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OfReg must name poor quality petrol stations

Up until now the public has been in the dark as to the quality of the petrol they are buying in Cayman. Even though the utilities regulator, OfReg, published details of poor quality petrol providers on their website, the identity of the providers was hidden, with just a code for each provider posted on the site, which was not a great deal of use when people were trying to work out where the best

place was to buy fuel. However, a recent ruling by the Ombudsman following an August 2020 Freedom of Information request and subsequent hearing, has now changed the way this information is given to the public. OfReg are now required to name the petrol stations where they have tested petrol, so consumers can be aware

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► Grand Prize Winner Victoria King of Prospect Primary

Top students gain Rubis scholarships

Last week, Prospect Primary School student, Victoria King, became this year's Rubis awards programme's grand prize-winning student, receiving \$5,000 in scholarship grants, as well as a \$1,000 donation that she could designate to a school of her choosing. Victoria was awarded her scholarship having beaten other highly deserving students, who had all impressed the Rubis judges with their application for the scholarship,

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EDITORIAL

TIME FOR BUSINESS

As Cayman prepares to safely and gradually reopen its economy with much attention on reviving the tourism sector, there's no question that we are entering a period of 'a new normal'.

There is wide agreement that our economy has so far fared well comparatively.

While we plan for the reopening, there is no question that our specialist financial service sector has kept the government's finances - and the economy afloat, along with the real estate industry and our retail businesses.

There's a common thread running through all of that; finance.

Whatever happens in the global financial markets affects us here in Cayman especially as we are global innovators in the industry.

It's something we can't afford to take for granted.

As we venture into this global 'new normal' - post-pandemic and most likely having to live with Covid - how we do business is going to be even more central to our economic growth.

As a major global player in the financial sector and as local innovators not afraid to look outwards, Cayman has a lot to be proud of.



Here at Caymanian Times, with our in-house expertise of over four decades in banking/finance and business, we will be devoting even more attention to this both in our main printed editions as well as our online offering.

Our new Business and Finance section will focus on highlighting and promoting developments in our business sector, alongside tracking global issues of interest to Cayman, and offering financial advice from expert contributors.

The times are indeed 'a-changin' as Bob Dylan sang.

Here at Caymanian Times, we are committed to reflecting and reporting on these changing times.

It's time for business.



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GOVERNOR (VESTING OF LANDS) ACT (2005 REVISION) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 10(1)(a) DISPOSITION OF CROWN LAND

Notice is hereby given that on the recommendation of Cabinet, His Excellency the Governor is proposing to vest the freehold interest in the Crown property specified in the Schedule below, to Governors Square Ltd, in return for a consideration of US\$2,800,000 (two million eight hundred thousand United States dollars) payable to the Government. Completion is conditional upon transfer of the sublease between Governors Square Ltd and the Lime Tree Bay Strata Corporation of Block 11D Parcel 94, to a new entity wholly owned by the Lime Tree Bay Strata Corporation, within an agreed timescale and for an agreed consideration. Each party to bear its own costs.

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Approved by Cabinet on 9th March 2021.

Jon Hall
Director, Lands & Survey Dept
Cayman Islands Government

Top students gain Rubis scholarships

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demonstrating that they had a particular passion that they wanted to pursue. The remaining 11 finalists were awarded scholarship grants to help them follow on in their studies. The students received their prizes at an award ceremony held on 19th May at the George Town Yacht Club.

Rubis had asked students aged 7-12 to apply by recording a 90-second video demonstrating their passion, which could span activities such as the fine arts, performing arts, sports, STEM, or any academic endeavours. They received 96 submissions and each of the candidates were narrowed down individually on clear presentation, proof of excellence, creativity and innovation along with a clear outline as to what they would use the winning funds towards.

More than 60 video submissions were approved and made open to the public for voting on the Rubis Cayman facebook page with a total of 78,901 votes received. A judging panel whittled the entrants down and, ultimately, nine finalists were selected to receive \$1,000 each in Rubis

scholarship grants with an additional \$500 allocated to two special needs students thanks to the generosity of the Rubis Dealers, with Victoria the grand prize winner.

Andres Barthel, Managing Director of Rubis Cayman Islands said the Rubis team was always looking for inspiring ways to make a difference within the community.

"This programme is a rewarding one for not only our young Caymanians but also for our Rubis members of staff. We saw a great need to motivate and inspire kids between the age of 7-12 years old as we know that the dreams of our youth begin to take shape at this pivotal stage in their lives," he said.

Mr Barthel felt there were greater grant opportunities available in the Cayman Islands for high school students.

"Because of that, we continue to believe that the opportunity presented with RTS is an effective way to continue contributing to the future of the Cayman Islands, allowing us to inspire a younger group of hopefuls. Congratulations to all Finalists. You have made us at Rubis Corporate very proud," he stated.



► All 2021 RTS Finalists

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► Directors Dr Sara Watkin & Dr Francisco Martinez at Suite Entrance

Integra Healthcare Ltd opens dedicated Women's Health Suite for its all-female Obstetrics & Gynaecology team

Integra Healthcare Ltd announced on Friday the opening of a new dedicated Women's Health Suite for its rapidly growing Obstetric & Gynaecology Service, bringing purpose-designed facilities and a relaxing environment for its unique service.

Dr Lisa Joels, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist at Integra commented, "Besides the state-of-the-art space and equipment, this now allows us to deliver a truly unique, combined pregnancy service that brings together tertiary obstetric care, fetal medicine and neonatal care, backed up by dedicated midwifery support during pregnancy and after delivery."

The all-female team in the Women's Health Suite consists of two UK-trained and qualified, tertiary hospital Obstetric & Gynaecology Consultants, a dedicated Midwife and Nurse, working seamlessly with the renowned Integra newborn paediatric consultants, to ensure a smooth pregnancy and beautiful experience, but with the back-up, teamwork and credentials necessary to deal with complications, and manage complex or high-risk pregnancies.

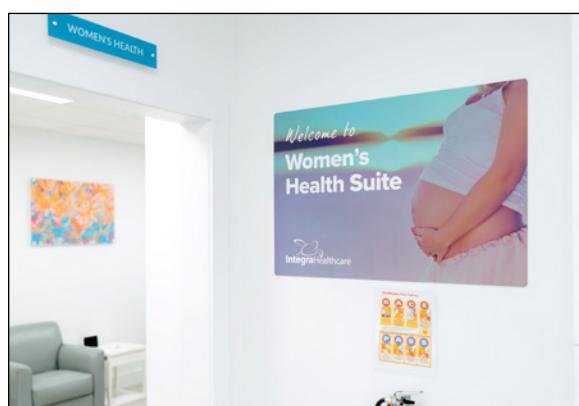


► Dr Madhavi Manoharan in Consulting Suite

Commenting on the new consulting-treatment suites, Dr Madhavi Manoharan, Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist, says, "Women's health issues, especially gynaecology problems, are sensitive and require utmost privacy. It is wonderful to have spacious new suites, each with an ensuite toilet within them, allowing us to ensure dignified care in first-class facilities."

The new suite boasts its own separate waiting room with complementary refreshments, multiple consulting room-treatment suites and dedicated nursing and midwifery rooms to allow for Integra's enhanced pregnancy package of midwifery support, including prenatal and postnatal support well beyond what is typically available.

