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BA to resume weekly scheduled service

The Ministry of Tourism and Transport has confirmed that British Airways (BA) will resume commercial flight service between Grand Cayman and London, Heathrow Airport as of Monday 27 September.

The airline will operate a variable schedule three times per week based on a seasonal timetable and travel demand. The BA service will also resume the flight route via Nassau, Bahamas from week commencing 27 September 2021.

The Bahamas is currently rated as an Amber list country by the UK Government and it is recommended that travellers review UK entry guidelines for the latest on arrival rules by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-amber-and-green-list-rules-for-entering-england>

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EDITORIAL

Cayman has talent

During this time of considerable turmoil in Cayman right now it is great to hear some good news. Two highly talented young Caymanians have really stood out in recent weeks as shining examples of Caymanian talent who we, at the Caymanian Times, are delighted to congratulate for their hard work, which has already led them to great heights early on in their lives.

Walkers legal scholarship recipient Francisco Hernandez was called to the Bar on 20th August after successfully completing his legal training with the firm. He marks the 60th articled clerk to have trained in Walkers' Cayman Islands office since the inception of the firm's articled clerk programme in 1983. This is great news, and we should congratulate Francisco for attaining this important milestone in his career. Extremely well-educated, Francisco completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Justice Political and Philosophical Law, with a minor in Religious Studies, from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. In 2018 he went on to obtain his Masters in Law with Merit from the University of Bristol, and in 2019 the Legal Practice Course with Distinction at the University of Law, also in Bristol. We wish him well in his future career with Walkers as he begins working in their Investment Funds Group.



► Francisco Hernandez (R) with Walkers GMP Ingrid Pierce and Hon. Justice Ramsay-Hale

Also, just recently, Cayman saw its first female forecaster, Kerrie Forbes, take up her post. Kerrie, a UCCI alumna, earned an associates degree in science from UCCI and went on to study at the University of Exeter in the UK, where an ad for an internship at the local meteorological station piqued her interest in the subject. Kerrie joined the National Weather Service in 2018, the same year she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Exeter, but her learning does not stop there, and she plans on taking online courses through the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology in Barbados and she also hopes to pursue a master's degree in climate and meteorology in the near future, too. Kerrie is a shining example of a young person who is not afraid to pursue new and exciting possibilities and has a brilliant career awaiting her.

We think both young Caymanians are excellent role models for their peers, and we wish them all the very best in their new positions.



► Kerrie Forbes, UCCI Alumna is Cayman's First Female Forecaster

Miss Cayman Universe Pageant: Elegant and Inspiring

By Flynn Bush

Delayed by a week from the scheduled September 11th date, the 2021 Miss Cayman Islands Universe Pageant ended up being a night of elegance, beauty, and much inspiration. The Westin Hotel Ballroom where it had originally been planned to accommodate 500 persons inside had a very different feel and atmosphere on Saturday, September 18th.

There was a maximum of 100 persons, due to new regulations, that were allowed to be inside. So, each contestant had a small contingent of family and friends sitting close to the stage. Beside the supporters, the limited number of media personnel, VIPs, and pageant organizers made for a very up-close-and-personal experience. In addition, there was also a seating area set up outside for 200 guests able to watch the pageant on closed circuit television and enjoy views of the contestants as they came out during each segment for a lineup.

There had been a lot of build up to this evening and the anticipation hung in the air like a mist. The nine beautiful young ladies made this event an unforgettable one. From the opening dance number, each contestant showed the poise and confidence that would make this a very difficult competition to predict.

However, there were some who started to show early signs of being in true contention for the crown. The first segment of the night that counted towards the total score was the swimsuit segment. Those who seemed to score well emerged as the favorites in some people's minds and, with 25% of the total score tied to this segment, increased the anticipation in the room.

The evening gown competition also accounted for 25% of the total score and all nine contestants were on their A game for it. Nine beautiful gowns on nine beautiful ladies who all exhibited grace and composure. In this segment, it appeared as if the scoring would be tighter than the swimsuit section.

For the third segment, the contestants each were posed with a question and their answers, and the effectiveness of their communication, were judged to account



for another 25% of the total score. Since each young lady was asked the same question, it was easier for the audience to compare the responses and some contestants showed why they should be considered for the crown as they communicated their replies effectively and with conviction. These three segments were to be counted along with the scores from the morning interview segment, worth 25% also, to determine the overall order of finish for the contestants. Nerissa McLaughlin, Aleya Solomon, Georgina Kerford, Tania McLean, Kimberly Carlos, Antanika Ebanks, Markita Ebanks, Aliyah Harrison and Ashley Crowe.

Finally, it came time to announce the awards and the winners. There were seven individual prizes and they were Most Improved (Aliyah Harrison); Miss Congeniality (Markita Ebanks and Ashley Crowe, tie); Best Legs (Georgina Kerford and Aliyah Harrison, tie); Most Photogenic (Georgina Kerford); Best Smile (Ashley Crowe); Best in Gown (Georgina Kerford and Aliyah Harrison, tie); and the People's Choice (Aliyah Harrison).

For the overall placement announcement, tension rose among the spectators and contestants alike. When it came down to it, it was obvious that the overall performance of these young ladies was accounted for, as it should be, as the contestants who scored exceptionally well on more than one segment were at the top of the table. The Second Runner-up position ended in a tie between Aliyah Harrison and Ashley Crowe. The first Runner-up position went to Kimberly Carlos who had apparently scored well on the question-and-answer segment.

The young lady who had shown great poise, confidence and a great performance across the board was the overall winner. Thus, the 2021 Miss Cayman Islands Universe, Georgina Kerford, was crowned and sashed. Truly a fitting choice, and a queen that will undoubtedly represent our country with grace. Then the audience caught a glimpse of what is to come as Georgina took her first walk as queen.

Check out our Friday Publication for more pictures from the event.



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A Message from Dr. S. Tomlinson FRCS



Good Day everyone,

Judging from the many telephone calls received, I am aware that many persons are gravely concerned about the future of the Cayman Islands as we battle the pandemic so, I hope the following will be helpful:

Globalization and technological progress have turned our world into a global village. Never before have we been so interdependent.

With the following metaphor, Mahbubani from Singapore summed it up brilliantly when he said:

"We are all stuck together on a virus-infected cruise ship called "Planet Earth" and if by some good fortune our cabin is virus-free but the corridors, air wells and other cabins outside are not, the only way to keep the virus out of our cabin is to lock off the supply vents to our cabin. Thank God, the previous Government did that to protect us, KUDOS to them.

At some point, however, the vents must be reopened, they cannot stay closed forever or we run the risk of suffocation from lack of air.

Before doing so, wisdom dictates that every single person in our cabin be given a fair chance to brace and get him or herself ready to be in the best condition to withstand and fight this awful virus. This has not happened because the present Government appears to be listening to one narrative only which is: "Take the Pfizer vaccine, take it, take it, that's the best thing you can do and all should be OK." Well, this is a time when OK is not OK. People's lives depend on decisions that Dr. Lee makes and he is an anesthesiologist, not a virologist and for that matter, neither am I but I know my limitations.

