reopen the borders. "We know that we can't keep the country locked up forever, and therefore we have to start giving serious thought to stimulating the economy and getting people back to work, the Minister stated. "That's why the Ministry of Tourism is doing all that we can to support the vaccination programme to get 80% of our population vaccinated. That is the most effective way to ensure our people are protected going forward," he said.

Commenting on the transportation aspect of his portfolio, Minister Bryan revealed that his vision is to have a first world, first class, Ministry of Transport that is fully supported and resourced, and is able to effectively resolve the Country's transport related issues, particularly regarding traffic.

"It is my goal to transform our approach to public transportation and I am committed to making the necessary amendments to regulations and legislation, that will empower the Ministry of Transport to operate more effectively, with respect to traffic and public transportation in general," he said.

Earlier in the week prior to the staff meet and greet, Minister Bryan visited the Public Transport Unit of office on Eastern Avenue, accompanied by his Chief Officer, Stran Bodden.



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► The exam also involved a practical on the CIFS aviation training ground. One of the two training cohorts is shown on the grounds before the exercise



► Fire Officers with aviation-based training complete a revalidation exam last week (Photos by CIFS)



► Fire Officers during the revalidation practical for their aviation certification

Firefighters Complete Revalidation Course

Two cohorts of fire officers successfully completed a course revalidating their aviation-based firefighting credentials last week.

Sixteen officers received their revalidation after they completed an exam and a practical exercise following several weeks

of training by a visiting instructor, Gary Wright, from the Newcastle International Training Academy.

The instructor who is on-island for three months to conduct various training courses for fire-fighters at all levels delivered the revalidation course.

Other topics on which he is delivering training include: breathing apparatus, supervisor re-evaluation, train-the-trainer, a basic introduction to hazardous materials, quality assurance for recent recruits, etc.

Mr Wright is also providing recommendations on ways the department can im-

prove and build on its current structure. Chief Fire Officer Paul Walker says the goal of the review is to build a strong and forward-looking Fire Service that is a centre-of-excellence and provides training to firefighting partners in the Caribbean and at an international level.

Cayman's first Internet Exchange Point now operational in Camana Bay

Dart and SALT Wireless announced today that the Cayman Islands' first Internet Exchange Point (IXP) will be operational soon at Dart's Data Centre in Camana Bay.

The IXP eliminates Cayman's dependence on international connectivity for lo-

cal internet services and Internet-based communications which, to date, have been exchanged in Miami, Florida, before being sent back to Cayman. SALT Wireless was granted an IXP license by OfReg last month with the goal of reducing the coun-

try's dependence on international digital infrastructure and leading to improved and cheaper internet performance for local users.

SALT Wireless selected the Camana Bay site for its first node as the existing infrastructure at Dart's Data Centre allowed for a quick and secure launch.

"Dart's foresight in the provision of cutting-edge infrastructure has served as a catalyst for our innovation and development of improved internet services for the island," said Blair Lilford, CEO and Founder of SALT Wireless. "We were able to reserve space in the Data Centre and scale up our operations very quickly - something that simply isn't possible anywhere else on the island."

Camana Bay's Data Centre was established almost two decades ago and offers tenants the option to lease IT server space, with additional benefits of with back-up generators for redundancy, dual cooling and 24-hour security on site.

"With more than 800,000 square feet of commercial office space, Dart is committed to providing the type of products, services and amenities that businesses need to prosper here in the Cayman Islands," said Ravi Campbell, Senior Manager IT Operation at Dart. "Safe, secure and fast internet is essential to modern business operations and we are pleased to see the Data Centre being used for this purpose. Our Data Centre is Soc2 certified and we're proud of the services we're able to provide to valued partners such as SALT Wireless to ensure our islands are not left behind as technology advances."

Businesses across the Cayman Islands will benefit from faster, more secure and cheaper internet connectivity. Establishing an IXP is just one of the building blocks needed to work towards this goal. SALT Wireless has plans to install additional nodes in the coming months while also reaching out to Content Delivery Systems (CDNS) to host content such as Netflix or Spotify.



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Women.Code (Cayman) Course Starts Soon

The Gender Affairs Unit (GAU) gave a \$2,500 cheque as part of its ongoing support of the Women.Code (Cayman) programme on Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

The donation, to the not-for-profit tech training provider: Code Cayman, will be used to finance its fifth Women.Code (Cayman) course (Tuesday, 25 May - Tuesday, 29 June 2021). The free programme, being held at Code Cayman's TechLab in Grand Pavilion, George Town, will offer one 90-minute class a week over six weeks.

In view of the programme's growing success, organisers are now expanding its traditional intake by 10 to increase overall class capacity to 25 attendees. Registration for the course is on a first-come-first served basis <https://bit.ly/3tlyAGz>.

Brian Tang of the Cartan Group and Code Cayman Co-founder said: "We are extremely excited to have the Gender Affairs Unit renew its sponsorship for this year. Our flagship Women.Code (Cayman) programme continues to be our most popular programme and embodies our goal to provide equal and accessible opportunities to learn about computer science and software development."

