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EDITORIAL

CELEBRATING CAYMAN'S GALAXY OF SMALL BUSINESSES

By Staff Writer

Cayman's small business sector is the beating heart of our economy.

The array of small and medium-sized enterprises is a vital mosaic of what makes up our 'Cayman can' attitude.

Nowhere has this been more demonstrated - and tested - than during the ongoing pandemic.

There's no question that it has been a tough time especially for those businesses which rely on the tourism sector.

But despite the setback suffered by many of our small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), some have been able to adapt and devise new avenues just to stay afloat.

We applaud them - and their clients and customers who continue to support them.

Running a business is no easy business.

When the daily 'closed' sign goes up, painstaking work continues behind the closed doors reviewing the day's business, preparing for the next day, and planning for days, weeks, and months ahead.

All of that effort is just to ensure that the 'open' sign goes up the following day.

Keeping our SMEs open and trading is what keeps Cayman running.

Whether it's a one or two-person person operation, a small family enterprise, or a company that employs three, five, or more people, the Caymanian spirit of entrepreneurship has always been strong. It's what we do.

Historically, business runs through the veins of Caymanians like the saltwater that metaphorically coursed through the veins of our past seafarers.

We are proud of that heritage. Its legacy is that spirit of weathering the storms of tough times such as what we are experiencing now, which keeps the Cayman dream alive and well.

Small businesses comprise the majority of the companies registered with the



Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce, a point made by the Chamber's incoming president, Shomari Scott, when he appeared recently on the Caymanian Times programme, The Panel.

We commend the Chamber and the Cayman Small Business Association for the assistance, training, and other support given to our SME's. We particularly applaud Mr Scott, incoming president of the Chamber, for his commitment to expanding that when he assumes office this year.

The support for small businesses by the current PACT government and its predecessor, the Progressives, is also noted.

Of course, there's always scope to do more to keep afloat this vital, and often understated, sector of the economy.

We say understated because the importance of our small businesses should never be underrated.

Caymanian Times will continue to highlight and recognise the vital role our small businesses play by putting the spotlight on the galaxy of SMEs that make up the Cayman business constellation.

In our next series we look at Cayman's coffee shop culture, an institution among Caymanians of all walks of life, long before 'coffee culture' became the global trend that it is today.

We'll also be highlighting other aspects of our small business sector and the people who make them happen.

Small business by people with big ideas...that's the Cayman way.

SAVE OUR COFFEE SHOPS!

With Cayman's borders closed now for over a year and without the vitally important business from tourists, our brilliant coffee shops are feeling the pinch like never before, so we are on a mission to remind our readers of all the excellent coffee shops dotted around Grand Cayman that need your support!

Cozy Oasis that eases the Daily Grind

By Lindsey Turnbull

We begin our new series in the heart of George Town at the Daily Grind, situated on the corner of Dr. Roy's Drive and Edward Street. An independent coffee shop that has been oiling the wheels of George Town commerce through its quality coffee for a quarter of a century, Daily Grind offers its customers a friendly face and space. Established in 1996, it is the longest running coffee shop in the Cayman Islands and has stayed true to its original premise from the get go. That is to serve excellent coffee all within an immaculate, amiable environment where everyone feels welcome and where the customers' experience is priority.

It's a great spot to enjoy your favorite latte or espresso, banana cake or croissant and to catch up on the day's news (via the available free copies of the Caymanian Times, of course!). It's a go-to spot for George Town's business community, who are looking for a grab-and-go breakfast or lunch that they know will be tasty and fresh. Located on the 2nd floor in the heart of Cayman's capital, the shop also gives you a first-class view of the comings and goings in George Town, all in air conditioned serenity.

Daily Grind uses Lavazza coffee beans which offer a smooth rich flavored coffee and expertly pull shots on their Italian San Giorgio espresso machine. Coffees are reasonably priced: our yardstick is a 12oz latte at CI\$4.50 and CI\$4.95 for a 16oz and they don't charge extra for non-dairy milks (almond and coconut on offer). Their skilled Barista can fill almost any special request in-



► Great coffee selection

cluding Dirty Chai, Flat white, London Fog, Dry Cappuccino, Cubano and for the little ones, Babyccino. A variety of

flavorings are available for those so inclined, including Turmeric, Caramel, white chocolate and Irish cream, begging the question "one pump or two?" To cool you off on these hot summer days, they have an excellent selection of iced drinks, including reasonably priced iced coffee, iced latte, iced mocha and frappe. You could also try their iced passion tea lemonade which sounds delightful

and their fruit smoothies including "Feel the beet" and "Green clean". Their baked to order service provides "straight out of the oven" goodies including their "ah-mazing" Cinnamon rolls and Cream puffs which have gained Island-wide popularity.

Wednesdays are definitely the best days to stock up on your Daily Grind coffee as you can take advantage of their buy one, get one free coffee (BOGO) special on that day only.

Rediscover the Daily Grind and you will be coming back time and time again.



► Coffee with a rich smooth flavour



► Rediscover the Daily Grind



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► The Chief Justice, Hon. Anthony Smellie inspects the RCIPS presented Guard of Honour, as part of the formal opening ceremony of the Grand Court (Photos by Bina Mani, GIS)

► His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper arrives at the formal opening of the Grand Court

Grand Court Session Formally Opens

Following a ceremonial inspection of an honour guard by an RCIPS contingent, the Chief Justice, Hon. Anthony Smellie, QC, accepted a motion on Wednesday to formally open the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands.