I was informed by the deputy CMO that Dr. Lee is following Public Health UK but he has also reassured me that PH, UK has said that each jurisdiction is free to do what is in its best interest. My response was: "Then why follow Public Health UK?" Having worked in the UK as a Surgeon for years, I am familiar with their Health Care System and I can assure you it is far from the best in the world. Furthermore, it has deteriorated since the 70s for many reasons, the main one being underfunding of the system. The UK has decided not to lockdown again because their Government cannot any longer afford to do so and people there, I am told, are free to do whatever they like. All of this coupled with the UK's dismal performance during this pandemic are reasons not to follow them lockstep.

Never before have risks that affect one aspect of life affected others as they do in today's world. Interdependence is a hallmark of today's world. Health risks will give rise to economic risks which turn into political ones due to unemployment leading to social unrest or of technological risks morphing into social risks, such as, using mobile phones to trace the pandemic which could cause a societal backlash. In today's world risks amplify each other and have cascading effects.

Incidentally, this is not to denigrate what anyone has said publicly but the Covid-19 vi-

rus differs greatly from the smallpox virus. Smallpox is caused by the variola virus which is a DNA virus and DNA viruses seldom mutate and are far more stable than the Covid-19 virus and can, therefore, be more easily eradicated by vaccination. Yet it took nearly two centuries to eradicate smallpox in humans worldwide. However, the smallpox virus still exists, hence, the fear of the US Government after 9/11. It could easily be used as a bioweapon!

The comparison of Covid-19 with Polio is more acceptable, at least both are single stranded RNA viruses but the polio virus does not mutate as often as does Covid-19. Already the Greek alphabet is almost exhausted by Covid-19 variants and scientists have predicted that by two years time, we may have encountered as many as three hundred variants. Polio has not as yet been eradicated in humans, there was even a recent outbreak in the USA. Most outbreaks today are caused by the vaccine itself when the half dead virus in the vaccine becomes live enough to cause the disease. In fact, no RNA virus has, as far as I know, ever been eradicated. Scientists abandoned the quest to develop vaccines against the common Cold because it has such low mortality and morbidity and because of how fast its causative viruses mutate. Unlike influenza, people would have to take multiple vaccines every year even if they were available for the common Cold. Unfortunately, virologists know that we'll still be battling with Covid-19 for a long time yet. Sad but true.

For those of you who question why I took so long to speak publicly, these are my reasons:

1) There was no need to do so when the last Government was in power because I agreed with almost 100% of their decisions re Covid-19.

2) I became increasingly concerned as this Administration made more and more poor decisions. At this point, I publicly disclose that I supported this Government initially and may still do if they wise-up! I could no longer sit by and watch our freedoms being eroded unnecessarily. I do not support one man, namely Dr. John Lee, having absolute authority to decide how and what can be used to treat every single one of us in the Cayman Islands. Yes, private doctors are free to treat patients but only with this infernal vaccine when there are many other vaccines and other therapies available. In my opinion, every single person whether vaccinated or not should demand our political representatives to release us from this STRANGLEHOLD immediately. We should not sit down and accept this nonsense while we know that HUNDREDS ARE DYING, both the VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED, in the UK from the Covid-19 delta variant as was predicted would happen by renown virologists. This is not a joking matter!

If Government takes the following steps, we could very well emerge as an example to the rest of the world:

1) Constitute a Covid-19 task force IMMEDIATELY to advise the Government on Covid-19 related matters.

2) Cease following the dictates of Public Health UK on this matter. According to the Deputy CMO, the UK Government has given each jurisdiction freedom to implement measures which it considers best. This is NOT a ONE MAN SHOW so, Stop following



► Dr. Steve Tomlinson

the advice of one man who is not even a virologist and why should we follow the UK knowing their dismal performance during this pandemic?

3) Release the draconian STRANGLEHOLD imposed on us IMMEDIATELY and allow Pharmacists and Doctors to bring in whatever can help in this fight against Covid-19. Allow doctors to do what we are trained to do: TREAT PATIENTS. We treat many life threatening, contagious conditions anyway. The Government will also emerge with less mud on their faces in the long run.

4) Implement a staged opening up of the borders asap but afterT all of us have had the chance to make sensible choices. There are many more things we can do besides taking this Pfizer vaccine.

5) Recognize and involve the private medical community in this fight. Together we see more patients daily than the three hospitals put together!

For example, why should private Employers be encouraged to accept exemption letters issued by HSA doctors. All doctors are registered to practice medicine in the Cayman Islands and we should never be registered to do so if we are not trustworthy.

6) DO NOT EVEN DREAM OF MAN-DATING ANY SPECIFIC TREATMENT FOR COVID-19 AS MANY OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE AND ARE DOING. CHINA has been saying for a long time that it will stop at nothing until it is the WORLD'S SUPER-POWER and THE WHOLE WORLD IM-MULATE THEIR POLITICAL MODEL. The question then remains: "Will we support their endeavour?"

Dealing with this pandemic is not an easy task, all Caymanians are aware of that so, let us summon all the help we can get before it is too late. Lastly, I don't profess to know everything either but I do hope that, at least, some of my suggestions are adopted and I stand here willing to assist in whatever way that I can.

This is one of the most lengthy dissertations that I've written in ages but I owe it to our Country that we all love, land of our birth and I beg your indulgence to read it.

Many thanks,

Dr. S. Tomlinson FRCS

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Walkers Admits 60th Caymanian to the Bar: Francisco Hernandez

Walkers is pleased to announce the admission of Caymanian Francisco Hernandez, who was called to the Cayman Islands Bar on 20 August after successfully completing his legal training with the firm. He marks the 60th articulated clerk to have trained in Walkers' Cayman Islands office since the inception of the firm's articulated clerk programme in 1983.

Francisco was a recipient of the 2017 Walkers (Cayman) Legal Scholarship. Prior to this, he completed a Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Justice Political and Philosophical Law, with a minor in Religious Studies, from McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. In 2018 he went on to obtain his Masters in Law with Merit from the University of Bristol; and in 2019 the Legal Practice Course with Distinction at the University of Law, also in Bristol.

As with many other Walkers Legal Scholarship recipients, Francisco took advantage of Walkers' legal internship programme and spent two sum-

mers shadowing lawyers in the firm's Finance & Corporate and Investment Funds practice groups.

Before commencing his Articles of Clerkship with Walkers in January 2020, Francisco travelled for six months, studying Japanese in Tokyo and Kyoto. He also has a background of teaching English to elementary students in Hong Kong and Kosovo as a volunteer.

Walkers' Global Managing Partner Ingrid Pierce moved Francisco's application before the Hon. Justice Ramsay-Hale and shared: "Francisco has proven to be a diligent and hardworking young man, who has always sought new opportunities to learn and develop himself."

During his speech to the court and the Hon. Justice Ramsay-Hale, Francisco admitted his journey to law was not a straight course but that he was grateful for the mentorship and "superb leadership" he had received from Walkers. He thanked his mother the Hon. Angelyn Hernandez, a magistrate with the Cayman Is-

lands courts, for "inspiring my interest in law."

Walkers' Partner and Chair of the Trainee Committee, David Collins congratulated Francisco on reaching this important milestone in his legal career, adding to Ingrid's sentiments that "Francisco will make a fine attorney."

Francisco was articulated to Walkers' Finance & Corporate partner James Burch. As part of his articles, he spent a month participating in the Judicial Clerkship Training Programme at the Cayman Islands courts, where he sat with judges and observed cases. He joins Walkers' Investment Funds Group.

