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► Edward Chisholm and Ezzard Miller

In what's being promoted as "plans for a political transition" and "political history", former political opponents Ezzard Miller and Edward Chisholm have announced that they are now "committed to work together".

With just three weeks to go before the April 14 election, Mr. Chisholm endorsed his 2017 opponent "as the best candidate in this election."

At the same time, Mr Miller committed to work with Mr. Chisholm over the next four years "to provide mentoring, training and involvement to give Mr. Chisholm the maximum opportunity to earn the North Siders trust, respect and confidence."

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COVID CASES DOWN IN THE UK BUT SPIKING ELSEWHERE

The UK continues to make impressive strides with its COVID-19 vaccination roll-out.

To date, over 31 million people have received their first dose with five million completing the full course with a second jab.

Most of the vaccines administered are the Pfizer-BioNTech brand with the Oxford-Astrazeneca vaccine now also being given.

The Moderna is next in line to be deployed following approval from the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

The MHRA is also assessing the Janssen and Novavax vaccine to add to the country's arsenal of vaccines.

UK health experts have said that with new variants of the virus being discovered, annual booster shots could become necessary as vaccines are adapted to the different strains.

The Oxford-AstraZeneca jab continues to be the subject of debate after some recipients were found to have developed blood clots.

Canada along with several European countries have placed restrictions on giving that vaccine to their senior citizens

while further investigations are carried out.

In the UK where seven people have died after developing suspicious blood clots, the MHRA has said it was not clear if there were direct links to the vaccine, but has stressed that the overall benefits outweigh any risks.

COVID-19 deaths in the UK fell to 10 in a report on Saturday, the lowest since September last year.

In January this year, the UK experienced a daily peak of over 1,300 deaths attributed to the pandemic and the country was trending with the highest COVID-related death rates in Europe and among the highest globally.

The country's vaccine roll-out has succeeded in suppressing the spread of the virus to the extent that many of the lockdown restrictions are being relaxed.

The government is now trialling a vaccine certificate system for access to select sports events and nightclubs.

The UK and several other countries are also considering a vaccine passport for travel using a traffic light system of rating high-risk countries.

Meanwhile, in the US and EU concerns are mounting over rising cases amidst the likelihood of a fourth wave of the pandemic sweeping through several countries.

France, Germany, Italy and Spain have instituted further targeted lockdowns while in the US several states are seeing a spike in cases following a relaxation of restrictions.

In an emotional appeal, Dr Rachel Walensky, the director of the US Centres for Disease Control (CDC) warned of "im-



► Boris Johnson, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

pending doom" as daily Covid-19 cases start spiralling again.

"I'm going to pause here, I'm going to lose the script, and I'm going to reflect on the recurring feeling I have of impending doom," she said. "We have so much to look forward to, so much promise and potential of where we are and so much reason for hope, but right now I'm scared."

Concerns are also mounting in Brazil where the country's health system is said to be at risk of buckling under the strain of a worsening outbreak.

In the Caribbean, the Dutch territory of Curacao was reported to be facing a similar crisis with a steep rise in cases and deaths.

The Dutch government in The Netherlands has urged students and others holidaying on the island to return home as a precaution and to relieve the strain on the local health service.

The Hague is also sending additional supplies to Curacao to assist it with coping with the recent spike.

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STONY CORAL TISSUE LOSS DISEASE (SCTLD) RESPONSE DIVERS

The Department of Environment (DoE) is coordinating a national response effort to the deadly Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) impacting over 20 coral species on Grand Cayman's reefs. As part of this effort, the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture & Housing has approved the implementation of several short-term, 6-month service contracts for diving and disease response support. Qualified divers able to commit a minimum of 3 days per week to the SCTLD response effort can apply to Rebecca.Jordison@gov.ky by 17th April 2021.

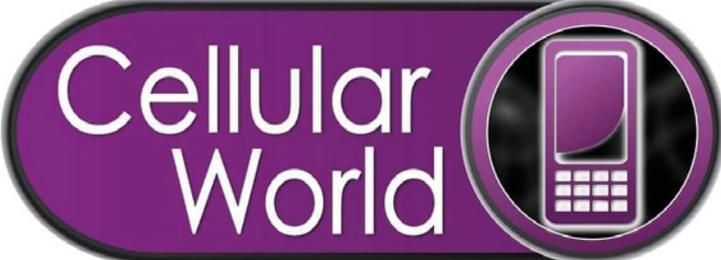
Work Location: Grand Cayman. Salary: \$75/day, paid monthly, no benefits. Use application link: <http://doe.ky/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/SCTLD-APPLICATION-FORM.doc>.

Must have:

- SCUBA Certification to Divemaster or above and/or evidence of 500+ dives.
- Dive and health insurance. Divers Alert Network (DAN) recommended.
- Ability to learn to identify coral species & coral diseases, preparation and application of experimental topical antibiotics, and removal and care of coral.
- Ability to lift dive tanks and similar weights.
- Ability to work a 7.5 hr day on the water.
- Available a minimum of 3 days per week (M-F).

Preference Given To:

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- Persons with prior SCTLD response experience and DoE training
- Persons with an academic and practical marine sciences background and the ability to identify coral species.
- Persons who can commit five (5) days per week (M-F).



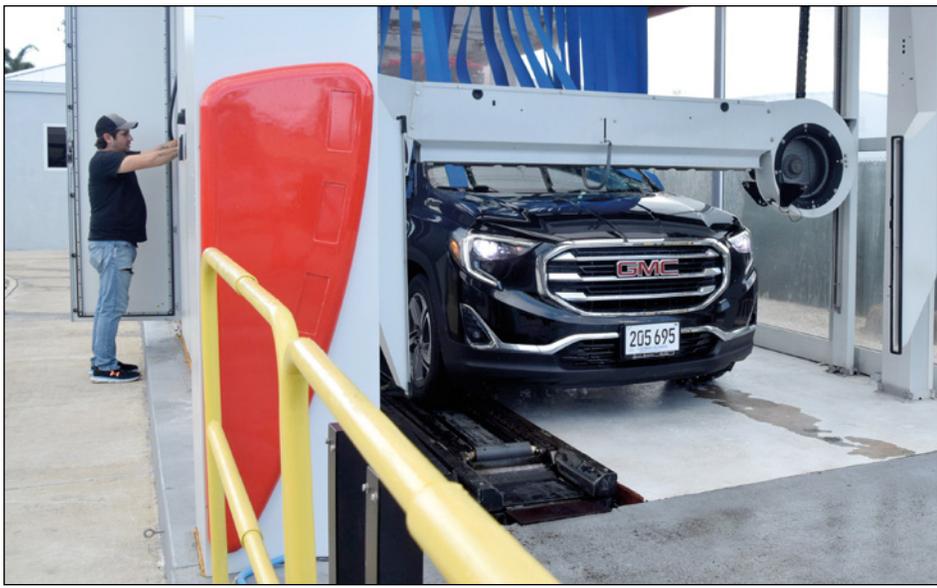
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► Emerging from the carwash



► Taking a pride in making a car look showroom-new

Auto Spa: A Carwash that Cares

By Christopher Tobutt

With three decades of experience in industry, whatever Mr. Joey Ebanks doesn't know about commercial car washing facilities isn't really worth knowing. His present business, the Auto Spa on Godfrey Nixon Way in George Town is a testament to his knowledge and experience, and it contains some of the most up-to-date professional car washing equipment available. As the only automated carwash facility on the island, it really does much more than just wash cars. It's really about car care, both inside and out. Auto Spa is also leading the way in showing how businesses can each do their part to take care of all of Cayman, by recycling nearly all of the hundreds of

gallons of water it uses every day, making sure that no dirty water filled with detergents finds its way into Cayman's storm drains and from there into the water table.

Here in Cayman cars get a beating from the sun and salt spray and so without being properly washed regularly, new, expensive cars can deteriorate and lose their value fast: "People believe that cleaning the inside is important, but really, cleaning the outside is ten times as important," Mr. Ebanks said.

There are several different options for customers. 'Full Service' at 26.95 is by far the most popular, and means an exterior clean followed by a thorough interior clean, with not only carpets vacuumed, but the dashboard and inside of the doors and win-

dows are all carefully cleaned too, making the car feel new and shiny again. Then there is the "Express" service, starting at 13.95 for just the outside of the car. Everything is in line with the professional procedures of the Western Carwash Association of America, right down to the special, soft, high-tech brushes that wash gently without any kind of scratch or swirl on paintwork. It's a small price to pay, really, for keeping your car in tip-top condition, and Auto Spa offers sev-

eral cards that help you save money when you are a loyal customer.

In addition to the regular cleaning, Auto Spa offers a detailing service, which really brings your car up looking just like new. Inside the air conditioned room there is a trolley full of specialist preparations, from UV resistant wax polish to special application that makes yellowed plas-

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► Experience is what it takes to make a car gleam like new



► Going into the carwash

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Cayman is home to many people with substance abuse. As a community we can all make a difference in the lives of those individuals.



