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Cruise ship to call

Cabinet has approved the Holland America Nieuw Statendam cruise ship to call on Grand Cayman on Tuesday, 28 December 2021. This is a change from the original Phase 4 of the Government's re-opening plan, which bans entry of cruise passengers to the Cayman Islands. This is the first cruise ship to be approved to call on Grand Cayman since cruise travel was suspended on Monday, 16 March 2020 as a preventative measure against Covid-19.

The Nieuw Statendam was approved to call on Grand Cayman in accordance with the following negotiated conditions:

a. Grand Cayman must be the first port of call.



► Cruise ship to arrive in Cayman this December

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Spelling Bee

By Christopher Tobutt

Laila Small, aged 10, of Red Bay Primary School, won the big trophy and the big first prize in the 24th Annual Department of Education Services (DES) Primary Spelling Bee on Tuesday 23 November.

"I feel proud of myself. I worked really, really hard and I think my parents are really, really proud of me," she said.

It was Clifton Hunter's Alique-Benjamin Bennett's turn to feel proud in the 38th Annual Lions Club Secondary Spelling Bee the following day.



► First Place Winner, Laila Small (centre) pictured with Red Bay Primary students Kahlie Anglin-Henry (left) and Caleb Willis (right)

"I feel pretty good because I participated five times, and this is my fifth time participating and I finally got a first," he said.

The prizes in the junior spelling bee, presented by DES Director Mark Ray, included iPads for each of the first, second, and third place winners. Second place in the Junior spelling bee was Zavian Roman, of Creek & Spot Bay Primary School, and

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POLICE NEWS

Man arrested for assaulting Police

On Monday evening, 22 November, fire-arms officers conducting a vehicular checkpoint along Shamrock Road in the vicinity of Armstrong Drive, had cause to stop a vehicle approaching the checkpoint. When officers attempted to speak to the driver of the vehicle, the front seat passenger began to act in a loud and aggressive manner, and obstructed the officers' attempts to carry out their duties.



The officers warned the passenger against obstructing their efforts, however he continued. Officers informed the man that he was being arrested for disorderly conduct, however the man refused to exit the vehicle and resisted the officers' attempts to restrain him, while kicking and striking at the officers. As a result, a taser was deployed and discharged by the officers. The man, age 21 of Bodden Town, was subsequently arrested for disorderly conduct, obstructing police, resisting arrest, and assaulting police.

He has been granted bail as investigations continue.

Police investigate drug importation

Just after 11PM on Sunday, 21 November, the RCIPS Air Operations Unit together with Cayman Islands Coast Guard were conducting border security, and had cause to stop and search a vessel that was approximately 31 Nautical Miles south of Grand Cayman.

During the search of the vessel, a number of packages believed to be cocaine were found and seized. The two males on board the vessel, ages 31 and 30, both of Bodden Town, were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the importation of cocaine. The arrested men and the vessel were taken to Grand Cayman.

On Tuesday, 23 November, following further investigation, the two men were jointly charged with Illicit Trafficking and Being Concerned in the Importation of Cocaine contrary to the Misuse of Drugs Act (2017 Revision). The 31-year-old man was further charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition) contrary to the Firearms Act (2008 Revision).

Both men appeared before the Summary Court today, Wednesday, 24 November, and were remanded in custody pending a further appearance.



George Town man charged with burglary

A 28-year-old man of George Town has been charged with Burglary in accordance with the Penal Code (2019 Revision).

The charge is in relation to a burglary incident that was reported to the police on 21 November at a residence on West Bay Road, George Town, where electronics and a quantity of cash was stolen. Shortly after the report was made, the George Town man was arrested in relation to the incident and taken into custody, where was held as the investigations continued.



The George Town man appeared in court yesterday, but the matter was postponed.

Man charged following threats to kill

The man, age 44, of George Town, who was arrested on Friday afternoon, 19 November, in relation to an incident on Elgin Avenue the previous day, has now been charged with Threats to Kill, Resisting Arrest, and Possession of an Offensive Weapon, in relation to the incident. He was also charged

with two counts each of Driving Without Insurance, Using a Vehicle with Expired Registration and Using a Vehicle Without a Valid Certificate of Roadworthiness.

The man appeared in court on Monday, 22 November, and was remanded in custody pending a further appearance.

Christmas Lighting Safety Tip

All Christmas lights and electrical decoration plugs should be plugged into a GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protected outlet when used outside.

Contact 911
in the event of an electrical emergency

Electrical malfunction is the leading cause of home fires every year. Be very careful when decorating.

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Another newly qualified Caymanian lawyer for Maples

Jordan Southway has successfully completed his articles of clerkship programme and has joined Maples' Corporate practice as an Associate.

Mr Southway, the third articulated clerk to complete his training with the firm this year, was admitted as an attorney-at-law in the Cayman Islands by The Honourable Justice Williams and his admission was moved by Dispute Resolution & Insolvency Partner Caroline Moran.

Mr Southway began his career with the firm as a summer intern before joining as an articulated clerk in 2020. He attended the Queen's University of Belfast where he obtained a Bachelors in Law and subsequently completed his Master of Law in Legal Practice at Cardiff University. Mr Southway also received an American Business Practice Certificate from Dakota Wesleyan University. Mr Southway is a member of the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association, where he was

previously the Articled Clerk representative. Outside of his day-to-day role with the firm, Mr Southway is a member of the Cayman Islands National Men's Rugby Union Team.

Following his admission, Mr Southway said: "I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the Maples Group for offering me the opportunity undertake my legal training on their prestigious Articles of Clerkship programme. I received exceptional legal training working alongside highly skilled partners and associates where I gained experience working on a broad range of complex legal transactions which has certainly equipped me to take on the role of an associate."

Matthew Gardner, Cayman Islands Managing Partner, said: "On behalf of the partners and the firm, I would like to congratulate Jordan on his achievement and I am delighted to welcome him to our Corporate practice. He can be proud of his



► Jordan Southway, Attorney-at-Law Cayman Islands

accomplishment to date and we are confident that will continue to succeed as an associate lawyer in our busy team. 2021 has been another successful year for our

articles of clerkship programme and we look forward to continuing to support, train and inspire the next generation of Caymanian lawyers."

Loans for OT students in England

Overseas Territories students starting their studies in England in the 2022 to 2023 academic year will be eligible for tuition fee loans.

Caymanian students studying in the UK already benefit from being charged the same as British students for their tuition, as opposed to the more expensive overseas student fees. Now they will also be eligible to apply for a loan to help them pay those fees.

Governor Martyn Roper said the decision made it even more attractive for Caymanians to further their education in one of the great English universities, and, in doing so, strengthened the UK's links with Cayman.

"There are currently 300 Caymanian students in UK," he said.

"Now that the UK has made tuition fee loans available to Overseas Territories students from the 22/23 academic year, I hope there will be many more. This policy demonstrates the UK's commitment to supporting British Overseas Territories students and will help even more people study at an academic institution in England." Governor Roper expressed.

Students are eligible for financial loans if they come from specified British Overseas Territories, and are beginning full-time and part-time undergraduate courses in the 2022/2023 academic year.