In attendance at the ceremony were His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, Premier and former practising attorney, Hon. Wayne Panton, Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Ministers Hon. Sabrina Turner, Hon. Johany Jay Ebanks and Hon. Andre Ebanks, as well as Parliamentary Secretary Ms Heather Bodden.

Wednesday's ceremony differed from previous years because of the use of actual and virtual presentations, all of which were live-streamed for the first time in deference to COVID-19 protocols.

It was also mentioned that this might be the last formal opening for the Chief Justice who, after taking office in 1998, is currently the longest serving Chief Justice in the Cayman Islands and is scheduled to retire in the last quarter of 2022.

The Chief Justice accepted the motion made by the CI Attorney General, Hon. Samuel Bulgin. Seconding the motion were Acting Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Candia James-Malcolm, CI Legal Practitioners Association President, Mr. Erik Bodden and Member of the CI Law Reports Committee, Mr. Colin McKie.

Chief Magistrate Hon. Valdis Folds, Judicial Administrator and Chief Officer, Ms Suzanne Bothwell, Deputy Chief Officer, Ms Natasha Scotland, Chief Financial Officer Ms Tiffany Ebanks, Legal Aid Director Ms Stacy Parke, Clerk of Court Ms Shiona Allenger and Deputy Clerk of Court Ms Cecille Collins presented the virtual reports.

Eventually, all of the presentations will be posted on to the www.judicial.ky website. Meantime, they can be viewed, along with all of the broadcast on the CIGTV channel on YouTube at <http://bit.ly/2CqD1b5>.



► (L-R) Minister Hon. Johany Jay Ebanks, Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Minister Hon. Sabrina Turner, Premier Hon. Wayne Panton and Attorney General Hon. Samuel Bulgin at the opening ceremony



► The Chief Justice, Hon. Anthony Smellie, QC, with other Grand Court Justices behind him, receives the Royal Salute from the contingent of Royal Cayman Islands Police Service officers, as part of the ceremony today, Wednesday, 12 January 2022, to formally open the Grand Court session for 2022

CARIBBEAN TOURISM TURNAROUND LIKELY BY THE END OF 2022

By Staff Writer

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) says it "remains positive" about the continued rebound of the tourism industry despite the uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The regional tourism umbrella organisation credits this to the resilience of Caribbean destinations during the ongoing COVID-19 "creating strategies for recovery, incorporating frequently updated travel protocols, and collaborations with regional and international partners in the areas of health and economic support and development."

In a press release this week giving its outlook for this year, the CTO says, "As we begin 2022, once again grappling with the effects of a new variant which is also affecting international travel adversely, we are heartened by the recovery experiences and the lessons learnt in 2021."

It notes that while the industry is still a long way off the 2019 levels, "the exceptional results recorded in the summer to year-end period of 2021 show that a

scaled or gradual rebound is likely and very possible by the end of 2022."

"Recovery strategies, continuously being adapted to existing circumstances, based on continued partnerships and collaboration, advocating for safe and healthy visitor experiences and prioritising the health of residents, have proven to be the formula for recovery of the sector."

The CTO says confidence remains high in the region's tourism product, citing "our ability to outpace the global growth average for arrivals."

It's also encouraging intra-Caribbean tourism by encouraging Caribbean nationals to "explore and rediscover the diversity within their own destinations and those around them."

Reviewing 2021 which was marked by a continuing downturn since the world went into pandemic lockdown mode, the CTO said the past year "has given us an indication that there is light at the end of what has been a long tunnel which began in March 2020."

It notes that by mid-2021 a the first signs of a turnaround in tourism activity



had started showing, with the Caribbean exceeding the global average for stay-over arrival growth and tourism's contribution to gross domestic product (GDP).

"During the third quarter of 2021, there were 5.4 million tourist arrivals to the region, almost three times the arrivals for

the same period in 2020, but still 23.3 per cent below 2019 levels. Preliminary reports suggest that this progress continued through to the end of the last quarter. Consequently, it is estimated that tourist arrivals for 2021 will exceed 2020 levels by 60 to 70 per cent," the CTO said.

Cruise lines virus rules lifted

Cruise lines passengers in the United States now have the option to decide if they want to follow COVID-19 guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's despite recent outbreaks leading to Caribbean and South American ports refusing cruise ships to dock there.

The Conditional Sailing Order, a mandatory set of rules that cruise companies have followed for the past two years, expired on Saturday (15 January). The agency has transitioned to a "voluntary COVID-19 risk mitigation program" for ships that are registered in foreign countries and operate in US waters.

Cruise lines can now decide for themselves whether to follow the program as the CDC makes the program voluntary, but they have only until 21 January to opt in.

The transition comes only two weeks after the agency raised cruise travel up to the highest-risk level in its regularly updated travel notices, advising travellers to avoid cruises regardless of vaccination status. The fact that the Omicron variant is more infectious but less virulent than the Delta variant is a factor in this decision.

If cruise lines opt not to continue operating under the Conditional Sail Order, their ships will be listed as grey on the CDC's website.

Even operators that don't opt to follow the recommendations will be under the CDC's authority in important ways, said Aimee Treffiletti, of the US Public Health Service.

These rules have included requiring vaccination for a certain percentage of passengers and crew, tests before boarding for passengers and regular testing for



► Cruise ships in the Caribbean have an uncertain future

crew, and mask-wearing indoors unless eating or drinking.

