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By Christopher Tobutt



▶ Matthew and Mark and their paintings

Red Sky at Night, on the grounds of the Harquail Theatre is unique on the Cayman culture calendar. Where else can you see expressions of just about every single facet of human creativity, from paintings, to dance to music, storytelling film and drama? Produced by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation, Red Sky is an incredibly popular anchor event for Cayfest, the Cayman Islands National Festival of the Arts. There are so many artists and so many displays crammed into such a small space, it is really impossible to try to describe all that goes on. There's traditional music, more modern reggae bands, solo musicians, and many different kinds of dance, offering amazingly energetic con-

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EDITORIAL

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

By Basil Springer

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.” - Proverbs 3:5

The leadership charged with the authority to govern a country or organization (policy, actions, outcomes) is responsible

for introducing best practices to achieve sustainable success.

In the 21st century, leaders have the resources of people (body, mind, soul), machines and businesses at their disposal.

If these resources are nourished well, the synergistic impact of their added value will lead to very positive outcomes; other-

wise, the achievement of sustainable success will be frustrated. Let us address the nutrition of these resources in turn.

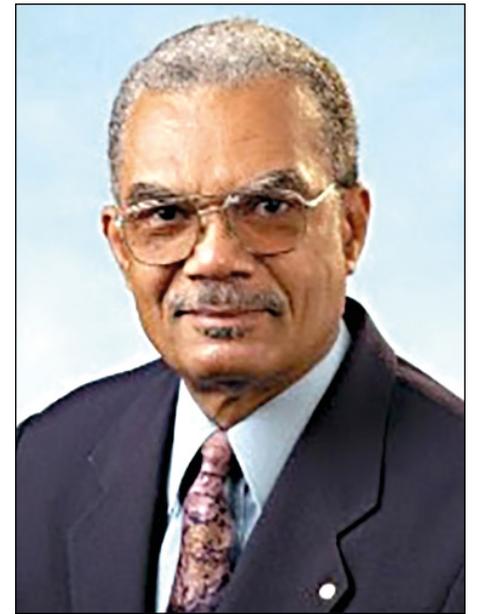
Human beings are our most important resource. A balanced diet of good food, sleep, exercise, peace of mind and hugs is the recommended menu to give us the energy to achieve our full potential.

Recently, I found that my energy levels were lower than I had experienced a year ago when I comfortably passed an executive medical checkup. What is the matter? Is it the COVID-19 shut-in environment, am I mentally stressed, is it a diabetic, prostate, cardiac or other problem?

I went for my biannual preventive medical checkup with my general practitioner. The assessment? Ageing, cabin fever, dehydration, belly fat, weakening leg veins, interrupted sleep, irregular pulse rate. The advice? Pace yourself, positive thinking, drink more water, regular outdoor aqua and walking exercise, reduce sugar laden snacking, semiannual blood tests, regular blood sugar and blood pressure monitoring, compressed stockings, sleep regulation, ECG. We must all feed and monitor our physical bodies and contribute proportionately to the national pool of energy.

The human mind needs to be stimulated so that it too can achieve its full potential. It must be continually fed with knowledge on the journey in search of wisdom. My partner and I have just resuscitated a daily practice of reading inspirational books together. This has been very stimulating and a foil against the impact of cabin fever. Let us continually feed our minds and contribute to the national pool of wisdom.

The challenge of life is about finding solutions for a continuing wave of problems. Some problems may be solved in the five sensory space (sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch) but for others we need to shift to the soul in a multisensory spiritual space. May I remind you of renowned author Wayne Dyer’s book “There’s a Spiritual Solution to Every Problem” and the biblical verse “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; lean not unto thine own understanding”. God is Love and love is the



► Dr. Basil Springer GCM is a Change-Engine Consultant

food of the soul. Let us feed our souls with love and become naturally empowered to expedite the national problem-solving process.

The industrial (machines) and information (computers and internet) revolutions have increased the productivity of the human being. Let us continue to feed energy (preferably the renewable variety) to these devices and contribute to the national pool of efficiency.

Lastly, there are businesses with diverse value propositions which invest money, create jobs, market/deliver their products and services, and generate profits from which they pay taxes to governments. Governments in turn deliver regulatory and service functions to the populace. This demonstrates the circular flow of money in a society. Let us continue to feed a diet of sound management to businesses and governments, to generate profits and inspire user-friendly enabling environments, respectively.

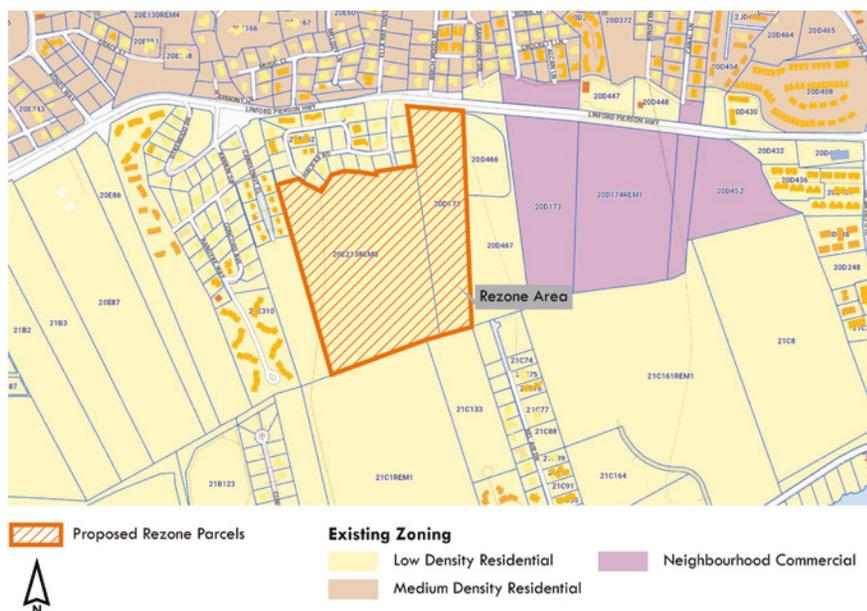
As we navigate out of the pandemic, it is important to feed our efforts with a sensible diet, which produces good health, good governance, and lasting sustainability.

- Feed the **Body** a balanced diet → Energy
- Feed the **Mind** knowledge → Wisdom
- Feed the **Soul** love → Solutions
- Feed **Machines** energy → Efficiency
- Feed **Businesses** management → Profitability

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR ALTERATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1997

The Central Planning Authority (CPA) is considering a request for alteration to the Development Plan 1997 (RZ20-0007) for the following: Block 20D Parcel 171 and Block 20E Parcel 213REM3 from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential. These parcels are located to the south of the Linford Pierson Highway.



The electronic file can be inspected at the Department of Planning, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal must do so in writing within 60 days of the final advertisement (March 10th 2021) or by May 9th 2021. Please remit all correspondence to the attention of the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, KY1-9000 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; or by email to planning.dept@gov.ky. CPA meeting minutes pertaining to this application can be found on the Department’s website at www.planning.ky (Meeting CPA/03/21; Item 3.3)

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► A table full of pepper sauce



► Rose May Ebanks and her beautiful thatch work



► Tiffany Connolly and her art work

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temporary dance, Caymanian quadrille dancing, and classical ballet dancing displays. But the focus is always on the Caribbean, and really, the Cayman Islands. Taken as a whole, it is a showcase of what makes, and has made, the Caymanian spirit strong, always creative, and always ready to try new things and adapt.