Allie Campbell, Integra's midwife, explained, "I spent many years here as a doula before training and practising as a midwife in a busy London Teaching Hospital. I was aware of the lack of midwifery support in the private setting and how this affected women during their pre-natal and postnatal care. I am so excited about



► Entrance to Womens Health Suite

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Scotia launch sustainable investment funds

Recognising that sustainability is now a key consideration for investors, Scotia Global Asset Management have recently launched three sustainable funds geared towards institutional and high net worth clients. The three funds - Scotia Sustainable Global Corporate Bond Fund, Scotia Sustainable Global Equity Fund and Scotia Sustainable Emerging Markets Equity Fund - are sub-advised by Jarislowsky, Fraser Limited (JFL) Global Investment Management), an investment management firm with extensive experience in sustainable investing.

Each fund has been designed to offer investors the chance to obtain growth from a diversified

portfolio of high-quality businesses, with material environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors integrated into the investment decision-making process.

Scotia Sustainable Corporate Bond Fund is designed to generate income and preserve wealth by investing in high-quality global corporate bonds, while Scotia Sustainable Global Equity Fund is designed to provide capital appreciation by investing in the equity securities of companies around the world. Scotia Sustainable Emerging Markets Equity Fund is designed to provide capital appreciation by investing in the equity securities of companies

in, or that have exposure to, emerging markets.

Raquel Costa, Senior Vice President of International Wealth Management, Scotiabank, explained that they looked to create value for their clients by bringing innovative products to each of the markets leveraging their global expertise.

"We recognise that ESG considerations are a key component of delivering long-term value to investors," she said.

Mario Causarano, Regional Wealth Management Head, Caribbean, Central America & Uruguay, International Wealth Management, Scotiabank, underscored the growing importance of sustainability for investors:

"Sustainability is becoming a central part of decision-making for consumers, businesses and governments. Now we have these dedicated solutions for investors and advisors who want a forward-thinking, diversified portfolio of high-quality businesses and robust risk management," he advised.

The Funds are sub-advised by JFL Global Investment Management, which was bought by Scotiabank in 2018, and is one of Canada's premier investment management firms and a signatory to the United Nations-supported Principles for Responsible Investment. Scotia advised that JFL Global Investment Management's long-established his-



tory and culture of investment stewardship saw the investment firm focus on higher-quality investing, fundamental research, a long-term investment horizon and the advancement of good governance and sustainable investing.

CRYPTO-CURRENCIES: CRASH, COMPLEXITIES...AND COMEBACK?

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

The Governor of the Bank of England this week sounded what might have been his most sombre caution regarding crypto-currencies, calling them "dangerous".

"I'm sceptical about crypto-assets, frankly," Andrew Bailey told a hearing of the UK parliament's Treasury Committee, "because they're dangerous and there's a huge enthusiasm out there."

The Treasury Committee's hearing came in the wake of recent severe turmoil in the crypto-currencies market which saw its value tumble by more than 40 per cent in the past few weeks after hitting record highs in April.

It's not the first time the Bank of England Governor has voiced his reservations about the volatility of the crypto-currencies.

He had previously warned that people should only invest in it if they are prepared to lose all their money.

Mr Bailey has also cautioned that assets such as bitcoin fall short of the standard requirements and oversight applied to standard cash, digital payments and other transactions supervised by the Bank of England and other central banks.

According to the governor of the UK's central bank, in general, financial innovation is good for the economy, but investors need to maintain vigilance about the underlying assets they create.

It's also not the first time that the House of Commons Treasury Committee has investigated the crypto-currencies sector.

In 2018 it published a report on the UK regulatory landscape for crypto-assets in which it strongly recommended regula-



tion of what it calls the "wild west" crypto-asset market.

At that time the Committee said that was necessary to improve consumer protection and anti-money laundering standards.

According to the highly-respected London financial district newspaper, CityAM: "Of perhaps even more concern, is how traditional banking institutions may now turn this chink in Bitcoin's armour to their advantage."

It says, "Some of the big players are already beginning to encircle their prey, with the European Central Bank adopting the alpha male role by describing 'grounds for concern' over bitcoin's 'exorbitant carbon footprint'. The Italian central bank was also quick to point out its own payment system's environmental impact was some 40,000 times smaller than that of BTC."

BTC is a so-called 'webwallet', part of the complex technology called blockchain which supports trading in bitcoins.

Tighter regulations are also reported to be under consideration by the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Federal Reserve and the Treasury Department.

Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell has also said that the explosive growth and recent dramatic collapse of cryptocurrencies "pose some risks to both individual investors and the broader financial system".

He however confirmed that the Federal Reserve is looking into whether it should establish a cryptocurrency of its own.

The recent dramatic tumble in the crypto-currency market followed comments by billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, one of its main proponents, about the environmental impact of the technology driving bitcoin and other crypto-currencies.

Mr Musk has also been accused of creating panic in the market by what some analysts regard as conflicting perspectives on the state of the sector.

The crash also coincides with a tough stance adopted by China which is reported to be considering new regulations for the sector.

However, some experts suggest that China, where many bitcoin mines - the computer farms that run the system - operate could be looking and making major inroads into the market with its own crypto-currencies.

Earlier this week, cryptocurrencies were regaining some of their lost value.

However, some experts say it may take the sector much longer to recover from the damage to its reputation and whether a new regulated system evolves from the latest uncertainties.

Bitcoin is legal tender in the U.S., Japan, the U.K., and several other developed countries.

Cayman established its own regulatory framework for crypto-currencies last year with the Virtual Asset (Service Providers) Law 2020.

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OfReg must name poor quality petrol stations

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of the quality levels of petrol that they are buying.

OfReg have been required to disclose this information following a hearing with the Ombudsman, in which OfReg argued that revealing the actual names and locations of the tested petrol stations would prejudice the businesses' commercial interests. OfReg also stated the release of the names of individual fuel retailers could constitute an unreasonable disclosure of personal information.

However, the Ombudsman had other ideas, and felt that OfReg was not doing a good enough job in protecting the public in withholding the names.

"OfReg seems to argue that the identity of the retail businesses should be withheld in order to protect the petrol stations in the event that their fuel was found deficient and customers decided to take their business elsewhere," the Ombudsman, Sandy Hermiston, wrote in her decision. "This position is inconsistent with OfReg's role of protecting the interests of consumers."

The Ombudsman also ruled that revealing the petrol suppliers' names would not constitute revealing personal data and the names were already in the public domain.

OfReg also argued that there was no standard for fuel quality in the Cayman Islands and that the fuel testing programme currently being conducted was done voluntarily, without written agreements between OfReg and the petrol retailers as to how these tests should be carried out. Because of that, they were concerned that the threat of revealing their identity would make them less cooperative with the testing programme. However, the Ombudsman noted the Utility Regulation and Competition Act (2021) gave OfReg broad powers to require production of fuel testing information if the petrol stations were to become noncompliant.

OfReg also worried that the public might not understand the fuel test results, which might lead to unnecessary harm to petrol providers' reputations and business, but the Ombudsman said the best way to counter misinformation about fuel test results was to educate consumers and help them to protect their health, safety and financial interests from an informed position.

OfReg said it welcomed the decision by the Ombudsman, stating that it had followed the existing system of codification of the site names which began in 2013 when the Petroleum Inspectorate (the predecessor entity) conducted a fuel qual-

ity investigation in the Cayman Islands. As a result, the initial Freedom of Information request to name the petrol suppliers was denied.

It has now published this information on its website.

The utilities regulator said:

"OfReg reiterates its commitment to ensuring the quality of fuel delivered, whether at the gas stations or for commercial users, is maintained at the highest standard. Any issues arising from the use of fuel that has not otherwise been additised or adulter-



ated, should be addressed with the fuel suppliers, and escalated to OfReg in cases where the outcome is not satisfactory."