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► Francisco Hernandez (R) with Walkers GMP Ingrid Pierce and Hon. Justice Ramsay-Hale

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UCCI Alumna is Cayman's First Female Forecaster

Kerrie Forbes likens Caribbean weather to a pot of boiling water. You may know the temperature and condition of the water, but it's hard to predict where a bubble will break the surface.

Forbes, 28, a UCCI alumna, and her colleagues at the Cayman Islands National Weather Service try to predict those bubbles, along with tracking the more defined weather systems that affect the Cayman Islands every day. As the newest member of the team, and its first-ever female forecaster, Forbes said she is still learning how to read computer models and anticipate what may be coming.

Forbes, who earned an associate degree in science from UCCI in 2014, didn't set out to be a meteorologist.

"I was initially going to do painting and media design," she said. But the uncertainties of such a career were daunting. "I decided I wanted something more stable."

So, she moved to the next logical thing: physics.

When she made that decision, she had already been studying art for a year at the University of Chester in the United Kingdom. She didn't have the prerequisite courses she needed to pursue a science degree, so she came back home to Cayman to do them at UCCI.

UCCI, she said, gave her the tools she needed to succeed, and more.

"It gave me all the background knowledge I needed," Forbes said of her courses here.

But it also gave her opportunities to go beyond the campus. In her second year of school, she got the chance to travel abroad.

"Dr. Deborah Beal, she was my environmental science teacher, she came to me to tell me about the Women in Science program."

Forbes, along with another student, who was studying biology, applied to the program and both were able to travel to Austria where they spent two weeks learning about careers in science. They met and spoke with women who had such careers.

She recalls how a UCCI instructor, Ray Jones, went out of his way to help her pursue such a goal.

"I specifically wanted to study physics and when I was doing it, there were four terms offered," Forbes said.

When she reached the final term, she said, she found the class was being cancelled because she was the only one enrolled. But when she told the instructor, Ray Jones, that she needed the course in order to graduate, he agreed to help her with what amounted to an independent study course.

"I was so happy that I wasn't hung out to dry," she said.

After getting her associate degree, she transferred to the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom. Her plan was to eventually work in medical physics. But in her second year there, a notice on a corkboard caught her eye. It was for an internship at the local meteorological station.

"It made me think it was something I could do back home with my degree," she said.

She worked at the local station during the academic year, and that summer she got an internship at the Cayman weather station, next to the airport. It felt like a good fit to her.

With physics, she said, you're using science to study the universe, from the most distant stars to subatomic particles, trying to figure out the ways in which things work. Meteorology, she said, is much the same: looking at certain conditions and trying to understand what's happening and what may happen.

Weather prediction is an even greater challenge now that the increase in global temperatures is changing the traditional models, creating more uncertainty. Even when a system is more defined, the weather can still surprise the experts. Tropical Storm Grace, which hit Grand Cayman Aug. 18, is a clear example.

"With Grace, we were expecting 35- to 40-knot winds, with an excess of 60-knot gusts, Forbes said. "I didn't foresee gusts of as much as 93 knots, which is what we got. I was like, 'Oh, no.'"

A week later, a second hurricane, Ida, similarly surprised forecasters in Louisiana when it picked up last-minute speed and suddenly went from a Category 2 to a Category 4 storm.

With the increased degree of uncertainty, Forbes said she encourages everyone on the island to always be ready.

"When we provide a tropical storm or hurricane watch," she said, "I hope that prompts people to get prepared and maybe consider going to a shelter."

Forbes joined the National Weather Service in 2018, the same year she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Exeter. She said she has continued to educate herself using materials from the National Hurricane Center and National Weather Prediction Center.



► Kerrie Forbes, UCCI Alumna is Cayman's First Female Forecaster

"I'm still learning tropical weather," she said.

She plans on taking online courses through the Caribbean Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology in Barbados. And, she said, she hopes to pursue a master's degree in climate and meteorology in the near future.

Having UCCI "to come home to" when she needed it was a blessing, she said. She is even more grateful that it gave her the foundation she needed to continue her path of study.

She hopes others recognize Cayman's public university for the important resource that it is.

"UCCI was a great experience for me," she said. "I don't think I'd be where I am today without it."

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PAUSED PHASE DIVIDES OPINIONS

By Staff Writer

The debate surrounding the decision to pause its border reopening schedule dominated a government press conference on Friday called to update the community on COVID-19 in Cayman.

It was confirmed by Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee that a total of 24 community-spread cases have been identified to date as efforts continue to trace the origin of the outbreak.

The majority of the cases are linked to the George Town Primary School.

"Yesterday I reported a total of 10 people related to the Georgetown Primary School outbreak, of which two are adults who had been related to somebody who had visited the school. Today, unfortunately, I have to report a further nine children that are related," Dr Lee reported on Friday.

He said the investigation into the source of the outbreak is continuing, adding that "we're still trying to trace a few more remaining children and their families."

PAUSED PHASE REMAINS

With the uncertainty surrounding the extent of the outbreak, although no serious illnesses have been reported, the government is maintaining its position to maintain the current Phase 3 status and not committing to the planned further reopening scheduled for October 14th.

Hon. Premier Wayne Panton, on Friday introduced an element of flexibility saying the situation remained under review. This follows an outcry from the Cayman Islands Tourism Association and others in the business community and other circles who have challenged the government's rationale.

The Premier had previously indicated that the current pause at Phase 3 was likely to remain until the end of the year.

"We are looking to pause for a period of time, as much as to the end of the year, but we have to have the flexibility and I think if we don't have a specific date that we say we're going to end the pause to reopen, at this point it gives us some degree of flexibility."

However, Mr Panton was adamant that the next phase - Phase 4 on October 14th - was off the cards.

"Is it going to be October 14? Absolutely not. So, people can be assured of that...and the word here depends on where we're at as a country and how confident we can be."

The government's published Phase 3 reopening entails "a limited introduction of tourism during the slow season with some restrictions (including a flight slot management system) that allows it to manage the number of persons arriving." The plan also outlines that "this also allows Government and the tourism industry to develop capacity for dealing with larger volumes of travellers in preparation for high season."

Plans for the high seasons remain in doubt due to the evidence of community spread of COVID-19.

However, Mr Panton said his government was mindful of the economic concerns but had to balance that against public safety.

"I know that there are people there are components within our society who are unhappy that we have paused the reopening plan, who are concerned about businesses, who are concerned about live-

lihoods. Every, every component of our society needs to understand that we understand those concerns. And we are looking to be addressing those. We will be engaging with the business community."

NEW REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

A series of regulations will now come into effect next week detailing how the community will be expected to function in the current circumstances.

Already some measures are being applied relating to travel to the Sister Islands, public gatherings and boating activities.

"Cabinet met this afternoon, and agreed to amend, travel, and boating regulations to allow for people who have tested negative, or who are verifiably vaccinated to travel from Grand Cayman to Cayman Brac or Little Cayman, so we are obviously trying to ensure that we maintain the safety of our sister islands, particularly because they more limited health capacity and resources there."

It includes a requirement that anyone who arrives in either of the Sister Islands from Grand Cayman and shows respiratory symptoms or symptoms of the virus will be quarantined "until the person is no longer regarded as a risk to the public."

Mr Panton said, "Hopefully these new regulations which come into effect on the 21st of this month, will provide some comfort to our friends and families on the Sister Islands."