Despite the recent spike in cases on cruises, the CDC is still not seeing severe outcomes on ships — which Treffiletti attributed to virus mitigation measures that cruise lines are following. "Things like hospitalisation, ventilator use, medical evacuations and deaths are not a major issue on board," she said.

That's despite The Guardian, a British newspaper, reports that "a surge in Covid infections on cruise ships is causing mayhem across the industry, leaving passengers stranded aboard ships, exacerbating staff shortages and prompting the CDC to warn US passengers against all cruise travel."

The Guardian stated that "the CDC director said this week that Covid cases have

increased 30-fold in just two weeks. Every one of the nearly 100 cruise ships currently carrying passengers in US waters has reported enough Covid-19 cases to merit investigation by the CDC, according to the agency's website."

Nevertheless, the CDC believes lifting its restrictions is justified because many passengers and crew are vaccinated and follow strict Covid testing and protocols.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PIONEERS DIY AIR CLEANERS

A schoolboy science fan and his primary school, Footsteps, are pioneering DIY low-cost, highly effective air-purifiers that help clear rooms of airborne virus particles, as well as smoke, pollen, dust, and allergens

Known as Corsi-Rosenthal Boxes, the easy-to-assemble devices are hand-made using a simple 20 inch square box fan, duct tape, cardboard and four MERV 11 filters from local company Caribbean Filtration.

Tom Osborne, aged 11, who decided to build three in one day for his school after reading about them online said "They cost under eighty bucks each to make, and scientific studies show they can pull 85% of

airborne virus particles out of the air. It's a really cool way to help keep our classrooms safe and healthy - so I made a video to show people how to build them too"

In 2021 scientists confirmed that the virus causing COVID-19 was able to spread through aerosol particles that float in the air when a Covid-positive person talks, sings, coughs or sneezes, as well as through droplet transmission. As airborne virus particles quickly build up like cigarette smoke in indoor spaces, clean air is essential to help schools and workplaces stay open. But HEPA residential air cleaners can be expensive for schools and community businesses to install.

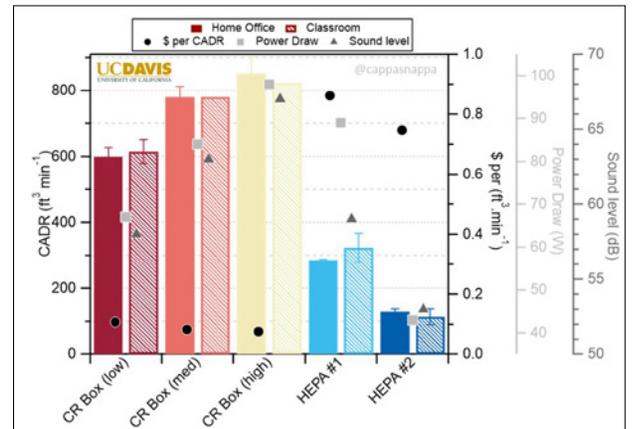
Dr Richard Corsi, Dean of Engineering at the University of California, and air filtration expert Tex-Air CEO Jim Rosenthal came up with the cheap, simple box-fan filter in August 2021. The Corsi-Rosenthal Box, plus the accompanying open-source science behind it - swiftly took off worldwide and won Idea of the Year from the prestigious Waterloo Filtration Institute.

Corsi-Rosenthal Boxes have sparked interest in Cayman. Kim Voaden, Director of Sunrise Adult Training Centre said:

"This is a great way to improve air quality and help



vulnerable people feel safe and stay healthy - many of our clients have co-morbidities that make them higher risk for Covid-19. We've invested in a CR Box and are looking forward to Tom and his family teaching us how to make more at a workshop at Sunrise Centre next week. Keeping our Centre as healthy as possible, and keeping our Centre open, so that we can continue to serve our clients and their families, is a huge priority. We also are excited to offer a new training initiative that



will enable our clients to help others in our community"

