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# CARIBBEAN TOURISM BOUNCES BACK

*Hoteliers throughout the region have an optimistic outlook for what the future holds*



► Caribbean destinations and hotels are focusing on value and choices.

The Caribbean's tourism renaissance is well underway, with some destinations approaching or exceeding record visitor arrival numbers.

Tourism officials cite pent-up traveler demand, the elimination or significant reduction in travel restrictions, the return of airlift, attractive deals and packages being offered by hotels, and a range of destination and hotel choices and up-

grades that are now in place as key factors for the rebound.

Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) President Nicola Madden-Greig applauded the region's tourism, health and government leaders for their work over the past two years to position the region's largest industry, tourism, to recover from the pandemic.

Madden-Greig pointed to the an-

nouncement last month by the World Travel and Tourism Council at its global summit in Manila, recognizing the Caribbean and Latin America as leading the global tourism recovery.

"Today's traveler has many choices when planning a Caribbean getaway, thanks to the efforts of so many. Over the past decade we've seen an explosion of new and upgraded hotels and infrastructure improvements. During the pandemic many hotels and attractions used the time to improve on their product and service offerings, also recognizing the changing needs of the discerning traveler. We continue to offer accommodation experiences which appeal to the full range of traveler interests. Beyond our world-famous beaches and waters, travelers can experience our diverse cultural, culinary and historic treasures. And we've worked diligently to put in place health safety protocols which are effective and as nonintrusive as possible," she stated.

Madden-Greig noted that, on average, hotels and resorts in the Caribbean will approach close to 80 percent of their record pre-pandemic performance this year, with some destinations setting all-time records. Cruise ships are returning, which is especially important to attractions, transportation providers such as independent taxis, and small- and medium-sized vendors. In addition, investment in new and upgraded hotels and resorts has not slowed.

"These are all great indicators which point to traveler confidence and demand for the Caribbean. We are seeing the fruits of years of hard work by the industry and governments throughout the region to invest in our tourism product and our people, and to broaden our appeal as we find new ways to provide a diverse and exciting experience for our visitors," said Madden-Greig.


"Travelers to the Caribbean can discover our diverse offerings by land or sea, by a cruise vacation, or a coveted, longer in-destination stay for a more immersive experience. It has never been easier to do the Caribbean 'your way' and there are options for every interest and every budget. From high-end luxury accommodations on land or on sea to cozy cottages and apartments," she added.

CHTA's Acting CEO and Director General Vanessa Ledesma echoed these thoughts recently at the Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS). Pointing to data from ForwardKeys, Ledesma highlighted the strong interest in the region for summer and fall travel. "This is reflective of the travelers' mindset with the accessibility of the region, brand identity and management of the pandemic being key elements that are driving demand," she stated.

ForwardKeys, CHTA's data partner, recently reported that the Caribbean and Latin America are leading the summer outlook in terms of the return of leisure travel, noting that five destinations – Aruba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Mexico and The Bahamas – are among the "most resilient" based on confirmed arrivals for the summer.

Developer confidence is also evident in STR's most current pipeline report, with close to 30,000 rooms in development or under construction over the next five years.

Madden-Greig pointed to new challenges facing the industry, as inflation is resulting in higher operating and travel costs and the uncertainty in Eastern Europe impacts travel. "While the cost of travel increases worldwide due to these and other factors, we will continue to focus on providing value and exceptional traveler experiences," stated the CHTA leader. "This is particularly important in our highly competitive global marketplace. Despite these challenges, we anticipate over the coming weeks and months to see a proliferation of deals and special offers by the industry to continue to appeal to travelers' desire to come to the Caribbean."



## Business Survey 2022

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In 2020, total foreign exchange revenue from Cayman's export of services totaled CI \$2.5 billion.

Foreign Exchange Revenue from Services in 2020, CI\$ Million



Service Category	Revenue (CI\$ Million)
Financial & Insurance Services	1,542.0
Travel	209.0
Accounting, Legal, & Other Business Services	686.3
Other Services	95.6

### Did the Cayman Islands revenue on export of services increase or decrease?

The annual Balance of Payments (BOP) Survey collects information necessary in recording the Cayman Islands residents' foreign transactions with the rest of the world.

The survey runs April 11th to June 17th, 2022.

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The accolade was presented during the 14<sup>th</sup> gathering of the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum (CREF), the region's largest and most prestigious clean energy conference.

