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Health City Cayman Islands Main Entrance

Two more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Cayman Islands bringing the number to three.

In making the disclosure on Thursday Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee reported that "following 40 news tests which were completed on Tuesday, of these 29 tests that originated from the Health Services Authority were negative. He went to inform that "of the tests that we are awaiting results from Health City two samples were positive for the Covid disease and nine were negative."

"We currently have seven outstanding tests which we are running at the moment."

These test results remain preliminary until the results are confirmed by CARPHA.

The new cases are staff at Health City who were associated with treating a cruise ship passenger who died from complications related to COVID-19.

Dr Lee said staff who would have had contact with the deceased have been isolated, adding that risk assessment

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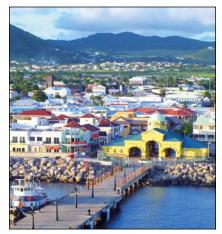
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RELIEF FOR CAYMAN TRANSPORT SECTOR



With some sector of the economy scaling back in light of the coronavirus outbreak, the government is taking steps to minimise the effect on the transport sector.

The Government will provide them with a supplementary income.

From this Sunday 22nd March, inbound passenger air traffic at Caymans two main airports will be suspended until Sunday, 12th April.

Also from Sunday, local business will be closed or restrictions put on their operations for an initial period of two weeks.

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Government Schools Outline Plans for Continuation of Learning

Minister for Education, The Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connolly reassured the nation of her commitment to the safety and education of the nation's youth during a Radio Cayman Interview earlier today.

"My goal is to maintain the safety of our students while still ensuring students' ongoing education. My staff have been working around the clock to implement measures to limit disruptions to their formal education. I fully believe that a nation without education is doomed for disaster. We have a

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PREMIER: "TAKE SAFETY PROTOCOLS SERIOUSLY"

Premier of the Cayman Islands, Alden McLaughlin has lamented what he sees as irresponsible behaviour by some people despite the seriousness of the COV-ID-19 crisis globally and the implications for Cayman.

Elaborating on intensified arrangements being out in place to safeguard the territory, Premier McLaughlin drew attention to returning residents who are now required to self-isolate for an initial 14 days.

He said this not only applies to students but else.

It's in the second group that he is concerned about what amounts to a lackadaisical attitude by some people.

"We are doing everything we can to provide the op-

portunity for those who are arriving on these flights to self-isolate. And let's hope that every single one of those returning residents, not just the students, does follow the protocols that we set out. Does behave responsibly."

But he noted that "there are thousands more who would have travelled over the course of the last 14 days and are not adhering to the safeguards.

"Many of those people are not self-isolating, are not behaving responsibly, are not locking down their entire households because one member has travelled."

Premier McLaughlin warned that "all of these things create real risks to the broader community."

He urged residents "not to treat those returning as pariahs while we forget and forgive what I know to be irresponsible conduct among many in this community who have concluded that they don't have the virus so they can go back to work and they can hang out and do whatever they want to do."

In condemning that type of conduct, McLaughlin confirmed that he has witnessed such behaviour himself.



▶ Premier of the Cayman Islands, Alden McLaughlin

"I see some of these people with my own eyes, not just the evidence that's been sent to me on a daily basis."

The Premier urged that "if we are to contain this, we have got to start taking the protocols very, very seriously."

"We all have to take responsibility for the well-bring of ourselves, our family and the community, especially when it's something like a heath threat makes it even more critical that people pay attention."

At the same time though, Mr McLaughlin was full of praise for those people who are practicing the protocols and following the official advisories.

"By and large I think people are," he observed. "I've noticed the social-distancing, I think it's becoming common practice."

Mr McLaughlin said he was particularly pleased with some new creative trends in social interaction.

"I smile to myself on a number of occasions this past week when I see young people greeting each other with the elbow bump. It looks like some of the messaging is getting through," he chuckled. 📀

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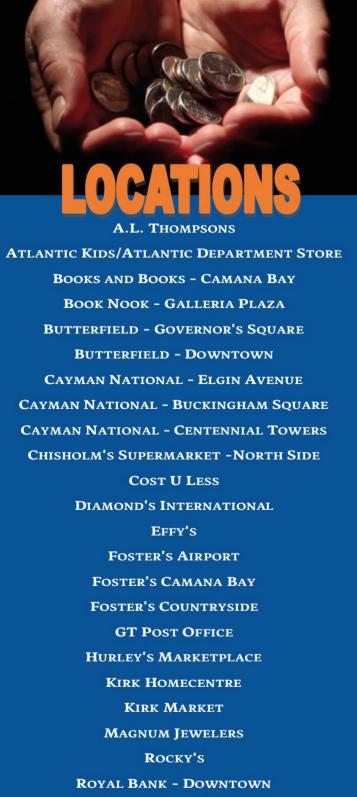


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and contact tracing was carried out by a visiting team from Public Health England.

"Even though we have announced the preliminary results," he said, "everybody will remain on isolation until the results are confirmed."

The CMO explained that said that under protocols of the World Health Organisation(WHO) the new confirmed cases are not classified as community transmission as the contact was a traveller.

Dr Lee also stressed that there was no need for alarm.



► Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee



Governor of the Cayman Islands, Martyn Roper

"The advice doesn't change from the advice we've been giving all the while which is maintain your distance and keep your hands clean, take respiratory precautions." I wouldn't advise wearing masks, he said.

Commenting after Dr Lee's update, Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin stressed the importance for the public to treat the coronavirus outbreak seriously and change behaviours.

Noting the travel habits of Caymanians and visitors to the islands, he said "it is almost inevitable that there will be other people in this community who will test positive for Covid-19.

"That is why the protocols and the advice we continually give about how to change your behaviours in light of this global health threat are so important."

The Premier is however confident that Cayman can avoid what he described as "the meltdown that we've seen in other



▶ Premier of the Cayman Islands, Alden McLaughlin

places, but that is only possible as a result of changed behaviour."

