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"Runnin' in di republic - it's a West Bay ting" was a fitting slogan for the third annual CUC 5K walk/run which started before dawn at Pappagallo's and did a big loop along Conch Point Road, down Top Sail Road and then back to finish at Pappagallo's again. 225 took part, and the walkers started first, followed by the runners 15 minutes later

Some were already mega-fit. For others it was their very first community fun-run and they were all excited about taking their first steps on their journey to a healthier life. Lots were in-between; they are the people who like to jog, and walk, and run by the roadside in the early mornings, and they love to come out and do it all together, and for two great causes - the proceeds were going to West Bay's Sunrise Adult Training Centre, as well as the Cayman Islands Athletic Association. One of the walkers, Fiona Pimentel said: "I'm running today to keep fit. My Sister died of diabetes and my other sister's got diabetes, and I'm pre-diabetic so I need to keep fit just to stay alive."

Richard Hew President and CEO of CUC, said: "We have a long history of organising and sponsoring sports events,



► The runners begin

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Landfill Fires Disrupt Business as Usual

After a spectacle of smoke billowing from a raging inferno at the George Town Landfill on Sunday, 8th March, the Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) and the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) say they are seeing some success in battling the fire from their application of a specialized fire retardant.

Crews tackled the fire from two angles, which included the the Esterley Tibbetts Highway side of the landfill and the Camana Bay portion of the area; base on the risk, according to officials.

In addition to roads along the bypass to West Bay and coming from Camana Bay to George Town were closed and residents evacuated from areas most likely to be affected.

Officials described this latest flare up of fires at the dump as, "a well developed waste fire".

Roughly twenty seven fire officers, plus a team from the Department of Environmental Health responded to the incident, which officials say was caused because, strong, variable winds create challenging conditions; exasperating the situation.

An update on the landfill fires on Monday 9th March noted that both the CIFS and DEH responders remain on site at the George Town Landfill, where crews are continuing to work 'systematically' on containing the fires.

"Weather conditions remain challenging at this time and the crew's priority are, containing the fire, as well s striving to make sure it doe not spread to the Esterley Tibet's Highway and Camana Bay Areas.

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Cayman mourns the passing of Andreas Ugland



► Andreas and Natalie contributed to the local arts and culture scene

The Cayman community is still coming to terms with the sudden and unexpected death of Andreas Ove Ugland, the 64-year-old Norwegian shipping magnate and investment banker who contributed so much to his second home. Although an extremely rich man, worth hundreds of millions, he contributed immensely to local charities and good causes. He was a patron of various charities and institutions in Cayman, including the National Gallery.

Andreas' passing on Friday came after a short illness, two days before his 65th birthday. It was a shock to friends and family. "This came very suddenly. Last week, we talked about how to celebrate his birthday. Then he sounded settled and happy. Now he's gone. It is incredibly sad," said his cousin Herman Bergshaven, who also resides in Grand Cayman.

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Official Opposition International Women's Day message

Today is International Women's Day where we celebrate the achievements of women throughout history and across nations.

While the list of achievements is very long and distinguished and comprised of many notable names from Rosa Parks to Mother Theresa; there are others such as Marie Curie whose achievements in radioactivity helped launched the cures for fighting cancer. There is also Ada Lovelace, a gifted mathematician, who is considered to be the first computer programmer.

Here in the Cayman Islands, the achievements of women are immeasurable. Our women were the backbone of economic activity and progress when our fathers and grandfathers went to sea. Today, that legacy continues both in the public and private sectors as we have seen women breakdown barriers and glass ceilings to become Chief Officers and CEOs, while still playing their role as nurturers and teachers to our children.

As many of you may be aware, this year we are celebrating 60 years of our first written Constitution. Earlier this year, at our Heroes Day celebration, we recognized the achievements of those 358 women who signed the petition to give women the right to vote. Because those women of yesterday were able: today more women are enabled.



Ironically, this year, the theme for International Women's Day is "An equal world is an enabled world" and in the spirit of those women who laid the foundation for women in the Cayman Islands to participate in our political and social activities, we recognize the recent public achievements and the role that women played in the CPR Group both during the campaign, and in the courts. We also recognize the role that women played and continue to play, in holding others to account with the #metoo and #sheissupported movements. Those recent movements have created an envi-

ronment for soul searching and honest conversations within our islands on the rights and value of women within our society.

This celebration of International Women's Day was started to help end gender discrimination against women, and to ensure that they gain full and equal participation in global development.

The members of the Official Opposition join the billions around the world that are fighting to make this a reality.

As we pay tribute to all the women who have ever been in a situation where they have been made to feel less than

their worth; the Scriptures remind us, that women are more valuable than rubies.

So, our message to all of you on this International Woman's Day is, to stay strong in your convictions against gender discrimination and gender violence. Speak up and don't accept silence, tolerance for discrimination or inaction from the very people you have given the responsibility to ensure that the challenges faced by our mothers and grandmothers are not faced by our daughters and granddaughters.

One Love. One Cayman. 🌐



Labour Force Survey 2020
Starting Sunday, 8th March 2020

The 2020 Spring Labour Force Survey (LFS) will be conducted by the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) starting Sunday, 8th March 2020.

The LFS collects data on the employed and unemployed persons, as well as those who are not in the labour force.

Trained interviewers, with identification cards from the ESO will visit 1,500 randomly selected households in all districts.

The interviews are confidential in accordance with the Statistics Law (2016 Revision). No individual data will be published or disclosed. Survey data are exempt from Freedom of Information requests.



For further information on any aspect of the survey, please contact the ESO hotline 516-3329.

EDITORIAL

Cayman joins world in marking International Women's Day

The 8th March marks the day when people around the world come together to highlight how far women have come in society and to help to bridge the inequality divide among genders, and the Cayman Islands joined in that fight to create a more even world.



First celebrated in 1911, the idea of an International Women's Day was born even earlier than that, in 1908, when 15,000 women marched in New York for better pay and the right to vote. In 1910 a woman called Clara Zetkin put forth the idea for an annual event at the International Conference of Working Women in Copenhagen. The idea grew, with Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland all beginning to celebrate International Women's Day. In 1975, the United Nations started celebrating the day, eventually under a specific theme each year. In 1996, the first theme was 'Celebrating the past, Planning for the Future'. In 2020 the world focused on 'An equal world is an enabled world' and asked people to work together to create a gender equal world, celebrated with the hashtag #EachforEqual.

On Friday, civil servants gathered on the steps of the Government Administration building wearing purple to signify their support for gender equality, while March has been designated Honouring Women Month. At the civil service gathering, Government Councillor Barbara Conolly said that while they were celebrating International Women's Day and the achievements of women, they still had quite a long way to go before Cayman women could achieve full equality, but at the end of the day they continued to fight for equal rights.

The Family Resources Centre are hosting twenty events throughout the month of March, beginning with the gathering on the steps and including a Colour Me Purple 5k fun run taking place on 17th March at Public Beach (email frc@gov.ky for more informa-

tion or visit the Family Resources Centre on their website or Facebook). The FRC will also be holding workshops for women seeking employment as well as those who want to join in the discussion on gender equality in the workplace.

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce celebrated the day with a call to action from internationally renowned educator, author and filmmaker Jackson Katz, a pioneer on scholarship and activism on issues of gender, race and violence. He gave a speech entitled 'Gender on the Agenda: Why equality between the sexes is a critical issue for women and men', addressing the International Women's Day 2017 theme "#BeBoldForChange", which was a call to action for both men and women to help forge a better working world - a more gender inclusive world.

Last week the annual 'Walk in her Shoes' event took place at Camana Bay, with men donning women's shoes and outfits to undertake a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre. This was the fifth year that such a walk has taken place, with thousands being raised to help cover the costs of the Crisis Centre's shelter that offers a safe place for the victims of domestic abuse and their children. Funds are also being used to help to build a new facility.