CIBC FirstCaribbean was recognised for its innovation and leadership in project financing provided to recent initiatives of two major renewable energy players: BMR Energy, a developer of wind and solar photo-voltaic (PV) assets in multiple Caribbean islands and Central America; and WRB Energy, the developer of Jamaica's first utility-scale solar PV plant.

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# COVID-19 - Epidemiological Week 21

## International Situation

The number of new cases and deaths continue to generally decrease worldwide, however it would be premature to consider the COVID-19 pandemic to be over.

## Cayman Islands Local Trends

All indicators have shown decreases this week as a downward trend has begun here in the Cayman Islands. The total number of new cases has dropped by 32 percent from 833 to 566. The daily average of new positives fell to 81 from 119, a reduction of 24 percent. The test positivity rate stood at 24.9 percent in Epi. Week 21, compared to 31 percent in the previous week. Case rate was also lowered from 1,201 to 816.

## Hospital Admissions

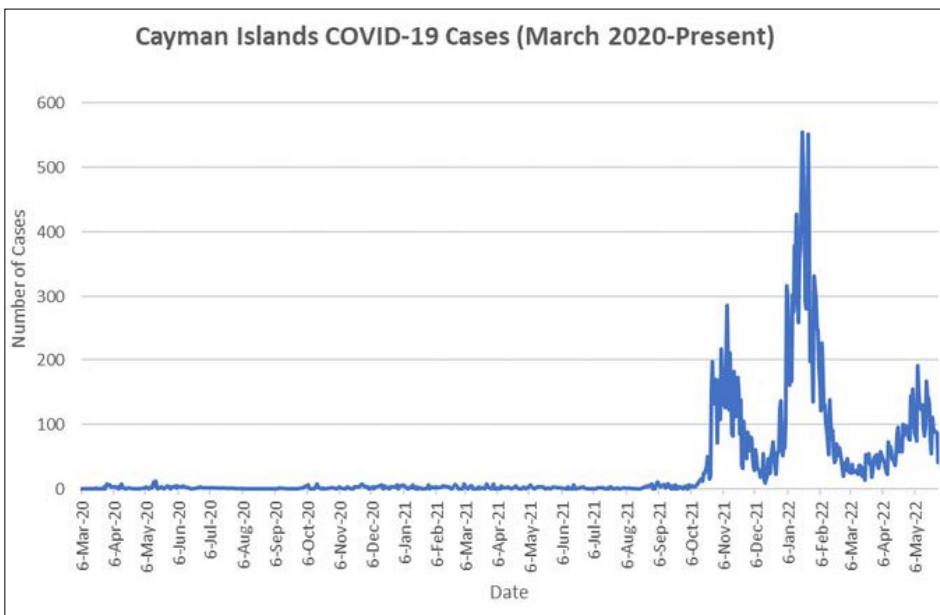
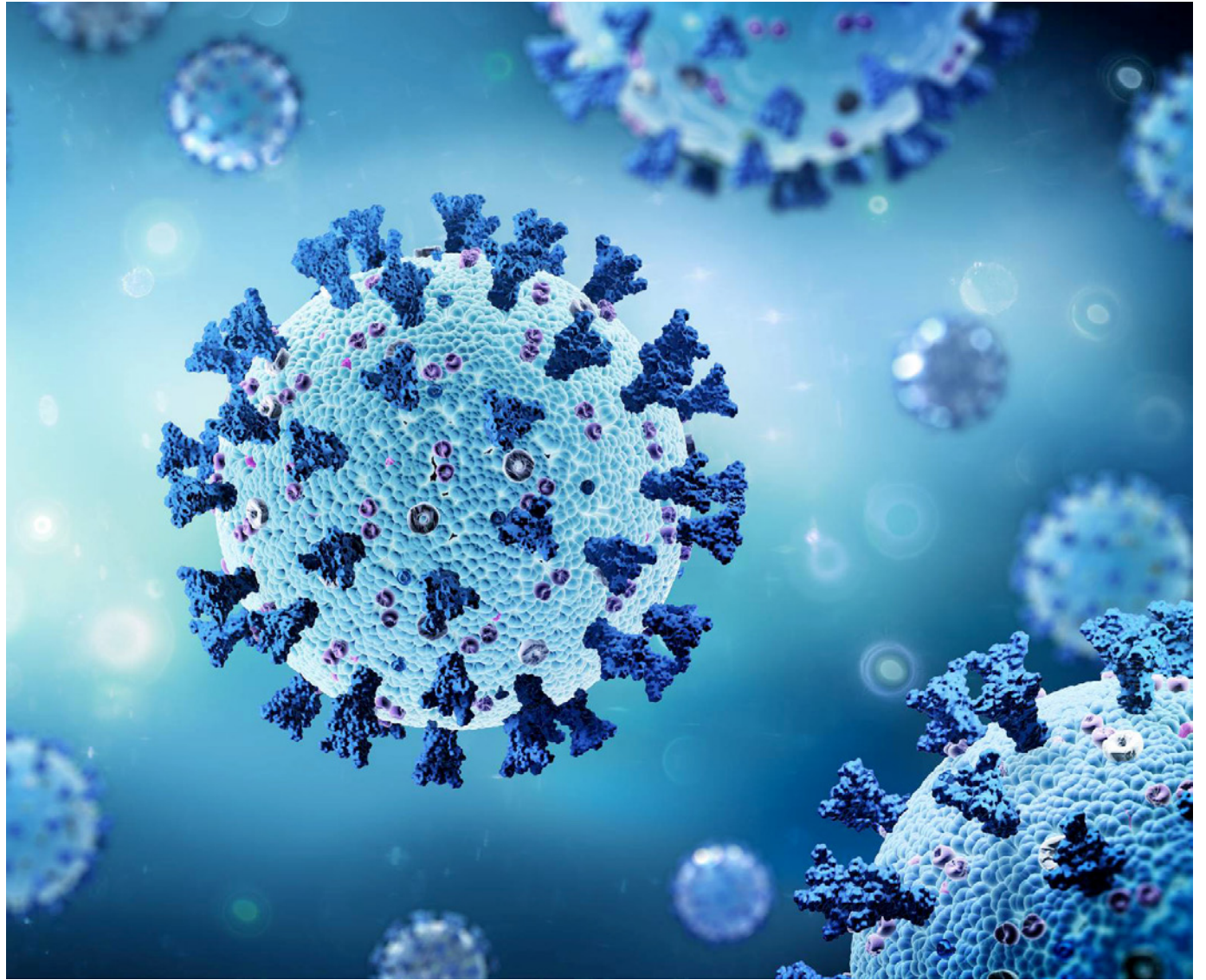
Five new admissions to the two local hospitals were registered during Epi. Week 21, the same as the previous week. A total of ten patients required inpatient treatment (five less than the previous week). Of the five new admissions, two were specifically caused by COVID-19 morbidity.