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24	25	26	27	28	29
ORIA 9am – 12pm 1:30 – 4pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	EAST END PUBLIC BEACH 4 – 9pm	ORIA 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	CAMANA BAY 11am – 3pm 4:30 – 7pm	ORIA 8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
31	COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC LOCATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORIA - OWEN ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT • CAMANA BAY (FORMER CAYMAN MAC LOCATION) • DISTRICTS – AS NOTED ON THE SCHEDULE <p>DOSE 1 & 2 will be given at any of the published clinic times.</p> <p>When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose.</p> <p>(Do NOT laminate your card)</p> <p>The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the <u>earliest</u> that is recommended.</p> <p>All persons must present photo identification showing date of birth.</p> <p>Facemask required – Please bring your own.</p> <p>Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky</p> <p>V3</p> <p> Public Health Department HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY CAYMAN ISLANDS Caring People. Quality Service.</p>				

Government Expresses Condolences on Passing of Chief Project Manager

On behalf of the Government, Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson, has expressed condolences to the family of the Public Works Department's (PWD) Chief Project Manager Peter Ranger.

Mr Ranger, a civil engineer, who led the Office that oversees all major Government capital projects passed away unexpectedly this week.

After joining PWD's Major Projects Office in 2016, he took a lead role on a number of projects expected to facilitate significant improvement in the delivery of public services in the Cayman Islands. Over the years these included the new John Gray High School campus, the renovated Owen Roberts International Airport Terminal, the COVID-19 Emergency Field Hospital at Family Life Centre, and the Court redevelopment project to name a few.

Commenting on Mr Ranger's passing, the Deputy Governor remarked: "Peter was a consummate professional, who was passionate about his work and the value it

could bring to the people of the Cayman Islands. All those who knew him across the civil service keenly feel his loss. Our deepest sympathies go to his wife and sons."

"Peter was a high performing civil servant within the Public Works Department, and has left a legacy of delivering significant projects that will have a lasting impact on the lives of Caymanians. He will forever be remembered and respected for his contribution to the Cayman Islands Government" said Acting Director of Public Works Troy Whorms.

Mr Whorms added that the Public Works team was committed to continuing to deliver on the priorities of the Government, and by extension the people of the Cayman Islands.

Tamara Ebanks, the Acting Chief Officer in the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure to which PWD reports, stated: "On behalf of the Ministry staff and our departments I would like to say that it was an honour and a privilege

to be able to work alongside Peter. His contributions to the team, to the wider Government and the Cayman Islands will always be valued."

Describing Mr Ranger as a friend and colleague, Acting Chief Officer for the Ministry of Health and Wellness Nellie Pouchie said he worked tirelessly to fulfill the various projects that he was tasked with. "He was the epitome of professionalism and his work on the Integrated Solid Waste Management System was phenomenal. He will be sorely missed by the team", Ms Pouchie remarked.

Meanwhile Chief Officer in the Ministry of Tourism and Transport Stran Bodden concluded: "Peter was the ultimate professional, and the most hard-working and dedicated person that I know. He had a depth of knowledge of many varied subject areas. He was personable, humble, and a genuine person, who will be greatly missed by all who knew him around the world."



► The Government and Civil Service has expressed condolences to the family of PWD Chief Project Manager Peter Ranger who passed away this week. Mr Ranger is shown here at the recent contract signing for the integrated solid waste management system. (Photo by GIS)

Census 2021 Launches in Cayman Brac

Census 2021 officially launched in Cayman Brac today, Friday, 21 May 2021, at a colourful celebration, marking the start of the national count's education and publicity campaign.

The event took place on the grounds of the District Administration Building at Stake Bay. It unveiled a catchy jingle specially produced for Census 2021 that the students of Layman E. Scott Sr. High School performed with gusto.

After the ceremony, the ESO signed up potential census workers, who will participate in the different activities that will lead up to the actual Census 2021 count.

The actual count starts on 10 October and is scheduled to continue for two months when census enumerators will visit households in the Cayman Islands and conduct the count by asking a series of questions of and obtaining responses from the head of each household.

A preliminary census report featuring highlights such as total population is scheduled to be out in first quarter 2022 and the final report later that year.

The Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) that spearheads the census primarily aims to conduct a **complete** count of the population of the Cayman Islands.

School children and a large gathering of Brac residents participated in the Friday opening of the census that last took place in 2010. The usual gap of 10 years between censuses was stretched to 11 years due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Welcoming the gathering, Financial Secretary and Chief Officer in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Mr. Kenneth Jefferson, said: "The fact that we have various sectors speaking for Census 2021, this morning, underscores the broad mix of its likely users. Because of this, the ESO at the very beginning decided to adopt an inclusive approach in the preparation and implementation of the Census. This requires the representation and active involvement of as many Government Departments and non-government offices, as possible. In other words, it is critical for

us to state the reality that the Census is a national event where everyone counts."

He advised Brackers that the ESO expects to hire approximately 24 persons in the Sister Islands in connection with Census 2021 and that recruitment would begin in June.

"Census 2021 is the most extensive national statistical activity since 2010," he said. To facilitate the management of census operations for the Sister Islands, the ESO would open a Census Office in Cayman Brac with the assistance of the District Commissioner's Office. "This will allow for easy access to the census staff should the public have questions about the census," the Financial Secretary explained.

He urged everyone in the Cayman Islands to welcome the official enumerators and get counted. Only that way, would the exercise count as a successful national activity.

Offering the census message, Minister for Education, District Administration and Lands, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP highlighted that in addition to an accurate count of how many reside in the Cayman Islands, the census will also provide the vitally-needed central database for both public and private sectors alike.

This will also help meet the data needs of policy makers involved in national strategic planning, notably development planning. Additionally, it will provide the basis for better business planning by the private sector and inform all other planning and assessment initiatives, the Minister said.

She emphasised that it is ideal that planning in the government and private sector are based on the same information such as census data. Also, national history is best served by a census. Censuses provide historical snapshots of a country's development between the periods when they were conducted, capturing the changes in the mix of nationality, economic profiles, challenges and needs.

In his remarks on the occasion, Member of Parliament Mr. Moses Kirkconnell, noted that an accurate count of all residents will help Government deliver better infra-



► Podium participants led by Minister for Education, District Administration and Lands, Hon. Juliana O. Connor-Connolly, helped launch Census 2021 at an event organised by the Economics and Statistics Office with the assistance of District Administration, at the grounds Friday, 21 May 2021. Seen l-r are: high school music teacher Dr. Kasandra Scott-Salazar, high school choir students Haylie Kirkwood and Vera Busby, Pastor Audley Scott, MP Mr. Moses Kirkconnell, guest speakers Mrs. Mexi Ann Grant and Mrs. Fraulein Biamonte, Minister O'Connor-Connolly, District Commissioner Mr. Mark Tibbets (behind), Financial Secretary, Mr. Kenneth Jefferson, ESO Director Mr. Adolphus Laidlow (behind) and students Adrian Tibbets and Yzara Ebanks. (Photo by Bina Mani, GIS)

structure. The better the tools, the better the outcomes and better the decisions, he said. For instance, as per the 2010 census, 99% of all households in the Cayman Islands have cell phones. Therefore, to reach people with quick messages, the cell phone would be a useful tool.

Two Cayman Brac residents spoke about the importance of the Census in planning for a better future for Cayman Brac.

