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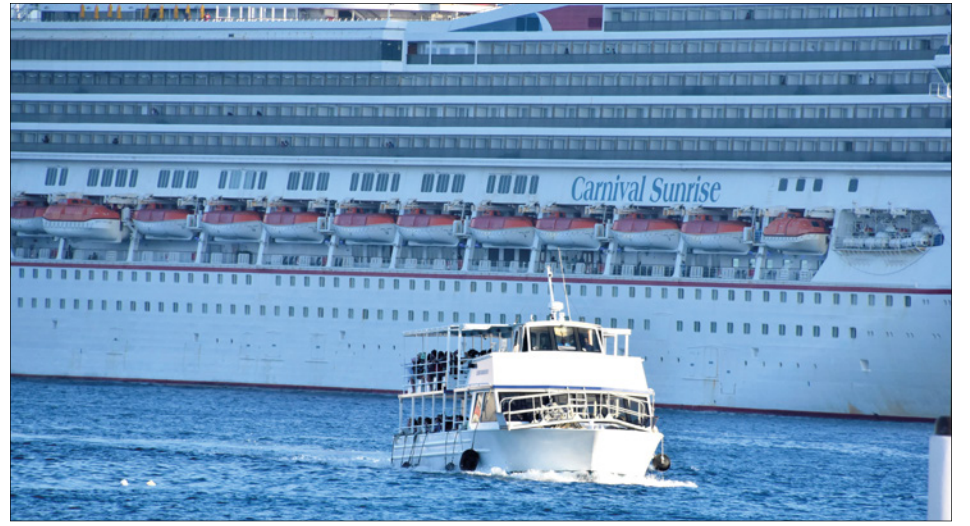
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Cayman welcomes back Carnival cruise ships

By Christopher Tobutt

Three big beautiful Carnival cruise ships, bringing an estimated 7,000 passengers, came to George Town Harbour on Wednesday 6 April. There was a great Cayman welcome for the visitors as they got off the tenders at the Royal Watler dock, and waved at the dancers

dressed in traditional Cayman clothes, and the dancers waved back, as a steel pan played its joyful melody. "Welcome, welcome, welcome," said Savannah MP Heather Bodden said as she waved to the visitors. "I see beauty, I see calm, I see lots of people I hear music. The taxi drivers and bus drivers at the front of the building are very happy to see all these

people. I think that the boats are a welcome sight for those who have not been able to work in tourism for the last two years."

Disney was the first cruise line to come back, on 21 March, and it is estimated that in the first four weeks after opening around 70,000 cruise tourists will visit Grand Cayman. In addition to Carnival and

Disney, Celebrity and Princess cruise ships are expected to visit. Of course, cruise visitors will have to abide by Cayman's mask-wearing rules, which mean that children over the age of five have to wear masks indoors. But judging by the cheerful waves and smiles from the visitors, they were glad to be here enjoying Cayman's beautiful sunshine.

Letter of Condolences on passing of former Premier of Nevis Vance Amory

From Hon. Dr. W McKeever Bush, JP, Hon. MSc, MP, Speaker of the House
To Honourable Speaker, Anthony Michael Perkins MP

Dear Hon Speaker,
It is with deep sadness that I write you on behalf of the Representatives and as the Speaker of the House of Parliament of

the Cayman Islands. We are saddened to hear of the passing of our friend Ambassador Vance Amory, whom I met officially from Caricom and my visits to St. Kitts.

We have observed that he was a dynamic individual who served the people of St. Kitts and Nevis. We know he was an avid cricketer and an extraordinary Headmaster by transforming the institution to higher standards of performance. Not to mention, while as a Banker he assisted many financially. This speaks to the care and compassion he showed towards the people and institutions he represented.

These qualities were not different from what he exhibited in the public sector as a Civil Servant where he rose to the most senior level of Permanent Secretary of Finance at which time his political interest manifested. He was committed to this cause and improved the lives of Nevisians. He was clearly dedicated to enhance people's lives when he organized a political party in 1987. His service to the country was a "good innings" from 1992 until 2006 and his second term in 2013. Serving as minister and as a two term Premier was a clear demonstration of the confidence the people bestowed in him. Regionally, he was devoted to strengthen the Caricom diaspora. He impacted the infrastruc-



al landscape by ensuring funding for the airport despite the challenges and difficulties encountered. In recognition of his perseverance, the airport has been rightly named, the Vance W. Amory International Airport, in honour of him. From all indications he was a nation builder.

We express sincere condolences to the bereaving family and the parliament community of this statesman. Please accept on behalf of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands our heartfelt sympathies.



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Batabano Street Parade plans in high gear for May 2022

Plans for Cayman's National Carnival - Cayman Carnival Batabano - are in high gear, with the annual parade slated for Saturday May 7th, featuring a new route culminating with a huge stage for masqueraders to cross on Festival Green at Camana Bay.

"We are super excited that the Cayman Islands has been welcoming back visitors to our shores again and is now in a position to be able to allow national cultural events like Batabano to resume," said Batabano Chairperson, Donna Myrie-Stephen. "Our applications are in to the Royal Cay-

man Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and to the Government's Cabinet Office for the necessary permission to host our national carnival this year, and we expect favourable responses in light of the approvals given for other parades to take place last Summer under similar Regulations, coupled with the current efforts being made by Government and the private sector to reignite the country's tourism industry, for both land and sea".

The Batabano Chairperson said the parade will take a different route this year due to ongoing works on Seafarer's Way in George Town where the carnival usually culminates with a street dance. This year, the parade will start at a location on Esterly Tibbetts Highway, proceed along West Bay Road per usual, but turn towards Camana Bay where masqueraders will get to cross a huge stage for the first time in Batabano history. There will also be a festive Carnival Village, Food Festival, and Las Lap Fete into the night for both masqueraders as well as other patrons.

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ABOUT CAYMAN CARNIVAL BATABANO

Established in 1983 by the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Carnival Batabano is the National Carnival of the Cayman Islands. A salute to Cayman's turtling heritage, "Batabano" is the native name for tracks left in the sand when sea turtles go ashore to nest, which has always been cause for celebration in the Cayman Islands. From humble beginnings, Cayman Carnival Batabano has grown from a small parade with homemade costumes and floats, to an international tourism attraction with hundreds of masqueraders donning professional costumes by local and international designers, parading down West Bay Road just steps from Cayman's iconic Seven Mile Beach. A unique carnival that fuses culture and the arts via creative costumes, Caribbean music, local crafts, and a Food Festival worthy of the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean, Batabano is symbolically held over the first two weekends of May (including Junior Batabano) as part of the celebration and awareness of the start of Turtle Nesting Season. Today, the non-profit Cayman Carnival Batabano Board of Directors is



proud to use its platform to promote and support local turtle conservation efforts in the Cayman Islands. Part-proceeds from Batabano sponsorships will help support select turtle conservation initiatives locally, made possible only through the financial contributions of Cayman's corporate community and the local Government. For more details, visit www.caymancarnival.com and follow www.facebook.com/batabanocayman, www.instagram.com/caymancarnivalbatabano, and www.twitter.com/batabano_cayman.



SteppingStones Recruitment Announced as Sponsor of Cayman Enterprise City's Tech Talks Series

Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) is pleased to announce SteppingStones Recruitment as an official sponsor for the remaining "Tech Talks" events in 2022. SteppingStones Recruitment joins CEC, Digital Cayman, and KirkISS as series sponsors.

Launched in 2019, the Tech Talks series have helped foster a diverse, and fast-growing community of tech companies in the Cayman Islands, creating an environment for knowledge-sharing, thought leadership, and debate around the ever-evolving digital economy. The strategic partnership will see the two organisations jointly participate in further developing the popular Tech Talks series.

"We're honoured to welcome SteppingStones Recruitment as a partner in our monthly TechTalks series. This partnership will allow us to deliver even higher quality events to an even wider audience. Our events have seen significant growth over the past few years and we are delighted to have yet another partner in the

continuing effort to build an ever more vibrant technology ecosystem locally and to provide larger interactive and topical technology-focused events" stated Charlie Kirkconnell, CEC's Chief Executive Officer.