## Vaccination

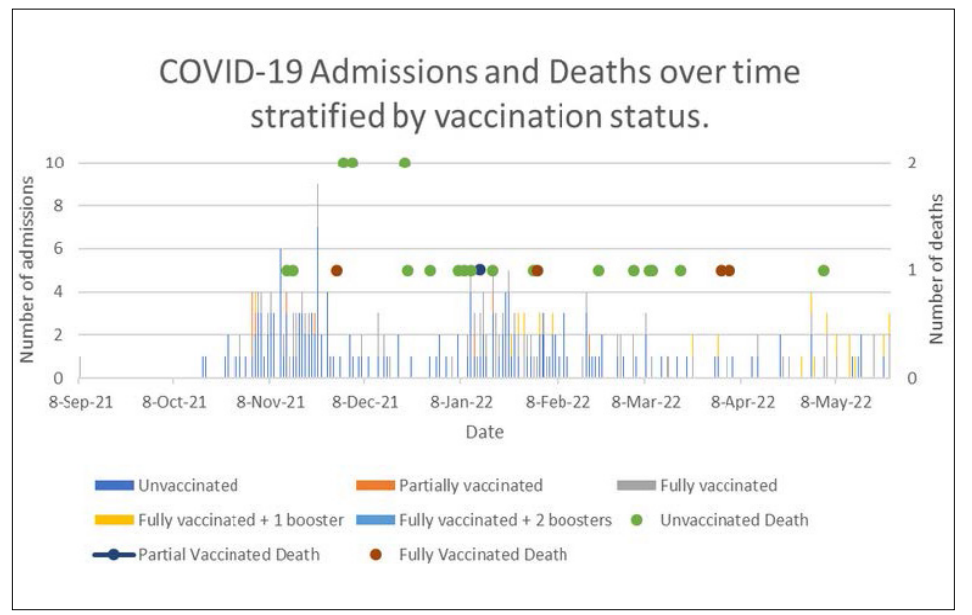
During Epi. Week 21, a total of 129 children received the paediatric COVID-19 vaccine (58 first doses and 71 second doses), bringing the total of vaccines given to children over these last 2 weeks to 186.