Walking through all the vendors on the way to the theatre and live performance stage is like walking through a magical, enchanted marketplace. There, artists and local artisans and craftspeople show, and sell their wares. Mark and Matthew Ebanks – two artist brothers, had their beautiful, bright colorful paintings of all

kinds of Caymanian landscapes, seascapes and wildlife on display. There were turtles, deep blue iguanas, blue and green parrots. The brothers have both been avid artists since their primary school days, and their work just keeps getting better and better. Rose May Ebanks learned the art of weaving silver thatch leaves into beautiful baskets, hats, and exquisite bags from her mother, and they were all on display. Further along you will find mixtures of traditional art & craft, mixed with contemporary ideas.

Tiffany Connolly is the owner of Piece of Paradise: “I do a range of artwork word work, I make resin coasters, caddies, and I make KY dominoes that can all be made in custom colors. I embed the Cayman Is-



► Artist Donovan at work



► Zeta Bodden and the Remember When house

lands and its history into all of my pieces,” she said as she held up a lovely collage of a Cayman beach: “Its 3D effect because of the resin and I use real Cayman sand,” she said.

A very young and very talented musician, Sean Moran, 13, played two songs on the guitar. His style, a mixture between folk-classical fingerpicking and rhythmic strumming, was unique and beautiful, with thoughtful words and haunting melodies. His first song, entitled 2016, was all about his grandma who passed away he said, and then there was another beautiful song called Pink Sky. “When are you most creative? The MC asked him, “Late at night when your parents tell you to go to bed, or is it first thing in the morning on the way to school? She asked. “I don’t know

but sometimes you get an urge to create things, so you start playing and it pieces together bit by bit,” he explained.

Mas Azúcar is a Latin-themed dance group, with high energy and high passion. They whirled and spun and amazed everyone with their energy, poise and grace. Next came Soraya and her dance partner, with Dances of the World. Again, it was a beautiful flurry of energy and passion.

At the back of the Harquail Theatre all the different food vendors gave visitors a taste of Caribbean food, as the smell of fish and fritters and frying festival filled the air. There were heavy cakes on sale too. And don’t forget the wonderful fireworks display that lit up the sky, making it not just red, but green, gold, blue, orange and purple, too. Red Sky, as usual was a real treat.



► Sean Moran



► Soraya and Dances of the World



► Mas Azucar dance group

Johann Moxam for George Town North

Local businessman Johann Moxam announced Friday that he intends to stand as an independent candidate in the upcoming April election for the constituency of George Town North.

"Cayman is at a crossroads. The choices we make in the upcoming election will chart the course of our future for the next decade. I am putting myself forward as a candidate to help create a better Cayman for all, one that reflects the diversity of our community; a Cayman guided by the values of honesty, integrity, accountability, transparency, equal opportunities and respect for all Caymanians."

Moxam explained that in his view the status quo and the current administration work primarily for a select few while the most Caymanians live with real consequences of the expensive mistakes and the inconsistent decisions of a Government that has lost connection with the majority. Moxam believes that the divide between the have and have nots continues to grow. He said the existing Government policies are unsustainable, including the race to a population of 100,000 which he believes will only serve to exacerbate the social issues and inequality. As a result,

there is growing frustration and despair amongst working class families, young Caymanians and those not part of the political elite.

Moxam promised to share his concerns and proposed solutions to the most pressing issues during the course of the campaign.

"The time for excuses and rewarding incompetence is over. The time for malicious, spiteful politics and lies is over; it's over for cronyism, conflicts of interest and rewarding systemic corruption. It's time for elected leaders to be champions of the truth, accountability and transparency. I am ready to do my part in front line politics because Cayman deserves better," he added.

Moxam challenged all voters, especially those in George Town North, to carefully examine the track record of each candidate and to elect the best candidate to become their MP. "George Town North deserves leadership which can be trusted to do the right thing, to represent the views of the majority of the constituency and not merely represent the interests of friends, families and financiers of election campaigns," he added.



"We must raise the standards for leadership, as citizens we have to raise our expectations of leadership. Cayman Deserves Better," he concluded.

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Andre Ebanks declares candidacy for West Bay South

André Ebanks, former Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe, has officially declared his candidacy as an independent for West Bay South in the upcoming April general election for the Cayman Islands.

Mr Ebanks said he would run because he believed the country was at a crossroads.

"I see division in many levels of society where there should be collaboration and harmony. I am standing because I want to

close the divide and put in place the best plan for the people of West Bay South and the Cayman Islands - not only for now but for future generations, benefitting all Caymanians," he said.

"My campaign will focus on the issues that truly impact the everyday lives of Caymanians - reducing the cost of living, improving living standards, employment for Caymanians, prioritised gender equality, enhanced human services and a fit-for-purpose educational system.

"To address these important issues my focus will be on securing a strong economy through protecting and promoting financial services, kickstarting innovation and alternative industries to achieve a more diverse economy, and supporting tourism so, that when the time is right, we can re-open our borders safely.

"I will look to advancing a sustainability agenda - balancing the development necessary for progress with the needs of our environment," Mr Ebanks said.

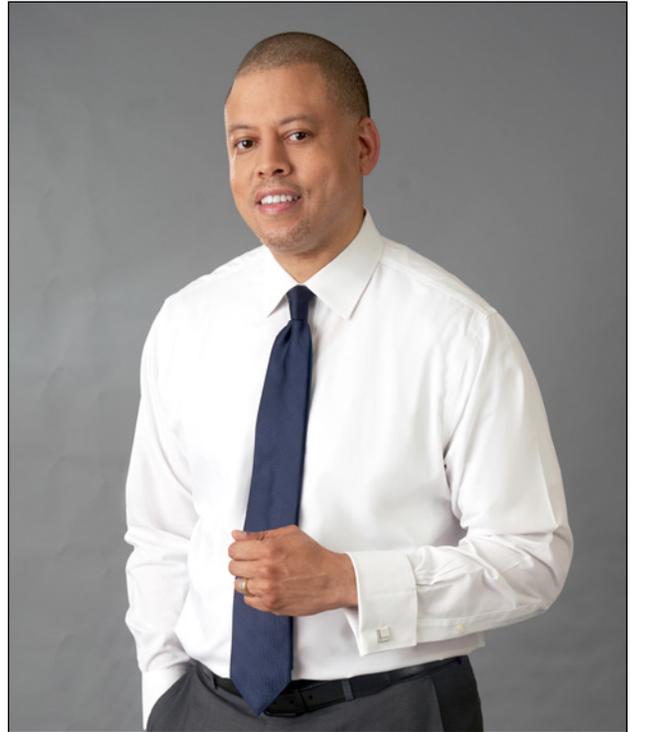
Mr Ebanks has served for the past seven years in various roles in the public sector, including the past nearly two years as the Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe.

"In this role I represented our country's political, policy and regulatory affairs, I managed relations between sister Overseas Territories and the UK Foreign Office, promoted business development, and assisted Caymanians in the UK and Europe with a wide range of matters.