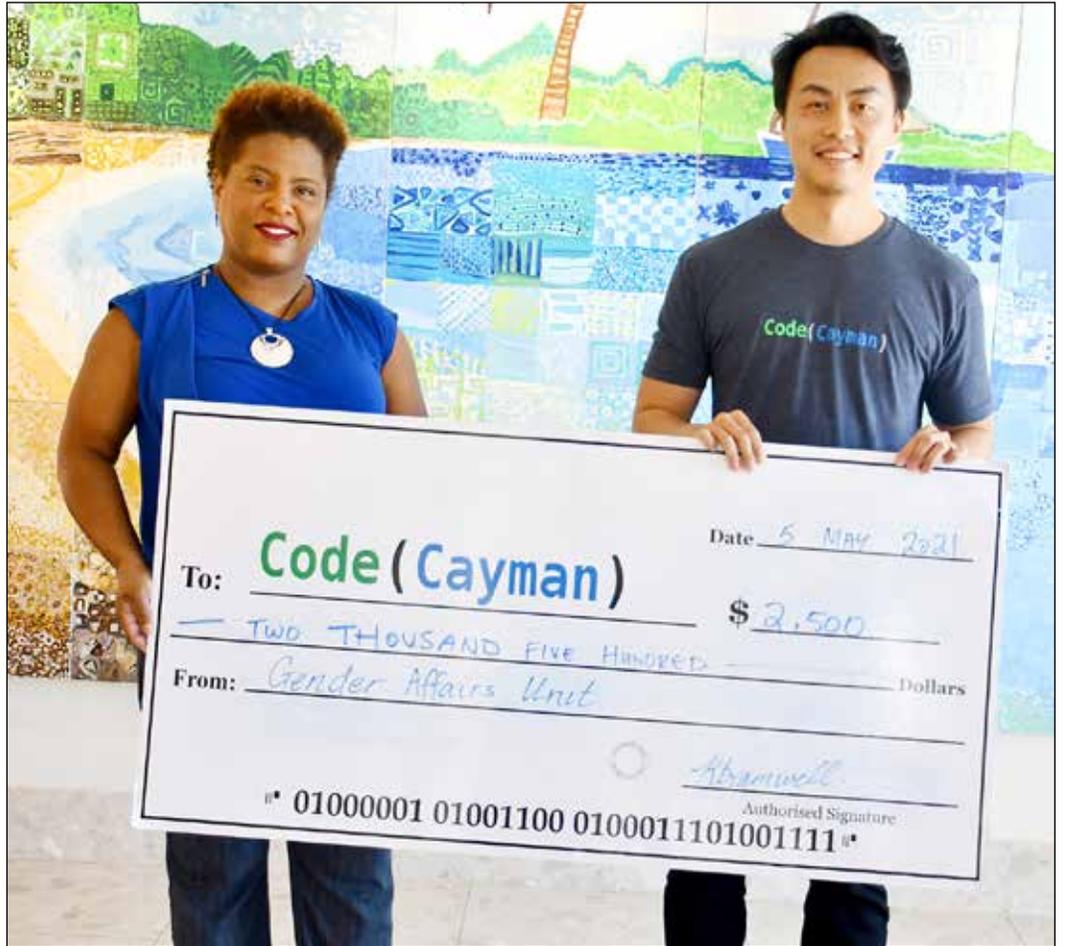
According to Mr. Tang, the not-for-profit's 2021 goal is to provide laptops for use in the Technology Centre for course participants who are unable to provide their own.

GAU's Senior Policy Analyst (Gender, Diversity and Equality), Karlene Bramwell, noted: "The GAU is pleased to provide this sponsorship to Women.Code and the mixed course We.Code. These programmes aim to reduce the gender gap in ICT, while simultaneously enabling participants to obtain skills which can contribute to their individual economic empowerment".

In related Code Cayman news, the training provider has branched out to teach code to school-aged children on Cayman Brac, and recently announced the setting up of its first Excel.Code.(Cayman) and Python.Code Cayman programmes.

By attracting financing from the GAU-, private sector- and international entities, Code Cayman is able to provide zero-cost coding and other tech-related opportunities to many under-represented segments across the islands.

To learn more about the tech training provider and its programmes, visit www.codecayman.com



► Gender Affairs Unit's Senior Policy Analyst (Gender, Diversity and Equality), Karlene Bramwell, gives a cheque to for the Women.Code programme to Code.Cayman co-founder Brian Tang

RCIPS Kicks Off its Commissioners Cup and the Challenger Cup, 11 May

On May 10th the RCIPS Welfare Football Club kicked off its annual football league, the Commissioner's Cup. The theme of the event is "Working In The Community, Working For The Community." The competition is usually well supported by various communities across the islands who play against police teams. This has historically resulted in positive police/community interactions.

The Commissioner of Police, Derek Byrne declared the competition open at the ceremony held at the Cayman Islands Football Association Field. The Minister of Sports, Youth, Culture and Home Affairs, the Hon. Bernie Bush was in attendance and expressed his appreciation for the police positively engaging members of the community through sports. The event is supported by the Cayman Islands Football Association and the President of the, Mr. Alfredo Whittaker was in attendance



and encouraged the teams to continue their positive efforts to engage the youth through sports. Mr. Whittaker also showed his support by allowing access to the CIFA Field to have the games every Tuesday and Thursday for the next eight weeks.

The competition opened with eight RCIPS teams who will compete against various community teams as well as teams from the Health Services Authority, Her Majesty's Prison Service, The Cayman Islands Regiment, The Cayman Islands Coast Guard and



Friends of Police for the ultimate prize - 'The Commissioner's Cup'.

Yesterday, a dress parade competition took place amongst the participating teams. The competition was judged by a few guests at the event. The purple and white Titans won dress comple-

tion over the other six teams that participated.

Members of the public are invited to attend these games and to cheer on their favourite teams.

Regular updates will be posted on the RCIPS social media pages.





► Deputy Premier Hon Chris Saunder with Rita Powell and Francine Jackson, Biennial Opening Reception



► Message in a Bottle

National Gallery's biennial touches on topical themes

By Lindsey Turnbull

Spanning the length and breadth of all three Cayman Islands, the National Gallery's second biennial exhibition, Reimagined Futures, encompasses artwork by 41 of Cayman's artists, who have used the once in every two years forum to touch on important themes of the day.

Curated by Kerri-Anne Chisholm, Paige Jordison, William Helfrecht, Maia Muttoo and National Gallery Director Natalie Urquhart, the large-scale exhibition originally had a selection committee choosing which work would make the cut comprising Amanda Coulson, Davin Ebanks and Emé Paschalides.

Mrs Urquhart said the biennial this year had really grown from year one.

"From the first biennial, it was always designed as a multi-island, multi-venue exhibition, but it's come into its own this year in that it we've got type-specific work in various locations, rather than just finding venues to extend the exhibition to," she explained.

While the majority of the exhibition is on display at the Gallery itself, with around 35 of the 41 artists exhibiting over its two lower galleries, the curators have also collaborated with four different venues for artwork display. These include the Owen Roberts International Airport, the National Trust's Mission House, the QEII Botanic Park, the Little Cayman Museum, along with special programming in Cayman Brac.

"It's been exciting to activate some of these other cultural spaces through art intervention and a lot of the topics have been hot discussion points during the election as well, so it really feels like its been responsive to community dialogue right now," Mrs Urquhart stated. "The artists in general are really making a good job of reflecting that."

Mrs Urquhart explained that biennials, by their very nature, were more 'activist-type' art projects rather than offering perhaps a more traditional idea of art as being beautiful to look at.

"It's very dynamic work which is visiting topics that need to be discussed, so it a

very exciting exhibition with a contemporary feel to it," she confirmed.