## Key Message

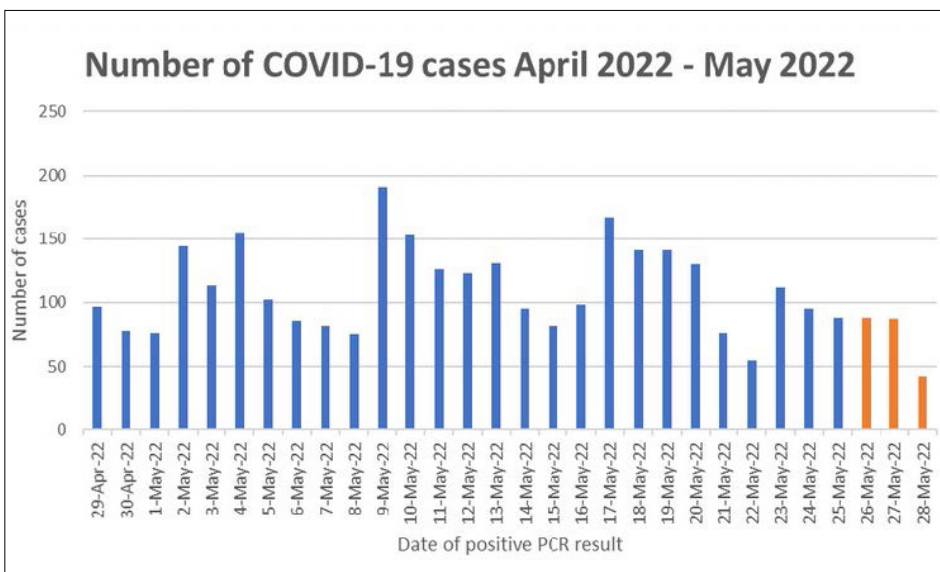
There have been encouraging signs of decline in the current wave of infection. The next few weeks will be crucial to confirm the declining trend.



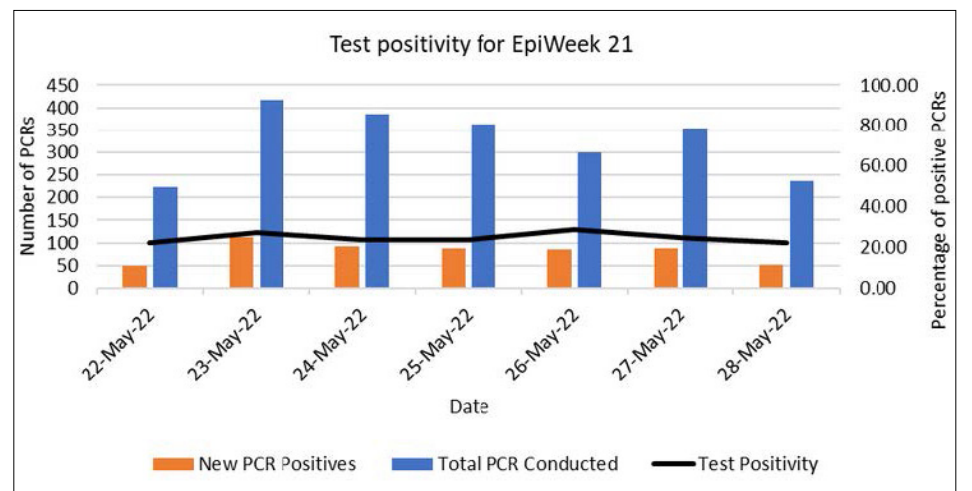
► Total COVID-19 cases since March 2020. Data as of 30-05-22.



► Current hospitalisations (since 8 September 2021 to 28 May 2022). Data as of 30-05-22.



► Data as of 30-05-2022. Orange bars indicate PCR results are pending thus figures may change.



► Data as at 30-05-2022. Data refers to the percentage of patients who tested positive via PCR in the prior 7-days.



# COVID

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	Total
Total cases to date (Fig 1)	25,886
Total number of PCR positives last 30 days (Fig. 2)	3,228
Total number of PCR tests conducted	2,279
Total number of new <sup>1</sup> positives	566
Daily average of new positives	81
Test positivity rate <sup>2</sup> (Fig. 3)	24.9%
Case Rate <sup>3</sup>	816

<sup>1</sup>Newly confirmed cases (PCR) reported to Public Health between 00:00 to 23:59 on 22 May 2022 –28 May 2022.

