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► SURF Alumni Jessica Lloyd (University of Ottawa) with Dr. Vineetha Binoy in 2018

Health City Cayman Islands is seeking final applications from Caymanian university students who are studying or intend to study medicine or allied health for the hospital's summer undergraduate internship program.

Mr Shomari Scott, Chief Business Officer at Health City Cayman Islands said the Health City Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) provided Caymanian university students with experience in a rich learning environment and access to a team of specialist physician mentors and supervisors.

"Participating in our summer internship program is a great way to learn more about careers in medicine, gain exposure to clinical and research opportunities, and

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



► Minister of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, Hon. Jay Ebanks during a tour of the Department of Agriculture recently

Deadline for Farmers to Apply for COVID Relief Funding Approaches

The Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure (PAHI) has announced that the deadline for farmers to submit applications for the Cayman Islands Farmers' Assistance and Relief Measures (CI FARM) programme is Friday, May 28. The programme was launched in December 2020 to provide economic support

to the local farming community negatively affected by the COVID-19 crisis, stimulate interest in agriculture, strengthen the resilience of the farming community and generally promote sustainable agriculture and food security. Successful applicants receive a voucher card to purchase seeds, fertilisers and other essential agricultural

inputs from the Department of Agriculture. Minister of PAHI, Hon. Jay Ebanks stated that to date many members of the agricultural sector across the Islands have benefited from the programme. "These grants will help to stabilise agricultural businesses which have lost revenues and incurred expenses related to the interruption caused by the COVID-19 public health emergency", he stated.

establishing the initiative and also this government for continuing with the programme". Since the inception of CI FARM, over 1200 farmers have benefitted from the relief measures. The programme is being implemented by the Department of Agriculture with funding and oversight provided by Ministry of PAHI.

He further added, "I have to thank former Agriculture Hon. Minister Juliana O'Connor-Conolly for all her efforts in

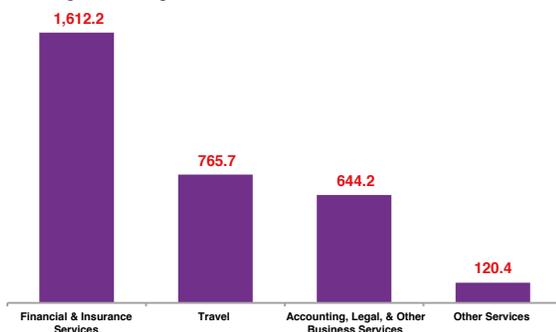
For information about the COVID 19 Farmers' Assistance Programme or to apply for the farmers' assistance grant, contact Senior Policy Advisor Demoy Nash at 244-3159.



Business Survey 2021 Your Response Matters!

In 2019, total foreign exchange revenue from Cayman's export of services totalled CI \$3.1 billion.

Foreign Exchange Revenue from Services in 2019, CI\$Million



Did the Cayman Islands revenue on export of services increase or decrease?

The annual Balance of Payments (BOP) Survey collects information necessary in recording the Cayman Islands residents' foreign transactions with the rest of the world. The survey runs April 12th to June 11th, 2021.

Data collected for the BOP survey is **CONFIDENTIAL** under the Statistics Act (2016 Revision) and is **EXEMPT** from the Freedom of Information Act.

Better Data...Better Decisions...Better Business

For assistance or enquiries, please check www.eso.ky or call 244-4600/244-4607.

DVDL to Host Customer Appreciation Day – May 25

The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing will host a customer appreciation day at all three locations on Tuesday, May 25.



The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing
Safe driving is everyone's responsibility

The event will be held at the Crewe Road location from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Breakers and West Bay locations, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

various service options available at DVDL including the use of online, customer support unit and private garages for inspections.

Customer Service Representatives and other staff members will be on hand to engage with customers and thank them for the opportunity to serve them on a daily basis. They will also use the event to promote the

The customer appreciation event at all locations will involve giveaways and refreshments for customers conducting transactions on the day.



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► Doing the Plank in the rain



► Sydonie Barratt won the 100m sprint

Miss Cayman World contestants battle it out on Sports Day

By Christopher Tobutt

Five teams, each supporting a different contestant for the upcoming Miss Cayman Islands World pageant, battled it out on the Miss Cayman Sports Day at the Truman Bodden Stadium. There was Alyssa West's team, Banana Orchid, Jesika Calderin-Ebanks' team, Corals, Sydonie Barratt's Team, Swift, Krysta Ebanks' team, Got Food, and Rashana Hydes' team, Firebirds. The sixth team, was actually the reigning queens' team, so it was not 'officially' competing.