Around the world, there were a series of marches to raise awareness of discrimination against women, including a March4Women event in London which was well attended, despite the growing threat of the spread of the Corona virus. For that reason, there were more online campaigns instead of the usual protest marches on the street in the UK. In Spain women marched to demand equal working rights for women and to demand an end to violence against women. Similar marches were organised far and wide across the globe. Cayman's own protest march to end gender violence took place at the beginning of the month under the hashtag #Sheissupported, following the violent assault on a female bartender allegedly by the Speaker of the House. 🌐



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► The 5k walkers start off

► Friends and colleagues from Cayman Turtle Centre who took part: (L-r) Suzette Hislop, Geddes Hislop, Denise Clarke, Corrine Evans-Ebanks, Craig Tennyson. and Esnilida Ebanks

‘Runnin’ in di republic’- CUC’s 5K fundraiser for Sunrise

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because we believe they are good for the body and good for the mind. We also like to put on events that the youth can participate in. We started this one three years ago because there really wasn't a big running event in West Bay, and also, we've been a long-time partner of the Sunrise Adult Training Centre, and we already do various activities with them like we have outings to the cinema and Thanksgiving Lunch with them. There are a lot of our staff volunteering and a lot participating."

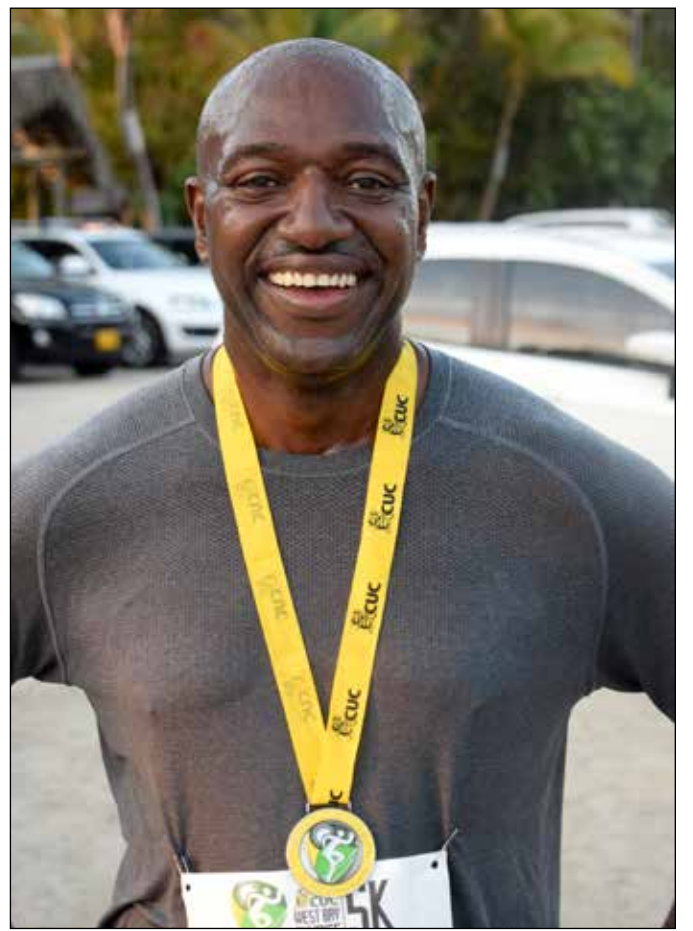
Kenrick Williams National Track and Field Coach of the Cayman Islands said: "This is good because It helps to expose some of the younger athletes and some of the emerging athletes to really good competition because you are going to have the older athletes run against the younger athletes, so they will get a push.

Speed-walker Kenrick Webster was the first person to cross the line, way ahead of most of the other walkers, and runners too. "I walk just for exercise on a regular basis, five days a week and a minimum of six miles a day," he said. "I participate in most of the marathons and walks like this one because it is for a good cause. Michael Beck was the first runner over the line: "I'm tired, but it was a great morning out there, conditions are great and I enjoyed myself," he said.

Corrine Evans-Ebanks loves taking part in community walks for good causes, and she was there with several of her



► Michael Beck



► Kenrick Webster

friends and colleagues from West Bay's Cayman Turtle Centre. "I like participating in community walks," she said, "I try to do around 24 of them every year," she said.



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The Royal Cayman Islands Police (RCIPS) also remain on site.

The Esterley Tibet's Highway between Camana Bay and the Butterfield roundabout will remain closed on Monday 9th March, as a precautionary measure. These closures will be reassessed at mid-day, according to official sources.

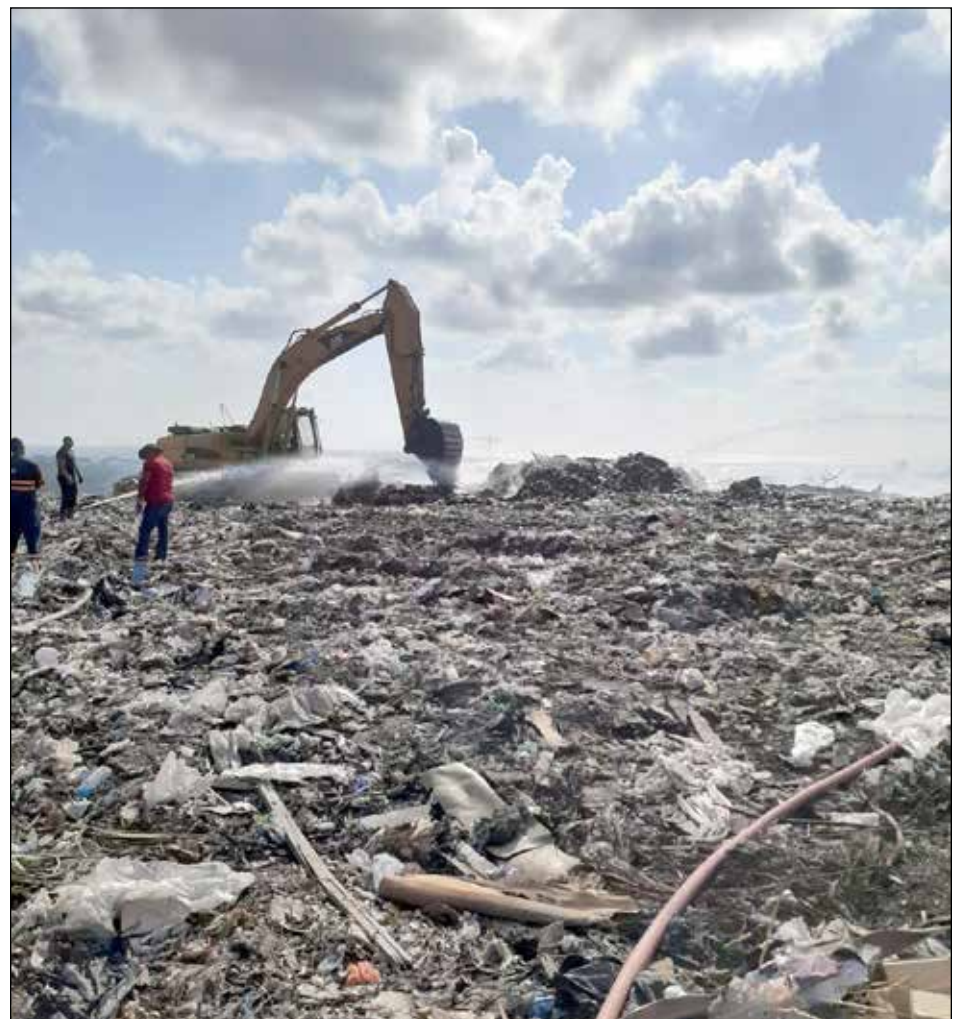
The Civil Service will also operate a relaxed attendance policy on Monday, 9th March for parents with children attending schools, which have been closed due to the landfill fire.

Schools experiencing closures currently include Cayman International School, George Town Primary School, John Gray School and CIFEC.

A government release issued to the press earlier stated, "Civil Servants who are parents affected by the school closures should contact their managers in the normal way to report any resulting absences."

All Civil Servants are encouraged to monitor updates issued by the Government Information Services.