The curatorial team asked the artists to use the upheavals that have taken place in the past year to shape their work and as a result, they tackled such issues as the impact of the pandemic, concerns relating to climate change and environmental stewardship, social equity and justice movements, and questions of identity and belonging in the wake of rapid changes within the Cayman Islands.

The resulting exhibition includes work created via a variety of media: from painting, photography and video, to collage, textiles, drawing and sculpture, as well as installation and video art.

Satellite projects and host venues

The Botanic Park is hosting artist John Reno Jackson's mixed media environmental installation *Untitled (2021)*, which, Mrs Urquhart said, was a really interesting installation comprises three outdoor canvas collages.

Reno created his artwork from recycled old canvases out of which he had already created collages and then he put them in free standing frames, setting them up in the middle of the park.

"It's really cool as you walk about the park and see these paintings suddenly popping out of the bush," Mrs Urquhart said. "Art interventions are about helping people rethink the place of art. It doesn't have to be viewed in a museum and we want to activate these conversations all over our country, not just inside certain buildings, so we were very excited to work with Reno on this project."

Space at the Little Cayman Museum is being used to showcase a mini exhibition with 10 artists. Mrs Urquhart said it was really an extension of the exhibition in Grand Cayman and should be viewed collectively.

In Bodden Town, the National Trust's Mission House is hosting Sarah McDougall's *Not My Cup of Tea (2021)*, a dress made of repurposed tea bags.

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► McDougall, Sara, Mission House Installation



► 2nd Biennial Installation View

National Gallery's biennial touches on topical themes

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Mrs Urquhart explained that the tea bags all had plastic in them, so the artist patched-worked them together by ironing the tea bags.

"The plastic melts and holds the tea bags together. It's quite alarming when you think about that much plastic in our tea," she said. "The dress is about consumption and sustainability, raising awareness of

plastic in our consumption practices, but of course she has designed it as an 18th Century dress, so it also alludes to colonial history and the history of the tea trade itself, so we decided to place the dress in an historic space so we can begin activating conversations around colonial history."

The work was completed with support from the artist's Art & Design students at CIFE.

Grand Cayman's Owen Roberts International Airport is another venue for the exhibition. Mrs Urquhart said the National Gallery had had a long partnership with the airport on their art programmes, so they are featuring an installation by artist Heidi Bassett Blair and the students of Montessori By the Sea entitled Messages in a Bottle (2017).

"They've repurposed old bottles and decorated them with lots of iconic repurposed materials from beach trash to silver thatch and then they placed their messages to future generations in the bottles," she explained. "All the messages are environmentally-themed and it's the concerns of the students as to how we are stewarding the environment, so it's a very powerful installation of voices."

Reimagined Futures runs until 27th August.



► SilverThatch Baskets recreated in glass by Davin Ebanks



► Jackson, John Reno, Botanic Park Installation



► Biennial Artists and Curators Gather at the Opening Reception

“CAYMAN REMAINS A VERY SAFE PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE”

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“We do have concerns as we move into 2021 and five months into it now we are dealing with a lot of crime.”

However, in the main, he said “the Cayman Islands remains a very, very safe place to work and to live.”

The RCIPS report shows that in 2020 serious crime in the Cayman Islands continued to decrease with an 18.2% year on year reduction compared to 2019.

In all, there were 3,604 recorded crimes (excluding COVID-19 crimes), equating to a reduction of 12.8%.

That equates to 55 crimes per 1000 population in 2020, down from 59 crimes in 2019.

Overall levels of violent crime reduced by 12% with crimes of serious violence down by 6%, although there was an increase in the number of serious crimes in which a bladed weapon such as a knife was used.

As a response, the RCIPS reports that it initiated Operation Bladerunner in the second half of 2020, to tackle criminal behaviour especially at venues linked to the night-time economy.



In 2020 there was a slight decrease in the number of recorded offences involving domestic abuse, specifically physical violence. This decrease in 2020 goes against the trend of increases seen in recent times.

Regarding drug crimes, last year saw an increase of 12 or 7 per cent.

The RCIPS said a more intrusive approach adopted as part of the response to Covid has led to the detection of some drug crime offending which might not in the past have been recorded.

Over the course of 2020 the RCIPS recovered over 2250 kgs of ganja and 62 kgs of cocaine with an estimated value of CI\$ 5.5 million.

COVID-19 has also had a direct impact on the volumes and types of criminality on

the Cayman Islands according to the RCIPS report.

There were 1882 incidents linked to COVID-19, and the reports shows that many are linked to multiple activities in response to COVID-19 carried out by RCIPS Officers and staff, that fall outside normal duties.

Regarding reports of domestic violence and child safeguarding across the past year, there was an increase of 96 - or 9 per cent - in child safeguarding referrals in 2020 compared to 41 in 2019, which the RCIPS says in line with a pattern noticed over the past several years.

There was a 20 per cent drop in the number of domestic violence referrals last year compared to 2019, a change in

the pattern of steady increases in recent times.

Commissioner Byrne said both domestic violence and child safeguarding issues remain areas of serious concern for the police.

“It’s not just decreasing, it’s a cause of concern to us and factors in the way in which it’s going to diminish. How we’re going to do it is in partnership with all other government agencies or relevant government agencies.”

He said the RCIPS is “overloaded” with the number of reports being received for both domestic violence and child safeguarding matters.

Traffic remains a challenge despite the impact of COVID-19 restrictions last year, coupled with the decrease in population in 2020, contributing to the reduction in the number of vehicle accidents.

There were nine traffic fatalities last year, and three so far for 2021.

“Speeding is one of our major concerns,” the Commissioner said.

The RCIPS which currently has a strength of 517 is planning to add another 30 to 50 officers this year across its various divisions.

Batabano’s Le Masque dinner show slated for Kimpton Seafire Resort

Event to support the HSA’s Dialysis Unit

Batabano’s signature dinner show “Le Masque” is returning to Cayman’s cultural events calendar this year, on June 5, 2021, but at a new and exciting location – the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa.

“Le Masque offers residents an elegant dining experience under the stars and we are so thrilled to be holding it in the beautiful Aurea Terrace and Green at the Kimpton Seafire Resort and Spa this year,”

said Cayman Carnival Batabano Chairperson, Donna Myrie-Stephen. “We are also proud to be donating part proceeds from this event to the Dialysis Unit at George Town Hospital, which is in need of new equipment, so we look forward to the community supporting this most worthy fundraising cause.”