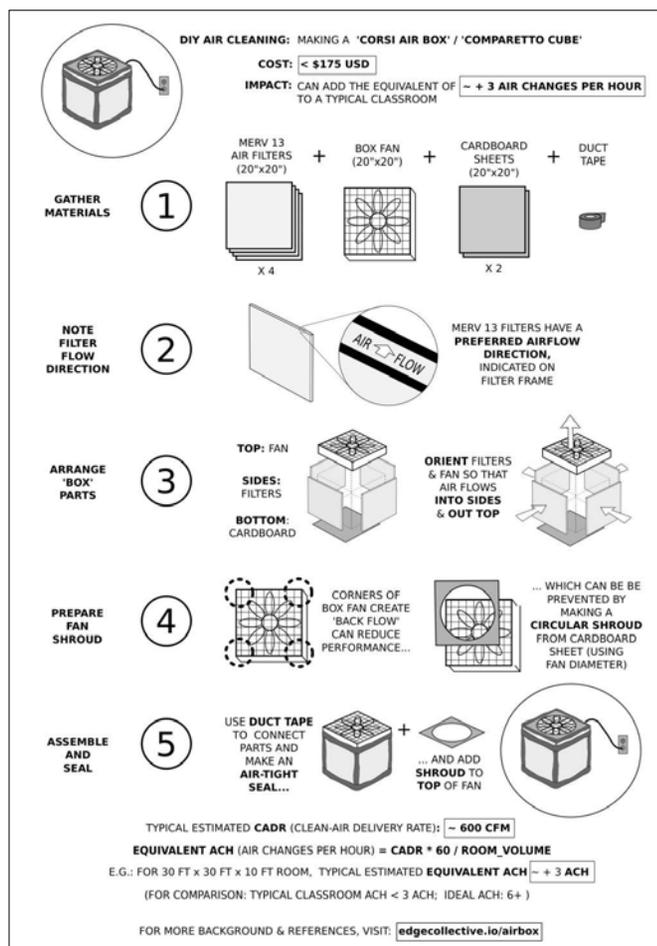
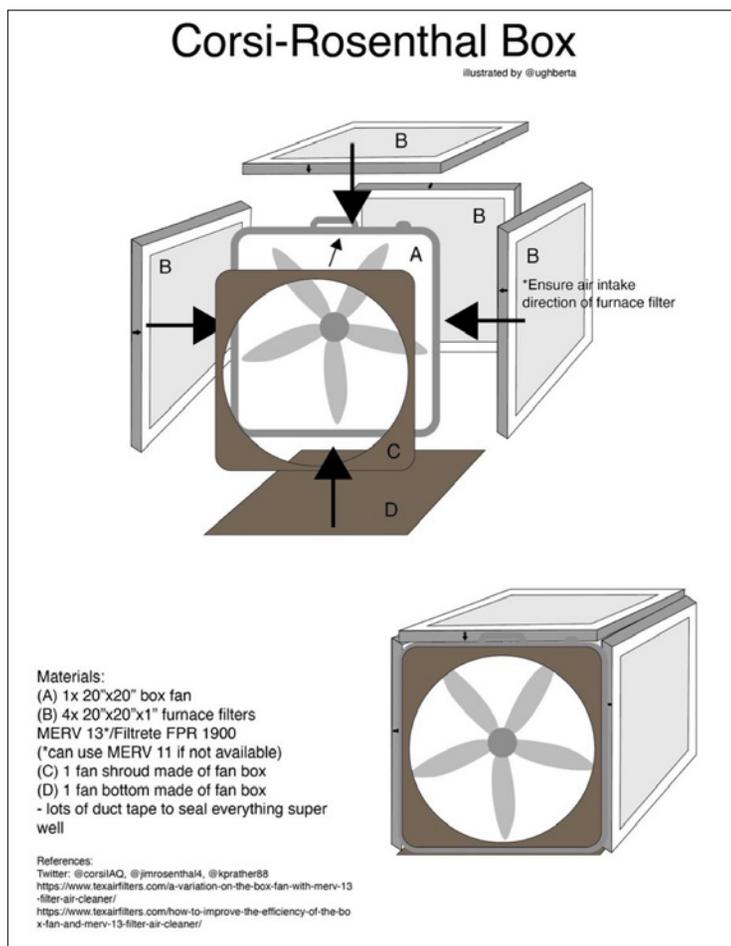
Carolina Ferreira, Deputy Director of Cayman Islands Red Cross said:

"As we look at ways that we can continue to empower our community with not only knowledge but also tools that will help them, both to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 which is at the forefront of our minds but also more broadly, these are the types of solutions that need to be shared. This is something that is incredibly accessible both in terms of cost and assembly, and Tom has done a great job demonstrating just that. I really hope that others in our community take on this project to make their schools, homes and offices safer."

Emma Kendall, Director, Footsteps School said:

"The air filters are fantastic! We are really proud of Tom for his hard work and his amazing engineering skills. It gives us such peace of mind knowing that we're doing everything we can to protect our students from COVID-19, with support from our wider school community."

Tom is hoping more schools and community centres will build their own Corsi-Rosenthal Boxes. "Anyone who can wrap a parcel can build one. It's awesome to know a fun science project can help people stay healthy during a pandemic" he said.



Hate crime laws urgently needed

By Lindsey Turnbull

Following the recent homophobic attack on a gay couple, the Cayman LGTBTQ Foundation Founder and Chairman Noel Cayasso-Smith is calling for an urgent review of the law to allow hate crimes to be a criminal offence. However, although he feels that the law needed to be passed as soon as possible - to protect the gay community and other members of the community from such crimes - there is still work to be done in order to make the law a reality.

Mr Cayasso-Smith said the first step to implementing a hate crime Bill would be to pinpoint where the problems currently existed. Walls within the police service itself needed to be broken down, he felt.

He is not wasting time on getting the issue resolved.

"We are holding a meeting this week with the police department on this issue. The RCIPS LGBTQ Liaison Officer DC Patricia Sevik will be meeting with us, along with representatives of Colours Cayman," he advised. "Part of the problem is that there is a lot going on but this is not being reported to the police, even though they have a dedicated LGBT Liaison Officer. People feel like even if they do report incidents, they are being discriminated against. No matter what they say, it's not going to be dealt with fairly, they say."

Mr Cayasso-Smith said it would be helpful if the RCIPS officers received sensitivity training. The training had been discussed previously but had never been put

in place. Mr Cayasso-Smith said he would like to see a training expert from the UK deliver such training to RCIPS officers. Having met with the Governor to discuss the issue of a hate crime Bill, Mr Cayasso-Smith said the Governor was receptive to the idea of looking into a UK specialist delivering such training.

"It would be nice if all organisations involved - the Red Cross, Colours Cayman and Cayman LGBTQ Foundation - could be included so we have knowledge about what is being said and get our ideas put across to ensure it is a well-targeted and relevant training," he said.