Find out more information on GOV.UK <https://bit.ly/3l0txKm>



UCCI expands science offerings

New courses and a reconfigured science programme are designed to encourage more students to pursue degrees in environmental and marine science, and engineering technology at the University college of the Cayman Islands.

The announcement comes as students are enrolling for spring classes, which begin 10 January 2022. Students who enrol early have the chance to win an iPad or a laptop computer, but they must be registered by 1 December to qualify for the giveaway. Details can be found at <https://www.ucci.edu.ky/spring-giveaway>

New courses, such as the initial Introduction to Engineering Technology, have been added to the engineering technology programme to make the curriculum more specific to the major. In addition, the science major has been split into two tracks, one for biology/chemistry and the other for environmental/marine science. The latter of these, said Tracey Hargrave, interim Dean of Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and Health, had been overshadowed by the more popular biology/chemistry concentration.

"This programme has been part of our course offerings for years," Ms Hargrave said. "But a lot of students weren't aware it existed. The popular one was always biology/chemistry because a lot of people want to go into the health field."

Splitting the associate science degree programme into the two tracks, will help more students realise the environmental/marine science option and take advantage of it. Students who are already engaged in the associate of science programme can switch to either track, if they want.



Environmental and marine science, Ms Hargrave said, was a natural fit for the Cayman Islands and UCCI had co-operative relationships with the Department of the Environment and the National Trust that have allowed students to get some hands-on experience in the past. They are also hoping to work with CCMI, re the marine science portion of the programme.

The new Introduction to Engineering Technology is one of several courses that have been added to that degree programme in order to give students a better foundation in the subject field. The programme is designed to provide students with a practical knowledge of science and engineering, allowing them to solve a wide range of existing technical problems.

Registration for these courses, along with the entire slate of programmes offered at UCCI – from technical and vocational courses to graduate degrees – is now open. Early registration provides a better opportunity to secure a spot on the roster before courses fill up.

To register now, book your appointment now on their website: <https://www.ucci.edu.ky/book-an-appointment>



LIQUOR LICENSING QUARTERLY SESSION

Tuesday, 15 December 2021, at 10:00am
 Government Administration Building, Room 1038, Elgin Avenue,
 George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

1. **Confirmation of minutes:** - Minutes of the meeting held on September 13th, 2021.

2. **Grant applications:** Applicants shall attend before the Board at the time of the opening of the session and may, in addition, be represented by a person qualified to practise law in the Islands.

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BUSINESS: RETAIL (MOBILE)
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BUSINESS: RETAIL PACKAGE
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4. RATIFICATION OF SECTION 13 DECISIONS

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
6. CLOSED DELIBERATIONS
7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DECISIONS
8. ADJOURNMENT

Steven Pennington - Business Licensing Officer II
 Liquor Licensing Board of Grand Cayman

People-centred Budget

The people of the Cayman Islands will be the winners in the 2022-2023 budget, Premier Wayne Panton advised in Friday's budget address in Parliament.

"...there are many wins for our people in this budget," he said.

Children would benefit from a school meals programme that would expand to all public secondary schools in 2023. There would also be an increase for primary and secondary education in 2022 and a further increase in 2023 and there is also cash for more for tertiary education through scholarships, bursaries and continued funding of UCCI and grants to ICCI over the two-year budget period. The budget commits to plans to design and construct halls at Theoline McCoy Primary School and the Joanna Clark Primary School. Additionally, there are plans to expand the Lighthouse School and to design and build a new building for the Layman Scott High School on Cayman Brac.

For those families who need help, there will also funds available for housing repairs assistance and for initiatives administered by the National Housing Development Trust and Sister Islands Affordable Housing Trust and for the construction of affordable housing options over the two-year budget period.

Healthcare services will also have more money, in particular, with an injection of cash for the treatment of people older than 59 who are not insured, or underinsured, and persons with chronic ailments.



► The Premier promised a people-centred Budget

There will also be an expansion and enhancement of youth services and development. Fire and police personnel will get an increase and extraordinary relief payments in 2022 will continue to assist workers displaced by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Funding for technology through support services by the Computer Services Department, cyber security, and the increased digitisation of public services; and a further capital investment in a subma-

rine cable system are also accounted for in the budget.

"You will see important investments in infrastructure, such as funding for roads and technology, and completion of a number of schools projects," Mr Panton stated.

Premier Panton, who is also the Minister for Sustainability and Climate Resilience, said Cayman needed to set targets for becoming carbon zero, for the electrification of transportation, and would need to adopt a robust plan to make up for do-

ing hardly anything to achieve its renewable energy targets under the National Energy Policy.

"We are ambitious in relation to protecting the environment - we plan to make up for the years of inadequate funding for environmental needs," he said.

Mr Panton outlined 10 strategic broad outcomes and specific actions aimed at achieving these outcomes through the delivery of Government programmes, Cabinet policy actions and legislative changes.

These were:

- improving education to promote life-long learning and greater economic mobility;
- ensuring an equitable, sustainable and successful healthcare system;
- providing solutions to improve the well-being of people so they can achieve their full potential;
- strengthening good governance for more effective government;
- supporting climate change resilience and sustainable development;
- increasing social justice in the workforce;
- utilising sports to enhance the lives of our people;
- building a modern infrastructure to ensure a successful future for the Islands;
- improving the financial services as an industry, product and economic driver for the Islands;
- improving tourism, as an industry, product and economic driver.

Cruise ship to call in Cayman this December

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b. Passenger capacity is limited to a maximum of 1,600 representing 60% capacity of the vessel.

c. All guests and crew having the final dose of an approved Covid-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the cruise.

d. All guests must have a negative viral Covid-19 test (PCR or antigen) taken within two days of their embarkation.

e. All guests and crew going ashore must observe local requirements for wearing the require PPE such as facial masks and six feet physical distancing.

f. No unwell guests or crew will be allowed ashore.

"Currently, over 1,000 Caymanians are displaced due to the closure of our cruise ports, and as we safely reopen our borders, the cruise sector will be a key part of the tourism industry's recovery. This single cruise ship call presents an opportunity for us to find the

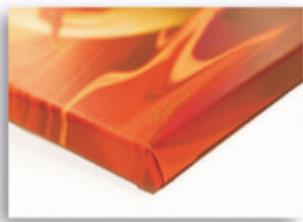
safest way to welcome back our cruise visitors while we can continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic," he said. "Grand Cayman will be the first port of call for the Holland America Nieuw Statendam, and the capacity will be limited to 1,600 passengers. Guests and crew aboard the ship will be subjected to exactly the same requirements as stayover visitors, such as a pre-arrival testing."

The Ministry and Department of Tourism will work with the Port Authority of

the Cayman Islands to execute the single cruise ship call on 28 December.

"This has been an ongoing conversation with the cruise industry about what conditions are required to make this a safe experience for everyone involved and how to make that feasible. We thank Holland America for being an excellent partner and leading the way for this new era of cruise travel in the Cayman Islands for the foreseeable future. My people can be assured that my approach and negotiation strategy is for quality first," the Minister said.

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THE PANEL DISCUSSION

Cayman's reopening - a plan put into action

With the borders now formally reopened, how well Cayman fares in the coming months will be closely scrutinised, especially at a time of a huge outbreak in cases and the largest number of hospitalisations to date, including two deaths.

