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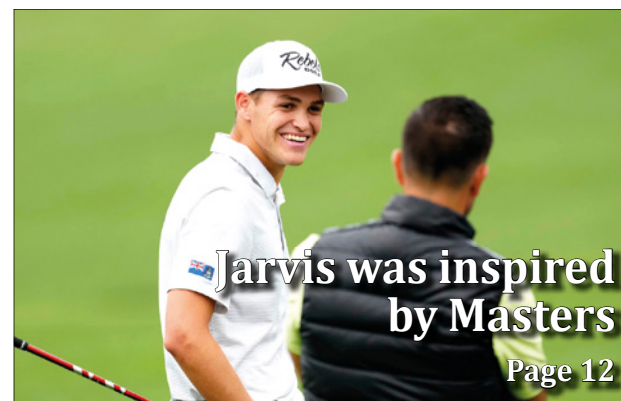
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► The beach at Cayman Brac only a few weeks ago (top) and now (bottom)

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Sargassum lands in Cayman Brac

Local beach lovers are disappointed to hear that sargassum has been spotted in Cayman Brac so it looks like only a matter of time before the other islands are blighted by the obnoxious smelling and unsightly seaweed.

Virtually every beach in the Cayman Islands has been affected by sargassum in recent years. 'Sargassum season' typically blankets beaches from April to August.

Since 2018, the seaweed has been swept into the Caribbean on prevailing ocean currents where it has clogged the beaches and waterfronts of scores of Caribbean and Central American countries - while wreaking havoc on tourism and local wildlife.

A couple of months ago researchers at the University of South Florida warned of a massive sargassum bloom this year after



► Brac is now blighted by sargassum

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► Jamaica is devastated by it too

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Correction to Front Page Story Title

In the print edition of our **Friday April 8** cover story the title contained an error. The correct title should read 'Carnival Returns to George Town'

The publisher apologises for this error and will make efforts to prevent this from occurring the future.

Ralph Lewis, Publisher

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satellite imagery detected four million tons of it blossoming in the Atlantic Ocean. Well the warning was extremely prophetic.

Already the Yucatán coastline is devastated with mountains of seaweed, fouling the beach with a sulphurous scent of decay and putting swimming nearby an unpleasant experience.

The algae's growth is cyclical and even beneficial in normal amounts. Usually the seaweed blooms and stays out in the ocean, providing a floating habitat for fish, shrimp, eels, turtles and birds.

But the sargassum now comprises the world's largest algae bloom—and isn't staying out in the ocean anymore. Since 2011, vast quantities have washed up on Caribbean coastlines, from the Lesser Antilles to Mexico's Yucatán peninsula. In the open ocean, massive rafts of it keep sunlight from reaching coral reefs. As it decays, the seaweed releases compounds that harm marine life. The problem is sprawling - scientists using NASA satellite data recently clocked the floating seaweed belt at 5,549 miles long.

Once on shore, sargassum piles prevent sea turtles from laying eggs and reaching the ocean. Plus, the stench causes headaches and nausea among beachgoers.

Scientists believe the inordinate growth stems from increased runoff of agricultural inputs and sewage from the Amazon River in Brazil as well as warming water temperatures and surge in the eastern Atlantic Ocean.

Since the crisis began, the amount of seaweed washing ashore has ebbed and flowed. It's an economic crisis as well as an ecological one.

During a talk at the University of West Indies, Edmund Bartlett, co-chair at the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre, said that the annual cost of cleaning-up the Caribbean islands was around \$120 million. But it's not just the cleaning costs that hit budgets; the loss of tourism revenue is substantial too. In Mexico's Quintana Roo state, where tourism accounts for 87 percent of the state's GDP, excess sargassum substantially threatens livelihoods.



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Minister for Health and Wellness, Hon. Sabrina Turner's World Health Day 2022 Message

Today, 7 April 2022, is globally recognised as World Health Day, and the Cayman Islands joins the global community in observing this day of awareness.

In the midst of a pandemic, a polluted planet, increasing diseases like cancer, asthma and heart disease, the World Health Organisation has called for global action needed to keep humans and the planet healthy and foster a movement to create societies focused on well-being.

Under the theme "Our Planet, Our Health", we will strive towards a community where wellness is deemed high priority.

This is a necessary and welcome shift as we envision life beyond coronavirus. We are still coping with the new reality of the pandemic, mourning those who have lost their lives and working earnestly to protect the vulnerable among us at present. However, COVID-19 could have deep, lasting effects on our planet if we do not aim for a sustainable, healthy recovery.

This is why the World Health Organisation has created the fol-

lowing six steps toward a healthy recovery from COVID-19:

- To cherish and protect the source of all human health, the natural world;
- To invest in vital, life-saving services like access to water and sanitation and clean energy in healthcare facilities; quickly transition to clean, renewable sources of energy;
- To switch to healthy and sustainable food systems;
- To make all our towns and cities green and healthy; and
- To shift from an economy driven by profit and pollution to an economy driven by fairness and wellbeing.

These goals are all aligned with that of your government, and we are diligently working towards adapting them to suit the needs of the people of the Cayman Islands. If we were to add a goal of our own, it would be to ensure that all persons have access to adequate mental health resources based on their needs.

We have already begun to work toward these goals – from solar energy at the Cayman Islands

Hospital, to transitioning to integrated solid waste management, to instituting an Adolescent Mental Health hub focused on protecting our young people. We acknowledge that a post-COVID society must be healthier, more sustainable and overall better than the one before it.

As we work to achieve these recommendations, you can also do your part. I encourage one and all to avoid consuming highly processed foods, conserve energy by turning off lights when not needed around the home and in the workplace, using less plastic and more recyclable grocery bags. We can also embrace walking and cycling as transport to reduce air pollution, improve our quality of life, mitigate climate change and improve physical activity!

Additionally, I encourage the people of the Cayman Islands to begin the culture of wellness by taking responsibility for their own health by implementing self-care routines, seeking regular physical and mental health checks and following healthy



nutrition and exercise practices. Make wellness a core facet in your home, your workplaces, and your schools and anywhere you are able to influence others. Take advantage of Cayman's natural beauty by venturing outdoors.

A society where wellness is a priority is a healthy society. It is my desire to see the Cayman Islands become a beacon for health and wellness here in our region, and globally. Happy World Health Day.

HSA shares vision for improved, expanded service

By Christopher Tobutt

In the first of a new series of Cayman Islands Health Services Authority's quarterly media briefings five HSA panelists, CEO Lizzette Yearwood, Deputy CEO Ronnie Dunn, Medical Director Dr. Delroy Jefferson, HSA Board Chairman Osbourne Bodden, and Medical Officer of Health Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez, described major new developments aimed at improving patient care and accessibility to existing services, as well as increasing the spectrum of services available.

The new developments include a new Dialysis Centre for West Bay, the relocation and expansion of the services at Smith Road Medical Centre, a Bodden Town EMS station, a new molecular biology department, an Adolescent Mental Health Hub and a brand new Women and children's Health Centre.

Mr Bodden began by giving a strategic overview of the HSA's plans and objectives. There would be 'significant investment,' in infrastructure, he said, to ensure the establishment of a health system that 'delivers

right care at the right place and the right time," while improving both patient and staff experience. The expansion of new services, as well as increases in efficiency coincide with the development of new facilities at Smith Road, Bay Town, and The Financial Centre. There would also be improvements to facilitate customer feedback, and response, Mr. Bodden said.

There would be a new Women and children's health centre, with expanded pediatric services and a significant expansion of new children-focused services, with a dedicated team to take care of children.

A Partnership between the HSA, the Alex Panton Foundation, and the Ministry of Health has resulted in a new Adolescent's mental health hub, slated to open in July. Some of HAS's new improvements relate to redeployment of existing resources, for example, the 24-hour flu hotline will be rebranded to include questions and concerns over a range of generic medical issues, and where customers can find help when they need it.