He stressed the importance of Caymanians returning to the territory from abroad to observe the protocols and behave responsibly.

Those persons are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

In stressing just how important this is, Mr McLaughlin expressed the hope that "everyone single one of them - and not just the students - follow the protocols and behave responsibly in their own interest and that of the community."

He referred to examples of people who should better, "coming off a plane and heading straight for their office" ignoring the protocols and putting themselves and the rest of the community including their staff and family - at risk.

His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper echoed the views of both the Premier and the CMO.

He said there was enormous public concern as the health authorities had the matter well in hand.

The Governor also stressed the importance of the public behaving responsibly and particularly advising against the spreading of fake news.

If that persists he warned, firm steps will be taken against the perpetrators.

With Cayman now having its own Covid testing facility, the only one in the Overseas Territories, CMO Dr Lee said additional reagents (testing kits) have been ordered from the Pan-American Health Organisation (PAHO) and Pubic Health England.

The kits from PAHO have already been shipped.

He noted that Public Health England itself was under enormous pressure due to the extent of the outbreak in the UK and demand on its services. 📀

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Care Coordinators

Water Authority Office Closure

Following the confirmed positive COVID-19 cases announced by Government today (Thursday 19 March), Water Authority-Cayman will cease providing face-to-face service and will close its office to the public, effective as of 20 March 2020, to protect the health of customers and staff. This action is in line with our business continuity plan, which also includes having staff work in staggered shifts, or remotely where possible.

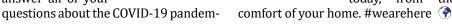
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emergencies, such a repairing a broken water main. The team will also provide any critical infrastructure services as required by the National Emergency Operations Centre.

As the situation continues to devel-





Latest Testing Information Announced

The Public Health Department have confirmed the results from the latest round of coronavirus testing.

Of the 40 individuals awaiting test results, 2 have tested positive for the novel coronavirus, while 38 results came back negative.

All individuals tested were isolated since displaying symptoms last week.

"Patients are doing well and will remain in isolation with regular support of Public Health until fully recovered," said Medical Health Officer, Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez.

"These results can be understood to mean that the Cayman Islands are still in the containment phase of the worldwide pandemic. This means you should continue to practice social distancing of 3 – 6 feet and hand-washing

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measures," noted Dr John Lee, Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health.

These tests are the first batches to be completed on-island since the necessary testing equipment arrived on Friday, 13 March 2020.

Boiler Plate: The Cayman Islands Government, Ministry of Health and Public Health Department will continue to provide accurate information to the public in a timely manner. The public is therefore urged to disregard and avoid sharing all unconfirmed, misleading and/or false information regarding COVID-19. Please visit www.gov.ky/coronavirus and www. hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus for updates. 😚

sential services' only. Essential services mean services that ensure customers have water supply and include reconnecting customers who were previously disconnected due to past non-payment, as well as responding to any water service issues active customers may experience.

Customers can still conduct business with the Authority electronically. Customers seeking to make a payment can do so online by visiting www.waterauthority.ky and clicking the "Pay My Bill" button on the home page, or via the bank. Customers can also contact our Customer Service team by emailing info@waterauthority.ky or calling 949-2837.

Customers in Cayman Brac who require trucked water can continue to make requests by calling 948-1403.

The Authority's Operations Department will be on standby to deal with

op the Authority encourages its customers and the public to remain calm, and take actions to prevent the spread of the virus. We can all play our part by practising social distancing and washing hands frequently with soap and water, to lessen the impact of the virus on our community.

For more updates, and important messages from the Authority customers can visit the website www. waterauthority.ky and social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram).

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The Water Authority is the statutory body responsible for the management of water and wastewater in the Cayman Islands. The Administrative Headquarters is located at 13G Red Gate Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands. 💎



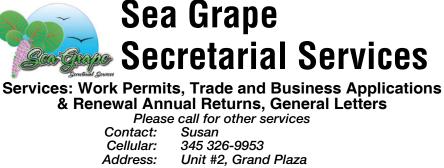
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Cayman Airways Cargo to maintain operations

The Cayman Islands Government's temporary restriction on air travel as of 11:59pm on Sunday March 22, 2020 for three weeks due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) threat, will have no effect on Cayman Airways' air cargo operations from Miami, Florida.

Cayman Airways Cargo's dedicated freighter will continue its normal operations, and cargo customers will still be able to utilize the service to import personal and business goods as needed.

Cayman Airways Cargo operates a minimum of two cargo freighters weekly between Miami and Grand Cayman, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the national airline stands ready to add additional cargo flights as demand dictates, ensuring that all air cargo needs are satisfied during this time.

Local businesses, as well as individuals, wishing to utilize air cargo can have their goods shipped directly to the Cayman Airways cargo warehouse address in Miami, which is 6103 NW 72nd Avenue, Miami, FL, 33166. Packages should be marked with the recipient's name and the destination island should be identified (i.e. John Doe - GCM). The cargo warehouse in Miami also allows the dropping off of goods by individuals for shipment to recipients in the Cayman Islands.

Cargo service between Grand Cayman and the Sister Islands will also continue, utilizing passenger flights and the occasional dedicated cargo flight as needed.

For more details on any of our air cargo services, customers can call the following Cayman Airways Cargo numbers:

• Miami: 305-526-3190 or 800-252-2746 (toll free in Miami)

• Grand Cayman: 345-743-8547

• Cayman Brac: 345-948-0387

Details are also available online at www.caymanairways.com/cargo 🔇



RELIEF FOR CAYMAN TRANSPORT SECTOR

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During that time restaurants will be limited to providing only take-out and delivery services while bars, spas, salons, gyms and public swimming pools are required to close.

Given the impact this will have on the transportation sector, a subsistence plan has been activated to support Caymanian public transportation providers

During the three week airport closure period, the Government will provide transport operators with a CI\$600.00 payment as supplementary income.