► Detailing room



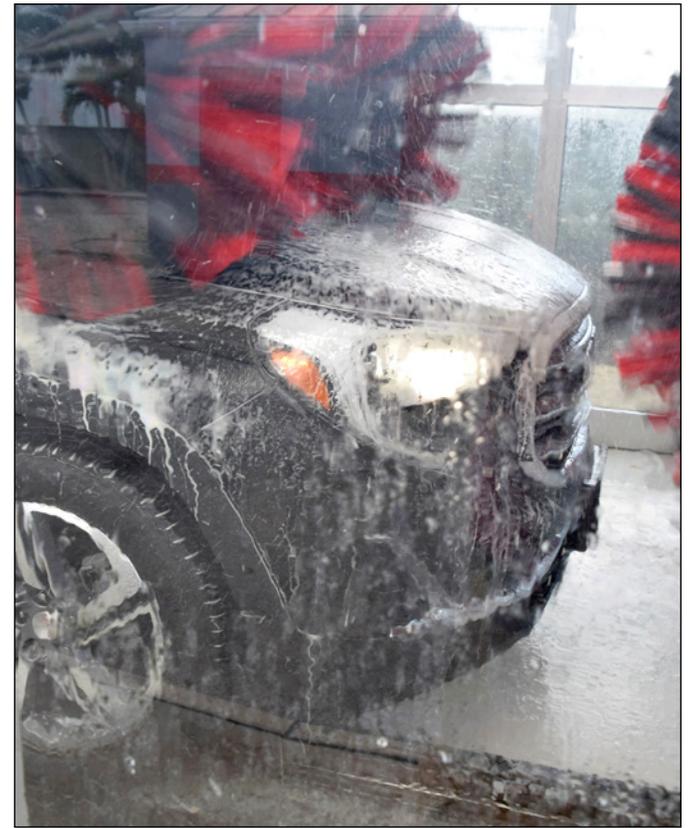
► Attention to detail sets Auto Spar apart

Auto Spa: A Carwash that Cares

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tic headlights clear again. Auto Spa's staff are all highly trained, and you can see they take a real pride in what they do, but that seems especially true in the detailing room. The detailing service is more expensive, at between 200 and 300 dollars, but Mr. Ebanks believes it really can be worth it. Detailing means exactly that: Attending to every little detail, transforming the car into showroom cleanliness: "Waxing helps protect your car from salt, sun, acid rain; and shampooing the interior is really very important in maintaining value," Mr. Ebanks said.

Auto Spa cares about cars, customers, and Cayman, and that means taking care of the environment and using our resources wisely. Mr. Ebanks has installed a state-of-the-art wastewater reclamation system, which recycles 85% of the water they use. "We put a lot of emphasis on the environment in this carwash, and we have a system at this carwash which we have now upgraded," he said. The system is very ingenious and begins by catching all the water that falls onto the floor of the semi-enclosed car washing machine, and pumping it to the first of three tanks where it is spun around very fast, creating a mini water



► FoamBrite brushes are soft, so that it is impossible for them to damage paintwork or chrome

cyclone. The centrifugal force pushes the clean water out to the sides, but the mud and grit and dirt sink to the bottom of the tank. Then the clean water is put through a sand filter, and a carbon filter too, so that the final water is more than clean enough to be used again. The dirty water that is left over taken away to be properly processed before disposal. Visiting Auto Spa means that you are putting your car in safe hands, and stopping it deteriorate. But it also means you are helping Cayman's future by supporting one of the businesses that really cares about the environment.



Government-run Elderly Resource, Activity Centre to Open

Approximately 275 persons attended the Ministry of Community Affairs (MoCA) Open House for the Older Persons Active Ageing Centre (OPAAC) on Wednesday, 31 March 2021.

The centre's soft launch was exclusively open to seniors 60 and older and to caregivers to allow for a comfortable experience. A tour of the facility, by the Ministry's Chief Officer, Ms Teresa Echenique, was

followed by brief and informal addresses by both Ms Echenique and the Council of Older Persons Chairperson, Ms Lucille Seymour.

Attendees were advised that a formal opening ceremony will be announced, with invitations being extended to the public, at a later date.

Opening to the public for Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) queries from Monday, 19 April 2021, OPAAC is located behind Foster's Airport /Priced Right. OPAAC will cater to independent and active seniors residing in the Cayman Islands.

The 6,200 square-foot centre, at 131 MacLendon Drive, George Town, OPAAC will open weekdays from 9 am to 6 pm. Run by a small contingent of Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) staff, it will offer a range of services and activities.

Refurbished with the support and guidance of by the Public Works and Facilities Management Departments; OPAAC has a reception area (with a blood pressure machine donated by the Health Services Authority), self-service refreshment nook, offices, interview rooms, computer/library room, games room, a conference room, arts and crafts zone and American Disabilities Act-compliant restrooms.

"The OPAAC's mandate is to provide seniors with accessibili-



► Seniors were given a guided tour of the 6,200 square-foot Older Persons Active Ageing Centre (OPAAC) on Wednesday, 31 March 2021



► An Open House of the Older Persons Active Ageing Centre (OPAAC) was held on Wednesday, 31 March from 12 noon to 3pm

ty to key government services, community life and to help prevent and alleviate isolation," said MoCA Chief Officer Ms Teresa Echenique.

"This Centre is a new services hub, where older persons can quickly access DCFS and NAU services, by providing them with a central location to interact and participate in various programmes and activities," remarked Ms Echenique.

It is important to offer our older persons a dedicated and modern space to engage and stay active. We plan to schedule a number of programmed activities tailored for this community, in due course. These will be delivered in partnership with various stakeholders from the public and private sector," she concluded.

"We are delighted to see this project come to fruition," said DCFS Director Mrs. Paulinda Mendoza-Williams.

"Our Elderly Services team members will be on-site to discuss any number of welfare issues including conservatorship, elder-care provision and consultation for family members and geriatric needs evaluation."

NAU Director Ms Tamara Hurlston noted: "OPAAC ushers in a new era in older persons provision in the Cayman Islands. Staff will assist with assessments and with specific advice and support regarding NAU services," she concluded.

For further details about OPAAC, call 244-2424 today or 946-7772 from Monday, 19 April 2021 or visit opaac.gov.ky

HSA Specialist Clinic services moving to Smith Road Centre

The Health Services Authority (HSA) will be relocating majority of its specialist services to the Smith Road Centre effective Monday, 12 April 2021. Orthopaedic, Dermatology, Rheumatology and Paediatric Services will remain at clinic's current location at the Cayman Islands Hospital.

"We are very excited about our future new offices, which are being custom-designed to create state-of-the-art health-care settings for our patients and employees," said Medical Director Dr Delroy Jefferson.

The new Specialist Clinic location will be modern, comfortable and will also provide addi-

tional clinical services including Neurology, Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM), Chiropractic and Neurosurgery.

The clinics telephone numbers will remain the same. For Specialist Clinic Appointments please call any of the following numbers: 244-2530, 244-2531 or 244-8005.



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Quarantine Voting Protocols Confirmed

Protocols to enable voters who will be in quarantine or isolation on Election Day to vote in the 2021 General Election have been confirmed.

The protocols, which have been approved by the Chief Medical Officer and Public Health officials, permit quarantined voters to cast their ballot via mobile voting on 10 and 11 April. Election Office teams, along with agents will go to the voters' quarantine location in full personal protective equipment and facilitate voting safely and confidentially.

"The Elections Office and our Public Health partners are committed to ensuring those voters in quarantine who wish to vote in the General Election are able to do

so in a manner that keeps voters, our staff and other residents safe while preserving the secrecy of the vote. We are very pleased to have been able to find a suitable solution to this unique challenge and thank our partners for their support and guidance on this matter," said the Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell.

To date, the Elections Office has received mobile voting application forms from 13 voters who will likely be in quarantine on 14 April 2021 and have requested mobile voting.

Voters must apply for mobile polling using form C, which is available on www.elections.ky. The completed forms must be emailed to office@elections.ky no later than Tuesday, 6 April.



Domestic Election Observers Appointed

Terms of Reference

Between

Cayman Islands Independent Observers & CIG, including the Governor's Office

The following outlines a broad Terms of Reference (ToR) between Cayman Islands Government and those independent observers appointed to observe in a non-partisan and neutral manner the upcoming 2021 general election in the Cayman Islands.

The following outlines your Roles and Responsibilities and those of CIG/Governor's Office in regards to observing the elections.