As a result of new investment in equipment and services, many of the gaps in



► (L-R) CEO Lizzette Yearwood, HSA Board Chairman Osbourne Bodden, Deputy Medical Director Dr. Delroy Jefferson, CEO Ronnie Dunn, and Medical Officer of Health Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez



► CEO, Lizzette Yearwood



► HSA Board Chairman Osbourne Bodden

healthcare that had left many local people with no alternative but to seek treatment overseas, would now be filled so that people no longer have to go off-island for their care. Also, there would also be more specialist services available, including new resources for offering complimentary medicine, for those who prefer to seek natural remedies. There would also be improvements in areas such as speech therapy and occupational therapy. As well as new services, improvements in efficiency should lead to greatly reduced waiting times. There would be a new sports medicine clinic, so that Cayman's sportspeople could better find the help they needed to restore

them and let them get back to the sports they love.

A & E is currently concluding first phase of an expansion, with six new beds and an additional two new bays, and additional ambulance facilities in Bodden Town. In addition to emergency services, a 'walk-in' Urgent Care facility will offer immediate care for patients who perhaps don't fit into the traditional category of an 'emergency,' but nevertheless have a condition that greatly concerns them. There will also be a new molecular biology facility, the first of its kind in the Cayman Islands, so that important work in relation to analysis of various kinds of cancer can be carried out via genomic sequencing studies.

US\$7.3 billion Russian assets frozen

With more than 800 asset freeze designations enforced in Cayman of entities and individuals since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February, government have



set up a task force to deal with sanctions implemented by the UK Government on Russian entities. The task force includes representatives from a wide section of industry because the sanctions impact the work of multiple agencies throughout government, and is comprised of the Governor's Office, the Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce, CIMA, the FRA, the CAA, The MACI, the General Registry, the Land Registry, the CBC, the Cayman Islands Bureau of Financial Investigations and the Cabinet Office.

Governor Martyn Roper and the Attorney General Samuel Bulgin said that the mission of the cross-government team was "further confirmation of Cayman's pro-active response to the sanctions initiatives."

The task force's main role is to provide centralised discussions and decisions around policy and communications arising from the ongoing sanctions and its chaired by the Director of the Financial Reporting Authority, RJ Berry, with the Cabinet Office, as task force coordinator, facilitating and coordinating inter-agency cooperation, policy, and communications. The task force meets on a weekly basis to review development and determine actions that need to be taken by each agency, domestically and internationally.

Highlighting the scale of impact that the sanctions are having on Cayman's financial services industry, numerous financial services providers have already submitted over 400 Compliance Reporting forms confirming that assets with an estimated value of US\$7.3 billion have been frozen, in compliance with their obligations under The Russia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020,

FRA Director Mr. Berry said: "The level of reporting to date is indicative that financial services providers are able to identify funds or economic resources owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by designated persons and are freezing those assets or economic resources. The relevant agencies within the Cayman Islands also have a long-standing track record of responsiveness and cooperation with international counterparts, and will continue to maintain that record in our approach to the Russia Sanctions."

Further regulations expected

The recent amendments to The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations are expected to be extended to the Cayman Islands via The Russia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2022, to come into force on 14 April 2022. These amendments include new financial, trade, and maritime measures, and restrict specified financial services with the Russian Central Bank and other Russian Federation agencies. Sanction measures apply in the Cayman Islands in the same way they do in the UK.

Premier Wayne Panton said the establishment of the task force demonstrated the Cayman Islands' proactive approach to compliance with international sanctions.

"Collaboration and coordination between our public service entities has resulted in swift, unequivocal action," he confirmed. "Our commitment to robust regulations in the Cayman Islands financial services sector has ensured that we are able to contribute to international peacekeeping, global security, and good governance."

The Cayman Islands is monitoring the global situation and will continue to issue sanctions updates primarily via the FRA and CIMA circulation lists and websites as advised by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

Runnin' in di Republic

... is a West Bay ting



CUC WEST BAY SUNRISE 5K
MAY 2022

CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay on **Saturday, May 21, 2022** for a fun run and walk as we raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and Cayman Athletics (formerly the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Course: Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay.

Start Time: 6:30 a.m. (Walkers) and 6:45 a.m. (Runners). Check-in time starts at 5:30 a.m. (to receive numbers (all participants) and race chips (for runners).

Fee: **CI\$15** Adults and **CI\$10** Youth (Under 17).

Registration:

- 1) Register online and pay at www.caymanactive.com
- 2) Register online and pay at www.racecaribbean.net
- 3) Download the PDF form from CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com (click on "Events" under the "About Us" tab on the Home Page). Complete, scan and e-mail the form to communications@cuc.ky
- 4) Forms can also be dropped-off and payments made by cash or cheque (payable to CUC) at CUC's Administration Building on North Sound Road between **Monday, May 2 and Thursday, May 19 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Participants who register online can also collect their t-shirts and 'power' bag from CUC between May 2 and May 19. **Note: There will be no registration on the day of the event.**

Amenities: First 300 participants to register will receive a t-shirt (sizes are not guaranteed), participation medal and 'power' bag. Light refreshments will be provided and trophies for the fastest and second fastest male and female finishers in the Adult and Youth (Under 17) divisions will be presented at the end of the event along with a number of **Spot Prizes** including vouchers for Cayman Airways and CUC Gift Certificates (you have to be present to win).

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WORC Levies CI\$1 Million Plus in Fines Over Past 3 Years

Between 2019 and 2021, Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) has levied administrative fines amounting to CI\$1,045,154 on companies and individuals in breach of the Immigration (Transition) Act, (2022 Revision).

The fined offences include:

- Failing to disclose a Caymanian applicant;
- Employing a person without a work permit;
- Making a false representation;
- Overstaying;
- Causing a person to overstay;
- Being employed or working outside of the terms of a work permit;
- Failing to answer truthfully;
- Unlawful payment of a work permit; and
- Possession of a forged document.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Labour Hon. Chris Saunders said, “Companies and individuals need to ensure that they remain compliant with our Immigration Laws to avoid being fined and/or prosecuted. This Government is sending a clear message that if people want to continue doing business in the Cayman Islands,

they must play by the rules. These rules are not arbitrary. They are not voluntary. They are the law of the land. These laws are designed to ensure that Caymanians are given fair opportunity in their own country, which is no different than any other country around the world requiring their nationals to be given priority.”

During the three-year period, WORC collected CI\$740,256.60 of the total fines levied. Fees in the amount of CI\$200,472.50 were transferred to the Courts Office for further disposition. A further CI\$104,425 was deemed to be non-collectable due to the company or individual’s inability to pay.

In these instances, other avenues of redress are followed including the revocation of the affected work permits.

The chart below provides a breakdown of fines issued and collected during 2019, 2020 and 2021 (see table).

In each year, there were several repeat offenders. In 2019, two companies and four individuals had multiple offences filed against them. In 2020, one company and four individuals were fined for multiple offences. In 2021, three companies

and eight individuals were in breach of the Islands’ Immigration Laws on multiple occasions.

Deputy Premier Saunders noted that public “whistleblower” assistance is vital when it comes to ensuring compliance.

He said, “I would like to thank the many individuals who have used the compliance portal and reported suspected breaches. We serve the public and also require the help of the public in identifying and prosecuting offenders.”

WORC Acting Interim Director Jeremy Scott outlined new measures in place to improve detection of breaches and enforcement of the relevant laws moving forward.

He said, “I am also pleased to report that WORC is enhancing its Compliance Unit through a number of strategies, including a review of the administrative systems to verify if an offending company or individual has the financial means to pay a levied fine. Moving forward, if companies or individuals are unable to pay, outstanding matters will be referred to the Director of Prosecutions (DPP) for review and potential Court charges.”



Mr. Scott also noted that WORC’s computer systems are being upgraded to ensure that timely notice of expired work permits will be provided to the Compliance Unit for follow-up and enforcement.

These measures are complemented by the set-up of a high-risk registry for repeat offenders that will be closely monitored by Compliance Unit staff.