He also said other regulations are currently being finalised and will be published next week.

Emphasis continues to be placed on encouraging people to get vaccinated as the main strategy to suppress the spread of the virus and reduce the risk of serious illness caused by the disease, especially with the current community spread.

"We have spoken about it often and it is now a fact it is in our community. We still don't know exactly what the source was, but suffice it to say, it is here, and it is a reality. Reality and we must deal with it. We all need both those who believe. Those who believe otherwise. The important thing is with that knowledge, we need to give the country hope," the Premier stated.

DELAY DIVIDES OPINIONS

HE Governor Martyn Roper also addressed the debate surrounding the reopening schedule saying that it has caused some divisions within the community.

"The government's announcement that following a small number of community cases of COVID, that it was pausing the 14th of October reopening date and strengthening measures to contain COVID has created divisions within our community."

He said, "Many were palpably relieved primarily out of concern for our unvaccinated children under the age of 12, others were distressed, and some angry long-awaited family reunions would have to be cancelled logistics of children returning to Cayman for Christmas from educational institutes around the world was suddenly more complicated and representatives of the tourism industry predicted business failures and an unrecoverable future."

According to Mr Roper, "Hopefully, now that you have seen what an outbreak might look like, you can better understand



► Hon. Premier Wayne Panton

the reality, and really appreciate how vaccines work to protect the unvaccinated."

The latest statistics show that 76 per cent of the eligible population have received the first dose, with 72 per cent have had both doses.

"I'm hopeful that getting even people vaccinated, rolling out our boosters, demonstrating that we can contain local outbreaks will help heal the divides and enable the entire community, to feel reassured and ready to move forward in a spirit of unity with a safe and cautious reopening plan. I've said before, seeking to wait out the pandemic is a false hope. We have to learn to live with it," Governor Roper stated.

Hon. Minister for Health and Wellness, Sabrina Turner also acknowledged that the decision to pause the reopening schedule has divided opinions.

But she said the government was being guided by the advice of medical and other experts.

"We must give thanks for the fight for the fact that despite the fair, the fatigue, the uncertainty, and even anger some may have felt, be it for or against what we have announced...We are being guided by public health experts and our very own CMO (Chief Medical Officer) to be hard and fast in our in controlling the spread," she said.

Min. Turner said she applauded the efforts of the business community, and the

churches, and each and every individual "for being proactive."

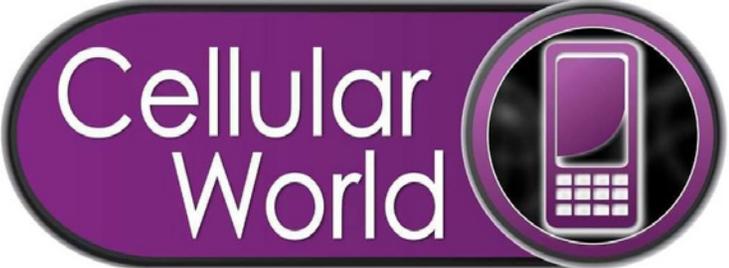
COVID POLITICS

With the government's handling of this phase of the COVID-19 crisis being closely scrutinised, Premier Panton leader of the PACT coalition, all but rejected overtures from the Opposition saying he had received correspondence from them offering to assist.

While he commended the previous Progressives-led administration for its handling of the first phase of the pandemic, Mr Panton reiterated that the current situation of reopening posed a different set of challenges which he claims the Progressives now in Opposition had no experience in.

"In our view, we don't need to engage with them. Firstly, because we are relying on the same advisors that advised the previous government...I don't really see them having that type of skill or experience that is going to be useful," the PACT government leader stated.

Mr Panton further stated: "From a political perspective, they had the opportunity when they were in government to create a ca national COVID Council. They had more reasons to do it at that time they didn't do it then. So, I don't think that this is something that we should be considering from a political perspective."



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- is a Caymanian; and
 - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
 - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

Disqualifications of Electors

91(1) A person shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector in any electoral district who—

- (a) subject to subsection (2) is serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him or her by a court in any country or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on him or her by such a court, or is under such a sentence of imprisonment the execution of which has been suspended;
- (b) is a person certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Cayman Islands; or
- (c) is disqualified for registration as an elector by any law in force in the Cayman Islands relating to offences connected with elections.
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- (a) where a person is serving two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively he or she shall, throughout the whole time during which he or she so serves, be regarded as serving a sentence exceeding twelve months if (but not unless) any one of those sentences exceeds that term;
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- (d) A revised list containing the names, street address and occupation of all persons qualified to vote in the said district—
- whose names appear in the current Register of Electors; or
 - who have submitted to the registration officer a duly completed and signed application for registration in Form 4 will be available at the Elections Office in George Town, the District Administration Office in Cayman Brac and the Post Office in Little Cayman for a period of twenty-one days beginning on the **23rd day of October, 2021**.
- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places—
- any post office or sub-post office;
 - the registering office for any electoral district; or
 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Bethany Powery**.

17th September, 2021

DATE

Bethany Powery

REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **George Town North, George Town West, George Town Central, George Town South, George Town East, Red Bay and Prospect** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2022** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2021**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

Qualifications of Electors

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- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she—
- is a Caymanian; and
 - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
 - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
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- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

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- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kathryn Myles**.

17th September, 2021

DATE

Kathryn Myles

REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **Newlands, Savannah, Bodden Town West and Bodden Town East** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2022** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2021**.
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 - the registering office for any electoral district; or
 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kerry Nixon**.

17th September, 2021

DATE

Kerry Nixon

REGISTERING OFFICER

Harneys promotes Cayman Islands based Carolynn Vivian to group general counsel

Harneys is pleased to announce the appointment of Carolynn Vivian to group general counsel. She is based in the Cayman Islands and advises on all aspects of Cayman regulatory, corporate and commercial law.

Carolynn, who has been with the firm since 2014, counsels financial services clients on matters relating to licensing, the conduct of business, corporate governance, prudential requirements, regulatory reporting, audits, AML requirements and relations with CIMA. She has significant experience advising banks, trust companies, fund administrators, company managers, investment managers, advisors and broker dealers, from the establishment stage to full operations.

In addition to specialising in financial services regulation, Carolynn has over 20 years of experience, both in house and in private practice, advising on an array of corporate law matters, mergers and acquisitions, corporate and finance transactions, restructuring and local licensing.

Ross Munro, Partner and global head of Harneys Fiduciary, said: "Carolynn's in-depth knowledge of the firm and industry experience make her an invaluable member of the Harneys team and a superb choice for this role. We are delighted that she has agreed to take on the position."

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► Carolynn Vivian

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BA to resume weekly scheduled service

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Currently travellers who transit through Amber countries to the UK must verify their vaccination status on arrival, or if unvaccinated self-isolate for 10 days. Passengers who travel on the BA flight via Nassau will be classed as arriving from an Amber country on arrival in the UK. This means that unvaccinated travellers from the Cayman Islands will have to self-isolate for 10 days if travelling on a BA flight from 27 September onwards.

For vaccinated travellers, the UK is not presently accepting HSA vaccination cards given to Cayman Islands residents as verified proof of vaccination. Cayman Islands Public Health have developed a standard certificate in line with other British Overseas Territories which can be used for entry through the UK border. The letters of certification may be requested from the Office of the Medical Officer of Health by emailing vaccinecertification@hsa.ky at-

taching a copy of their vaccination card, as a screen shot attached to the email request. All requests will take three business days to process.