Hon. Deputy Premier and Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moses Kirkconnell said:

"As one of the largest industries made up of Caymanian owners and operators who rely on this as their primary

income, the closure of the ports and airports along with recommendations by health authorities to practice social distancing has already begun to create a serious economic impact for this particular group."

Cayman nationals who are transportation providers who meet set criteria to qualify for the stipend will be contacted directly to make the arrangements.

The recipients will be those holding category of licences approved to operate one 15-seater bus, or vehicle of less than 15 seats; are licensed as either a taxi, tour, dual (taxi and tour); or water sports operator

Mr Kirkconnell acknowledged that, "this sector services visitors who, for the near future will not be entering the Cayman Islands but on a day to day basis services residents who rely on

public transportation to traverse the islands."

He said, "It is inevitable that this nationwide reduction in society's usual activities will hit the hospitality sector hard, but for providers such as this group, it's a double hit and we as a government are responsible to ensure that we look out for our citizens."

Transportation providers who fit the above criteria will be contacted directly by the Public Transportation Unit or official CIG representatives to finalise distribution of the stipend.

"We are in unchartered territory in regard to how we as a Government handle the many nuances and areas of concern considering a pandemic of this level," Mr. Kirkconnell said.

He said it is the Government intent "to develop positive measures to support our tourism industry and the sectors who sustain it, during these trying times.

"Our public transport providers are often the face of the Cayman Islands, who embody a Caymankind ambassadorship in their daily business which cannot be replaced."

As the COVID-19 response continues to evolve, additional tourism sector groups could be added to the stipend program.

Hon. Kirkconnell stated that the stipend reflects "an ongoing commitment to identify ways for the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) to support industries most impacted by the COV-ID-19 crisis response led to the announcement of a one-time stipend for licensed, Caymanian transportation providers." 📀

OfReg ensures calls made to National Emergency Operations Centre Hotline are free

Working to mitigate the threats posed by COVID-19, the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) has engaged telecommunications service providers to ensure that all motions Centre (NEOC) hotline at 949-6555 are free of charge.

The collaboration between OfReg, Digicel, Logic and Flow line services is part of OfReg's will enable citizens to access up-do-date information on the virus and assistance. There are plans underway to make this

a permanent benefit after the pandemic passes.

Providing free access to hot-"Keep Cayman Connected" campaign that is uniting OfReg ensure that consumers remain connected to vital resources during these unprecedented times.

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ment to OfReg's role in not only enforcing regulations, but also working to make improvements based on the premise that quality, high-speed connectivity is not a luxury, but a basic need. OfReg's actions geared towards educating residents about telecommunications and connectivity are led by its mascot, Professor Fibre that can be followed on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at @ CaymanConnected and using #CaymanConnected. 😚

bile and landline calls made to the National Emergency OperaICT and telecommunications service providers in an effort to



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Lending Institutions Exhibit Caymankind

Businesses in Grand Cayman are doing their part to assist the community.

As Cayman continues to make preparations for the potential impact of COV-ID-19 locally, and following an emergency decrease in the United States' Federal Funds Rate, several banks in Grand Cayman are easing the burned on their customers.

Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited has announced that it will reduce KYD and USD Prime rates by 1.00% to 3.25%, with effect from Monday, 23 March 2020.

"It is our intention, with this significant decrease in rates, to help ease the financial burden on personal banking and business customers whose income may be impacted by the potential decrease in local economic activity associated with the health crisis," explained Mr. Michael McWatt; Butterfield's Managing Director in Cayman.

"The Bank is additionally reviewing the fee schedules and payment terms of select other products and may make changes to provide additional relief to customers during this challenging period, including providing extensions on repayment of credit card balances," he added.

The Bank continues to provide in-person banking; except on Saturdays - but is encouraging customers to make use of electronic banking options.

Senior Manager of Corporate Communications for the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), Mr. Andrew McGrath spoke exclusively with the Caymanian Times, revealing that, "Effective immediately, most RBC Personal banking clients in the Caribbean will benefit from an automatic three-month payment deferral on credit facilities."

"Business and Corporate banking clients are also eligible for the relief program, following individual eligibility assessments with an RBC representative and automatic payment deferrals will be applied as of March 17, 2020 and remain in effect until June 30, 2020, or until further advised," he added.

To be eligible for the program, Personal banking or Business and Corporate banking client accounts must be current and in good standing as of March 2, 2020. Clients who are already participating in RBC relief programs for other circumstances are excluded from this program.

The relief program is intended to provide

flexible solutions and help clients manage through the impacts of COVID-19, such as pay disruption; childcare disruption due to school closures; or dealing with the COVID-19 illness itself.

"These measures are an important first step and underscore the resilience of the financial system and the critical role banks play in the economy. RBC will continue to monitor COVID-19 and the evolving economic conditions in each country and territory where the bank operates," said Mr. McGrath.

A statement from the Cayman Islands Credit Union noted:

"As of 18 March 2020, the Credit Union Board of Directors has approved that in addition to an interest rate adjustment we will offer an across-the-board loan waiver for Members in good standing."

The Credit Union waiver structure is as follows:

1. A 1-MONTH WAIVER (PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST) WILL BE IMPLEMENT-ED ACROSS THE BOARD FOR ALL LOANS FOR MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. determine if this waiver will be extended to subsequent months. There will be no fees associated this April waiver.

2. UP TO A 3-MONTH WAIVER ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS FOR MEMBERS WORKING IN SEVERLY IMPACTED IN-DUSTRIES.

Loan waivers after April will be considered for Members experiencing financial hardship. This includes Members in the tourism, hospitality and service industries which are heavily reliant on face-to-face contact. The waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis. There will be no fees associated with these waivers.

The Credit Union claims to currently be the only financial institution in the Cayman Islands that continues to offer an annual Skip-a-Payment for FREE (no fee) each November.

"In addition, we have continued to offer loan waivers for months other than November, charging only a small processing fee. This normal practice was still in effect as of the first week of March this year, before we made the decision to waive all loan payments in April," noted Credit Union Officials.