Director of Miss Cayman World, Pamela Ebanks-Small said: "International Miss World also does sports day, so our contestants have to compete in sports. This is actually 10 Percent for the overall score for Miss World, so the contestants who wins the sports day today will be announced at our pageant on May 29th, and the team winner will be announced today. Sports is a part of the pageant and we do it a couple of weeks early." The pageant will be held at the Harquail Theatre on May 29.

First on the agenda was a big, fun-filled football match, before things started get-



► Tug 'O' War!



► Hoola Hoops competition

ting a little more serious. It was 'doing the plank' time, and all the contestants had to see who could hold the plank position for longest. It seemed to be very grueling. In the end it was a battle between super-fit contestants Sydonie Barratt and Alyssa West, with Allyssa West finally winning.

Allyssa said, "I joined because I wanted to build on my self-confidence and I wanted to have a way to give back to the community and through this pageant we do a lot of community service and I am really grateful for that. I also wanted to advocate for something that is really important to me so my platform for the pageant is environmental sustainability. I really care about our environment and the things that are happening."

Next came a great big Tug 'o' war contest set up between the different teams. First member of the other team to cross the central line made that team a loser, and the other team a winner. The hoola hoops contest was next - who would be the last one before it fell to the ground. One by one the hoops fell until it was only Krysta Ebanks left. "My team's name is Got Food. The reason I chose that name is because I've partnered to Feed our Future for ending child hunger, so why not? And I love food as well."

Then there was a big, 400m relay event between all the teams, with Krysta Ebanks crossing the finish-line first, closely followed by Sydonie Barratt. Then it was time for the winning teams to be announced. The real winner was the Queen's team, but her team can't really win because she's already the Queen. In second place it was a tie between Banana Orchid and Got Food, with Rashana Hydes team, Firebirds, as the winner. To finish off, the contestants competed in a 100m sprint, with Sydonie Barratt winning. There was also a fun swim in the Lions Pool nearby.



► Winning team - Firebirds



► "Go Team Banana Orchid!"

THE FIRST EVER INTERNATIONAL BLUE IGUANA DAY

On Saturday, 8th May 2021, Blue Iguana Conservation (BIC), the National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI) and International partners (from New Zealand to the USA) celebrated the first ever International Blue Iguana Day! The family-friendly event was held at the Blue Iguana Conservation facility located next to the QEII Botanic Park. Luke Harding, BIC Operations Manager, who spearheaded this initiative said, "Many people have enquired why it was an international day. Although blue iguanas are endemic to Grand Cayman, the project reach is truly global and has had assistance and input from many individuals and organisations all over the world, who have helped to fight to keep the blue iguana from extinction. The remarkable efforts of our partner institutions, past and present staff and volunteers have all been key in the success we have seen up to this point. Making it an international day was to recognise and celebrate that the efforts have not solely been on-island, and it is also a chance for Grand Cayman to show off to the world the natural treasure that is the blue iguana."

Special guests included His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper, who had the honour of cutting the blue ribbon to commence the event. There was also the unveiling of a plaque to honour Fred Burton, the founder of Blue Iguana Recovery Programme (BIRP) now known as Blue Iguana Conservation. "I was happy to see the Blue Iguanas getting their day in the sun in more ways than one, and turned up to show my support. The last thing I expected was to be given such a fine tribute for my part that started so many years ago. That was very kind. Nowadays I am glad to continue to help in whatever way I can, and I deeply appreciate the dedication of the BIC team who are leading the way forward from recovery to long term conservation success" said Fred.

"The National Trust for the Cayman Islands applauds our Blue Iguana Conservation team for all their hard work and dedication to the program over the past year. Luke and his team have done a tremendous job transforming the BIC facility in the last few months. They have done so much, with so little. This day highlights how important the blue iguana is to our environment and the job Luke's team is doing to sustain them for generations to come. Hopefully, this will be the first day of many that we can gather

here at the BIC facility to celebrate the blue iguana" said Olson Anderson, NTCI Chairman.

Over 150 guests attended the event enjoying activities such as Iguana Scientist for a day, face painting and feeding the blue iguanas. Guests were able to walk around the BIC facility and see our endemic blues up close. Ritz Carlton Grand Cayman was a proud gold sponsor of the event and Foster's Supermarket sponsored refreshments. BIC Volunteers and Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman volunteers were out in full support. Kourtneigh-Michelle Nicholson, Rotaract Club President said their team was inspired to keep working with BIC after they volunteered to assist with cleaning up the facility last November. They are currently doing a fundraiser for the conservation efforts, where 100% of the proceeds are for Blue Iguanas.