Mrs. Mexi-Ann Grant highlighted "Cayman Brac Population and Community Life Over the Years" to provide a fascinating historical view of census, Cayman Brac and the life of the population over the years. For instance, in the late 1940s, the Brac population consisted mostly of Caymanians and a few people from other countries. As the island developed, to meet the demands for workers in every area of life, the population grew. Now there are people from all over the world. "As the population grew all areas of life in Cayman Brac changed," emphasised.

She highlighted changes to family life, transportation, schools, religion, medical, travel, entertainment, tourism, jobs and work, resulting in fundamental changes in the Brac brought on by population growth.

Mrs. Fraulein Biamonte focused on "Census and Planning for the Future" noting that an update on the population and housing statistics is urgently needed. She also underscored that all census data collected will be confidential. The census data made available will exclude names of people and any information that can identify any specific person, she elaborated.

The provision of demographic data helps the Government decide how to allocate or distribute funding and assistance to departments in the Islands, she reiterated. This underpins building everything from schools to supermarkets, homes and hospitals, she added.

In closing, Master of Ceremonies and District Commissioner, Mr. Mark Tibbets added his voice in emphasising the importance of censuses to all from government to the private sector. He thanked all involved in making the launch a success.

Pastor Audley Scott led the gathering in opening prayer and the high school students Haylie Kirkwood, Adrian Tibbets, Yzara Ebanks and Vera Busby, led by their music teacher Dr. Kasandra Scott-Salazar, also led with the National Anthem and National Song.

CAYMAN PREPARES FOR ABOVE-NORMAL HURRICANE SEASON

By Staff Writer

With the 2021 Hurricane season expected to be one of above-normal activity, Cayman Islands government and non-government agencies responsible for disaster management have been stepping up their preparedness.

And none too soon as the 2021 season is off to an early start with storm Ana developing last weekend off Bermuda.

However, the system had weakened and was downgraded to a post-tropical storm as it encountered cold waters out in the Atlantic well north of Bermuda.

It's the 7th year running in the recent trend of pre-season named storms developing. The US National Hurricane Centre (NHC) said: "We might expect that hurricane season will start earlier and end later in coming decades, as warming of the oceans allows more storms to form when ocean temperatures are marginally warm for tropical cyclone formation."

The hurricane season officially starts on June 1st and runs until the end of November.



In its updated outlook for the season, NHC forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season. However, experts do not anticipate the historic level of storm activity seen in 2020.

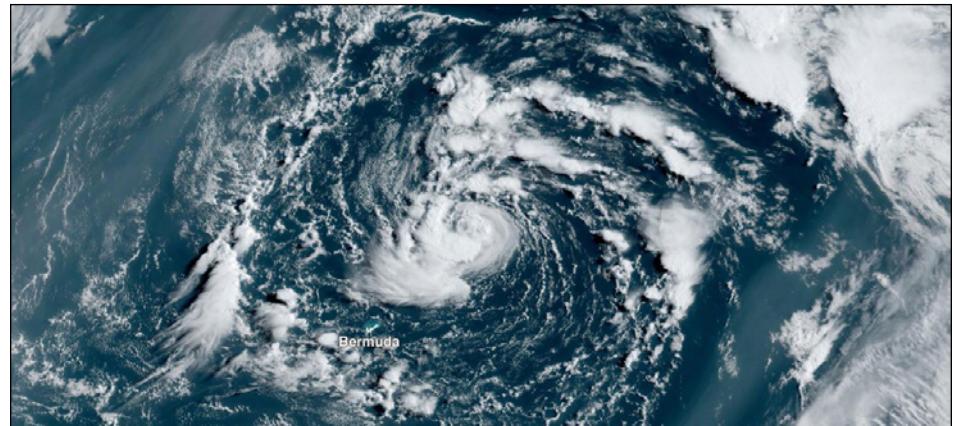
The predictions for 2021 suggest 13 to 20 named storms, with six to 10 hurricanes and three to five major becoming hurricanes.

This forecast is above the 30-year average (1991 to 2020) of 14 named storms, seven hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

"With hurricane season starting on June 1st, now is the time to get ready and advance disaster resilience in our communities," said Deanne Criswell of the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

HMCI leads on preparations

Already in Cayman, Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) has been stepping up its preparations for the upcoming season with a series of activities



► Storm Ana

ranging from staff training to community outreach.

Updating on their ongoing preparations, HMCI reports that staff have been out in the community distributing emergency preparedness kits to a number of elderly persons across Grand Cayman.

That initiative is a joint effort with the Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) and Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) with assistance from the Cayman Islands Regiment.

HMCI says it recognizes that elderly persons are disproportionately impacted by hurricanes and other disasters.

"Recognizing the additional challenges that many elderly persons face following an impact, HMCI has teamed up with DCFS and NAU to provide some essential supplies to help elderly persons cope in the immediate aftermath of a hurricane or earthquake event," it stated in a social media post.

The agency has also been engaged in training programmes.

HMCI has hosted its 2021 Shelter Management Training Course for volunteers in conjunction with DCFS and involving the Department of Environmental Health, Public Works, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and the Health Services Authority.

For the first time, members of the newly formed Cayman Islands Regiment also took part in the training.

HMCI says the Emergency Shelter programme is a critical component of its disaster management mechanism.

Mass Casualty Management Training for first responders has also taken place with sessions in the Sister Islands.

The course aims to streamline coordination amongst first responders from multiple agencies.

The expertise of personnel from Fire, Police, Community Emergency Response Teams, Red Cross, Customs and Border Control, Health Services Authority has been utilised in that programme.

Crews from the Public Works Department (PWD) and National Roads Authority (NRA) have been conducting the annual Shuttering Exercise of Government Buildings. The PWD exercise also includes physical inspections of emergency shelters to ensure they are ready for the upcoming hurricane season.

In addition, 18 volunteers recently completed the first phase of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

HMCI has also been teaming up with several businesses in raffling emergency supplies for hurricane season.

POLICE NEWS

PUBLIC NOTICE: Cayman Brac Police Station Relocation

The RCIPS is advising the public that the Cayman Brac Police Station is being relocated from 9 Ivory Lane. As of Saturday, 22 May, the station will be located at

Units 5 and 6 of the Kirkconnell Building, on Kirkconnell Street, in Stake Bay (across from the District Administration Building) until further notice.

All services provided at the Cayman Brac Police Station will continue to be provided at the new location, which will continue to be accessible to the public 24-hours-a-day.

The phone numbers for the Station also remain the same. For more information, call the Cayman Brac Police Station at 948-0331 or 925-0635. Alternatively, call 926-3159.



Fatal Collision in George Town

Shortly after 1:00AM today, Sunday, 23 May, officers responded to a serious two-vehicle collision on South Church Street, in the vicinity of Palm Springs, involving a Changan CS75 and a Honda Fit. The five occupants of the vehicles were injured in the collision. Emergency services attended the scene and all five persons were transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital.

The driver of the Honda Fit, a woman age 32, was subsequently pronounced dead. The driver of the Changan, a man age 25 of George Town, has been arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving. He remains in hospital as investigations continue. The other three occupants of the vehicles also remain in hospital.

The Traffic and Roads Policing Unit is investigating this fatal collision and encour-



ages anyone with information to call 649-6254. 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>.

CCMI OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALIST LEADERSHIP COURSE

Programme helps train young Caymanians to be skilled and enthusiastic environmental ambassadors

For the tenth year, the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) will offer scholarships for selected participants to attend the Young Environmentalist Leadership Course (YELC). This programme is for local high school students and recent graduates, ages 15-19, and a maximum of six applicants will be selected to participate in the programme this year.