Cayman National Bank (CNB) is offering its customers an interest rate decrease; going from 4.25 percent to 3.25 percent. The new rates will be effective from 24 March, 2020 and includes all products linked to Cayman Islands and United States prime rates.

The bank is also waiving up to three months for loan payments.

A statement from CNB President and

CEO, Mr. Stuart Dack noted. "At this time, we are very conscious that some of our customers will require economic and financial support.

"...Cayman National stands ready, willing and able to assist our clients in good standing by waiving up to three months' loan payments."

Officials at Scotiabank were unable to be reached for comment before publication.

However, Scotiabank in Jamaica on Tuesday, 17th March, announced fee waivers, as part of its Customer Assistance Programme (CAP) - to help customers address financial challenges amidst the growing threat of the coronavirus (COVID-19) virus.

"The bank's CAP program is activated once there is a widespread occurrence that would negatively affect its customer base," Scotiabank said in a release.

Inside sources at the First Caribbean Bank in the Cayman Islands have suggested that an announcement will be made soon regarding concessions in relation to lending facilities from the bank in the coming days.



This will be implemented in April. The board will conduct a monthly review to

Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development Opens March 23

Commerce Minister Hon. Joey Hew recently (Wednesday, March 18) announced that the Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development, which will provide support to small businesses across the Islands especially during this current crisis, will open on Monday, March 23.

He was speaking at the press conference hosted by government at the Government Administration Building.

"In response to the anticipated economic fall-out for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises from COVID-19, the Government, through the Ministry of Commerce will assist small businesses across the Islands to weather the disruption caused by the virus so that they can recover as quickly as possible, he said.

Minister Hew continued, "We are in discussions with the leadership of the Chamber of Commerce, the Cayman Islands Small Business Association, and other groups to agree on tangible solutions to assist our small and micro-sized enterprises to retool and repurpose in this new environment...While the Centre has been established to support small businesses in general, the particular focus now will be on those businesses that are severely impacted as a result of COVID-19". The services being offered by the Centre for Business Development to the public will begin with a focus on business continuity training and coaching.

Minister Hew urged small and medium-sized enterprises with an urgent need for assistance with cash flow management, business impact analysis or those that need to redesign or re-think their business models to contact the Centre.

The Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development will offer a number of training and coaching sessions over the upcoming weeks. These sessions will include topics such Smart Measures for Business Continuity, Best Practices for Handling Cash Flow Crisis, Contacting a Business Impact Analysis, Business Model Innovation, Social Media Marketing, among other areas.

Through the training and coaching sessions, the Centre will also work with small businesses to them to be in a position to renegotiate existing loans with commercial banks or to request and access a period of moratorium on loans.

The business coaching sessions will be a pre-requisite for accessing renegotiated loans. The plan of assistance will also include the infusion of capital into the sector over which the Centre will provide monitoring oversight.



Commerce Minister Hon. Joey Hew

As a result of current circumstances surrounding the coronavirus, the staff members at the Centre will conduct meetings with clients by appointments, via telephone or virtually at this time.

The Centre will be staffed by Director, Mrs. Althea West-Myers; Senior Business Advisor/Director Designate, Mrs. Thais Ducent and Business Advisor, Ms. Antoleen Williams.

Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development is located at Bay Town Plaza, 36 West Bay Road in Grand Cayman. Persons interested in making an appointment can call 244-3451 or 244-2498 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 926-5771, up to 10:00 p.m.



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Government Schools Outline Plans for Continuation of Learning

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responsibility to ensure that no child in the Cayman Islands will be left behind."

Further to the announcement of all education institutions closing on Monday, 16 March until 27 April 2020, the Department of Education Services (DES) advises that all government schools have implemented a variety of distance learning techniques and tools to ensure continuation of learning among their students.

"Ahead of the announcement of school closures, we sent out a survey to parents to ascertain their access levels to technology, understanding capabilities

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Edna Moyle Primary	Danielle Duran	danielle.duran@gov.ky	926-8343
East End Primary	Allison Greaves	allison.greaves@gov.ky	938-8971
Theoline McCoy Primary	Kimberly Watler	kimberly.watler@gov.ky	925-5464
CIFEC	Delores Thompson	delores.thompson@gov.ky	925-6386
Savannah Primary School	Delton Pedley	delton.pedley@gov.ky	925-0164
Clifton Hunter High	Richard Wildman	richard.wildman@gov.ky	936-0471
Lighthouse School	Janice Thorpe	janice.thorpe@gov.ky	916-7139
George Town Primary	Sharon Campbell-Danvers	sharon.campbell-danvers@gov.ky	925-5439
Sir John A Cumber Primary	Jovanna Wright	jovanna.wright@gov.ky	916-7584
Red Bay Primary	Ryan Dale	rdale@rbps.edu.ky	926-1217
Prospect Primary	Matthew Read	matthew.read@gov.ky	916-8318
John Gray High	Jon Clark	jclark@jghs.edu.ky	938-8537
Layman E Scott Snr High	Devon Bowen	dbowen@lshs.edu.ky	926-3045
Creek & Spot Bay Primary	Claudette Lazzari	claudette.lazzari@gov.ky	925-7232
West End Primary	Paul Samuel	paul.samuel@gov.ky	916-2698
Little Cayman Education Services	Veronica Juman Khan	vjuman-khan@lces.edu.ky	925-7239

vary per household. This aided efforts to implement contingencies for home learning. Further to the 1600 survey responses received so far, each school has provided educational instruction through a combination of channels including paper-based learning packages, a daily timetable, access to online platforms such as the Raz Kids, EDU365 Everest, Study Ladders, Purple Mash, Oxford Owl, Epic as well as access to PowerMath, English and Science Resources online," stated Acting Director of DES, Tammy Hopkins.

"We encourage parents to create a quiet workspace for children away from distractions and encourage them to maintain good learning and working habits," Mrs. Hopkins. "This will allow you to simulate the classroom environment and maximise the learning effect."