Deputy Premier Saunders said, “In addition to monitoring and sanctioning repeat offenders, on the flip side, we will be rewarding those employers who follow the letter and spirit of our Immigration Laws by hiring, training and advancing Caymanians through a new accreditation system based on their past and ongoing human resources practices. Although we are focusing strongly on compliance, enforcement and redress, we are also keen to give credit where it is due.”

| | Total Breaches | Companies | Individuals | Total Fines Issued | Total Fines Collected | Not Collected/ Court | Not Collected Stayed/ Reassessed |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2019 | 137 | 53 | 84 | \$339,012.50 | \$317,383.00 | \$7,662.50 | \$13,967.00 |
| 2020 | 118 | 32 | 86 | \$312,572.50 | \$139,674.50 | \$109,080.00 | \$63,818.00 |
| 2021 | 150 | 45 | 105 | \$393,569.00 | \$283,199.00 | \$83,730.00 | \$26,640.00 |
| Total | 405 | | | \$1,045,154.00 | \$740,256.50 | \$200,472.50 | \$104,425.00 |

HSA advances major plans with the opening of new clinics

New GP & Public Health Clinics

The Health Services Authority (HSA) announces the opening of the new George Town General Practice (GP) and Public Health Clinics on the 2nd floor of the Smith Road Medical Centre, another major initiative this year centred on improving the quality and accessibility to care provided by the organisation. The clinics open effective Monday, 11 April 2022.

General Practice operations at the main hospital campus will cease as of 4:00 pm on Saturday, 9 April and resume at the Smith Road Medical Centre at 8:00 am on

Monday, 11 April. The new clinic will be for booked appointments only.

The new Smith Road Centre location provides more space and is purpose-designed to meet the needs of HSA’s growing and sophisticated patient base who require more services and a better patient experience. An additional Phlebotomy Laboratory will also be located at the clinic so patients can have ease of access to the service should any blood tests be required.

Persons seeking Public Health services including immunizations, child health screenings, general health assessments,

health education and blood work will be required to visit the new location.

New Urgent Care “Walk-In” Clinic

Patients without appointments can access services at the new Urgent Care “Walk-In” Clinic which will open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm, and Saturday 8:30 am -1 pm in the Atrium of the main hospital campus.

The Flu Clinic will close effective 9 April but persons experiencing flu-like symptoms will be able to seek care at the new Urgent Care Clinic

Urgent Care provides an enhanced setting and it will improve access to care and ease the demand on the Accident & Emergency Unit for non-emergent illnesses and injuries, including mild sprains and cuts.



► The new GP and Public Health Clinic at the Smith Road Medical Centre



► Health Minister Hon. Sabrina Turner, HSA Board and Management Team at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new GP and Public Health Clinics



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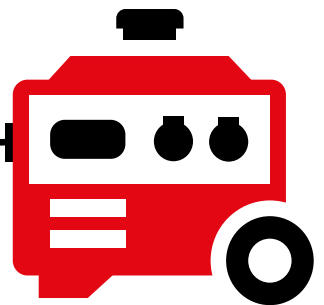
Portable Generator Safety

Tips to ensure a safe Easter Weekend camping experience

Camping is an Easter Weekend tradition in the Cayman Islands and the use of portable generators to power electronic devices at camp sites has significantly increased over the years. CUC wants to ensure that campers are fully aware of the dangers associated with running portable generators and stresses the importance of taking every precaution when using generators to ensure a safe, fun and memorable camping experience is achieved. Here are some other tips to follow before operating generators:

- » Always read the manufacturer's manual to ensure proper use.
- » If you are using a portable generator for the first time, obtain advice from a qualified electrician on the safe operation of the equipment to prevent fires and electrical shocks.
- » It is recommend that you place the generator outside in a well-ventilated area away from your tents to avoid the carbon monoxide fumes from the exhaust, which could cause lethal poisoning. Protect the generator from direct exposure to rain or moisture by placing it under a canopy or makeshift cover. Always keep it dry.
- » Never refuel a generator while it is running or hot and always keep open flames away from the generator. Use a flashlight or battery lantern when refuelling at night. Unplug the generator output cord before starting it.

- » If your generator has been stored away for a while and not been used, have someone who is familiar with small engines (lawn mowers, etc.), do a detailed check and service of the generator before starting it.
- » If you are familiar with servicing small engines, follow these simple steps when testing your generator:
 - Drain the "old" gasoline from the tank;
 - Inspect the fuel lines for cracks;
 - Refill the tank with fresh gasoline and start it;
 - Run the generator for 15 minutes in an open area away from buildings, trees and bushes. Turn off the fuel valve and run the fuel line dry. After the engine stalls, turn off the run switch, change the oil, add fuel stabilizer to the gasoline, drain the carburetor float bowl (and sediment bowl, if installed).
 - While testing the generator, inspect your extension cords to ensure they are in good condition. Replace cords that are damaged;
 - Check for rust and replace crystallized plastic or rubber parts.



In the event of a fire or an electrical emergency, please call 911 immediately.





Jet Around Cayman is reborn!

After 9 years, the new owners of Jet Around Cayman have engaged Peripheral Life and Style & The Cayman Islands Water Sports Association to bring back the legendary jet ski race around the island.

Peripheral and CIWA are working together to promote and make this year's race a safe and exciting community event, held over the Easter long weekend on holiday Monday.

The Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush said: "I am happy to see Jet Around Cayman return and I wish it to be a very successful event. I look forward to working with the teams handling the event in the future to meet

some of the targets that will be set by the Ministry"

2022 will have the largest prize in the history of Personal Watercraft racing in the Cayman Islands as \$25,000 in cash prizes will be up to claim this year.

Traditionally this race was held in June, but this year will kick off the new tradition as an Easter Weekend festival. Jet Around Cayman has teamed up with BlackBeards and Big Daddys to promote the races offering free event tickets and other prizes for purchasing Coron & Redbull products leading up the event.

Schedule of events:

Sunset Thursday will kick off the long weekend with the official riders meeting

at SandBar on the Georgetown waterfront. Sandbar will host live Reggae artist and band, Stuart Wilson the night will continue with a Soca, Reggae theme party next to SandBar on their oceanfront 15,000 sq foot venue.

Saturday night will introduce a Dance Party with a unique mix of House music and Soca. Sandbar will extend its patio onto the Balboa waterfront to ensure lots of room to dance the night away.

Monday is Race Day with the start / finish line at Public Beach. The Jet Around Cayman team is encouraging spectators to watch from their campsites as they will be able to track the riders with GPS and see live video feed from the checkpoints.

Back at the finish line there will be music from noon till sunset at the podium where you can celebrate with the winners as they pop their bottles of bubbles from Cayman Distributors. Corona, Bacardi & Red Bull along with beverages for the whole family will be available at the beach as well as food vendors to fill your bellies. Join us this year at Seven Mile Public Beach or anywhere along the coast you might be camping to cheer on our island champions as they race to see who is the fastest around the island!

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Coldwell Banker 14, Digicel 11

Coldwell Banker overcame two large deficits in rallying to defeat a valiant Digicel team, 14-11, in Wednesday's Girls Softball encounter.

Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin, Stephanie Menko and Lorlie Bryan scored two runs each to lead the victors, who trailed 6-0 and 11-6 at different points of the game.

Jeliah McLean's 2 RBI single to centre capped a six run 1st inning for Digicel, who came out swinging. Madison Malice and Brittany Bennett contributed RBI singles and both scored runs. The other four 1st inning runs were scored by Imogen Howe, Eowyn Hawkins, Renell Parchment and Clara Ramos.

Coldwell Banker stormed back with six runs in the bottom of the 1st. Demae Lee led off with a homer to the fence in right centre. After Jialy walked, Stephanie brought her home with an RBI triple. She scored on an RBI single by McKenna Knapik. McKenna would later score, as did teammate Mya Williams, who reached on a walk. The final run was scored by Keilah Gordon on a wild play as she reached on a throwing error and sprinted around the bases after another

errant throw saw the ball end up in the outfield.

Undaunted, Digicel fought back with five more runs in the 2nd. Tracey Campbell, Madison and Eowyn all had RBI singles, and Brittany had a 2 RBI single to cap off the scoring.