Applications for this intensive two-month programme are currently being accepted by CCMI through 11th June 2021. In past years, participants have come primarily from John Gray High School, Clifton Hunter High School and the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre, with more students applying to the programme each year due to the growing interest in and the recognition of YELC within the Cayman Islands. Interested students must first apply to CCMI then participate in an interview process. Successful applicants will begin the programme with their dive training in Grand Cayman in early July; the course concludes with a 10-day experience at the Little Cayman Research Centre with CCMI's research and education professionals.

Started in 2012, YELC was created to provide an opportunity for local students to continue their educational pathway in the marine sciences. During the first part of the programme, YELC participants complete their PADI Open Water Grand Cayman with Go Pro Diving. From 11th – 21st August, students attend a 10-day immersive, hands-on experience at the Little Cayman Research Centre. During that time, they will continue their dive training for Advanced Open Water and Rescue Diver certifications, work on field projects, take part in night dives, lionfish dissections, CV workshops, mock job interviews, and assist with CCMI's ongoing research.

The YELC programme was created to build skilled and enthusiastic environmental ambassadors while bridging an important gap for local students that may not have access to post-school education in the Cayman Islands. Participants complete the course, leaving with tangible dive and emergency first responder qualifications, as well as real-life, skills-based experience that not only helps guide them in the future but also provides excellent references for CVs and interviews with potential educators or employers. Now that the programme has successfully run for nine years, CCMI is seeing YELC alumni flow into professional roles in the dive tourism and environmental science fields. CCMI continues to connect with YELC alumni to see how participants use the course as a step in their career path with the aim of ensuring the curriculum continues to offer skills and experiences useful to the participants beyond the YELC programme.

Sponsored by Foster's and Cayman National Bank, the YELC programme has supported more than 85 students on their journey to learning about the marine environment while also helping to develop important soft skills that will serve participants well in any career path they choose.

Further information can be found on CCMI's website (www.reefresearch.org); the application can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/YELC2021>. Students who are interested in participating in the programme should complete and submit their application materials to CCMI's education department at education@reefresearch.org no later than end of day on 11th June 2021.

For more information about CCMI, the YELC opportunity, and other education programmes available at CCMI, visit www.reefresearch.org.



► YELC 2019 coral nursery session



► YELC 2019 Underwater



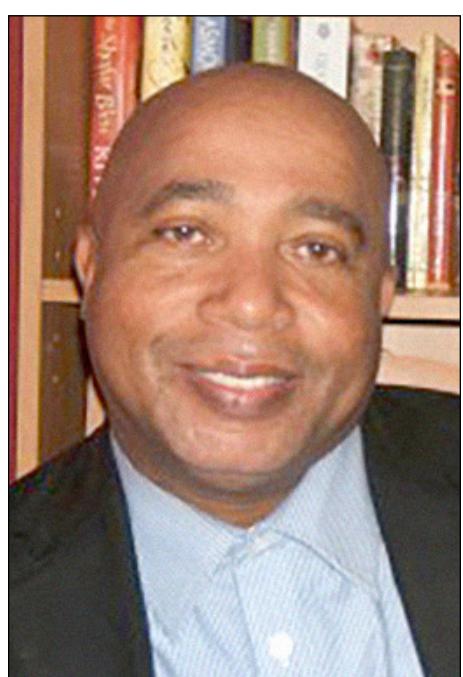
► YELC 2020 students on a dive in Little Cayman

CNCF to Host Symposium on the Work of Caymanian Author J. A. Roy Bodden

The Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), in collaboration with the Committee for the Promotion of Research and Cayman Scholarship (CPRCS), will be hosting a symposium to discuss and celebrate the work of prominent Caymanian historian, educator, author and former member of Government J. A. Roy Bodden. The conference is called *J. A. Roy Bodden: Public Intellectual Interrogating the Caymanian Society* and will take place on Thursday, 24 June at the Harquail Theatre. Admission is free to the public.

President Emeritus of the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI), Mr. Bodden is the author of several books on Cayman history, politics, and culture:

- *The Cayman Islands in Transition: The Politics, History and Sociology of a Changing Society*
- *Patronage, Personalities and Parties: Caymanian Politics from 1950-2000*
- *From Guard House to the Glass House: One Man's Journey through the Maze of Caymanian Politics*



► Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CXC Education Volunteer programme

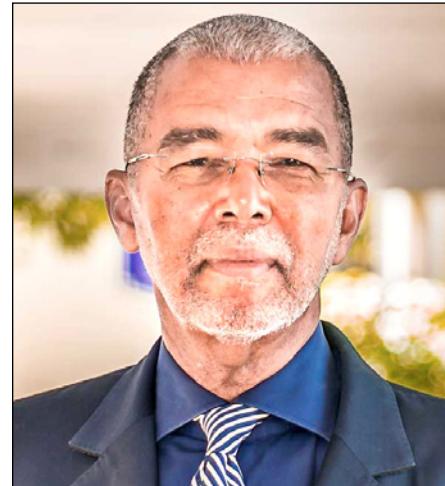
- *Stories my Grandfather Never Told Me*
- *Reflections from a Broken Mirror: Poems about Caymanian Society*
- *A Gathering of Old Men*

"Taken together, Bodden's books are a significant body of work on the Cayman Islands, told from the perspective of the Cayman Islands. It represents an achievement by the Islands' foremost public Intellectual and is a body of work worthy of celebration and of intense analysis," said Dr. Livingston Smith, Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands and Chair of the Committee for the Promotion of Research and Cayman Scholarship (CPRCS). "The symposium is meant to be the first of a series which brings together thinkers to write and critically examine issues and encourage scholarship centred on the Cayman Islands. Presenters will be advancing their own papers but will use Bodden's works as points of departures. This is a discourse that will be of great value to the society."

"This Symposium is a watershed event marked by the promise it holds for a continued scholarly examination of Caymanian society," said Mr. Bodden. "It is my hope that the occasion will be the catalyst to motivate others to add to the corpus of knowledge on the Cayman Islands as a developing society. I shall always be grateful to the Cayman National Cultural Foundation and my good friend and colleague Dr. Livingston Smith, for bringing this Symposium to fruition."

"CNCF has always been pleased and honoured to be associated with the prodigious talent of Mr. Bodden – from his time as Minister of Education and Culture to the publishing and launching of his first book on to the present," said Henry Muttoo, Artistic Director of the Cayman National Cultural Foundation. "This conference will go a very long way towards revealing what many of us have known for a very long time – that Mr. Bodden is, as Shakespeare says, "a keen observer and looks quite through the deeds of men".

The symposium will take the form of presentations on topics covered in the works of Mr. Bodden, either as individual



► Caymanian historian, educator, author and former member of Government, President Emeritus of the University College of the Cayman Islands, Mr. J. A. Roy Bodden



► Henry Muttoo, Artistic Director of the Cayman National Cultural Foundation

papers, panels or round tables. Organisers have put out a call for papers on topics that are explored in Mr. Bodden's books. Writers will be given the opportunity to present their work at the event and can do so in person or virtually.