Stay connected with Blue Iguana Conservation by following the project on Face-

book and Instagram: @blueiguanaconservation. If you are interested in supporting our work, whether through a monetary donation or as a volunteer, please email Luke Harding at bic@nationaltrust.org.ky



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► His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper and Deputy Governor Hon. Franz Manderson visited the mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Government Administration Building on Wednesday, 19 May to greet staff administering the vaccine as well as civil servants receiving their vaccine doses

Civil Servants Support Vaccination Drive

A mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Government Administration Building on Wednesday, 19 May resulted in 47 vaccine doses being administered to Cayman Islands Government employees. Among the total, 39 were first doses and eight were second doses.

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper and Deputy Governor Hon. Franz Manderson visited the on-site vaccination clinic to thank both the staff administering the vaccine as well as the civil servants receiving their vaccine doses.

Joanna Rose-Wright, Nurse Manager Primary Health Care Services with the Health Services Authority said, "I am happy to say that today we are at the Government Administration Building offering the vaccine to our civil servants here. We know that sometimes it is challenging for people to leave offices to go to the locations where we offer the vaccine, so we have brought the vaccine here."

Nurse Rose-Wright was pleased with the response. She said, "The response has been good. Quite a number of persons have come, and they have expressed their appreciation for us coming to do the vaccines here."

She emphasised the importance of getting vaccinated before the 9 June deadline

for first doses, saying, "We have to administer the first dose of the vaccine by 9 June. After that, we will only be doing second doses because the vaccines that we have now will expire on 30 June."

Nurse Rose-Wright noted that there will be several locations where the vaccine will be available over the next few weeks.

On Wednesday, 19 May the vaccination team were scheduled to be at the public beach in Bodden Town from 5pm to 9pm, where they would be offering both first and second doses.

Nurse Rose-Wright said the vaccine clinic would be at Camana Bay every Friday for the rest of May, located at the prior site of the Mac Store, across from The Next Chapter (formerly Books & Books) from 11am to 3pm and from 4:30pm to 7pm.

She said, "We are trying to accommodate those persons who are working late and do not get off till after 5pm. We are there till 7pm so you can get your vaccine at the airport, Camana Bay and this evening in Bodden Town."

Mobile vaccination clinics are also headed to East End and West Bay in the coming weeks, ahead of the 9 June deadline.

Details of the COVID-19 vaccination schedule can be found at <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>



► Public Health nurses at the mobile COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Government Administration Building on Wednesday, 19 May

Appointment of Acting Director of Public Prosecutions

Following a request for advice from the Judicial and Legal Services Commission, His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, OBE has appointed Mrs. Candia James-Malcolm as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions effective 19 May 2021 for an initial period of three months.

"I would like to thank Mrs. James-Malcolm for accepting the appointment and stepping into this acting post" His Excellency said. "I have the utmost confidence in Mrs. James-Malcolm's leadership of the team at the Office of the DPP during this time of transition" he continued.

The Judicial and Legal Services Commission will now undertake a formal recruitment exercise for the permanent post of DPP.



► Mrs. Candia James-Malcolm was appointed as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions




**GRAND CAYMAN LAUNCH OF
Census 2021**

**Join us for the official launch
of Grand Cayman's
2021 Population and Housing Census**

Wednesday, 26 May 2021
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Be seated by 9:45 a.m.
Marriott Beach Resort

Guest Speakers:

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE
 The Hon. Premier, Mr. Wayne Panton, JP, MP
 Hon. Deputy Premier, Mr. Christopher Saunders, MP

Event Features:

- Release of the 2021 Census Song
- Sing-along with school children
- Sign up to become a Census 2021 worker

Free and open to the public!
Light refreshments to be served



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DEH Continues Efforts in Creating Greener Community through school visits

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) maintains their efforts in creating a greener community and has continued their 2021 public education campaign with a visit to Prospect Primary.

The management and staff at DEH fully support the creed that proper waste disposal habits should start at a young age. This helps to facilitate new purpose in children, motivates them to help save the environment and helps to instill responsibility.

The collections team provided a demonstration of the collections truck and gave the children a hands on lesson in proper disposal.

“It was truly an enjoyable success. Many thanks to Ms Solomon, Ms Pink, Ms Davis-Derril and Mrs Kidd, teachers at Prospect Primary, for being great hosts.