As a precaution, the Elections Offices will also be closed until further notice, due to high levels of smoke carried by winds from the landfill fires. 🌪️



Cruise line cancels call to the Cayman Islands

The Ministry of Health, Public Health Department and the management of the Health Services Authority (HSA) are aware that reports are being received that the Caribbean Princess has been ordered to return to port in Miami by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) in the USA due to concerns over two crew members who are physically well but may have been exposed to COVID-19.

This ship has anchored in Grand Cayman in order to offload two people who are critically ill with issues that appear unrelated to the COVID-19 outbreak. These two passengers will be transported directly to the airport for medical evacuation to Florida. Some clinical samples will also be travelling with them. All appropriate measures are being undertaken to ensure the safety of staff involved, and the vehicles being deployed. Ambulance crews routinely manage patients who have infectious conditions and are aware of the required action.

Joseph Woods, Acting Port Director - Port Authority of the Cayman Islands added, "As we have informed the public previously, The Port Authority of the Cayman Islands (PACI), Customs and Border Control (CBC), Public Health, our respective Ministries, and the cruise lines all work in close collaboration with each other. Today, a situation arose with one of the cruise ships scheduled to call Grand Cayman and while there is no one on-board known to be suffering from the symptoms of the coronavirus. However, as they were unsure if some-



one on-board could have possibly been exposed to someone who did, out of an abundance of caution, and of their own volition, they decided to cancel the call. Their decision to cancel the call speaks to the integrity of the cruise lines that call here and the respect and value they place on their relationship with the Cayman Islands. That close relationship and respect between us pays off in circumstances like this when they would rather cancel a call than take a chance

and we really appreciate that. We all pledge to do our very best to keep the Cayman Islands free of the coronavirus COVID-19.

Minister of Health Honourable Dwayne Seymour notes that "the Ministry is aware of the Caribbean Princess cruise line being in port today and wishes to reiterate the position noted above for absolute clarity and in the interest of the public's health and safety, that no passengers are disembarking from

the Caribbean Princess cruise ship into Grand Cayman today".

For more information on COVID-19 and for guidance on how to best protect your household, please visit www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus or contact the H.S.A.'s toll free hotline at 1.800.534.8600.

Details of the steps that Government is taking to combat the disease is also available from www.gov.ky/coronavirus. 🌪️



► The Cayman Motor Museum is a magnificent legacy



► Ugland was a keen powerboat racer

Ugland's passing is a blow to the community

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Flags were flying at half-mast on Saturday at Queensgate House, the home of his bank and trust company, as a sign of respect. There was an outpouring of sadness on social media as the news broke as many Caymanians appreciated his contribution to many community projects.

His father Andreas KL Ugland died less than a year ago, aged 93. Andreas Ove was one of his three sons.

As well as his private businesses and real estate investing, Andreas was well renowned as a classic car collector, world-class power boat racer, great supporter of local arts and culture and creator of the Cayman Motor Museum in West Bay.

Andreas owned 80 rare, exotic classic cars and motorbikes, displayed in the Cayman Motor Museum from 2010, including a yellow Rolls-Royce from the 1964 film of the same title, starring Ingrid Bergman, Elton John's old Bentley, and Peter Sellers's Ferrari and the Batmobile, built for the 1960s television series. The museum also features a collection of paintings, photographs, local

artefacts with one of Ugland's race boats outside.

He owned his own power-boat racing team and brought that passion to Cayman when he founded the 'Million Dollar Run' offshore race. He raced in the UIM Class One and ProVee classes and won both the Beaverbrook and Needles trophies in a successful career.

Andreas was born in Grimstad, Norway on 8 March 1955. He had three children with his first wife Inger, a former Miss Norway, and later married Natalie, a businesswoman who owned and operated over 200 stores across Canada under her brand name Natalie Bishop.

In the mid-1990s, the legacy of Andreas KL Ugland was left to Andreas Ove and his brothers, Johan Benad and Knut Axel, under the name Andreas Ugland & Sons. The Andreas Ugland & Sons fleet consisted of more than 70 ships, in addition to substantial real estate investments, industrial activities and car imports.

Andreas served on the board of Nordic American Tankers since 1997, but according to the annual report, he was not among the major shareholders. The report for 2018 states that he owned

less than 1 percent of the shares in the company.

Previously, he was chairman of the board of Ugland International Holding plc, which during his time was listed on the London Stock Exchange. He also served on the board of directors of the Hoegh Ugland Autoliners car fleet and Buld Associates Inc in Bermuda.

Andreas moved to the Cayman Islands while his brothers remained in Norway where they run the companies JB Ugland and Knut Axel Ugland Holding, both based in Grimstad.

Andreas and Natalie organised fundraisers for local arts and culture projects such as 'Fashion for Art' and functions have been held at their residence, notably the private art auction evening where all proceeds were donated to the National Gallery. The National Symphony Orchestra of Cuba played in the garden, creating an afternoon of music and art.

The couple prided themselves on their own impressive collection of pieces by



► Andreas Ugland did immense work in the community

local artists which are displayed in their home and the Cayman Motor Museum, so that visitors to the museum can enjoy the diversity of local artistic talent. They commissioned works from such recognised names as Bendel Hydes and John Broad for specific exhibits and consistently contributed annual non-profit fundraising events to ensure that institutions such as the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands can continue to operate. 🌐

Presentation on tourism entrepreneurship

A series of talks upstairs and George Town Public Library facilitated by Michel Powery, General Manager of Cayman TourJobs, a local recruitment and human resource company, has been taking place on Saturday mornings. Mr Powery has been showing some of the opportunities and ideas in starting your own tourism-based business. Tourism is the second pillar of Cayman's economy, and there are many gaps presently in the marketplace which can be filled by people who have a dream, and have the tenacity to carry it out. During the presentation Mr. Powery shared many of the ideas as well as practical tips and pitfalls, that those who are interested in being their own boss and running a successful tourism business would encounter: "It's most important to think outside the box; don't follow anybody else's model. Don't be afraid to think of crazy things that people have never done before," he said.

Sharing some tips, he stressed the importance of cooperation: "Cayman Islands is a very small destination. We are too small to have such rough competition. Competition is good because it keeps you on track, but here (in Cayman) we need to mostly cooperate with each other."

Mr Powery went on to outline some great ideas for people to start up by themselves, with very little cash outlay. One gap in the market could be started by just about anybody, and that was a 'walking tour' business, he said: "For people don't want to go to the beach, they just want to go around George Town, know about the history and culture. You can take them to Heroes Square, talking about history, talking about heroes, the Courthouse, the library," he said.

There were lots of other ideas up for grabs, too. How about starting an Air B&B business? If you have a spare room in your house, (and provided you meet the government criteria). Other ideas around Air B&B included management and maintenance of other people's properties, or subletting them.

Mr. Powery took people through the stages of business startup and development, from the initial inspiration phase, to the nitty-gritty of making it work, sticking with it, and then evaluating it to make improvements. He stressed the importance of sound financial planning so that businesses are not left high-and-dry with expensive rentals to pay, but not enough customers. But

these days, you can also run many tourism operations from your phone, such as a travel agency, Mr. Powery said, or get paid for making videos about destinations on Youtube. Savvy use of new technology opens many doors in the tourism sector, especially for those who have little capital.

Beto Anglin was pleased with the presentation. Like many of the people there, he was already involved with tourism, but felt he needed to update his knowledge: "I wanted to feel what's out there and get a different per-

spective on it. It's been finding out more on the information side of things; where I can go and if I am in the right direction," he said. "I think the biggest problem that we have here really is really the loss of customer service that we have around here and there are a lot of people jumping into it for the sake of getting a dollar, but not offering a quality product at the end of the day. I mean if you are a visitor here and I take you on a tour, I want you to go back feeling you had a great Caymanian tour. I'd want you to have a true Caymanian experience," he said. 🌐



► Michel Powery



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► Presentation at George Town Public Library



► Kameron D'Hue



► Shaun Jackson

Inspire Cayman Training Center Inspires Trainees to Build Their Future

When Michael Myles established the Inspire Cayman Training Centre in February 2019, he envisioned that it would be a beacon of hope to many Caymanians who have aspirations of developing careers in the Career & Technical industry.