Rosie Scott, Recruitment Manager at SteppingStones, said, "SteppingStones are absolutely delighted to be sponsoring the incredibly successful Cayman Enterprise City "Tech Talks" Series. With the recent launch of SteppingStones Tech led by Ben Bailey, and the ever-growing landscape of Tech-based opportunities in Cayman, we very much look forward to being part of this series of events that both engage and educate our community on an industry that we believe will future-proof our market."

Following the success of the inaugural Tech Talks event in 2019, CEC organised 33 further events, with topics including blockchain, cybersecurity, quantum computing, MedTech, and product development. The meteoric rise of Tech Talks led



► Rosie Scott, Ben Bailey, Charlie Kirkconnell

to the development of a sister series, Fin-Talks.

Tech Talks take place on the second Thursday of each month and members of

the public working within the Cayman Islands' technology sector are invited to register their interest by emailing innovate@caymanenterprisecity.com.



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MYSCH Minister, DG Wish CARIFTA Squads Well

The Cayman Islands national athletics and swimming squads teamed up, ahead of their respective CARIFTA championships, for a photo opportunity with Cayman Islands Government and Civil Service representatives.

The Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage (MYSCH) provides major financial support to both sports.

The teams, in national kits, were joined by MYSCH Minister, Hon. Bernie Bush and Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson on the steps of the Government Administration Building on Wednesday, 30 March 2022. MYSCH's Chief Officer, Ms Teresa Echenique, and Acting Deputy Chief Officer for Sports, Mrs. Melissa Whorms, also attended. Coaching staff, President of CI Aquatic Sports Association (CIASA), Mr. Steve Broadbelt; and President of CI Athletic Association (CIAA), Mr. Delroy Murray, were also present. CUC's President and CEO, Mr. Richard Hew, representing the electricity firm, a long-standing corporate sponsor of Cayman's CARIFTA teams, similarly attended.

"We were keen to meet our CARIFTA national teams in athletics, swimming and their support staff if only briefly, to wish them well and good luck and God speed ahead of the 2022 CARIFTA Swimming and Athletic Championships," said Minister Bush of the teams, which fly out to the games shortly.

"This is the first time in two years that we have been able to field CARIFTA teams and so this is a seminal moment for the Cayman Islands as it steps back out into the regional sports arena," Mr. Bush added.



► CARIFTA-bound athletes at a pre-championships photo opportunity outside the Government Administration Building before heading off to Jamaica shortly. The team was joined by Deputy Governor and Head of the Civil Service, Hon. Franz Manderson (far left), President of CI Athletic Association (CIAA) Mr. Delroy Murray (back row), Minister for Youth & Sports, Hon. Bernie Bush (back row, far right); CUC's President and CEO, Mr. Richard Hew; Manager of the CI CARIFTA Athletic team, Ms Paula Dawkins; MYSCH Chief Officer Ms Teresa Echenique (front row far right), and the Ministry's Acting Deputy Chief Officer Sports Mrs. Melissa Whorms.

With a cohort of 34 swimmers, ages 11-17 years old, CIASA is fielding a large team for the XXXV CARIFTA Games 16-19 April at the Barbados Aquatic Centre in Widley. The squad will compete in the pool swimming and open water events.

"The qualification standards we have for our team is very high, so we are expecting to make finals. Our overall goal is to get into the top three in the championships out of 27 islands that are going," said Mr. Broadbelt.

With 25 athletes competing in the CARIFTA Championships in Kingston, Jamaica over the Easter weekend, Mr. Murray is also confident that the U17 and U20 squads will give good performances.

"We have a strong team, which is one of the largest we've ever sent to CARIFTA. I expect the athletes to perform their best. "I hope that if they don't return with medals they come home with personal bests," he remarked.

Cayman's athletes will be competing against others from the English-, Dutch and French-speaking Caribbean, as well as countries in Southern and Central America such as Guyana, Belize and Suriname.



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Sharing of offensive content must stop

The RCIPS says the public and the media must stop sharing and posting online inappropriate, offensive and disturbing content. This comes in the wake of video footage and photos apparently being taken at the scene of the fatal car accident that occurred on Sunday 3 April, resulting in the death of a father and his infant daughter. The RCIPS said that they had been advised that this footage was being shared on a number of social media platforms and via digital messaging services.

The police, who are working with the family of the deceased, asked that the public and media sources consider the impact that sharing this content had on the family and friends of the deceased, and to immediately desist from sharing the content.

Ag. Superintendent Brad Ebanks said: "The RCIPS have been noticing a disturbing increase in the posting and sharing of inappropriate, offensive and disturbing content across social media platforms."

He called out what he termed a "culture of racing to see who can share the most shocking content first" which he said demonstrated not only a lack of foresight, but a complete disregard for the substantial impact this had on families who were

already dealing with immense suffering and often life altering circumstances.

"We are a small community, no one is naive enough to believe the content shared is not going to get back to the affected families. Stop and think before you post. In situations like these, one should be thinking of what you can do to help," he said.

The police remind the public that if you have genuine information (including video footage or photos) that may help assist in an investigation, please submit it to the police via official channels. For options on how to submit a tip visit: www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip



CIFS Officers Receive Institution of Fire Engineers Certification

Eight (8) Firefighters have earned their IFE Level 2 Certificate in Fire Science, Operations, and Safety having successfully completed a three-hour, 120 question examination which they sat in October 2021.

Acting Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Isaac Rankine who was on hand to present the certificates to the CIFS Firefighters said, "I am very proud that a total of 36 Caymanian firefighters have now gained the IFE internationally recognized fire and rescue qualification. Our intention is to continue this trend by supporting personal development across the Fire Service and increasing the number of examination participants as well as the level of qualifications achieved through the tiered examination programme with the IFE."

In 2020 the Cayman Islands Fire Service became a Corporate Member of the Institution of Fire Engineers (IFE). The IFE is an international body that examines the knowledge and professional experience of fire and rescue personnel across the globe. Membership grades are awarded from Student to Fellow, provid-

ing an internationally recognized fire engineering professional framework.

Commenting on the achievements, Acting Chief Officer for the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Michael Ebanks, said "Rigorous professional training is at the heart of our mission to build Cayman's resilience through public safety partnerships, innovation, and world-class service delivery. Our firefighters play a key role in that mission, which means we will continue endorsing opportunities that help maximise their personal and professional potential."

CFO Paul Walker QFSM said "This is amazing news and I offer my congratulations to my eight (8) 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. To those CIFS colleagues that were unsuccessful on this attempt, I wish you every success in the future."

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) has been on a journey of self-improvement and professional development over the past few years. As part of this devel-



► Acting Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Isaac Rankine pictured with the Firefighters who received IFE Level 2 Certificate (left – right) Travis Parsons, Jordan Rankin, Jamalleo Ramoon, Pablo Brito-Ebanks, Michael Cardenas-Powery, Ondrej Filipek, Travis Millwood, (Missing from photo is Harald Paul Westin), Outgoing Chief Fire Officer Paul Walker, Designate Chief Fire Officer Dwight Randy Rankine

opment, CIFS intends to establish a Cayman Islands IFE Branch in which fire and rescue personnel, and wider industry partners, such as architects, structural engineers, fire risk assessors, and general engineers may be-

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

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN MOSAIC OF MUSIC

The Harquail Theatre came alive with a full house for the first time in two years on Friday. It seemed fitting that it was with the Cayman National Choir and Orchestra, whose last performance there was cancelled on the eve of the concert because of covid restrictions, almost two years ago to the day. Now they are back. *Mosaic of Music* offered a repertoire and performance that brought a standing ovation from the audience that included the Honorable Sabrina Turner and representatives from sponsors Island Heritage, Jacques Scott, London and Amsterdam Trust and Fabrizon. It was pleasing to see free tickets made available to Jubilate, Cayman's next generation of young musicians, who were given the whole front row. There was indeed something for everyone, from mid-19th century classical to spirituals, and from music at the movies to the Beatles.