Teachers will continue to communicate directly with parents and students through traditional communication methods such as telephone calls, WhatsApp messages and emails as well as through the use of Class Dojo, Edomodo, Google Classroom, Skype and Zoom. The deadline for the parent survey is Friday, 20 March 2020.



Minister for Education, The Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Parents who have not received home learning materials or who have additional questions may contact the principal or director of their child's school using the contact information from attached table.

For a trusted and reliable source for all official updates and information on COVID-19 Coronavirus monitor daily and visit www.gov.ky/coronavirus (

Outline of Virtual Education materials for Continuation of Learning

Schools	What methods/learning online platforms, suggested daily time-tables, etc. have been Provided	Point of Contact	Email Address	Telephone Contact
Edna Moyle Primary	 Two week paper-based Learning packages distributed to students. A few teachers have already signed their classes up for Khan Academy and assigned tasks that cater to their current unit objectives. Timetables will include opportunities for online interactive sessions with teachers where available. Some teachers decided on possible private YouTube channels with lessons that can be watched at convenient times for parents/students. 	Danielle Du ran (Principal)	danielle.duran@gov.ky	926-8343
EAST END PRIMARY	 Two week paper-based learning packages distributed to students. Google Classroom platform will be launched on 23 March. School will reactivate its YouTube channel to allow students to listen to books being read. 	Allison Greaves (Principal)	allison.greaves@gov.ky	938-8971
THEOLINE MC COY PRIMARY	 Two week paper-based packages were distributed to students Communication Platforms – Emails, Calls, Zoom, Class Dojo, Everest, Broadcast Message, WhatsApp are also being utilized. 	Kimberly Watler	kimberly.watler@gov.ky	925-5464
CIFEC	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students. Teachers are maintaining their daily timetables. Use of Edomodo, Everest, Teams, Zoom, Skype, and Whatsapp as learning platforms. 	Delores Thompson (Director)	delores.thompson@gov.ky	925-6386
Savannah Primary School	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students. Use of online platforms such as Raz-Kids, PowerMath resources and English as well as Science resources. To support the online learning, we will use a combination of edu365 linked to IXL where feasible. Parents have been given a few versions of what each day's learning should look like for both independent work and supported work. 	Delton Pedley (Principal)	delton.pedley@gov.ky	925-0164
СННЅ	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students. KS3 and KS4 Home school Timetables have been shared with Parents. Resource suggestions made- Twinkl, Discovery Education, PBS Learning, Learning Hub. 	Richard Wildman (Principal)	richard.wildman@gov.ky	936-0471
LHS	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students Zoom. Google Classroom for parents. Suggested timetable emailed to parents and posted on LHS Facebook. Students will limited verbal skills-creating visual schedules for home, using Proloquo2go images. Free online programme and websites communicated. 	Janice Thorpe (Principal)	janice.thorpe@gov.ky	916-7139
GTPS	 Two week paper based packages distributed to students. Sample timetable shared. List of possible online resources shared. Parents instructed that the packages should take precedence over the online sites. Staff members are now exploring the remote learning community in Dojo and this will be utilized eventually. 	Sharon Campbell-Danvers (Principal)	sharon.campbell-danvers@ gov.ky	925-5439
SJACP	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students. Suggested time tables have been shared with parents & students. Student Accounts for Study Ladders have been created for every student in Years 1 – 6. Purple Mash log-in information has been shared. Oxford Owl parent access has been shared. Epic accounts have been created for all classes. 	Jovanna Wright (Principal)	jovanna.wright@gov.ky	916-7584
RED BAY PRIMARY	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students. Raz Kids. Conquer Maths. Classroom Secrets. Twinkl. White Rose Math. Oxford Owl. Daily Timetable. Reception and Year 6 – Timetable with explicit lesson content and will be adopted by the other year groups. 	Ryan Dale (Acting Principal)	rdale@rbps.edu.ky	926-1217
PROSPECT PRIMARY	 Two week paper-based packages distributed to students An explanatory note and daily timetable were distributed along with learning packages of what they should cover each day and your expectations – including Learning Objectives. 	Matthew Read (Principal)	matthew.read@gov.ky	916-8318
JGHS	 EDU365 Everest is the place for all work set. Teachers will invite students to lessons throughout the day. If a student misses these online lessons they may be recorded and posted on the class Teams page. Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom, Zoom Meetings, Edmodo are also being used as supplementary tools 	Jon Clark (Principal)	jclark@jghs.edu.ky	938-8537
Layman E. Scott Sr. High School	 EDU365 Everest in the main source for providing instructions and resources. Instructions provided and students submit completed work through this medium. Feedback is also provided through the homework feature and students, parents and teachers can track completion and submission. Daily schedules are provided and accessible through Everest and students and parents encouraged to mirror this schedule at home as best as possible for completion of tasks and activities. Other resources being used to supplement this are: Khan's Academy for Math and other subjects. Learning.com for KS3 ICT lessons – sorting some subscription issues through Mr. Stephen Ta'Bois and Learning.com. Google Classroom. Live Zoom sessions in Math, Science and English. Other web-based resources are also being used by teachers for assessment and instructions. These include but are not limited to youtube, quizzes.com, kahoot, CXC learning hub and yacapaca. 	Devon Bowen (Acting Principal)	dbowen@lshs.edu.ky	926-3045
Creek & Spot Bay Primary School	 Teachers have provided parents with suggested daily timetables. Two week Learning packets provided to all students. 	Claudette Lazzari (Principal)	claudette.lazzari@gov.ky	925-7232
West End Primary School	Two week Learning packets provided to all students. PurpleMash Learning Platform – all students have their own account, teachers assign them work (targeting their specific need), students complete and submit their work, teachers are then able to mark and provide feedback for the student to improve their work. SUMDOG – all students have their own accounts and teachers are assigning them work (targeting their specific need). RAZKIDS – all students have their own accounts and teachers have assigned them with a selection of books to support their development in reading.	Paul Samuel (Prinicipal)	paul.samuel@gov.ky	916-8971
Little Cayman Education Services	 Two week Learning packets provided to all students. Currently working on access to Everest for distribution of assignments and additional work packets. 	Veronica Juman Khan (Teacher-in-charge)	vjuman-khan@lces.edu.ky	925-7239

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Registrar Assesses NPOs as Low Risk for Terrorist Financing

The Registrar for NPOs (non-profit organisations) has concluded that charitable organisations in the Cayman Islands pose a low risk for the financing of global terrorist activities. The Registrar's assessment is included in Cayman's response to the CFATF (Caribbean Financial Action Task Force)'s review of our anti-money laundering, countering the financing of ter-



rorism, and countering proliferation financing (AML/CFT/CPF) regime.