I. Roles and Responsibilities of CIG:

- To provide adequate funding and resources to facilitate your observation, including materials, documents, transportation and per diem.
- To respect your independence as non-partisan observers and to not interfere or direct your work.
- To take no actions that anyone could perceive as partisan to influence this non-partisan observation, the electoral process or the outcome of the election results.
- To recognise your independent and non-partisan observation effort. Therefore, to not provide any input into any public statements or comments issued by you related to the upcoming election.
- To not share any proprietary information or non-public documents with any external actors without your express consent.

II. Roles and Responsibilities of independent observers:

- To faithfully follow all Cayman Islands laws, election-related and broadly, and to abide by and follow the Elections Act (2021 Revision). This includes seeking and carrying any accreditation issued by the Cayman Islands Elections Office to observe the election and to follow the legal instructions (verbal or written) of the Elections Office.
- To maintain absolute political neutrality around the election as a group, and in public, as individual citizens. This ToR does not preclude any observer from voting for whom they choose or holding any political affiliation or from private political conversations.
- To act in a secular, impartial and non-religious manner during the entire course of this non-partisan effort with no partiality toward any religious entity, group or citizen.
- To develop a short observation plan outlining observation activities and a calendar.
- Provide one official spokesperson to speak on your behalf.
- Maintain written records of the non-partisan observation via data collection forms and written documentation.
- To observe the entire electoral period and all polling stations including Advanced Voting on April 8th and 9th, Election Day on April 14, Counting, any potential Recount, and Post-Election Issues. This includes the following specific electoral components to observe:
 - Adequacy of the legal framework regulating the electoral process
 - Efficiency and integrity of the Election Administration
 - Observation of polling at polling stations across the 19 single-member electoral districts, and at counting stations
 - Conduct of voter registration and candidate nomination
 - Conduct of the electoral campaigns
 - Efficiency and integrity of voting and counting on Election Day -Handling of complaints and appeals -Any recount of the election
 - Identification of any illegal electoral activities by voters, political parties, Electoral stakeholders, the media or Cayman electoral authorities
 - Identification of any inequitable application of election regulations
 - Identification of any attempts to unlawfully influence a voter, tamper with Voting paraphernalia or interfere with an election official by anyone.
- To coordinate, collaborate and share information with any accredited international election observations.
- To base any public conclusions and/or written statements on the election using clear and convincing facts grounded in the law and on actual observations. No public conclusions and/or written statements will use any speculative or non-transparent sources of data or information.
- To base all observation conclusions on adherence to the Elections Act (2021 Revision) and any international treaties or agreements that Cayman has signed, and international best practices in elections.
- Issue a press release to the traditional media, social media and electoral stakeholders by April 13 announcing your intention to observe the elections and outlining your non-partisan methodology.
- Issue a public statement to the traditional media, social media and electoral stakeholders about your observation of the election by April 15. This public statement will be factual and based upon actual observations done by accredited observers.
- Issue a final public report about the observation of the election by May 30 for submission to the Governor's Office.

Following extensive consideration, His Excellency, the Governor, Martyn Roper has appointed nine individuals to serve as domestic election observers in the 2021 General Election.

A total of 47 expressions of interest were received following a call for submissions by the Governor's Office on 9 March 2021. The Governor tasked a selection committee chaired by the Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson, to review the applications and put forward recommendations for the most suitable applicants.

Members of the selection committee also included James M Ryan, former Chief Secretary, Sophia-Ann Harris, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, Rosie Whittaker-Myles, former Chairman of the Standards in Public Life Commission and Jennifer Ahearn, Strategic Operations Officer in the Office of the Deputy Governor.

Among the applications were a number of public servants. After some deliberation, the committee felt that, in keeping with past practices, public servants should be excluded from consideration to protect the political neutrality of the public service.

When reviewing the applications, the Committee considered the individual's expertise and work experience, whether they had any experience working in an election, whether they appeared to be politically neutral and any other knowledge or expertise that they may have which would be beneficial in the observer role.

Due to COVID-19 related travel disruptions, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA-UK) International

Election Observer Mission will be conducting a virtual mission by remotely engaging with stakeholders in the Cayman Islands. This subsequently puts greater significance on having a team of domestic election observers on the ground to provide the public with additional reassurance in the absence of the international election observers.

"It is extremely encouraging to receive such a great response from members of the public wanting to actively support the democratic process in the Cayman Islands. I am confident that the appointed observers will provide the independent oversight that is so vital to ensuring our elections remain free and fair. The mix of related experience and expertise amongst the team gives me every confidence that they will be able to perform their roles successfully and make a valuable contribution to our democracy," said the Governor.

"My sincere thanks go to all those who applied as well as those who gave their time to be part of the selection committee and offer their insights and recommendations. The selection committee took their role very seriously and exercised due care and diligence in arriving at their recommendations by placing the integrity of our elections as of the utmost importance," said the Deputy Governor.

Based on the committee's recommendations, and the nominations from the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition, the Governor has appointed nine domestic election observers.

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► (Front row, left to right) Margott Lares-Alfonzo, Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Sheena Glasgow, His Excellency, the Governor, Martyn Roper, Deputy Governor, Franz Manderson, Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell, Andrea Ruth Williams. (Back row, left to right) Colford Scott, Mark W. Hilton, Hadleigh Roberts, Olivaire Watler, Trecate Yong, Dr. Sidney Ebanks, Ian Whan Tong, Head of the Governor's Office, Christine Rowlands, Strategic Operations Officer for the Office of the Deputy Governor, Jennifer Ahearn

BRYAN TAKES CENTRE STAGE FOR GEORGE TOWN CENTRAL

George Town Central independent MP Kenneth Bryan wasted no time chastising his opponent's absence from the Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum on Monday evening. Frank Cornwall, the Progressives pick for the constituency had declined the invitation.

"Unfortunately, my opponent has taken away that opportunity from you, by not showing up here tonight and to previous debates. I believe for that reason alone, it shows that he does not deserve your vote," Mr Bryan declared.

He said a code of conduct for MPs, district councils and the National Assistance Unit will form the basis for his short-term priorities, with "traffic, cost of living, healthcare cost-reduction, (and) a centre for the elderly" part of his wider national agenda.

Specific to his George Town Central constituency, Mr Bryan was more philosophical: "Most people that I speak to feel that they're being taken advantage of in their own country... People don't feel that they can be a part of the Caymanian dream" he said, including the George Town Revitalisation Plan now being rolled out.

"I think we have to make an assessment of exactly where we want to go with our capital, and then have that frank conversation with the residents and families within the area."

He factors in affordable housing as a key element suggesting a zoning-plan with land set aside for housing for Caymanians.

Beach access was one of the related issues which arose which also holds implications for the capital with Mr Bryan calling for relevant legislation previously tabled but withdrawn, to be brought back to the parliament.

"We understand the development of our Caribbean island and the most attractive thing is the beach. But how do we merge the two worlds? I think that the Dart Group did a very good job where they did setbacks, not too close to the beach, where there's still accessible points."

Speaking on education his view is that the challenge has less to do with the curriculum and more to do with support for parents, especially those on low wages.

"We know how difficult that can be with potentially being a single parent, only making \$6 an hour," he said calling for more support for parents.

"The stresses at home I think are coming into our school system. So I think is the best way to solve this problem is to help families be better at parenting."

The George Town Central MP said this fed into a wider challenge facing young people whom he divided into two groups; those entering the job market and those still in school.

Mr Bryan felt more job and career opportunities should be afforded to school leavers but at the same time pointed to the challenges and distractions affecting young people within the school system.

He also proposed a comprehensive reform of the health insurance system to make it more affordable, and suggested a similar approach to tacking the pensions system, especially on the need to replenish pension funds following last year's early withdrawal scheme which he supported.

"I think the government should start setting aside a fund that you put money into specifically even call it the COVID-19 fund."

But he reasoned: "Even if we were to say magically put all that money back within



that five to 10 year 20 year period, the amount of contributions that we're putting into pensions now at the rate of the cost of living is still not sufficient. So, we have to do one of two things; either get Caymanians to make more money and put more savings away, or reduce the cost of living for when they retire."

Specific to the rising cost of living, Mr Bryan said a large part of the answer lies in the import duties system, but cautioned: "We got to be really careful with that because you don't want to disrupt the balance of our economy"

On a question of decriminalising cannabis, the George Town Central representative insists that the community should

be consulted saying: "It's about how we market and message the benefits of it, and how we mitigate the potential negatives that may come from it."

He took a similar stance on population and development on the basis that the public should see themselves as stakeholders not bystanders in the process.

"I know that growth is good, but how fast you grow, should be determined on how much benefit Caymanians as a whole are benefiting from this growth."

The George Town Central MP said if in government his portfolio preferences would be tourism, culture sports and housing and that he would be open to a coalition with like-minded MPs.