The concert was sold out, but due to Covid issues, getting over the finishing line had been fraught with difficulty. The capacity of the theatre had been restricted to only 150, then



gradually extended and then increased again with a further 80 tickets released just days before the performance. Both Horrocks and Taylor expressed their relief at being able to perform the full programme to a full house. Re-

hearsals had been disrupted by Covid cases, and they had to plan for all eventualities to make sure that the show could go on. As it was, the choir lost its accompanist and the orchestra its French horn in the week of the concert.

But finally, it all came together and with Jonathan Taylor conducting, the orchestra opened with the popular foot tapping, *Lord of the Dance*, written by Ronan Hardiman and made famous by Michael Flatley. Sue Horrocks touchingly introduced her nephew Jack Horrocks, a visiting clarinetist recently graduated from the Royal College of Music, who entranced the audience with his solo performance of the 2nd movement of *Mozart's clarinet concerto* – Mozart's only clarinet concerto written just two years before he died. Another notable soloist was Sarah Newman, the orchestra leader, who sensitively played the 'devilish' violin solo in Saint Saen's *Danse Macabre*.

The national choir, under Sue Horrocks, produced a strong choral sound despite the considerable handicap of singing through face masks and very diminished choir numbers. Jamaican folk song, spirituals, and popular songs like 'Getting to Know You' and 'Here Come the Sun,' as well as the sacred music of Howard Goodall's arrangement of the 23 Psalm, 'the Vicar of Dibley,' will have been familiar to the audience.

Less familiar will have been the introduction of orchestra pieces which most will have been hearing for the first time. With the orchestra bolstered by its strongest string section ever, 'Egyptian Legacy' by Soon He Newbold, brought the sounds of Egypt alive in an exotic world of strings that took the audience away to the land of the pyramids, the sphinx, and the times of the Pharaohs.

Modern classical music was represented by Robert Sheldon's 'Appalachian Morning,' a reflec-

tive piece that took us for a musical walk through the woods and mountains of the pioneers in the Appalachians. *Children of Sanchez*, from the film of the same name by the jazz artist Chuck Mangione, provided a jazz twist to modern classical music.

The combined choir and orchestra performed together for *Alleluia*, *Anthem* and the rousing finale, *Never Walk Alone*, in which the whole audience enthusiastically joined in. It was a pity that circumstances dictated that we were not able to hear more pieces with the powerful sound of the full ensemble.

Sydney Coleman, honorary president, announced that Jonathan Taylor will be handing over the baton and returning to the UK in August. During the five years under his baton the orchestra has expanded its membership, added a strong percussion section, brought in talented young players and excited concert audiences. Coleman said, "Applications are now being sought for his replacement and I urge members of the audience to spread the word." He encouraged applications from anyone who can consolidate the orchestra's position as a corner stone of the developing music scene in the Cayman Islands. He also said that new choir members will be welcomed and that all enquiries should be made to caymanchoirandorchestra@gmail.com

The next performances of The Cayman National Choir and Orchestra will be as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Pedro St. James on Thursday 2 June, and a full concert on Friday 24th June, which will be Jonathan Taylor's final public performance in Cayman.



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Hop, skip, and a jump to the Spring Fair at Pedro St. James

The Joanna Clarke Primary School PTA welcomed all to the Great Lawn of Pedro St. James on Saturday 2 April for a family-friendly day of fun, festivities, and fundraising.

The location proved the perfect venue for attendees to ring spring in, with sunshine, sea breeze, and the expansive ocean views from Pedro St. James.

Small businesses and independent vendors lined the outer edges of the lawn, selling handmade goods from soaps and macrame ornaments, to cookies and honey. Friends and families congregated centrally to enjoy vibrant performances by steel pan band Pan 'n' Riddim, and dancers from Radiance Dance School.

Breanne Carle, owner of Bre Carle Studio, a local business selling macrame plant hangers, bags, and jewellery explained, "the Spring Fair was a beauti-



ful illustration of community in Cayman. Being a small business in Cayman for me is all about sharing my craft with a community so full of culture. As a local maker it is wonderful to be part of a community that shares in its passion for food, entertainment, and craft."

Carle elaborated, "Events like these really help local vendors,

like myself, get more involved in the community. It's always nice to meet new faces and share with them but also learn from them. Anytime I am fortunate enough to participate in an event like this I always leave humbled by the experience and feel empowered by the connections made."

In amidst darts whizzing at the balloon-pop board, giant Jenga



teetering towards collapse, and a popular dunk-tank surrounded by soaking but smiling children, the Easter Bunny didn't disappoint, as two Easter egg hunts were hosted for cotton-candy fuelled youngsters.

The trees offered a shady respite from the heat of the day, as guests enjoyed their food and sweet treats whilst children played with rabbits in the petting zoo and eagerly awaited their turn for a pony ride around the historic Great House.

Faith Gealey attended the event with her daughter and commented, "I enjoyed the selection of local small business vendors, and my daughter thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities that were offered, especially the multiple bouncing castles and the horseback riding." She described the event as "Splendidly done," saying that the Spring Fair "highlights the need for additional family friendly events throughout the year."

Families and vendors alike left this successful egg-stravaganza with big smiles all-round, and an undeniable cheer that spring was well and truly sprung.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCI reminder on Russian sanctions

The Department of Commerce and Investment is urging its licencees to ensure they abide by the Public Notice issued by the Financial Reporting Authority (FRA) in relation to Russian Sanctions following the invasion of Ukraine by Russia.

Following the UK government's issue of new restrictive economic measures in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the impact has been felt in the Cayman Islands. Regulations made in the UK extend to its Overseas Territories and therefore to Cayman.

The regulations provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in destabilising Ukraine or undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, or obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia.

HM Treasury Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation has issued several notices regarding Russia over the last week, which can be accessed via the FRA and the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) websites.

To date, several banks, individuals, and entities have had their assets frozen, including: VTB, Russia's second-largest bank, worth £154bn; Rostec, Russia's defence giant, responsible for \$13bn of arms exports per year; Kirill Shamalov, the ex-son-in-law of the Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russia's youngest billionaire; Tactical Missiles Corporation Joint Stock Company, Russian state-owned defence company and one of the most prominent manufacturers of missiles in Russia; Uralvagonzavod, a Russian-state owned company that produces military



equipment, particularly tanks, for the Russian armed forces; as well as Vladimir Putin (President of the Russian Federation), and Sergei Lavrov (Russian Foreign Minister).

DCI licencees should check whether they maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for such persons and, if so, freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by such persons. Licencees must refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Governor, and report any findings to the FRA at financialsanctions@gov.ky, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the regulation.

Licencees must provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons to the FRA at financialsanctions@gov.ky by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF) available from <http://fra.gov.ky/contents/page/1>.

Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence, so it is important licen-

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Survey Measuring Cayman's 2021 Economic Performance Starts on 11 April

The Economics and Statistics Office will commence its annual business survey to measure the 2021 economic performance of industries in the Cayman Islands on 11 April, 2022.

Survey forms will be mailed or emailed to all relevant entities that produce goods and services in the Cayman Islands.

The survey seeks to gather data for the System of National Accounts (SNA), which estimates the total value of goods and services produced by the different industries in the Cayman Islands.

It will also gather data for the Balance of Payments (BOP) which measures the total payments of residents to, and receipts from, the rest of the world.

All survey returns are confidential as mandated by the Statistics Act and are exempt from the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The survey returns will be used exclusively for ESO statistical purposes.



ESO officials emphasise that the survey results will be published in aggregate form only, with all individual information remaining confidential.

All survey respondents will be required to return a completed form by the survey deadline of 17 June, 2022. ESO staff will be available to assist entities in completing the forms.

Survey forms and other information can also be found on the website at www.eso.ky, or may be requested by contacting 244-4676 or 244-4607.

DEH provides assistance & promotes safety during Clean-ups

As many organisations and volunteers get together to celebrate Earth Day on Friday, April 22, the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is reminding the public that assistance can be offered by providing gloves, garbage bags and pick-up of collected garbage after a community, beach and/or roadside clean-up activity.