The kids had a great time, especially when the truck was in action. The reception class is currently learning about appropriate garbage disposal and will be moving onto recycling in due course. We look forward to having them tour our recycling facility at that time also. It is best to teach kids from a young age about how they can do their part to protect the environment – we are excited to be a part of their education in this area,” said Michael Haworth, Assistant Director – Solid Waste Management, DEH.



Mr Matthew Read, Principal at Prospect Primary added, “We were really happy the DEH team was so enthusiastic to do this with our students. It has made a great impression and they have already started to show better waste disposal habits.

Good waste management then becomes something they hand down and creates a

greener, healthier environment for all to share in.”

DEH provides tips to help teach children eco-friendly ways of waste disposal:

1. Always have garbage bins available. For example, take a small waste basket to the beach when you picnic.

2. Practice waste segregation at home so kids can help learn how to recycle

3. Purchase reusable products
4. Create arts and crafts from recyclable items

5. Put up a compost pit at home
To learn more about how and where to recycle visit: www.deh.gov.ky.

COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule

MAY 2021

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to ALL persons 16 years and over, regardless of surname.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15
ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	CAMANA BAY 5-9pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
17	18	19	20	21	22
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Clinic Closed	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	BODDEN TOWN PUBLIC BEACH 5 – 9pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
24	25	26	27	28	29
ORIA 9am – 12pm 1:30 – 4pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	EAST END PUBLIC BEACH 4 – 9pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
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WEST BAY - SIR JOHN A. CUMBER PRIMARY HALL
5-9pm

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC LOCATIONS

- ORIA - OWEN ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
- CAMANA BAY (FORMER CAYMAN MAC LOCATION)
- DISTRICTS – AS NOTED ON THE SCHEDULE

DOSE 1 & 2 will be given at any of the published clinic times.

When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose.

(Do NOT laminate your card)

The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.

All persons must present photo identification showing date of birth.

Facemask required – Please bring your own.

Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky

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► Some of the guests at Artistic Blooms



► Devon Edie and his daughter played a beautiful praise song on their ukuleles

Artistic Blooms – a charming and unique art show

By Christopher Tobutt

Artistic Blooms was a very special and unique kind of art exhibition, and it was Rhonda Edie's very first one. She held it in the garden of her home, in Savannah Meadows, and lots of people came to see and wish her well, including Deputy Premier Hon Chris Saunders. Quite a lot of people were invited to contribute something artistic too: perhaps a poem or a song. The whole spectrum of Cayman's artistic talent was represented, with musicians and poets including Ms Edie herself, who has been writing beautiful poetry for more than two decades. But there were all kinds of visual arts, too, and Ms Rhonda's paintings have really taken off since she retired three years ago, she said.

Ms Edie's studio (which doubled as an art gallery) is really a large garden shed, and it was full of paintings for sale. Some of her visual work is quilt and fabric work, and there were several quilts she calls, 'Memory Quilts,' in honor of the memory of her two beloved sisters who passed away. All her work seems to be concerned with the passage of time, and marking of events; about different seasons of our lives and of Cayman's collective soul. There was even a mini fashion-show, with one of the skirts Ms. Edie has made to commemorate the 300 facemasks she sewed for friends, neighbors and family during last year's



► Artistic Bloom Zoe Anderson reads a poem



► Rhonda Edie reciting a poem

lockdown, to try to keep everyone safe. There is a lot of mixed-media, and paint-on-fabrics to create a kind of collage, as well as traditional painting on canvas. There were even some people painted onto a canvas, with heads fashioned from perfectly oval pebbles; it was a beach painting, of course.

She read two beautiful poems. One of them was entitled, 'When Sleep won't Come, "All about a certain time in my life when the kids started going off to school, leaving home, and then there was a stage in my life when I was losing sleep at night and when I couldn't sleep at night I got up and I did poetry," she said. The other one was a poem of reflections on the things in life her mother had taught her.