'This result reflects positively on our local NPOs, and they should be commended for having governance structures in place that protect themselves, our country, and indeed countries worldwide against that type of abuse', said Paul Inniss, the NPO Registrar at General Registry.

CFATF published its report on Cayman's regime in March 2019 and gave Cayman an observation period, which ended in February 2020, to correct strategic AML/CFT/CPF deficiencies.



CFATF is the regional body that monitors compliance with the global AML/CFT/CPF regulatory standards set by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). (*)

Experts can draw from 1918 flu epidemic

The coronavirus pandemic has destroyed lives and disrupted life for everyone on the planet. It has seen shutting down borders to mandatory quarantines by crisis hit governments worldwide as they take drastic steps to stem this scary epidemic.

Past outbreaks provide a blueprint for governments navigating the threat of Covid-19, which has spread to more than 200,000 people worldwide to virtually every country. Thousands have died but the fatalities have not plateaued off yet.

Pandemics such as the 1918 influenza offer plenty of pointers though. Clear communication from the federal government was the key then and that remains so today in our super-connected lives.

"The main lesson from 1918 is very clear: that you tell the truth in a public health setting," said John Barry, author of the "The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History."

The 1918 influenza pandemic, also known as the Spanish flu, killed an estimated 50 million worldwide, including 675,000 in the United States. The pandemic occurred in three waves between spring 1918 to the spring of 1919. During World War I, governments had limited resources to fight it.

Public health experts agree transparency from all governments is key in containing this pandemic a century later. "We need to have a unified message that is based on evidence and we need to explain what is known and what is not known, and there's a fair bit that's not known about this coronavirus, which makes it a little bit more difficult than some of those that we've seen in the past," said Wendy Mariner, professor of public health law at Boston University. Fresh air, sunlight and improvised face masks were effective measure a century ago and there's no reason why those methods shouldn't be helpful now.



► Face masks help prevent infection

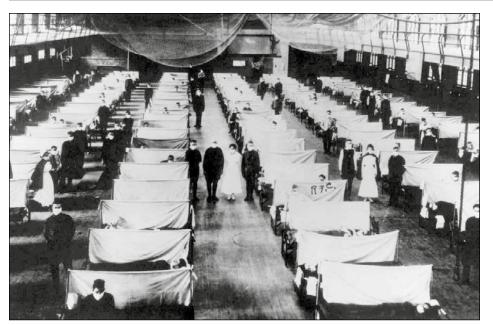
As the current crisis unfolds, governments are enforcing quarantine and isolation, and public gatherings are being phased out. Health officials took the same approach a century ago when influenza was a mass killer. It still is today but has become a factor of modern life. Medics found that severely ill flu patients nursed outdoors recovered better than those treated indoors. That should inspire residents of the Cayman Islands as we have the ideal climate for rehabilitation, al fresco. Public Beach, Rum Point and Smith Cove are brilliant places to destress. A combination of fresh air and sunlight prevented deaths among patients and infections among medical staff in 1918. That still rings true today. There is scientific support for this. Research shows that outdoor air is a natural disinfectant. Fresh air can kill the flu virus and other harmful germs. Equally, sunlight is germicidal and there is now evidence it can kill the flu virus. When people are rehabilitating from this kind of illness, fresh air and natural vitamin D from sun rays is as good a medicine as anything prescribed in a pharmacy. Trips along the coast road

to East End and North Side are powerful healers.

During the great pandemic, two of the worst places to be were military barracks and troop ships. Overcrowding and bad ventilation put soldiers and sailors at high risk of catching influenza and the other severe illnesses that often followed it, like pneumonia, dehydration, ear and sinus infections. Fresh air is a natural disinfectant, and in Cayman there are guaranteed no nasty side effects like industrial pollution and numerous city toxins. Face masks are helpful but wearing a face mask is certainly not an iron-clad guarantee to not getting sick. Viruses can also transmit through the eyes and tiny viral particles, known as aerosols, can penetrate masks. However, masks are effective at capturing droplets, which is a main transmission route of coronavirus, and some studies have estimated a roughly fivefold protection versus no barrier alone - although others have found lower levels of effectiveness. The expectation is that when Covid-19 is under control – hopefully within a few months - temporary hospitals and isolation tents may become a permanent feature of modern life. The 1918 flu outbreak forced improved medical protocols, but recent history dictates that new measures are essential. Outbreaks like swine flu, MARS, Ebola, dengue and zika was a precursor to coronavirus. It means that post Covid-19 the whole world should be prepared for the next unwanted, yet inevitable epidemic. 🟈



Sunlight and water sports are ideal recuperative activities in Cayman



▶ The 1918 influenza outbreak killed over 50 million people



Fresh air at Rum Point is a great natural medicine

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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Grenada's Adventists organise book fairs

Grenada's St Georges Seventh Day Adventist School is inspiring school children to improve their reading skills by organising book fairs.

The Early Learner's Programme was created by the Adventist's literacy committee five years ago to inspire struggling young readers. The Adventists combine

with teachers to generate excitement around reading and foster creativity and critical thinking.