Requesting DEH community clean-up services is very easy. Just visit www.deh.gov.ky, download the "Community Clean-up Assistance Request Form" and email it to dehcustomerservice@gov.ky at least two weeks before the day of the activity. This is to facilitate the coordination of resources and manpower to respond to the request.

The DEH is also encouraging the separation of recyclable items from the waste collected during any clean-up activity. The materials currently being recycled by DEH and generally found at clean-ups are plastic type 1 (PETE) and type 2 (HDPE), glass bottles and jars, as well as tins and aluminium cans. These materials need to be emptied, clean and free of contamination such as muck and dirt to be able to be recycled. Other important items to be separated from the general waste are household, lead acid and car batteries.

"It is important that people realise that taking care of our environment is a community effort. It takes all entities, such as government, private business, neighborhoods and school children to

help our environment. One group can not expect to do everything. We are all in this together", said DEH Director, Mr. Richard Simms.

Participants are encouraged to follow DEH's safety guidelines to avoid injury or distress when taking part in any roadside and beach clean-up activity.

1. Wear a hat, sunscreen and start early.
2. Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes (no flip-flops or bare feet) at all time.
3. Use caution when handling sharp objects and large debris. Do not lift heavy objects like logs and large debris. Leave driftwood and other natural items on the beach.
4. Be cautious, try not to trample plants that grow by the sea in the grassy areas.
5. Place bags of garbage on the side of the road or the designated area so they are highly visible to Department of Environmental Health Staff. Be careful not to obstruct traffic.
6. Clearly identify any bags of sorted recyclable materials.

Special attention should be given in the case of any encounter with hazardous materials, as follows:

1. Avoid any drums and unidentified containers, which may contain hazardous chemicals. Even opening these containers to inspect the contents can result in serious injury!

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INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED

The Department of Commerce and Investment (DCI) wishes to advise the public that, effective immediately, incomplete applications will no longer be accepted.

They would like to remind their customers that it is the applicant's responsibility to provide the required information in order for the application to be processed in a timely manner.

An application is considered incomplete if:

- Sections of the form are not completed;
- Personal details such as name, address, telephone number, email address, etc. are missing;
- Signatures are not affixed;
- Company documents are not included;
- Relevant approvals based on the business type are missing.



This decision is being taken in alignment with the "DCI Promise" to always provide clients with excellent customer service. By reducing the amount of time spent on incomplete applications, the DCI team will be able to process applications faster and increase the turnaround time for customers who submit complete applications.

DCI is also encouraging members of the public to visit their website at www.dci.gov.ky to review application checklists before submitting applications at the Business Licensing Counter and via their online portal. For more information, please email info@dci.gov.ky or call 945-0943.

Local Balloon Professional heading to international balloon build in 2022

Sharleen Duval, owner of It's Your Party has been selected from hundreds of Balloon Professional applicants to help create the USA's very first Big Balloon Build. She will be heading off this weekend!

Fifty-five (55) balloon artists from around the world are travelling to the City of Vincennes, Indiana in April 2022 to create a massive candy themed wonderland using 125,000 balloons, with giant ice cream cones, colossal cotton candy clouds and larger than life sweets to inspire the children in the community.

Hasbro Inc, one of the largest toy companies in the world, has granted permission to use its trademarked game, Candy Land, as the inspiration for a GIANT board game out of balloons, the first time in history this has ever been attempted!

Following negotiations with the global toy company, Hasbro Inc., Stuart Davies,

Creator and Director of the Big Balloon Build said "This is unbelievable news, Hasbro Inc has granted the Vincennes Big Balloon Build in April 2022 the right to reproduce the entire Candy Land Board game including the characters from within the game, and we are now going to build a full size Candy Land board game out of 125,000 balloons. Imagine you will be able to walk by King Kandy and his Giant Candy Castle as well as walking through a giant Lollypop Forest ... and to take it further United Way of Knox County Indiana has plans to enable children and families to actually play the giant board game!"

"You will literally be one of the pieces in the board game itself ... talk about a real life Jumanji!" said Davies, Director of the Big Balloon Build. Davies has been creating Big Balloon Builds in Wales, UK for the past seven years, but this is the first time it will be developed in the US. He is already developing several more in other states to happen after this Candy Land themed build is done.

The Big Balloon Build that Sharleen Duval is part of, will be gifted to United Way of Knox County to help them raise awareness and funds for over thirty charities that they service in the community. So far, United Way has already raised over \$60,000 for its charities from the upcoming ac-



tivities associated with this build making a difference to the lives of the people of Knox County.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do something bigger than myself and bring joy to children and adults alike after such a stressful year around the world. Excited doesn't even begin to express how I feel! I get to do what I love while giving back to the Vincennes community," said Sharleen Duval. "A big bonus is that I am getting hands on experience with fellow balloon professionals from around the world, not to mention the fun we will have while creating this balloon wonder! This build will enable me to increase my skills, bring those back home and offer more exciting options to my clients and customers."

Mark Hill, Director of United Way of Knox County said "I am so excited and grateful that **Sharleen Duval of It's Your Party** will be joining us to make an impact on our community."

"It's one of the most selfless and inspiring I've seen and the fact that there are

others in our industry wanting to help the people of my community is humbling" said Liz Romani, of Valley Party Supply - the Vincennes balloon host company for this build.

Lacey Lane of United Way, who is organizing all of the events following the Build said "we feel this full-size Candyland supporting United Way will go a long way to helping the children of Knox County to recuperate following the isolation and impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and to also generate significant awareness and income for the over thirty non-for-profit agencies and programs that we as United Way provide to children and young people in the community"

A HUGE "thank you" to Pioneer Worldwide for providing the highest quality balloons for the Big Balloon Build and to Premium Balloon Accessories for providing the professional grade equipment that will be used in creating this Candyland themed Big Balloon Build.

Follow us on Facebook for all the cool pictures to come from the build.



DEH provides assistance & promotes safety during Clean-ups

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2. Do not touch any medical waste such as syringes.

3. Avoid removing any lead-acid batteries (car/boat batteries). The acid contained in these batteries is extremely corrosive and may cause permanent eye and skin damage.

The location of such items should be noted and DEH should be contacted immediately.

In the case of finding any kind of deceased or injured animal,

which may be infected or dangerous, contact the Humane Society (domestic animals) or the National Trust (wild animals) if it is still alive. Contact the DEH for the removal of any deceased animal.

For additional information, please contact the DEH at 949-6696, email us at dehcustomer-service@gov.ky, visit the DEH's website at www.deh.gov.ky or message our Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/3LEK55q>

DCI reminder on Russian sanctions

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cees fully understand the assets under the ownership and control of their clients and carry out appropriate customer due diligence which includes regular screening (including onboarding and on incoming/outgoing transactions) against the list of individuals and entities designated under this regime.

As this is a fluid situation, people should seek legal advice where necessary and be mindful of the current trade prohibitions in relation to Russia, including those that apply to military-related goods and technology; provision of technical assistance; energy-related goods and services, services related to the relevant infrastructure sector and tourism in Crimea etc.

Offences can include: making funds or economic resources available to a designated person (except where an exemption applies or under a licence is-

sued by the Governor); dealing with funds or economic resources that must be frozen (except where an exemption applies or under a licence issued by the Governor); failing to comply with reporting obligations; activities that circumvent an asset freeze; breaches of licencing conditions.

Breaches of financial sanctions are considered to be a serious criminal offence and, as a result, carry a maximum of seven years imprisonment on conviction on indictment, or to a fine or both, or on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to a fine not exceeding £5,000 or its equivalent or to both.

The DCI says it is the responsibility of each licensee to ensure they understand the obligations and that the required action is taken, if necessary, and encourage people to contact the department at info@dci.gov.ky if they have any questions.

OfReg Adds Two New Board Members

Two new non-executive members have been appointed to the Board of Directors of OfReg, adding two women to the previously all-male board and bringing the Board to full membership.

OfReg Chairman Rudy Ebanks said, "We are very pleased to welcome Bonnie Anglin and Natasha Bodden to the OfReg Board of Directors. Ms. Anglin brings knowledge and experience in economics and public policy, and Ms. Bodden brings experience and insights in law, public policy and business. We now have a Board that comprises members of diverse and necessary skill sets, and which is more representative of our country and community. I look forward to working with

two Caymanian women of such high esteem."