Her son, Devon, known for wonderful saxophone playing, and granddaughter, Amelia, both gave musical performances on the ukulele. MC Karen Edie, herself a famous singer, introduced another of Ms Edie's granddaughters, the very-talented eight-year-old Zoe Anderson, recited a poem written by Virginian Suckoo called 'Its Allotment Day,' while Ms. Edie showed one of her works of art which illustrated it. The poem is all about the time, not-too-long-ago, when Cayman's women would wait, once a month to cash the check sent from their seafaring husbands, far away:

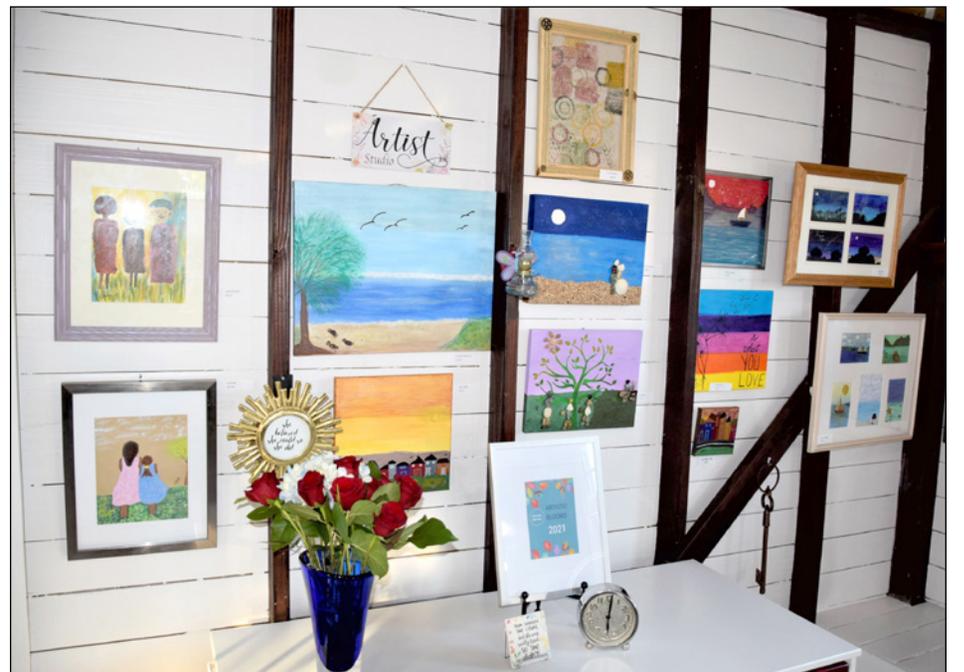
"It's allotment day on the 20th...all lining up at the shop, jostling for the front of the line; listening to hear if their names will be called... All able bodied men from the Island are missing from this celebration. They are on national bulk tankers all over the world."

There was a real treat, too from Cayman's most senior musician, 106 year-old

Wesley Howell who played some lovely tunes on the saxophone, and Karen Edie sang a wonderful praise song to bring the exhibition to an end. But it wasn't quite the end, because there was a raffle, so that guests could win one of Ms. Edie's beautiful and unique works of art to take home and treasure forever.



► Wesley Howell played his saxophone



► Inside the art studio

HEALTH CITY CAYMAN ISLANDS SEEKS CAYMANIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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have an enriching, hands-on experience," he said.

"We have opportunities for up to ten interns and are offering our students a US\$1,000 stipend," Mr Scott said. "Our program has been developed over many years with considerable focus on offering interns broad exposure during their training. We provide a welcoming environment and comprehensive orientation, a broad case mix with great learning opportunities, and strong supervision and teaching."

In its seventh year, the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) is an annual research and shadowing opportunity for Caymanian students on a medical or pre-medical track. SURF 2021 will take place 6 July - 30 July 2021 in a hybrid learning format.

Mr Charles D. Bush, Senior Education Coordinator at Health City Cayman Islands, said the internship program focused on case-based problem solving with students tasked with developing a comprehensive care-plan for a patient in a case study.

"SURF Fellows are mentored by one of our world-class doctors, attend lec-



► Health City Cayman Islands Main Entrance

tures led by our specialist experts and, when possible, have the opportunity to view surgeries," he said. "Our interns leave the program with a better understanding of tertiary-care medicine and with improved research and writing skills."

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship is the tertiary education arm

of Health City's Healthcare Explorers education program.

Eligible candidates for SURF will be currently enrolled as an undergraduate at or a recent graduate of an accredited university, be candidates for a degree program leading to further studies or qualification in a medical field (e.g. BSc, BSN, MBBS), be in good academic standing with (or have

graduated with) a GPA of 3.00 or higher, Caymanian or Permanent Resident and be 18 years old or older by 6 July 2021. Applications are due by 24 May 2021.

For more information and instructions on how to apply, students may go to <https://www.healthcitycaymanislands.com/about/health-city/healthcare-explorers/>

Continuous improvements needed for Government reporting

The Office of the Auditor General has just released its second report based upon its 2019 audit, called 'Improving Financial Accountability and Transparency' and which looked at how Government manages its finances. While the first report on the audit, issued last year, focused on Government's budgeting, this latest second report covers financial management and reporting. This latest report found that Government was still greatly lacking in many areas.