Dinner-show attendees will dine on a delicious 3-course plated dinner while be-

ing entertained by a variety of local artists and dancers performing live throughout dinner. The show then transitions to a night club setting in the Aurea Ballroom from 9pm to midnight, featuring music by local DJ’s Sound Revolution.

In-keeping with the dinner show’s “masquerade” theme, the dress code is el-

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► Woman in Power



► Gem of the World



► Western Fashionista Rebel

Reba Dilbert wins at the World's Most Influential Design Award & Competition

Reba Dilbert, international renowned fashion and costume designer and maker has once again, put the focus on the Cayman Islands by receiving silver awards in the A' Design Award and Competition. According to their website, the A' Design Award and Competition is the world's most influential design award, awarding best designs, design concepts and products & services. The Cayman Islands is the only Caribbean country that has ever been nominated for such a competition.

The competition comprises many different categories, with each category having specific requirements, a dedicated jury and distinct criteria. Ms. Dilbert originally showcased her three beautiful costumes in the category of Fashion, Apparel and Garment Design but the jury members unanimously opted to change the design category to Performing Arts, Style and Scenery Design, stating that it would be a better fit.

With assistance from the Ministry of Culture and the Ministry of Tourism, family and friends, Ms. Dilbert designed and began to make the costumes in July 2018. Local wire bender Victor Swaby and Roger Hicks, Trinidadian costume maker, shaped the wings. Fabric, sequins and feathers were sourced locally and abroad. Ms. Dilbert laboured for sev-

enteen months, until December 2019 on her masterpieces. A photoshoot was done at the National Gallery through the Department of Tourism, using local models. The costumes were then placed under a copywrite contract and no photographs would be available to the public until after the judging of the competition. In early April, Ms. Dilbert waited anxiously for the results. She heard nothing and, though feeling a bit disappointed, shrugged and carried on with creating her next pieces. Imagine, her delight at the end of April, when she opened her emails to learn that she was indeed a Silver Design Winner.

Gem of the World is one of three of Ms. Dilbert's silver award pieces and is inspired by the white sands of Cayman's beaches. Delicate, white wings, a stunning feathered headpiece in silver and white and a beautiful body suit meld into an outstanding creation modelled by Briony Gallegos.

Celebrating the vibrance of the Caribbean woman was the inspiration for Western Fashionista Rebel. The colours and design meld the showgirl of the 1920s with the modern-day carnival woman. The excitement and energy of this costume is beautifully portrayed by local model Shante Johnson Smith.

Aptly named Woman in Power, the issues of breast cancer and domestic abuse are the focus of this pink and purple costume. Homage is paid to women's ability to stay strong amid these global scourges. The designer's own story of power and strength through pain is the inspiration for this piece modelled by Dana Smith.

Reba Dilbert is a self-taught high fashion and costume designer. She has been a major part of the National Carnival Batabano and the Pirates Week Festival for more than thirty years. She has taken Carnival bands to Honduras for the past sixteen years. Her costumes have graced stages at competitions like Ms. Universe, Ms. Tourism World, Ms. Petite Teen International Pageant to name a few. Countries like Russia, Turkey, Malta and Texas and California in the USA have been fortunate to get a firsthand glimpse of her creations. In January 2021, she became a member in the Society of Honour known as the Order of the Cayman Islands for her contribution to the Arts and Culture.

Where does Ms. Dilbert get her inspiration and drive? As an artist, she has a need to create - she describes it as putting a piece of her soul out there. "I create from the heart, mind, body and soul. I like to portray a strong woman in my work - a woman who looks as though nothing will

hold her back in life - a woman that can do the impossible. I know the joy of flying and then having my own wings clipped."

She goes on to say, "I tell a story with my work. It's not enough to just create beautiful costumes. Art in any form should make you think, make you wonder and make you feel something. Art should be an experience."

Ms. Dilbert hopes to see more costume making done in the Cayman Islands. As a major supporter and participant in the National Carnival - Cayman Carnival Batabano, she wants to encourage children and adults to design and make costumes - a process that she is willing to teach. In 2018, in partnership with Cayman Carnival Batabano and Sagicor, she introduced students at George Town Primary to the basics of costume making and found this to be such a rewarding experience. Ms. Dilbert was impressed by their diligence and creativity. The end result was a carnival band "Guardians of the Sky."

Reba Dilbert continues to work on her goals. Her voice was very firm and determined when she said, "I am going the New York Fashion Week with my high fashion and costumes."

You can see more about Ms. Dilbert's work by visiting competition.adesignaward.com or www.designaward.com

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egant "island chic", and guests are also encouraged to dress in full masquerade ball theme, or wear creative headpieces and masks of their own if they wish. Masquerade masks will also be provided. Dress code for the nightclub experience is also island chic.

Tickets for the dinner show and dancing are just CI\$150 and include: a three-course plated dinner from 7pm-9pm; a masquerade mask; a dinner show with local performers and dancers; and the nightclub dance experience from 9pm to midnight. A cash bar will be available. Tickets for just the nightclub expe-

rience (9pm-midnight) are just CI\$25, with a cash bar. Tickets for both options are now available for purchase online at <https://eventpro.ky/buytickets/2021-le-masque-dinner-show/>. Tables of 10 for groups can be booked and paid for at Le Classique at The Strand, or email Mrs. Myrie-Stephen at classy@candw.ky or call/whats app 916-1740. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for the local business community to support the Dialysis Unit at the George Town Hospital. For more information about Cayman Carnival Batabano, visit www.cayman-carnival.com.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

2021 Cayman Brac Jackpot Fishing Tournament

14 - 16 May - The 2021 Cayman Brac Jackpot Fishing Tournament will be starting on May 14th and end on May 16th. Anglers are invited to fish either on G/Cayman or the Sister Islands. Presentation dinner will be held on May 16th. Tournament information is also available on the Cayman Angling Club website.

Saturday Morning Pony Rides

15 May - Enjoy Pony Rides and then 'Stay and Play' with the friendly farm animals at the stables off the Linford Pierson Highway, George Town. Meet the goats, chickens, bunnies and more. Climb trees, run around and have good old - fashioned fun in the fresh air. There is no minimum age, the ponies are safe and well - behaved and the staff is fully trained. Riding Helmets provided. This event begins at 9am and ends at 10:30am. Call 926 - 7669 for more information.

Reading is Fun -To - Mental

15 May - The Cayman Islands Public Library Service and CLM Publishing present Reading is Fun-To-Mental on Saturday (15 May) from 1030 to 130pm at the George Town Public Library. There will also be a free creative writing workshop for ages 12 to 17.