"I am a qualified lawyer with an international perspective who has helped the Cayman Islands navigate significant issues of global importance such as Brexit, the EU tax list, and of course the Covid-19 pandemic.

"On top of the strain of the pandemic, Cayman is about to face further headwinds with the recent addition of these islands to the FATF grey list and spectre of further black lists, my education, professional qualifications and experience are well suited to assisting the country through these challenging times," Mr Ebanks said.

Prior to his role leading the Cayman Islands UK office, he was Deputy Chief Officer in the Cayman Islands Ministry of Community Affairs which was principally responsible for the Department of Children and Family Services, the Needs Assessment Unit and the Gender Affairs Unit, and before that, Senior Legislative Policy



Advisor in the Cayman Islands Ministry of Financial Services.

Mr Ebanks has also served on various statutory boards and organisations in the community, including youth mentoring organisation 'Generation NOW', the Human Rights Committee, the Gender Equality Tribunal and Cayman Airways.

Prior to joining the civil service, Mr Ebanks worked in the Investment Funds Practice Group of Walkers (Cayman), where he specialised in investment fund formation, restructurings, liquidations, general corporate and regulatory matters.

Mr Ebanks is the son of Attlee Ebanks of West Bay. He is married to a senior civil servant and together they have two children. He has a B.A. in Sociology from Morgan State University, obtained his LLB from the Truman Bodden Law School, and has a Masters in Legal Practice from Manchester Metropolitan University. In 2005 he was called to the Bar of England and Wales by the Middle Temple, and in 2006 called to the Cayman Islands Bar.

"My goal is to shape policies and make decisions that will help Cayman prosper for the benefit of all Caymanians," Mr Ebanks said.



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Former Minister Opens Office Ahead of General Election

The official Office opening for the West Bay North political candidate for the Cayman Islands 2021 General Election, Mr. Rolston Anglin was held on Thursday 25th February.

Mr. Anglin served in the Legislative Assembly from 2000 to 2013 and was a Minister with responsibility for Education during the last four years of his Parliamentary tenure.

He spoke exclusively with the Caymanian Times during the launch of his new office and explained the importance of having an office in the Constituency.

"This office is going to be the only office in the West Bay North, as the current representative does not have one," he remarked; referring to his opponent in the race - incumbent, Mr. Bernie Bush.

A former member of the now dissolved United Democratic Party (UDP), Mr. Anglin is running as an independent in this year's General Election but noted that he and the

UDP Founder, the Honourable McKeeva Bush would be working closely together.

"For me it's about coming back and showing what leadership and representation look like," noted Mr. Anglin, who added, "It's about people not politics".

He explained that his time off from politics had given him time to reflect and that he felt he was now at a point to serve and hit the ground running.

Mr. Anglin's office actually sits on the border for West Bay West, where Captain Eugene Ebanks and Mr. McKeeva Bush have an office.

"I searched and searched to find this place and it was not easy to find a spot to set up this office; believe me," he explained, adding that though he was previously a Minister, he wished to serve in whatever capacity he could at this time.

Former Premier and West Bay, West Member of Parliament, the Honourable McKeeva Bush, who was on hand for the opening of the office, shared his thoughts on his former political running mate re-joining the fray.

"I'm glad Rolston is coming back. He gave up a lot to run in the first instance. At the time in 2000 when he entered political life, he was a junior partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers.

"He is very capable and got a lot done for West Bay and the Country."

Mr. Bush expressed his pleasure at the office being opened and noted a measure of disappointment that there was currently no office for West Bay North.

"The current MP gave up his office, despite being paid to have one," he said, elaborating to say that he was very optimistic that Mr. Anglin would be successful in his bid to represent the people of West Bay.

"The Country is facing some serious times. Right now we do not have our tourism industry. The only industry that is functioning is our financial sector and as you know, as soon as we clear one hurdle they move the goal post."

Mr. Bush also commented on his personal aspirations with regard to the up-



► Former Education Minister Rolston Anglin opened his office ahead of the upcoming General Election campaign



► Former Speaker of the House and Cayman Islands Premier from 2009 to 2013, the Honourable McKeeva Bush joined Rolston Anglin for the opening of his political office in the District of West Bay North

coming elections and what role he wished to play in the post election Parliamentary framework.

"I would like to be the Speaker again but even if I am not, I will continue to work for the people, as I have for 36 years.

"We have to focus on the family and providing opportunities for people. Expectations are very high and lots of people want so much but don't want to see change. At the same time, proper infrastructure is needed and a paradigm shift is also needed," noted Mr. Bush.

He said the crux of any progress would hinge on focusing on development and stabilising Caymanian families.

In addition to his time as Premier, Mr. Bush served as the Speaker of the House from 2017 to 2021 and is the longest serving member in the Cayman Islands' Parliament with over 36 years in Public Office.



Response to Human Rights Commission Statement on Quarantined Electors

The Elections Office welcomes the support of the Human Rights Commission in our efforts to find a suitable resolution that will safely permit electors isolating or quarantining on Election Day to exercise their right to vote.

"The safety and well-being of electors, Election Office staff and the general community is a critical consideration. We are optimistic that we will be able to implement acceptable public health protocols that would allow specially trained election workers in suitable personal protective equipment to poll individuals in isolation or quarantine through the already established mobile voting provision," said the Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell.

Individuals who are not isolating or quarantining but are still unable to cast their ballot in person at a polling station on Election Day are encouraged to apply for postal or mobile voting depending on whether they will be on- or off-island.

Electors who will be or are likely to be off-island on Election Day are encouraged to apply for postal voting. Applications are being accepted and the first dispatch of postal ballots will be on or before 11 March. The deadline for postal voting applications is 6 April.

Mobile voting applications are being accepted for electors who will be on-island but are unable or are likely to be unable to go in person to the polling station on

Election Day. You may qualify for mobile voting if:

- You are or are likely to be in a hospital, rest home or other similar institution on Election Day or because you are a geriatric at home
- You are blind or have any other physical incapacity and are unable to go in person to the polling station or unable to go unaided
- You are unable to go in person to the polling station because of the general nature of your occupation, service or employment
- You are working on Election Day (e.g. polling staff, police, medical personnel etc.)

The deadline for mobile voting applications is also 6 April.



Postal and mobile voting application forms are available at elections.ky and can be emailed to office@elections.ky or delivered in person to the Elections Office.

Individuals seeking nominations are reminded that it is an offence for a candidate or the agent of a candidate to fill out or witness a mobile or postal voting application form.

POLICE NEWS

Officers Carry Out Traffic Operations within the West Bay District

Officers from the West Bay Police Station, Community Policing Unit and Traffic Roads Policing Unit have been carrying out increased traffic enforcement operations in the West Bay District in response to growing community concerns about speeding and unsafe driving practices.

Speaking on the operations Inspector Lloyd Marriott District Commander of the West Bay Police Station said "This operation is not just one of enforcement but also for our officers to gathering information on how to make the communities and roadways in West Bay safer to traverse and live," He continued, "Our goal is to continue working with and for our communities towards making Cayman safer and this operation was developed because we listened to the community's concerns and acted accordingly. The West Bay District can look out for similar projects to be carried out with the assistance of our partners, both internally and externally."