Underscoring the importance of accountability and transparency needed to be shown by Government when it came to its finances, the report outlined the huge numbers that Government was dealing with and the massive sums collected from the public purse. It said that in 2019, the entire public sector spent \$979 million on delivering goods and services and maintaining the estate while generating total revenues of \$1,136 million, with core government collecting \$862 million, of which \$796 million (92 per cent) was coercive revenues, and SAGCs generating a further \$274 million from fees and charges.

"It is essential therefore that there is strong financial management and transparent reporting on the financial performance and position of the public sector and what it is delivering for these monies," the report stated.

The OAG explained that this latest report provided a summary of financial performance at the entire public sector level and assessed performance against the six principles for responsible financial management for core government required by the Public Management and Finance Act.

"The Government has performed well against most of the principles of responsible financial management," Ms Winspear said, "However, it is essential that the Government reports its actual performance against the principles in a clear, accurate and timely manner."

More needs to be done

The report highlighted that the quality of financial reporting had improved considerably over the last decade, which has led to a significant reduction in the number of qualified audit opinions, however Government still needed to up its game.

"We have moved from a situation when many public entities received qualified audit opinions to this being a rare occurrence. However much to be done to improve the consolidated financial statements for the entire public sector to remove the adverse audit opinion," Auditor General, Sue Winspear, said.

She acknowledged the work that the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MFED) had done in improving its financial leadership and starting a number of initiatives to strengthen financial management, but there were still many areas in which it needed to get up-to-speed with what was required. In particular, there continued to be a lack of accountability and transparency, as many financial statements and annual reports had not been tabled in Parliament.

Ms Winspear said this was "an essential part of the accountability process."

To highlight where the MFED needed to follow through better, the report stated that while the Ministry had issued a

number of new policies and guidance that would help strengthen financial management across government, they had yet to be fully implemented.

It outlined some shortcomings as follows:

"In 2017, MFED started to develop a Public Finance Manual and issued two of four parts in 2018. The remaining two parts were due to be issued in January 2019, but this has not yet happened. In 2017, MFED issued an internal control policy that outlines the responsibilities of public officers for creating and maintaining good control environments. The policy requires an annual Statement of Responsibility, but to date these have included only partial assurances," it said.

Planning for the future difficult

One big worry for the OAG was the lack of transparency when it came to working out Government entities' assets and liabilities. This, in turn, could lead to Government being unable to accurately plan for the future, essential when the size of the current public sector pension gap is taken into consideration.

"It is normal for the public sector to also have liabilities. Some of these are due in the short term, such as money owed to suppliers (for goods and services provided during the year but not yet paid for) and staff (for unused annual leave and compensatory time accrued at the year-end)," the report stated. "However, it will also have long-term liabilities, including borrowings and retirement benefits such as pension and ongoing healthcare bene-



► Auditor General, Sue Winspear

fits, which are generally more financially significant."

The report said it was important that the Government and wider public sector measured and reported the full value of their total assets and liabilities, but the full value of long-term liabilities was not reported.

"This is essential information for decision makers and can support long-term financial planning and ensure that decisions made do not adversely affect financial sustainability in the longer term," it said.

The OAG's third report in this series will focus on long-term financial sustainability.

GAS PRICES



Location	Gas Station	Regular	Premium	Diesel
East End	Eastern Star Rubis (Woody's)	4.57	—	4.48
NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	4.45	4.81	4.38
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	4.59	4.85	4.58
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	4.62	4.90	4.56
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	4.62	4.80	4.43
Red Bay	Barcam	4.60	4.90	4.37
Red Bay	On The Run (Brown's Red Bay)	4.73	4.83	4.28
George Town	Peanuts	4.62	4.80	4.26
George Town	Jose's Escape	4.62	4.85	4.53
George Town	Refuel	4.16	4.48	3.92
George Town	Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS)H&B 11	4.80	4.95	4.52
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	4.62	4.80	4.48
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	4.62	4.80	4.43
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	4.27	4.75	4.30
George Town	On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park)	4.78	4.95	4.42
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	4.27	4.69	4.15
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	4.80	4.95	4.47
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	4.62	4.80	4.21
West Bay	Hell Esso	4.83	4.95	4.37
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	4.78	4.85	4.32
George Town	Scotts Landing	—	4.82	4.21
Cayman Brac	West End	—	4.61	4.63
Cayman Brac	Tib Mart	—	4.61	—
Little Cayman	Village Square	—	5.54	6.05

Lowest Prices	Grand Cayman	4.16	4.48	3.92
Highest Prices	Grand Cayman	4.83	4.95	4.58

FUEL EXPENSE REDUCTION



Frequent and fast acceleration – Avoid heavy acceleration and drive below the speed limit. Frequent and swift acceleration burns fuel at a faster rate.



