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Jerry Brown realized the opportunity at her fingertips and took advantage of it. Instead of looking beyond Cayman for her education, she found what she needed at the University College of the Cayman Islands.

"Local is good enough, if not better," said Brown. "I'm proof you can start here and go far."

Brown, who earned a Bachelor of Social Science at UCCI in 2017, recently became a policy analyst in the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage. A member of UCCI's Alumni Network, she said she wants to continue to be involved with the university and to help support its programmes.

"I've seen it blossom," she said of the school. "There's potential there."

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► Jerry Brown



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## Optimism for Caribbean tourism still shaky

While the Cayman Islands has seen its tourism sector die a death from Covid restrictions, the rest of the Caribbean's tourism industry had been recovering quicker than any other region in the world. This is according to the London-based World Travel & Tourism Council.

According to the WTTC, the Caribbean's travel and tourism sector is seeing its contribution to GDP expected to rise more than 47% this year, compared to just 30.7% globally, the recovery of the sector globally having been hindered by the lack of international coordination, severe travel restrictions and slower vaccination rates, they stated. In comparison, the Caribbean (except for the Cayman Islands)

has been benefiting from more relaxed restrictions around the world and low infection rates, which in turn boosted international travel spend and aided the region's swift economic recovery.

This 30.7% year-on-year increase from travel and tourism in 2021 for the rest of the world still represented a huge amount, at USD 1.4 trillion, and was mainly driven by domestic spending, while the Caribbean region could expect a year-on-year increase of 47.3%, representing a healthy increase of nearly USD 12 billion, driven by both international and domestic travel spend.

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Deadline Extension: National Heroes Day Nomination Forms

The deadline for submitting National Heroes Day nomination forms is being extended by a week to **midnight, Saturday, 23 October 2021**. The theme for the 2022 celebrations is 'Honouring Our Uniform Services.'

Forms can be filled in online at <https://www.celebratecayman.ky/>, or

downloaded to complete by hand. Hard copies of the nomination form are also available at the receptions of Government Administration Building, Grand Cayman and at District Administration, Cayman Brac.

For more information about the form, email [NHD@gov.ky](mailto:NHD@gov.ky) or call 244-2426.

### Speaker Issues Condolences at UK MP's Tragic Passing

House Speaker, Hon. McKeeva Bush has sent a letter to the Speaker of the UK Parliament, Sir Lindsay Hoyle expressing condolences at the untimely demise of UK MP, Sir David Amess.

"Our sentiments are expressed to the bereaving family and the parliament community of this highly respected and distinguished MP," the Speaker wrote. "Please accept on behalf of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands our sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of a fellow Member of Parliament."

"We are shaken by this barbaric and heinous murder of our contemporary and compatriot, Sir David Amess. This horrendous act brings shockwaves to representatives and parliamentarians," the Speaker said. Sir David, a Conservative MP since 1983, was stabbed multiple times at a regular Friday constituency meeting on 15 October.

The full text of the Speaker's letter to his counterpart in the UK follows.

October 17, 2021.

The Right Honourable Speaker, Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP  
Speaker's Office  
House of Commons  
Parliament of the United Kingdom  
London

Dear Rt Hon Speaker,

It is with deep sadness and grief that I write you as the Speaker on behalf of the Representatives and as the Speaker of the House of Parliament of the Cayman Islands.

We are shaken by this barbaric and heinous murder of our contemporary and compatriot, Sir David Amess. This horrendous act brings shockwaves to representatives and parliamentarians.

We note keenly that he was a versatile Member of Parliament (MP) who has served over three decades in that capaci-



► House Speaker, Hon. McKeeva Bush has passed on MPs' condolences to UK House of Commons Speaker

ty at age sixty nine (69). Undoubtedly, he was a kind and gentle human being who served his people and constituents admirably. He was clearly an effective legislator who acted and advocated for animal welfare and demonstrated interest in the vulnerable and the persons he represented.

It is also noteworthy, as you have alluded to, that MPs' security and safety may be a real and genuine issue to consider, in due course.

Sir Amess has passed laws for the most vulnerable in the society and evidently demonstrated passion as he executed his role and was a dedicated public servant. He worked assiduously as a representative and law maker. It can't go unnoticed and unheralded his active involvement and sterling contribution as an All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Cayman Islands and facilitating engagements to discuss policy matters which touch and concern our Islands.

Our sentiments are expressed to the bereaving family and the parliament community of this highly respected and distinguished MP.

Please accept on behalf of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands our sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of fellow Member of Parliament.



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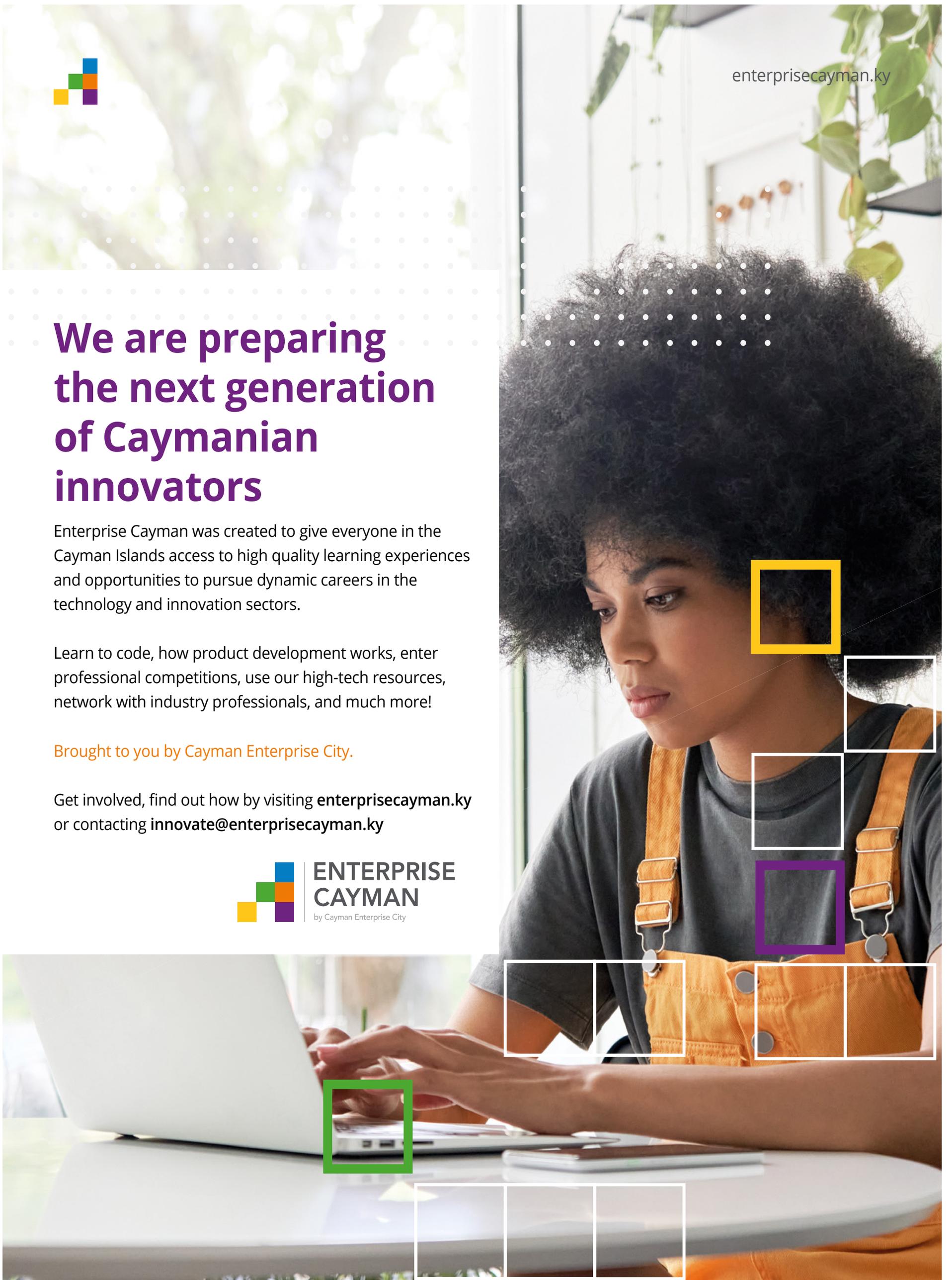
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# Housing Minister gives back mangroves for green open space