Governor Martyn Roper said he had confidence that the RCIPS would ensure those responsible for the hate crime on the gay couple faced justice.

"More generally, I welcome the Police Commissioner's strong commitment to ensure that RCIPS serve all members of our community. I am exploring ways of supporting him to deliver that more effectively, including through the provision of training," the Governor confirmed.

Government Bill needed

Mr Cayasso-Smith said that his next goal was to reach out to Government in order to have a meeting with all the Heads of Department who would be involved in spearheading this law. Premier Wayne Panton had suggested that the law be written into the Penal Code and the Governor had said that it should be domestic hate crime legislation for the three islands, he advised. Mr Cayasso-Smith said it would be important for the community to have its say in the drafting of the law and he would expect a period during which public consultation and discussion could take place.

"Now that we have spoken with the Governor, we now need to approach the Government to see if we can get the legislation drafted. The Premier has confirmed that he supports the Bill. It is now just a matter of sitting down and discussing the matter and finalising it," he advised.

Hate crime impacts everyone

"From a gay perspective, I don't think it's fair for anyone to be treated as if they don't matter. Name calling in public, assault, sexual abuse. And this doesn't not



► Noel Cayasso Smith, Governor Martyn Roper and DC Patricia Sevik, the RCIPS LGBT Liaison Officer

just to apply to the gay community, this goes for everyone. I just want people to feel comfortable that they can go out and enjoy themselves and not have to worry," Mr Cayasso-Smith said. "I want stiffer penalties for such crimes."

Making Cayman a safer place for all members of the community benefited everyone, not just the gay community. Hate crimes impacted tourism as well.

"Tourism is impacted by such crimes," he said. "Especially as we pride ourselves as offering a true CaymanKind welcome to all our tourists."

Governor Roper said UK hate crime law recognised such crimes on the basis of race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity and there was currently a private members Bill looking to add misogyny to that list.

He said that Cayman should look to ensure that everyone in the community could feel safe and free to be themselves without fear of exclusion or worse.

"I urge everyone in our community to treat others with courtesy, dignity and tolerance at all times," Governor Roper said.

Community involvement

Mr Cayasso-Smith felt that Cayman had come such a long way with regards to the rights of gay people, in particular with the PRIDE event that took place without any problems at all and which was well supported by the community.

In the short term, Mr Cayasso-Smith said he intended to hold a town hall meeting to hear the concerns of the community.

"Feedback will be really important in formulating the legislation," he advised.



► Cayman LGTBTQ Foundation Founder and Chairman Noel Cayasso-Smith

POLICE NEWS

Two Men arrested following interception of Drug Vessel

Just before 1AM on Wednesday, 12 January, officers of the Cayman Islands Coast Guard (CICG) were conducting border patrols when they had cause to stop a local vessel in Cayman Islands territorial waters.

A package containing suspected ganja was recovered with the assistance of the RCIPS Air Operations

Unit, and as a result, the two men aboard the vessel, age 33 and 35, both of West Bay, were arrested on suspicion of possession of ganja and other offenses relating to the importation of ganja. Both men remain in custody.

The incident is currently under investigation.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Government Extends COVID Regulations as Work Continues to Address Isolation and Children

Government today extended the current COVID-19 Regulations to 24 January as work continues to address concern around isolation and quarantine periods and their impact on children.

The Control and Management of Covid-19 Regulations, 2022 and Control of Covid-19 (Travel) Regulations, 2022 are consolidated versions of previous regulations with no substantive changes at this time.

Work is ongoing on an updated regulatory framework. Proposals considered for inclusion in the new regulations include:

1. Children aged 0 – 11 taking the vaccination status of their accompanying parent/guardian.
2. Children aged 5 – 11 following the same pre-arrival and post-arrival testing regime as adults.
3. Children aged 0 – 4 will not be tested prior to or following arrival.
4. Updates on testing and reporting procedures for travellers.

The planned changes will move the Cayman Islands into Phase 5 of the Reopening Plan, explains Premier, Hon. Wayne Panton.

Mr Panton adds: "We are well aware of the many and varied concerns expressed by the



business sector and the community about the reopening process. Our goal is to address these concerns while ensuring that changes are implemented safely and that we are all prepared for any scenario that may arise. We ask the public's patience while this work continues".

The Premier notes that the extension will allow for Government to engage all stakeholders, and provide opportunities for feedback.

The Cayman Islands reopening to cruise tourism is not expected at this time and will continue to be evaluated.

Liquor Licensing Board Reminds Bars and Nightclubs No Music or Dancing on Sundays

The Chairman of the Liquor Licensing Board, at a meeting held on Friday, 14 January 2022, reminded Bar and Nightclub Licensees of the restrictions on music and dancing on Sundays.

No bar or nightclub is currently allowed to play music and/or dance on Sundays.

The Chairman, Noel Williams, warned license holders that the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) would be monitoring all businesses to ensure that they are following the requirements and conditions on their licenses. Non-compliance could result in prosecution or the non-renewal of licenses in September 2022.



These requirements do not apply to Licenses in the restaurant or hotel category.

For more details, please contact the Department of Commerce and Investment on 244-2287, 244-6677, or email at enforcement@dci.gov.ky or info@dci.gov.ky.

COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule – JAN 2022 (v1.3)

The COVID-19 vaccine (dose 1 & 2) is available to ALL persons 12 years and over. Boosters (3rd Dose) at 131 Centre are available in alphabetical order to 18+ years old and clinically vulnerable (see criteria below)* **ALPHABETICAL ORDER APPLIES TO PERSONS SEEKING BOOSTERS ONLY. PERSONS FOR DOSE 1&2 CAN ATTEND ON ANY DAY.**

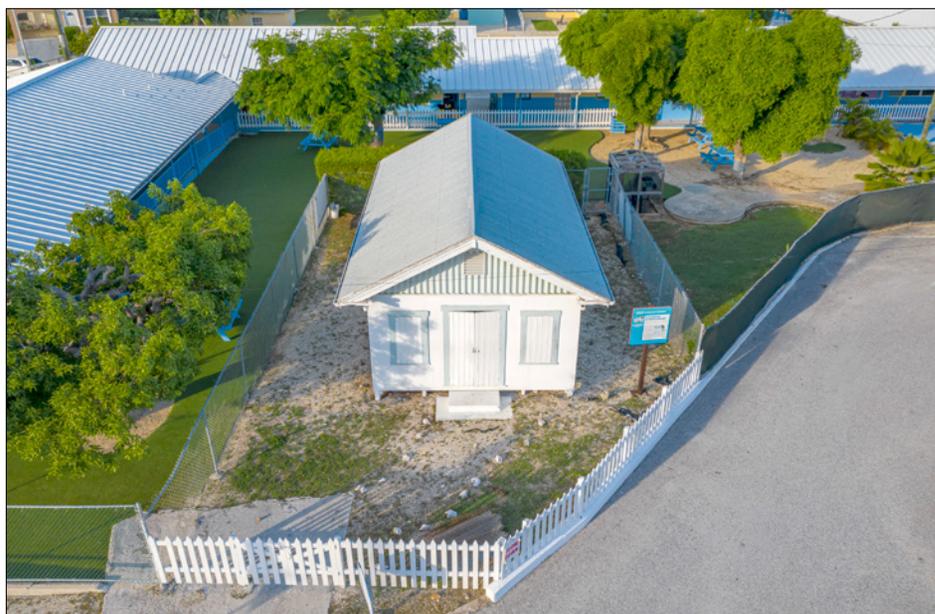
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► Guard House Park (Photo by Omari Rankin)



► Old Savannah Schoolhouse (Photo by Omari Rankin)

National Trust launches Historic Preservation Fund

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is the non-government entity charged with the vital task of preserving Cayman's historic, natural and maritime heritage and needs considerable funding to do this. They have therefore launched a new Historic Preservation Fund which will allow the community to directly contribute to the upkeep of some of Cayman's most precious sites.

The National Trust helps to preserve 12 historic sites across the Cayman Islands, which includes areas, sites, buildings, structures and objects of historic or cultural significance, including the Mission House in Bodden Town and Fort George in George Town.

Its Historic Preservation Fund now gives people and organisations an alterna-

tive convenient method by which to financially contribute and directly support the preservation, protection and promotion of built heritage throughout the Cayman Islands.

Annick Jackman, Executive Director of the National Trust, said: "We encourage our community to contribute to the Historic Preservation Fund and, by so doing, join the NTCI's legacy of protecting Cayman's treasured historic sites. There has always been a need for specific funding to protect the historic structures from our past, which in many instances require a substantial amount of maintenance and care."

A fundamental part of the National Trust's Historic Programme involves documenting the buildings from Cayman's

past that bear a special significance as a result of distinguishing characteristics, such as the material used in their construction, the people who built them, the time at which they were built and the events that took place in the location.

In addition, its Historic Programme offers an educational component through visiting schools, preparing educational materials, and providing tours to historic properties, as well as by ensuring the preservation of historic sites that are safeguarded by the National Trust.

Ms Jackman said it was very important that efforts were made to reach out to the

public for assistance at this time, as Cayman's culture and heritage had never been so at risk by the rapid pace of development and a deficit of general knowledge around the area of Cayman built heritage.

The 12 historic sites that make up the National Trust's inventory require continuous maintenance, advocacy, oversight, research and data collection, as well as fundraising. However, there are scores more (which are not owned or managed by the National Trust) that could benefit greatly from the reach/remit of its Historic Programme and the newly launched Historic Preservation Fund, she added.



► Mission House (Photo by Courtney Platt)



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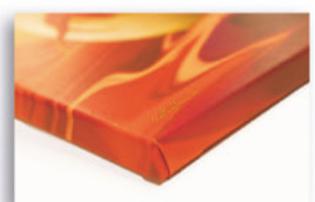
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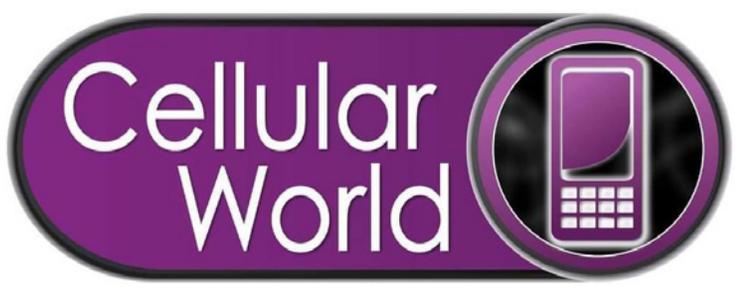
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Cayman COVID-19 Reporting Shifts to Match International Practice

Public Health has shifted from daily reporting of COVID-19 statistics to weekly after an assessment led by interim Chief Medical Officer Dr. Autilia Newton and visiting advisors from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) in early December 2021.