Ms. Anglin has a Master's degree in Business and a Bachelor's degree in Business Economics. Her professional experience includes Economics, Accounting and Public Policy. Ms. Bodden has a Bachelor of Laws degree and is currently a practicing attorney.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Border Control & Labour Hon. Chris Saunders said, "OfReg falls under my Ministerial remit, and I am very pleased to see two such accomplished and capable women join the Board as non-executive directors following a rigorous selection process."

Ms. Anglin and Ms. Bodden will immediately serve for a period of three years



► New OfReg Appointments-MBCL Pictures

as non-executive members to the OfReg Board of Directors in accordance with section 18 of the Utility Regulations and Com-

petition Act (2021 Revision) ("the Act"), and sections 9 and 10 of the Public Authorities Act (2020 Revision) (PAA 2020).

Agriculture Ministry Hosts Successful Farmers Meeting in Cayman Brac

The Ministry of Agriculture held a successful meeting with farmers in Cayman Brac recently (March 24), to address important issues affecting the sector.

Chief among the issues addressed were livestock importation, reintroduction of the stud programme in Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands Agricultural Business Information System and the Cayman Islands Food and Nutrition Security Policy.

Attendees at the meeting were informed that the 150 heads of cattle and 30 goats that have been acquired by the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society with grant support from the Government, will be arriving on Islands shortly and placed into quarantine before they are sold.

The Government has also purchased a bull that will be shipped to Cayman Brac to provide stud bull services to livestock farmers. The Department of Agriculture (DoA) in collaboration with the District Administration will construct a facility for the bull at the DoA Bluff's Office so that farmers can take their animals to the location for insemination.

In commenting on Government's plans to expand the stud bull programme in Cayman Brac, Agriculture Minister Jay Ebanks stated that the intervention is necessary due to the decline in the cattle population on the Island. "Given that our farmers in the Brac have been seeing a lowering in the generic quality of their herd, the reintroduction of this programme will help upgrade the stock and increase the cattle population significantly. This will also lead to improvement in beef quality and an increase in beef



► Agriculture Minister Hon. Jay Ebanks updating members of the farming community in Cayman Brac



► Attendees at the agricultural meeting held in Cayman Brac recently

production. These initiatives are all part of the Government's plan to strengthen the Islands food and nutrition security," he said.

On the issue of the agricultural business information system, the farmers were encouraged to participate in the upcoming agricultural census which is slated to start in few weeks to collect farm data across the Islands. They were also informed that the draft Cayman Islands Food and Nutrition Security Policy has been finalised and would be heading to public consultation in the second quarter of this year.

President of the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society, George Smith reassured the farmers that the Government is working closely with the farming community to address their needs and get input. He also praised the efforts of the Minister in supporting the farmers to have greater access to high quality livestock for purchase and urged the farmers present to support the upcoming livestock sale.

During the meeting, several members of the farming community thanked Minister Ebanks and the teams at the Ministry of

Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, Ministry of District Administration, Department of Agriculture and the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society for discussing the plans for the sector with them.

Other government representatives at the meeting were District Commissioner Mark Tibbetts, Deputy District Commissioner Chelsea Whittaker, DoA's Director Adrian Eswick, Assistant Director Brian Crichlow and Senior Policy Advisor in Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure Demoy Nash.

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Haines and Burcombe to tackle the 'Hardest trek in Europe'

Following on from their trek along the Pyrenees in 2019, veteran climbers and runners Derek Haines, 73, and 66-year-old Mike (Burco) Burcombe will be tackling the Grande Randonnée (GR) 20 trek, which crosses the Mediterranean island of Corsica, in June this year.

Their 2019 trek helped to raise over One Million U.S. dollars for Inclusion Cayman (then the Special Needs Foundation), and Derek and Mike, together with the support of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, will be raising funds this time for the non-profit after-school programme **Jubilate**.

Established in 2016, Jubilate teaches less advantaged children from the public schools in the Eastern districts' various life skills through music. Jubilate seeks to nurture and empower children with confidence and skill by encouraging personal excellence in academics and education in music, and currently serves over 70 children, aged 8-15, from 8 public schools.

Jubilate was born out of a desire to ensure that all children, irrespective of their backgrounds, were offered opportunities to develop their talents, confidence and strong values. It is Jubilate Founder and Chairperson, Carole Kirkconnell's, firm belief that the entire Cayman community will benefit from the well-rounded, driven, respectful and inspired Jubilate children as they grow up and contribute to society.

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper O.B.E., is fully supportive, and again has agreed to be the Patron of the challenge. His Excellency and Mrs. Roper hosted a Reception at the Government House on the 23 March in support of the upcoming trek and Jubilate.

In his remarks on the evening, His Excellency dubbed Mr. Haines the "James Bond of philanthropic efforts in Cayman", recognising his considerable contributions to charity work over the years, including running 6 marathons in 2014 to raise funds for Jasmine.

His Excellency commended Haines & Burcombe on their upcoming arduous trek - known as the most difficult long-distance trek in Europe - in support of an NPO he has come to know well in recent years.

Jubilate students were recognised on the evening as the future leaders of Cayman. Guests had the opportunity to observe some of these future leaders, as the Senior students of the Jubilate Orchestra, of Clifton Hunter High School, provided beautiful music throughout the evening.

The 200km (125 mile) GR20 trail follows the granite backbone of mountains that divide the island of Corsica in two, many of which soar above 2000m (6500 feet) altitude. With its dramatic gorges and rocky hillsides, this legendary trail is popular with advanced hikers. The sun-drenched path crosses the entire island from north to south. The GR20 is billed as the best and toughest long-distance hike out there!

Derek said, "This is an exciting challenge that will push us to the



limits, but I am sure that we are up to it. This represents another huge fund-raiser, but the generosity of the Cayman community has shone through year after year, and I am incredibly grateful for the continued support."

All travel costs and registration fees will be self-funded by Derek and Mike, and every dollar raised will go directly into supporting Jubilate with no administration or overhead costs. As with previous charity appeals, the Rotary Club will 'ring fence' the funds raised.

Mike said, "The pandemic stalled us from attempting this challenge for the last couple of years, but it has given us extra time to train. I am hoping that folks will show their support by donating to Jubilate."

The Jubilate Board of Directors thanks Derek and Mike for iden-

tifying Jubilate as the benefiting charity of their upcoming Corsican Trek. The funds and awareness raised will help solidify Jubilate's ongoing transition from a small after-school programme to a sustainable, well-governed non-profit organisation that can impact so many of Cayman's youth in greatest need for years to come.

Learn more about Jubilate and the 2022 Corsican Trek by visiting jubilate.ky. Donations to Derek & Mike's trek can be made to the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman. Visit jubilate.ky/corsicantrek for details.

The Rotary Club of Grand Cayman is the first service club in Grand Cayman and received its charter in January 1966. It has almost one hundred members and meets at the Grand Old House on Thursday lunchtimes.



CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — APRIL 11 - 17



TOTAL SHIPS - 5
TOTAL PASSENGERS - 18,874

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	MSC Seashore	Carnival Horizon				Celebrity Equinox
	Carnival Pride	Celebrity Edge				
Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers
0	7,240	8,486	0	0	0	3,148

Cayman athletes competing at PanAm Squash Championships

Cayman's most formidable squash players have arrived in Guatemala for the Pan American Squash Championship, currently taking place in Guatemala City, Guatemala. They face some of the world's best squash players, including those from the US, Canada and South America. America's Faraz Khan is one such top competitor who is participating in the championship, an athlete who has been placed as high as

83 in the world rankings, while Colombia's Laura Tovar is ranked 104 in the world and is also expected to do well in the competition.