The operation which began on 7 February and continued throughout that week,



saw officers over the period issuing over 80 tickets to drivers within the district. Of those, 49 tickets were issued for speeding and 15 were for failing to comply with traffic signs/signals.

The RCIPS would like to remind the public to be vigilant and attentive when driving on the roadways, especially during school zones. Some safe driving tips to consider are found on our website here. Acting Superintendent Brad Ebanks stated, "As we continue our efforts to keep our roads safe to travel, we encourage all road users to do their parts as well."

Second Man Charged in Relation to Drug Interdiction (21 May 2020)

Police have now received and registered six charges against a second man in relation to a drug interdiction incident that took place on 21 May 2020 in the area of Spotts Beach on Shamrock Road. The charges being presented to the court in relation to the matter are as follows:

- 2 Counts of Possession of an unlicensed Firearm.
- Possession of an unlicensed Firearm (ammunitions).
- Being concerned in the importation of Ganja.
- Being concerned in the possession of Ganja with the intent to supply.
- Illegal landing (Knowingly assisted).

A 50-year-old-man of George Town was scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday 2 March to answer these charges.

Just after 5AM on Thursday, 21 May 2020, police officers were on patrol when they came upon a Jamaican style canoe in the Spotts Beach area of Shamrock Road. A search of the location was conducted and several packages were located and seized by police.

The packages contained suspected ganja and two handguns, along with live rounds of ammunition.



The police immediately initiated a search for the crew of the vessel that was found, which had apparently landed illegally. Just after 11AM that morning, a 46-year-old man from Jamaica was located and arrested on suspicion of illegal landing, importation of an unlicensed firearm and other firearm related offenses, as well as being concerned in the importation of ganja and other drug related offenses.

On Saturday, 23 May, the Jamaican National arrested in relation to this incident was formally charged for 2 Counts of Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Possession of Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition), Being Concerned in the Importation of Ganja, Being Concerning in the Supply of Ganja and Landing in the Cayman Islands without Specific Permission by an Officer.

RCIPS Appeal for Drivers not to Drink and Drive

The RCIPS would like to remind the public to do the right thing and not drink and drive. Last month, over 20 persons have been arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol (DUI). Of these arrests, officers have found that persons have provided breath tests that are considerably over the limit of .100, in one case over .300.

Traffic officers will be extra vigilant during their patrols, especially at nights and weekends, as part of our continued efforts to deter persons from drinking and driving. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead and seek alternative means of getting around when out drinking.

RCIPS take a zero-tolerance approach to persons who drive under the influence and contravene of the Cayman Islands Traffic Law. Anyone, on conviction of a first offence of DUI is liable to a fined of \$1000 and disqualified for a minimum of 12 months. You may also be subject to 6 months imprisonment. These penalties increase if you have been convicted previously for DUI.



"We have lost too many lives to the misuse of the roadways in the Cayman Islands, specifically to DUI and speeding," says Acting Superintendent Brad Ebanks in charge of Uniform and Specialist Operations, "Let us consider our loved ones in our decisions and do the right thing by not drinking and driving. If we all do our part we can significantly reduce the risks to ourselves and others. Drive Safely Cayman Islands."

Two Men Received Stab Wounds During Altercation in Bodden Town

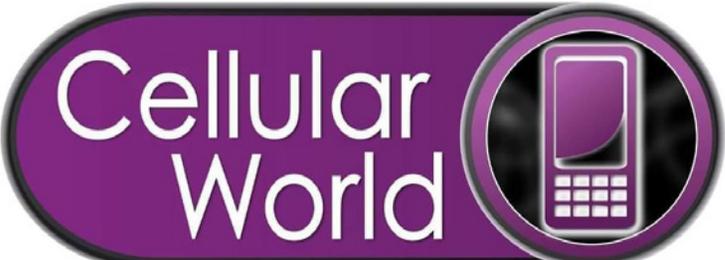
Just after 6PM on Saturday 27 February, police were dispatched to a report of a stabbing incident that took place at a residence in the North Sound Estate area of Bodden Town.

It was reported that a group friends were gathered at the location when a physical altercation developed amongst three of the men who were visiting the location. This resulted in two of men receiving stab wounds. The injured men were transported to the

Cayman Islands Hospital by another male who was present, in a private vehicle, where they are currently undergoing treatment for what is believed to be serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

A 26-year-old-man was arrested on suspicion of assault GBH in relation to the incident and is being held in custody pending further investigation.

The incident is being investigated by the police.



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► Civil service personnel show support for CNCF's Dress for Culture Day Friday on the steps of the Government Administration Building (Photo by Bina Mani, GIS)

Dress for Culture Day Marked

Civil Servants show support for the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) by par-

ticipating in its annual *Dress for Culture Day* (Friday, 26 February 2021).

The CNCF is promoting the Day across the Cayman Islands to showcase the 135-plus na-

tionalties on the three islands as well as to raise funds for CNCF's programmes. These include its

Youth Art programme, *Gimistory*, *Rundown*, *Red Sky at Night* and *CayFest*.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Honouring Women Month 2021 Calendar

The Family Resource Centre's Honouring Women Month events in March are as follows:

- Thursday, 4 March - Queen's Gambit Chess Competition, Silver Palm Lounge - Ritz-Carlton, 6pm
- Friday, 5 March - Running for Safety Book Launch, Luca Restaurant, 5pm
- Saturday, 6 - Squash+Wine+Shop, South Sound Squash Club, 5.45pm
- Sunday, 7 - International Women's Day Brunch, Kimpton Seafire, 11am
- Monday, 8 - Dress for a Cause, Government Administration Building, 9am
- Thursday, 11 - Trivia Night, Fidel Murphy's, 7pm



- Sunday, 14 - Colour Me Purple Walk/Run, SafeHaven, 6:30am
 - Saturday, 20 - Workout and Wellness, Camana Bay, 9am
 - Tuesday, 23 - Raising Resilient Girls Parenting Zoom Session, 6pm
 - Wednesday, 24 - Positivity Plaque Glazing Class, 3 Girls and a Kiln, 6pm
 - Saturday, 27 - BPW Afternoon Tea, Ritz-Carlton, 2pm
 - Sunday, 28 - HWM Church Service, Elmslie Memorial Church, 10am
 - Monday, 29 - Women in Hospitality, The Kitchen at Fidel Murphys, 6pm
- For further information, or to register call the FRC at 949-0006, email frc@gov.ky, or visit FamilyResourceCentre.com or www.frc.gov.ky

Social Work Month 2021 Calendar

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is hosting the following events on all three islands during Social Work Month in March:

- Sunday, 7 - Church Service, Church of God Universal, Grand Cayman, 11am
- Tuesday, 9 - Empowering Women Workshops, Aston Ratty Civic Centre, 12-1pm and 7-8pm
- Friday, 12 - Q & A Mix and Mingle event, UCCI, 12-2pm
- Sunday, 14 - Church Service Watering Place Church of God, Cayman Brac, 11am
- Thursday, 18 - Rise and Shine Wellness Hike, Peter's Cave, Cayman Brac, 6.45am
- Saturday, 20 - Little Cayman Movie Night (social issue film and group discussion), Hungry Horse Restaurant, 7pm