However, Deputy Governor Franz Manderson, appearing on the *Caymanian Times* programme 'The Panel' has offered considerable reassurance that the system in place to guide the jurisdiction through this phase is fit for purpose.

Cayman, which closed its borders in March 2020, was one of the few last remaining countries to have kept its borders closed until recently.

Judging from the insights offered by DG Manderson in his appearance on The Panel, the Cayman Islands reopening plan could serve as a model for others, several of which have struggled after their first attempt had to be suspended due to an accompanying spike in Covid-19 cases.

According to Mr Manderson: "Because we had solid finances and because of our fiscal responsibility and the way in which we have been managing our budgets for many years now, we were able to not rush to reopen as other countries had to do simply because they could not afford to stay close."

Programme Board

As explained by DG Manderson, the preparation for the reopening and life going forward have been led by a Programme Board set up within the civil service which he heads, and which has had extensive collaboration with the private sector.

He highly commended the civil service for devising, implementing and now managing the system.

Mr Manderson remarked: "It has been one of the greatest pleasures and privileges of my time as Deputy Governor to chair that Board to see the passion... all working together for one common cause, and that is to put a plan in place that would keep our people safe, reduce infections, reduce deaths, reduce persons from getting seriously sick. You hear sometimes about silos in the civil service. They were broken down and everyone worked together."

Covid cases

One of the concerns linked to the reopening of the borders has been the risk of a corresponding rise in infections. The initial schedule for the Phase Four reo-

pening planned for October was delayed due to the start of the current spike in September.

Since then, the numbers have skyrocketed, but in the past few days the daily rate of infections has started to dip.

Officials have said there is a much greater chance of further community spread occurring among residents, especially those who travel, than from tourists.

DG Manderson said this has also been the experience of Bermuda and the Turks & Caicos Islands, in his contacts with the authorities there.

"Talking to my colleagues in TCI and in Bermuda, I asked them what happened when you open to tourists. Did you see a rise in your infection rates? And their response was: 'Yes, there was some rise, but Covid got into our homes, rest homes and other areas, not because of tourists, but because of our residents, our people going away coming back and not taking the necessary precautions'."

Jobs

A recurring issue is that of securing jobs for Caymanians - especially within the tourism sector - as the economy reopens. While Mr Manderson outlined that this was a key consideration of the Programme Board, panellist Dr Roy Bodden was keen to explore the matter further.

Mr Bodden said: "I was disappointed that the hospitality industry didn't use the interregnum between the lockdown and now that we are opening up to do some sort of training and preparation for Caymanian people who were either returning to the hospitality industry or who were new and wanted to come in...I'm not saying that there were not any but I have not heard of any formal training or orientation on any significant level during that period. What a lost opportunity?"

Mr Manderson said this was a real concern.

"It is a concern shared by Cabinet. We have had those conversations on a number of occasions. Ministers feel very strongly about it. Certainly, as the former Head of Immigration, I have a great connection to all of this and I understand exactly what you're saying and you're preaching to the converted here now."

The Deputy Governor said there have been training programmes organised in collaboration with the Department of Tourism and the Cayman Islands Tourism Association (CITA).

But he noted the feedback from CITA, quoting them as saying 'we can only do so much with training on empty beds', to which Mr Manderson reacted: "I'm not sure about that, but that that is what they have said to us."

The DG reminded: "The mandate of the government is very clear. We should not - and the law says this very clearly - issue any work permits until we are absolutely sure that there is not a Caymanian qualified and able to pick up that job. We have been saying this for months in terms of training people and giving them opportunities. And now the time is for action."

He also pointed out that the government has been spending a little more than \$5 million every month to sustain those persons who have lost their job due to Covid.

"That is not sustainable for the government to take that into the new budget. It's going to mean other programmes and services is going to get impacted," he stated.

Another pressing issue is that of communication; getting information on the government's plans, processes and proce-

dures that the public is required to follow, circulated widely.

Host of The Panel, Ralph Lewis, and panellist Roy Bodden felt that more could be done on that aspect, observations that DG Manderson committed to take on board.

"Every country in the world can have the very best policies and procedures in place to keep their people safe. But if the community does not respect those wishes and procedures, we will have a problem. And that is where communication comes in...And you know what you're doing tonight is very important (referring to The Panel programme). So, I thank you for having me on and giving me this opportunity to talk a little bit about what we've been doing over the last months."

(The full edition of The Panel featuring Deputy Governor Franz Manderson is on the *Caymanian Times* website and Facebook page)



Wildlife Hazard Working Group Meeting

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) invites you to attend the Annual meeting of the Hazardous Wildlife Working Group. At this meeting, we will discuss current measures at the Owen Roberts International Airport used to alleviate hazardous wildlife, as well as new measures we are taking to attract less wildlife at the Airport.

The CIAA is aiming to raise awareness not only to our Airport partners but also to the neighboring communities of the Airport. At this meeting, attendees will have a chance to interact with Airport personnel and ask any questions they may have about wildlife control measures and deterrent practices.

LOCATION: Owen Roberts International Airport, 2nd Floor, CIAA Conference Room

DATE & TIME: Monday, 6 December 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Andrew McLaughlin (Chief of Safety Management) at 244-5843 or 916-5317, or email andrew.mclaughlin@caymanairports.com

World AIDS day is 1st December

While the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic continues to dominate the headlines, the Cayman LGBTQ Foundation would like to take the opportunity to remind the public that another pandemic still also continues, that of HIV/AIDS. On 1st December, the world will unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS, to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have passed away from an AIDS-related illness.

Noel Cayasso-Smith, Founder and President of Cayman LGBTQ Foundation and also President of Cayman AIDS Foundation, said it was important for people to show support for people living with HIV/AIDS.

"Great scientific strides have been made in the fight against HIV/AIDS, yet there are still millions of people world-

wide who live with HIV/AIDS and a number of those people live in Cayman," he said. "World AIDS Day is important because it is a timely reminder that HIV is still prevalent even within the Cayman community and we still need to increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education when it comes to this disease."

The world has a goal to end HIV and AIDS by 2030 and Mr Cayasso-Smith says people in the Cayman Islands have access to excellent medical facilities and can easily get tested if they feel the need to, an important tool in the fight to eradicate the disease.

"It is well-known that countries that have the best healthcare systems as well as progressive laws and policies and where people are most likely to have access to effective HIV services see the

best outcomes against HIV. We are very fortunate here in Cayman to have access to first-class healthcare services," he advised.

Mr Cayasso-Smith urged anyone who felt the need to get tested to do so. The process is private and confidential and simply requires a small blood sample which will then be tested.

"Knowing your HIV status is extremely important as it will then help you to get the correct treatment and also protects others as well," Mr Cayasso-Smith said.

Cayman's Health Services Authority provides a testing service. Book an appointment to get tested by contacting Laura Elniski at laura.elniski@hsa.ky or 244-2507, or Health Promotion Officer Therese Prehay at 244-2632.



► Noel Cayasso-Smith, Founder and President, and AIDS Programme Coordinator, Cayman LGBTQ Foundation

Health City first in Caribbean for new Covid treatment

Health City Cayman Islands has acquired a supply of Ronapreve, a monoclonal antibody treatment that can help Covid-19 patients recover faster and avoid hospitalisation and death, making Health City the first private facility in the Caribbean to offer the ground-breaking treatment.