Coldwell Banker immediately rallied to tie the game once again, this time at 11-11. A double by Jialy and RBI singles by Lili Aleria and McKenna were the key hits in the inning.

In the top of the 3rd Jialy finally quieted the Digicel bats as she made two good plays on the mound and stranded two runners on base without allowing any runs.

In the bottom of the 3rd Ramiyah Ebanks was hit by a pitch to start the inning and she would eventually score the go-ahead run. Kadence Miller-Ebanks and Lili were also hit by pitches in the inning, while Demae, Jialy and Lorlie walked, contributing to two additional runs to make the final score 14-11 as time expired.

Scoring by inning:

| TEAM | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | TOTAL |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Digicel | 6 | 5 | 0 | 13 |
| Coldwell Banker | 6 | 5 | 3 | 12 |

SEE GIRLS SOFTBALL, Page 12



► Digicel and Coldwell Banker

Minister Bush loses Home Affairs ministry

As of Monday, Minister Bernie Bush is no longer the Minister of Home Affairs, passing that responsibility to Health and Wellness Minister Sabrina Turner because of what the Premier Wayne Panton termed "infringements of Section 55 of the Constitution and breaches to two sections of the Ministerial Code of Conduct".

Section 55 of the Constitution deals with special responsibilities of the Governor.

Without giving any details as to what these infringements may have been, the Premier said in a statement:

"The PACT Government adopted a Ministerial Code of Conduct on 27 July 2021 and in so doing, made a commitment to not only uphold the Code of Conduct, but to accept consequences if the Code was breached by a Minister."

He went on to say: "Minister Bush's conduct and comments in relation to the staffing of the Fire Service are infringements of

Section 55 of the Constitution and breach Section 2.4 of the Ministerial Code of Conduct. Furthermore, other comments he made as Minister contravene Section 2.6.3 of the Ministerial Code of Conduct."

The Premier said all Ministers agreed to hold themselves to certain standards of conduct when adopting the Ministerial Code of Conduct last year. The consequence for this breach was, in part, that the responsibility for the Ministry of Home Affairs was reassigned to Minister Sabrina Turner, effective Monday, 11 April 2022.

In addition to the above, the Premier also required Minister Bush to apologise for his conduct to the Governor, Deputy Governor and the former Acting Chief Officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs, and he will be subject to two weeks unpaid leave effective Monday, 18 April.

During Minister Bush's leave, Parliamentary Secretary Isaac Rankine will act

as Minister of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage.

"This has been a valuable lesson for me and I accept the consequence of my actions. The Premier continues to have my full confidence and support," said Minister Bernie Bush.

Notwithstanding the above, the Premier went on to say he felt Bush could still make a valid contribution to political life in areas which are his expertise.

"I believe Minister Bush can make a substantial contribution to the good of our country in the areas of youth, sports, culture and heritage," he said. "These subjects align well with his interests and experience and his passion. I am optimistic that the unfortunate events of the past will bear no reflection on his future performance."

"My hope is that Members of Parliament will adopt broadly similar obligations and standards in a Parliamentary Code of



► Minister Bernie Bush

Conduct to be observed by all members of Parliament, and if that Code is breached, Members of Parliament should similarly face consequences," the Premier concluded.

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Maples and Calder, the Maples Group's law firm, is pleased to announce that it has maintained its position as the number one listing agent on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (the "CSX") having advised on 53% of all CSX listings in 2021.

2021 was a groundbreaking year for listings with the CSX reporting a 76% increase in admissions on the previous year. This growth in new business reflects the CSX's ability to provide a platform for cost-efficient listings for a wide range of securities, issuers and jurisdictions. These figures also reinforce the CSX's position as a leading platform for CLOs with a recorded total of 520 CLO issuers listed comprising BSL / MM new issuances, refinancing and resets.

In 2021, the number of listings the firm's Cayman Islands listings team managed was on a par with 2020 and impressively the team listed 69 BSL / MM CLOs listed on the CSX. This included the firm's role in advising on a first-of-its-kind dual listing on the specialist fund segment of the London Stock Exchange and the CSX (<https://maples.com/en/news/2021/7/maples-advises-on-csx-listing-first-of-its-kind-dual-listing-with-specialist-fund-segment>).

Commenting on the recently published results, Scott Macdonald, Partner and global head of Finance said, "We are delighted to maintain our position as the number one listing agent on the CSX. Our global listings team advised on a number of new and novel structures / listings over the past year and these results further demonstrate our market-leading position as the leading listing agent for the Cayman Islands."

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Pedestrian underpass murals in Camana Bay celebrate education and art

A collaboration between Cayman International School (CIS) students, Cayman-based artist, Carlos Garcia and Dart's Visual Designer Keri Lawrence has brightened the path of pedestrians using the underpasses that connect the east and west sides of Cayman Parkway on the Esterley Tibbetts Highway.

The finished murals depict Cayman's fauna and flora and echo Dart's focus on accessibility, design and a celebration of place found across their projects. The underpasses were constructed four years ago and until now were plain grey surfaces. Dart President of Asset Management, Justin Howe, saw an opportunity to bring them to life and involve CIS' students in the visual design. The school's art department, Dart's design team and the National Gallery Cayman Islands (NGCI) collaborated to guide students in the creative design.

As a result, an art competition was born: students received lessons in mural design from Garcia and were then asked to produce designs reflecting Cayman culture. The panel of judges included Garcia, Dart Interior Designer Gina Powell and Dart Design Manager Ross Tibbetts.

"The judges were blown away by the level of talent that was showcased for this competition," said Powell. "We found it extremely difficult to select one, so we narrowed it down to four winners. My job (alongside Design Manager Ross Tibbetts) was simply to bring all four winning concepts together to create one cohesive story."

The winning submissions were then interpreted and incorporated into two larger designs by Lawrence. "My task was

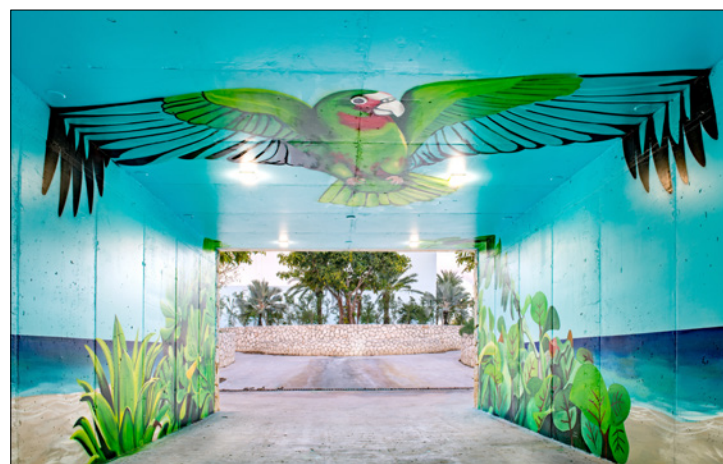


to reorganise the winning art pieces into the underpass space; I had to take a 2D art piece and reimagine it on a much larger scale," she explained.

Using her iPad, Keri intricately redrew and combined elements from the students work to tell the story the students envisioned; and providing the inspiration for Garcia to execute the murals on the underpasses.

"The final concept revolved around Cayman parrots leading the way to the National Gallery while overlooking flora, fauna and traditional Cayman scenes, showcasing the individual creativity of each student while creating connectivity throughout; that was our primary goal," Powell said.

The murals, which were unveiled Wednesday, 6 April, to CIS students, members of the Dart team, and local media, are "really a celebration of the students' vision and I know many of them are excited to see it come to life here," said Lawrence.



One of the winners, student Lilly Haug, was delighted to see the finished project. "I never thought my ideas could look so beautiful, and it inspires me to stay creative even as school becomes more difficult."

Artist Garcia added, "As executor of this work, I am pleased to know that the creativity of the students with the help of the professionals in this art space could materialise the artistic vision of the four winning students. Because of this collaboration, we all played a part in transforming an empty, boring space into a work of art while providing a new experience for the art students – an experience in the art of muralism."