Additional Weight – Empty your car trunk of heavy items that can be located elsewhere. Your vehicle will use more fuel when carrying heavier loads.



Vehicle Replacement – Consider replacing your vehicle with a fuel efficient model.



► 2nd VP of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman and swim meet organiser Michael Havlin was among the officials taking time



► Lions Club of Grand Cayman Secretary Stephen Best keeps watch over swimmers at the Annual Lions Sprint Meet at The Lions Aquatic Centre



► Swimmers of all ages participated at the Annual Lions Sprint Meet at The Lions Aquatic Centre on Saturday 15 May

Annual Lions Swim meet a splash

Local swim enthusiasts turned out in their numbers for the Annual Lions Sprint Meet at The Lions Aquatic Centre on Saturday 15 May.

The highly anticipated swim event of the year attracted over 200 supporters at The Lions Aquatic Centre and featured 38 events with over 180 individual competitors.

Swimmers from CBAC (Camana Bay Aquatic Club), SMS (Seven Mile Swimmers), Stingray KY, Darren Mew Swimmers and Cayman Brac hit the pool at the sporting event.

"We have been so fortunate to have our youth back in the pool while so many Caribbean countries are still dealing with Covid-19," said 2nd VP of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman and swim meet organiser Michael Havlin.

Swimmers competed in a number of heats and sterling competitions from ages 6 and unders to the over-15s.

Lions Club of Grand Cayman president Carmin Godfrey welcomed the turn-out for the event.

"The Lions Club of Grand Cayman started the swim meet over 45 years ago and I'm pleased to see that the

swim meet is still going strong here in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac," she said.

With the Carifta games recently having been cancelled, top swimmers brought out many personal bests in the full range of strokes in the pool, Havlin said.

Speaking at the event Havelin said since 1985 Lions have been hosting the Sprint Meet in the pool.

"Previously, in our early days as a club, we pushed our learn to swim programme forward with events off Seven Mile Beach. We would like to again publicly support the initiative to move forward with the new Cayman Islands Aquatic Centre in which many more swimmers can show off their prowess in a world class facility," he said.

Havelin pledged that the Lions Club of Grand Cayman will continue to support the islands in developing as many swimmers as possible.

"We are surrounded by the sea and, therefore, we should all be, not necessarily technical, but certainly competent in the water," he added.



► Lions Club of Grand Cayman members huddled together for the start of the swim meet



► Swimmers are off to the races in the pool at the Lions Aquatic Centre (Photos courtesy Lions Club of Grand Cayman)

UK TRAVEL TRAFFIC LIGHT BLAMED FOR MIXED SIGNALS

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

The British government was under pressure this week to provide clarity to its new traffic lights system for international travel.

The green, amber and red designation replaces the previous international travel ban after the country was forced into a third lockdown following a recent surge in COVID-19 cases.

This week, as the country started a gradual process of reopening the economy, the new traffic light method was introduced which categorises countries based on their level of vaccination and COVID suppression.

It also relaxes the quarantine protocols for persons entering the country from specific overseas destinations.

However, with thousands of people keen for a break from what many are calling 'lockdown fatigue', holiday bookings to amber-rated countries - which includes the majority of popular holiday destinations - have skyrocketed.

The government says, while there isn't a ban on visiting those countries, including many in the Caribbean, people should "exercise good judgement and avoiding taking risks".

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said: "I think it's very important for people to grasp what an amber list country is: it is

not somewhere where you should be going on holiday, let me be very clear about that."

But for the opposition Labour Party Leader Sir Keir Starmer, the government's advice lacks clarity and he called on the Prime Minister to scrap what he termed the "hopeless" travel traffic light system, which he claims conveys "confused and contradictory" messaging.

"Yesterday morning the environment secretary said people could fly to amber list countries if they wanted to visit family or friends. By the afternoon a government health minister said nobody should travel outside Britain this year, because travelling is dangerous," he said during Wednesday's Prime Minister's Questions in Parliament.

But Mr Johnson insisted that the government guidance on travel to amber list countries is "very, very clear".

"You should not be going to an amber list country unless for some extreme circumstance such as the serious illness of a family member. You should not be going to an amber list country on holiday," he stated.