- Sunday, 21 - Little Cayman Church Service, Little Cayman Baptist Church, 11am
- Sunday, 21 - Work Life Balance Presentation, Little Cayman Baptist Church Hall, 12.30pm
- Thursday, 25 - Work Life Balance Presentation, Cayman Brac Youth Development Centre, 6.30-7.30pm

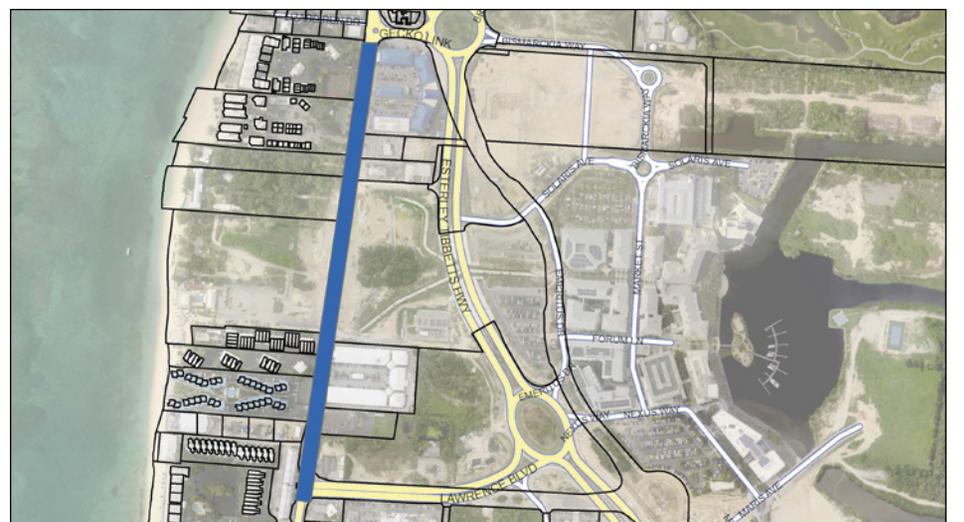
Roadworks – West Bay Road March 1 to March 10

The National Roads Authority and its subcontractor will undertake milling and paving works on West Bay Road from the small roundabout on Gecko Link to Lawrence Boulevard, from Monday March 1 to Wednesday, March 10, 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Motorists are asked to keep watch for traffic closures and diversions and use

the Esterley Tibbetts Highway during those times. Local traffic will be allowed through.

Contact the NRA via email nra@nra.ky with questions or comments regarding this project. For any urgent questions or concerns, please contact 525-1251.



► Roadworks graphic

CIG Line of Credit Success Acknowledged

Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Roy McTaggart received a plaque today, Friday, 26 February 2021,

to acknowledge the CI Government's (CIG) successful conclusion of a line of credit and a loan facility from a consortium of four local commercial banks.

The consortium consisted of Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited, Cayman National Bank Ltd, FirstCaribbean International Bank (FCIB), which acted as the lead agent of the consortium, and RBC Royal Bank (Cayman) Limited.

The line of credit is for US\$403 million which is available to CIG to access over the ensuing 16-months, should the need arise.

FCIB's Managing Director, Mr. Mark McIntyre, Director Corporate Banking, Mr. Gemel Sobers and Head of Corporate Banking, Mr. Patrick Cover presented the plaques today to commemorate the transaction.

Mr. McIntyre presented a plaque to Minister McTaggart



► (L-R) FCIB Director Corporate Banking Mr. Gemel Sobers, Managing Director (Cayman) Mark McIntyre, Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Roy McTaggart, Financial Secretary and Chief Officer, Mr. Kenneth Jefferson, Deputy Accountant General Mrs. Gloria Myles and FCIB Head Corporate Banking, Mr. Patrick Cover (Photos by Bina Mani, GIS)



► Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Roy McTaggart receives a plaque in acknowledgment from FCIB Managing Director, Mr. Mark McIntyre

at the Government Administration Building, to mark the successful conclusion of the loan facility.

Also receiving plaques were the Financial Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Jefferson and Deputy Accountant General, Mrs. Gloria Myles.

NOMINATION DAY - THE RACE IS ON!

By press time on Monday March 8th, Nomination Day, 41 hopefuls had completed their nomination for the Cayman Islands April 14th snap election.

That was just 20 short of the 61 who ran in the 2017 polls, and

with several seats still unchallenged up to that point, speculation was rife over whether this year's candidate turnout would match the last election...or if there were some surprises to be sprung.

(Caymanian Times will post the final candidate tally online once the Nomination Day process is complete. Our election coverage will continue in Friday's paper and also online).

With Monday's Nomination Day, campaigning - already in full swing - was expected to kick into even higher gear.

That was already noticeable with high-profile government project launches coinciding with the occasion and attention-grabbing political advertising hitting the

printed press, the airwaves and social media.

For this election, the COVID-19 pandemic is not deterring the traditional strategies such as public rallies, community outreach, house calls and other in-person activities.

That is largely due to the success of the strict measures which had been put in place previously to suppress the spread of the virus.

It also means that Cayman is still one of the few places where public mask-wearing and social-distancing do not need to be as rigidly enforced compared to some other countries.

In the scheme of politics, especially during an election campaign, it is an achievement that the incumbent government would take credit for.

The current administration has been praised for its handling of the pandemic and for stabilising the economy despite the impact of the downturn due to the pandemic.

However, it has faced criticism for over its policy of delaying the opening of the borders to regular international traffic, especially tourism.

The government has nevertheless been adamant in its 'health-before-wealth' and 'better-safe-than-sorry' approach to managing the pandemic.

As the ruling People's Progressive Movement (PPM)-led coalition seeks a third consecutive term, albeit under new leadership, outgoing Premier Alden McLaughlin has expressed confidence not only in his administration's track record.



Mr McLaughlin who is completing his constitutionally-limited tenure of two consecutive terms at the head of government is defending his seat in parliament and has stated that he will be available for a ministerial position if the PPM party forms or leads the next government.

He has already named Finance Minister Roy McTaggart to take over the party's leadership.

But with the campaign for the April 14th poll now kicking into top gear, challenging candidates - all independents - are already

targetting several local issues where say the government has fallen short.

These range from jobs for Caymanians and the place of nationals in the trajectory of the jurisdiction's development, to the cost of living, roadworks and other public and private infrastructure and development projects.

In the coming days, full vent is expected to be given to these and other issues as candidates vie to retain, regain and realign positions in the Cayman's parliament and government.

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All of Stage 2 opens for COVID-19 Vaccine

The Public Health Department has now extended the COVID-19 vaccine to all Groups in Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the National Vaccination Programme. The schedule from Thursday 25th February to Saturday 6th March has been revised to reflect these changes.

Persons in Stage 2 Group C can now receive the vaccine at their allotted times (please see schedule for Surname assignments). This is **individuals living at home with person(s) from Stage 1 of the vaccination programme.**

Stage 2, Group C – persons living with:

- Residents and staff of institutional facilities

- Healthcare workers and first responders

- All frontline staff dealing with incoming travellers

- Adults 60+ or with a relevant health status

- Workers essential to Government continuity

“Caymanians 60 years and older and any families living in multi-generational households are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine,” said Dr Hazel Brown, Health Services Authority Chief Nursing Officer. “We still have vulnerable, elderly Caymanians in our community not yet vaccinated and we ask these persons come forward.