According to data shared by the Department of Environment, between 1976 and 2018, 72% of the mangrove habitat in western Grand Cayman, spanning from Savannah to West Bay, have already been lost and the central mangrove wetlands of South Sound are at increasing threat of being added to this loss.

Earlier this year Sustainable Cayman presented their South Sound Mangrove Park & Tarpon Alley nature trail proposal to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure Minister Johany Ebanks to highlight development concerns and to discuss how these might possibly be mitigated. Part of this proposal included 24 acres of housing trust lands (20E213REM3) acquired by the government for development in 2019.

At a meet and greet of various environmental grassroots organisations held on Friday, October 15th it was very encouraging to sit down and discuss the views and aims of the Minister and receive his feedback. He was cognisant of the environmental concerns and the importance of climate change and the need to hear from both sides of the table so as to be inclusive to achieve compromise where needed.

The Minister had taken the time to consider the proposed project for the National Housing Development Trust ("NHDT") below Linford Pierson Highway and outlined his reasons for being hesitant to do



anything with the property. He needed to consider the safety of the adjacent Randyke Gardens community, the cost perspective of building the project, the need for a natural stormwater basin and the environmental perspective given the lack of protection of wetlands in the South Sound basin.

He was optimistic, pending further consultation with the Chairman and the Board, that plans to proceed with the

housing project could be shelved with a view to acquiring more suitable land in the Newlands area for the NHDT. The expectation is that the mangrove forest will therefore not be developed and could be returned to the Crown with the intention to leave it as green open space. Although this proposal is still to be regularized, the news was clearly well received by representatives from the community as well as the grassroots organisations.

"It is very refreshing to be able to have open dialogue with the persons making decisions so as to allow for a greater understanding of what the people of the Cayman Islands feel needs to be done to protect and improve public spaces, preserve culture and heritage and ensure sustainable use of Cayman's natural environment for future generations to address climate change" reported Melanie Carmichael.

Wetlands serve important water quality improvement functions within the landscape which is why these functions should be factored into stormwater management strategies. Mangrove forests also help to mitigate climate change, pulling massive amounts of greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and storing them in their soils — up to four times as much carbon as other tropical forests. Nature-based solutions for climate, biodiversity and people, especially mangrove wetlands, will be featured at COP26 UK which will be taking place next month in Glasgow.

## About Sustainable Cayman

Our vision for the Cayman Islands is a flourishing society blending modern environmental practices with a respectful and commonsense approach to its unique heritage to ensure a sustainable and prosperous future for all.

## Optimism for Caribbean tourism still shaky

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The WTTC noted that while this figure for the rest of the Caribbean was up, it was still below its performance in 2019, a record year for the sector, where travel and tourism represented more than 14% of the region's GDP, contributing more than USD 58 billion to its economy.

In 2020, 680,000 travel and tourism jobs were lost across the Caribbean region, equating to almost a quarter of all jobs in the sector. However, this year WTTC's research revealed an expected 12% rise in jobs (compared to 0.7% globally), with a similar potential year-on-year jobs rise across the sector next year, by a positive 11.5%.

But a new spike in Covid cases across the region could put paid to the glowing recovery as predicted by WTTC, with the more infectious Delta variant causing in-

creases in cases in countries such as Jamaica, the Bahamas, Barbados and St Lucia. This has been fuelled by a low uptake of the vaccine caused by misinformation about vaccine efficacy swirling around these countries.

According to the Inter-American Development Bank, a full recovery of the economic activity found in Caribbean countries pre-pandemic could take until 2024.

The WTTC said economic recovery could take place at a pace if Caribbean countries allowed fully vaccinated travellers to move freely, irrespective of their origin or eventual destination, and if they implemented digital solutions which enable all travellers to easily prove their Covid status, in turn speeding up the process at borders around the world. They also said that further measures could also include the recognition of all vaccines authorised by WHO, and the agreement from all relevant authorities that international travel was safe with enhanced health and safety protocols, as well as vaccine equity, to ensure no region was left behind. Should these measures be taken, the positive impact on the economy and jobs could be considerable, it said.



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# UCCI Alumna Found All She Needed at Home

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A native Caymanian, Brown said she had planned to do A-level studies at St. Ignatius Catholic School after graduating from John Gray High School. But personal tragedy – she lost her father and her best friend in close succession – intervened and she wasn't able to complete those studies. Her plans, which at that time were aimed at studying abroad were scuttled.

In the end, that may have been a good thing, she said. She feels strongly tied to Cayman.

"When I go on vacation, I get really, really homesick," Brown said.

Had she gone abroad to study, she thinks she probably would have been miserable. So instead, she enrolled in a computer applications programme at UCCI and earned her certificate in 2008.

"I passed with honours and was able to get a scholarship for my associate degree," she said. "I just went on from there."

Her associate degree in applied sciences came the following year. In the process of completing that programme, she said, she gained a passion for education.

A necessary part of that passion was a newfound love of reading, which she attributes to UCCI professor Livingston Smith. Any time she had a question, she said, he gave her something to read on the subject. He piqued her interest in social sciences and she learned some necessary skills along the way.

"I learned to write more concisely," she said. "It made me better. My quality

of writing and research, it prepared me when it came to my master's."

That degree, in public administration, wasn't offered at UCCI. After researching a number of options, Brown found Walden University in Minnesota. Not only did I offer the master's programme she was looking for, but she could take her post-graduate courses online, never having to leave Cayman.

She felt well prepared for the work that was thrown at her by Walden, particularly when it came to research. Researching subjects for her bachelor's degree was often a challenge. Smaller colleges, such as UCCI, typically have fewer resources than larger institutions and Brown struggled sometimes to find what she needed.

"I would have to dig for research," she said. "I remember trying to find books and articles for my bachelor's dissertation."

But it paid off. When she was able to tap into the resources of her American university, she said, it was almost too simple.

"You don't have to look, it's right there," she said. "What I'd learned at UCCI made it easy to identify scholarly resources and know where the best resources were for certain topics."

She completed her degree in August.