Team Cayman have already immersed themselves in the game, with the first round of matches held on Sunday 3 April. In the Women's competition, Guyana's Ashley Khalil beat Cayman's Emma Turnbull 11-4, 11-6, 11-6 while Ecuador's Ariana Ala-

va beat Cayman's Jade Pitcairn 11-5, 11-9, 11-9 and Ecuador's Emilia Falconi beat Cayman's Michaela Ransbury 11-8, 11-2, 11-2. All three women put up heroic fights but couldn't quite make it to the second rounds. Marlene West will play later in the week, participating for the team in the doubles and team events.

In the Men's first round, Peru's Alvaro Garcia beat Cayman's Jace Jervis 11-2, 11-8, 11-4 and in the second round Chile's Matias Lacroiz Nova beat Cayman's Jacob Kelly 11-0, 11-3, 11-7 and Guatemala's Josue Enriquez beat Cayman's Julian Jervis 11-2, 11-4, 11-2. As with the women, the men fought hard for their points. The highlight of those early rounds was Cayman's Cameron Stafford beating Lucas Perez of Chile 14-12, 11-4, 11-5 in round two in a nail-biting match. Cameron is drawn against Argentina's Leandro Romiglio in the third round which will be one in which, without doubt, his team mates will be cheering him on to victory.

Team Cayman continue their competition with doubles and team matches later this week, ending on 9 April.



► Emma Turnbull fought hard



► Team Cayman in Guatemala



► Team Cayman at the opening ceremony

Tiger rages against logic again

Tiger Woods has been defying logic since being featured on national TV as a toddler, chipping golf balls like a pro. Playing at The Masters is another miraculous episode in his amazing career and even though he will certainly not win, merely competing will definitely add to his legend.

There was some doubt if Woods would even be able to walk again following a life-threatening car accident in February 2021 where he almost lost his right leg. Now though, he's stunning crowds again at Augusta.

Woods had already travelled to Georgia to prepare for the tournament, but many thought it may have come too soon. After some extensive practising, though, the five-time winner isn't finished yet.

Since his accident, Woods has competed at the 2021 PNC Championship, a 36-hole

competition where he finished second alongside his son, Charlie.

Augusta looked like it was a step too far, with the notoriously hilly course a huge challenge for Woods who still has difficulty walking for long periods.

His appearance stokes interest in an already eagerly anticipated major which he loves, having won it in 2019 against all odds. Everyone thought that epic victory of three years ago was the absolute pinnacle - a 43-year-old veteran conjuring up his old magic to find a way to beat the world's best despite a fused back.

Now in the mix are the multiple metal rods and pins that hold together his right leg from the vehicle accident. It definitely looked like the end of an astonishing career. He needed to learn to walk again. Forget swinging a club, hitting shots, walking a course and competing. They were distant prospects. Specks on a cloudy horizon.

"He likes to prove people wrong," Rory McIlroy said last week. Among the views Woods will have defied will be his own. It was clear only two months ago that he was pretty sure the severe undulations of Augusta would come too early in his recovery.

July's 150th Open Championship at St Andrews, where he won two



► Tiger Woods enjoys upsetting expectations



► Scottie Scheffler is the Masters betting favourite

of his three Claret Jugs, looked a far more realistic bet for a competitive comeback.

His last heroic Masters victory seemed impossible. He is out to defy logic again. It won't happen, of course, but just to get out there and possibly avoid the cut will be almost as good an achievement as any previous triumph.

Nevertheless, just turning up has never been enough for him. He genuinely believes he has a chance of grabbing a 16th major. There must be mixed emotions amongst the bookies - glad to accept the millions flooding in backing Woods, but fearful that he pulls off the seemingly im-

possible again to wipe out all their profits.

Of the likeliest winners, Scottie Scheffler, 25, tops the rankings after his recent Match Play success - his third win of the year - even though he has yet to post a top-three finish at a major. Former world no.1 Dustin Johnson won it in 2020 and will be in the frame. Then there are contenders like Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm, Collin Morikawa, Brooks Koepka, Viktor Hovland, Patrick Cantlay and Cameron Smith.

Defending champion Hideki Matsuyama has been hampered by injury and Bryson DeChambeau has also struggled on his return from injury.

Holder's impact sees Giants squash Sunrisers

Jason Holder made an instant impact, holding his nerve to snatch three wickets in the last over and propel Lucknow Super Giants to a 12-run victory over Nicholas Pooran's Sunrisers Hyderabad in Mumbai on Monday.

In his first game of the Indian Premier League since arriving following the Test series victory against England in the Caribbean, the 30-year-old seamer finished with three for 34, helping Super Giants defend 169 at the DY Patil Sports Academy.

With Sunrisers requiring 15 runs from the final over, Holder got the dan-

gerous Washington Sundar (18) to hole out to long on off the first delivery before conceding singles off his next two balls. Needing a boundary to keep the run chase alive, Bhuvneshwar Kumar skied a slower ball to wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock for one and a single off the next ball meant Sunrisers were beaten.

Holder finished off the game when he had West Indies teammate Romario Shepherd caught at point for eight off the last delivery, Sunrisers finishing on 157 for nine.



► Jason Holder made an impressive IPL start

Rooney: Pick Poch as next United boss

Manchester United has a huge fan base in the Cayman Islands but even their most ardent supporters must be wondering when the good times will return after one failed managerial appointment after another.

That's the club's former striker Wayne Rooney is fearful that whoever comes in next will not deliver again. The 36-year-old Derby manager believes Paris St-Germain manager Mauricio Pochettino would prove a better fit than Ajax's Erik ten Hag at Old Trafford.

He also suggested Paul Pogba and Cristiano Ronaldo should leave the club at the end of the season. "Pochettino has done it in the Premier League," said Rooney. "He knows the league. If I'm choosing between those two, I'd go for Pochettino. He would need time and given time he would do well."

Ex-Tottenham manager Pochettino and Ten Hag, who led Dutch champions Ajax to the semi-finals of the Champions League in 2019, are among the favourites to take over from interim boss Ralf Rangnick at the 20-time English champions.

"There hasn't been a settled manager there since Alex Ferguson. The new manager needs time," Rooney said.

"It didn't work with Ole Gunnar Solskjær and it hasn't worked with the new



► Manchester United have not won a trophy in five years

manager who has come in. Pochettino is a top manager and he knows how to work with top-class players and young players. They need to get that blend right because they can't afford to fail again."

England's record scorer Rooney, who netted 253 goals in 559 games between 2004 and 2017 for United, won the Premier League five times, the Champions League, the Europa League, the Club World Cup, the FA Cup and three League Cups during 13 years at Old Trafford.

But the club is set to go five years without a trophy, after losing to Atletico Madrid in the last 16 of the Champions League in March. They are seventh in the Premier League and three points behind fourth-placed Tottenham in trying to secure Champions League football next season.

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Future royal tours will cause fury

Upcoming royal tours to the Caribbean will be met with more protests after the PR disaster of Prince William and Kate's visit to Belize, Jamaica and the Bahamas last week.

Buckingham Palace is aware of more controversy coming from planned tours of the Commonwealth in a few weeks and risk causing the Queen further embarrassment in her Platinum Jubilee year.

Princess Anne will visit Papua New Guinea on a three-day tour before Prince Edward and the Countess of Wessex go on a week-long tour of Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, St Lucia, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge's recent tour was in "sharp opposition to the needs and aspirations of the Caribbean people", a human rights alliance from the region has said.

The British monarchy's historic role in the slave trade continues to damage

the Caribbean's society and economy, Jamaica's Advocates Network said in an open letter published jointly with representatives from Belize and the Bahamas.

Repeating the call for reparations to be paid by the UK government, the alliance said: "We stand united in rejecting this so-called charm offensive tour of the Caribbean undertaken by William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, which is in sharp opposition to the needs and aspirations of indigenous peoples and people of African descent in the Caribbean."

"We stand united in condemning Britain's savagery in enslaving our ancestors, the coarse indecency of colonial exploitation, the brutality of its enforcers and the enduring legacies of impoverishment and colonial-era ideologies that have damaged and continue to damage our people, our society and our economy."

It was a trip intended to repair relations between the monarchy and the Caribbean people, but had the opposite effect. It was tarnished by a series of blunders that reignited conversations about independence for some Commonwealth countries.