Nutrition for Parents at the National Gallery

15 May - Join Taryn Stein - Eating Disorder Coach - of Mind Shift Me for a free workshop that supports parents in fostering healthy eating habits for their children. Registration is required so go education@nationalgallery.org.ky. Call 945 - 8111 for more information.

St. Alban's Church of England - Services of Holy Communion

16 May - There will be Services of Morning prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:30am throughout the month of May. All are welcome to attend these Services.

5K Walk/Run

16 May - The JOI and Leos Club of John Gray High School invite you to a 5K Walk Run on Sunday (16 May) at 6am at the Boxing Gym parking lot.

Public Day - Discovery Day

17 May - The Cayman Islands celebrates Discovery Day on Monday 21 May. This holiday commemorates the sighting of the islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman by Christopher Columbus on his fourth voyage. Supermarkets, gas stations and restaurants are usually open. Corporate offices and most retail stores will be closed.

International Museum Day - Free Admission to view exhibition

18 May - International Museum Day is May 18th. so the Cayman Islands National Museum will have a FREE admission to the official exhibition opening 'Miss Annie Huldah OBE, 'A Woman of Many Hats'. from 9am to 5pm. Enjoy music and refreshments.

Computer Basics Training Workshop at East End

19 May - The Public Library Service is offering a Computer Basics



► Fishing Tournament

Training Workshop at the East End Public Library on Wednesday 19th May beginning at 12 noon. To register, call 949 - 7729 S or email eastend@caymanlibraries.com.

CI Chamber of Commerce Workshop - Your Personal Touch: Giving Customer Service LIFE

20 May - How can we make a commitment to provide excellent customer service? And how can we make sure that all our employees, from the frontline people right up

to the Boss, are demonstrating that commitment? The answers to these questions will be explored in a 4hour training course from 9am to 1pm. by Julie McLaughlin, Director of RESOLVE. Cost is \$150 for members and \$225 for future members. Go to caymanchamber.ky/events-training/training-centre/ to register or call 949 - 8090 for more information.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DVDL Offices to Close on Thursday, May 13

The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL) wishes to advise the public that all its offices will be closed on **Thursday, May 13, 2021**, to facilitate a training workshop and staff meeting.

All offices of DVDL will resume business as usual on Friday, May 14.

Customers are reminded that they can renew their vehicle and driver's licences online via DVDL's website at www.dvdl.gov.ky.



CARIBBEAN UTILITIES COMPANY, LTD ANNOUNCES DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND ON CLASS A ORDINARY SHARES

CARIBBEAN UTILITIES COMPANY, LTD. CLASS A ORDINARY SHARES ARE LISTED FOR TRADING IN UNITED STATES FUNDS ON THE TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (TSX:CUP.U) ("CUC" or "the Company") announced today that the Board of Directors has declared a dividend of US\$0.175 per Class A Ordinary Share, or an annualized dividend of US\$0.70 per share. The dividend will be payable on June 15, 2021 to shareholders of record on June 1, 2021.

CUC provides electricity to Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, under a non-ex-



clusive Electricity Generation Licence expiring in 2039 and an exclusive Electricity Transmission and Distribution Licence expiring in 2028. Further information is available at www.cuc-cayman.com.

Sewerage Rehabilitation - Whitehall Gardens

Water Authority - Cayman wishes to advise its valued customers, and the motoring public of sewerage rehabilitation works taking place along Whitehall Gardens. The works, which began today (Tuesday 11 May), will continue until Friday 21 May between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Motorist are asked to drive with caution and follow all signs when in the area.



Water Authority - Cayman

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

Police Clearance Certificate required for processing of WORC applications

Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) would like to remind its customers that applications will not be accepted without a Police Clearance Certificate included when making submissions. Therefore, to ensure the timely processing of applications, customers are asked to ensure they apply well in advance for the certificate through the RCIPS.



Contact WORC Customer Care at 945-9672 or email worc@gov.ky with questions or further information.

Why she couldn't lose weight

It's incredibly frustrating to hit a wall with your fat loss. When your results stop but your diet and exercise haven't changed, it's quite often dehydration that is the culprit.

Most people are chronically dehydrated which means that they are not drinking enough water throughout the day. There are 2 main reasons that not drinking enough water causes you to gain weight...

1. Thirst often feels like hunger - which leads to overeating

Most of the time when we think we are hungry, and find ourselves reaching for a snack, it's actually due to thirst that's simply disguising itself as hun-

ger. This leads to regrettable food decisions throughout the day - and all of these undesirable calories add up and work against your body fat and energy levels.

2. Dehydration slows down body functions - including your metabolism

It's been reported that 75% of Americans suffer from Chronic Dehydration which leaves the body vulnerable to weight gain, illness, injury and further increases the risk of contracting any number of viruses.

The human body is made up of 11 important organ systems, including the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, excretory, nervous and endocrine systems



► Ernest Ebanks

— they also include the immune, integumentary, skeletal, muscle and reproductive systems.

All the systems work together to maintain a healthy human body — and all the systems rely on proper hydration to deliver

vitamins, nutrients and minerals to stay healthy and recover quickly.

For just a moment think about your car and the two important fluids that keep it on the road — gas and oil. Your car needs enough fuel to keep it moving and the right amount of oil to keep all the parts running smoothly.

Without gas or oil the engines seize up and the car is unable to move and is vulnerable and exposed to the elements.

Water is like gas in your car, it keeps you fueled. And electrolytes, vitamins and minerals are like the oil in your car ensuring that all the systems in your body work as they should.

Losing weight, battling infection, fighting off sickness, build-

ing and repairing muscle, lowering stress and maintaining a healthy and happy life all require proper hydration levels. Without water and the right nutrients you're fighting an uphill battle with weight loss.

I have just the exercise plan for you — one that will help keep you motivated and going strong in 2021.

If you haven't joined yet, now is the perfect time to start. Together we will get you focused on your goals with my results-driven method.

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UK GRADUALLY UNLOCKING FROM COVID

With COVID-19 infection rates declining and vaccination rates continuing to increase, England has taken decisive steps towards reopening starting on Monday May 17th.

Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are also following their own 'unlocking' schedule.

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson called it "a considerable step on the road back to normality" but cautioned that people should continue to be cautious and "exercise common sense".