Prior to her current job, Brown spent time at the Ministry of Health with the Health Practice Commission. There, she was responsible for the regulation of health practitioners and health care facilities and for human clinical trial review, making sure such trials met the necessary protocols. She also worked on legislation legalizing the use of medical cannabis.

She moved on to become secretary for the Public Lands Commission, coordinating and issuing permits for outdoor events on public lands and ensuring beach access.

In her current position, she said, "I'm working to develop policies and programs for legislation. With all the education I've had, I can put that to use for my county and my people."

"To know you're impacting the lives of people," she added, "it's a big thing. It's a humbling thing as well."

She discusses policy with a quiet fervor, clearly convinced that there is important work to be done in government. She has even been approached about running for public office.

"I'm waiting to see," she said. "For now, I'm making as much change as I can from within the belly of the beast."

And while that takes most of her time, she said she still would like to remain in-

involved with UCCI, perhaps in a mentorship role.

"You get students who don't think they can make it," she said. "I didn't think I could make it either. I know I wish there were times when I could have turned to someone like myself for support and advice."

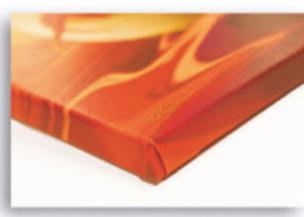
She also wants to impress upon potential students that UCCI has quality programmes.

"It's just as good as going abroad," she said. "There are a lot of opportunities there. Look where I am, and I didn't take my feet off of home soil."

*UCCI is actively building an alumni network. If you are a graduate, become a member of the network at: [ucci.edu.ky/alumni](http://ucci.edu.ky/alumni)*

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► From left: Lion John Ebanks, HSA CIO Keith Higgins, Lion Club of Grand Cayman President Eric Anderson and Lion Gary Franklin



► In this photo Lions John Ebanks and Gary Franklin wait to get their booster shots as they commit their support to the vaccination programme

# Lions step forward in COVID fight

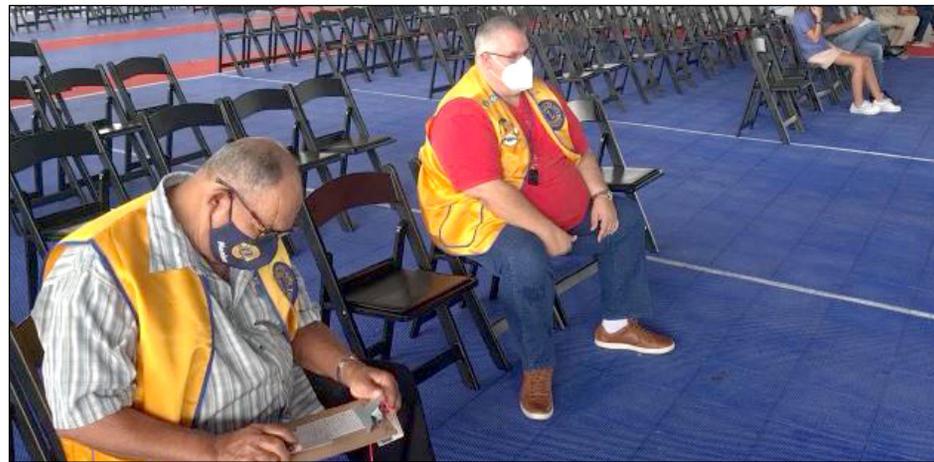
Commitment and dedication to the Cayman community is ingrained in the members of Lions Club of Grand Cayman, so it should come as no surprise when called upon to assist in the fight against COVID-19 there was no hesitation.

Earlier this month, as local coronavirus cases and the need for testing and vaccinating residents grew, the Club knew its centre would have been an important asset to the community to face these challenges.

Often used to host events, celebrations and other community-oriented activities, the centre has now become a key tool in rendering saving living assistance through the Club's generosity. The centre is currently being used free of charge.

Director of Primary Health Care and Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez expressed gratitude for the partnership with the Club.

"Relocation of the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic to the Lions Centre was fitting due to its central location and its capacity. Public Health is grateful to the Lions Club for generously donating this space to-



► Lion John Ebanks fills his booster form at the Lions Community Centre which has been donated as site for local vaccination clinics (Photos supplied by Lions Club of Grand Cayman)

wards the continued operation of the clinic. Their contribution allows us to continue to work towards the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and the protection of people on our islands," he said.

Lions Club President Eric Anderson said the centre and the Club has been of service to the community for decades and Lions

are proud to continue that tradition during this health emergency.

"When the Health Services Authority approached our Club about using the centre for vaccinations and PCR testing, our Club was more than happy to assist," he said, adding "For the last 49 years the Lions Club of Grand Cayman has taken great

pride in their ability to serve the needs of our community. This is just another opportunity for our club to help our community when it's in need."

Vaccinated Lions, including senior Lion John Ebanks, also utilized the clinic to get his booster shot.

As a proud member of the over 70 age group, Ebanks said, he has seen the value of vaccinations over the years and encouraged others to get the job.

"From my boyhood days I've heard about vaccine. I still have scars of them and I didn't know their contents then and still don't know, but what I do know is the shots kept you from getting sick then. So my advice to the unvaccinated... get your shots it's your life. I am happy I took my booster shot because it lessens my chance of contracting the virus," he said.

Ebanks also urged the community to adhere to the health protocols.

"Wear your masks. Adjust to social distancing, it's a must. Stay safe and take care," he said.

For the full vaccination schedule at the centre visit [www.hsa.ky](http://www.hsa.ky)

## Persons 50+ Now Eligible for COVID-19 Booster Shots



The COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic has opened its next phase of booster shots for those aged 50 and over beginning today Tuesday 19 October.

"We are pleased with the rollout of the booster programme to date and now extend the opportunity for persons aged fifty and above to enhance their immunity against COVID-19. As we contend with community transmission here in the Cayman Islands, we encourage all who are eligible for vaccination to come forward and protect themselves", states Medical Officer of Health Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez.

The clinically vulnerable remain eligible to receive boosters throughout all phases of the programme. Persons wishing to receive their first or second dose are free to attend the clinic at any time.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule – OCT 2021 (v5)

The COVID-19 vaccine is available to ALL persons 12 years and over  
First and second doses are currently available to all persons.  
Boosters are being administered in phases (see below)

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# New Arrivals at All Levels as Maples Group Expands its Cayman Islands Funds & Investment Management Practice

Maples and Calder, the Maples Group's law firm, is pleased to announce that Caroline Heal has joined the firm as a Funds & Investment Management Partner in its Cayman Islands office.

Caroline brings extensive experience in the structuring, formation and operation of offshore hedge funds, private equity funds and investment fund platforms. She advises a wide range of asset managers and financial institutions and has been recognised for her expertise by The Legal 500.

Caroline will be an integral member of the firm's top-tier Cayman Islands Funds & Investment Management team where she will also collaborate closely with lawyers and professionals across the firm's global practices in the British Virgin Islands, Dubai, Ireland, London, Luxembourg, Jersey, Hong Kong and Singapore to service its multinational client base.