Inspire Cayman Training Limited (ICT) is an accredited Technical and Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Centre; and one of only two such centres licensed by the Education Council of the Ministry of Education for the Cayman Islands Government. The center have a large catalogue of training programmes available (subject to demand) as advertised on their website and continues to work on increasing their portfolio of accreditations in 2020.

ICT is an accredited training center for the following international organizations: NCCER, EDUQUAL, Advanced Solutions Technical Institute, ILM and is affiliated with PADI and Automotive Service Excellence. Mr. Myles explained that he was very motivated to ensure the center was international accredited because the Caymanian population is very transient and he wanted to ensure anyone who attained the credentials would be qualified to work anywhere in the world and the credentials would be recognized.

According to the most current statistics from WORC, the Cayman Islands has over 30,000+ work permits, approximately 12,000+ work permits are opportunities that have career pathways and entrepreneurial opportunities. The majority of these jobs require on the job training, certification and/or accreditation.

Mr. Myles explains that the Cayman Islands economy is booming with opportunities that lead to a great living, however, everyone except for the Caymanian people are benefiting. After multiple meetings with Government Ministers and civil servants, he quickly realised that developing young people, unemployed and/or under employed Caymanians is not a priority. Mr. Myles explained that "TVET training is in the 2016 Education Bill, however persons applying for TVET grants with the exception of attending UCCI, does not exist."

As the former At-Risk Coordinator for the Ministry of Education and House Manager at the Bonaventure Home, Mr. Myles knows all too well what happens to young people who are ill prepared. "I have seen many young people remain trapped in the criminal justice system, incarcerated, lose their lives to gangs and guns, become teenage parents, live in poverty or have to depend on welfare." As the popularity of ICT grew on

the island, Mr. Myles explained that he continues to meet with parents and persons in Cayman, majority of them young Caymanians recently out of high school who are losing hope and are frustrated. Mr. Myles stated that these youngsters want training and a career but cannot afford it.

If anyone knows Michael Myles, he is a person who is driven to serve his people. He explained that he simply got tired of waiting for the government to work out the TVET grant process. Mr. Myles stated that he needed to create another avenue of funding for Caymanians, therefore he created his own non-profit to provide scholarships, "Build Your Future Cayman (BYFC)." Thanks to the kind donations from Rotary Club of the Cayman Islands, Haag Bodden Scholarship, ITC International, Kozaily Designs, Pro Yacht, Contractors Association, Bob Soto Scholarship, Reliable Industries and Michael & his wife Jackie, ten (10) Caymanians have received BYFC scholarships.

Daejon Chollette is a young Caymanian who is benefiting from the BYFC scholarship. Mr. Chollette stated "I am very appreciative of this opportunity. My educational and professional goals is to be a Building Developer. By accepting this opportunity from ICT, it is a step in the right direction of helping me prepare to meet the demands of my career."

Jessica Frederick-Martinez is passionate about her career goals. After graduating from the Passport2success she understood all too well that she still as not prepared to compete unless she has a credential. Jessica stated that she is excited about the opportunity to be a recipient of the BYFC "I have a passion for Customer Service and want to learn more about the electrical field. This training helps me accomplish both."

April Manderson has accepted the BYFC scholarship as a second chance to build her career. She explained that having this opportunity gives her the knowledge to begin building her life. "Knowledge is power. I want to be successful and I want to be a good employee"

Mr. Myles explained that he started meeting with employers in June 2018 to understand what their needs are. He anticipated that they would tell him that they needed more automotive technicians, builders, plumbers, electricians etc. He was very surprised that after meeting with over 70 employers, the discussions remained consistent with preparing Caymanians with employability skills. Employers reported the many challenges with Caymanians, especially young Caymanians who could not present themselves well in an interview, resolve on the job conflict, attend work on



► April Manderson

time and consistently, dress appropriately etc.

After further preparation to establish the center, Mr. Myles understood that in addition to skills training, employability skills must be mandatory if he is to assist persons with transitioning to a career path and transforming their lives. Trainees wishing to take part in one of the vocational courses must first complete a "Tools for Success" course which teaches essential employability skills. Modules in the mandatory course cover getting a job, keeping your job, building strong relationships with your supervisor, teamwork, communication skills, giving and receiving criticism and conflict resolution.

Jonathan Fredericks understands that if he is to compete in today's labour market, he must have the Tools for Success course. Jonathan's aspiration is to become a Master Electrician and he must be dependable if he is to be successful. "I have four years of hands on work experience in the electrical field and I love it. The BYFC scholarship puts me closer to achieving my dream of becoming a Master Electrician."

Two trainees that continue to absorb all that ICT training has offered is Shaun Jackson and Kameron D'Hue. They were the first trainees of ICT, beginning their journey in August 2019; both have pursued the PADI Instructor training. To date, they have successfully completed their Tools for Success, Open Water, Advance Open Water, Rescue Diver, Dive-master and have received their International Yacht Training certification to operate boats up to forty foot.

By the end of April 2020, both youngmen would have achieved their ultimate goal, becoming certified PADI Instruc-

tors. Mr. Myles stated that both youngmen is making history in the country by their accomplishments. They are proving that with hard work and sacrifice, Cayman can produce professional PADI instructors in industry that has few Caymanians in this industry. Both youngmen will eventually join the Caymanian PADI Instructor ranks with Regime Powery and Jessica Smith who are both employed at Divetech as Instructors and is a partner of ICT.

Mr. Myles stated that after attending career fairs at Cayman International School, Cayman Academy, St. Ignatius, Clifton Hunter High School, John Grey High School and Chamber of Commerce Career Fair at UCCI, there must be a greater investment in Career and Technical Education. "My team and I have spoken with hundreds of young people who had no clue of the hundreds of high paying careers in the industries of construction, automotive, diving, tourism. We have to improve how we educate our children and their parents on the many industries we have created in the Cayman Islands from a very early age, which should begin as early as year/grade 5 & 6. When we interview prospective trainees at ICT, we no longer discuss jobs, we are discussing career paths and being an entrepreneur. Why are we not training our people to own their own business?"

Mr. Myles is urging corporate Cayman to get involve in the development of their future employees by donating to the BYFC scholarship fund. Mr. Myles can be reached at info@inspirecayman-training.com or 939-1301. Interested applicants for the BYFC scholarship can access the scholarship application on the website, www.inspirecaymantraining.com. 🌐



► Jessica Fredericks



► Daejon Chollette



Girls Softball – Game Report

Scotiabank 14, Coldwell Banker 13

The 2020 season of CILLA Girls Softball continued at the Field of Dreams on Wednesday evening as Scotiabank built an early lead, and held off a furious final inning rally by Coldwell Banker, to squeak out a 14-13 walk-off win.

Coldwell Banker scored three runs in the first as Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin, Kenia Rostran and Aydis Rostran all scored following some aggressive base running.

In the bottom of the inning Scotiabank took advantage of five walks and a great hit by Calissa Ylagan to plate five runs. Shay Windsor, Zhanna McDonald, Janey Veilleux, Calissa, and Akeyla Ebanks all scored.

Coldwell Banker couldn't score in the second inning as Scotiabank's pitcher, Zhanna, was in total command on the mound. Scotiabank tallied three more runs as Shay, Janey and Calissa crossed home for the second time in the game.

Coldwell Banker got the offense going in the third inning as Jialy, Kenia and Aydis scored their second runs of the game, with Martina Watler's RBI triple down the left field line being the key hit.

Scotiabank bounced right back with three more runs as Rio Windsor, Aleigha General and Hanna Jackson scored. Coldwell Banker exploded for six runs in the top of the fourth to take a 13-11 lead. Diamond Chambers, Shanell Martinez, Jada Jennings, Jialy, Kenia and Aydis all scored, with Kenia's inside-the-

park grand slam being the big hit of the inning.

Undaunted, Scotiabank fought back with three runs to win the game. After Calissa had scored to make it 13-12, Rio hit a bloop single over second base to score Dena'e Alexander and Akeyla with the winning runs, sending the Scotiabank players, coaches and spectators into celebration mode!