From next Monday people will be able to hug again, although it was not expected that strangers will celebrate the most significant step in easing restrictions to date with mass 'hug-fests'.

"This doesn't mean that we can suddenly throw caution to the winds. We all know that close contacts such as hugging is a direct way of transmitting this disease," he said.

Announcing that England had reached the four tests for further easing the lockdown in England to Step 3, Mr Johnson listed the activities which will now be permitted leading hopefully to Step 4 by June 21st.

"This means the Rule of Six or two households that has applied outdoors, will now apply indoors and the limit for



outdoor meetings will increase to 30," he explained.

"From next Monday you will be able to sit inside a pub and inside a restaurant. You'll be able to go to the cinema and children will be able to use indoor play areas. We're re-opening hostels, hotels, and B&Bs."

The Prime Minister also announced that theatres, concert halls and business

conference centres and sports venues will also reopen "subject to capacity limits."

One of the first major UK show business award ceremonies was held on Tuesday night to a live audience for the first time since the lockdown last year although restricted to a live audience of 4,000.

Several live sports and music events were recently trialled following strict pro-

cedures of COVID-19 tests before and after the events for fans.

With international travel now permitted to selected destinations using a traffic light system, Mr Johnson has now also cleared the way for persons to travel within Britain and stay overnight from Monday.

Schools will also be able to organise trips with overnight stays and face coverings will no longer be required in classrooms — or for students in communal areas in secondary schools and colleges.

All remaining university students will be able to return to in-person teaching, with twice-weekly Covid tests.

In care homes, which disproportionately bore the brunt of the worst phase of the pandemic, restrictions on visits are also being relaxed with the number of named visitors increased from two to five.

Care home residents, considered among the most vulnerable to the virus, will now have greater freedoms to leave their home without having to isolate on their return.

"This unlocking amounts to a very considerable step on the road back to normality," the Prime Minister stated, adding that "we are taking a step towards that moment when we learn to live responsibly with Covid."

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Mostly sunny	A t-storm around in the p.m.	Some sun, a t-storm; breezy	A shower and thunderstorm	Brief afternoon showers	Spotty showers in the morning	Some sun with a thunderstorm



► Arthurlynn Pedley delivers her lecture on the life and times of Rayal and Roland Bodden; two of Cayman's premier builders

Rayal and Roland Bodden: The Tale of How Two Brothers Shaped George Town

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands hosted a special talk at the George Town Library surrounding the lives of Rayal and Roland Bodden on 6th May.

The well known brothers are two Caymanian men whose notable achievements include building the Elmslie Memorial Church, the Peace Memorial (Town Hall/Constitution Hall), the Post Office and the George Town Library.

Keynote speaker for the evening was Mrs. Arthurlynn Pedley, who gave the audience a glimpse into the Bodden family's history, which dates back to the 1760's; just 20 years after the very first settlers in Cayman were documented.

Mrs. Pedley who is also an employee of the Cayman Islands' Archive, spent several weeks researching the men and their history, as well as the progression of Cayman's society that led to their coming to the fore.

With Rayal being the negotiator and Roland doing most of the building, the brothers formed a formidable team that left an indelible mark on the Islands' Capital and would place them among Cayman's premier contributors, with many of the buildings they built still in use today.

Members of the public, as well as the Bodden family, who attended the lecture said they were please to have learnt things about their family that they had not known before and noted their appreciation for the presentation, which included a short video produced by National Trust staff to highlight the occasion.

Known also for their ship building, many of the buildings the men built featured ceilings that were fashioned in the style of the hull of

a ship and reminiscent of Cayman's seafaring culture.

In fact, Rayal Bodden travelled from Cayman to Jamaica to learn how to mix materials in a certain way to make the buildings possible and was instrumental in arranging the crews of men who would play a crucial part in the building some of Cayman's most notable structures.

Shallene Bodden, Grand daughter of Roland Bodden, was interviewed as part of the evening and recalled her time growing up with the men.

She explained that they both had a love and passion for their work that came from their father before them, who was also a carpenter and builder.

Ms. Bodden also noted that she was particularly proud of the fact that her grandfather Roland was now being recognised as he was happy to be behind the scenes whilst his brother made the arrangements and was more upfront with business dealing and, 'doing the talking'.

"They were as close as any two people could be," she remarked.

Many Caymanians would have grown up hearing the names Rayal and Roland Bodden, which were synonymous with George Town's layout.

The audience also heard how at the time that the buildings were being built, many in the community in George Town and indeed all around the Island of Grand Cayman, were against their construction and did not want to see the Town overdeveloped.

However, once in place, the buildings the men built would stand the test of time and serve many generations of Caymanians, even up until today.

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

OUR TRUE POWER SOURCE – JOHN 15:5

Many times I would be working on my laptop when it suddenly dies. Even on my phone at times. Most times when I check, sure enough the other end of the cord wasn't plugged in fully into the wall. If we are not plugged into the true source of power we'll run out of power. In the physical.

Spiritually, Jesus taught this lesson to His disciples using the



imagery of the vine and branches.

A branch by itself on the ground is just a stick because it is disconnected from its source of power and life. Once connected to source of power it is alive and flourishing. The lesson here is simple. If you are not plugged in to Jesus you are dead for He is the true source of power to us.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. David Nicholas Rankin, who passed away on Friday, April 23, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church Of God Universal, 81 Walkers Road, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 2:30 p.m.
Viewing: 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Interment at: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

It is with great sadness that the family of **Beth Ann Goodman-Greene** better known as BA announce her sudden passing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the North Side Civic Center.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Humane Society and the National Trust.



Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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UK GOVERNMENT SETS OUT POST-PANDEMIC PRIORITIES

The British government this week set out its legislative and policy agenda for the next Parliamentary year with the traditional Queen's speech delivered by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second.

The event normally steeped in pomp and circumstances was comparatively subdued this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But coming on the heels of local and mayoral elections which were generally disastrous for the opposition Labour Party, the understated tone of this year's event was overshadowed by the swirling political maelstrom in the background.

The speech dwelt heavily on post-pandemic economic recovery and 'leveling-up', a campaign slogan of the ruling Conservative Party of Prime Minister Boris Johnson intended to rebalance growth and development between the capital London and the rest of the country.

While much of the policy outlines and accompanying laws were holdovers from 2020 and largely delayed because of the impact of the pandemic, new measures are now being put forward to steer the economy back to growth.