Going forward with immediate effect from Wednesday, 19 January, the report will document an epidemiological week, from Saturday to Saturday, as per international standards.

Alongside data and rates, there will be some graphs, which will help to visualise the data and rates and make it easier to understand the changes, developments and overall trends of the epidemic in Cayman.

The new weekly publication will also allow key messages to the public to be more meaningful, and, hopefully, more effective. Dr. Newton explained.

“While the community has grown accustomed to daily reports of COVID-19 information, we are now focusing on producing data that will better guide our management of the pandemic locally. By adjusting our scope, the Public Health and Ministry of Health teams will be able to offer a clearer picture of how COVID is impacting our community over a sustained period of time,” she added.

The Interim CMO thanked the two-person Public Health team that had steadily worked to compile the daily statistics since they began in 2020, and who will now be working on the weekly numbers.

While Public Health will report a reduced number of statistics as it prepares for its first weekly report, critical information will still be made available to the public as it occurs, through government communications channels.

South Sound Community Centre PCR clinic for LFT positives only

The Public Health Department reminds the public that the South Sound Community Centre PCR testing clinic is **only** for persons who have reported a **positive lateral flow test**. The clinic hours have been extended to 1pm to 3pm daily.

PCR results from this clinic will now state “Not valid for travel”.

Individuals who require PCR testing for outbound travel or other optional screening must use a regular PCR testing clinic, such as that at 131 MacLendon Drive. These PCR tests are paid for by the individual.

“The South Sound Community Centre’s afternoon clinic is for persons who have reported their positive LFT result,” Dr Samuel Williams-Rodriguez stated.

“Therefore, this clinic is not to be used for any other purpose than Public Health related testing.”

Once someone has tested positive on a lateral flow self-test, they are required to isolate immediately, report on www.explore.gov.ky and attend the South Sound Community Centre at the next available clinic 1 – 3pm for their PCR test.

For travellers who test positive on a certified 2, 5 or 10 day LFT, the healthcare provider who conducted your test will report your positive result to Public Health. You do not need to report via govern-

ment’s self-reporting form, however the confirmation PCR at South Sound Community Centre 1-3pm is still required.

Public Health encourages the wearing of masks when around others, frequent hand washing and sanitization, and the use of lateral flow testing for regular screening. These combined measures will help to slow the spread of COVID in our Community.

PCR testing is available at the HSA’s testing location 131 Centre MacLendon Drive (next to DHL, behind Foster’s Airport). Appointments are available online www.hsa.ky/appointment. Walk-in clinic Monday – Friday 7:30am – 12pm, Saturday 10am – 12pm & Sunday 10am – 2pm.

For more information about COVID-19 testing & vaccination clinics, visit <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>

PUBLIC NOTICE

South Sound Community Centre
1 – 3pm

PCR testing ONLY for persons reporting POSITIVE on Lateral Flow Tests

COVID-19 ■■ ■ ■ ■

PCR tests for isolation/quarantine exit, outbound travel & general screening not conducted at this afternoon clinic.

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COVID-19 vaccine for vulnerable children available soon

The Public Health Department has received approval from the UKHSA (previously Public Health England) to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable, high-risk children ages 5 – 11, which will take place at dedicated clinic times.

Public Health will be organizing specific childhood immunization clinics over the coming weeks, as they **will not be administered** at the COVID vaccination clinic. The public will be advised once the clinic dates and location are confirmed.

“These vaccines need to be administered by Public Health nurses who specialize in children, as the dosage and inoculation for children differs than that of adults,” said Dr Samuel Williams-Rodriguez, Medical Officer of Health.

A physician letter in support of their patient receiving the vaccine will be required for any administration to this age group.

Vulnerable or high-risk children aged 5 – 11 and those on the same age group living with vulnerable or immunocompromised individuals will qualify. This includes children 5-11 years old who have:

- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic heart conditions
- Chronic conditions of the kidney, liver or digestive system
- Chronic neurological disease (ie: Down’s syndrome)
- Endocrine disorders
- Immunosuppression (ie: those undergoing chemotherapy or radiotherapy, solid organ transplant recipients, bone marrow or stem cell transplant recipients)
- Asplenia or dysfunction of the spleen
- Serious genetic abnormalities that affect a number of systems

Further announcements are forthcoming.



SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Language of Iran
- 6 Thrifty person
- 11 Space visitor
- 12 Kevin of "The Big Chill"
- 13 Officials with stop-watches
- 15 Top card
- 16 At present
- 17 Sock part
- 18 Tutor's units
- 20 Sister, of sorts
- 21 Peaks: Abbr.
- 22 Damon of "The Martian"
- 23 Bank fixtures
- 26 Toy store section
- 27 Hidden mike
- 28 Uno doubled
- 29 Before, in poems
- 30 Bond's drink
- 34 Hoppy brew
- 35 Boxing great
- 36 Singer Henley

- 37 Diversions
- 40 Ridiculous
- 41 Tenant's form
- 42 Watches over
- 43 Useful skill

DOWN

- 1 Deadly
- 2 Wonderland visitor
- 3 Singer LeAnn
- 4 View
- 5 Tangled
- 6 Distorts
- 7 The Matter-horn, for one
- 8 Asian nation
- 9 In transit
- 10 Bristles at
- 14 Ages and ages
- 19 Hook's helper
- 22 Ship staff
- 23 Worry
- 24 Pilot's employer
- 25 Morgan of movies

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Yesterday's answer

- 26 Dian Fossey subject
- 28 Surrealist Salvador
- 30 Creates
- 31 Notions
- 32 Like Thor and Odin
- 33 Miniature map
- 38 Complete
- 39 French article

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- Deserved
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- Good
- Honest
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- Legitimate
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- Merited
- Proper
- Right
- Seemly
- True
- Unbiased

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

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By Ray Billingsley

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LIVE LIFE TO THE FULLEST, WOOOO!