For the book fair, each class is given an opportunity to prepare a report on a book they have read. The report is presented as an original song, skit or



Book fairs in Grenada help inspire kids to read

poem, as well as the creation of a 3-dimensional model of the main character. On the day of presentation, students are interviewed about their book. They also must answer questions that will help them think, and the responses are recorded and judged. 📀

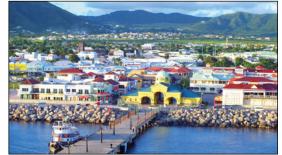
St Kitts and Nevis stays calm and carries on

St Kitts and Nevis has not been hugely affected by the spread of the novel coronavirus and its message is business as usual.

The assertion made by St Kitts and Nevis Acting Comptroller of Customs Kennedy DeSilva, who said the spread of the coronavirus across the United State has not caused a disruption to its shipping schedules. He said for now all imports of food and other products are following normal

schedules and claims to the contrary, are nothing more than baseless and unfounded rumours.

He said: "There is no change that we are aware of, all imports appear normal. We've also had discussions because I'm actually on the committee that deals



St Kitts and Nevis is barely affected by the coronavirus

with the coronavirus. During a conversation about freight security, we were informed that nothing has changed to date. The rumours that have been going wild, I don't know what they are based on, but from all indications everything should be normal." 📀

Trinidad's literary awards delayed

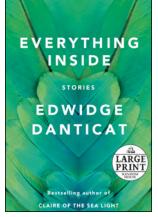
Trinidad and Tobago's beloved literary festival, Bocas, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary, has released its book list by writers with roots in seven Caribbean territories for the 2020 OCM Bocas Prize for Caribbean Literature.

The prize recognises nine books in poetry, fiction, and literary non-fiction, all published by Caribbean authors in the preceding year. The winner of the prize, worth US\$10,000 will be an-

nounced in May. The festival itself was meant to take place from May 1-3, but given the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, it will is postponed to Sept. 18-20.

The 2020 long list includes seven women writers and a wide range of titles. According to the judging panel,

chaired this year by author Earl Lovelace, Trinidad-born, United States-based



Edwidge Danticat's book

"Everything Inside" is highly rated

writer Lauren K. Alleyne's "Honeyfish" contains poems of legacy, inheritance, and survival.

"Skin Can Hold," by acclaimed Trinidadian-Scottish poet, Vahni Capildeo, creates a "compelling, dazzling" world in which speakers react to writers and thinkers ranging from Martin Carter to Shakespeare.

From the British Virgin Islands comes poet Richard Georges' "Epiphaneia," set in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma. In fic-

tion, women writers own this category, and perhaps the best known of these is Haitian-American writer Edwidge Danticat. Her collection of eight short stories, "Everything Inside," masterfully captures the broader repercussions of her characters' situations and how their choices personally affect them — subtle and spellbinding at the same time. ③

Barbados tourism chief wants local support

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Barbadians are being advised to take stavcavtions by Minister of Tourism Kerrie Symmonds to help rebalance the lack of foreign visitors because of the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Symmonds said that Barbadians must now embrace their country, stay home and spend money with businesses. He said: "This country has to realise that this is not the sum-

mer to get on a plane and go to Disney World because Disney shutdown. This country needs to understand that this is not the summer to go to New York City and shop at Macy's because there is a greater risk there and here.

"This country needs to understand that there are hotels in Barbados and experiences in St John and in St Thomas and in St Joseph which are of a high quality sought after by Europeans, Canadians and Americans and that we in Barbados can help keep ourselves employed by doing a little bit of stay-



Bridgetown, Barbados is seeing more local patronage

cation and linking it to the attractions of Barbados.

"That Barbados can do this is within all possibility but what we need to do is to go there as a team.

Symmonds also encouraged Barbadians to patronise other CARICOM territories during the coronavirus pandemic.

He said: "The reality is the risk is far less in CARICOM than it is other parts of the world. We have to keep our hotel and our attractions open for business." 夺

Jamaica praised for quick virus response

The Jamaican government's response to the novel coronavirus disease (Covid-19) outbreak is being praised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and America's top diplomat on the island.

The commendations came as the island completed work on a Covid-19 isolation ward at University Hospital of the West Indies and the same day that Prime Minister Andrew Holness and Health and Wellness Minister Dr Christopher Tufton announced new measures.

They included crowd restrictions to no more than 20 people, the closure of bars, nightclubs, and other entertainment venues, all designed to stem the spread of the virus.

"Thank you so much for your leadership — and preparedness — for #COVID19, @christufton. #Jamaica Being ready for #coronavirus is key to pushing it back fast. Together, for a safer world!," WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus posted on Twitter.

United States Ambassador to Jamaica Donald Tapia said in a tweet: "We want to congratulate the GoJ and the MoHW for its timely reporting of COVID-19 cases and aggressive containment strategy. The MoHW (Ministry of Health and Wellness) has shown that one of the best defences is appropriate public sensitization on preventative methods and the importance of early case recognition."

The UHWI isolation ward features beds, ventilators, monitoring mechanisms and all relevant equipment. The facility has 13 beds, five of which are in cubicles equipped with ventilators for patients in need of respiratory assistance. A sanitiser station is also placed at a central spot for easy access.

Dr Tufton said that while other hospitals have one or two rooms, they have been asked to establish a similar ward and work is in progress.

Jamaica announced its first Covid-19 death on Wednesday, a 79-year-old man who had recently returned from New York. The man died in an isolation ward at the Mandeville Hospital in Manchester. The man had pre-existing health conditions of diabetes and hypertension. Jamaica has 20 confirmed cases of the virus at press time. 📀



PM Andrew Holness is handling the virus outbreak well

Dominica is inspiring young farmers

Dominica is trying to cultivate the next generation of agriculturalists with a new project.

Junior Achievement Dominica, the implementing organisation for the Grow Project in Dominica is collaborating with the Ministry of Blue and Green Economy, Agriculture and National Food Security and Dominica 4-H Clubs to carry out this garden-based project which encourages students and parents to invest in agriculture and back yard gardening at home and school.