Notably, the firm's Funds & Investment Management practice is the largest in the jurisdiction and has steadily grown over the past year with the addition of 10 new Associates, two of whom were previously articulated clerks with the firm. In addition to these new hires, the firm also promoted Stephen Watler and Lee Davis to Funds & Investment Management Partners earlier

this year, further strengthening its partnership team.

Michael Richardson, head of the Cayman Islands Funds & Investment Management practice said, "I am pleased to welcome Caroline to the Maples Group. Our Funds & Investment Management team has grown considerably over the past year as a result of increasing demand for our services from global hedge fund and private equity fund clients. The team has also been managing a record number of incorporations and registrations for the jurisdiction while navigating regulatory and compliance requirements. Caroline's addition demonstrates our commitment to providing the highest level of client service to our international clients from a trusted team of experienced lawyers who have deep technical, sectoral and jurisdictional knowledge".

Commenting on her appointment, Caroline said, "I am delighted to join the Maples Group's distinguished Funds & Investment Management practice and I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the team alongside the industry's leading lawyers, professionals and clients".

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ments managers, investors and providers of fund financing. Its global practice advises on the laws of the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Ireland, Jersey and Luxembourg across the full spectrum of fund and investment management products including private equity funds, hedge funds, fund of funds, master-feeder funds, liquid alternatives, credit funds, hybrid

funds and unit trusts. Earlier this year, its London Funds & Investment Management practice won "Best Offshore Law Firm" at the HFM European Services Awards and the Hedgeweek European Awards while its Irish Funds & Investment Management practice was ranked as a top legal adviser for the eighth consecutive year by Monetary Insight.



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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, 12th October, 2021 in the Cabinet Conference Room, Government Administration Building.

All Ministers and Members of Cabinet were present.

At this meeting Cabinet:

- approved creation of new Equity Investment output EI 88 – Parliament and transfer of funds from EA-141 to EI-88 in the amount of \$243,765 in accordance with Section 11 (5)

and 11 (6) of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision);

- approved issuance of a Coastal Works Permit for Block 80A Parcel 58, subject to conditions outlined by the Department of Environment's Technical Committee;

- approved for the following companies to make application to the Grand Court for restoration to the Cayman Islands Register of Companies, subject to payment of all outstanding fees and penalties: CHEPSTOW

HOLDINGS LTD and CARIB LAND HOLDINGS LIMITED;

- noted and approved for submission to the Parliament the 2019 and 2020 Human Resources Annual Reports;

- approved applications for appointment as Notaries Public for the following persons: Barbara N Bodden, Yeaneka C. Gordon-Lee, Priscilla A. Jackson, Laura M. McGeaver, Alisha M. Racz and Abby P. Rainford;

- approved rescinding supplementary funding previously granted under Section 11, that

had previously been approved by Finance Committee under Section 12 of the Public Management and Finance Act (2020 Revision) for the following:

- increase of TP 30 – Local and Overseas Scholarships by \$1,015,000;

- increase of TP 30 – Local and Overseas Scholarships by \$163,500; and

- increase of EGA 8 – Facilities Maintenance and Operational School Support Services by \$3,100,996;

- approved import duty waiver

of all brands of SARS CoV-2 Antigen detecting Rapid Diagnostic Tests “Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests” that are approved by the Health Services Authority of the Cayman Islands or the Chief Medical Officer;

- approved the Immigration (Transition) (Amendment) Act, 2021 (Commencement) Order, 2021;

- approved the revised National Maritime Strategy and Terms of Reference for the National Maritime Strategy III Code Compliance 2021 Working Group.

## DEH promotes Healthy & Green Halloween

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is providing food safety tips and promoting recycled craft ideas to encourage residents to celebrate a Healthy & Green Halloween this year.

As many families participate in Halloween celebrations, the DEH continues to encourage the public to have fun while staying safe. Food safety is critical to avoid contaminated foods from being consumed thereby resulting in food-borne illness. On the other hand, recycled crafts are the perfect way for kids to turn trash into something new.

“Having a Healthy & Green Halloween not only is an excellent opportunity to disseminate messages to ensure treats are safe for children consumption, but it also encourages to reduce waste this spooky season by teaching them the importance of reducing waste through recycling”, according to Mr. Richard Simms, DEH Director.

The Department is also encouraging residents to share pictures or videos of their own Halloween creations and tag the DEH or to submit them to the DEH Facebook page where food safety tips and recycled craft ideas will be posted from now until the end of the month.



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# Philip Paschalides: Poignancy, Structure, Interpretations Part Two

By Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper

When we last examined the works of poet Philip Paschalides, we took careful note of his profundity, compared him to outstanding Caribbean poet, Derek Walcott, as well as Romantic poet, John Keats, and celebrated the sheer beauty and poignancy of his works. My indulgent reading of Paschalides' poems left a striking impact as I was also awed by the various interpretations that might be applied to his works. The Literature and Cultural Studies department of the Seattle Pacific University defines interpretation as "an explicit argument about a text's deeper meanings – its implied themes, values, and assumptions. It pays special attention to the text's contradictions, tensions, and ambiguities." This for me has always been the beauty of literature – the idea that there might be as many interpretations as interpreters. As I passed a pleasant afternoon with the poet in discussion of his works, we exchanged thoughts on how I had interpreted his works and what responses it evoked in me versus what had inspired him to put pen to paper – or fingers to keyboard. The results were fascinating.

In "Manual and Cross", Paschalides presents a persona who

Thrice daily,  
Before the seated congregation,  
Her hands inhabit the motions of the  
Safety demonstration. (lines 1-4)

The poet continues to describe the persona at a spatial "point where South and North/and West and East cohere" (lines 5 and 6), reporting that

she knows the breathless mask  
and tucked-up slide,  
the first aid cask,  
will no more save or hide (lines 9-12)

## Interpretations

Perhaps because we are caught in an ongoing global pandemic, and also perhaps because of the reference to "the breathless mask", my interpretation of this poem was of a woman who was praying for a loved one suffering from COVID-19 and struggling between a need to "save" or "hide". She is seeking assistance through "prayer" or "human skill" – hence the title of "Manual" (help from human skill) or divine intervention as represented by "Cross". In my interpretation, I noted her hands inhabit the motion of prayer. I saw the south, north, west, and east motions as somehow rem-

iniscent of a hand making the sign of the cross, again in prayer. I concluded the thematic concern as religion, with the larger message being that it is what we believe that keeps us aloft. When Paschalides shared his inspiration in writing this poem, it was indeed about being 'aloft'. He conceived this poem on a plane while the flight attendant went through the safety procedures for which hand gestures are so important. As for the title, "Manual and Cross", it is drawn from cabin crew talk about arming the doors in preparation for take-off. I could not help but chuckle as this was far from my interpretation, and yet, not so distant, as the poem does indeed explore the diverse ideas in which we place our faith in order to stay 'aloft'.