However, much focus has been on a proposal by the government to introduce photo-ID voter cards. Prime Minister Johnson has defended the idea as "protecting democracy" with the suggestions that the objective is to reduce the prospect of voter fraud.

However, critics - including those within his own party - have questioned the necessity of the planned requirement saying

that there was hardly any incidence or concern over voter fraud in recent elections.

A former Conservative Party Cabinet minister called it an "illiberal solution for a non-existent problem".

The leader of the main opposition Labour Party, Sir Keir Starmer, still reeling from his party's poor performance in this week's local and mayoral elections, said the proposed voter ID laws will "make it harder for people to vote" and will "disproportionately impact ethnic minorities".

A related move that will have far-reaching political implications, is the plan by Prime Minister Johnson to scrap laws restricting the government to a fixed elections schedule.

By abolishing the Fixed-term Parliaments Act, the government will be able to set a date for the election of its choosing.

Observers see this as a move by Mr Johnson to call early elections by taking credit for the successful COVID-19 vaccination roll-out, despite severe criticism over how the government has handled other aspects of the pandemic.

With the Labour Party still trailing the Conservatives both in the opinion polls and its performance in the recent elections, it is felt that Prime Minister Johnson is positioning his party to capitalise on the Opposition's woes by calling early elections possibly by 2023, one year ahead of schedule.

Another key aspect of the Queen's Speech dealt with healthcare, especially the government's plans for the National



► Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II Queen's Speech 2021

Health Service (NHS) which has been at the forefront of the fight against the pandemic.

The government wants to have more say over how the NHS is run and has faced criticism from the Opposition and others for gradually privatising the NHS, accusations which the government has rejected.

The treasured NHS built on the principle of free healthcare in most instances to citizens has been at the centre of campaigns and controversies including Brexit, and an object of interest by US private healthcare companies.

Another area hard-hit by the pandemic but which it is felt was generally overlooked in the Queen's Speech is social care.

The challenges being faced by the sector were further highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic with a disproportionate number of deaths of elderly in care homes and care workers.

Mr Johnson had previously promised to "fix the crisis in social care once and for all with a clear plan we have prepared".

But during the debate of the Queen's Speech, Opposition Leader Sir Keir Starmer said the government's continued failure to address shortcomings in social care, especially after a pandemic, "is nothing short of an insult to a whole nation."

The UK government is also considering allowing British nationals living abroad for more than 15 years the right to vote in UK elections.

Cayman could get the green light soon

A report in The Daily Telegraph suggests that the Cayman Islands will be one of a handful of countries to be placed on the UK's green list of travel destinations when it revises its 'traffic light' list of countries on 7th June. It is likely to join a small number of other Caribbean destinations, which includes the British Virgin Islands, Grenada, Antigua and Barbuda, St Kitts and Nevis and Anguilla and just a few other countries, including Fiji, Malta and Finland.

According to the report, the Cayman Islands was "on the cusp" of being included in the first lot of green light countries, announced on 7th May and which will take effect on 17th May.

"Fiji, the Cayman Islands, Grenada, Finland and Malta are other destinations with Covid infection and variant rates low enough to put them on a shortlist for inclusion in Friday's "green list" but just missed a place," the Telegraph stated.

Cayman's closing of its borders and strict quarantine provisions for incoming travelers has meant zero Covid among the local community. The UK's traffic light sys-

tem looks at a country's rate of infection, the volume of variants to Covid among the population and the percentage of the population vaccinated in order to determine if a country gets the green light.

If a country has a green light, people from the UK who have vacationed there do not need to quarantine when they return home. Currently there are just 12 countries that have had the green light - Portugal including the Azores and Madeira, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Brunei, Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Gibraltar, Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, St Helena, Tristan de Cunha and Ascension Island. This has caused uproar in the UK where travel-starved Brits have been banned from taking vacations for a number of months as there are very few countries on the list which could be termed vacation destinations and Australia and New Zealand are closed to visitors.

The news will also be welcomed by Cayman's tourism industry which, while currently on



► The Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort & Spa

its knees, may well see a slight uptick in trade from British travelers comfortable with travelling to the Cayman Islands and putting up with quarantine restrictions upon arrival.

The Telegraph noted that major holiday destinations for Brits

such as France, Spain, Greece and Italy are not being contemplated for the green light any time soon.

The report states the new green list is expected to be decided in the week running up to 7th June, when the second phase of destinations will be opened

to holidaymakers. The UK Government is taking a cautious approach to the reopening of vacation spots for British people. It is likely a third set of additions will coincide with the UK Government's revue of foreign travel policy, taking place on 28th June.

UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

BVI WORKS ON FINANCIAL SECTOR COMPLIANCE

The British Virgin Islands has taken further steps which the government says are aimed at safeguarding the reputation of its offshore financial sector.

Changes have been passed to the Customs Management and Duties (Amendment) Act 2021 which the government says is part of measures against the territory being blacklisted.

Premier Andrew Fahie remarked: "The amendment is geared towards ensuring that the territory fulfils its international obligation of combatting money laundering and terrorism financing and the Financial Investigation Authority (FIA)'s rule of safeguarding the activities against money laundering and terrorist financing and proliferation financing would be further enhanced."



Mr Fahie said this is one of a series of measures being out in place as the BVi is due to be assessed for compliance with international standards "so that we can fall in line and avoid being blacklisted when the inspection is had."

BERMUDA PRESSURE GROUP CHALLENGES COVID MEASURES

A pressure group in Bermuda is taking the government to court over quarantine regulations for people entering the island.

Constitutional Freedom Bermuda is challenging the current and planned COVID-19 regulations on the basis that they violate the constitution and restrict liberty.

They have launched a fundraising campaign and say they will go as far as the Privy Council.

Under the new regulations, effective Wednesday, 5th May all non-immunised travellers to Bermuda must quarantine in their accommodation for four days. They are only released from quarantine after receiving a negative result from the Day 4 COVID-19 test.



Residents without a valid negative, pre-arrival COVID-19 PCR test result must quarantine until they receive results from their day 8 COVID-19 PCR test. They are also required to wear a quarantine bracelet, for which they will be charged \$300 on arrival.

With cases surging in India, Brazil and South Africa, specific restrictions have been put on travellers arriving directly from those countries or who have visited them in the last 14 days must quarantine for fourteen days. Released from quarantine is only permitted after receiving a negative result from their test.

Bermuda recently experienced a significant surge in COVID-19 cases but over the past several days the number of infections has abated following tough interventions by the government.