Player of the Game:

Calissa Ylagan (Scotiabank): 3 runs scored, 2 hits, 2 RBI, good defense at 2B/SS.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Coldwell Banker	3	0	4	6	-	13
Scotiabank	5	3	3	3	-	14

Coldwell Banker 5, Kirk Freeport 2

Coldwell Banker outlasted Kirk Freeport 5-2 on Saturday afternoon, in a defensive struggle that was dominated by the pitchers and fielders. The two teams combined for only five hits for the entire game.

Coldwell Banker only managed one infield hit on the day, but took advantage of some excellent base-running to score four runs in the first inning. Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin, Aydis Rostran and Annie Hawkins all walked and scored, while Stephanie Menko was hit by a pitch and later scored. Stephanie added the final run in the third inning as she walked and scored on an infield hit by Annie Hawkins, Coldwell Banker's solitary hit.

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Kirk Freeport batters got four hits for the game, but only tallied two runs, scored by Keirsten McLaughlin and Jahzara Barnes. Shortstop Demae Lee turned in an excellent defensive play and pitcher Ariyana Ebanks struck out five batters and allowed just the one hit in her four plus innings of work. She also made two excellent running catches.

Coldwell Banker catcher Kenia Rostran threw out two runners attempting to steal, which greatly aided the defensive effort.

After the first couple of weeks of competition, all three teams are tied for first place with a 1-1 record!

Games continue on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:30 pm.

Player of the Game:

Aydis Rostran (Coldwell Banker): Allowed just four hits and two runs, while striking out four in five innings of pitching.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Kirk Freeport	1	0	0	0	1	2
Coldwell Banker	4	0	1	0	0	5

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
Kirk Freeport	1	1	0	10	7	0
Coldwell Banker	1	1	0	18	16	0
Scotiabank	1	1	0	16	21	0

MS Foundation Fundraiser to Feature Fashion Under the Stars

The MS Foundation of the Cayman Islands will host their 4th Annual "Pretty on the Outside" fundraiser this weekend, on Saturday 14th March. The cocktail gala style event will be held at Pedro St James, from 6pm onwards.

The MS Foundation of the Cayman Islands was founded by Alyssa Christian in 2016, after being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS) herself the previous year. Alyssa became aware of the large community of MS patients in Cayman and knew something needed to be done.

"Support is crucial, both financially and emotionally, to not only MS patients but to their families as well." Ms. Christian said.

"The MS Foundation is committed to not only providing the support needed to patients, but to spreading awareness about the disease. Currently, there is no cure for MS. It is a lifelong disease. We hope one day for a cure, but until then, we will remain MS strong and continue to support our local community of patients and their families."

The stylish event will feature a silent auction with designer handbags by Louise & Eleanor and bow ties by Barry Beaux up for grabs, as well as an array of prizes donated by local supporters.

All proceeds from the event, silent auction and 50/50 raffle, will benefit the



► Guests at the 2019 event

MS Foundation of the Cayman Islands and support their mission to help local patients gain access to vital medical care and wellness support.

Event tickets are available to purchase for CI\$100 per person at www.eventproky.com and include a welcome cocktail and

canapes throughout the night. Tickets for the 50/50 raffle in aid of the MS Foundation can also be purchased online at Event Pro. For more information on the MS Foundation of the Cayman Islands, visit facebook.com/msfcayman or contact info@msfcayman.com.



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► MS Foundation Founder Alyssa Christian with Host Jason Howard and Vice Chair Cheryl Birch

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All proceeds in aid of Parish Religious Education & Youth Ministry.

GUYANA IN TURMOIL

A court in Guyana on Sunday upheld an injunction preventing the Guyana Elections Commission(GECOM) from declaring a winner from the country's controversial and delayed general election on Monday 2nd March.

In the interim, the court will review a case which alleges extensive fraud in the elections especially the GECOM'S counting and declaration of victory to the governing coalition.

The elections commission had gone ahead and announced a victory in the crucial Region Four constituency, one of the largest, which tipped the balance in favour of the ruling coalition led by the People's National Congress(PNC) of ex-army general David Granger, despite challenges by the opposition.

Claiming that the GECOM is independent of political interference, Mr Granger is 'sticking to his guns' that his group won the election 'free and fair'.

That is despite doubts expressed about the process by international observers from the Commonwealth,

Caricom, Organisation of American States(OAS) and others.

The coming days are crucial for Guyana.

Hailed across the globe as the next 'big thing' in the all-important global oil sector, Guyana (pop. 800,000 appx) is now mired in a political maelstrom of its own making.

Many the world over have been willing Guyana to be an example of how to successfully manage its transition from relative poverty to regional economic powerhouse and global oil sector player.

But the country is now teetering on the edge of a slippery slope with the risk of descending into a full-blown political and constitutional crisis with the consequential social upheaval.

It lends a troubling truth to what some had feared and many had agonised over; that Guyana could be a victim of its newly found wealth.

On the verge of a remarkable economic transformation, the country now needs to rapidly and deftly navigate its way out of this dilemma to restore confidence that's slowly ebbing if its expected economic miracle does not collapse into hope-destroying political and social chaos.



This constitutional crisis has been brewing for some time and is on the verge of exploding into a messy maelstrom of political - and ethnic - retribution opening up old wounds that never really truly healed.

The general election was originally due by September last year following the collapse of a fragile coalition in December 2018.

The government led by retired army general David Granger won the 2015 polls by a slim margin with his PNC forming a coalition with smaller parties.

In the context of Guyana's election, the profile of the parties is important.

The PNC draws its supports from Guyana's Afro-Caribbean voters while the other main political force, the People's Progressive Party(PPP) has its support base in the country's Indian(Asian) community.

Guyana's population is almost evenly split between descendants of enslaved Africans taken to the country by the British, and Indians who were enticed by the British to Guyana (then British Guiana) as indentured worked following the abolition of slavery.

Guyana's economy then was based on the sugar industry. In the ensuing rice farming, gold and bauxite mining were added.

But it's the recent discovery of massive reserves of oil which holds the promise of putting post-independence Guyana (it became independent in 1966) on a path of economic success.

It's been a delicate balancing act between Guyana's two main ethnic groups which has suffered from serious flare-ups in the past, especially over to politics.

While there has been some degree of political accommodation across racial lines, the 2015 coalition led by the PNC was promoted as a serious attempt at multi-ethnic government.

When that collapsed the ethnic and political differences flared up again amidst a swarm of other contentious issues in which polarising racial tensions seems never to be far from the fore.

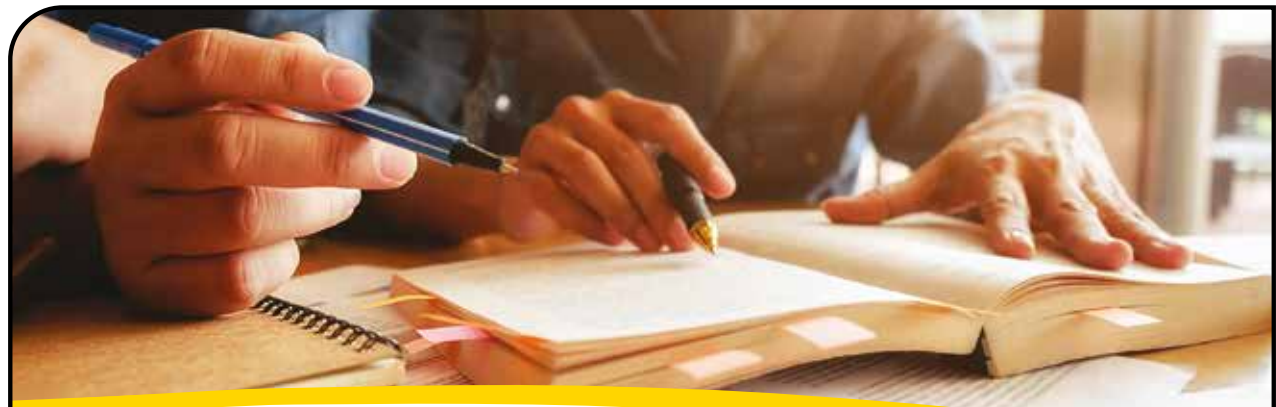
In the midst of all that Guyana found oil...or oil found Guyana...with the promises of 'untold riches' and the promise of an internal economic rebalancing benefit all sectors of its society.