The government had previously stated that the travel traffic light system would be reviewed in the coming weeks with a target of further opening the economy by June 21st.

Many businesses around the UK were making the first cautious steps back to



normal this week as the government relaxed a number of restrictions on gatherings along with the change in the international travel and quarantine protocols.

Many British travellers headed off to Portugal this week as that country is one of a handful on the green list, while other EU countries and the US were set to relax travel restrictions on the UK due largely to the countries intensive vaccination campaign.

However, with cases of the highly transmissible Indian variant taking hold in several areas in England, the British govern-

ment said it was monitoring the situation very closely in the hope of avoiding a further lockdown.

Mr Johnson said there was "increasing confidence" that existing vaccines were effective against the B.1.617.2 variant of coronavirus first identified in India, which is viewed as more transmissible and a possible obstacle to plans to end many lockdown rules on 21 June.

The government has also announced that alongside the vaccination campaign, it will be carrying out 'surge testing' in areas where the Indian variant is present.

POLICE NEWS

Police Continue to Appeal for Assistance in Locating Absconded Teenager Kayla James

Police are continuing to seek the public's assistance in locating Kayla James, age 17, who left her home on Tuesday, 11 May, and has not returned home or been seen since.

Kayla has been in communication with family members, however her current location is unknown. Police are seeking her solely in order to ensure that she is safe.

Kayla is described as being of light brown complexion, 5ft 3in in height and of slim build. She was last seen at her home off Saddlewood Drive in Bodden Town. When she was last seen she was wearing black shorts, a black spaghetti strap blouse and pink flip flops.

Police are encouraging Kayla to contact the Bodden Town Police Station at 947-2220. Anyone with information about her whereabouts should also contact BTPS. If she is seen please dial 9-1-1 for an immediate response. Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>.



► Kayla James

Woman Charged for West Bay Burglary

On Sunday, 16 May, officers received a report of a burglary at an address off Birch Tree Hill Road in West Bay, where personal items were taken. Following inquiries, later that day officers located and arrested a woman, age 53 of West Bay, on



suspicion of the burglary. The officers were also able to recover the property that had been stolen.

The woman has since been formally charged with one count of Burglary. She appeared in court on 18 April.

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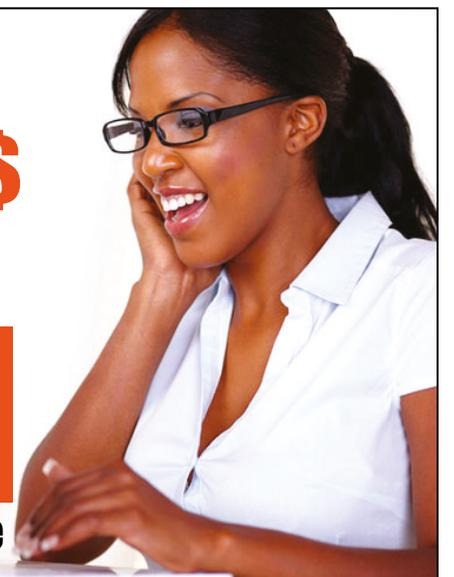
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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 46 Peevish

1 Like lions

6 Olympics award

11 Cohort of Kirk and Sulu

12 Speculate

13 Milk source

14 View obscurers

15 Chimney grime

17 Proofing note

18 Surgery memento

20 Lab aide of film

22 Mythical piper

23 Cry after reaching the summit

26 Film prize

28 Painting base

29 Spring-steen nickname

31 Match part

32 Walking aid

33 Good pair

34 Bargain

36 TV warrior princess

38 Parcel out

40 Flour factories

43 Piglet's creator

44 Key

45 Newark's county

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2 Cry of insight

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Yesterday's answer

18 Set eyes on

19 Money

21 Jokes

23 Pressing need

24 Words of understanding

25 Young ones

27 Ear-shaped shell

30 Dr. Ruth's field

33 Biscotti flavor

34 Titled woman

35 Yale students

37 Radiate

39 Cowboy nickname

41 Rent out

42 Pig's digs

Word Search

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- Bone
- Breaking
- Burner
- Court
- Date
- Door
- Drop
- Field
- Fill
- Fire
- Gammon
- Ground
- Hand
- Lash
- Light
- List
- Log
- Number
- Order
- Pack
- Pedal
- Rest
- Road
- Seat
- Space
- Stage
- Stairs
- Stitch
- Stop
- Stroke
- Swept
- Swing
- Track
- Wash
- Water
- Woods
- Yard

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

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