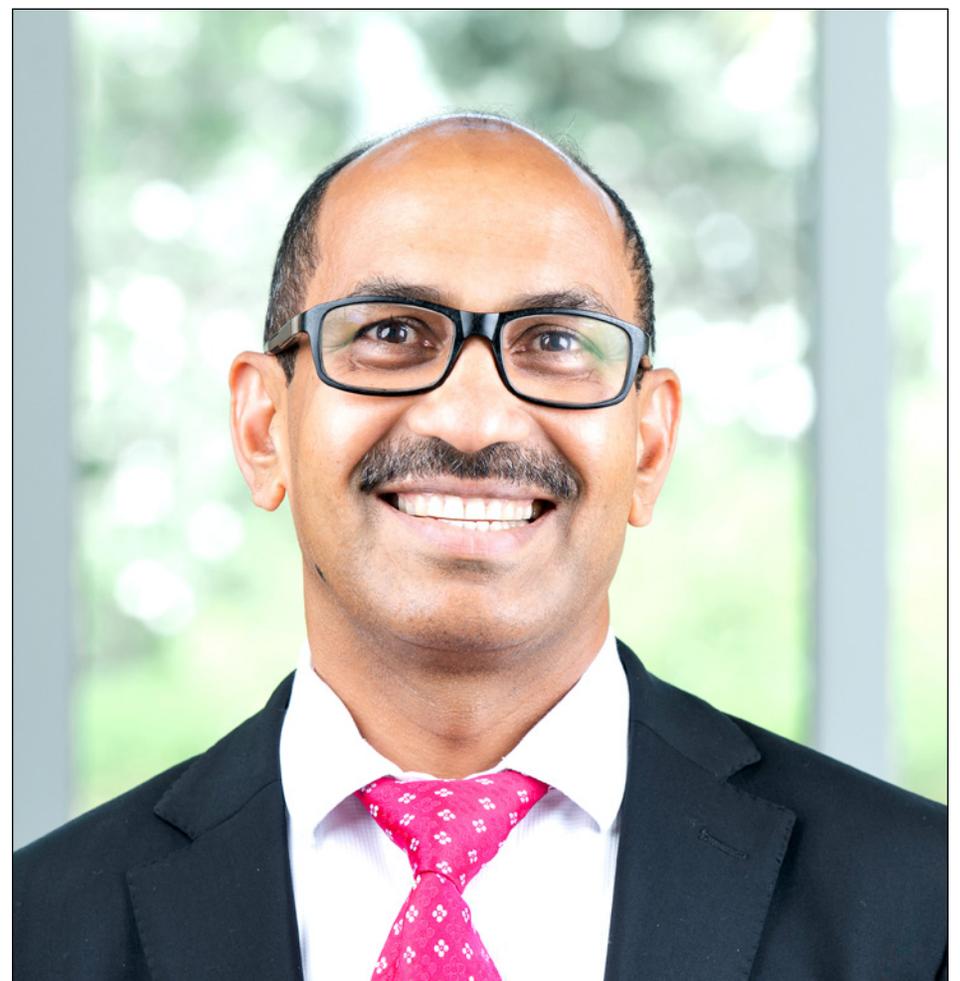
Ronapreve has been jointly developed by Switzerland-based pharmaceutical company Roche and American biotech firm, Regeneron. It is a combination of two monoclonal antibodies, casirivimab and imdevimab, and was designed to block infection of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Although vaccines provide the best protection from Covid-19, the World Health Organisation (WHO) has recommended

this treatment for infected people who either have underlying health conditions or are suffering from severe symptoms. It has also been found to reduce the risk of hospitalisation in certain patients with mild to moderate Covid-19 symptoms and reduced risk of symptomatic Covid-19 infections in people exposed to the virus.

Dr Binoy Chattuparambil, Clinical Director at Health City Cayman Islands, said the hospital was pleased to be at the forefront of the Covid-19 battle in the Cayman Islands.

"Just as we assisted with ensuring an adequate supply of personal protective equipment kits, providing PCR and being the first private facility to offer lateral flow tests to the public, it was important for us to step up and provide this treatment,



► Dr Binoy Chattuparambil, Clinical Director, Health City Cayman Islands

which research shows reduces death for patients by around 70 percent compared to those who don't take it," he advised.

Adults considered at high risk for severe Covid-19 and high-risk youth aged 12-17 who weigh at least 88 pounds may be eligible for treatment. High-risk factors can include older age, obesity, pregnancy, chronic kidney disease, heart disease including high blood pressure, lung disease, Sickle Cell Disease, and cerebral palsy or other development conditions. The treatment is administered via infusion that takes anywhere from 20 to 60 minutes to complete.

Individuals who have had Covid-19 symptoms for 10 days or less should talk

to their health care provider immediately to see if monoclonal antibody treatment is right for them.

Shomari Scott, Chief Business Officer at Health City Cayman Islands, said: "It is our hope that no one in our community will need this treatment, at Health City, we are always prepared and willing to do our part to keep our population safe. This treatment has been approved for use in approximately 50 countries and we wanted to ensure that the Cayman Islands was not left behind."

To find out if you qualify for the Ronapreve monoclonal antibody treatment, contact 345-640-4040 or info@healthcity.ky.

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► Second-place prizewinner in the Junior Spelling Bee, Zavian Roman receives his trophy and prize from Mark Ray



► Jaedon Hanson, who won second-place in the Secondary competition



► Joint third place prizewinners, Jade Robinson and Aryan Champawat



► Winner of the Secondary Spelling Bee, Alike-Benjamin Bennett, receives his trophy and prize from Miss Teen, Asaiah Thomas

Spelling Bees make Cayman proud

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there was a tie for third place, with both Nalanie Palacios of Theoline L. McCoy Primary School and Danique Boyd of Edna M. Moyle each receiving prizes.

Second place in the Secondary Spelling Bee went to Jaedon Hanson of John Gray High School, after a long-fought battle with the first-place winner. He finally lost on the word “Psittacosis.” There was a tie for third place, with prizes (electronic tablets, and trophies provided by the Lions Club) awarded to Jade Robinson of St. Ignatius, and Aryan Champawat of Layman E. Scott Sr. High School.

For each of the two competitions, the rules were the same. Contestants were allowed to ask for a repeat of the word, its definition, its use in a sentence and its origin. If they got it wrong, they had to leave the stage, so after an hour or two, only a handful of students were left as the words got harder and harder.

In the Junior spelling bee, there were students from Calvary Baptist Christian Academy, Cayman Academy, Creek & Spot Bay Primary School, East End Primary School, Edna Moyle Primary School, Joanna Clarke Primary School, Montessori By the Sea, Red Bay Primary School, and



► Winners of the Lions Club Spelling Bee, Alike-Benjamin Bennett, Jaedon Hanson, and Aryan Champawat (joint third place Jade Robinson is missing from picture) pictured with winning team-members from Clifton Hunter, John Gray and Layman E. Scott Snr, and St. Ignatius High Schools, along with teachers, and officials from the Department of Education Services, as well as Members of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman, and Miss Teen, Asaiah Thomas, who helped present the prizes

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vary Baptist Christian Academy, Cayman Academy, Clifton Hunter High School, John Gray High School, Layman E. Scott Snr. High School, and St. Ignatius Catholic High School.