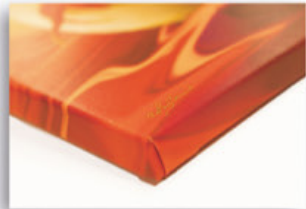
Erin Shaughness, another student winner, said: "It's awesome seeing elements from my design featured in the final piece. This project reminded me that I love art."

CIS art teacher Heather Meinen said, "It was very exciting to see the finished pro-


ject today as this was something we've been collaborating on with Dart, the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, and Carlos since August 2021. The students spent a lot of time developing their ideas – brainstorming, prototyping, reworking and finally creating. All of their hard work paid off! Keri and Carlos' teams did a great job representing each of the finalist's pieces in the mural. It was a great experience for us all, and I hope we have more opportunities like this in the future."

The underpasses are open to the public; the design team involved hope all will walk through the space and take in the beauty of the murals, reflecting images of Cayman parrots, seagrass leaves, an old Caymanian house and more. There are interactive elements in the murals, which offer many opportunities for photo captures. Those strolling through are invited to share their images on social media with the hashtag #CBArt.

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Cayman National Cultural Foundation Appoints Interim CEO

The Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) has announced the appointment of Natalie Urquhart as interim Chief Executive Officer on a six-month secondment from her role as Director of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands.

Ms. Urquhart will lead the Cayman National Cultural Foundation through a period of transition following the departure of directors Henry and Marcia Muttoo, who are retiring after thirty years at the helm of the organisation that promotes the performing, visual and literary arts in the Cayman Islands.

Board Chairman Martyn Bould said, "The Board would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Henry and Marcia for their stewardship of Caymanian heritage and culture over the past three decades. We wish them both well in their retirement and look forward to building on their lega-



► Natalie Urquhart

cy as we continue to provide a platform for Caymanian talent.

"For a number of years, the Cayman National Cultural Foundation has been reflecting on its role to nurture and develop Caymanian culture and how to achieve maximum collaboration between the many entities working in the arts," he said. "To ensure any change in direction encompasses all stakeholders, we need a CEO who has suitable experience in strategic planning to guide the organisation through this next chapter".

The Cayman National Cultural Foundation office is based at the Harquail Theatre where it hosts programmes such as Cayfest, National Arts and Culture Awards and the perennially popular Rundown show together with Gimistory presented throughout the Districts. The Foundation is also responsible for visionary artist Miss Lassie's House and collection and awards grants for development in the arts.

The Harquail Theatre's location next to the National Gallery provides an opportunity for greater collaboration between the two cultural institutions with sufficient land available to incorporate the two entities into a master planned Cultural Village.

"As the arts scene in Cayman continues to grow, we are seeking new ways to expand and align support of the performing and visual arts to the benefit of all," said Bould. "Ms. Urquhart is well-placed to bring her years of leading the strategic direction and programming at the National Gallery and in the wider community to lead CNCF's strategic development phase. We are delighted she has accepted our in-

itation to join the Cayman National Cultural Foundation for six months while we begin our search for a permanent CEO."

Ms. Urquhart was appointed Director of the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands in 2009, following stints as deputy director, head of curatorial and programming and education and press officer. During her tenure, the National Gallery moved into its current permanent space which now receives up to 24,000 visitors per year, and the national art collection has grown by 240%. She is responsible for operational management and strategic development, curatorial management, an overseeing events and education programmes at the Gallery and in the districts.

With a masters' degree in Arts Policy and Management, Ms. Urquhart is the immediate past President of the Museums Association of the Caribbean and has worked extensively with local and regional cultural and heritage organisations. She is a leading authority on Caymanian art and the author of the book *Art of the Cayman Islands*.

In addition to her role at the National Gallery, Ms. Urquhart launched Cayman Art Week in 2021 in response to the impact of the pandemic on the creative sector and to stimulate investment in Caymanian art.

"It is an honour to have this opportunity to work with the team at the Cayman National Cultural Foundation - Amanda Brown, Dexter Benliss, Virginia Foster and Barry Campbell," said Ms. Urquhart. "There is such a rich tradition of performing arts programmes, productions and



► Henry and Marcia Muttoo

festivals, I look forward to building on the Foundation's past achievements and exploring new opportunities to further stimulate the arts and to expand access to heritage in line with the National Cultural and Heritage Policy. A strong and thriving cultural scene has both social and economic benefits for the community, whether that is individual well-being or education, a deeper understanding of our heritage and identity, career opportunities, or healthy cultural tourism sector that supports local artists, musicians and so forth."

Ms. Urquhart's appointment as interim CEO is effective immediately. She will also continue in her role as Director overseeing the team at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands during this period.

For more information about the accomplishments and contributions of Henry and Marcia Muttoo visit <https://contact/3LBNEJH>.



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► Aaron Jarvis performed better than some world class pros



► Tiger Woods chatted with Jarvis for a few minutes

Jarvis was inspired by Masters

Aaron Jarvis made his historic appearance as the first Caribbean to play in the Masters with an impressive debut at golf's top table.

The Cayman Islands teenage closed his participation in the first Major of the year on Friday. Jarvis, 19, scored a 74 (2 over par) and completed the two rounds with 155 strokes (11 over par) at Augusta National Golf. Although not good enough to make the cut (eliminated after two rounds of the four), his second round score was better than the likes of Jordan Spieth, the former world no.1. Jarvis also scored better than Bryson DeChambeau (12 over par). Other world class pros who didn't make the cut included Spieth, Justin Rose and Brooks Koepka, so he was in good company.

Tiger Woods squeezed through but after sensationally coming back 14 months since a serious car crash and after two year's absence from competitive golf meant he was never a contender.

It was an unforgettable experience, he said of his second round: "I actually almost made a hole-in-one on the 16th which would have been amazing. I tried to be more patient and have more confidence to make a good score and I did. I just enjoyed being able to play on this golf course."

The University of Nevada Las Vegas freshman added: "These two days have been incredible for me. I was surprised by all of this place, the atmosphere, the people, everything seemed incredible to me. Even more knowing what it means for its

history, and having had the opportunity to play here seems incredible to me,"

On the back of winning the Latin America Amateur Championship in January, Jarvis, will also play The Open from July 14-17 at St Andrews, Scotland. Not many teenagers can boast the privilege of playing in two of the most iconic golf courses on the planet.

"Having won the LAAC was a dream come true because I worked so hard for that tournament," he said. "It's just a special tournament. It means a lot to me and to everyone in that region, obviously. I knew I could win it, I just had to be patient and I managed to come out on top."

The LAAC has in just seven years energised the competitive golfing populations of big regional countries like Argentina and Mexico, as well as smaller and lesser-known nations like the Cayman Islands. For competitive golfers from this region, the LAAC's importance is difficult to overstate. Its initial alumni have shown tremendous promise. For instance, Chile's Joaquin Niemann, who won the 2018 LAAC and now has two PGA Tour wins to his credit, including the 2022 Genesis Invitational.

In addition to his two major championship starts, Jarvis will be exempt into Final Qualifying for the 2022 US Open. His game will grow exponentially from this top level exposure. Already capable of hitting a tee shot 320 yards despite his youth, his potential is huge and if he goes pro, endorsements mean he could be a rich man even before he hits a ball.



► Jarvis thoroughly enjoyed his Masters experience

Like many kids, he got the golf bug from an older sibling, Andrew, 23. Unlike most of last week's Masters field, he didn't take up the game until almost a teenager, introduced into the sport by dad Robin, a Brit who is a mad West Ham United supporter.

But Aaron's more than made up for the lost time. He grew up just 15 minutes from one of the Cayman Islands' two golf courses and would go there every day after school for hours. There's not a big junior golf scene there, but he's hoping that will change. With his success so far it will undoubtedly inspire many others.

Overall, Jarvis had some priceless experiences Augusta National. He played a practice round with Koepka on Monday

and Jon Rahm on Tuesday. Jarvis even had a run-in with Tiger Woods during his Sunday practice round. Jarvis was practicing with the US amateur champ and they saw at the hole ahead Woods.