Similarly, in "The Most Legendary Exhibition of all Time Now in its Final Weeks!", Paschalides follows the title with bracketed information, "(for Zacharie Caudeiron)". My immediate conclusion was that the poet was writing about a major art show with Caudeiron as the artist. The poet begins with "They nursed the breathless coral of your lungs,/let them swell then slump into/the alabaster edges of the jar" (lines 1-3), and I immediately saw the artwork as glass blowing, the figurative labour of the lungs giving birth to a jar. The poet later spoke of "knicks and knacks", "of wicking cloth, trainers ... cans of coke", and my interpretation was of the many usually discarded materials that Caudeiron had somehow turned into art. Paschalides speaks further of "shapes in silence shuffling past", and I interpreted that to be the artistic shapes that these discarded materials later became with the artist's intent being "to bring the history to life". Again, my interpretation was far from what inspired Paschalides' 2019 writing as Caudeiron was a friend making a trip to view a Tutankhamun exhibition, and the poem's title was the actual text of a banner displayed across the window of a New York museum. The poem was much more about artistry than art, in this case the embalming and funereal crafts whose practice I referenced in part one of this article.

The sheer diversity of these interpretive activities emphasises that there is room for disagreement in interpretation. According to US philosopher Alan Goldman, "...some philosophers claim that interpretation is invariably weaker epistemically, that an interpreter cannot

know, ... that his interpretation is correct". What is remarkable for me is not so much the correctness of my interpretations of Paschalides' poems, but that the works so beautifully lend themselves to quite diverse interpretations, which cluster yet around a common zone of ideas, impressions, or feelings. Remember, the essence of interpretation is that it is debatable and based on implied assumptions.

## Structure

Also remarkable is the structure of Paschalides' poems and an exploration of his works would not be complete if no homage is paid to his structural devices. He admits to being very structured and quite methodical as he deliberates at length over what he produces. The poetry comes out of his various inspirations, but then he admits to "moving things around while I try not to change the essence of it". There is a lot of fine tuning, he admits, "because I like format and structure". Like T.S. Eliot, a leading English-language Modernist poet who believed "No verse is free for the man who wants to do a good job", Paschalides states that "what I do, though not obviously structured, has a strong relationship with structure and is not intuitive". Like Eliot then, he aims for perfection in his "constant vacillation between adherence to, and departure from, rhyme and regular meter", but though he may move away from these, there is still a clear structure to be seen and admired.

Some aspects of his style are riveting, as Paschalides writes from seemingly simple origins to present works with profound meanings. In the 2015 poem "Press Release", inspired when SeaWorld announced that it would phase out Whale Disney, the poet uses this simple announcement to explore liberty, loss, and what is lucrative. As he speaks to the liberated whales' "half-remembered ways" (line 7), one ponders whether this freedom is saving or destroying the creatures echoing deeper discussions about all beings in captivity, whether the whales or the "ex-husbands" (line 3) that have been liberated from routines and relationships. Similarly, in "Almost daughter", the poet uses the simple experience of a news story about polio, to explore the parallels between the end of a disease and of a relationship – does a past love, from some angles, not resemble a once incurable disease? Again, this seemingly simple occurrence draws



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profound conjectures about human experiences and human nature. And how can we not take note of his titles? Paschalides unapologetically references the origins of his inspiration in his titles, showing little regard for the usual capitalization rules, and not being concerned about the length or brevity of those titles. Some examples have already been explored in several poems referenced here, but of note too is "If you want to transition back to half-happy baby, feel free" to which Paschalides laughingly admits that "someone said it and I took it". How can I not reference "Homoiouosios", the physical layout of which you have to see to fully appreciate? The writer structures it in such a way that two specific words jut out – and and or. This structure is of course deliberate, as we last time observed that this poem juxtaposes the observer and the observed who are trying to determine whether they are similar (and) or different (or). The structure creatively captures the poignancy of the message.

There are various schools of thought on what makes literature good or bad, and I agree with those who conclude that literature is considered bad if it is fleeting or formulaic, with no real aesthetic value and no permanence. Contrarily, good literature leaves a lasting impression, is sufficiently complex, aesthetic, stretches the imagination, and is truly artistic. Philip Paschalides' poetry is good literature.

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# Cayman Islands Folk Singers to Host First Concert Series in Five Years

Fans of the Cayman Islands Folk Singers are in for a treat this month when the group hosts its first concert series in over five years. "Memories of Yesteryears" is the theme of the event which takes place from Friday, 29 October to Sunday, 31 October at the Harquail Theatre and on Saturday, 6 November in Cayman Brac at the Agriculture Grounds. The shows will feature audience favourites such as "Munzie's Boat", "Chip Up Potato" and "Come Back Home" as well as songs never performed by the group before.

Organisers say concertgoers can look forward to an evening that will evoke delightful memories of a different time and celebrate the music, culture and traditions of the Cayman Islands.

"The line-up of songs for the upcoming concert has been selected to take audiences on a virtual maritime expedition with stops at several of the ports Caymanian seafarers of decades past travelled, sending or bringing gifts and stories home to their families. These men of the sea experienced many adventures and hardships while abroad, but their hearts inevitably drew them back to their beloved Cayman Islands where the women who had stayed behind had continued to build and nurture their homegrown culture. It is this spirit of adventure and love of country and family that we hope to capture in the performances," said Marcia Muttoo, CNCF



Managing Director and member of the Folk Singers.

In 2009, the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) formed the Cayman

Islands Folk Singers (CIFS), a company of amateur singers and musicians dedicated primarily to preserving, celebrating and propagating the musical traditions of the Cayman Islands. The group exists to bring the people of the Cayman Islands folk music works of the highest possible artistic and technical standards and production values and works that are reflective of the Caymanian image and appreciative of its place in the Caribbean region and the wider world. In the years since its inception, the group has been showcasing Cayman's rich musical heritage, telling 'the Caymanian story' through song. The Folk Singers have an impressive repertoire of Caymanian composition, as well as beloved songs from around the region.

Show times are 8pm on Friday, 29 and Saturday, 30 October and 6pm on Sunday, 31 October. The Brac performance will take place at 7:00pm on Saturday, 6 November. Tickets cost \$15 per person and are available for purchase through the CNCF office, located on the grounds of the Harquail Theatre. Admission is free for kids under five-years old. Gathering restrictions and social distancing protocols will be observed.

For more information about the Cayman Islands Folk Singers' "Memories of Yesteryears" concert series and to purchase tickets, contact CNCF on 949.5477 or email [cncf@artscayman.org](mailto:cncf@artscayman.org).

## BERMUDA-BASED EDMUND GIBBONS LIMITED DONATES \$100,000 TO CAYMAN ISLANDS' R3 FOUNDATION

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Bermuda-based Edmund Gibbons Limited (EGL) has directed \$100,000 in charitable giving to the Cayman Islands' R3 Foundation to help Cayman's community cope with the hardships brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

EGL has a long-standing relationship with the Cayman Islands and does business in the jurisdiction through its majority ownership of British Caymanian Insurance through CG Coralisle group as well as its shared ownership of Clarien Bank with NCB Financial Group; which has a long-standing presence in the Cayman Islands through financial services subsidiaries NCB (Cayman) Limited and NCB Capital Markets (Cayman) Limited.

The \$100,000 Cayman Islands donation was part of more than \$400,000 of charitable donations made over the past 12 months in the names of Edmund and Winifred Gibbons or Edmund Gibbons Limited. Much of the money distributed in Cayman and Bermuda, has already been put to use by the R3 Foundation and the various Bermudian charities' programs supporting the community's basic necessities:

"COVID-19 brought sudden joblessness and immense hardship to communities here in Bermuda and Cayman. The Gibbons family is heartened to know its philanthropy over the past year helped to ease the heavy burden families in these communities faced through no fault of their own," said an EGL family representative.