Gloria Bell, Acting Customer Service Manager DES, thanked everyone for making the spelling bee possible through all their hard work, including the teachers and coaches, parents and students for all their dedication, and all the Department of Education staff who had been so dedicated in organising it.

Mark Ray, Director, Department of Education Services, said to the students: “Enrichment activities such as the Spelling Bee are pretty important for us to maintain not just from the standpoint of being able to spell words, but there are also some critical thinking skills involved. So, the spelling bee doesn’t just serve as a tick box exercise for something that we’ve done, it also showcases the hard work that you’ve put in and that your teachers have put in, but, more importantly, it helps us



► Winner of the Primary Spelling Bee, Laila Small



► Joint third place winners in the Junior Spelling-bee, Nalanie Palacios and Dominique Boyd

to develop skills that are necessary for the rest of your educational journey and for transfer into your adult life.”

DEH urges correct disposal of LFT

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is advising residents and visitors that even though lateral flow test (LFT) testing kits for Covid-19 are not considered clinical waste requiring special collection, they should be disposed of correctly and not be recycled.



The DEH recognised that as the introduction of these self-test kits is becoming increasingly common at workplaces, schools and homes, used LFT become household waste and they should still be handled with care, whether the result is negative or positive. The same principle also applies for disposable masks, face covering and gloves.

Once used, LFTs must be disposed of safely by placing all of the items from the testing kit and the plastic packaging into the bag provided, and marked with the biohazard symbol (yellow triangle). Then this bag should be put in the general garbage bin for disposal, as indicated in the instructions provided with the kits.

Additional information is available from the DEH at 949-6696. People can also email 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>



► Appropriate disposal of used Lateral Flow Test (LFT) items which include: swab, test cassette and extraction buffer tube

Government launches new Covid-19 awareness campaign

Providing a single point of reference where people can get all the information they need about Covid-19, government has launched a new community awareness campaign-- Living with Covid-19 in the Community. This provides official guidance on best practices, links to updated policies, regulations and official updates, and the latest understanding on the risks of Covid-19 and other matters.

Premier Wayne Panton advised: "Returning to what we call a 'normal life' requires a daily commitment to practice the safety measures which have been in place since the start of the pandemic and adjusting how we engage in our chosen activities. This campaign will provide

helpful information that will reiterate the best ways for us to stay informed and stay healthy. I encourage the Cayman Islands community to stay informed with official information and please, be responsible citizens and residents of this country by adhering to the safety measures in place."

The community-centric campaign features photography and videos produced on island.

The key source of authoritative information remains www.gov.ky/coronavirus. Media outlets, private partners and the general public can find a toolkit of resources available for download at www.explore.gov.ky/coronavirus-resources.



The new Covid-19 awareness campaign comes off the back of a number of government-led campaigns throughout the pandemic, beginning with the Stay Home Covid-19 campaign which launched in February 2020. This transitioned into Stay Safe messaging when the government lifted stay-at-home restrictions. The

One Step Closer promoted how working together to get vaccinated would lead to being able to do the things the community most missed. Most recently, the launch of the Border Reopening Plan triggered a new Border Reopening campaign which will be sustained to communicate travel-specific messaging.

New Covid rules in place

New rules have been put in place for people in isolation that should make the release process a little less painful. Last week Public Health issued new criteria for the release of people from isolation on confirmation of positive PCR tests at the end of their isolation period. The new criteria stipulate mandatory requirements in three areas:

- isolation of 11 days for vaccinated or 15 days for unvaccinated;
- asymptomatic for the past 72 hours; and
- a CT value is 32 or over reflected on the PCR test results received via email.

People meeting the above criteria with a positive PCR exit test should contact the flu hotline at 1-800-534-8600 or 947-3077 for a telephonic assessment.

A CT value represents the viral load of Covid-19, or the prevalence of the virus in a person's system. The lower the CT value, the higher the viral load, meaning someone is more infectious and likely to

transmit the disease to others. The higher the CT value, the less infectious (i.e., value of 32 and over).

"The new criteria for isolation release will allow some persons to get back to work & school, though still testing positive via PCR but not contagious and therefore not a public health risk to the community," said Dr Samuel Williams-Rodriguez, Medical Officer of Health.

The mandatory requirement for exit PCR tests remains in effect and persons are not permitted to release themselves from isolation.

New travel restrictions to beat Omicron variant

Last Friday Cabinet issued regulations that restrict travel to the Cayman Islands from nine countries in southern Africa and one in Europe.

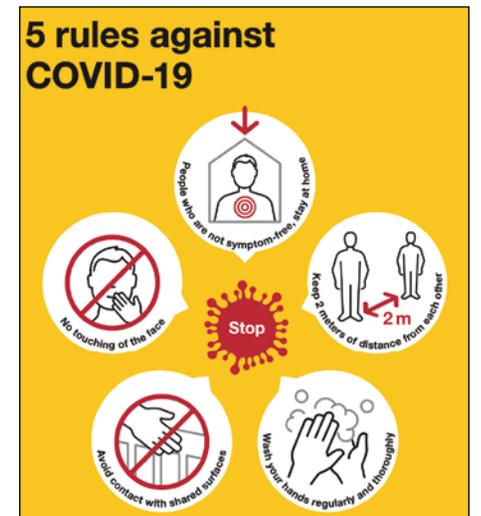
The measures follow the World Health Organisation (WHO) recognising the var-

iant first reported to have emerged in South Africa two days ago, as a variant of concern, which it has named Omicron. Other countries around the world have already taken similar measures.

In its announcement, WHO noted that the variant had a large number of mutations, some of which are concerning. Countries from which travel is restricted include: Belgium, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Anybody who travels to, from or through these countries within the 21 days preceding their arrival in the Cayman Islands, must undergo PCR testing within 24 hours of arrival, and must also complete a quarantine period of not less than 14 days.

This means that travellers from these countries already in the Cayman Islands from these countries will also be required to complete a 14-day quarantine.



The regulations also detail provisions for persons who have been in contact with such individuals, including any other occupants of a private residence where they may be quarantining.

Looky Ya! celebration at National Museum

The Cayman Islands National Museum celebrated its 31st anniversary with flair, fun and full immersion in the past, during its annual Looky Ya! event on Saturday, 20 November 2021. This year's Looky Ya! 'Old Time Days Come Back Again: How We Used to Live,' was an all-day extravaganza of indoor and outdoor events and recalled the highlights of Cayman's yesteryear. Staged along Seafarers Way (previously Harbour Drive), Goring Avenue and in the museum itself, the event evoked the sights, sounds and smells of how Caymanians lived and celebrated in years gone by.

Vendors offering an array of goods such as thatch work items, handmade jewellery, traditional wompers, and tempting artisanal juices, jams, cakes and preserves were joined by stall holders selling native food favourites including fried fish, baked chicken and more. Local cooks vied for first place in the Cayman-style beef, stew turtle and cassava cake competitions.

The family-friendly event, encouraged visitors to wander and enjoy the lively atmosphere. Many took the opportunity to take a free tour of the historic courthouse and the museum's curated exhibitions.