As of this writing, Jamaican publisher Ian Randle, Dr. Tom Phillips of Trent University in Canada, Yale Professor of Economics Mushfiq Mobarack, Dr. Mark Minott of Manchester Metropolitan University and UCCI's Dr. Christopher A. Williams, Dr. Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper, Dr. Erica Gordon, Dr. Eustace Placide and Dr. Monika Lawrence will be participating. Caymanian historians Dr. Roy Murray, Dr. Frank McField, Steve McField and Mary Lawrence, noted attorney Theresa Pitcairn and social analysts Sylvia Wilks, Lakiesha Mason and Shannon Seymour are also confirmed to be a part of the event. Other presenters will include Dr. Oniel Hall of Jamaica and Dr. Carlyle Corbin presenting from the South Pacific. In addition, young adults interested in writing critically about relevant issues are also invited to attend, added Dr. Smith and cited Nikki Brown, Mikana Scott, Catherine Welds and Latoya Francis who will be presenting.

Areas that will be covered include:

- The nature of small island states;

- Public service culture in small societies;
- The founding of the Caymanian society;
- Caymanian literature;
- Cayman's political culture and political system;
- Ethics;
- The continuing evolution of the Caymanian economy;
- Caymanian history;
- Political corruption;
- The Cayman Islands political party system;
- The nature of colonisation and decolonisation;
- Leadership;
- Family systems;
- The Cayman Islands education system;
- Gender/women issues;
- Religion;
- Epistemology; and
- The role of the public intellectual.

The deadline to submit abstracts is Friday, 18 June and full papers or paper outlines are due on Monday, 21 June.

For more information about the symposium or to submit a paper for consideration contact Dr. Livingston Smith (Livingstonsmith125@gmail.com, 916-6462).

Integra Healthcare Ltd opens dedicated Women's Health Suite for its all-female Obstetrics & Gynaecology team

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being able to delivery this in our new purpose-designed suite."

Integra Healthcare Ltd is a practice devoted to Women's, Children's and Family Medicine, with Dermatology, and was established with the aim of raising the bar for what patients can expect from a healthcare provider. Dr Sara Watkin, Co-owner, Director and Consultant in Paediatric & Neonatal Care, explained the thinking, "From the outset, we wanted to establish fresh, purpose-designed facilities, whilst engaging clinicians from tertiary-level backgrounds, who were as committed as us to the practice of modern, evidence-based medicine. Our Women's Health Suite represents a big invest-

ment in organising expert, multidisciplinary, team-based care, as it should be, which is why that is our motto."

Dr Francisco Martinez, Co-owner, Director and a Family Medicine Physician, added, "GPs or primary care doctors refer women of all ages with a wide variety of gynae problems and we know they want a team they can trust with intimate and delicate issues, in a setting that is private and calming. I couldn't be more delighted that we can now offer that, through an all-female team with facilities that enable them to deliver a truly holistic and high-quality service."

More information about the New Women's Health Suite at Integra Healthcare Ltd can be found at: <https://www.integra.ky/womens-health-suite/>



► Examination Treatment Room



► The first ten swimmers to cross the finish line, each with their numbers denoting their place

Butterfield Sea Swim makes a big splash at Governor's Beach

By Christopher Tobutt

Butterfield Sea Swim They all lined up on Governor's Beach, ready for one of the most popular community sea swim events: the Butterfield 800m Sea Swim. What's really good about it is it is open to anyone of any age, and any ability too, so the novice recreational swimmer gets to swim alongside some of Cayman's stars and rising stars, many of whom have shone brightly for Cayman in international and regional swim meets, like CARIFTA.

With a big, silvery splash! in the afternoon sunlight, they were off, around the 800m loop and back to the finish line.

Steve Broadbelt Vice President of the Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association CIASA who organizes the swim, said, "Today is an open water sea swim, and this is the eighteenth year that Butterfield has sponsored this event. We do it every May. We have swimmers from as young as eight and nine years old, all the way through to 70, and there's different categories and different medals and trophies and some swag, and a fun and healthy

community day out. We have members of our junior and national swim team that represent the Cayman Islands internationally, so there are some top-level swimmers and some master-swimmers, some triathletes that use this event as a training event, and then just people who love swimming for recreation. So it caters for all ages, all abilities, you don't have to be a tuned athlete to go in this event."

Duke Sullivan, Open Water Director for CIASA, said, "We lost out last year with lock downs and things like that so it's nice to have all these kids and adults out, having a nice day".

Jake Bailey, 18, a previous CARIFTA swimmer was first past the finish line. "I think I did well," he said. Then there were three swimmers battled it out for the second third and fourth place. Liam Henry, 20, said, "It was really fun racing these other guys because I felt like I was the only one here from my group, so it's fun seeing all these new faces and seeing them grow."

Raya Embury-Brown, 16, was the first female across the line, but she wasn't far behind the top boy swimmers, top 5 over-



► The Butterfield sea swim starts

all. "I'm very pleased with my swim today," she said. "I train nine or sometimes ten times a week. Ms Embury-Brown is also a past CARIFTA athlete, and has done Cayman proud on several CARIFTA meets. "CARIFTA's been cancelled this year, but I

am doing a meet in Florida this summer," she said. Will Sellars, 15, came in third. "I think I did well. Most likely I could have done better," he said, also went to CARIFTA in 2019. Either an hour and a half, or three hours. I like swimming."



► Jake Bailey, first over the line



► Second, third and fourth places

Taekwondo Seminars move to the Brac

Due to the popularity and success of the Free Public Schools Taekwondo Program that is currently offering free weekly taekwondo classes in 7 public primary schools, the Cayman Islands Taekwondo Federation is hosting a series of taekwondo seminars for the school children in Cayman Brac, as they want to give all Caymanian children the opportunity to experience the Olympic Sport of Taekwondo.

With the assistance of the Sports Association of the Sister Islands, free taekwondo seminars for primary and high school students in Cayman Brac have been scheduled for Saturdays May 8, May 29, and June 19, 2021, which are being held at the new Multi-Purpose Building at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex.

Approximately 35 students attended the first seminar held on May 8, which



were led by Master Instructor Sua Kim, CI Taekwondo Federation Coach (former South Korea Female National Team Member). The seminar was divided into smaller age-related groups so all stu-

dents were given the best opportunity to learn.

Master Steve Graham, President of the CI Taekwondo Federation stated "we were very encouraged by the high level

of interest and enthusiasm from both the students and parents in attending additional taekwondo classes in the future, and we look forward to the next seminars we have scheduled on May 29th and June 19th. Based on the level of interest from the parents, we are planning to add a taekwondo class for adults during the next trip.

They would like to thank the Sports Association of the Sister Islands for sponsoring the seminars, as well as the National Olympic Committee for their continued support.

For further information on the Cayman Brac seminars or the Free Public Schools Taekwondo Program, please contact David Reid, Secretary General of the CI Taekwondo Federation, at davidreidcayman@gmail.com.



Busy Simpson sizzles at two tracks

Teenage karting sensation Kyffin Simpson stunned competitors at two tracks last week as the 16-year-old Grand Cayman-based speedster continued his amazing progress.

He impressed on his debut race at the Indy Pro 2000 Championship for Juncos Racing at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Then Simpson mesmerised with two wins for TJ Speed Motorsports in the FR Americas Championship.

As series schedules lined up perfectly, Simpson competed back-to-back, totalling over eight hours at the wheel including all practice, qualifying and race sessions. His weekend began at the historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway where Indy Pro 2000 formed part of the 'Road to Indy's IndyCar support roster at the GMR Indy Grand Prix.



► The teenage speedster shows remarkable composure when racing

Friday morning brought the only qualifying session of the Indy GP weekend. Simpson recorded his fastest lap of the season so far to line up fourth on the highly competitive Indy Pro 2000 grid.