Their eight-day stint was dubbed by local media outlets as a "tour de farce", resulting in Prince William holding crisis talks with senior aides.



► William and Kate's visit to Trench Town offended Jamaicans

Photographs of the royal couple shaking hands with impoverished children through a fence in Trench Town, Jamaica, saw protests erupt across the country and led to senior Caribbean officials talking openly about their plans to break away with the monarchy. Even Prime Minister Andrew Holness told them that Jamaica intends to break ties with the British monarchy.

He said Jamaica intends to attain and fulfil "its true ambitions as an independent, developed and prosperous country".

Speaking with the Royal couple during a courtesy call, Holness said: "Jamaica is a very free and liberal country. The people are very expressive, and I'm certain you

would have seen the spectrum of expressions. We are very proud of our history and what we have achieved, and we are moving on."

Meanwhile, a government committee in the Bahamas urged the royals to issue "a full and formal apology for their crimes against humanity" and former links to slavery.

It prompted Prince William to release an unprecedented end-of-tour statement addressing growing republican sentiment in the three Caribbean countries hours before boarding his flight back to the UK.

The Duke acknowledged that the tour had "brought into even sharper focus questions about the past and the future".



► The protests were loud and passionate

Hernandez loses extradition battle

A Honduras court has backed the extradition of former President Juan Orlando Hernandez to the United States, where he is wanted on drug trafficking and firearms charges.

The Honduras Supreme Court on Monday rejected an appeal by Hernandez, 53, following a judge's decision two weeks ago to accept a US extradition request.

Hernandez, who held office from 2014 until three months ago, and has denied all the charges against him, could face a life sentence if convicted.

US authorities have accused Hernandez, who was arrested in Honduras in mid-February following an extradition request by the Court of the Southern District of New York, of participating in a drug-trafficking scheme.

They say Hernandez facilitated the smuggling of some 500 tonnes of drugs – mainly from Colombia and Venezuela – to the US via Honduras since 2004.

US prosecutors have alleged he received millions of dollars from drug traffickers for protection, including from Mexican narco-kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman.

Once viewed as a key ally in Washington's fight against drug trafficking, Hernandez lost his immunity after handing



► Honduras became a major drug trafficker under Hernandez

power over to Xiomara Castro, the country's first female president, in January.

He faces charges of conspiracy to import a controlled substance into the United States; using or carrying firearms including machine guns; and conspiracy to use or carry firearms.

Hernandez has been in custody since being arrested after a dramatic stakeout that saw him holed up in his home surrounded by police. He emerged hours later, pledging to cooperate with authorities.

In a letter published on Monday, Hernandez maintained that he is innocent and said he is the "victim of revenge and conspiracy". Hernandez claims that drug traffickers he helped extradite to the US have tried to get back at him by implicating him in the trade.

Salty food problems in Jamaica

Jamaicans are being warned they should consume more locally grown foods to reduce their salt intake. Excessive salty food has led to a sharp rise in hypertension problems like stroke as a result.

The warning comes from Dr Rosalee Brown, regional dietician at the Western Regional Health Authority.

Addressing a Jamaica Information Service "Think Tank", at the agency's Montego Bay regional office, in St. James, Dr Brown said that research has shown that sodium is a major contributor to the problem of high blood pressure.

"It is for us to go back, as much as possible, to consuming more of our locally grown foods, natural food such as our breadfruit, our yam, our ground provisions, our vegetables, our fruits, and so on. In their natural form they are not high in sodium," she noted.

Sodium is a mineral that occurs naturally in many of the foods eaten. Sodium



► Fast food is causing health issues in Jamaica

chloride, or salt, is the most common type of sodium found in nature.

She is encouraging consuming less processed foods such as bread, crackers, canned foods and processed meats and to consuming more unprocessed foods and to flavour more with fresh herbs and spices.

She said that the messages about the dangers of consuming processed foods are simple, but it is difficult for the messages to get through because of the culture of mainly young people of eating convenient food.

Caymanian Muslims prepare for the Holy month of Ramadhan

Caymanian Muslims are preparing for the Holy Month of Ramadhan which started last Saturday at Sunset - a month in which all healthy men and women will abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. The month of Ramadhan is the 9th month of the Lunar Islamic calendar and is considered the most blessed time of the year as it commemorates the first revelation of the Holy Quran vouchsafed to Muhammad, the founder of Islam, 1500 years ago.

Muslims strive to become nearer to their Creator by offering voluntary worship in the last part of the night. Hundreds of Muslims in the Cayman Islands will be spending their nights in the worship and remembrance of God, after which they will eat before sunrise with their loved ones. Throughout the day they will abstain from physical nourishment, I hope of attaining spiritual nourishment by spending their time and efforts in the remembrance of God and preforming virtuous deeds like

helping the needy and feeding the hungry. They will break their fasts at sunset with family and friends.

Members of The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Cayman Islands will be congregating every morning and evening for prayers as well as for Iftar dinners (breaking of fasts) on the weekends. As a community they will also strive to give back to the community by offering their services to local charity foundations.



By Flynn Bush

Uncle Bill Passes Away

This beloved country of ours, The Cayman Islands, is continually making strides towards a bright future. That is due, in large part, to the older generation of Caymanians

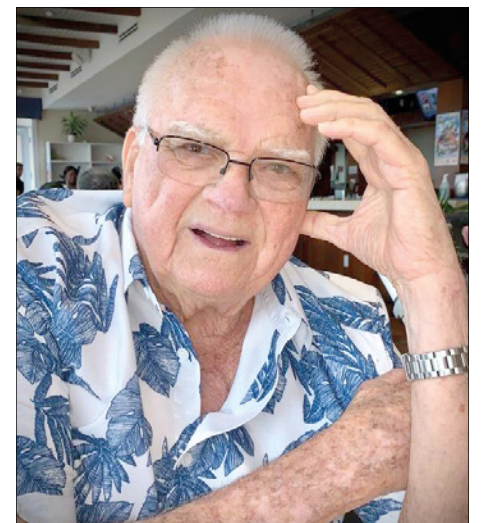
who pushed through hardship, envisioned the future, and laid the groundwork for the later generations to actually reach it. This

country was built on the backs of hardworking men and women who learned to make much of little, and who let their entrepreneurial spirit soar; persons like Mr. William McTaggart, affectionately known as Uncle Bill. With his passing, Cayman has lost an icon and a leader.

Perhaps, if anyone knows anything about Uncle Bill, it is about the business that bears his name. Mr. McTaggart founded the business in 1964 as a bicycle and hardware shop, and it has blossomed into the thriving business it is today, and has been for decades. Uncle Bill was a businessman, hardworking and determined. If that were the grand sum of his life story, it would be enough to warrant much respect; but that is not all.

Mr. McTaggart was an admirable family man; he was a devoted husband and a loving father who strove to raise his children in the right way. Now, he leaves them behind with sadness in their hearts but fond memories to cherish as well.

Mr. McTaggart was a man dedicated to his community. Some of us may remember him at Christmas dressed up as Santa arriving at the airport, bringing lots of joy for the children. Beyond that, however, he was very involved in the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman and served in multiple ways. All in all, Uncle Bill went through making the world around him a better place and setting an example for us all to follow or at least to consider.




The Cayman Islands is a flourishing country with many stalwart citizens. Mr. McTaggart's passing serves to remind us, though, that there was a time when strong men and women fought against steep odds and toiled through adversity in order to improve things for their family, and the country. Those individuals were true pioneers.

Uncle Bill contributed more to this country than he needed to and carried the torch of prosperity forward. He was a man of dignity and honor, and he treated others in that way, too. He was the embodiment of CaymanKind. May his soul rest in peace, and may God comfort his family in this time of grief.

IN MEMORY

of David Archibald Gooding

OF BARBADOS AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE ROYAL CAYMAN ISLANDS POLICE SERVICE. WHO LEFT US ON APRIL 7, 2020 TWO SAD YEARS AGO



If we could write a story, it would be the greatest ever told of the most kind and loving husband and father that the world has ever known.

We pray that God will give us strength and somehow get us through as we struggle with the heartache that came when we lost you.

God saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb. He gently closed your eyes and whispered peace be mine. Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure. You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

We will always love and cherish you and will be forever in our hearts.


Sadly missed by your broken hearted wife Zonia Pearson-Gooding, daughter Chantal Hintzen (nee Pearson-Gooding) and husband Chad Hintzen.

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Pearl T. Powell, who passed away on Wednesday, April 30, 2022. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Phillip McNeill Levy, who passed away on Tuesday, March 22, 2022. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the Webster Memorial United Church, 261 Bodden Town Road, Bodden Town, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. No Viewing. Closed Casket. Interment: Prospect Cemetery

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS


The family of the late **Benson Obadiah Ebanks, OBE** regret to announce his passing on 29 March, 2022.


An Official funeral will be held 3:00 p.m. on Friday 8 April, 2022 at John Gray Memorial Church.

Interment will follow at the West Bay Cemetery.

Mr. Ebanks will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Thursday 7 April, 2022 at the House of Parliament. Immediately following a farewell tour through West Bay will take place. Live streaming may be viewed on CIG TV on You Tube.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page





Bodden Funeral

"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The family of the late **Lilieth Kyle Templeton (nee Fadil)** regret to announce her passing in Florida on 3rd March, 2022, after a short illness.

A memorial service will be held at 3:00 pm at the Red Bay Church of God (Holiness), 38 Lord's Way, Off Selkirk Drive, Red Bay on Sunday 10th April, 2022.

An offertory collection will be donated to the Hospice Care in her memory.

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Bodden Funeral

"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

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

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Difficulty Level ★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Airport line near Carthage
 - 5 Quiche base
 - 9 Nebraska city
 - 11 Sounds from pounds
 - 13 King or czar
 - 14 Recess
 - 15 Angled pipe
 - 16 Repeat
 - 18 Topped, as a monarch
 - 20 Spot
 - 21 Took to impound
 - 22 Relish
 - 23 They hold power
 - 24 Gloss target
 - 25 Supplies with staff
 - 27 Like some pools
 - 29 Drama division
 - 30 New Orleans treat
 - 32 Spotted
 - 34 Stage signal
 - 35 "Skyfall" singer
- DOWN**
- 36 City
 - 38 King of Crete
 - 39 Heaps
 - 40 Pharaoh symbols
 - 41 In — (really)
 - 1 Hollowed out
 - 2 Charm
 - 3 Writing implements
 - 4 Yonder yacht
 - 5 Diminished
 - 6 Teri of "Tootsie"
 - 7 Writing implements
 - 8 Enjoys the rink
 - 10 Comes up
 - 12 Trap-shooting
 - 17 Poet Hughes
 - 19 Holds
 - 22 Lively quality
 - 24 Sick in bed
 - 25 Sir's counterpart
 - 26 Maine park
 - 27 Spike of film
 - 28 Wild cards, at times
 - 30 Sanctify
 - 31 Rib
 - 33 Settle heavily
 - 37 Draw

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Yesterday's answer

Word Search

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- Adderley
- Armstrong
- Baker
- Basie
- Bechet
- Beiderbecke
- Blakey
- Brubeck
- Byrd
- Calloway
- Coltrane
- Corea
- Dorsey
- Ellington
- Evans
- Getz
- Herman
- Hines
- Krupa
- Parker
- Rollins
- Shaw
- Tatum
- Teagarden
- Waller

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

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Have fun with
**CAYMANIAN
TIMES**

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee

JUDGE PARKER

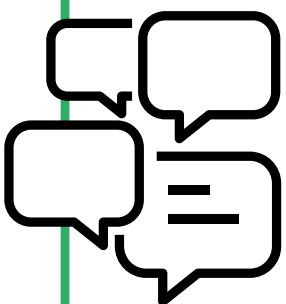
By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Fuel Prices and Temperatures are on the Rise



Fuel prices do not only affect the cost of gas at the pumps, there is an impact on every aspect of life including shipping costs, airfare prices and electricity costs. The ongoing war in Ukraine is affecting the price of fuel around the world. Unfortunately, this also means the dollar value of the fuel cost on your electricity bill will be increasing in the coming months. With summer around the corner, please remember that temperatures affect our electricity costs as higher temperatures cause appliances, particularly air conditioners, to work harder and consume more energy.

Communication is Key



In the coming weeks, we, your CUC Customer Service Team, will do our best to communicate as much as possible by:

- + notifying you of upcoming fuel costs (always available on the CUC website),
- + reminding you of the services we have in place to help you save, and
- + offering tips and advice on how to reduce electricity consumption.

We earnestly ask that you prepare as much as possible as unprecedented increases in fuel costs are being seen, this combined with the increased consumption associated with summer months may lead to unanticipated bill amounts.



How we are Helping

CUC has always been committed to helping you to reduce fuel costs in any way that we can:

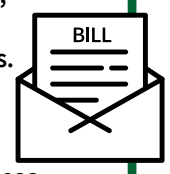
- + There is no added mark-up on fuel cost. This is a direct pass through to the customer, which CUC does not profit from.
- + CUC's proposed **Fuel Price Volatility Management Programme**, was approved by the ERA (now OfReg) in March 2011. The objective of the programme is to reduce the impact of volatility in the Fuel Cost Charge rate paid by the Company's customers for the fuel that the Company must purchase in order to provide electricity. The programme utilises call options to promote transparency in pricing and to create a ceiling price for fuel costs at pre-determined contract premiums.

These are just some of the things that we are doing right now, and we are planning for the future.

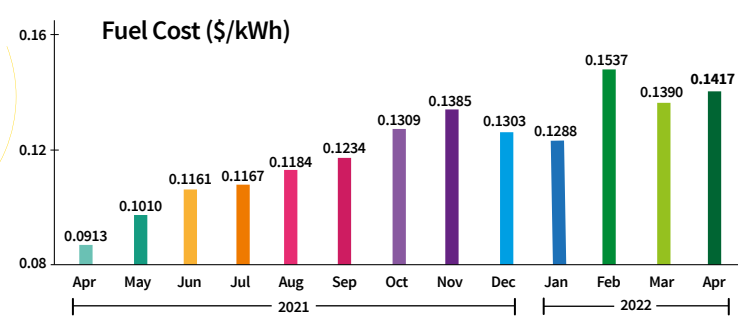
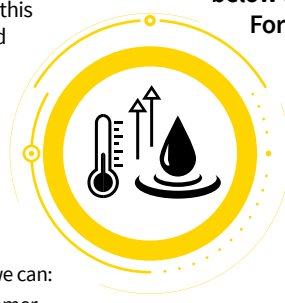
CUC has submitted a plan to OfReg to provide over 60% of Grand Cayman's energy from renewable energy by 2030. The Company also plans to replace diesel fuel with cleaner burning, lower cost Natural Gas. Coupled together, these initiatives will not only reduce the environmental impact of electricity generation, but will also reduce costs to our customers.

Your Upcoming Bills

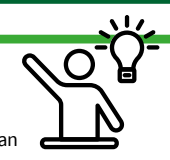
There is typically a two-month delay between market prices and the impact on your electricity bill. As such, you will not see an immediate fuel increase on your March or April 2022 bills (issued in April and May, respectively). We will continue to keep you updated on the fuel costs and any increases affected by the worldwide price increases.



Your March and April bills will reflect a Fuel Charge of approximately CI\$0.14 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh). The graph below displays the exact fuel cost amount for April 2021 to April 2022. For a history of fuel costs visit our website at www.cuc-cayman.com



How you can Prepare



You should begin to assess your property to identify areas where you can make adjustments that will lead to reduced energy usage. Typical high consumers are:

- + **Air Conditioning** typically accounts for 60% of the electrical cost in Cayman households. An inefficient air conditioning unit can cost you significant amounts of money, and
- + **Deep Freezers and Gaming Computers.**

Limit your consumption and avoid waste by monitoring your usage and using energy wisely. Visit our website and sign up for **My CUC** where you can view your daily consumption and set notifications when thresholds are met.



For more information, contact our Customer Service Team at 949-5200 or service@cuc.ky or visit our website at www.cuc-cayman.com