Looky Ya! was emc'eed by CINM former Board member Eziathamae Bodden, who also officiated the prayer and led the National Song. Following welcoming remarks by museum Director Dr Peggy Lashikar-Denton, CINM's board chairman, Craig Merren gave the museum's annual peppercorn rent – a coil of thatch rope – to Acting Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Isaac Rankine.

Sharing his remarks, Acting Minister said: "The Museum holds a very special place as the nation's preeminent centre dedicated to preserving and showcasing Cayman's human and natural history and culture. Through its wonderfully curated exhibits and artefacts, it does an outstanding job in transmitting and contextualising the islands' lived experience and geographical features.

"On behalf of the Ministry of culture and heritage and the Government, I congratulate the Museum's staff and management on the anniversary and for the commitment, talent and creativity they bring to their work."



► The UCCI Junkanoo Performers were a popular addition to the many attractions (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)



► Acting Minister for Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage, Isaac Rankine and accepts the annual peppercorn rent from the Chairperson of the Cayman Islands National Museum Craig Merren

Looky Ya! opened at 10am with traditional piped music and ended at 6pm with a performance by CayNRG Band. It also featured live performances including how to make

your own thatch rope with Messrs. Jeralow Rankine and Edney McLean, and the chance to test-drive some old-time wheel carts, used by young children in decades past.

Visitors also enjoyed lively performances by the UCCI Junkanoo Performers, who evoked revellers of yesteryear carousing around the districts close to Christmas. The UCCI Pandemix Steel Pan and the CI Folk Singers provided musical medleys at the socially-distanced event.

Curtis Barnett gave a reading from his book Caymanian Epics and the Christmas Jive Dancers charmed the crowds.

After the event, Dr Lashikar-Denton said: "We are especially grateful to the Ministry for their enthusiasm and on-the-ground support.

"We appreciated the special remarks from Acting Minister Mr. Isaac Rankine, whose acceptance of the peppercorn lease, showcasing CIG's support of the Museum and its vital role to the nation. The Museum is a non-profit entity charged with preserving and interpreting artefacts of national and regional significance. We could not achieve our goals without all the people and groups who made this day possible."



► Stallholders sold fresh food stuffs, artisanal goods and more at the Looky Ya! event



► Traditional rope-making demonstrations attracted several young attendees to try their hand



► Artist Yonier Powery



► Minister Bush and artist Yonier Powery discuss the work called Upstoppable Steps

Unstoppable artist showcases sculptures

By Lindsey Turnbull

Artist Yonier Powery's development as an artist has been an exciting journey to follow since his arrival in Cayman from Cuba 11 years ago. His latest exhibition, 'Unstoppable Steps' at the National Gallery is the culmination of a more recent focus on ceramics, having already blazed a trail in acrylic painting.

The exhibition features 19 intricately detailed ceramic and mixed media sculptures that play homage to Yonier's familial links to both the Isle of Youth, Cuba, and in the Cayman Islands. Each piece touches on historical, ecological and emotional themes that Yonier holds dear, whimsical surreal creations that really take your breath away when you view their detail and ingenuity.

Yonier said he was deeply grateful to the National Gallery for holding this solo exhibition.

"To me, having a solo show at the National Gallery, that is my dream come true, that was my goal," he confirmed. "The National Gallery is doing a brilliant job in exposing people to local artists and international artists as well. They are 100% behind showcasing the artists."

Working in ceramics is his favourite technique, he advised.

"I did a lot of painting before. I actually wanted to start in ceramics from when I first arrived in Cayman, but it is a process. Painting is an easy way to start; ceramics takes more money. My paintings helped me build what I really wanted

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► NGCI Collectors Curator William Helfrecht, Minister Hon Bernie Bush, Yonier Powery and Family, NGCI Board Member Carl Brown and NGCI Director and Chief Curator Natalie Urquhart (Photo credit: Katie O'Neill)



► Blue Iguana

Unstoppable artist showcases sculptures

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– now I have my own ceramic kiln,” he said.

Yonier, who studied in Cuba’s Academy of Art, said he felt his career was really poised for great things now and he was excited to showcase to a wider audience, globally as well as locally. The National Gallery exhibition would allow him to reach that goal, he felt.

On the preview to the opening night, a small gathering of dignitaries and well-wishers gathered to view the exhibition. Culture Minister Bernie Bush was full of praise for Yonier’s hard work.

“This is some outstanding stuff,” he stated. “This today blew me away. This is awesome. Thank you. Continue to do the good work. Continue to make the country proud.”



► Yonier Powery, Unstoppable Step, 2021

Imagination and emotion

The exhibition shows work from a variety of collections that he has produced over a four-year period.

“My work is representative of where I am. Through my work, people can see where I come from,” he advised.

The images of the island, the sea, turtles, iguanas and boats crop up in much of his work, and Yonier is able to capture the attention of the viewer by giving each piece his own unique quality, employing a surreal influence that sees giant tortoises carrying small houses on their backs, fish flying, whimsical characters trying to fly on fantastic machines and men precariously balanced upon giant hermit crabs.

“If a person has a different view of life, I think this is very important. I create my work from my own experiences, I don’t try and copy anybody. I am trying to share with viewers what I like and what I feel,” he advised.

In addition, there is often a historic, antique feel to his work, with Yonier able to capture a particular period of time in a piece, such is the detail he infuses in each sculpture.

“I like to include the concept of time in my work, because time is everything. It is our life,” he said.

This exhibition also pays tribute to some of Cayman’s most iconic artists, with references to Bendel Hydes and Miss Lassie in his pieces. Yonier said he felt a deep responsibility carried towards society which fueled his constant urge to create, causing him to continually seek improvement in his work.

Exhibition that resonates

William Helfrecht, the National Gallery’s Collections Coordinator,



► Intricate detailed work by artist Yonier Powery

was one of the curators of the exhibition, together with Director Natalie Urquhart and Kerri-Anne Chisholm.

“We had wanted to work with Yonier for a while in terms of a solo exhibition,” he advised. “This exhibition is quite eclectic but it’s also unified in the sense that most of these pieces are maritime inspired and tracing this autobiographical journey and also a cultural journey between Cuba and Cayman. This parallel history is very familiar to a lot of families with that multi-generational and multi-cultural connection, just as with the Bay Islands. It’s a story that a lot of people can identify within the Caymanian diaspora.”

William said Yonier was multi-talented.

“He paints in acrylics, he draws, and we have displayed a small selection of ink on paper studies that are a nice counterpoint to these intricate complex sculptures,” he explained.

It’s very technically skilled and a labour of love, William said.

He furthered that Yonier’s exhibition was a very prolific output, as most of these works, although they may have been



► Conqueror

started previously, were finished this year, while the artist (along with many others) had more time during the pandemic lock down. The end result is a huge body of work on an impressive scale that will no doubt lead to even bigger and greater things for this highly talented and uniquely skilled artist.

Yonier Powery: Unstoppable Steps runs at the National Gallery until 21 January 2022

Car enthusiasts raise funds for cancer

Members of the 345 Ford Club, a local group of car enthusiasts, made a monetary donation to the Movember Committee, which is raising funds for the Cayman Islands Cancer Society. At the same time, the committee is helping to create awareness for men's health issues such as prostate, testicular cancer and mental health.