<sup>2</sup>Number of new positive PCR results over total number of PCR tests done (new positive PCR results/total number of PCRs conducted)\*100

<sup>3</sup>Case Rate = proportion of persons who tested positive over population standardized to 100K population (New cases/total population)\*100,000

► COVID-19 case numbers (22 - 28 May). Data as of 30-05-22.



	Total
Total inpatients for reporting period	10
Percentage of admissions vaccinated(boosted)	80%(40%)
New admissions	5 (*2/5 in hospital for COVID)
Number on supplemental oxygen	2
Number ventilated	0
Number in intensive care	0
Number of new deaths	0
Total COVID-19 inpatients since March 2020 to 28 May 2022	288
Total COVID-19 deaths since March 2020 to 28 May 2022	28
Number of COVID-19 inpatients 10 and older (8 Sep 21 – 28 May 2022) (Fig. 5)	244
Number of COVID-19 inpatients below age 10 (8 Sep 21 to 28 May 2022) (Fig. 5)	21

Two out of the five new admissions to hospital was for COVID-19 morbidity related issues; 3/5 tested positive to PCR for COVID-19 as a result of routine in-patient screening

► COVID-19 hospitalisations (22 - 28 May 2022). Data as of 30-05-22.

# TOURISM MINISTER BRYAN CHARTS CAYMAN'S TOURISM RESURGENCE

Hon. Minister for Tourism Kenneth Bryan is maintaining an optimistic outlook for the next key period in Cayman's tourism recovery; the upcoming 2022/2023 peak winter season.

With recent statistics showing a gradual and steady return, efforts are now focused on promoting the jurisdiction especially in the main tourism source markets, particularly the United States.

Giving an update on the Caymanian Times programme Cayman Conversations, Mr Bryan said indications point to Cayman's continuing popularity as a preferred destination for both cruise and stay-over visitors sectors as the jurisdiction continues to gradually emerge from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"In respect of the first three months, we did 61,000 people within just six weeks, which was our test run. And that worked out to be under 50% of the normal amount," he said about the return of cruise ship calls to date.

A similar trend is being observed for the airline industry and stay-over tourism, Mr Bryan added, factoring in issues such as current challenges with travel from some key markets due to staff shortages in the airline industry.

"For January we did 14% compared to 2018 and February we did 27% which was 12,271 persons. In March we did 38%. So



► Kenneth Bryan

we need to double and double and double. So far in April we went up again not a doubling this time, but about another 15% from the previous month of March. So in April, the final numbers are equating to about 55% of the 2018 numbers which is showing gradual growth. And I'm happy about that," the tourism minister declared.

With the tourism industry now into its traditional low season, emphasis is being placed on preparations for the crucial upcoming peak winter season.

And according to Mr Bryan, the outlook is encouraging.

"Our projections are that we are expected to hit about a 70% mark by the end of this year. So the key focus for the Ministry now is to ensure that for the start of the new high season that we are fully prepared in every aspect, whether it's in employment, getting businesses back up and running to make sure that they're ready for the influx of visitor numbers.

"We believe that this high season is obviously hoping to be a

lot better than the last high season because it was so close to the scare of COVID in travel periods. So now that scare is gone, we expect a lot more people, so we want to make sure that the country is ready."

One issue that Tourism Minister Bryan said he is closely looking at is balancing how best to further relax some of the remaining COVID-19 restrictions alongside attracting more visitors using the successful 2018/2019 peak tourism period as a benchmark.

"It's a constant monitoring of the global situation and the regional situation, as well as the local situation before we can make decisions. But I, certainly as Minister of Tourism, am working really hard on my colleagues to say I need these restrictions removed by the high season in order for us to have a full, proper year and get tourism back to where it should be."

A notable development in Cayman's tourism profile came out

of the recent Sea Trade tourism convention in Florida.

Mr Bryan disclosed that Cayman has secured a special status as one of just three countries selected for an exclusive marketing program with the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA).

"We had the opportunity to come to an agreement (with the FCCA) whereby we will be one of three countries that will have exclusive opportunities to market to the industry and to all the key level executives and cruise lines to work together about Kamen. The important factor about that is that we will be at the top of exposing Caymans cruise tourism," Tourism Minister Bryan explained.