Domestic Election Observers Appointed

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While appointed by the Governor, the domestic election observers will be conducting their work with full independence from the Cayman Islands Government. A Terms of Reference outlining the relative roles and responsibilities of the Cayman Islands Government and the observers was signed at a meeting on Monday, 29 March 2021. Included in the Terms of Reference is a commitment by the Governor, on behalf of the Cayman Islands Government, to respect the observers' independence as non-partisan observers and not direct or interfere with their work. This is in keeping with international best practice on local observation missions.

The nine domestic election observers are as follows.

- Dr. Sidney Ebanks
- Mark W. Hilton
- Margott Lares-Alfonzo
- Hadleigh Roberts
- Colford Scott
- Ian Whan Tong
- Olivaire Watler
- Andrea Ruth Williams
- Trecate Yong

A POLITICAL MARRIAGE MADE IN NORTH SIDE

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According to the joint statement, "the plan is that Mr. Miller will step aside and support Mr. Chisholm in the 2025 general election."

Mr Chisholm, son of the late Speaker of the House and political stalwart, Edna Moyle, was a candidate for the Progressives in the 2017 general elections which he lost to Mr Miller. who ran as an independent.

On their 2021-and-beyond collaboration, Mr Miller said, "I am delighted to come to this arrangement with "Ed", who I see has the ability, ethics, and commitment to transition into the generation of leaders."

For his part, Mr Chisholm said he endorsed Miller because "he is the best candidate to represent North Side, and for North Siders to send him back to Parliament given the issues that the district and the country face."

"I look forward to working with Ezzard over the next four years for the betterment of North Side as we work together to hand the baton over so that we can continue ethical and competent representation for the people of North Side," he added.

In their joint statement, the Miller-Chisholm camp stated that "both men believe that this is what succession planning and transition to younger blood and enthusiasm is, and hope that other older politicians will recognize the importance

of involving younger persons in the political process and find persons in their electoral districts to develop and mentor."

Political observers of trends in North Side have noted the outcome of the 2017 elections in which Mr Chisholm placed third in the constituency coming behind independent Johany "Jay" Ebanks who is again challenging Mr Miller for the district.

In 2017, Ezzard Miller won the seat with 201 votes (33.84 per cent) to Jay Ebanks' 179 votes (30.13 per cent).

Mr Chisholm had polled 139 votes (23.40 per cent).

The other candidate then, Justin Ebanks running again as an independent this year, obtained 75 votes (12.63 per cent) in 2017.

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WIGHT ABSENT FROM GEORGE TOWN WEST SHOWDOWN

Three of the four candidates for the George Town West seat participated in the penultimate Candidates Forum of the Chamber of Commerce for this month's general election on April 14th.

Present were Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden, Kenrick Webster and former representative Ellio Solomon. The defending MP David Wight did not attend.

As has been the pattern of the series, the candidates addressed a range of issues drawn from a survey carried out by the Chamber and questions submitted by the public. These included their priority concerns for George Town West as well national issues.

Discussing growth in Cayman against the backdrop of the environment and population increase, the three candidates were generally on the same page in calling for a national plan as a precursor:

Dr Webster: "I think we need to make sure that we have a comprehensive plan before we try to push too many people within the country."

Mrs McGaw-Lumsden: "I think if we could take a page from the Dart book we'll be in good standing...Do we have national policy in place, similar to Vision 2008?"

Mr Solomon: "I believe that whatever growth we have and whatever benefits we see as a country it has to translate into benefits for people."

They were equally adamant against suggestions for ten-storey buildings in the constituency and strongly against any impediments to beach access.

Discussing affordable housing, each expressed concern over real estate specula-

tion by foreign investors in particular which they argue was inflating prices out of the reach of the average Caymanian.

Saying that the Caymanian dream has been to own a home, Mr Webster stated, "That dream has now become an illusion. How we can fix that problem is that we first need to have a law put in place where persons cannot just buy raw land, if they're not Caymanians."

For Mrs McGaw Lumsden: "Government needs to be very vigilant and very aggressive when it comes to acquiring Crown for affordable homes for young Caymanians."

She also called for the National Housing Development Trust to be better resourced.

Mr Solomon reverted to measures he had put in place while previously in government.

"We had a consortium of contractors that were able to build affordable homes, so it's proven that you can build two-bedroom homes, really nice beautiful homes for 75,000...I think those homes are actually viable, and they're doable."

And he also pledged to bring back another initiative to support local property ownership.

"When we were increasing stamp duties within the zone, I actually passed a piece of legislation that was going to allow a lot of those monies to be able to go to the



He also cited fuel costs and criticised the government for moving too slowly on a national energy policy.

The former legislator floated the idea that the government could invest in farming not just locally but overseas to reduce food costs.

Kenrick Webster also saw local farming as a way to alleviate the cost of living in local farming, an issue he said which has been highlighted by the pandemic.

National Housing Development Trust to be used specifically for housing. Unfortunately, it hasn't happened. But if I do get a chance to serve again in office I'm going to make sure that it does."

The housing issue reflected a wider discussion about the cost of living including the minimum wage.

"We're in a crisis, when it comes to the cost of living," Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden declared, and suggested: "What I think that needs to be implemented is consumer protection first and foremost to govern unfair practices." She called for waiving import duty on basic family necessities.

Ellio Solomon pointed to the findings of the ESO (Economics and Statistics Office) saying "they will show you that the top three things in terms of the cost of living are; number one housing and utilities, and the second one is going to be transportation and the other one is food."

"It was a panic during COVID-19 about the supply of food, but we can produce food here. We could have a substantial amount of food for local consumption," he said while suggesting concessions for farmers to offset the cost of water for agriculture.

Mr Webster also felt that sourcing food imports from South America as an alternative to the United States.

In discussing health insurance reform it was also agreed that it too health is a major contributory factor to the high cost of living with the candidates proposing methods for reducing the premiums and access to healthcare.

The three candidates competing for the George Town West seat put forth their views on several other current issues in their bid to replace incumbent David Wight who was absent from the discussion.

Electors Confirmed Ahead of Election Day



ELECTIONS OFFICE
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The Official List of Electors which will be used in the 2021 General Election has been finalised

and comes into effect today, Thursday, 1 April.

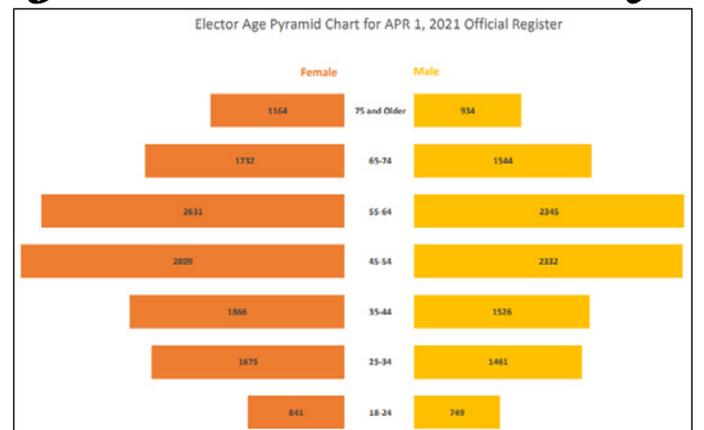
Following claims and objection hearings, a total of 23,609 voters are included on the list and are eligible to cast their ballot.

Voting is already underway for the 2021 General Election with 587 eligible voters having cast their mobile vote as of 26 March. A total of 347 postal ballots were issued as of 1 April 2021.

"Being able to vote is a tremendous opportunity for members of

the community to have their say by electing the individual they wish to represent themselves when making the important decisions that affect their lives. We strongly encourage everyone eligible to vote to exercise this right on Election Day," said the Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell.

The deadline for mobile and postal voting applications is Tuesday, 6 April. For information on who can apply and the required forms to complete, visit www.elections.ky.