The election campaign for the belated March 2nd poll was fuelled by oil issues.

The opposition PPP wants to renegotiate the PNC-led government's deal with Exxon the main oil investor over concerns that Guyana was outmanoeuvred by the oil-industry savvy Exxon.

But it's really local politics and racial divisions, albeit now played out against an oily sheen, which has led to the current impasse.

Guyana has been here before and it wasn't pretty... and back then oil and the promise huge wealth wasn't a factor.



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To review the General Rules and Guidelines and apply, visit the "Scholarships" page under the "Careers" tab on CUC's Home Page (www.cuc-cayman.com). Click on the "Apply Here" link, complete the appropriate online forms and follow the instructions. Applications must be submitted not later than Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Hard copies will not be accepted.

For more information on these and other scholarship opportunities, please contact CUC's Human Resources & Employee Development Department via e-mail at careers@cuc.ky.



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Raptors proving it was no fluke

The Toronto Raptors, the league's defending champions, have shown this season that the title victory was not a fluke. After Kawhi Leonard left in free agency for Los Angeles Clippers, he created a massive void in Toronto, with shots, minutes, points and responsibility up for grabs. The Raptors had a raft of players hellbent on grabbing it.

"Obviously, with the moves that we made, everything was on the table. Whoever wants to get it can get it," Raptors All-Star forward Pascal Siakam said. "I think that's our mentality. And everyone has it."

Toronto have the second-best record in the East behind the Bucks, and after Milwaukee failed to put them away after having a 2-0 lead in the conference finals last season, the Raptors must believe they are still superior.

Leonard, the Finals MVP, obviously commanded so much credit for the first title in Raptors history. And while it was his team, the team was not vulnerable without him, the coaching staff stressed.

Toronto coach Nick Nurse said he sensed it as soon as the team reconvened, the sparkle from the championship still shining brightly. "We didn't spend much time worrying about what we were losing. We quickly went to what opportunities there would be and for whom," Nurse said. "I kind of felt that when they came back, and it's not college, but they came back to campus like totally different guys — just in their approach, their movement and the confidence."

For the seventh straight year, the Toronto Raptors will be a playoff team. Frankly, nobody expected the Raptors to be in the position they presently find themselves in. Despite injuries crippling the Raptors all season long, their depth has shone through it all.

As prolific as Toronto have looked in the regular season, the playoffs are a different story and bring a whole new set of challenges. The Raptors have benefited from their depth but will need their best players to be in peak form in April,



► Norman Powell has stepped up for the Raptors

May and June if there's any chance of a repeat of last year's parade.

Pascal Siakam is in the role Leonard used to fill. A matchup with the Miami Heat will pose a lot of questions to Spicy P, and it's still unclear if he has all the answers. Fred VanVleet and Norman Powell have moved up the offensive hierarchy.

Siakam, who was selected last season's most improved player, moved from brilliant to great as smoothly as one of his spin moves. His scoring has jumped to 23.6 points a game from 16.9 while he's taken twice as many three-point shots per game as he did last season.

VanVleet, who rebounded from a rough start last postseason to finish the year as one of the hottest players in the league, has excelled as a full-time starter, his scoring, minutes, rebounds, assists and steals higher than they've ever

been. Then there's Norman Powell, the former UCLA Bruin, who led Toronto with 37 points in spoiling Stephen Curry's return to action in Golden State last Thursday. Powell has almost doubled his scoring average, going from streaky scorer to consistent contributor.

"I definitely saw an opportunity. And, I wanted to seize it," Powell said. "I would do anything I could to show that they could trust me and that I could take advantage of the opportunity. We loved it."

The Raptors have done it without a healthy roster, with almost every key player missing at least 10 games. They were missing a pair of starters in VanVleet and Marc Gasol against the Warriors and it never felt like a factor.

Yes, Milwaukee are the in-form team, but the tremendous collective spirit the Raptors have demonstrated means they should can't be written off. 🌐



► Pascal Siakam has filled in the role left by Leonard

LeBron won't play in empty arenas over virus

The NBA wants its teams to prepare to play games without fans if necessary, because of the coronavirus crisis, but LeBron James immediately said he won't play basketball in an empty arena.

The league circulated a memo to its teams Friday telling them to prepare in case it becomes necessary to play games without fans or media, as sports leagues in Europe have already done.

The memo detailed potential actions that teams might need to take "if it were to become necessary to play a game with only essential staff present."

But when James was asked about that possibility after he scored 37 points in his Los Angeles Lakers' 113-103 win over the league-leading Milwaukee Bucks on Friday night, the NBA's leading active scorer was definitive.

The league had already sent a memo to teams this week offering 10 recommendations to players with hopes of decreasing risks of getting the virus — among them, not taking items such as



► LeBron James feeds off his fans' energy

pens, markers, balls and jerseys from autograph seekers.

"We play games without the fans? Nah, that's impossible," James said. "I ain't playing if I ain't got the fans in the crowd. That's who I play for. I play for my teammates, and I play for the fans. That's what it's all about. So if I show up to an arena and there ain't no fans in there, I ain't playing. They can do what they want to do."

"We play games without the fans? Nah, that's impossible. I ain't playing, if I ain't got the fans in the crowd, that's who I play for." It remains to see if James will not turn out in an empty arena. 🌐

Gayle looks out of World Cup roster

Former West Indies opening batsman Philo Wallace said the West Indies can do without Chris Gayle in this summer's World Cup T20 tournament.

The Windies are defending champions but after seeing the regional side coast to a 2-0 series victory against Sri Lanka, Wallace believes there are players in better form than veteran Gayle who has not played a T20 match for the West Indies for a year.

Since then, the return of Lendl Simmons, the consistency of Evin Lewis and the emergence of Brandon King has worked for the Windies.

"Gayle is 40 years old now, he doesn't move around as swiftly as he used to and I think there is enough depth now in the team that they can move forward without a Chris Gayle," said Wallace on Barbados radio. "The point is that the opening spots are sealed, and the young men are performing, so Gayle finds himself pretty hard to get into the side, to be honest."

Gayle was scheduled to take part in Nepal's Everest T20 league, but the competition was cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The hard-hitting left-hander is still one of the most successful batsmen in T20 cricket with two centuries at an av-



► Lendl Simmons is a seasoned Windies opener

erage of 32.54 and a strike rate of 142.84 for the West Indies. Only current captain Kieron Pollard has played more matches than the 'Universe Boss' in franchise cricket.

The West Indies have a heavy schedule of T20s remaining this year with matches against New Zealand, South Africa and Australia plus the Caribbean Premier League season to come before the World Cup, but Wallace believes that a decision should be made now.

"I respect Chris's record but if you are preparing as a defending champion to win a World Cup, then you should be part of the process leading up to the production. Chris hasn't played for whatever reason, so look, I would stick with this team, add Sunil Narine and the Windies look really strong." 🌐

Adesanya draws boos in title triumph

Israel Adesanya defended his middleweight title with a unanimous decision win over Olympic wrestling medallist Yoel Romero at UFC 248 in Las Vegas.

In a cagey, tactical contest that lacked the excitement many fans anticipated, Nigeria-born New Zealander Adesanya, 30, peppered the 42-year-old Cuban with powerful leg kicks to take victory on the scorecards.

The bout started almost at a complete standstill, with Romero bizarrely static in the middle of the octagon, holding a high guard. The Sydney 2000 freestyle wrestling silver medallist's bizarre style clearly puzzled Adesanya, who struggled to find any openings through the first two rounds.

Adesanya found more rhythm in the second half of the fight, however, scoring consistently with powerful kicks to Romero's lead leg.

Romero's attacks were sporadic, and the judges' scorecards read 48-47, 48-47, 49-46 as Adesanya negotiated his first title defence since winning the belt



► Israel Adesanya remains UFC middleweight champ

against Australian Robert Whittaker in Melbourne last year.