The schools involved are St John's Primary School, Grandbay Primary School, Grandfond Primary School, Pioneer Preparatory School, Massacre Primary School, Achievement Learning Centre, Newtown Primary School, North East Comprehensive Secondary School, Berean Christian Academy, Savanne Paille Primary School and Salybia Primary School.

The organisations encourage initiatives to teach children and youth the necessary skills to plant, maintain and expand school gardens and green spac-



Dominica's youth are learning agriculture

es. In the final phase of this project, the programme introduces an agricultural curriculum. The plan is to get all schools to teach the youth how to grow sustainable gardens and invest in small scale vegetable gardens for their homes and communities.

The goal is to get more youngsters involved in agriculture, one of Dominica's main revenue streams which has been in decline for decades because millennials prefer to pursue other, more lucrative careers. 😚

Virus in JA means sex trade goes limp

Jamaica's commercial sex workers who ply their trade on the popular 'Back Road,' in Portmore, St Catherine, say the area has become almost a ghost town since Covid-19 emerged on the island.

"Whole heap a di man wah me use to see dem nah come again. But me have a few clients who might still come regardless of what a gwan with the coronavirus. But right

now, cause tings so slow, me affi add on a likkle money so me can mek a food," one worker said.

But some of the men "waah pay cheap money".

"In a slow time like this, me raise my price. Right now a from J\$3,000 (KY\$18.60) up, nothing below. Anybody come and a talk bout \$1,500 (\$9.30), or \$2,000 (\$12.40) now can gwan bout dem business," said another worker.



Black Road, Portland has seen a drop in the sex trade

Another worker said that she is practising good hygiene to protect herself and her clients.

"Yes, man, me have sanitiser, me likkle wipes and sumpn dem. And the place weh me bring dem go have water and it clean up wid bleach," she said. "As me collect the money and put it dung, me a gi dem hand sanitiser. Some a dem walk wid hand sanitiser too suh you can know the nice clean man dem." 📀

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Coronavirus Information and Advice for Vulnerable People

Prevention Tips

- frequently **cleanse hands** with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitiser
- cough or sneeze in a tissue and bin it
- if a tissue is not available cough/sneeze into your elbow not your hands
- avoid close contact with people suffering from fever or cough
- avoid travel if you have a fever, cough, or flu-like symptoms
- avoid wearing a surgical mask unless advised by a medical professional

Extra Steps You Can Take To Avoid Covid-19

If you have a **chronic illness** (e.g. respiratory disease, diabetes, heart disease, COPD, hypertension or cancer), are **elderly** (over 60) or have a **compromised** immune system, you can further protect yourself with the below extra precautionary steps in addition to the prevention tips above.



Most importantly, remember you are supported.

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Call the H.S.A. helpline on **1-800-534-8600** or **947-3077** if you have any questions.

For the latest updates and information, please visit HSA.ky/public-health/coronavirus or gov.ky/coronavirus

Coronavirus – Self-Isolating

- Stay at home
- Try not to be in the same room as other people at the same time
- Only allow people who live with you to stay
- Stay in a well-ventilated room
- Ideally, keep two weeks of food, drink, medication and cleaning supplies at home
- Ask friends, family members or delivery services to carry out errandsfor your such as getting groceries, medicines or other shopping
- Make sure you tell delivery drivers to leave items outside for collection
- Clean toilets and bathrooms regularly
- Think about a bathroom rota if a separate bathroom is not available, with the isolated person using the facilities last, before thoroughly cleaning the bathroom themselves
- Use separate sheets and towels from anyone else in the household and launder at the hottest temperature possible for the material
- Wash crockery and utensils thoroughly with soap and water. Dishwashers may be used to clean crokery and cutlery
- Stay away from your pets if unavoidable, wash your hands before and after contact

- Invite visitors to your home or allow visitors to enter
- Go to work, school or public areas
- Use public transport or taxis
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eatingutensils, towels, bedding or other items with other people in your home

Stayin touch with friends and relatives on the phone or by social media. You may find it helpful to talk to them.

Most importantly, remember you are supported.

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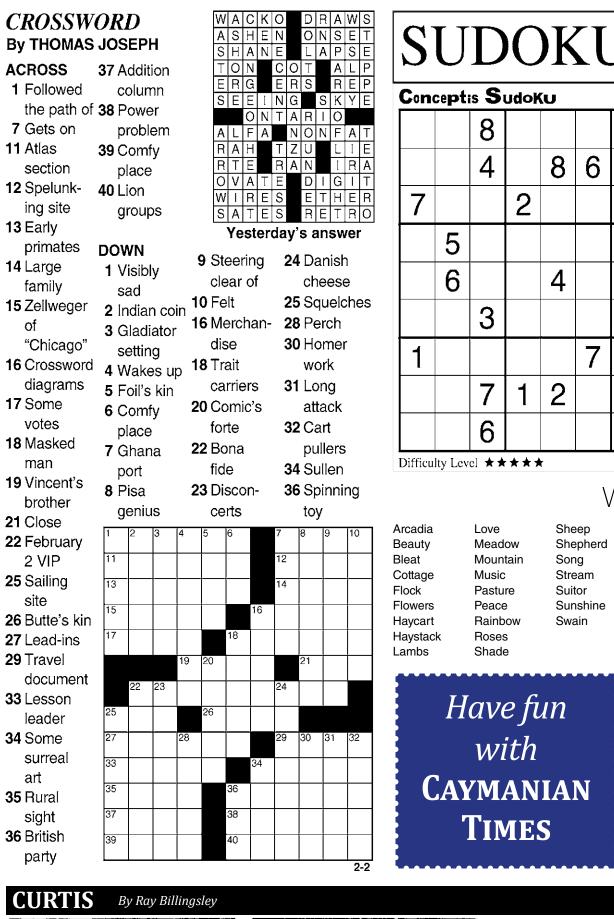


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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level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

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