Male/Female Electors Statistics - Break Down by Gender, Percentage and Age - APR 2021

Electoral District	Gender		Percentage		Average Age by Gender		Number of Electors	Average Age
	F	M	% F	% M	F	M		
	BTE	899	765	54	46	50		
BTW	885	706	56	44	50	49	1,591	49
CBE	265	212	56	44	59	54	477	57
CBWLC	283	299	49	51	56	53	582	55
EE	408	361	53	47	51	49	769	50
GTC	723	681	51	49	53	52	1,404	53
GTE	805	654	55	45	50	49	1,459	49
GTN	662	635	51	49	54	55	1,297	54
GTS	723	612	54	46	52	50	1,335	51
GTW	710	575	55	45	54	52	1,285	53
NEWL	824	663	55	45	46	46	1,487	46
NS	418	418	50	50	51	51	836	51
PROSP	758	582	57	43	49	49	1,340	49
REDBAY	707	613	54	46	48	50	1,320	49
SAV	833	633	57	43	49	49	1,466	49
WBC	637	544	54	46	49	50	1,181	50
WBN	703	609	54	46	50	51	1,312	50
WBS	782	755	51	49	53	53	1,537	53
WBW	693	574	55	45	52	53	1,267	52
Totals	12,718	10,891	53%	46%	51	51	23,609	51

Registered Electors Age Breakdown by Electoral District for APR 1, 2021

Electoral District	24 and Under	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and older
EE	61	130	98	158	135	105	82
WBS	111	158	182	356	326	214	190
PROSP	87	201	225	303	272	175	77
CBWLC	32	66	78	100	111	88	107
NEWL	138	261	229	386	277	135	61
WBC	79	159	176	274	249	165	79
GTS	90	186	192	254	276	215	122
BTW	97	223	285	369	300	209	108
GTW	72	129	168	273	272	219	152
CBE	19	59	36	85	100	78	100
WBN	100	174	211	256	264	217	90
GTC	74	181	189	260	304	233	163
NS	64	104	115	187	165	114	87
GTE	105	188	236	335	335	170	90
GTN	75	127	143	238	330	214	170
BTE	117	234	248	368	360	214	123
WBW	78	176	165	241	286	176	145
SAV	89	216	228	360	308	173	92
REDBAY	102	164	188	338	306	162	60
Totals	1,590	3,136	3,392	5,141	4,976	3,276	2,098



► Chief Fire Officer, Paul Walker (fourth from left) presents (left to right) Anthony Scott, Rafael Bodden, Rhojel Gayle, Luciano Lazzari, Mel Chantilope and Erbin Tibbetts with their Level 2 Certificates (Photos by CIFS)



► Chief Fire Officer, Paul Walker (third from left) presents (left to right) Christopher Solomon, Angel Lopez-Hawkins, Robert Michael Harris III, Ethan Hydes, and David Conolly with their Level 2 Certificates

CIFS Celebrate IFE Exam Results

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) is pleased to confirm and congratulate 15 of their 21 probationary firefighters have gained a Level 2 Certificate in fire science, operations and safety from the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE).

The three-hour exam conducted in October 2020 included 120 questions spanning the technical elements of fire and rescue. Fire officers received their exam results this month.

"I extend my congratulations to Cayman Islands Fire Service's newest members who successfully achieved this internationally-recognised qualification in their specialist field. These officers are amongst the first to do so in the Cayman

Islands. This qualification marks one of the early steps on their journey of professional development with the fire service. I look forward to hearing of their future progress and seeing others benefitting from IFE membership as well," said the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers.

Chief Fire Officer, Paul Walker QFSM said "This is amazing news and I offer my congratulations to all 15 CIFS colleagues that were successful on this occasion. I encourage you all to continue your professional studies and go on to attain IFE Level 3 Certificates."

"I am very proud that 23 colleagues sat the most recent Level 2 Certificate Exam-

ination in March 2021 and we all eagerly await the results later this year. As a team, we hope to continue this trend, increasing the number of participants as well as the level of qualifications being achieved through the tiered examination programme with the IFE."

As part of its ongoing professionalisation journey, in 2020 CIFS became corporate members of the IFE, an international body that examines the knowledge and professional experience of fire and rescue personnel globally.

The IFE provides an internationally recognised fire engineering professional framework and membership grades are awarded from student to fellow level.

CIFS has ambitions to establish a local IFE branch in the Cayman Islands with a view to encouraging industry partners such as architects, structural engineers, fire risk assessors or general engineers to join as members.

All IFE members have the opportunity to gain further professional qualifications and, subject to previous experience and accredited prior learning, can seek Registered Chartered Engineer status through the institution.

Anyone from industry partner companies or agencies that are interested in supporting CIFS efforts to establish an IFE branch can call the George Town Fire Station on 949-2499.

DVDL Provides Easier Online Drivers Licence Renewal, More Options to Customers

The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL) is making it easier to renew drivers' licence online and has also increased the options available to customers to complete other transactions without visiting its office locations.

Customers can renew drivers' licence online at www.dvdl.gov.ky by registering for 'My DVDL e-Services' with their licence number, date of first driver's licence which is at the back of the card, and a valid email address.

There is no longer a requirement to have an Electric Service Identifier (ESID) number to register for renewals on the DVDL's website.

Director of DVDL David Dixon stated that this new addition will make it more convenient for Caymanians and residents to access the services they need. "We are striving to adapt and modernise our services to better meet the needs of our customers. Offering licence renewals online is very convenient as it allows us

to free up more space in our offices to serve those who cannot do other transactions remotely. To get some of the customers comfortable with online service, our customer service representatives have been assisting them through the process at locations with the use of tablets", he said.

Customers can also renew their motor vehicle licence online via the website. Before using the application, customers must ensure that the vehicle has valid insurance and certificate of road worthiness/inspection. They will need the vehicle registration number, digital copy of insurance, valid email address as well as a credit or debit card to complete the process. After submission of the application, a confirmation email will be sent to the customer from DVDL.

Processed vehicle renewals documents will be emailed to customers.

In addition to the online services, customers can book appointments for written and driving

tests through DVDL's customer support centre. Applicants can contact the centre at 945-8344 and select option 1 to make appointments over the telephone instead of visiting DVDL's office locations.

DVDL has also been encouraging customers to make use of approved private garages to conduct motor vehicle inspections. Currently, there are thirteen approved private garages. These garages are:

- AA Auto Place
- Arch Automotive
- Car City
- Cool Runnings
- Cayman Customs Cycles
- Euro Car
- Excite Motors
- GT Automotive
- Precision Tech
- Prestige Motors
- Superior Auto
- Tony's Toys
- Vampt Motors
- Department of Vehicle and Equipment Services (Government Vehicles Only).

The screenshot shows the DVDL website interface. At the top, it says "Department of Vehicle & Drivers' Licensing" with the tagline "Safe driving is everyone's responsibility". There are navigation tabs for Home, Drivers, Vehicles, About Us, Press Room, Freedom of Information, and Legislation. A prominent green button says "Click Here to Renew Now". Below this, there's a section for "New Licence Plate Search" with a search box and a "Check Plate" button. On the left, there are links for "Drivers" (Foreign Licences, Learning to Drive) and "Vehicles" (Vehicle Transfer, Vehicle Suspension, Vehicle Termination). On the right, there's a "Press Releases" section with a link to "Vehicle Licensing Guidelines - COVID-19".

Launched 2008, the private garage programme allows motorists the option of having vehicles inspected by a certified facility and is intended to offer

greater flexibility and convenience.

Customers can contact DVDL at dvdl.helpdesk@gov.ky for information and assistance.

PUBLIC MEETING ELECTIONS 2021

MCCLEARY WITH FREDERICK

WEDNESDAY, 7TH APR
GUN BAY CIVIC CENTRE **8P**

SATURDAY, 10TH APR
EAST END HERITAGE FIELD **8P**

VOTE LET'S MAKE A CHANGE, VOTE FOR IT!



Girls Softball – Game Reports

YWFS 13, Girls Softball All-Stars 9

The SOL Petroleum All-Star Softball Series took place on March 30th-31st at the Field of Dreams. On Tuesday evening the Girls Softball All-Stars took on the Young Women's Fastpitch Softball (YWFS) ladies. It was a very competitive game, with both teams entertaining the crowd with some powerful hits, slick fielding, rocket throws, and great catches!

Girls Softball All-Stars were: Stephanie Menko, Demae Lee, Sofia Watler, Keirsten McLaughlin (SOL Panthers); Clara Ramos, Shay Windsor, Rio Windsor and Madison Malice (SOL Jaguars); and Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin, Aydis Rostran, Kenia Rostran, Aeligha General and Leila Dixon (SOL Pumas). All-Stars Zhanna McDonald and McKenna Knapik were unable to attend.

The All-Stars led 6-5 after the top of the second, before the game turned into a pitchers' duel in the middle innings. The YWFS team added six runs in the bottom of the fifth and the All-Stars rallied with three runs to make the final score 13-9 for YWFS.

Alikie Kandler led the YWFS squad with three runs and two RBIs. Dayana Lopez-Kelly, Al Ebanks and Daneliz Thomas chipped in with two runs apiece. Breana Welds was dominant in her two innings of pitching on the mound. The YWFS squad was made up of 18-27 year-olds, most of them former players in the CI Little League and/or Women's fastpitch softball.

Jialy and Demae scored two runs each for the All-Stars, and Jialy had an exciting RBI triple to the fence in left field. Aydis was 2 for 3 with a run scored. Clara held the YWFS scoreless in her inning of pitching and Demae and Sofia allowed just one run each when they took the mound in the third and fourth innings.

After the contest both teams agreed that it was a fun night and a really competitive game. The game ball was presented to winning coach Marlon Thomas, who did a great job in preparing the YWFS team over the previous two months.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Girls All-Stars	4	2	0	0	0	3	9
YWFS Ladies	5	0	1	1	6	—	13

Girls Softball All-Stars 14, Coaches/Parents 12

On Wednesday night the Girls Softball All-Stars played an inspiring game, using a six run rally in the fifth inning to defeat a



very capable team of Coaches/Parents, 14-12. The girls had some excellent hits, great base-running and a few good catches in the outfield to take it to their elders!