Round 5 of the series began just a few hours later, and Simpson recovered from a sluggish getaway to fight for third place in the closing stages, re-passing two cars in the process to eventually settle for fourth at the flag.

Saturday brought Rounds 6 and 7, and Simpson rose to the occasion. As the green flag fell, the #21 car avoided incidents ahead to emerge as the race leader before battling hard for the remaining laps. He finished a plucky third overall.

Starting fifth for the final race, Simpson again fought for posi-

tion in a tightly contested race around the Indianapolis Road Course. He eventually finished an impressive sixth.

Simpson said: "It was a great weekend and a great experience to be at Indy for the first time. It was even better to be able to podium at such a historic track. I was also very happy with my performance having all top six finishes after a tough first couple of rounds."

Juncos Racing Team owner Ricardo Juncos said: "It was amazing to see Kyffin earn his first podium in the Indy Pro 2000, after only five races."

After seven of 18 rounds completed in Indy Pro 2000, Simpson is ninth overall with 88 points, gaining five spots over his previous position.

With little time to celebrate, Simpson travelled to the Road America circuit near Elkhart Lake Wisconsin to continue his FR Americas title challenge, beginning his first practice session on Saturday afternoon having competed at Indianapolis just hours earlier.

Sunday morning brought qualifying and Simpson, despite having never driven at Road America prior to the previous day's quick warm-up, came agonisingly close to securing pole position in his TJ Speed machine.

Simpson stalled the #21 Ligier at the start, demoting him to last place and several seconds



► Kyffin Simpson kept a cool head to grab two wins

off the car ahead. Skilfully, he deployed electric pace to set the fastest lap of the race, charging through to fifth overall, securing pole position for race two in the process.

Getting away cleanly at the start of race two, Kyffin never looked back to claim a lights-to-flag victory and his fourth of the season so far despite fellow championship contender Joshua Car applying pressure throughout.

Following a clean start in the second race, Car and Simpson set a blazing pace which left the remaining pack way behind. Roles were now reversed with Car under pressure from Simpson, and as the white flag waved for the final lap Kyffin's relentless chase paid off. Car spun with a handful of corners to go, rewarding Simp-

son with victory number five of six races.

Simpson said: "It was an amazing weekend, one that I was not sure I was ready for the challenge of, but I went into it the same way I would any other weekend and did my best. It was a huge learning curve. I'm very happy with my best Indy Pro results, as well as two wins in Formula Regional. After this weekend my main takeaway is that as long as I keep my head down and focus on doing my best, I will come out on top."

Extending his lead in the FR Americas standings, Simpson has 137 points, 72 clear of second-placed Car, the 2019 F4 US champion.

Simpson races at the Indy Pro 2000 Championship this weekend at Lucas Oil Raceway in Clermont, Indiana.

Aguero craves happy finale

Now that the European f leagues have wrapped up, all eyes turn to the Champions League final this Saturday between Manchester City and Chelsea in Portugal.

The final is at the Estadio do Dragão, home of FC Porto. Of all the players involved in the season's showpiece, City's Sergio Aguero hopes he will be involved in his farewell game.

Aguero leaves Etihad Stadium this summer after 10 glorious years, 260 goals and unprecedented success at the club. He has five Premier League titles, one FA Cup, six League Cup triumphs and it would be a fitting finale to add a Champions League medal to his collection.

His individual numbers are possibly even more impressive. He is City's all-time leading goal scorer. He has the best minutes-to-goals ratio in Premier League history, more Premier League hat-tricks (12) than anyone else, is the top overseas goal scorer in league history. And he is fourth in the Premier League all-time scorers list.

Aguero joined Manchester City from Atletico Madrid in 2011 for \$40m, aged

23. He had already helped Atletico to Europa League success, had won two Under-20 World Cups and claimed Olympic gold in 2008. The transfer price seems like a snip now considering his prodigious return. There is already talk of erecting a statue outside the Etihad in his honour.

Aguero, 33 next month, is by no means finished at elite level. In fact, many top clubs including Chelsea, Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain, Juventus and former club Atletico Madrid - who have just won La Liga - are interested. Barca are favourites though. The brilliant Argentinian feels he deserves a chance to start in City's first Champions League final and surely head coach Pep Guardiola will involve him in some way. Not least because he has an excellent scoring record against Chelsea.

Speculation is that Aguero is making way for the arrival of Tottenham striker Harry Kane who is already hunting for properties around Manchester.

The 27-year-old Londoner wants away from perennially underperforming Spurs



► Sergio Aguero often scores against Chelsea



► Harry Kane looks likely to end up in Manchester

for glory elsewhere but where he lands is ultimately down to the decision of Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy who is likely seeking a fee of around \$150 million.

City are Kane's preferred destination, however Chelsea and Manchester United want him too, especially as his strike against Leicester on Sunday secured him the Golden Boot with 23 Prem goals.

Chelsea have beaten Manchester City twice recently; in the FA Cup semi-final

and at the Etihad in the league earlier this month. City are, of course, Prem champions and bolstered by the fact they beat Chelsea convincingly at Stamford Bridge earlier in the season which accelerated Frank Lampard's departure as head coach. City are firm favourites on Saturday but by the sensational way new Blues boss Thomas Tuchel has turned their season around, this looks likely to be decided by a single goal.

Joshua must face Usyk now

The complex heavyweight championship situation took another turn last week so the \$250m fight between Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury in Saudi Arabia is on hold for the time being.

Joshua is now set to fight the WBO's No.1 challenger Oleksandr Usyk. They have until Monday to agree terms or purse bids will be called. The WBO rejected a delay in ordering this fight from promoter Eddie Hearn. Fury takes on Deontay Wilder for a third time.

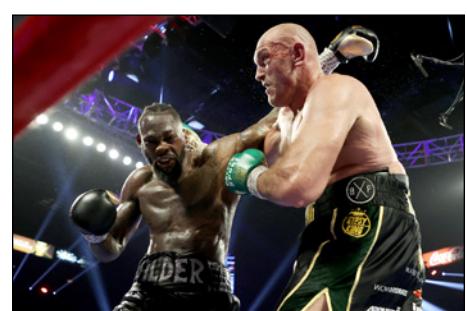
Joshua holds the IBF, WBA and WBO belts but his plan to meet WBC king Fury on Aug. 14 was scuppered by an arbitra-



► Anthony Joshua faces Usyk now

tion court, who ruled that Fury must fight Wilder for a third time before Sept. 15. Wilder has made clear that he will not accept a fee to step aside and waive his right.

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► Deontay Wilder wanted \$20m to step aside

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Gauff, 17, set for greatness

Coco Gauff burst on the tennis scene in spectacular fashion in 2019 with her first senior tournament win, aged only 15. The pressure immediately began as she was hailed as Serena Williams' successor.

Well Gauff looks capable of succeeding Williams as she clinched her second WTA title in beating Wang Qiang 6-1, 6-3 in the final of the Emilia-Romagna Open in Parma.

Third seed Gauff needed just 74 minutes against Wang, who is 12 years her senior. The teenager's victory comes 19 months after she broke through for her maiden title, beating 2017 French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko for the Linz Open crown.



► Coco Gauff is developing into a world beater

Gauff is now ranked world No.25, meaning she will be seeded for the French Open starting on Sunday.

She collected more silverware in Parma on Saturday, teaming up with fellow American Caty McNally in the doubles final against Darija Jurak and Andreja Klepac. They won 6-3, 6-2.