The funds donated will be used solely on island to support ongoing programmes.

345 Club member, Mr Eddie 'El Jefe' Thompson, said: "We are grateful for everyone who participated in the fund-raising, and the Cancer Society which helps so many of our own."



► 345 Club member Eddie 'El Jefe' Thompson who made the donation on behalf of the club just prior to the Movember 1st Annual 5K fun run

Farmers and Artisans Market back for Christmas

If you were looking for some great locally made gifts this festive season, Camana Bay's Farmers and Artisans Market is back, albeit on a smaller scale due to Covid restrictions. The Visual Arts Society is currently manning two tents that are crammed full of arts and crafts, photographs, jewellery and lots more besides. Each week will see a new rotation of VAS vendors selling their goods, to ensure that buyers have the best variety available, given the circumstances.

Camana Bay's Farmers and Artisans Market runs every Wednesday, until 29 December from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



► Lots of jewellery for sale by VAS vendors



► VAS vendor Dinah Green's stall at the Farmers and Artisans Market. Look out for her custom designed cards



► Arshiya Anuj (R) and friend show off their Milo Kids Fun Run Medals

Fun run encourages kids to get back on track

The 2021 Milo Kids Fun Run takes place on Sunday, 5 December as part of the Walkers Cayman Islands Marathon and organisers are hoping kids will experience some semblance of normality in these strange times by participating in the event.

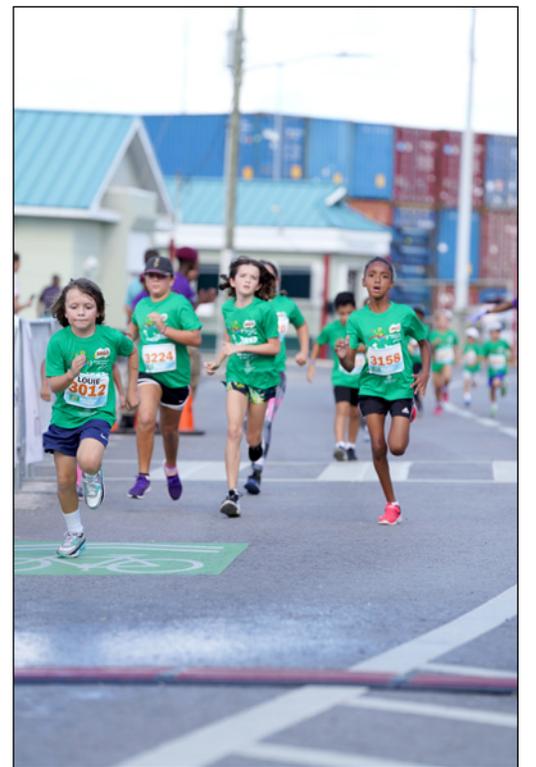
One of the largest primary school running events on island, the 14-year-old fun run is also sponsored by the Ministry of Youth & Sports and is free for both public and private school students between the ages of five and 11 years old. The 2020 race brought out a little over 250 kids.

This year there is a new route for the event which will allow the kids to finish at the new start/finish line for the adult race. The kids will start at Government Administration Building as usual but will turn left onto Shedden Road and run by RBC and KFC before turning left onto Harbour Drive and completing their run past the Hard Rock Café where the new start/finish line for the full marathon, half marathon and team relay will be located. The event had to shift its location slightly to accommodate construction that will begin on Cardinal Avenue as part of the George Town Revitalisation Project.

Organisers say that the Kids Fun Run will be just as safe as always and they are hoping kids will enjoy the chance to participate in a year where so much has been cancelled for them, and their lives have been interrupted by isolation, positive Covid-19 cases and lateral flow tests. As usual, the kids will cross the main event's finish line just like mum and dad, end their half-miler, and then receive their medals and enjoy snacks courtesy of Milo.

Rhonda Kelly, Co-Race Director, said: "Parents and kids can feel confident that they will be safe at the Kids Fun Run as always. There is still space for us to accommodate more participants and be well within the limits set by Public Health relating to gatherings. As usual we stagger our starts slightly for the benefit of the younger runners which will allow for social distancing."

Ms Kelly continued: "As the name implies, this event is always a fun one for



► Kids will cross the finish line just past Hard Rock Café

both the kids and the adults. We look forward every year to seeing a sea of green t-shirts crossing the finish line, and this year we think it will be even more meaningful after a very challenging 21 months for our youngest participants."

The Kids Fun Run was introduced in 2007 to inspire kids to begin thinking about health and fitness choices from an early stage. Participants cross the same line finish line as the adults after an approximate 0.7-mile run. The Kids Marathon log encourages children to keep a record of their activity leading up to the Kids Fun Run, completing a full marathon (26.2 miles) at the end of the run in December. The first 25.5 miles of the marathon can be done by running, walking, swimming and playing sports. Kids can have their parents, P.E. teachers or another adult sign their log verifying that they have completed each mile.

Students and parents can register online at CaymanIslandsMarathon.com. Registration includes a runner's bib, t-shirt and a Milo bag. The run begins at 10:15 a.m. at the front of the Government Administration Building on Elgin Avenue.

RCIPS launches 2021 recruitment training

On Monday, 22 November, the RCIPS Training and Development Unit (TDU) began a training class of 23 new recruits, who have begun their journey to becoming police constables within the RCIPS.

The Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne led the commencement and swearing in ceremony for the new recruits, 16 of whom are young Caymanians.

“It is a significant benefit to the service and the wider community to see such a strong number of young Caymanian men and women putting themselves forward to serve their community as police officers,” Commissioner Byrne said.

Amongst the recruits are 16 men and seven women, including six current auxiliary constables with the RCIPS who, after successfully completing the programme, will convert to police constables.

“New recruits represent a new generation, who can contribute new ways of thinking and different approaches to how the RCIPS serves the people of the Cayman Islands, and help to increase the level of professionalism in the service,” added Commissioner Byrne. “As members of the community that we serve, you also bring with your knowledge and insight into that community, and we welcome your input.”

Throughout the 17-week training pro-

gramme, which was developed and is being led by the TDU, the officers will receive lessons from various units within the service as well as from partnering agencies. They will receive training and lectures on ethics, customer service as well as on the values of the RCIPS (Respect, Courtesy, Integrity, Professionalism and Service), and will be completing coursework on the laws of the Cayman Islands and other material needed in the field. They will also be expected to complete their physical at the end of the course.

In addition, between 13 December and 4 January, the officers will all be assigned to the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit alongside experienced officers to amplify police visibility during the busy holiday season, assisting with Operation Quaker’s tactical delivery, and giving them first-hand experience on the front line.

“This will be an invaluable opportunity for in the field training for recruits,” said Superintendent Adrian Seales, who is in charge of the TDU. “They will get a first-hand experience of being a police officer during one of the most challenging times of the year and will be receiving tutelage from some of our finest officers on the best way to achieve our mission of making the Cayman Islands safer.”



► 2021 New RCIPS Recruits_Swearing in Ceremony

In addition to the 23 police recruits, a trainee investigator with the Cayman Islands Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) will also undergo the training programme.