All inbound travellers to the Cayman Islands are reminded to complete the online travel form via the Travel Cayman portal <https://www.explore.gov.ky/travel>. A Travel Cayman certificate is required prior to travel and must be presented at airport check-in.

Minister Bryan commented on the latest development 'I am pleased that BA has taken the decision to resume scheduled commercial service to the UK. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in organising and facilitating the repatriation flights, in particular the Governor's office, Travel Cayman and staff from the Ministry of Tourism and Transport and British Airways. Their collective dedication and hard work allowed the essential airbridge between our two countries to remain open while borders were closed.'

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CAYMAN EXPERIENCING A SPIKE IN COMMUNITY-SPREAD COVID CASES

By Staff Writer

Concern is mounting in Cayman over an uptick in COVID-19 cases attributed to community-spread of the disease here for the first time since the pandemic started.

The worrying trend continued on Thursday with Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee updating that there are ten positive community tests from the most recent batch of tests which include nine George Town Primary School students and one prison officer. There were four positive tests in travellers.

On Wednesday he'd reported a total of 10 people related to the Georgetown Primary School outbreak.

In all, of 1,214 COVID-19 tests carried out since Wednesday's report, there were fourteen positive test results of which four were positive tests in travellers and the other nine being community spread cases.

There have been 104,609 COVID-19 vaccinations given in total in the Cayman Islands. Of these, 54,167 (76% of 71,106) have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 50,442 (71%) have completed the two-dose course.

"I know that news of more community spread is very stressful and worrying for many in the community," the CMO said in a video message.

The investigation into the outbreak at the school is continuing with health

authorities still trying to trace several other children and their families, Dr Lee said.

"I want to urge everyone who is in isolation to please remain at home as it is the best way to contain the spread. Please do not leave home until you are advised directly of your release by a Public Health official."

Regarding the case of the prison officer who has contracted the virus, the CMO said the individual is fully vaccinated.

While more than half of the staff and inmates are also vaccinated, Dr Lee however said the prison was still facing challenges in managing the situation due to the close proximity in which they operate.

"That person is fully vaccinated so hoping that person will make very good progress, but that has obviously put the prison in a difficult position. And they have instituted procedures in order to protect both the staff and of course, very importantly, the inmates of Her Majesty's Prison Northward.

"It is good news that within the press release from the prison service, we have seen that they have around 60% of their staff from the vaccinated. And additionally, I know that over half the prisoners are vaccinated so they are now in a relatively good place, but because of their particularly vulnerable nature as an institution where people necessarily cannot always distance."



► Her Majesty's Prison Northward

Testing and vaccinations are continuing throughout the community and persons who have not yet availed themselves of the opportunity to get vaccinated are being urged to do so without further delay.

"I think what's really reassuring to know is somewhere in the region of 6002 PCR tests have been done since last Wednesday, when we found out about the first community-based outbreak, that's, that's near enough 10% of our population," Dr Lee stated.

Meanwhile, Public Health advises that if anyone is having any respiratory symptoms to contact their general practitioner, usual health clinic, or the flu hotline for

advice. They would then advise if it is required to attend the flu clinic or other centres for testing or assessment.

Further, the Ministry of Health & Wellness along with Public Health also remind the community of the importance of mental health and psychological support especially in situations when quarantining might become necessary by contacting the Mental Health Helpline at 1.800.534-6463 (MIND), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Residents who suspect that an individual has breached quarantine can make an anonymous report to 943-SAFE (7233) or file an online report at www.explore.gov.ky/travel.

Dr Lee to leave in January

By Staff Writer

Cayman's Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee, who has helped steer the country through one of the worst health crises it has ever faced, is leaving his post in January.

Dr Lee's contract was up in May of next year, however he said he wanted to leave the islands a few months early to spend time with his family.

The Chief Medical Officer was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II for his outstanding contribution to health services in the Cayman Islands at the end of 2020 as a result of his efforts to help maintain the country's health during Covid. His quiet and assured manner has been a source of comfort to many on island who felt they were safe in his professional hands.

Chief Officer in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Nellie Pouchie, said: "We much appreciate the many sacrifices over the past year and half and do wish him and his family continued blessings and good health."

The Ministry advised that a formal recruitment process would take place to fill the CMO post and a further update would be issued soon.

Dr Lee said he had been incredibly honoured and proud to work for the Cayman Islands Government as the Chief Medical Officer.

"You'll be aware that the biggest challenges came from a direction none of us would have imagined," he said. "It has not all been about COVID-19; I have also had the chance



► Cayman's Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee

to consider the health care system of the islands from a strategic position and I will share my views before leaving post."

Dr Lee said the reason he was leaving early was that his parents' health was failing and although he had tried to support them from afar, they really needed him there and there was no one else able to help in this family matter. As a result, just over a month ago he shared his decision to leave his post in January 2022.

"Cayman has weathered the COVID-19 storm as it raged around us with determination, ingenuity and sheer hard work. We are now highly vaccinated as a community, but I hope those remaining would please consider protecting themselves further with the opportunity that vaccination brings," he stated.

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CABINET OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS – POST MEETING SUMMARY

His Excellency the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE, chaired the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 7th September, 2021 in the Cabinet Conference Room, Government Administration Building.

All Ministers and Members of Cabinet were present with the exception of the following person who was absent with permission:

- Hon Samuel Bulgin, QC, JP, Attorney General. The Acting Attorney General, Ms Reshma Sharma, QC attended on his behalf;

At this meeting Cabinet:

- confirmed the approval given by circulation for the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Board of Governors of the University College of the

Cayman Islands: Mr Gilbert McLean as Chairperson, Mr. Jared Awe as the Deputy Chairperson, Mr Ronnie Dunn as the Minister of Finance’s representative, and Mrs. Nichelle Scott as Member;

- approved the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Public Lands Commission: Woody DaCosta as Chairperson, Teddie Ebanks as Deputy Chairperson, and Shanna Myles as Member;

- approved the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Medical & Dental Council: Dr Eugene Foley as Chair; Dr Komal Lawrence as Deputy Chair; Dr David Stone as Member, Dr Sean Childers as Member, and Ms April Panton as Member;

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

New closing dates for DEH Temporary Sites

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is advising residents of a change of policy regarding the closing dates of the temporary sites at Bodden Town, East End and North Side. The last day for disposal of post storm vegetative waste at these location was September 18, 2021.



► Materials dropped off at the DEH Temporary Side for collection of post storm vegetative waste

“Our observations are that debris materials coming into the sites are decreasing and the majority of materials are general gardening and yard waste. Given the volume of materials that DEH is expecting to process, the incoming materials to these sites now needs to stop whilst we focus on the processing. All debris and vegetation materials after September 18 should be directed to the George Town Landfill in the normal way”, said DEH Director Richard Simms

The DEH is also confirming that the collection of vegetation waste in the North Side and East End District will commence on Monday September 20 to Saturday September 25, 2021, as scheduled. Residents are encouraged to separate their waste and remember that this is a VEGETATION ONLY collection exercise. Be mindful that the vegetative debris collected is being converted into mulch that can be used to replant trees and assist farmers.