Any home bound person unable to get to a clinic can contact our Flu Hotline to make arrangements for our Public Health nurses to administer the vaccine in your home.”

All persons 60 years and older are encouraged to get the vaccine and are able to do so at any of the times when the vaccinations clinics are open.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to administer Dose 2 vaccinations for persons due from Stage 1, Group A, B and C. Persons who have received



their first dose are reminded to get their second dose 21 days later or no longer than 12 weeks after the first dose during clinic times.

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st March - Saturday 6th March 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Monday, 1 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B & C Stage 2, Group A, B & C Surname S - Z	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 4:00pm			
Tuesday, 2 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B & C Stage 2, Group A, B & C Surname A - D	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 4:00pm			
Wednesday, 3 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 12:00pm	East End Clinic	Stage 2, Group A, B & C	DOSE 1
9:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B & C Stage 2, Group A, B & C Surname E - H	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 4:00pm			
Thursday, 4 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B & C Stage 2, Group A, B & C	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 4:00pm			
Friday, 5 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A, B & C Stage 2, Group A, B & C	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 4:00pm			
Saturday, 6 March 2021			
If you are 60+ years old you may get Dose 1 at any of the published vaccination clinic times.			
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 2 Group B - SCHOOL STAFF ONLY Surname A - D	DOSE 1
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 2 Group B - SCHOOL STAFF ONLY Surname E - G	DOSE 1
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 2 Group B - SCHOOL STAFF ONLY Surname H - M	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 2 Group B - SCHOOL STAFF ONLY Surname N - R	DOSE 1
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 2 Group B - SCHOOL STAFF ONLY Surname S - Z	DOSE 1
<i>*Schedule and groups subject to change. Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky</i>			
All persons must present photo identification to prove they are an ordinary and legal resident. CI Driver's license, CI Voters ID, CI Passport, non-Caymanian passport showing that the passport holder has been landed with permission to stay for six months or more, Work Permit extension letter, Work Permit grant letter, Job letter (from a local organisation), Global Citizens (GCCP) Certificate.			
Essential workers (Stage 2, Group B) must also present a work ID to show proof of employer.			
When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose. The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.			
Facemask & Photo ID required			

Identification Criteria:

Everyone must now present photo identification to receive the vaccine and demonstrate they are ordinarily and legally resident e.g. with initial permission to remain in the Islands for at least six months. This includes Caymanians, Permanent Residents, people holding Work Permits, as well as Global Citizens and their families.

Accepted ID's include:

- Cayman Islands Driver's License
- Cayman Islands Passport
- Cayman Islands Voters Card

- A Global Citizens Certificate (GCCP)

- Non-Caymanian passport showing approval to be on island for six months from arrival
- Work Permit extension letter

- Work Permit grant letter
- Job letter (from a local organisation)

If a visitor has already received their first dose, they may still receive their second dose.

Update to Vaccination Campaign Stage 2:

Stage 2 is in three groups: Stage 2, Group B will commence on Monday, February 15th. Please see schedule as this Group has been divided by Surname.

Group A

Anyone aged 16-60 with relevant medical conditions predisposing to COVID-19

Group B

Essential workers, teachers, school staff*

Group C

Those living at home with persons from stage one of the programme.

* Essential workers will include the following groups: teachers/school employees, supermarket workers, those working for the utilities, people working at gas stations, cus-

tomers facing people working in retail banking, those working in hotels, restaurants and bars, those working for food delivery companies, caregivers and Civil Servants. All persons must present a work ID to show proof of employer.

Stage 2, Group A - Proof of Medical Condition:

Anyone in Stage 2, Group A with a medical condition is required to provide a note from their doctor. Persons requiring a note from their HSA doctor are asked to request this by contacting the Flu Hotline flu@hsa.ky, 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327.

Electronic and hard copies will be accepted at the vaccination clinics.

These medical conditions include:

- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Cancer
- Heart disease
- Lung disease
- Kidney disease
- Autoimmune diseases or compromised/weakened immune system

• Asthma

- Down's syndrome (adults)
- Severe mental illness

• People on immunosuppression therapies sufficient to significantly increase risk of infection

- People with solid organ transplants

Caregivers

Public Health continues to vaccinate our most vulnerable population, specifically those 70 and over.

Caregivers of persons 70+ are eligible for the COVID vaccine in the continued effort to keep the most vulnerable safe. The vaccine is available for persons providing care for home bound elderly persons

Caregivers and persons responsible for the elderly in their homes can contact the HSA's Flu Hotline 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 to provide the fol-

lowing details: Caregivers full name, phone number, patient name, and date of birth. Once a caregiver has been identified, those persons will be approved for the vaccination and name checked at the vaccination clinic. Please check the schedule for your designated vaccination time.

Overseas University Students

University students who will be attending institutions overseas may also get vaccinated on their assigned day and must present university ID.

As a reminder, persons over the age of 60+ can be vaccinated at **any time** during the published schedule.

The COVID-19 vaccination programme continues to administer Dose 2 vaccinations for persons due from Stage 1, Group A, B and C. Persons who have received their first dose are reminded to get their second dose 21 days later or no longer than 12 weeks after the first dose.

If someone is home bound and unable to attend one of the vaccination clinics, they should contact the Flu Hotline 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 or their local HSA District Health Centre and arrangements will be made to with a Public Health nurse to provide the vaccine in their home.

Public Health will announce when Stage 2 Group C may come forward for vaccinations.

For the most up to date vaccination schedule visit <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>

HSA Flu Hotline - 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 or flu@hsa.ky

District Health Centre Contact Numbers

- George Town – 244-2800
- East End – 947-7440
- North Side – 947-9525
- West Bay – 949-3439
- Bodden Town – 947-2299
- Faith Hospital – 925-1190

Girls Softball – Game Reports

SOL Jaguars 12, SOL Panthers 11

CILLA Girls Softball featured a third straight one-run game on Wednesday, February 24th as the SOL Jaguars withstood a furious final inning rally by the SOL Panthers, to win 12-11.

The SOL Jaguars scored three runs in the first. Janey Veilleux walked with one out and Shay Windsor followed with a two run homer to right centre. Clara Ramos scored the third run after reaching on a fielder's choice and sprinting home on a passed ball.

The SOL Panthers responded with six runs in their first at-bat. Keirsten McLaughlin, McKenna Knapik, Stephanie Menko, Sofia Watler, Lili Aleria and Natalia Bent all crossed the plate, taking advantage of four walks along with a clutch RBI single by Sofia and a sacrifice fly by Demae Lee.

The SOL Jaguars got four more runs in the top of the second. After consecutive singles by Valentina Bustos, Rio Windsor, and Janey, Shay brought them all home with a grand slam homer to centre field, giving her six RBIs for the game.

The SOL Panthers got a run back in the second to tie the game at 7-7, with McKenna scoring her second run of the night.

In the third the SOL Jaguars tallied two more runs as Renell Parchment and Juliana Bodden both singled and scored later in the inning. The SOL Panthers failed to score in the third as Clara, now pitching, got three straight outs to retire the side.