Cayman's R3 Foundation was founded in response to the hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, but with a longer-term mission focused on readiness, relief and recovery in the Cayman Islands in relation to manmade or natural emergencies and disasters. With a founding contribution of CI\$1M from the Kenneth B. Dart Foundation and a commitment to match a further CI\$4M of donations, R3 is independently managed by an unpaid board of directors drawn from a range of business sectors and non-governmental community leaders. The foundation's strong governance structure is supported by a former attorney general as supervisor and the sitting governor as principal.

Bryan Hunter, Chairman of R3 Foundation said: "This generous donation to Cayman's R3 Foundation has been a huge help in providing essential services to those in Cayman most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds have been directed



to our objectives of relief and recovery in relation to the coronavirus pandemic, which includes providing food, rent and utilities assistance, mental health support

and the training and upskilling of persons who have been displaced from their jobs or whose employment opportunities have been limited by the pandemic."

# COVID CASES SOARING AGAIN IN THE UK

By Michael Jarvis,  
London UK

The UK, especially England, could face a reimposition of some COVID restrictions if cases continue to rise.

Hosting the first UK government COVID update press conference since September on Wednesday Health Secretary Sajid Javid sounded the warning as infections reached over 49,000, the highest since July this year and outstripping the rate for the same period last year.

He said while the government is reluctant to go that route it would not altogether rule it out if the situation worsens.

Placing emphasis on the UK's successful vaccine rollout to date, Mr Javid however cautioned that the effectiveness of the two doses would start waning after six months and urged people to get their booster shots.

The UK's mass COVID-19 vaccination programme started last December and peaked in the Spring of this year. There has been a noticeable slowing in uptake recently.

The Health Secretary is encouraging those not yet vaccinated to come forward to get their shots, including those eligible for the booster dose.

More than 49 million people have had a first vaccine dose - about 86% of over-12s, with around 45 million - about 79% of over-12s - having had both doses.

However, the vaccination rate has fallen with the number of first doses administered daily now averaging about 33,000 - far below a peak of around half a million in March this year.

Speaking on Wednesday, Mr Javid warned: "None of us want to go backwards now, so we must all play our part in this national mission".

He also issued a fresh plea for people to come forward for their COVID vaccinations and booster jabs, if they are eligible.

"We've got the jabs, we just need the arms to put them in," he added.

There is growing concern among medical experts in the UK that the recent surge in cases could get worse in the coming winter putting pressure on the country's National Health Service (NHS) now forced to cope with a new wave of infections.

According to UK government figures, between July and October this year, there were just over three million cases, with 79,000 people ending up in hospital.

Compared to October and January last year, there were just over 2.7 million cases, but more than 185,000 people needed hospital treatment.

The vaccine rollout is largely responsible for the reduction in hospitalisations but with cases increasing again it is feared that this will put added pressure on the NHS which struggling to clear a huge backlog of other non-COVID illnesses.

There is also currently a serious flu outbreak putting further strain on NHS resources.

Against that background, some medical experts and agencies are calling on the government to initiate its 'Plan B' COVID restrictions to avoid the NHS becoming overwhelmed.

He had previously said the government could activate its Plan B



restrictions if it felt the NHS came under what he had described as "unsustainable pressure".

Plan B entails, introducing mandatory Covid passports, making face coverings compulsory again, advising people to work from home and mounting a massive information campaign 'communicating clearly and urgently to the public that the level of risk has increased, and that they need to behave more cautiously'.

On the latter point, Mr Javid said, "This pandemic is not over. We must all remember that this virus will be with us for the long-term and it remains a threat."

He placed the onus on the public to act responsibly "to protect each" other and prevent a further surge in cases.

That he said includes wearing face masks, practising hand hygiene and adhering to preventive protocols where they apply.

There has been a noticeable fall-off in mask-wearing.

The UK relaxed many restrictions sooner than most of the rest of Western Europe with people in England, Wales and Scotland able to go to nightclubs and attend sports and other events in unrestricted numbers since the summer.

The government advises the public to "wear face coverings in crowded and enclosed areas where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet".

That is advisory and is not rigidly enforced which has led several health experts and organisations to call on the government to now make it and other measures mandatory over fears of the current spike in cases worsening.

The rate of mortality, although not at levels experienced earlier this year, is however again starting to rise with deaths averaging over 100 per day.

The Health Secretary says the situation is constantly being

monitored, and while they are reluctant to institute tougher measures, the government will if it has to.

He appealed to people to come forward for their COVID vaccinations and booster jabs, and to take responsibility for their own safety especially when out and about.

"We think it is the right decision to learn to live with this virus... it's asking people to take more responsibility."

Mr Javid warned that COVID cases could hit 100,000 a day, but he confirmed England will not yet move to Plan B to deal with pressures on hospitals this winter.

"After the decisive steps that we've taken this year, none of us want to go backwards now," he said.

"This pandemic is not over. We must all remember that this virus will be with us for the long-term and it remains a threat."

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 9th Annual Cayman Islands District Wesleyan Youth Convention – On Course with God

**20 – 24 October** – All are invited to the annual Cayman Islands District Wesleyan Youth Convention taking place at the Craddock Ebanks Civic Centre, North Side from Wednesday 20th. to Sunday 24th. October. The theme is “On Course with God - #living my bestlife”. The sessions will include a wide range of topics such as On Course with Prayer, On Course with my Relations and On Course with my Finances. For more information, contact Cassandra Ebanks at 925 – 1930 or Pastor Conway King at 916 – 5372.

## Monte Thornton Exhibition

**22 October** - Lifelong artist, Monte Thornton's exhibition, Smooth Sailing will be open to the public from October 22 to November 26 at the Cayman Islands Seafarers Hall. In addition to the work being featured in the hall itself there are large murals outside that Thornton has collaborated on. The artist is hosting an opening reception from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, October 22 at Cayman Islands Seafarers Hall

in Prospect. Admission is free and complimentary drinks and canapes will be served.

## Ms. World Cayman 3rd. Annual Envirowalk

**24 October** - Miss World Cayman Islands presents the annual Envirowalk 2021 5k Walk/Run at Safe Haven beginning at 6:30am. Envirowalk is an annual fundraising event for the Miss World Cayman pageant and for Girl Power Cayman (a non-for-profit organization that trains and mentors females between the ages of 15-26 free of charge). We hope you will join us in our efforts to bring awareness to the protection and preservation of the environment and our belief to live a healthy lifestyle. Entry fee is \$25 for adults and \$15 for kids under 12 years old. Register at [racecaribbean.net](http://racecaribbean.net) or [eventpro.ky](http://eventpro.ky). For more information email [missworldcayman@gmail.com](mailto:missworldcayman@gmail.com)

## Cayman Career Academy Open House

**28 October** - Cayman Career Academy – Cayman's first internationally accredited CIDESCO school that offers the highest calibre training in the beauty industry within the Caribbean - invites all to their Open House on Thursday,



October 28th, from 4pm – 7pm. Diploma and certificate courses are offered in many areas of Beauty Therapy. Prizes and light refreshments will be provided. Call 936 – 2228 for more information.