The refusal of some to comply with the disposal of ONLY vegetation at the temporary sites has negatively impacted the processing the vegetative waste into mulch, according to the DEH Assistant Director Solid Waste, Michael Haworth. “Despite best efforts to find and sort these materials before processing, objects such as these have damaged our shredder at Prospect which has caused downtime this week. Please do your part to assist us. Do not put any other waste with the vegetative waste,” he said.

Additional information is available from the DEH at 949-6696. Individuals may also send an email to dehcustomerservice@gov.ky, visit the DEH’s website at www.deh.gov.ky or message its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Department-of-Environmental-Health-Cayman-Islands-Government-335107266641072>

National Heroes Day 2022 Nominations Period Opens

The Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage invites the public to put forward eligible persons for recognition during the January 2022 National Heroes Day events “Celebrating our Uniform Services.”

The National Heroes Day nomination period **opens on Thursday, 16 September and closes on Saturday, 16 October 2021**. Nominations forms with eligibility criteria and categories are now available at www.celebratecayman.ky.

Email NHD@gov.ky for more information.



DVDL Requires Face Masks at Offices

The Department of Vehicle and Drivers’ Licensing (DVDL) advises the public that face masks are required at all its office locations, effective Monday, September 20.

Face masks are also required for road tests and vehicle inspections conducted by DVDL personnel.

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

Masks required to be worn in government buildings

As of Monday, 20 September, members of the public must wear face masks inside all government buildings, as the Civil Service increases safety protocols to minimise the spread of COVID-19. People visiting government buildings are asked to bring their own masks and follow the direction of security officers.

Reference: SUSPENDED VISITATION

For the safety of our residents and staff, the Pines Retirement Home’s Board of Directors and Management have **SUSPENDED ALL VISITATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (which include resi-**



dents’ next-of-kin), due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases within our community.

We will inform family members and the general public once visitation is restored. Thanks for you cooperation.

Education Officials Issue Updated Guidance on Mask-Wearing in Schools

The Ministry of Education (MoE) and the Department of Education Services (DES) advise that effective Monday, 20 September 2021, all students and staff in Government schools are expected to wear masks while riding the bus, moving through the school compound, while indoors, and while in a group setting.

When playing outdoors, eating, or working independently at their desk, masks may be removed.

This guidance is in effect until further notice.



Ministry Launches “InvestCayman”

The Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development is pleased to announce the launch of a new department: InvestCayman.

InvestCayman will serve as a global facing entity, an investment promotion agency with an ambitious program of work dedicated to attracting investment that aligns with Government’s priorities. It will work collaboratively across Government and with a variety of private and civic sector entities in the Cayman Islands who are trusted partners.

The Hon. Minister André Ebanks launched the “Introduction to InvestCayman” at a local stakeholder event held on the evening of Wednesday, 15 September, 2021 at the Westin Grand Cayman Seven Mile Beach Resort and Spa.

“Investment is the backbone of economic growth, and must underpin Government’s efforts to diversify the economy. Targeted and strategic inward investment will be the catalyst for developing human capital, creating purposeful and sustainable development, building resilience, and supporting sustainability for the people of the Cayman Islands, and for the future,”

said the Minister about the launch of InvestCayman.

Minister Ebanks continued, “Attracting inward investment and bringing it to fruition in the Cayman Islands is one of the core functions of the Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development. Within the Ministry, that work will be carried out by the new entity called InvestCayman, especially by supporting the ease of doing business with the Cayman Islands Government and within the Cayman Islands’ economy.”

He added, “An array of compelling attributes distinguish and define our jurisdiction, including our legal institutions and good governance, our Constitutional link to the United Kingdom, our diversity and our caring community. Within that context, InvestCayman will elevate the Cayman Islands by promoting the wide variety of opportunities that exist here – among them technology, education, infrastructure and energy transformation.”

Jane Scaletta, Director of InvestCayman, remarked:

“I am delighted to embark on this new journey as Director of InvestCayman, to



► Jane Scaletta, Director of InvestCayman

represent the Cayman Islands, tell our story to the world, and develop new opportunities that will have a synergistic impact on the country and our people. With a particular passion for sustainabil-

ity initiatives, I look forward to working with fellow Civil Servants and building relationships with our trusted partners to ‘futureproof’ the Cayman Islands through sustainable investments.”

CABINET OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS – POST MEETING SUMMARY

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- approved the following appointments and/or reappointments to the Cayman Islands Airports Authority Board: Mr. Johann Moxam as Chairperson, Ms. Marva B. Reid as Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Roy Grant as Director, Mr. Alfred Thompson Jr. as Director, Ms. Jacqueline Haynes as Director, Mr. Nathaniel Tibbetts as Director, and Mr. Jonathan Edie as Director;

- approved a 100% waiver of import duty until 30 June 2022 or earlier date as determined by Cabinet on all imports of hand sanitizers, protective facial masks and surgical gloves;

- approved extension of the existing 100% rent abatement in favour of the tenants of the three Crown-owned shops at Block 4E Parcel 455 managed by the Tourism Attraction Board, until 31 December 2021 and the continued 90% abatement of rent at Block OPY Parcel 108 until 31 December 2021;

- approved the issuance of drafting instruction to temporarily prescribe for zero liquor licensing fees for businesses in the Sister Islands for the September 2021 annual session and for the reimbursement in full to those businesses that have already paid the fees;

- approved the Public Service Pensions (Contribution Rates) Regulations, 2021 and the Parliamentary Pensions (Contribution Rates) Regulations, 2021; and

- reviewed and noted the Annual Report of the Water Authority for the 12 month period ending 31 December 2020.

Elizabeth McField is the interim Acting Port Director

The Port Authority Cayman Islands (PACI) has announced that Acting Port Director, Mr Joseph Woods has taken the decision to return to his substantive position of Manager of Cruise operations and Security with effect from Thursday 24 September. Ms. Elizabeth McField MHRM, SPHR, SHRM-SCP will serve as Acting Port Director commencing 25 September, 2021.

Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism commended Mr. Woods for his outstanding service, saying “for the past three years Joey Woods has demonstrated outstanding dedication to service. Under his stewardship, the Port Authority has maintained a positive financial position and despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, the port operations have run smoothly and efficiently. On behalf of the Ministry, I would like to extend our sincerest thanks and appreciation to Mr. Woods.”

The recruitment process for the position of Port Director has been opened and the Board of Directors has welcomed Ms. Elizabeth McField to act in the role during the interim. Mr. Cline Glidden Jr., Chairman of the PACI Board of Directors noted, “While the operation of the port has been effectively maintained there have understandably been issues in the administration and HR areas, some of which have been highlighted in Auditor General reports. We have immediately



started the recruitment process for the position of Port Director and in the interim have appointed Ms. Beth McField who is highly qualified in HR and Business Administration as the Acting Director for a three-month period during the recruitment of the Port Director.”

Mr. Glidden also noted that the Board’s intention is for “the operational side of the port to continue under the capable staff that have been managing it over the past three years, while Ms. McField concentrates on correcting the Human Resources and Administrative

deficiencies to ensure that the new Director is welcomed into a happy, productive and efficient port when they are appointed, hopefully within the next three months.”

The Chairman also extended thanks on behalf of the Board saying “We want to publicly thank Mr. Woods for his stewardship during these challenging times and we are comforted that while he has decided to step down from the acting position after three years of service, we will still be the beneficiaries of his proven competencies.”