"I ran up to him and ran through the woods and asked, 'Mr. Woods, are you playing by yourself, or can we join?' He answered: 'I'm just going to play by myself today.' It was pretty cool seeing him playing in front of me. And after the round I got to talk to him for 10 minutes or so, and it was just incredible."

Jarvis collected advice tips from every pro he met. He summarises their input succinctly: "Go out with confidence, be yourself and have fun with it."

Girls Softball

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Pizza Hut 16, Digicel 5

Pizza Hut defeated Digicel 16-5 on Saturday night, in the first lopsided game of the season in Girls Softball. Digicel were without their most consistent pitcher and Pizza Hut took advantage of nine walks and some exceptional base-running to tally their highest run total of the season.

Sofia Watler, Leila Dixon, Coco Windor and Hanna Jackson each scored three runs for Pizza Hut, as the team got at least five runs in every inning. Coco was on base all three times and had two singles to left and 2 RBI to lead the hitting attack. Withney Jackson and Avah Connors each had 2 RBI as well. Rio Windsor and Sofia each pitched two solid innings, limiting the normally potent Digicel batters to just four hits on the night, while combining for seven strikeouts. Hanna made a nice catch

on a line drive at 1B, nearly turning it into a double play.

For Digicel, Lindsay Bodden and Raegan Jefferson had RBI singles and each of them was on base twice. Jeliyah McLean had a good defensive play at 2B, fielding a grounder and throwing out speedy Rio at 1B. Digicel have been close in so many games this season and they still have hopes for a strong second half and success in the end of season tournament.

The players are off for the next two weeks for Easter break. Games continue on April 27th.

Scoring by inning:

| TEAM | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Digicel | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13 |
| Pizza Hut | 6 | 5 | 5 | — | 12 |

Standings:

| TEAM | Won | Lost | Tied | RF | RA | GB |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|----|----|-----|
| Coldwell Banker | 4 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 50 | 0 |
| Pizza Hut | 4 | 1 | 2 | 70 | 56 | 0.5 |
| Digicel | 0 | 6 | 1 | 71 | 92 | 4.5 |

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Business Grant and Stipend Programmes Resume

Following the meeting of Parliament's Finance Committee in March 2022, the Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development announces a resumption of the business stipend and asset grant program for Wildlife Interaction Zone (WIZ) Land and Watersports Operators, and the Other Tourism-related micro and small businesses. New funding of \$4.9 million will be paid as a continuation of these programmes and will be disbursed through the Cayman Islands Centre for Business Development (CICBD).

Supplementary funding for these grants and stipends was approved by Parliament to ensure the survival of various tourism related businesses until tourism numbers return to more sustainable levels following the reopening of the borders.

Businesses previously approved under the programmes will not be required to submit new applications; however a veri-

fication process will be utilized to determine the existence of assets to be claimed for.

New applicants will be admitted to the Other Tourism-related stipend programme beginning Thursday, 14 April 2022. The application window will remain open for two weeks with the deadline for submission of new applications being Friday, 6 May 2022.

The funds must be used directly in support of business expenses and businesses will be required to provide proof that funds were utilized for the allowable expenses under the programme.

The Centre for Business Development executed a successful program of stipend payments in 2021, providing



financial support to small businesses involved in watersports and land tours, micro and small business owners in the transport and restaurant sectors, all of which were affected adversely by the absence of tourism in the Cayman Islands between March 2020 and November 2021.

Little Cayman Deputy Governor's 5K Challenge Postponed to 1 May

The Deputy Governor's 5K Challenge (DG's 5K) event in Little Cayman, originally scheduled for 10 April, has been **postponed until 1 May 2022** due to unforeseen circumstances.

All existing registrations will remain valid for the new date. The event organisers thank the Little Cayman community for your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Please visit the Race Caribbean registration page or the DG's 5K Challenge Facebook for more details on the rescheduled event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Student Registration

Ongoing - The Department of Education Services (DES) reminds all parents and guardians that registration of students for the 2022/2023 academic year commences on 1 April 2022. For fur-

ther enquiries, please contact the Registration team at edu.registration@gov.ky

National Day of Prayer

12 April - The Cayman Ministers' Association will be having

its annual National Day of Prayer this Tuesday 12th April from 12 noon - 12.50pm on the lawn of the Glass House. All are invited to attend.

Good Friday

15 April - This is a religious and public holiday in the Cayman Islands. Most businesses including supermarkets will be closed. Restaurants are usually opened as usual.

Holy Week & Easter Services - St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Road

15 April - A one-hour Service of Prayers and Devotions will be held on Good Friday April 15th at 12pm. There will be a Service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday April 17th at 9:30am. Morning prayers (Matins) will continue on alternate Sundays at 9:30am as usual.

Easter Festival & Scavenger Hunt - Cayman Turtle Centre

16 April - Enjoy a fun day for the whole family at the Cayman Turtle Centre on Sat. 16 April from 8am. Take part in the Easter egg scavenger hunt, Easter themed games and activities. The cost is \$15 for adults and kids under 12 get in free when they bring three plastic items to be recycled. Entrance includes full access to the Turtle Centre. Call 949 - 3894 for more information.

Easter at Bayshore

16 April - A special afternoon for you and your family is to be enjoyed at the Bayshore Mall from

4pm to 6pm. At this Easter extravaganza, there will be many activities including a scavenger hunt, face painting as well as food and refreshments. There will be free parking behind Bayshore Mall.

Storytime at Gardenia

17 April - On the first Sunday of every month, join Next Chapter at Gardenia Court (located just behind Next Chapter) for a story time session from 10am to 10:45am. This event is free to the public. Bring along a picnic blanket and enjoy the reading of 3 children's books - ranging from classic favourites to new best sellers. Get a FREE reusable book bag for your child: Pick up a Rockin' Reader punch card for your kids in-store. Each time you attend a story time session, you'll receive a punch on your card. Collect 4 punches to receive your Rockin' Reader book bag.

National Trust Week - Mangroves Lunch and Learn

20 April - Join the National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI) for a free lunch and learn to explore the true economic, social and ecological significance of mangroves in the Cayman Islands through interactive discussions with experienced guest speakers. This venue for this event is The Ocean Room at the Wharf and goes from 10am to 2pm. For more information, email education@nationaltrust.org.ky.

Happy Birthday to Queen Elizabeth 11

21 April - Happy Birthday to Queen Elizabeth 11. She was born

on 21 April 1926 and will be 96 years old. Official birthday celebrations in Cayman will be on 6 June.

Gigantic Garage Sale & Car Boot Sale

23 April - St. Ignatius Catholic Church is having its annual Garage Sale & Car Boot Sale On Saturday 23 April from 6am to 11am at the Church Hall and School Car Park. There will be lots of great bargains on all kinds of items! Cost of a selling spot is \$25. Call 949 - 6797 or email ignatius@candw.ky to book your spot. Breakfast items will also be on sale.

Grand Cayman's DG's 5k Challenge

24 April - Runners, walkers, and supporters of all ages are invited to join the DG's 5K Challenge in on Sunday 24 April. Start time is 6:30am and will be at the Southern Cross Club. Registration is \$25 for adults over 18 and \$10 for children 17 and under. Register today at <https://racecaribbean.net/event/dg-5k-cb/>.