Nets bank on elite trio

Ever since the Brooklyn Nets put together their superstar trio of Kevin Durant, Kyrie Irving and James Harden four months ago, the basketball world anticipated big things in the playoffs.

While it took a while to find their rhythm, things eventually started to look like everyone expected them to.

Following a sluggish first half against the Boston Celtics, Durant, Irving and Harden combined to score the first 22 points of the second half for the Nets to lift them to a 104-93 victory on Saturday in the opening playoff game.

"I liked the way we fought," said Harden, who had 21 points, nine rebounds, eight assists and four steals. "It just shows every game isn't gonna be perfect."

Nevertheless, as the 2021 NBA play-offs started, the Nets were clear favourites - a situation even the most loyal Nets fans are finding hard to believe. "It's like a movie, you have to pinch yourself to see if it's real," Keith McPherson, host of the Talkin' Nets podcast.

"You could believe it if it was one of the big marquee teams, like the Lakers or Celtics, but it's

my team - the little engine that could."

2021 NBA play-offs (number denotes seed)

Western Conference

1. Utah Jazz
2. Phoenix Suns
3. Denver Nuggets
4. Los Angeles Clippers
5. Dallas Mavericks
6. Portland Trailblazers
7. Los Angeles Lakers
8. Memphis Grizzlies

Eastern Conference

1. Philadelphia 76ers
2. Brooklyn Nets
3. Milwaukee Bucks
4. New York Knicks
5. Atlanta Hawks
6. Miami Heat
7. Boston Celtics
8. Washington Wizards



► James Harden is leading the Nets charge

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Trinidad still has virus problem

Trinidad and Tobago registered seven new deaths from COVID-19 pandemic on Friday as Suriname and Jamaica also recorded deaths linked to the virus that has killed millions of people worldwide.

Trinidad's Ministry of Health said that the total death count since March last year is 348, while there have also been 708 new cases of people testing positive for the virus.

It said that the number of active positive cases as a result is now 7,488, with the overall total positive cases being 18,935.



► Trinidad's vaccination programme is not working well

The authorities said 407 patients are in hospitals across the country, while 328 are in state sanctioned quarantine facilities and 6,210 in home isolation.

Barbados scales up fishy business

Barbados is investing heavily in its fishing industry with the renovation of five fish markets and planned improvements at an additional three. Barbados is famous for its fish market at Oistins where tourists congregate on Friday nights but flying fish is available in many places around the island.

The Pile Bay Fish Landing Facility has joined the list of renovated markets featuring top quality material on the countertops, which allows it to meet the sanitary standards required for exporting fish.

Renovated at a cost of B\$1.5 million (KY\$620,000) by the Barbados Port Inc, the market, known for its Sunday limes and bustling business, is now disabled



► Barbadian fishermen are getting huge support

friendly and outfitted with solar panels on the roof as the government invests in renewable energy. It also features lighting designed to protect hatchling turtles, and has a variety of plants.

Grenada asks UK to be listed green

Grenada's Prime Minister Keith Mitchell has written to his British counterpart asking for the destination to be added to the UK's green list.

Mitchell told UK PM Boris Johnson that there was "deep disappointment" when the new traffic light system did not categorise the destination as green, which enables returning travellers to avoid quarantine.

He said Grenada has one of the lowest infection rates in the world and has no active cases. Since the start of the pandemic, it has recorded just 161 COVID-19 cases.

"We have spared no resource to ensure that our islands are kept safe," he said, outlining the country's vaccination programme. Hotel workers have been prior-

itised and about 70 percent are now fully vaccinated.

Most attractions have been declared covid safe and there are other measures such as social distancing, face-mask protocols and the banning of large gatherings. Fully vaccinated travellers are tested upon arrival and remain in quarantine for two days, pending a negative result. Those not vaccinated have to quarantine for a minimum of seven days and are tested on day five.

British paper the Daily Telegraph has tipped Grenada as one of the amber countries among the "near misses" in the current green list, which may be promoted to green when the categories are updated in June.



► Grenada feels its streets are relatively virus free now

Jamaica plans huge hotel growth

Jamaica's room inventory could grow by 4,800 or more by the end of 2023. Despite the global pandemic, Jamaica is geared to increase its tourism industry exponentially which means more hotel rooms is essential.

Tourism minister Edmund Bartlett said: "The future of tourism in Jamaica is very bright, and our goal to dramatically increase the number of hotel rooms in the destination is still on track, despite the challenges we've been facing."

Upcoming additions to room stock for Jamaica include Oceans by H10 and Excellence Oyster Bay, both in Trelawny; ROK Hotel, the Wyndham and Terra Nova mixed-use development, all in Kingston; Sandals Negril and Princess Hotels, both in Negril; Sandals Whitehouse in St. Elizabeth; Sandals Royal Caribbean and Hotel



► Jamaica's Excellence Oyster Bay is expanding

Grand-A-View, both in Montego Bay; and the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in St. James.

In addition, the Harmonisation Group will continue work on the Harmony Cove tourism project in Trelawny. The project is expected to cost JA\$7.5 billion (KY\$42m) and will include several luxury hotels, golf courses, a spa, marina facilities, commercial developments, private residences and other elements.

Antigua to offer KFC for jabs

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne admits Kentucky Fried Chicken may be offered as an incentive to residents who take the COVID-19 vaccine.

Browne said he has been told that KFC will be a popular option. He said the government may well be prepared to explore the option of giving a bucket of KFC for the first COVID-19 jab.

Currently, residents can benefit from a EC\$50 (KY\$15) food voucher and will this week benefit from a EC\$50 gas voucher with the first COVID-19 jab.

Browne says this is not strange considering that other countries are offering their own incentives such as cannabis and lottery winnings in exchange for the jab.



► Antigua hopes KFC will attract more jabs

So far, about 32,000 of Antigua's 96,000 residents have been vaccinated. Browne, who is also finance minister, says if 70,000 residents are not vaccinated in the coming months, there will be serious consequences for the country.

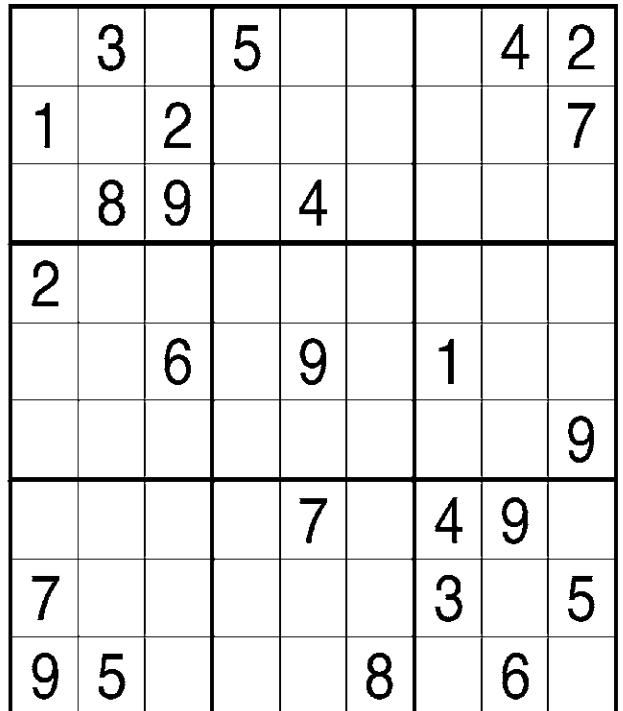
He said failure to vaccinate the nation would result in a possible collapse of the tourism sector and further devastating the local economy.

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By Dave Green



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

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