All 24 personnel were sworn in by Commissioner Byrne, who also spoke with them about the organisation’s expectations of them, encouraging them to do

well and give the training their best. The RCIPS’ objectives of securing the Cayman Islands, ensuring safer communities and delivering a professional service were emphasised to the recruits, along with the overall message that policing is first and foremost, a community service. These objectives form the core themes of the training programme.

COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule – NOV/DEC 2021^(v1)

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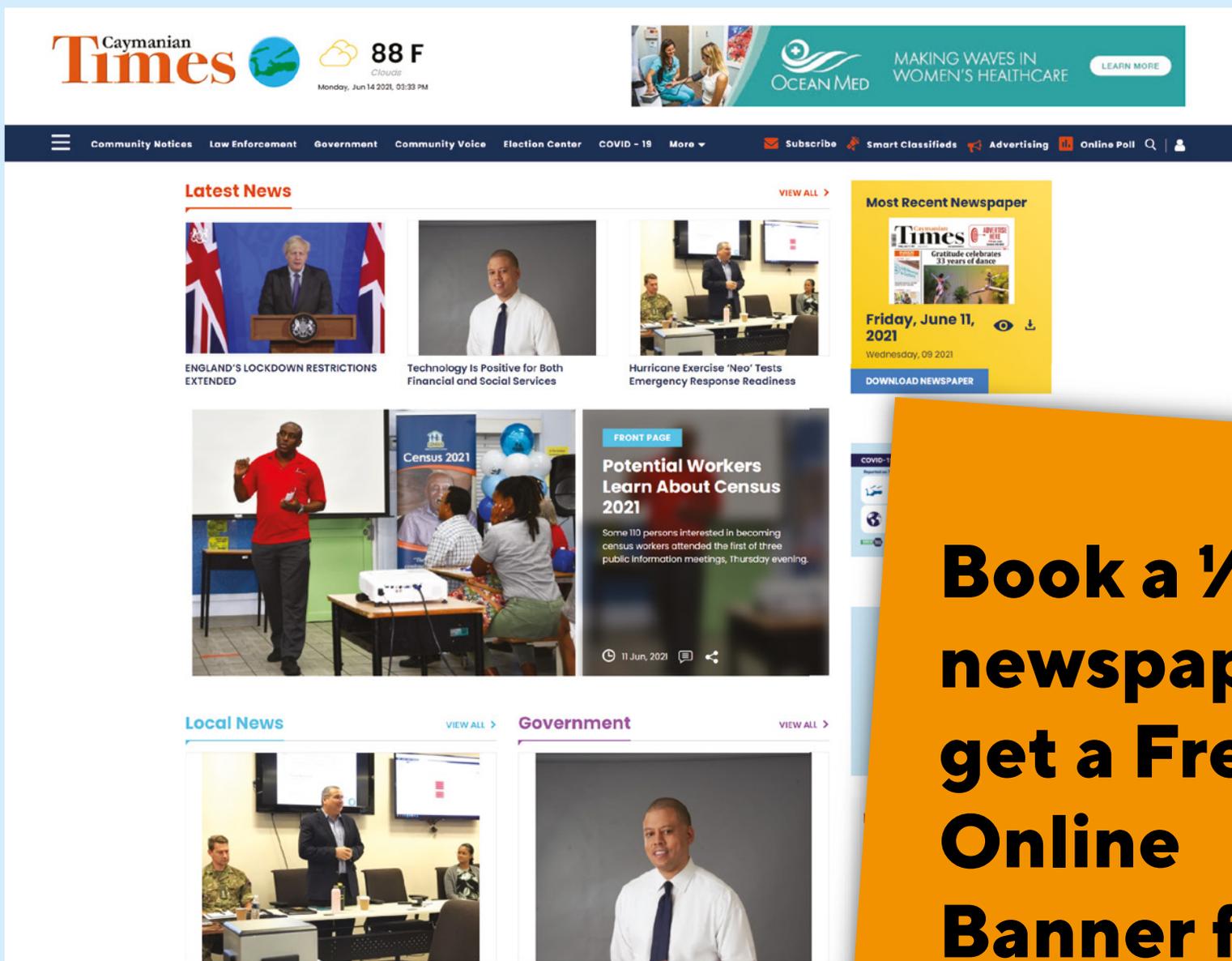


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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 29	30	DECEMBER 1	2	3	4
1st & 2nd Dose available to all persons 12 years and older					
Boosters (3rd Dose) available to the following: healthcare workers, teachers, police/fire/prison/CBC officers, 40+ years old and clinically vulnerable (see criteria below)*					
SAVANNAH MLA OFFICE (behind Wendy's) 4pm - 7pm	CAMANA BAY** 12:30 - 4pm 5:30 - 7:30pm (**Canella Court, 2 nd Floor, adjacent observation tower)	CAMANA BAY** 9am - 12:00pm (**Canella Court, 2 nd Floor, adjacent observation tower)	WEST BAY HEALTH CENTRE 5pm - 8pm	CAMANA BAY** 10am - 1:30pm 3 - 6pm (**Canella Court, 2 nd Floor, adjacent observation tower)	CAMANA BAY** 9am - 12:30pm 2 - 5pm (**Canella Court, 2 nd Floor, adjacent observation tower)
		SISTER ISLANDS ASTON RUTTY CENTRE 2 - 4pm		SISTER ISLANDS ASTON RUTTY CENTRE 2 - 4pm	
6	7	8	9	10	11
1st & 2nd Dose available to all persons 12 years and older					
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		SISTER ISLANDS ASTON RUTTY CENTRE 2 - 4pm			

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 36 Photo

- 1 Out of bed blowup:
- 6 Chart of Abbr. numbers
- 11 Cry of surrender
- 12 Mariner's place
- 13 Share in a business
- 14 Baker's need
- 15 Heir, often
- 16 Singing Sandra
- 18 CBS series with spinoffs
- 19 Conclude
- 20 Young buck
- 21 Batter's goal
- 22 Puzzle
- 24 Follow the rules
- 25 Salacious
- 27 Different
- 29 Roman poet
- 32 Fan cry
- 33 — canto
- 34 Gun owner's org.
- 35 Put away

36 Photo

37 Young fox

38 Long

39 attack

40 Past

41 plump

42 Come in

43 Pool fill

44 Derby prize

45 Smart

DOWN

1 Winter

2 Chant

3 Tabloids

4 Moose's kin

5 Pine parts

6 Trifled

7 Superb

8 Spots for sunning

9 Dog star

10 Being

11 Made of clay

12 Be litigious

13 "My word!"

14 Ewe

15 — Town

16 said it

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

Yesterday's answer

- 5 Pine parts
- 6 Trifled
- 7 Superb
- 8 Spots for sunning
- 9 Dog star
- 10 Being
- 11 Made of clay
- 12 Be litigious
- 13 "My word!"
- 14 Ewe
- 15 — Town
- 16 said it
- 26 Goes after
- 27 Pencil part
- 28 Barrio
- 29 resident
- 30 Turning points
- 31 Diner, e.g.
- 33 Saloon orders

Word Search

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

- Admiral
- Brigadier
- Captain
- Colonel
- Commander
- Commodore
- Constable
- Corporal
- Ensign
- General
- Inspector
- Lieutenant
- Major
- Marshal
- Private
- Sergeant
- Trooper

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



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