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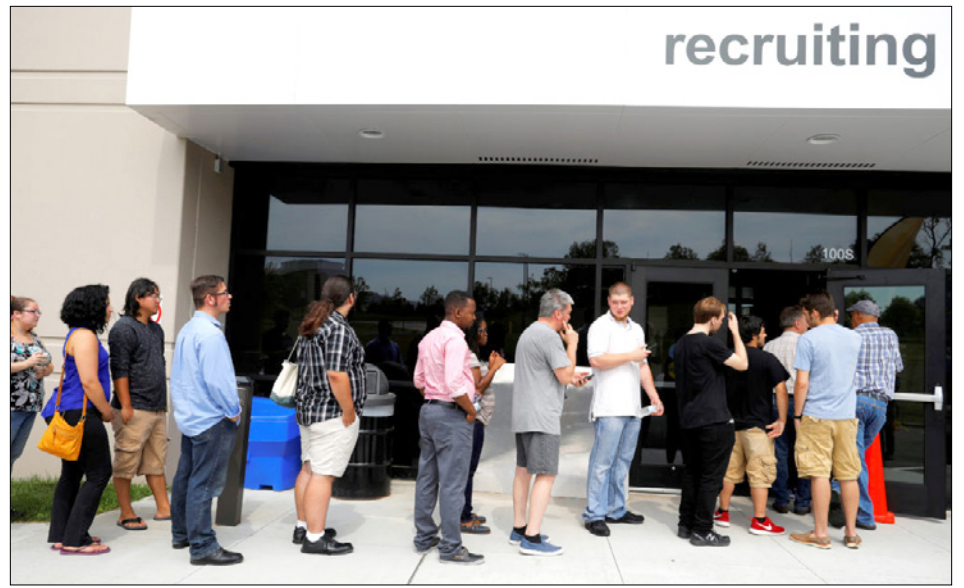
26 April - The National Gallery presents a free session of Cardio Dance with Quintessential Movement on April 26 at 6pm. Get your sweat on while learning fun choreography to popular songs. RSVP to education@nationalgallery.org.ky

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► Gas prices are their highest ever in the US



► America's job seekers face an uncertain future

US fears recession soon

The United States economy is predicted to descend into a recession next year when the Federal Reserve raises interest rates to combat high and widening inflation, according to two economists at Deutsche Bank. But they did state that it probably won't last too long.

David Folkerts-Landau and Peter Hooper stated in a report on Tuesday that they see the Fed raising interest rates at each of its next three meetings on its way to a peak above 3.5 percent by the middle of next year.

Deutsche Bank is one of the first major banks to forecast a US recession. But Goldman Sachs Group Inc. economists led by Jan Hatzius said in a report on Monday that an economic downturn is "far from inevitable," in part because consumers and companies are "flush" with cash. Nevertheless, there are millions of low-income earners who suffered financially in the two years that the covid pandemic was at its worst. They are likeliest to be affected by another downturn in the economy.

"Our call for a recession in the US next year is currently way out of consensus," Folkerts-Landau and Hooper acknowledged in their report, adding: "We expect it will not be so for long."

On top of the Fed rate increases, Deutsche forecasts the US central bank will reduce its \$8.9 trillion balance sheet by almost \$2 trillion by the end of next year.

"The US economy is expected to take a major hit from the extra Fed tightening by late next year and early 2024," Folkerts-Landau and Hooper wrote in a report entitled 'Over the Brink'. Under the forecast, US unemployment rises sharply to 4.9 percent in 2024. Joblessness in March was 3.6 percent.

The closely monitored recession signal made investors fret that the Federal Reserve's efforts to tame inflation will bring about a sharp slowdown in US economic activity. To the average American, gas prices are the best barometer. The US\$5.83

Californians are paying on average for a gallon of gas stings. But it is double that in many places worldwide. For example, filling up a compact SUV in Hong Kong costs around \$120. Prices have been so high in the Asian financial centre that commuters no longer drive to work, opting instead to ride the hard aluminium seats on the city's subway trains. Even before Russia's invasion of Ukraine hit energy markets, Hong Kong was one of the most expensive places in the world to fill a tank.

The same goes for Singapore, another financial hub in Asia, and a host of Western European nations such as the Netherlands, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Sweden, France and Britain — all countries where gas costs more than \$8 a gallon. In London the average price is \$12 with prices in the \$15 range in affluent areas!

The United States, by comparison, is still the most affordable advanced nation to purchase gas in, on par with the likes of developing countries such as Liberia,

Rwanda, El Salvador and Zambia, according to research site GlobalPetrolPrices.com.

"The US actually has some of the cheapest gasoline in the world," said Rob Smith, director of global fuel retail at S&P Global. "Even California was, until the recent price spike, below or even with most other major markets."

The recession fears are driven by rising inflation, with consumer prices increasing at the fastest pace in 40 years. Hopes that inflation would rapidly cool off are dashed, in part because of the war in Ukraine.

Deutsche predicts the fall in growth will only continue in late 2023 and early 2024 and take a toll on US jobs. Unemployment rate is about six million Americans out of jobs, a steady recovery from the pandemic that left 20 million unemployed.

Should Deutsche's prediction come true and unemployment increases by 1.5 percent, about eight million people will be out of work.

7 Simple Fat Loss Rules

If you're ready to reduce your body fat, you can't go about it haphazardly. You'll have to drop the anything-goes attitude and adhere to seven rules that will make your fat-burning attempts a wild success.

What are those rules? You're about to find out.

Rule #1: Water Rules

Ready to melt away the fat that's been clinging to your front, back, and sides since you can remember? Then you'll need to drink water. A lot of it. Every time you feel the urge to drink something, make it water. Not juice. Not milk. And definitely not beer. They add sugars and calories to your daily intake, which will do nothing but make it harder to get rid of your fat stores. Drinking water also helps you avoid eating when you're not hungry, feel better, and doesn't slow you down when it's time to exercise.

Rule #2: Protein, Please

Burning fat requires you to eat differently. That means no more eating whatever you want whenever you want. One of the best things you can eat to get rid of fat is protein. Whether chicken, turkey, eggs, low-fat cottage cheese, beef, or whey pro-

tein powder, protein at every meal gives you energy you can use for whatever tasks come your way.

Rule #3: Vary Your Variety

There are lots of exercises that help you burn fat. Actually, just about any routine you do will help. And that's why you should do them all. Prefer high-intensity interval training (HIIT)? Fantastic! Just be sure to switch it up with resistance training, strength training, and stretching here and there. This will help your body work differently and therefore find new ways to get rid of unwanted fat.

Rule #4: Go Big

One of the most successful long-term plans to get rid of fat is to add muscle to your body. The best way to do this is by utilizing big, compound movements with free weights. That means plenty of bench press, squats, deadlifts, and military press. Of course, you may not be a weight-lifting aficionado. No problem. Call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com to get started on an exercise program that's just right for you.

Rule #5: Eat Less

On the path to less fat, one rule you can't ignore is to simply eat less food. That's right — calories matter. Think you can get away with eating all the healthy food you can find and still burn fat? Think again. Your body only needs a certain amount of calories to function. The rest sit around and have the potential to stick around for the long haul — even if they come from fresh fruits and vegetables.

Rule #6: Go to Bed

It seems no matter how many studies come out showing the direct connection between sleep and fat loss, people still ignore their body's signals to get more sleep. Don't be one of them. Get to sleep at a decent hour that allows you to get about eight hours every night. You'll feel better in the morning, avoid midnight snack temptations, and burn more fat during your waking hours.

Rule #7: Relax Once

This is less a rule than a suggestion, but it's a good idea to give yourself a break now and then. Otherwise, you may find yourself unable to maintain your fat-burning ways for the long-term. Once a week, for exactly one meal, allow yourself to en-



► Ernest Ebanks

joy whatever food you've been craving. It could be a greasy hamburger with all the fixings, a piece of chocolate caramel banana-crème cake, or just a salad with your favorite fattening dressing. Just remember to keep it to a normal portion size, only do it for one meal each week, and return back to your healthy eating immediately.

If you are serious about attaining a life-altering body transformation then feel free to reach out to me for assistance. I am here to provide you with everything you need to burn the fat and transform your body once and for all!

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| 29° / 25° | 29° / 26° | 27° / 26° | 27° / 26° | 27° / 26° | 26° / 26° | 27° / 25° |
| Partly sunny, a shower or two | A little rain in the morning | Clouds and sun with a shower | Some sun | Sunshine and patchy clouds | Partly sunny with a shower | Some sun with a shower |

Easter in Cayman 2022

By Flynn Bush

Two years into this global pandemic, our beloved country is on the road back to normalcy; although, some may say there is still a long way to go, yet. Regardless, we are at a stage where more and more of our culture and customs can be practiced. This Easter, Caymanians will be able to celebrate the holidays as we have done in the past.