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New Travel Restrictions for Sister Islands

By Staff Writer

Specific restrictions are being put in place for travel to the Sister Islands especially Cayman Brac following the outbreak of community transmission of COVID-19 cases on Grand Cayman.

There are currently 24 confirmed cases of community transmission on the main island.

Consequently, the government has announced that it is putting regulations in place to safeguard the Sister Islands.

These include requiring that anyone travelling to the Sister Islands from Grand Cayman who has not been fully vaccinated within the previous 14 days to provide a negative PCR test certificate from an approved laboratory, no more than 48 hours prior to departure.

The negative certificate must include the name and address of the approved laboratory where the test was performed.

Inter-island travel requirements for persons going from Grand Cayman to the Sister Islands will remain the same for verifiably vaccinated individuals.

Also, anyone who arrives in the Sister Islands from Grand Cayman who shows respiratory symptoms or symptoms of the virus will be quarantined until the person is no longer a risk to the public.

The new regulations will also require that anyone who has to be quarantined in the Sister Islands after having travelled from Grand Cayman is liable for any costs associated with the quarantine facility.

However, there are several exceptions that exclude returning students; evidence that the travel was government-related, sporting-event related as part of a national team; for medical purposes; educational purposes; and any person who has responsibility for taking a child or an adult away from the Islands for medical purposes.

Another element of the new suppression measures will reduce the number of people allowed to ride on boats from 500 down to 50, or to 50% of the legal capacity of the vessel, whichever is lesser.

The new travel restrictions will go into effect once the revised travel and boating regulations are published early next week.



Hon. Premier Wayne Panton said: "Hopefully these new regulations which come into effect on the 21st of this month will provide some comfort to our friends and families on the Sister Islands. The other regulations, which we have been working on are currently being finalised in the drafting process, and these will be dealt with and published next week."

The increased COVID-19 suppression measures follow the Government's decision to pause the transition from Phase Three to Phase Four of the Cayman Islands' border reopening plan in the face of renewed community transmission of the virus and increased public concern.

Official statistics show that to date there have been 774 positive cases in the Cayman Islands since the COVID-19 pandemic started last year, with 12 in Cayman Brac and one in Little Cayman.

Of that total, there are currently 25 symptomatic people, 27 asymptomatic and 720 recovered.

Currently, 709 persons are isolating at home.

The person admitted to hospital out of the 24 community transmission cases is improving, is no longer running a temperature and has had not required respiratory support.

The outgoing Chief Medical Officer Dr. John Lee reported that over 7,000 PCR tests were conducted since last week, with the overwhelming majority testing negative. He said these results highlight the fact that wide-spread vaccinations work in suppressing the disease.

He called it "exceedingly reassuring news"

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(Additional reporting via Government Information Service - GIS)



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► The four teams in the Goodwill tournament battled it out on Thursday 8 September

Goodwill netball tournament

By Christopher Tobutt

The Goodwill Tournament which took place at the Truman Bodden netball court was where Cayman's netball enthusiasts between the ages 16 to 50, many of whom lead busy lives and don't always get to play regularly as they would like, got the chance to come together (present rules on covid notwithstanding) for an evening's fun and serious netball combined.

What makes it even more fun (and even more serious) is that each of the four teams Blue, Yellow Green and Burgundy have a sprinkling of members from the National teams. It's a great idea really encourages the enthusiast players to step up their game while giving an opportunity for the National Team players to work on some additional skill involving strategy and teamwork.

One of the National Team Players, 24-year old Alexis has been one of Cayman's best players ever since discovering the sport at the age of 10, said, "Mixing with the Goodwill team gives you the opportunity to learn new skill sets adapting to their style. It takes you out of your comfort zone."

Technical Director Janet Lettman said, "These goodwill teams haven't played since March, and we are getting them going by providing two national team players in each of the four teams. Goodwill means they can participate again, ready for mixed league netball."

Telling a little of the story of her participation in netball which spans more than 30 years, Ms Lettman said, she said, "I like it because it's an invasion game. It's also encourages socially-shy females to participate more, giving more confidence as they develop their physical and technical skills" Netball has lots of different levels beginners intermediates and professionals, so that everyone has somewhere they can fit in. "My job is to talk to people in schools and colleges to bring in everyone who is involved, on how can we grow Cayman Islands Netball," Ms Lettman said.

Cayman Islands Netball Association Vice President Norma Ferryman first began playing netball in Jamaica and has loved it ever since. She first got involved here, coaching a team at George Town Primary School, and year-by-year her in-



► (L-R) Jane Ebanks, Norma Ferryman and Janet Lettman

volvement grew, so that she is now she is on the Executive body of CINA. "I make sure everything is set up right," she said, "I keep bench scores, and time, and make sure everything is running smoothly.

"It's not just an ordinary game. You have to think fast and move fast. It's good for learning team spirit and good sportsmanship, and it promotes a healthy lifestyle. It also gives you the opportunity to be a good ambassador for your country and can take you all over the world: Scotland, New Zealand, America, and Caribbean countries such as Trinidad, so that get to know people from many other places."

37-year old Jo Richards has always loved netball too. She grew up playing it in England at County and Regional level, and then got involved again when she came to the Cayman Islands "You build a family when you play netball," she said.

Jane Ebanks Senior National Team Manager represented the National Team players who were playing alongside the enthusiasts, commented, "That's what this Goodwill tournament is about - bringing the clubs together."



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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Barbados passport still region's No.1

Barbados has retained the most powerful passport in the Caribbean ranking and remains one of the most recognised travel documents globally, according to the latest Henley Passport Index.

Based on information to July, the Barbados passport was ranked at 22nd globally, with a score of 161, meaning that holders of a Barbados passport are able to travel to most of the world's destinations – 161 so far – visa-free.

The Henley Passport Index, which compares the visa-free access of 199 different passports to 227 travel destinations, provides total scores for each passport that is equal to the number of destinations for which no visa is required.

Barbados received the same scores over the past two years, though the ranking shifted slightly during that time. Else-



► The Barbados passport is respected worldwide

where in the Caribbean, the Bahamas was ranked at 25th, with its passport providing visa-free access to 155 destinations; St Kitts and Nevis (24th/157 destinations), then Antigua and Barbuda and St Vincent and the Grenadines tied (29th/151).

Trinidad and Tobago (30th/150); St Lucia (31st/146), Grenada (33rd/144); Dominica (34th/142); Guyana (65th/87) and Jamaica (67th/85).

Minaj backtracks over vaccine nonsense

Trinidad and Tobago's health minister has dismissed Nicki Minaj's claim that someone there suffered swollen testicles after being vaccinated for COVID-19 as "false".

The Trinidad-born rapper sparked an international furor when she tweeted that her cousin refuses to get vaccinated because his friend became impotent after getting jabbed.

"His testicles became swollen. His friend was weeks away from getting married, now the girl called off the wedding," tweeted Minaj, who has 22.6 million Twitter followers.

The comments triggered an international backlash with widespread criticism from medical experts saying she should be "ashamed" and the claim was "ridiculous".

After a day's delay T&T Health Minister Terrence Deyalsingh denounced the state-



► Nicki Minaj couldn't back up her vaccine claim

ment by the Grammy-nominated artist, saying: "We had to check and make sure that what she was claiming was either true or false. Unfortunately, we wasted so much time yesterday running down this false claim."