## Brenda Tibbetts-Lund Memorial Walk/Run

**29 - 31 October** - The Lions Club of Tropical Gardens has switched its in person Brenda

Tibbetts-Lund Memorial walk/run to a Virtual walk/run, spread over 3 days at the end of the month, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions. Participants are asked to walk alone, with family members or with their usual walking or running groups on 29, 30 or 31 Oct 2021. Runners and walkers can do a 5k or 10K on any day over that period. Everyone who registers will be eligible to be

entered into the drawing for random prizes. Registration for the event continues at the Lions Club of Tropical Gardens Pink Shop located at 522 Shedden Rd, across from the Mango Tree Restaurant Parking Lot, on [www.EventPro.ky](http://www.EventPro.ky) and [www.CaymanActive.com](http://www.CaymanActive.com). All funds raised from this project will help to pay for mammogram screenings to aid in the early detection of breast cancer in women.

## En Plein Air (outdoors) Botanicals with John Broad

**30 October** – Capture the beauty of diverse local flora through pencil, pen and ink with art sessions led by artist John Broad at the National Gallery. Classes cost \$25 and cover instruction and materials. NGCI members receive 10% discount. To register, call 945 – 8111 or email [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky)

## Services of Holy Communion at St. Alban's Church of England

**31 October** - All are invited to Services of Holy Communion on October 31st at 9:30am. The Rt. Rev. Dr. PJ Lawrence, Bishop, is the celebrant.

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# Avoid these foods to lose weight

You probably consider yourself to be a healthy person, but do you really have healthy food in your kitchen? You'd be surprised how many fattening foods you're still buying and eating. Here are 7 foods you should lose from your kitchen immediately...

## 1. Breakfast Cereal

It's delicious, it's easy to prepare, and sometimes it even gives you enough energy to get to lunchtime. Unfortunately, breakfast cereal is often jam-packed with extra sugars that will do more to drag you down than build you up for your day. Prefer the flavorless kinds? Then be ready to be hungry soon, as they often don't provide enough good calories to fill you up for long. Still hungry for a bowl of cereal? Consider this: they're one of the most processed foods on the market.

## 2. Flavored Yogurt

Yes, flavored yogurt tastes much better than its plain peers, but going with a pre-flavored yogurt will instantly double the amount of sugar you consume. Fortunately, overcoming the flavorless thing can be done healthily. All you have to do is add chopped, fresh fruit of your choice and enjoy!

## 3. Frozen Entrees

It's hard to believe how many people rely on frozen TV dinners on a regular basis. If you're a frozen believer, it's time to put your health before convenience. On top of frequently lacking all the vitamins and minerals you need for optimal health,

frozen dinners often ooze with trans-fats and sodium. This means that while your palate may be pleased, your waist, arteries, and heart will not.

## 4. Diet Soda

One of the most dangerous items to ever be invented was the diet soda. By trimming certain things from the ingredients list, soda manufacturers guaranteed a giant market share, consisting largely of people who are attempting to be health conscious. Unfortunately, diet soda messes with your body's ability to recognize and manage sugar properly. And while diet drinks may be calorie-free, those who drink them are at a much greater risk for weight gain than those who do not.

## 5. Popcorn

No, all popcorn is not to be avoided at all costs. But more than likely, a lot of the unpopped kernels in your kitchen should be ditched. Here's a good way to determine if your popcorn is at war with your good health. Is it in a prepackaged bag that simply has to be tossed in the microwave to be cooked? Then stay away! Those prepackaged popcorn packages, whether lightly buttered, drowning in butter, or candied, offer no benefit. If you're going to do popcorn, you'll need to pop it the old-fashioned way, preferably via air popping.

## 6. "Skinny" Desserts

The word "skinny" is alluring. It's what you want to achieve. However, these diet

dessert are often filled with artificial ingredients and sugars that are keeping you stuck with your fat loss.

## 7. Granola Bars

Enjoyed by healthy hikers around the world, granola bars are the final unexpected bad choice in your kitchen. This one may have you scratching your head when you consider that your favorite kind is crammed with every fruit and nut you can imagine. But read the ingredient label and you'll soon see that there is probably more sugar—make that high-fructose corn syrup—than goodness your body can use. Are you ready

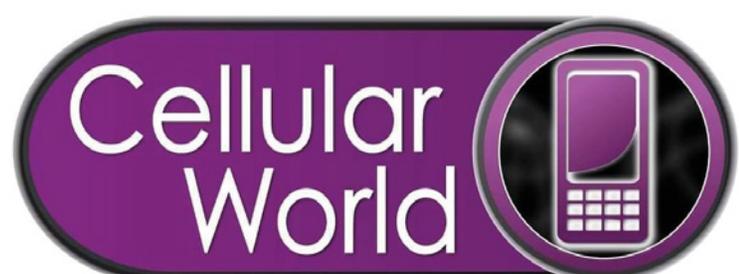


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## GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Report: Bolsonaro must face murder charge

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro has handled the coronavirus pandemic so badly there that a report to be released next week is calling for him to face murder charges.

Bolsonaro should face murder charges for his role in the country's "stratospheric" coronavirus death toll, a draft report from a senate inquiry into Brazil's Covid crisis recommends.

The 1,078-page document, published by Brazilian media on Tuesday, is not due to be voted on by the commission until next week and could yet be modified by senators.

But the draft text highlights the neglect, incompetence and anti-scientific denialism many believe has defined the Bolsonaro administration's response to a public health emergency that has killed more than 600,000 Brazilians. Bolsonaro has never made a secret of his admiration of former US president Donald Trump, who also handled the pandemic in America badly. Like Trump, Bolsonaro contracted the virus and recovered relatively quickly.



► Jair Bolsonaro is heavily criticised in the Covid report

Bolsonaro's "deliberate and conscious" decision to delay buying Covid vaccines needlessly condemned thousands of citizens to early graves, the report claims.

"The mathematics of the situation was clear: the more infections, the more death. Without vaccines mortality would have been stratospheric, as it turned out to be," the document says, before concluding: "We will never forget."

## Africa's glaciers are melting rapidly

Africa's worsening reaction to the climate crisis is causing a broad range of alarming issues, including worsening poverty, food security and forcing people to leave their homes, according to a major assessment of how the issue is impacting the continent.

Changing rain patterns, rising temperatures and more extreme weather are all compounding the socio-economic and health crisis triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic, the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) has warned.

The organisation's report – the product of international collaboration across the continent – highlights how badly the climate crisis impacts, including sea level rise and the melting of what it described as "the continent's iconic glaciers", such as those on Mount Kilimanjaro and Mount Kenya.

It also highlighted "Africa's disproportionate vulnerability" and the authors said it shows how the potential benefits of investing in climate adaptation, weath-



► Mount Kilimanjaro's ice caps are melting fast

er and climate services and early warning systems far outweigh the costs.

The report comes ahead of the UN's Cop26 climate summit, and the authors said it should add to the scientific evidence about the urgency to cut global greenhouse gas emissions and serve to increase the level of climate ambition and financing.

## Filipino Ressa vindicated with Nobel Prize

Philippines human rights defenders are celebrating the news that journalist Maria Ressa has been awarded the Nobel peace prize.

Ressa last week became the first Filipino journalist to be awarded the prestigious prize, which she shared with Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov.