MONTSERRAT TACKLES VACCINE HESITANCY

The Government of Montserrat is stepping up its efforts to persuade residents to take the COVID-19 Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine being administered on the island.

The rate of uptake on Montserrat has been slower than other Overseas Territories with 1,321 persons receiving their first dose and 976 persons have received their second dose since the roll-out started in February.

Montserrat's population is around 4,500.

Some people are reluctant to take the vaccine over fears that it might be linked to several deaths.

The circulation of conspiracy theories also seems to be playing a big part in vaccine hesitancy of the island.

In an effort to reassure the public, the government has referred to local hospital records showing that of a total of 14 deaths on Montserrat from February this year only two of the deceased had received their first dose of the vaccine.

"There was no indication based on investigations carried out by the Ministry that these persons died as

a result of any complications related to the COVID-19 vaccine which they received," the government said in a statement.

"The Ministry of Health & Social Services works in conjunction with other stakeholders to investigate all instances of sudden deaths. It can be confirmed that there were two sudden deaths over the past days which are currently under investigation," it said, urging the public to remain calm while the result of the post-mortems are awaited.

In light of the continuing debate, the Ministry is also asking that "the general public remains mindful of the feelings of the relatives of the deceased during this very difficult time."

Montserrat's Chief Medical Officer, Dr Sharra Greenaway-Duberry said the risk of adverse reactions to the Oxford AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine are very minimal and that the benefits have been proven to far outweigh the risks.



SNOOPING ON THE DOGS IN GUERNSEY

In Guernsey, they are not messing about with dog mess.

Vale Commons Council in the British Crown Dependency is picking up after dog owners...but in order to catch them out.

The Council is doing the 'collections' to send samples to the UK mainland to have them DNA-analysed to track the offending dogs - and more importantly their owners.

Council officials are clamping down on the fouling of the popular L'Ancrese Common nature preserve by inconsiderate dog owners not cleaning up after their pets.

Council officials say they don't want to be heavy-handed but that they are forced



to "perform a rather difficult balancing act to make sure dogs are kept under control in all manner of their behaviours but also give people and their animals the freedom to enjoy the big open space."

FORMER ANGUILLA CHIEF MINISTER DIES

Anguilla is mourning the death of former Chief Minister Hubert Hughes, who passed away on May 8th at the age of 87.

Mr Hughes served three terms as Chief Minister; 1994 to 1999, 1999 to 2000, and 2010 to 2015.

Anguilla's Premier Dr Ellis Webster memorialised Mr Hughes stating: "With a political career spanning approximately forty years, Mr Hughes is one of Anguilla's most revered political leaders."

He said, "The people of Anguilla will forever be grateful for his contribution to the development of our beloved island."



Flags on Anguilla were being flown at half-mast over the past week as a mark of respect.

Last year, a street was named in his honour.

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

	8	5		2		3	1	
	1			6			4	
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1	3			1		4		
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Heaps "X-Men"
 - 5 Ship poles
 - 10 Billionaire George
 - 12 Capital of Ghana
 - 13 Office seat
 - 15 Green prefix
 - 16 Dissenter's vote
 - 17 Fall behind
 - 18 Animal suet
 - 20 Flank
 - 21 Get smart
 - 22 Go by
 - 23 Secret supply
 - 25 Blanchett of "The Lord of the Rings"
 - 28 Mates of harts
 - 31 Singer Redding
 - 32 Go to
 - 34 Sister of Jo, Amy and Beth
 - 35 Spotted cube
 - 36 Scot's denial
 - 37 Spot for a trim
 - 40 Korean or Thai
- DOWN**
- 41 Berry of "X-Men"
 - 42 Irritable
 - 43 Blu-ray item
 - 1 Useful skill
 - 2 Light, in a way
 - 3 Baltimore player
 - 4 "Mazel —!"
 - 5 Singer Gray
 - 6 German cry
 - 7 Justice Antonin
 - 8 Musical chords
 - 9 Privates' bosses
 - 11 Lady of Spain
 - 14 Tailgating sight
 - 19 Oxford parts
 - 20 Wasn't thrifty
 - 24 Up-to-date, in a way
 - 25 Fighting
 - 26 Comfortable
 - 27 River of Iraq
 - 29 Alaskan peak
 - 30 Slow movers
 - 33 Baseball's Jeter
 - 35 Turn down
 - 38 Flying mammal
 - 39 Owned

S	C	A	M	S	T	O	I	C
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Yesterday's answer

Word Search

E	F	H	W	O	L	W	E	N	D	I	G	O	M	G
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C	O	T	E	S	I	T	X	I	N	E	O	H	P	S
E	W	V	G	M	N	O	K	S	I	L	I	S	A	B
N	E	K	A	R	K	M	M	V	N	E	T	L	T	E
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S	D	N	C	A	N	E	I	O	W	N	A	A	B	K
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- Basilisk
- Behemoth
- Bigfoot
- Centaur
- Cerberus
- Chimera
- Cockatrice
- Dragon
- Griffin
- Harpy
- Hydra
- Kelpie
- Kraken
- Leviathan
- Mermaid
- Minotaur
- Pegasus
- Phoenix
- Salamander
- Sasquatch
- Snark
- Sphinx
- Unicorn
- Wendigo
- Werewolf
- Wyvern
- Yeti

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

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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

WHINE: WHY DO I HAFTA DO THIS?!

IT'S IMPORTANT TO STUDY YOUR LESSONS UNTIL THE SCHOOL REOPENS, CURTIS

OH, I KNOW, MOM. I'M LUCKY THAT I HAVE A PARENT CONCERNED ENOUGH TO HOME-SCHOOL ME

BUT WHINE: I DON'T FEEL LIKE DOING THIS!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

CAPTAIN, I'M J. JONAH JAMESON, PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY BUGLE...

ARE YOU GONNA TRY TO BLOCK MY ACCESS TO THAT BOY TOO?

HEAVEN FORFEND! I'D JUST LIKE TO BE THERE WHEN YOU QUESTION HIM... ALONG WITH MY ACE PHOTOGRAPHER HERE.

HUH? WHERE'D THAT USELESS GOLDBRICK GO?

STAN LEE & LARRY LIEBER 4-29

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

BEEN A LONG TIME, HANK! A LONG TIME... I MEAN, HOW ARE YOU? ARE YOU HEALTHY? ARE YOU SAFE?

YEAH...

THOUGH IT'S A LOT EASIER TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING HERE.

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