In the decisive fourth inning the SOL Jaguars got three runs as Shay, Madison

Malice and Renell scored to make it 12-7.

The SOL Panthers did not go quietly, however. In their final turn, Hannah Bodden walked and scored in a RBI fielder's choice by Stephanie. McKenna, Stephanie and Sofia all reached via fielder's choice or base hit, and all three came around to score as the inning progressed. With runners on second and third, and the game on the line, Clara induced a grounder and the SOL Jaguars got the final out as the potential tying run was caught between home and third.

Shay was presented with the game ball for her outstanding hitting and base-running, and she also made a good catch in the outfield.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Jaguars	3	4	2	3	—	12
SOL Panthers	6	1	0	4	—	11

SOL Pumas 15, SOL Jaguars 9

The Saturday, February 27th game saw the first place SOL Pumas build up an early lead, led by Kenia Rostran's impressive hitting, as they defeated the SOL Jaguars, 15-9.

Leila Dixon, Lindsay Bodden, Kenia, and Jelijah McLean scored in the top of the first for the SOL Pumas, with a two run single by Aydis Rostran being the key hit in the inning. The SOL Jaguars were retired

quickly in their turn at the plate, with infielders Aleigha General and DeShae Cann making good defensive plays.

The SOL Pumas extended their lead to 10-0 in the second inning, with Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin, Aleigha, Leila, Lindsay, Kenia and Jelijah all crossing the plate. The big hits in the inning were RBI singles by Angelie Bodden, sister Lindsay, and an RBI double by Kenia.

The SOL Jaguars finally came to life in the bottom of the second, with Janey Veilleux, Juliana Bodden and Valentina Bustos all scoring, aided by singles by Zhanna McDonald and Clara Ramos.

The SOL Pumas added one run in the third as Aydis doubled and scored on a single by Stefany Martinez.

The SOL Jaguars stormed back with six runs to make it 11-9. They took advantage of six walks and Clara Ramos had a huge two run double to left field to close out the inning. Madi Malice, Renell Parchment, Diamond Chambers, Withney Jackson, Ai-

yana Barnes and Shay Windsor all tallied runs.

The SOL Pumas responded with four runs in the top of the fourth, with Leila, Lindsay, Kenia and Aydis all scoring. Lindsay and Kenia each had RBI doubles in the inning.

Despite loading the bases in their final at bat, the SOL Jaguars were unable to score, leaving the final score at 15-9.

Kenia was awarded the game ball after her three hits, three runs scored, and three RBIs. Honourable mention goes to Aleigha, who had an outstanding defensive game at 1B.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Pumas	4	6	1	4	—	15
SOL Jaguars	0	3	6	0	—	9

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
SOL Pumas	4	1	0	54	60	0
SOL Jaguars	2	3	1	66	69	2
SOL Panthers	1	3	1	60	51	2.5



► SOL Panthers and SOL Jaguars

TAXING TIMES AS UK PLANS COVID EXIT STRATEGY

In what will be one of the most anticipated budgets in generations, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer (Minister of Finance) Rishi Sunak will on Wednesday spell out the details of the government's spending plans for the 2021 fiscal year.

Once again COVID-19 will be at the centre of the policies and projections.

Speculation has been running high across various sectors on what might be and what ought to be in the budget.

But whereas in 2020, the focus in both the Spring main budget and the autumn supplementary was on the response to the economic impact of the pandemic, from all indications this Wednesday's presentation will be less of a 'recovery budget' and more of a stabilising act.

Speaking on Sunday, Mr Sunak was less inclined to reveal much of what was in the proverbial 'red box' (the briefcase used historically by Chancellor's containing the details of the nation's finances).

He however gave a few hints including confirming that government will allocate extra funds to support the UK's successful COVID-19 national vaccine campaign.

Government support for furloughed workers will also be extended although the Chancellor has not stated for how much longer.



► British Chancellor of the Exchequer (Minister of Finance) Rishi Sunak

The salary-support scheme was introduced last year when many businesses were forced to close due to the outbreak.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently announced a phased and hoped-for

'irreversible reopening plan, starting with schools next Monday conditional on the continued success of the vaccination roll-out.

Against that background, it is expected that Chancellor Sunak's budget would

create pathways for the economy to start rebuilding.

However, the huge borrowing that the government has had to undertake - over £270 billion (US\$311 billion) for this financial year alone and its consequential impact on the national debt, will mean that repayment will be strongly factored into the 2021 budget.

The UK national debt has ballooned to be almost on par with GDP, which at £2.83 billion (US\$ 3.9 billion) ranks the British economy at sixth globally, one step down from fifth.

The national debt is current pegged at £2.13 billion (US\$2.9 billion).

The prospect of tax increases looms large especially for some segments of the corporate world with tech companies said to be in the Chancellor's crosshairs particularly given the huge shift to online sales.

The British high street has been a main casualty of the pandemic with many businesses closing or moving their operations largely online, resulting in huge job losses in the retail sector.

Supporting the economy through a combination of public sector infrastructure projects alongside a balance of further easements and targeted tax increases are among the options said to be under consideration.



► Tarpon Academy teachers Latoya Malco and Sherianne Gajadhar are fully decked on their house colours

Tarpon Academy Wins John Gray High School's Sports Day



► Wahoo cheerleaders form a pyramid



► The year 9 boys leave the blocks at the start of the 100m

John Gray High School's Tarpon Academy emerged winner of the school's 2021 Sports Day ahead of Wahoo, Dolphin and Marlin Academies.

Principal Mr. Jonathan Clark expressed his satisfaction with students' team spirit during the event held at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex on Friday, 19 February. "I was quite pleased with the intense but healthy competition displayed by our athletes and the winning attitudes of our young people who assisted with the organisation of the day. I was also impressed by the amazing displays of talent and fore-

see a bright future for some of our athletes," Mr. Clark stated.

Notable guests, including Parliamentary Secretaries Ms. Barbara Conolly and Mr. David Wight, and Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (EYSAL) Acting Chief Officer Ms. Lyneth Monteith judged the cheerleading competition won by Marlin Academy.

They also joined Principal Clark and Member of Parliament Mr. Kenneth Bryant to present medals to the day's winners.

To learn the dates of other school sports days, visit www.education.gov.ky.



► A group of Dolphin cheerleaders smile for the camera



► The 100m sprints (girls) were the first events on the track



► Marlin Academy, winner of the cheerleading competition



► (l-r) Parliamentary Secretary David Wight, MEYSAL Acting Chief Officer Lyneth Monteith, Wahoo cheerleader Moriah Padua and Parliamentary Secretary Barbara Conolly pose for a photo after the cheerleading competition



► Dolphin cheerleaders start of the competition in the gym

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Antigua denounces ties with 'sex vacation'

Antigua and Barbuda's tourism departments are distancing themselves from a promotion dubbed 'Room 77', where the organisers recruit vacationers to an all-inclusive sex party on one of its islands.

In the advert, a couple who claim that they have been organising similar events for years in different islands, said the one-week stay will sail holidaymakers to a private island where there will be no behaviour rules.

"Clothing optional...a yacht is going to take us to a private island where we are going to call it an island of debauchery. We are going to have special guests. You can do whatever you want. We are going to be all inclusive with your mind, your body...", the couple said in the video promo.