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DUHHH, FOLLOWERS! BRAGGIN' RIGHTS!!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

OKAY, RED - TELL US HOW A COMATOSE ROYAN CAN HELP US LICK THAT ROBOT BEFORE IT TRASHES THIS CITY.

NOT TO MENTION US!

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

ABBEY! SAM! AAAAAABBY!!!

OH, THANK GOD!

Crawford accuses Arum of racism

The boxing community is shaken by the news that WBO welterweight champion Terence 'Bud' Crawford has filed a multi-million-dollar lawsuit against Top Rank alleging his promoter Bob Arum for displaying "revolting racial bias".

Crawford claims in the lawsuit that Hall of Fame promoter Arum discriminates against black fighters and claims Top Rank has a culture of "systemic racism" that runs throughout the company.

Yet Arum insists that he lost millions on Crawford and called the lawsuit absurd. "My whole career — I may have made mistakes — but one thing I cannot be accused of is being a racist. I have promoted scores of top black boxers," he said.

Crawford, 34, left Top Rank two months ago after his contract expired, having first signed with the promoter in 2011. His suit, which seeks over \$5.4m in damages, was described as "frivolous" by Arum, 90, who has worked with the likes of Muhammad Ali, George Foreman and Tyson Fury in his career.

Crawford is alleging breach of contract as well as fraudulent and negligent misrepresentation, and claims Arum and Top Rank failed to follow through on promises to secure a unification fight with Errol Spence Jr.

The Nebraska fighter has been chasing a fight with WBC and IBF champion Spence Jr for years and alleges he had an agreement with Top Rank in 2019 that he would



► Terence Crawford became disillusioned with Top Rank

receive a \$900,000 payment if the company failed to make an offer "in good faith" to Spence by the end of 2020.

He also alleges Arum "continues to make racist and bigoted statements and purposefully damage the reputations of black boxers".

Arum, who is Jewish, said: "His vile accusations of racism are reckless and indefensible. He knows it, and his lawyer knows it. I have spent my entire working life as a champion of black boxers, Latino boxers,

and other boxers of colour. I have no doubt the court will see Crawford's case for the malicious extortion attempt that it is."

Unbeaten in 38 fights, Crawford, now a free agent, has won world titles at three weights and is considered one of the world's best. He is still seeking a match with Spence.

Meanwhile, Anthony Joshua is set to freshen up his training team before a prospective rematch with unified champion Oleksandr Usyk.



► Anthony Joshua is seeking input from other trainers

Speaking in Dubai, Joshua said: "I want to try some new things - a new environment to get inspired again and take the heavyweight division by storm. New environment, work with some new coaches and go to war. It's a warrior mind-set."

The Brit lost his WBO, WBA and IBF titles to the Ukrainian on points in September and the rematch is likely to take place in London in April.

Joshua has been trained by Rob McCracken since turning professional, but has recently been in the US and Middle East working with experienced trainers including Ronnie Shields, Virgil Hunter and Eddy Reynoso. He also sought advice from Floyd Mayweather Jr.



► Benjamin Alexander is proud to represent Jamaica

Brit, 38, skis for Jamaica at Olympics

Jamaica has its first ever skier to represent the island at the Winter Olympics in Beijing next month.

Benjamin Alexander, a former DJ, only took up the sport in 2016 and does not have a full-time coach. But he managed to qualify for Beijing after finishing seventh in the giant slalom at the Cape Verde National Ski Championships on 12 January.

The 38-year-old Brit, who grew up in Wellingborough, Northamptonshire but has a Jamaican father, will be the first alpine skier - and the 15th athlete in history - to compete for Jamaica at the Winter Games.

He says his unlikely story is partly inspired by the legendary 1988 bobsleigh team - who were the first Jamaicans to compete in the Winter Olympics - before crashing out and finishing last. They became cult heroes by the 1993 film 'Cool Runnings'.

Alexander said: "It feels amazing. The biggest emotion I have right now is relief. I have put my entire life into this, my savings, my reputation, absolutely everything. It's taken 200 percent of my all to get here."

When asked of his chances of medalling, he joked: "Only if every single country boycotts these Games will I be on the podium."

Brilliant Allen makes Bills favourites

Of all the quarterbacks celebrating after the play-offs, Josh Allen is probably the happiest. Allen threw five touchdowns on Saturday for the Buffalo Bills to lead them to a 47-17 victory over the New England Patriots.

The Bills condemned Bill Belichick to the biggest play-off defeat of his coaching career. How Belichick must have wished Tom Brady was still a Patriot.

The Bills reached last year's AFC Championship game and retained the

AFC East title this season but the manner of Saturday's win has sent a message to the rest of the NFL. They are now the bookies' betting favourites for the championship.

Allen, 25, found Dawson Knox for two touchdowns, either side of a vital Micah Hyde interception that denied the Pats an almost certain touchdown, before Devin Singletary ran in two more as the Bills led 27-3 at half-time. After that it was a procession for the Bills.



► Josh Allen sparked for the Bills