Decades and even centuries ago, Easter meant three things: food, family and faith. Food meant fasting at times during the lent season leading up to Good Friday and feasting on Easter Sunday and Monday. Family time was prioritized as house-visits, get-togethers, picnics and camping were all ways to connect with loved ones at this time of year. Faith was practiced by attending church and Holy services throughout the Holy Week, but especially on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (Maunday Thursday), Good Friday and Easter Service, including sunrise services on Easter morn. Things may look a little different nowadays but, thankfully, these practices have not all died out.



As I write this, there are persons preparing for Palm Sunday service, there are persons preparing the Easter menu, there are some who are reaching out to their family members and arranging for a get-together, and there are those who are setting up camp along the beautiful shores of our three islands.

Whichever of these activities someone is doing, they are inevitably preserving our Caymanian heritage.

This year, since it is the first in a while where we can enjoy these customs in an almost completely unrestricted manner, it

behooves me to remind all of the sacrifices that have been made for us to reach this point. Everyone has had to give up a few of our freedoms for a while for the protection of each other. We have struggled through lockdowns, curfews, name-designated shopping days, food shortages, mask

mandates (still going through that), and vaccine drives (still going through that, too). It has been hard, and we have much to be thankful now. A moment of quiet reflection is an appropriate action to take at this point.

However, since this is Easter, please stop and consider the meaning of the season. Think of the hardship that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, took upon himself, for our benefit. The ultimate sacrifice was made when He suffered and died for our sins, thus giving us the chance for redemption. So, as we contemplate our current situation and the journey that has brought us to where we are now, please remember that the journey started over two thousand years ago with a tiny baby born to a virgin in a stable in Bethlehem; a baby who would grow up to become the sacrificial lamb for us all. That is the meaning of Easter that should resonate with us all.

I wish for all a healthy and happy Easter full of love and reflection and may your families all be drawn closer together. Finally, I will close with the famous words of Ms. Georgette, "May God bless everybody in these three Cayman Islands."

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS


The family of the late **William Henry McTaggart**, affectionately known as "Uncle Bill" regret to announce his passing on April 4th, 2022.

A Memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. at Cayman Islands Baptist Church on Sunday 24th day of April 2022.

To celebrate his life and his love for the sea and sunsets, please wear colors that are representative of these.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that donations be made to Bill's favourite charities: Jasmine in Cayman and St. Jude's in the USA.

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




Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"


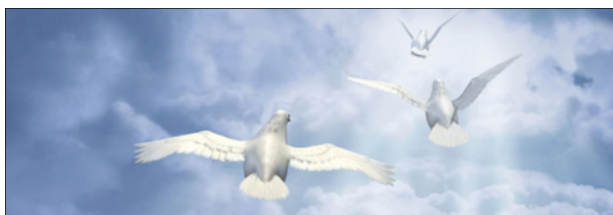
Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Pearlie Powell, who passed away on Wed. March 30, 2022.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at George Town Seventh-day Adventist Church, Smith Road, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, April 17, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Viewing: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Interment at: New Pease Bay Cemetery
The family requests that attendees wear purple.

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Jorge Osmin Bustillo-Coronado, who passed away on Sunday, April 10, 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 Mrs. Martha Dell Powery-Bonner, who passed away on Friday, April 08, 2022. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Presbyterian Church of Boatswain Bay, Florence Lane, West Bay, Grand Cayman on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Viewing: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Interment at: TBC

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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/12

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 41 Eagle abode
 - 1 Russian legislature
 - 42 Grove makeup
 - 5 Role for Peck
 - 43 Office div.
 - 9 Printer need
 - 44 Beer, slangily
 - 10 Chops finely
 - 12 Chance to swing
 - 13 Baja buddy
 - 14 Garden activity
 - 16 Singer Henley
 - 17 Great weight
 - 18 Apparent
 - 20 Corner
 - 22 Secures
 - 23 Prank
 - 25 Ready for business
 - 28 Anxious feeling
 - 32 Looking for
 - 34 Bridge action
 - 35 One or more
 - 36 Slow flow
 - 38 Rounded hill
 - 40 Grassy plant

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
- 1 Adore
 - 2 Straight
 - 3 Honeyed drink
 - 4 Skilled worker
 - 5 Wise words
 - 6 Yonder fellow
 - 7 Tart city
 - 8 "Shoo!"
 - 9 Critical asset
 - 11 Airs
 - 15 Triton circles it
 - 19 Late runners
 - 21 Army level
 - 24 Eats
 - 25 Honshu nation
 - 27 Pal of Pooh
 - 29 Tolerated
 - 30 Burns a bit
 - 31 Periphery
 - 33 Spot in the ocean
 - 37 Andean nation
 - 39 Gloss target

Word Search

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- Alley
- Approach
- Avenue
- Boulevard
- Causeway
- Course
- Crescent
- Drive
- Freeway
- Highway
- Lane
- Path
- Ramp
- Road
- Route
- Row
- Street
- Terrace
- Track
- Trail
- Turnpike

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

Panel 1: "DOES HEAVEN ACTUALLY EXIST?"

Panel 2: "I WOULD LIKE TO THINK SO, CURTIS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU WERE GOOD AND DID GOOD THINGS"

Panel 3: "WHAT IF YOU WERE BAD AND DID BAD THINGS?"

Panel 4: "HOPEFULLY THE FAMILY WOULD STOP BY THE ASBESTOS UNDERWEAR SHOP BEFORE THE FUNERAL!"

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

Panel 1: "Y'KNOW, TIGER-I'M GONNA MISS YOU'RE PROBABLY JUST USED TO GUYS WHO WEAR MASKS-EVEN IF HIS WAS NATURAL."

Panel 2: "BUT, YEAH... I'LL MISS HIM, TOO."

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: "EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, I WILL SCREAM."

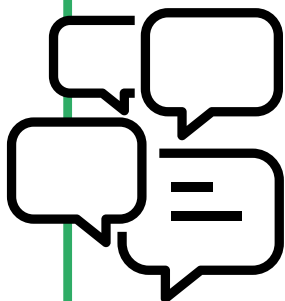
Panel 2: "EVERYTHING'S GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT, I WILL SCREAM."

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:

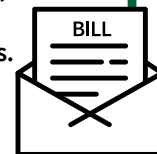
- + There is no added mark-up on fuel cost. This is a direct pass through to the customer, which CUC does not profit from.
- + CUC's proposed **Fuel Price Volatility Management Programme**, was approved by the ERA (now OfReg) in March 2011. The objective of the programme is to reduce the impact of volatility 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.

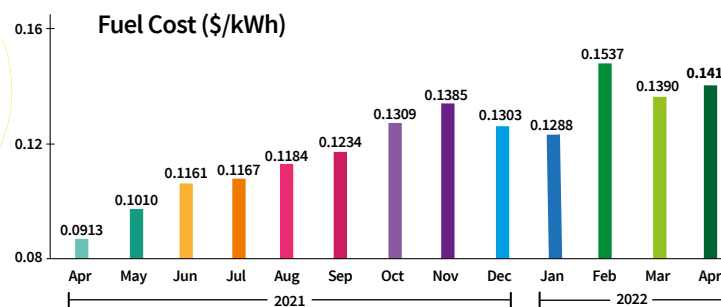
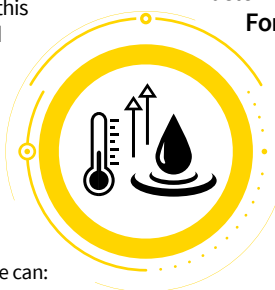
CUC has submitted a plan to OfReg to provide over 60% of Grand Cayman's energy from renewable energy by 2030. The Company also plans to replace diesel fuel with cleaner burning, lower cost Natural Gas. Coupled together, these initiatives will not only reduce the environmental impact of electricity generation,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

Your Upcoming Bills

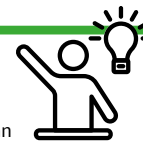
There is typically a two-month delay between market prices and the impact on your electricity bill. As such, you will not see an immediate fuel increase on your March or April 2022 bills (issued in April and May, respectively). We will continue to keep you updated on the fuel costs and any increases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