► Antigua is appalled with a planned sex party on one of its islands

But the Ministry of Tourism said it is not supporting the July 11-18 event.

"The Ministry of Tourism and the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority declare that we are not affiliated with, have not sanctioned, endorsed, or sponsored the organisers of the Room 77 event nor any of their event partners," the statement said.

Jamaica promoting rum tourism

Jamaica Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett is calling on private sector interests to take greater advantage of the growing rum tourism niche market to generate higher growth rates in both visitor arrivals and earnings for the island in the post-COVID-19 era.

Bartlett said: "Rum tourism is on the rise as a growing number of travellers make distilleries and rum festivals central to their holiday itineraries, and Jamaica has an excellent rum product – premium brands and historic distilleries. Taking greater advantage of this trend will allow us to generate higher growth rates in both visitor arrivals and earnings."

Bartlett also believes that rum tourism offering can be marketed as a multi-destination experience that would allow



► Jamaica's rum festivals attract thousands

travellers to enjoy "Havana Club in Cuba, Mount Gay Eclipse Gold in Barbados, and our world-famous Appleton right here in Jamaica. The Caribbean is widely recognised as the birthplace of rum; let us use this to our advantage."

The Minister was speaking at the virtual launch of the third staging of the Jamaica Rum Festival, which is on March 27.

Sprinter Blake: I won't take vaccine

Jamaica starts its covid vaccine programme this week but widespread mistrust and disinformation has led to many not wanting to take it. One who will refuse to take it if offered is sprint star Yohan Blake.

In fact, he said he would rather miss this summer's Tokyo Olympic Games, which is likely to be his last, than take any COVID-19 vaccines.

Blake, who has raced in the Cayman Islands in the past, was speaking shortly after competing at the JAAA Qualification Meet at the National Stadium on Saturday, where he placed third in his 200 metres.

"My mind still stays strong, I don't want any vaccine, I rather to miss the Olympics than take the vaccine, I am not taking it," said Blake, 31, who recently launched a sports rehabilitation facility.

"I don't really want to get into it now, but I have my reasons," added Blake, who remains the second fastest man in history in the 100m and 200m with times of 9.69 and 19.26 seconds respectively.

The 2011 world 100m champion and double sprint silver medal winner from the 2012 London Olympic Games, added that he is hoping to compete internationally in May although having a vaccine may be compulsory for international travellers by then.



► Yohan Blake is prepared to miss the Tokyo Olympics

Pandemic hits Caribbean Airlines hard

Trinidad and Tobago State-owned Caribbean Airlines (CAL) has recorded an operating loss of TT\$738 million (KY\$90.6m) for the year ending December 2020.

The airline announced its unaudited financial results last week, attributing the loss to the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The operating figure was earnings before interest and taxes on revenue of TT\$802m (KY\$98.5m).

"This is in stark comparison to 2019, which saw a positive EBIT of TT\$76m (KY\$9.3m) on revenue of TT\$3bn (KY\$377m) for the 12-month period," a CAL spokesman said.



► Caribbean Airlines has lost millions in the past year

Last October, CAL announced temporary furloughs and salary cuts for staff members and negotiated a KY\$60m government-guaranteed loan to keep operations on track.

Grenada's Spicemas is cancelled

Prime Minister of Grenada, Dr Keith Mitchell, has announced the cancellation of the Spicemas carnival 2021 celebrations.

Mitchell said there will be no carnival, even if 60 percent of the population get the COVID-19 vaccine. This will be the second consecutive year Spicemas has been cancelled due to the pandemic.

Grenada's immunisation rollout began on Feb. 12 and health officials are working towards having 60 percent of the island's population of 110,000 vaccinated. He acknowledged that the Carnival period is not only a major revenue earner

for the Government but also for many citizens who use the Carnival period to make a living.

Against that background, Mitchell said discussions will be held on possibly providing assistance to those individuals.



► Spicemas is cancelled for the second consecutive year

SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

1/12

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Sexy" transports
 - Beatles girl
 - 6 Lightning home
 - 11 Bitter humor
 - 12 Self-evident truth
 - 13 Subsequently
 - 14 Gerald Ford's wife
 - 15 Excitation
 - 17 "Bali —"
 - 19 Keats work
 - 20 June honoree
 - 23 Acid's opposite
 - 25 Go it alone
 - 26 Start of a surreptitious warning
 - 28 Oxford, e.g.
 - 29 Son of Poseidon
 - 30 Playing marble
 - 31 Auction signal
 - 32 One or more
 - 33 School break
 - 35 "The Merry Widow" composer
 - 38 Low joint
 - 41 Blow away
- DOWN**
- 42 Prom
 - 43 Sound of Washington
 - 44 Gushes forth
 - 1 Pop's daughter
 - 2 "Exodus" hero
 - 3 "You're telling me!"
 - 4 Ruler division
 - 5 Skeptical reaction
 - 6 Dinner setting
 - 7 Skating jump
 - 8 Cambridge sch.
 - 9 Poker prize
 - 10 One of Jo's sisters
 - 16 Foolish
 - 17 Possessed, in the Bible
 - 18 Island greeting
 - 20 "I have no idea!"
 - 21 Crazy as —
 - 22 Soft
 - 24 Finished off
 - 25 Enjoy Aspen
 - 27 Trials
 - 31 Floppy top
 - 33 Tear down
 - 34 Scissors sound
 - 35 Track trip
 - 36 Aussie bird
 - 37 Crone
 - 39 Despondent
 - 40 Snaky shape

RECAP						SPAR		
OMEGA						SLOMO		
BARRED						TARPS		
ONES						GAGGLE		
TAB						MUG		YES
STREAMER								
						EAST		SNUG
						STREAKER		
MOB						ROT		ROE
AMAZED						BARS		
RAGES						BEIGE		
CHESS						LENIN		
HALT						TREAT		

Yesterday's answer

- 10 One of Jo's sisters
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Word Search

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- Art deco
- Brocade
- Eclectic
- French
- Italian
- Leisure
- Mahogany
- Mission
- Modern
- Oak
- Oriental
- Pine
- Provincial
- Queen Anne
- Rattan
- Regency
- Retro
- Rustic
- Shaker
- Sheraton
- Teak
- Upholstery
- Victorian
- Walnut

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

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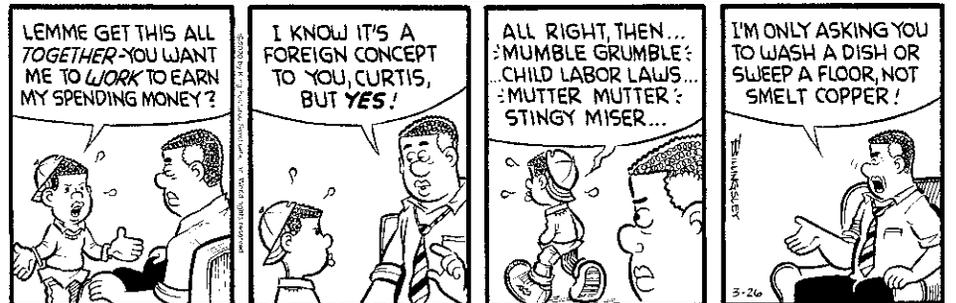
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