Leila Dixon, Aydis Rostran, Demae Lee, Clara Ramos and Sofia Walter each scored two runs for the All-Stars, who featured a balanced attack throughout the lineup. Jialy had a triple deep to the fence in right-centre for the big hit of the game. Sofia only allowed one run in her inning of pitching, while Aydis allowed just two runs in two innings. Sofia, Jialy and Leila all made fine catches in the outfield, and Rio Windsor turned an unassisted double play in the sixth inning to secure the win.

Alikie Kandler led the Coaches/Parents, going 3 for 3 at the plate with two singles and a triple, while also scoring three runs with excellent base-running. Marco Rostran, Lisa Malice and Jason Windsor each scored twice. Pitayo Whittaker was the leading pitcher for the adults, allowing just one run in two innings on the mound.

There was great energy throughout the contest and it was enjoyed by players and spectators alike. The game ball was presented to Coach Erwyn Freeland, who guided the girls their much-deserved win.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	TOTAL
Coaches/Parents	2	0	3	1	4	2	12
Girls All-Stars	0	2	5	1	6	—	14

The three SOL Girls Softball teams will play an end-of-season 'Easter Series' on April 7th, 10th and 12th. All games begin at 6:30 pm.

A reminder to the general public that Little League's fundraising raffle is taking place this month, with a grand prize of CI \$10,000. Tickets will be sold outside major supermarkets on April 10th and 17th. For further information, or to get tickets, please contact info@littleleague.ky or 916-5643.



► All Stars and YWFS

IN MEMORY OF MY DAD

DAVID ARCHIBALD GOODING OF BARBADOS AND GRAND CAYMAN WHO LEFT US ON APRIL 7, 2020 ONE SAD YEAR AGO



IF I COULD WRITE A STORY IT WOULD BE THE GREATEST EVER TOLD OF A KIND AND LOVING FATHER WHO HAD A HEART OF GOLD.

I COULD WRITE A MILLION PAGES, BUT THERE IS ONE THING I WOULD SAY JUST HOW MUCH I LOVE AND CHERISH ALL THE MEMORIES WE SHARED.

I MISS YOU EVERY SINGLE DAY. I PRAY THAT GOD WILL GIVE ME STRENGTH AND SOMEHOW GET ME THROUGH AS I STRUGGLE WITH THE HEARTACHE THAT CAME WHEN I LOST YOU I WILL ALWAYS LOVE AND CHERISH YOU DAD

YOUR BELOVED DAUGHTER- CHANTAL HINTZEN (NEE PEARSON-GOODING) AND HUSBAND CHAD HINTZEN

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DAVID ARCHIBALD GOODING OF BARBADOS AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS WHO LEFT US ON THE 7TH APRIL 2020 ONE SAD YEAR AGO.



TO LOSE SOMEONE I LOVED SO MUCH BRINGS PAIN BEYOND BELIEF YOU WERE GONE BEFORE I KNEW IT, AND ONLY GOD KNOWS WHY. MY HEART STILL ACHES IN SADNESS, AND SECRET TEARS STILL FLOW. WHAT IT MEANT TO LOSE YOU NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW. THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EASE MY PAIN, MY SADNESS AND MY GRIEF.

I FEEL I HAVE LOST SOMEONE SO CLOSE, SO WONDERFUL AND DEAR. I THINK ABOUT YOUR SPECIAL WAYS AND WISH THAT YOU WERE NEAR, ALTHOUGH YOU LEFT THIS WORLD YOU ARE STILL WITHIN MY HEART GUIDING AND PROTECTING LIKE AN ANGEL. ALTHOUGH WE ARE APART, OUR LOVE IS EVERLASTING AND SO ARE MY MEMORIES. YOUR LEGACY IS ALWAYS THERE TO LIGHTEN THE WAY FOR ME. SLEEP ON UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN
YOUR LOVING WIFE ZONIA PEARSON-GOODING

Flag Football

It's been four weeks since the 2021 Burger King CoEd League kicked off and the games are getting more exciting and competitive week after week. Kicking off the night was the matchup between Deloitte and PD's.

PD's had a great start at getting the ball moving in the first drive but unfortunately they weren't able to score. Deloitte quickly secured an early touchdown with Kimberly David catching an open pass near the goal line to run it in. PD's defenders fought hard and successfully stopped the extra point. Another touchdown was later followed by Jen Choice of Deloitte. With QB James Stephen drawing defenders to the right, it was easy work to find Jen Choice in the end zone for the second touchdown of the night. PD's worked aggressively again to deny Deloitte of the extra point conversion as Chelsea Green intercepted the ball during the attempt. PD's drive as they successfully move the ball down the field to find a way to score; a swiftly Fabio Gall would receive a run play which enable him to run in for PD's first touchdown for the night, however the extra point conversion was a miss as Deloitte turned up the pressure to stop the conversion. Deloitte stayed on top of things and secured the win with another touchdown from Kimberly David. Taj Haye scored the last 2 point conversion of the night to finish off the game with a final score of **20-6 to Deloitte**.

Cayman Auto was faced with another defeat this week as the team struggled to get the ball moving on offense as they battle head-to-head against Sandbar who also had issues connecting with their receivers in the beginning. The back-and-forth fight finally enabled Sandbar to place points on the board as Tanisha McClean scored their first touchdown. Despite the efforts from Sandbar, the extra point conversion was ruled no good as the player did not quite make it in to goal line to secure the points. Cayman Auto found themselves just after the half as QB Cribb threw a pass to find Jamal Bodden who swift across several of Sandbar defenders from the halfway line as they missed his flags, despite the

downfield chase from sandbar, Bodden was just too swift for sandbar defenders, touchdown, Cayman auto now on the score board with the extra point conversion secured by Sarafina McField. Sandbar QB found receiver Angel Chavez in the end zone all alone, another touchdown with the extra point conversion secures the win for Sandbar. Final Score **Sandbar (13) vs Cayman Auto (7)**

Our next matchups for the night featured two teams who are no stranger to each other, even though both have made some key additions over the last few season that have enhanced both squads it was Popeyes who would seal the game with a key interception by Nicholas Roberts in the last 5 mins of the game with the lead in hand. The game began with a strong and methodical drive resulting a 30yrd catch and run touchdown by Paul Laidlaw for the first score of the game. Popeyes responded im-



mediately with a scoring drive of their own with Brendon and Lisa Malice navigating the offense. It was the Popeyes defense that would keep Burger Shack out of the end zone for the rest of the game. Young talents on both sides showed out with excellent pressure on the rush from Burger Shacks Asher Francis and Popeyes Abdul Patterson. Final score of the game **Popeyes (14) vs Burger Shack (7)**

Just over on field two, it was the Magnum chargers to take on Burger King. Magnum QBs Tonia Mclaughlin and Michael Gocul Jr led their team to victory that night. Michael threw a touchdown to Theo Edman and secured the extra two-point conversion. Another pass from QB Michael found Josh Whittaker for their second touchdown and extra point conversion. The game was beginning to look very one sided as Burger King struggled to get the ball moving as Magnum defenders gave Burger King no breathing space intercepting BK pass attempt. Magnum's ball and it seems that Burger king was finally awake as they answered back with and interception of their own. Trick plays between Burger king QB's Richard Campbell and Justin Derrick brings their team closer to the end zone and in scoring position. Richard capitalizes on the opportunity and throws a touchdown to Marlene Williams. Richard Campbell fought hard to keep his team in the game as another touchdown was secured by Burger King; despite the team effort, it was the mighty Magnum chargers who dominated this night and took home the win. Final score **Magnum (36) vs Burger King (12)**

The Bird (19) vs Tribe (18)

The Bird vs Tribe Tattoo was a close game from the start to the end.

Tribe opened the scoreboards first with a pass from QB Carlo Ylagan to Ed Pellot-Rosa who ran it downfield for the touchdown. Just before the end of half, Bird evened the score with a pass from David Taylor to Jonathan Allen with Ashley Wood scoring the only extra point conversion of the game. Second half was faced with a back-and-forth battle as both teams managed to score touchdowns after their drives. With mere minutes left in the game Tribe was up

by one touchdown, however with just seconds to the final whistle, the Birds came up with the TD to seal their victory.

The final game of the night saw a rocky start from the Maples team as they try to get the ball moving. Shaking off their jitters Maples found their rhyme after securing their first down with favorite receiver Andre Godfrey for couple drives. Successfully movement of the ball for a few more drives placed Maples at the goal line which set Michael Swaby in perfect motion to make the first touchdown of the night.