His performance did little to satisfy the crowd, who booed for long spells of the fight. They even booed the champ during the post-fight interview in the octagon.

In the night's co-main event, China's Zhang Weili retained the women's strawweight title with a thrilling points

win over with former champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk.

In a fight contested at an incredible pace throughout, 30-year-old Weili started slightly faster, but the five-round experience Jedrzejczyk, 32, helped her come on strong in the third and fourth.

They threw everything at each other in a blistering fifth round. A huge left hook from Weili appeared to break

Jedrzejczyk's nose, while a big shot from the Pole seemed to briefly wobble Weili.

One judge scored the contest 48-47 to Jedrzejczyk, but the other two scored it 48-47 for Weili, who cemented her spot as the world's top 115lb female fighter after a bout that will live long in the memory. Jedrzejczyk was taken to hospital for supervision and stayed there overnight. 🌐



► Zhang Weili retained the women's strawweight title

Jamaica Expects Tourism Arrivals to Take a Hit From Global Coronavirus Outbreak

Jamaica is expecting that it will see 340,000 fewer tourists than it had projected this year in light of the threat posed by the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) that has triggered travel restrictions across the globe.

Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett told the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives, which is examining the 2020/21 Estimates of Expenditure, that industry projections for Fiscal Year 2020/21 have been revised downward.

Jamaica has issued travel restrictions for Italy, China, South Korea, Singapore and Iran.

"Current global situations require for us to review some of our projected out-turns as well as our market strategy and, perhaps, to cautiously examine where and how we apply the budgetary arrangements with regards to advertising and promotions for the fiscal [year]," he said.

Bartlett informed that the tourism industry's estimated gross earnings in fiscal year 2020/21 are now projected at \$3.69 billion, corresponding with visitor arrivals of 4.26 million, which includes stop over arrivals of 2.73 million and cruise arrivals of 1.53 million.

The previous 2020/21 projections were \$4.25 billion in earnings, with arrivals estimated at 4.6 million, inclusive of stopover arrivals at 2.96 million, and cruise arrivals at 1.65 million.

Bartlett noted that while the industry has grown 5.2 per cent to date for the

2019/20 fiscal year, which is consistent with overall projections, the Government is conscious of the possible impact on bookings as well as aviation activities and the country's capacities if COVID-19 escalates.

"The Budget, this year (2020/21), reflects overall the intention to enable growth. But you would appreciate that this new projection would achieve a flat rate of growth. So we would just be about 1.1 per cent, over last year.

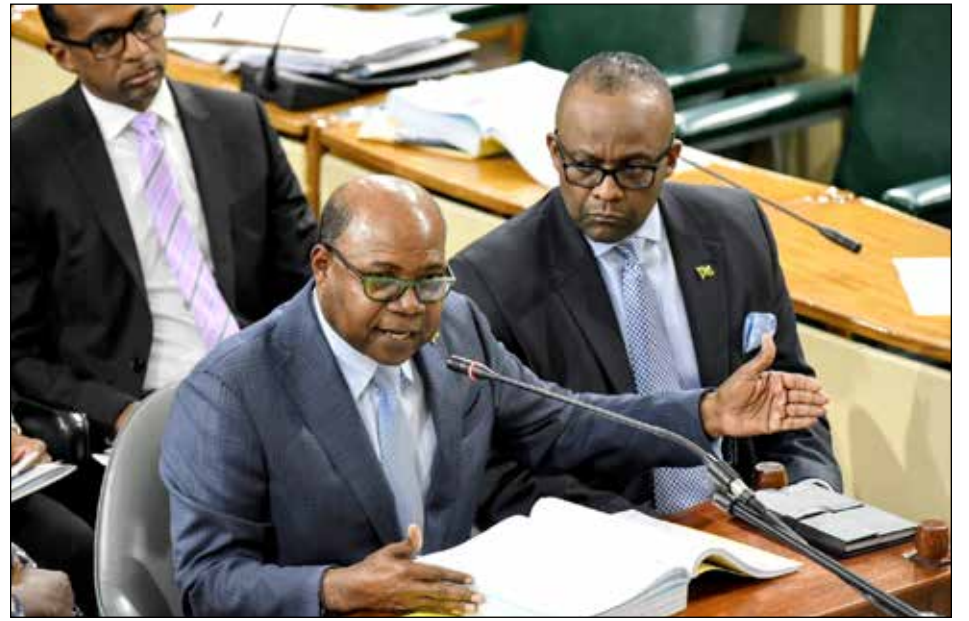
"Our growth will be driven, however, by very judicious market arrangements focusing primarily on our three big markets that are the traditional North American markets and Western Europe... and South America, that we will be putting a new focus on," he said.

The Tourism Minister also disclosed that he will meet with the cruise lines tomorrow, regarding bookings.

"...After which we will have a better sense of how things are looking down the road. We are talking with our partners to make sure that there is consensus on the way forward. The business of ensuring that life continues, despite coronavirus, is a serious one," he said.

Amid health concerns since the outbreak of the virus, cruise lines travelling to Jamaica recently have either been restricted from docking or its passengers prevented from disembarking.

Last week, the MSC Meraviglia was refused entry to Jamaica by the Ministry of Health and Wellness when it was learnt that the vessel, which was head-



► Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett (left) highlights a point while addressing the Standing Finance Committee of the House of Representatives. Beside him is Director of Tourism, Jamaica Tourist Board, Donovan White. (Photo: JIS)

ing to Ocho Rios, St Ann, had a sick quarantined person on board. In addition, Italian passengers were not allowed to disembark the Costa Luminosa of the Carnival Cruise Lines in Ocho Rios.

Bartlett said he will be accompanying Health and Wellness Minister Dr Christopher Tufton, to meet with representatives of both cruise lines.

In the meantime, he informed of the establishment of a steering committee – the Stakeholders Crisis Management Team – which has been working to develop a protocol for how persons are to

conduct themselves in hotels, in light of the COVID-19 threat.

"The tourism industry is being prepared, firstly with public education, so that every single person in the industry is going to be aware of what this Coronavirus is about. We will be using all sorts of public relations [strategies] to get the messages across. It's about educating in terms of hygienic practices...the whole business of washing your hands and ensuring that you don't touch your face, and when you cough what you do," Minister Bartlett said. 🌐

Demand for Caribbean Economic Citizenship Increases as Coronavirus Spreads

CS Global Partners, a London-headquartered government marketing agency specializing in investor immigration, says demand for Citizenship by Investment (CBI) has increased in light of the spread of the new Coronavirus (COVID-19).

And Director Paul Singh says Caribbean islands with CBI programmes are proving to be attractive as demand for citizenship of safer countries grows.

"We work with three Caribbean governments – Dominica, St Kitts and Nevis and St Lucia – promoting their CBI programmes worldwide and assist authorized agents with any enquiries their clients may have regarding obtaining economic citizenship of any of these three countries.

"There has been a significant increase in demand for information on how to obtain second citizenship from the Caribbean specifically, which are known for their experience, faster processing that takes between two to four months, and no residence requirement although this is compensated by tougher due diligence checks," he said, noting that the outbreak



has prompted citizens of affected jurisdictions to look for a plan B.

"Our office in China in particular is reporting that one of the main reasons Chinese applicants are seeking to obtain citizenship by investment now more than ever before is to get their families to safety and security fast."

Noting that entry into countries escalating their border control restrictions depends on where the person has travelled from and does not appear to be based on one's nationality, Singh said: "Fortunately, we have not heard of any nationality-based prejudice at border controls, but those travelling from affected areas may be denied entry in certain countries. Some of them resort to self-quarantining for 14 days in a connecting country before entering the more restrictive jurisdictions."

The virus is now spreading more rapidly outside China, where it was first detected in December 2019.

With thousands of cases now being reported globally, the disease is rapidly approaching pandemic status and the World Health Organization has declared it a global health emergency.

As of yesterday, COVID-19 cases were confirmed in more than 70 countries outside China. So far, more than 94,000 people have contracted the virus and at least 3,278 have died. 🌐

Bahamas Gov't Sells Troubled Resort, Promises Thousands of Jobs from Redevelopment

The redevelopment of the troubled Grand Lucayan properties and cruise port in Grand Bahama is expected to create 3,000 direct and indirect jobs and additional employment opportunities for Bahamians.

Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis spoke about the jobs to come earlier this week at the Heads of Agreement signing ceremony for the project, which represents an investment of US\$300 million by Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCCL) and ITM (Bahamas Port Investments Ltd.). The two are partnering in the project after purchasing the Grand Lucayan from the Government.

In 2016, Hurricane Matthew caused parts of the Grand Lucayan to be shut down and the property to be subsequently taken over by the government. In September 2018, the Minnis administration made a controversial move and bought the resort to save the jobs of Grand Bahamians and businesses.

Minister of Tourism Dionisio D'Aguiar explained that the investors have now purchased it for US\$50 million, but in addition to the insurance payout for damages incurred when Hurricane Dorian devastated Grand Bahama and Abaco last September, "it will balance out at \$65 million" – the same price for which government purchased it.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Prime Minister Minnis said that "after many false dawns, there is an exciting new horizon for our second most populous island and economic centre".

"Both the Government and the developer are investing in the future and possibilities of Grand Bahama.... The developer shared their vision of reinventing the tourism product for land-based



► Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCCL) and ITM (Bahamas Port Investments Ltd.) are partnering in the project after purchasing the Grand Lucayan from the Government

guests arriving by air and those arriving by cruise and ferry ships with a distinctive Bahamian flavour and characteristics."

He added that the investment "will go a long way in revitalizing Grand Bahama, with myriad economic and employment opportunities for more Grand Bahamians".

Benefits from the project will also include capital investment, employment opportunities for Bahamian workers in the tourism and construction industries, increased commerce for local businesses in the Port Lucaya Market Place and beyond; taxi drivers and tour operations; and increased revenue to enable the Government to support infrastructural programmes, said the Prime Minister.

Training programs for Bahamians will be available through the RCCL Training Academy, and many opportunities for small businesses and Bahamian entrepreneurs, including the producers of a wide variety of products.

"With Grand Bahama's proximity to the large Florida market, in particular, this investment will promote sustainable economic growth and development on Grand Bahama," said Prime Minister Minnis. "This investment will also expand the experience for cruise passengers to The Bahamas."

Elements of the project include Harbour Village, which is the enhancement and expansion of the cruise port area, featuring three additional berths, retail space, a beach and wellness area as well as shore excursions.

The Lucaya Property will include a 526-room hotel, retail space, 40,000 square-foot convention centre, water and adventure park and other amenities.

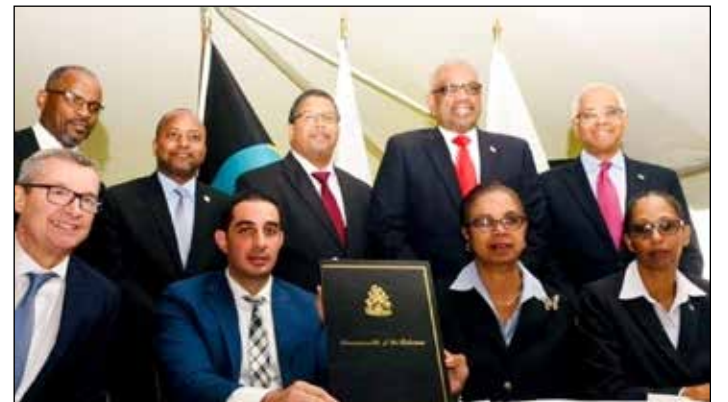
A multi-modal transportation hub is expected to improve the infrastructure in and to Grand Bahama for water ferries and additional ground transportation, and new shore excursions featuring local businesses are also part of the development.

The construction of the Harbour Village and Lucaya Property is expected to take 24 months.

Prime Minister Minnis took the opportunity at the signing ceremony to again defend his government's decision to buy the Grand Lucayan properties back in 2018, saying that they played a vital role in the economic life of Grand Bahama for many years.

"Because of this vital role, my Government took the tough, and in some quarters, unpopular decision to temporarily purchase the property. We did so in order to save jobs. We did so to ensure the survival of a number of businesses dependent on tourism in general and the Grand Lucayan in particular. Given the economic situation in Grand Bahama, we could not in good conscience allow the full closure of the property," he explained.

"As we stated at the time, it was our intention to privatize the property as quickly as possible. We wanted to ensure that we found the right buyer who shared our vision for the renewal of Grand Bahama." 🌐



► Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis (standing, second right) said the multi-million dollar investment "will go a long way in revitalizing Grand Bahama, with myriad economic and employment opportunities for more Grand Bahamians." (BIS Photo)

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 New York area
- 5 Elegance
- 10 Some signs
- 12 Studio work
- 13 Floppy top
- 14 Conjecture
- 15 Swelled head
- 16 Plunder
- 18 Unpredictable
- 20 Golf need
- 21 Related
- 23 Blunder
- 24 Fibula or femur
- 26 Vaulted area
- 28 Puppy sound
- 29 Identical
- 31 Cain's mother
- 32 Western spread
- 36 Kidnap costs
- 39 Bunny move
- 40 Musical chord
- 41 Refrain bit
- 43 Special jargon
- 44 Canvas holder
- 45 Raring to go
- 46 Base meal

DOWN

- 1 Very serious
- 2 Last Greek letter
- 3 Wading bird
- 4 Counting start
- 5 "Let's go!"
- 6 Cuts off
- 7 Flies
- 8 Heartfelt
- 9 Harry Potter's position in Quidditch
- 11 Coxswain's count
- 17 French friend

DECA	FS	CRAB
ARABIC	HERO	
MANILA	ASTO	
	DENALI	
LURE	SEDAN	
EVE	AUSTERE	
GUT	BRA	NEW
ALIMONY	CAT	
LACED	BESS	
	ENERGY	
SAND	ERRATA	
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DYED	OWNERS	

Yesterday's answer

- 19 Writer Brown
- 22 Yoga studio
- 24 Munich setting
- 25 Theater event
- 27 Signing need
- 28 Seuss title character
- 30 Radius setting
- 33 Pursue
- 34 Swiss cheese feature
- 35 Milky stones
- 37 Cook's mint
- 38 Smell
- 42 Zodiac animal

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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Word Search

- Aegina
- Athens
- Boeotia
- Chios
- Corfu
- Corinth
- Crete
- Delos
- Euboea
- Heraklion
- Larisa
- Lesbos
- Levkas
- Mytilini
- Nauplia
- Naxos
- Patras
- Phocis
- Rhodes
- Salonika
- Samos
- Sparta
- Volos
- Zakynthos

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

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

Have fun
with
CAYMANIAN
TIMES

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

YOUR MOTHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN A GOOD COOK! SHE COULD COOK FOR OPRAH!

BUT SHE'S COOKIN' A NEW RECIPE FROM A COOKBOOK! WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE IT?

YOU SIT YOUR BEHIND AT THE TABLE AND WHEN YOUR PLATE COMES YOU'D BETTER SMILE LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO WIN THE B-E-T AWARDS!!

THREATS MEAN SO MUCH MORE WHEN THEY'RE WHISPERED!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

THIS IS DECIDEDLY NOT A GOOD PLACE FOR ONE WITH A FEAR OF HEIGHTS. BUT AT LAST, THE ULTIMATE PRIZE IS NEARLY WITHIN MY GRASP!

WHILE... LOOK, LADY, IT'D HELP IF I KNEW EXACTLY WHERE WE'RE GOIN'!

YOU AND ME BOTH, CABBIE! BUT THE SPIDER TRACER INDICATES WE'RE GETTING CLOSER...

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

AFTER SEVERAL DAYS OF SEARCHING, WE HAVE YET TO FIND MR. RODGERS. IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT HE EITHER DROWNED DURING AN EARLY MORNING SWIM OR MET WITH FOUL PLAY AT THE BEACH.

"WE ALSO BELIEVE HIS WIFE, MARIE RODGERS, WAS THE LAST PERSON TO SEE HIM ALIVE. SHE IS CURRENTLY IN POLICE CUSTODY."



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