Minaj claimed that she will get vaccinated to be able to tour but still praised right-wing firebrand Tucker Carson's claim that the vaccine should be a choice as a "free human being".

Cuba set to re-open for Xmas

Cuba's Ministry of Tourism will ease pandemic restrictions on visitors from Nov. 15, just in time to welcome the Christmas influx. The news comes despite a recent surge in COVID-19 infections.

Ministry officials credited progress in Cuba's vaccination program, under which officials predict "more than 90 percent of the entire population will complete vaccination schedules" by November. "Sanitary hygienic protocols will be relaxed" upon travellers' arrival, said tourism officials, with protocols focused on "the surveillance of symptomatic patients and temperature-taking."

Additionally, diagnostic tests will be carried out randomly, and PCR testing will no longer be required upon

arrival. Cuban customs officials will also accept travellers' vaccination certificates issued abroad.

Last Monday Cuba reported 7,230 new, confirmed COVID-19 cases and 85 deaths in 24 hours, bringing the country's total to 696,904 cases with 5,788 deaths among its 11 million citizens. Cuba is using locally produced coronavirus vaccines Abdala and Soberana, which are not recognised by the World Health Organisation but have demonstrated a 90 percent efficacy rate in local clinical trials.

Cuba travellers are required to submit a health declaration, obtain a Cuba Tourist Card from their airline, produce proof of a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of arrival and take a PCR test upon arrival.



► Cuba needs income from tourism

Venezuela wants Guyana's oil wealth

Guyana's newly found oil wealth has inspired impoverished Venezuela to make more bizarre claims on its sovereignty, including insisting that it really owns three-quarters of the country.

For more than a century, Venezuela and Guyana have been arguing about where their border should be. Last week, that long-running territorial dispute erupted again when Venezuela's regime — and even its political opposition — issued an unusual joint statement insisting that three-quarters of Guyana actually belongs to it.

Guyana angrily called Venezuela's latest turf declaration "an overt threat to [our] sovereignty and territorial integrity".

"The claim by Venezuela on Guyana is not only absurd in terms of the basis of the claim but in terms of the size of the claim," said Carl Greenidge, a former vice-president of Guyana and a representative in



► Guyana's newly found wealth is envied by Venezuela

this case at the UN's International Court of Justice, or World Court, in The Hague. "It is not a logical story."

Venezuela has created a map that includes a "zone in reclamation" - 61,000 square miles of Guyana west of the Essequibo River, or El Esequibo in Spanish. The dispute has intensified in recent years since oil fields worth billions of dollars were discovered in Guyanese waters.

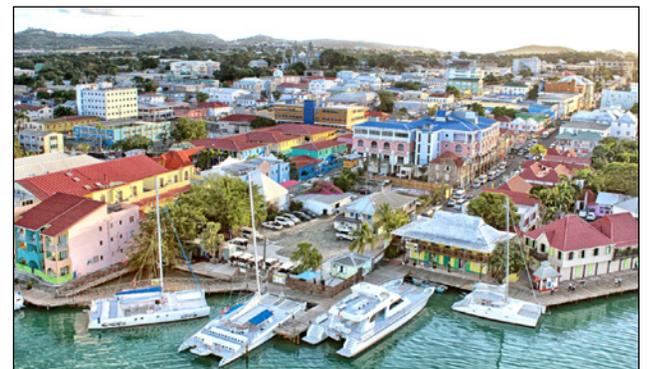
Antigua has best August tourism

Antigua and Barbuda reported significant growth in tourism arrivals for August despite the global pandemic and had a record month with a total of 18,792 visitors.

This marks an increase of 965 visitors over August 2018, which previously held the August best record with 17,827 visitors.

According to the Antigua and Barbuda Ministry of Tourism, the US and UK markets remain the source for the majority of visitors, contributing a total of 17,306 visitors, or 92 percent of the total visitors last month.

Numbers are anticipated to increase in the winter, with flights from Canada expected to resume in November. Within the Caribbean region, airlift has also begun to pick up, with increased service



► Antigua and Barbuda's tourism campaign is working

from Caribbean Airlines and other carriers.

Earlier this year, the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority launched a new advertising campaign. The 'Your Space in the Sun' campaign highlighted the twin-islands' uncrowded beaches, outdoor attractions and airy accommodations. It also promoted the safety of the destination through its 'Sun, Sea, Safe' campaign. It all worked.

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

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8						2		6
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Difficulty Level ★★★

3/19

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Poll numbers
- 5 Terre Haute's river
- 11 Biz bigwig
- 12 Broad way
- 13 Different
- 14 Make numb
- 15 Parrot or puppy
- 16 Disease cause
- 17 Trial setting
- 19 Status —
- 22 Make suitable
- 24 Wide inlet
- 26 Tenor Carreras
- 27 Mosquito attack
- 28 Church replies
- 30 Doofuses
- 31 Marks a ballot
- 32 African lilies
- 34 Linen source
- 35 Deli meat
- 38 Movie studio department
- 41 Toy on a string
- 42 Morphine, e.g.
- 43 Some sheep

DOWN

- 44 Long-winged seabird
- 45 Helper: Abbr.
- 1 Profound
- 2 Wheel bar
- 3 Precedent setters
- 4 Poker card
- 5 Tall boot
- 6 Wards off
- 7 Roof support
- 8 Plus
- 9 Take to court
- 10 Egg layer
- 16 Belly kin
- 18 Ready for business
- 19 TV with contes-tants
- 20 Golden Rule word
- 21 Lyric poems
- 22 Trojan War hero
- 23 Capitol top
- 25 Clarinet's
- 29 Greet a general

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Yesterday's answer

- 30 Cereal buy
- 33 Jacket flap
- 34 Phobia
- 36 Pro votes
- 37 Largest amount
- 38 Janitor's tool
- 39 Gorilla, e.g.
- 40 Model buy
- 41 Pro vote

Word Search

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

- Apple
- Apricot
- Banana
- Cherry
- Currant
- Damson
- Date
- Fig
- Grape
- Guava
- Kumquat
- Lemon
- Lime
- Loquat
- Mango
- Melon
- Orange
- Papaya
- Peach
- Pear
- Plum
- Quince
- Sloe
- Ugli

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

THANKS, CURTIS. WHAT DID I MISS, BARRY? DETECTIVE BROWNING GLOCK IS PEPPERING MICHELLE'S CHARACTER "CARLA" WITH DETAILS ON HER PARENTS' MYSTERIOUS DEATH! I MUST SAY, MICHELLE'S REALLY HAMMING IT UP! SHE ACTS SCARED, INNOCENT, AND SHE CAN CRY ON CUE! "HAM"? I'D SAY BALONEY. YEAH, SOME SORT OF PROCESSED MEAT!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

THAT SHE BLOWS! BUT—AT LEAST THERE'S NO LAVA SPEWING OUT! BRACKK! YEAH—BUT LOOK WHAT DID! HAIL—SENTRY 714!

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

(THIS IS THE SORT OF DAY EVERYONE SHOULD JUST GO OUT AND ENJOY... MEANWHILE... IT LOOKS LIKE A NICE MORNING, ALAN. "NICE." WHAT MAKES IT "NICE"?)



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