With just two drives from Credit Union placed them right at the goal line looking for their first touchdown for the evening. Unfortunately, incomplete passes did not allow them to secure any points. Turnover on downs puts the ball back in Maple's hand. It is Andre Godfrey again with a long pass from QB Dunkin that sets Maples up at first and goal. 3rd and Goal; QB Dunkin finds rookie player Brittany Ebanks for their 2nd touchdown. Credit Union fights to get points up as Ernesto Ebanks throws a long ball looking for substitute player Michael Smikle, however that was interrupted by Maple's defense Calvin Dunkin as he intercepts the ball just before the halftime whistle. Score at half-time Maples 12 and Credit Union 0.

First drive by Credit union had Jarryd Bodden on a run play shaking many of Maples defenders. A switch in Credit Union QB had Jodie sending a complete pass to Ernesto who shakes couple of Maples De-



fenders, but was unsuccessful in getting the first down, turn over on downs, maples ball. After two drive Calvin Dunkin finds the unstoppable Andre Godfrey for the 3rd touchdown of the night, however they were still unsuccessful at securing their extra points as Zachary Franklin misses his second extra attempt for the night. A very determine Credit union begins to move the ball, but minor mistakes set them back as they lose downs for failure to throw the ball to a Female player and illegal movements on the offense. It is 4th and long and a glimpse of hope could be seen for Credit Union as Ebanks throws a long pass finding Michael Smikle for the touchdown and Jarryd Bodden with the extra point. After a few back and forth turn overs, Credit union found Jarryd Bodden again for their second touchdown however it was Calvin Dunkin who interrupted Credit unions attempt at securing an extra point by batting the ball down. What started off as Maples looking as the team to be beat tonight was a game changer as they dominated both offense and defense giving Credit Union a real run for their money. Final Score **Maples (18) - Credit Union (14)**





2021 Burger King CoEd Flag Football League Schedule



Wk	Time	Away	FIELD 1	Home	FIELD 2	Away	Home
Wk 1 March 5th	5:30PM	Cayman Auto	vs.	Tribe Tattoo	Burger King	vs.	Maples
	7:30PM	Popeyes	vs.	Magnum	Credit Union	vs.	PD'S
	8:30PM	Burger Shack	vs.	The Bird	Deloitte	vs.	Sandbar
Wk 2 March 12th	5:30PM	Magnum	vs.	Sandbar	Cayman Auto	vs.	The Bird
	7:30PM	Burger King	vs.	Credit Union	Tribe Tattoo	vs.	Burger Shack
	8:30PM	PD'S	vs.	Maples	Deloitte	vs.	Popeyes
Wk 3 March 19th	5:30PM	Deloitte	vs.	Burger King	Popeyes	vs.	Credit Union
	7:30PM	Maples	vs.	The Bird	PD'S	vs.	Cayman Auto
	8:30PM	Burger Shack	vs.	Sandbar	Tribe Tattoo	vs.	Magnum
Wk 4 March 26th	5:30PM	PD'S	vs.	Deloitte	Sandbar	vs.	Cayman Auto
	7:30PM	Popeyes	vs.	Burger Shack	Magnum	vs.	Burger King
	8:30PM	Credit Union	vs.	Maples	The Bird	vs.	Tribe Tattoo
Wk 5 April 9th	5:30PM	Popeyes	vs.	Tribe Tattoo	The Bird	vs.	Burger King
	7:30PM	Cayman Auto	vs.	Credit Union	Maples	vs.	Sandbar
	8:30PM	PD'S	vs.	Magnum	Deloitte	vs.	Burger Shack
Wk 6 April 16th	5:30PM	Maples	vs.	Magnum	Burger Shack	vs.	PD'S
	7:30PM	Tribe Tattoo	vs.	Sandbar	Credit Union	vs.	Deloitte
	8:30PM	Burger King	vs.	Cayman Auto	Popeyes	vs.	The Bird
Wk 7 April 23rd	5:30PM	Sandbar	vs.	The Bird	Burger King	vs.	Burger Shack
	7:30PM	Deloitte	vs.	Maples	Magnum	vs.	Cayman Auto
	8:30PM	PD'S	vs.	Popeyes	Credit Union	vs.	Tribe Tattoo
Wk 8 April 30th	5:30PM	Burger Shack	vs.	Credit Union	Magnum	vs.	Deloitte
	7:30PM	Sandbar	vs.	Popeyes	The Bird	vs.	PD'S
	8:30PM	Maples	vs.	Cayman Auto	Tribe Tattoo	vs.	Burger King
Wk 9 May 7th	5:30PM	Tribe Tattoo	vs.	PD'S	Cayman Auto	vs.	Popeyes
	7:30PM	The Bird	vs.	Deloitte	Maples	vs.	Burger Shack
	8:30PM	Credit Union	vs.	Magnum	Sandbar	vs.	Burger King

Playoffs - May 21st

Finals - May 28th







CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Guyana's young catching covid rapidly

Guyana's Health Ministry covid concerns are so bad it has warned the surge in COVID-19 is "deadlier", spreading faster and striking young people with no existing illnesses, even as the plans are being rolled out to establish 100 vaccination sites countrywide.

The ministry said the rollout will ramp up this week. Authorities say there will also be mobile teams in all 10 regions. In addition to these sites, there are special sites organised through a collaboration between religious leaders.

The Central Islamic Organisation was credited by the government as a leading player in this initiative.

Guyanese older than 40 years are encouraged to visit a health testing site.

"Most worrisome, COVID-19 is now affecting younger people, and causing severe illnesses in persons, not only young-



► Guyanese health workers receive covid vaccines

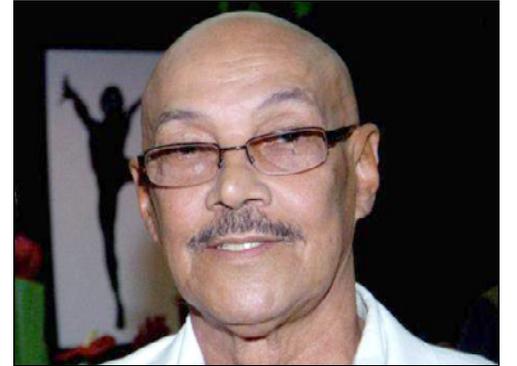
er, but with no co-morbidities. COVID-19 is more dangerous now than at any time before," a health spokesman said Friday. "Make no mistake, COVID-19 transmission is very active in Guyana right now. Every time one leaves home, you are at risk."

The warning was issued hours after Guyana received another consignment of vaccines, this time 25,000 doses of the Russian-made Sputnik-V jab.

Bert Rose, JA arts ace, dies

Jamaican arts icon Bert Rose, 81, has died after a long illness. The dancer, choreographer, teacher, designer, and founding member of the National Dance Theatre Company (NDTC) of Jamaica passed on April 1, at the University Hospital of the West Indies, Kingston.

Rose was among the 17 founding members of the NDTC in 1962, just after Jamaica gained independence from Britain. Apart from tutoring at the Jamaica School of Dance, which he co-founded in 1970, Rose had stints at the Tanz Forum, a dance school in Vienna, Austria, and the celebrated Spellman College at Atlanta University in the US. Rose was also a senior choreographer and former principal dancer before teaching at the NDTC, and worked at the University of the West Indies, through which he conducted dance workshops throughout the Caribbean.



► Bert Rose was a huge cultural icon in Jamaica

Olivia 'Babsy' Grange, Jamaica's Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport said: "As a dancer, Bert Rose lit up every stage on which he appeared with his energy, faultless technique and enthusiasm. He felt and displayed the pulse of the Jamaican people as he took to stages across the world. Bertie was electric and electrifying."

Cuba hopes vaccines will boost economy

Cuba - best known for tourism and cigars - is reinventing itself by becoming the world's smallest country to develop multiple coronavirus vaccines.

The island has a population of only 11 million but is developing five vaccine candidates, of which two are in late-stage trials, which it hopes to start rolling out by next month. If successful, it will generate invaluable income for the impoverished island.

The communist government in Havana has said the vaccines "will comply with international standards" and will eventually be sold or donated to other countries.

Cuba may be unknown as for its vaccine output but it has a booming biotechnology industry that dates back 40 years.

Emboldened by CIA-backed coups across South America, and angered by Washington's trade embargo on Cuba, Fidel Castro "vowed to build a biotech juggernaut in the Caribbean".

The late Cuban leader invested heavily in education and health care, which has led to highly trained, world renowned medics working all over the globe.

Today, Cuba is home to at least 31 research companies and 62 factories with more than 20,000 workers. These medical plants produce eight of the 11 dengue fever vaccines used domestically, which are also exported to more than 30 other nations. Now they are concentrating on creating covid vaccines.



► Cuba hopes to soon mass produce a covid vaccine

St Kitts and Nevis rebuilding heavily

St Kitts and Nevis is embarking on ambitious construction projects in preparation of post-pandemic times.

St. Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister, Dr Timothy Harris, has long maintained that the construction sector will be one of the key sectors to help rebuild the economy when lockdown restrictions lift.

Harris saw evidence of this when he visited the Hillsboro Suites and Residences located at Mattingley Farm. Sunset Reef St Kitts, situated at Palmetto Point, Trinity and the Royal St Kitts Hotel are also massive construction projects.

Harris said after visiting the Hillsboro Suites site: "I was encouraged by the



► St Kitts and Nevis has a strong construction industry

number of persons I saw on site today. Which means that real people are getting real jobs and real income, and this is part of what is happening. On the opening of this project, we expect to see again another set of persons in more permanent jobs beyond the construction."

RBC sells Eastern Caribbean interests

Royal Bank of Canada will no longer have a presence in the Eastern Caribbean after completing the sale of its banking operations in the region last Thursday.

RBC received the required approvals from local governments and from the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank for the sale. The sale includes RBC's 11 branches in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

A consortium of regional banks comprised of First National Bank of St Lucia, Antigua Commercial Bank, Bank of Dominica, Bank of Montserrat, and The Bank of Nevis bought RBC's banking operations.

"This transaction will allow RBC to align investments and resources into markets where our vision for being the Caribbean's digitally-enabled relationship bank can



► RBC has streamlined its Caribbean operations

be executed most successfully," said Rob Johnston, Head of Caribbean Banking.

RBC's Caribbean presence now includes 41 branches and offices - involving 3,000 employees - across Aruba, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bonaire, the Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Saba, St Maarten, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

ARUBA GOVERNMENT COLLAPSES IN CORRUPTION SCANDAL

The Aruba government has collapsed amidst a corruption scandal and voters will now go to the polls in June, three months ahead of the constitutionally due date in September.

Prime minister Evelyn Wever-Croes made the shock announcement in a Facebook post.

"There are times when it is necessary to make difficult decisions, but when one follows the path of integrity and puts God first, one knows you are on a good path," the leader of the coalition-leading MEP (Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo/People's Electoral Movement) wrote on Tuesday March 31st.

It follows an investigation by the Dutch Caribbean territory's Public Prosecution Service into her coalition partner POR (Pueblo Orguyoso y Respetado/Proud and Respected People) party on allegations of embezzlement.

Bank accounts of a foundation connected to the POR were seized, but the leader, Minister of Justice Andin Bikker, distanced himself from his own party in the process.

The POR was also embroiled in a scandal last year involving another minister.

Voters will now go to the polls on June 25th to elect 21 members to the Aruba parliament called the Estates.

Coming out of the 2017 election, a coalition of the MEP, POR and RED (Red Democrático/Network of Electoral Democracy) parties formed the government forcing the powerful AVP (The Aruban People's Party/Arubaanse Volkspartij) into opposition.

Ten parties, two more than 2017, will contest the June election.

Aruba which operates under a proportional representation parliamentary system is a constituent country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It has full autonomy over internal affairs, while the Dutch government handles foreign and defence policy with broad Kingdom oversight on governance issues.

The tourism-dependent island has been heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Aruba has recorded 9,560 cases with 84 deaths and its economy has contracted by a quarter in the past year.



► Aruba Parliament Building

June's snap election follows polls elsewhere in the Dutch Kingdom in the past month.

In Curacao, a new government was installed led by Gilmar Pisas of populist

Future of Curaçao/Movementu Futura Korsou (MFK) party, while in The Netherlands, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte is in talks to lead the new coalition government following snap elections there.

POLICE NEWS

Police Investigating Commercial Burglaries in George Town

On Thursday 30 March, police responded to West Bay Road, where it was report that two businesses located in the same plaza were burgled. Both businesses received structural damage and at a quantity of cash was stolen from one of the affected businesses.

A third commercial burglary was reported to have taken place at a business located in the Industrial Park area of George Town, where entry was gained

and attempts were made to steal property without success.

These incidents are under investigation and detectives are encouraging anyone with information regarding to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222. Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>.

Package Containing Suspected Ganja Recovered in George Town

On Saturday morning, 27 March, officers responded to a report that members of the public had located a package containing suspected drugs on the shore off Shamrock Road, some distance west of Spott's Dock. Members of the public had been on the shore when they observed a vessel that appeared to have washed on the iron shore and received extensive damage. Officers attended the location and recovered the package which contained suspected ganja.

There was also no sign that persons had gone into the water or were in dis-

stress. A search of the vessel and out to sea was conducted, with assistance from the police helicopter, and no other packages were found. The vessel was subsequently removed from the location.

The matter is currently under investigation and the RCIPS is asking anyone who may have seen or heard anything concerning the incident to contact the George Town Police Station at 949-4222.

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Officer Assaulted During Call for Service

On Thursday afternoon, 30 March, officers responded to a call for service on Eastern Avenue near Godfrey Nixon Way. Upon the officers' arrival, they saw and spoke with a woman who appeared to be in distress. The officers took her into the police vehicle to be transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital.

While on route to the hospital the woman became agitated and aggressive and was able to breach the divider in the vehicle and assault one of the officers. The officers

pulled the vehicle over in the vicinity of the CNB roundabout, and other units attended to assist in restraining the woman. Emergency Services also attended the location, and the woman was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital via ambulance.

One of the police officers also attended the Cayman Islands Hospital, was treated for minor injuries, and released. No one else was injured during the incident.

The matter is currently under investigation.

Police Investigate Jewelry Store Robbery

Police were dispatched to a report of an armed robbery that took place at a jewelry store, located along Harbor Drive, George Town.

It was reported that a man wearing a long sleeve neon yellow-green shirt, light-coloured cargo style pants and a dark-coloured baseball cap with a red peak, entered the jewelry store brandishing a knife, and demanded jewelry. He obtained a quantity of jewelry and made off from the location in what is believed to be a dark-coloured SUV type vehicle, before the arrival of the police. No one was injured as a result of this incident.



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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 Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Canary area
 - 6 Hayride need
 - 11 Love to pieces
 - 12 Make amends
 - 13 Concise
 - 14 Gander's mate
 - 15 TV's Danson
 - 16 Turned over
 - 18 Stretch of years
 - 19 Chapel sight
 - 20 Porker place
 - 21 Field workers
 - 23 Fancy dos
 - 25 Road gunk
 - 27 Farm butter
 - 28 Produce
 - 30 Cell feature
 - 33 Sedan or SUV
 - 34 Espionage org.
 - 36 Gym unit
 - 37 Rampage
 - 39 Bar rocks
 - 40 In the area
 - 41 Relay stick
- DOWN**
- 43 In the area
 - 44 Oscar or Tony
 - 45 Super-man's adoptive family
 - 46 Watches over
 - 1 Chair wheel
 - 2 Stick part
 - 3 Post-lunch greeting
 - 4 Mess up
 - 5 Party prep
 - 6 Go into combat
 - 7 Heaps
 - 8 Helper of parable
 - 9 Starts
 - 10 Poor rack
 - 17 Coat part
 - 22 Slump
 - 24 Chemist's place
 - 26 Speaks from memory
 - 28 Shiny trifle
 - 29 Uncle, in Acapulco
 - 31 Athlete's dream
 - 32 Shells out
 - 33 Liberty Bell
 - 35 Chance to swing
 - 38 Sign of disuse
 - 42 Stunned wonder

A	D	D	S		M	A	T	E	Y		
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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Starts
- 10 Poor rack
- 17 Coat part
- 22 Slump
- 24 Chemist's place
- 26 Speaks from memory
- 28 Shiny trifle
- 29 Uncle, in Acapulco
- 31 Athlete's dream
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Word Search

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

- Bobcat
- Caracal
- Catamount
- Cheetah
- Civet
- Cougar
- Jaguar
- Leopard
- Lion
- Lynx
- Margay
- Ocelot
- Ounce
- Panther
- Puma
- Serval
- Tiger
- Wildcat

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

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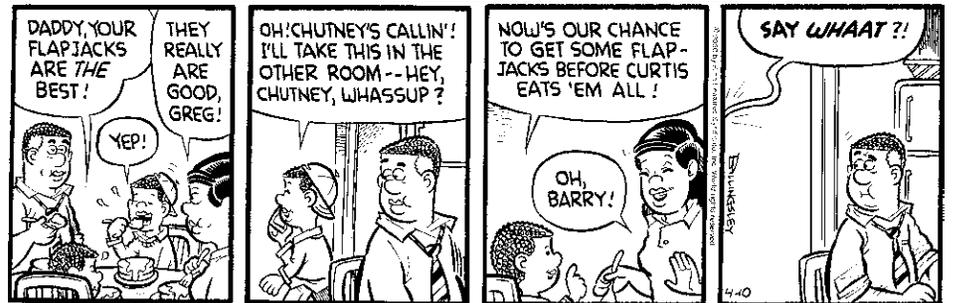
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