The award focuses on the struggle of journalists and activists fighting President Rodrigo Duterte's opposition to press freedom and human rights, amid his brutal drug war that has left thousands dead.

For the past five years, Ressa and her news website Rappler did not waver in reporting on alleged abuses and corruption in the Duterte administration despite measures by him to silence her.

The award was announced on Oct. 8 as Ressa and Rappler were busy reporting on the last day of registration for candidates in next year's national and local elections.

Six top politicians were among nearly 100 people who have registered to run to succeed Duterte in the May 2022

elections, but the final list will only be out later in the year.

Duterte critic Senator Leila De Lima, who has been detained since 2017 over drug charges that have drawn accusations of being politically motivated, said the timing of the prize award was perfect.

"This is truly a triumph of truth over lies, and the award has not come at a more opportune time than during our struggle to regain our lost freedoms under Duterte," said De Lima, who is running for re-election while in detention.



► Maria Ressa has defied Duterte to report atrocities

## Star Wars icon helps black filmmakers

Britain's Hollywood star John Boyega has teamed up with Converse in a new initiative to nurture the next wave of talented black filmmakers. Politically aware Boyega lead Black Lives Matter marches in London last year.

The latest instalment of Converse's All Star Program will see the London-born 'Star Wars' icon coordinate a community-focused programme of mentorship,

commissions and funding that aims to create new opportunities for young black British creatives. The central focus of the project will be spotlighting black talent whilst highlighting issues of representation within the film industry, as identified by Boyega.

The Create Next Film Project will see Boyega work with five aspiring London



► John Boyega is mentoring young black filmmakers

filmmakers. Each filmmaker will receive funding to create a five-minute short film and be supported by Boyega and a team of creatives from across the Converse network in the mentorship programme.

Across the next six months, each filmmaker will be given guidance at key moments on their creative journeys.

## Honduras lessens use of 'dangerous airport'

Honduras is preparing Palmerola International Airport for commercial flights to replace Toncontin, one of the most dangerous airports in the world.

The first flights in Palmerola, located in the Comayagua valley, 40 miles north of Tegucigalpa, will start next month when the control tower and facilities for airlines and passengers are completed.

"With Palmerola, Honduras is at the forefront in air connectivity," said President Juan Orlando Hernández at the inauguration ceremony. "We are going to maintain the civil terminal and our joint task force (military with the United States) because that is good for Honduras." The United States built the Palmerola base in 1985.

Toncontin, which handles about 800,000 passengers per year, will remain open for domestic flights. It is considered extremely dangerous by international aeronautical organisations. There have been numerous crashes, near-misses and hundreds of deaths since 1985.



► Toncontin Airport has an appalling safety record

To land there — located on a small plain surrounded by high mountains — planes must navigate slopes sometimes covered in fog, then descend steeply over the roofs of houses and near a boulevard to a runway of just 1,900 metres.

Pilots have to land with precision and brake immediately so as not to overrun the table top runway, fall off a cliff and onto a busy road of vehicles. When planes take off, they have to climb immediately so as not to crash into populated hills.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
87° / 81°	89° / 81°	88° / 82°	88° / 84°	86° / 80°	86° / 80°	84° / 79°
A shower and thunderstorm	A stray afternoon t-storm	Variable clouds with a shower	Sun through high clouds	Brief afternoon showers	Couple of thunderstorms	Cloudy with showers around

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

HOLLYWOOD HILLS CROSS - 1 Corinthians : 18-31

One of the most recognizable images in the U.S. is, "HOLLYWOOD," sign in California. People from all over the world come to, "Tinseltown," to gaze at the cement footprints of stars and perhaps catch a glimpse of celebrities who

might pass by. It's hard for visitors to miss this.

Less well known in the Hollywood hills is another easily recognized symbol- one with ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE. Known as the Hollywood Pilgrimage Memorial

Monument, this 32- foot cross looks out over the city. It was placed there in memory of Christine Wetherill Stevenson, a wealthy heiress who in the 1920s established the Pilgrimage Theater. It served as the venue for The Pilgrimage Play, a dra-

ma about CHRIST. These two icons showcase an interesting contrast. Movies good and bad will come and go, but the Cross of Jesus Christ will live on forever. It remains the symbol of the ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of our souls.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of the late **Alexis Beverley Nunez** regret to announce her passing on Sunday, October 10th, 2021.



A funeral service will be held 10:30 a.m. at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, Walkers Road on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.

Seating will be available in the Church, and the church hall. Face covering should be brought and worn by attendees.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mr. Rudy'K Louvain Ritch**, who passed away on Sunday, October 03, 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Church of God Full Gospel Hall, 63 S. Church St, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery



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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Ms. Melissa Iditha Smith**, who passed away on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Church of God Chapel, 22 Academy Way, (Walkers Rd), George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Interment: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

The family of the late **Linda Palmer** regret to announce her passing on Thursday, October 14, 2021.



A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. at Cayman Islands Baptist Church Saturday, October 30, 2021.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jasmine Hospice.

Please wear bright colors.

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The family of the late **Doris Yates** better known as "Sunshine" regret to announce her passing on Sunday, October 17, 2021.



A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. at South Sound United Church Saturday, October 23, 2021.

Interment will follow at South Sound Cemetery.

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# 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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Years gone by
  - 5 Hits
  - 10 Conk out
  - 12 Mystical deck
  - 13 Modify
  - 14 Spare
  - 15 Back muscle
  - 16 Music booster
  - 18 Batter's goal
  - 19 Reason for glasses
  - 21 Shades
  - 22 Independence Day dazzlers
  - 24 Movie souvenir
  - 25 Independence Day dazzlers
  - 29 Short skirt
  - 30 Whoever
  - 32 Picnic pest
  - 33 Fabric color
  - 34 Jazz horn
  - 35 City on the Nile
  - 37 Was vocal
  - 39 Bugs bugs him
  - 40 Thrifty one
- DOWN**
- 1 Sacred song
  - 2 Soothes
  - 3 Kind of cable box
  - 4 Kicker's aid
  - 5 Flight part
  - 6 Crayon makeup
  - 7 Ygraine's son
  - 8 British party
  - 9 ERA and RBI
  - 11 Grassy expanse
  - 17 Move to the side
  - 20 "Gloria —" (hymn)
  - 21 Patriot Patrick
  - 23 Female in a pride
  - 25 Closing number
  - 26 Not too late
  - 27 Balkan region
  - 28 Medusa's hair
  - 29 Spiked clubs
  - 31 Use, as force
  - 33 "Finding Nemo" fish
  - 36 Spectrum end
  - 38 Bud

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

### Yesterday's answer

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
10				11		12			
13						14			
15				16	17			18	
19			20				21		
	22					23			
			24						
	25	26					27	28	
29					30				31
32				33				34	
35			36			37	38		
39						40			
41								42	

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## Word Search

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

- Babble
- Bobbin
- Bobble
- Bubble
- Cobble
- Dabble
- Dybbuk
- Gibbet
- Gibbon
- Gobble
- Hobble
- Nibble
- Nobble
- Nubbin
- Pebble
- Rabbit
- Rabble
- Ribbon
- Robber
- Rubber
- Rubble
- Wobble

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



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