(The full interview with Hon. Minister of Tourism Kenneth Bryan will also be featured in the new Caymanian Times Saturday morning radio programme on BOBO 89.1fm which launches on Saturday June 11th).



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# FOUR FROM CAYMAN IN QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE B'DAY HONOURS



► Chief Justice Anthony Smellie



► Cindy Scotland



► Jondo Helen Obi



► Steven Barrett

Four persons from the Cayman Islands are included among the 1,134 honoured in Her Majesty The Queen's 2022 Birthday Honours list.

The other recipients in the special Platinum Jubilee awards are spread across the mainland United Kingdom, the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, and the rest of the Commonwealth.

Recognised for their outstanding contributions to Cayman are; Chief Justice Anthony Smellie QC, Cindy Scotland, Managing Director of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), Steven Barrett, former Director of Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service, and Jondo Obi, Director, of the Cayman Islands Red Cross.

In a statement announcing the awards, HE Governor Martyn Roper extended

"warmest congratulations to all four worthy recipients of Birthday Honours."

The individual citations released by the Governor's Office are:

## CHIEF JUSTICE ANTHONY SMELLIE

The Honourable Anthony SMELLIE QC our Chief Justice, receives a Knighthood (KCMG) for services to Law and Justice in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean. He is recognised for his outstanding service to the Cayman Islands over the last four decades, including over twenty years as Chief Justice. The quality and impact of his legal judgments and his commitment to justice has made an exceptional contribution towards building the Cayman Island's strong reputation for good governance as a highly respected legal jurisdiction,

underpinning a major financial services centre of great importance to the local economy. His current service on the Court of Appeal of Bermuda and past service as Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions for Jamaica are also recognized.

## CINDY SCOTLAND

Cindy Scotland, Managing Director of the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is awarded an OBE 'For services to the Financial Services Industry in the Cayman Islands'. This is well-deserved recognition of Cindy Scotland's successful career and tenure as a highly respected head of CIMA. The award is also testament to the strong reputation of Cayman Islands' highly professional financial services industry and its commitment to meeting international standards and regulations.

## STEVEN BARRETT

Steven Barrett, our recently departed Director of Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service is awarded an OBE 'For services to prison establishments in Scotland, the Turks and Caicos and the Cayman Islands'. Steve Barrett is an outstanding public servant who has given many years of dedicated and loyal service in a number of challenging environments.

## JONDO OBI

Jondo Helen OBI, Director, Cayman Islands Red Cross, is awarded a BEM 'For services to the community in the Cayman Islands'. Jondo Obi is a highly respected and energetic Director of the Red Cross, which plays a significant and valued role in our community.

# Paradigm Governance bolsters team with senior independent director

Paradigm Governance Partners, a governance and financial services firm with a presence in the Cayman Islands and the US, has bolstered its expanding team by announcing the appointment of a new, very senior and experienced independent director.

William Woods joins Paradigm as a professional independent director with a strong legal background. Over the past 20 years, he has served on the boards of hedge funds, fund of funds, and general partners of various investment structures. Woods brings a wealth of international securities market experience and specific corporate governance expertise and, in addition to his independent directorships, he has served as an Independent Review Committee (IRC) member for many Canadian investment funds. He currently serves on several IRCs and is the chair of two IRCs.

Woods has an in-depth knowledge of the Offshore world, in general, and the Cayman Islands' legal, regulatory and governance regime, in particular. He has lived and worked in the UK, Hong Kong, Bermuda, and Canada and has been registered



► William Woods, Paradigm Governance Partners

as a Professional Director by CIMA in the Cayman Islands since 2014.

Before becoming a governance expert, Woods practiced securities law in Hong Kong with the global law firm, Linklaters, and (through a secondment) became the acting in-house counsel for the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. He then co-founded The

International Securities Consultancy in HK. In 1995, He moved to Bermuda to take up a position as CEO of the Bermuda Stock Exchange. Woods has also advised many other stock exchanges and has advised Governments and Supra-National Aid agencies on the development of securities laws and financial services in several countries.

In 2004, Woods co-founded Independent Review, which provides specialist fund governance services to public investment funds and private hedge funds in Canada. He sold the business in 2019.

Woods was educated in the UK and obtained an LLB from the University of Manchester, UK. He trained as a solicitor (admitted in England, Wales and Hong Kong) and has been admitted as a Barrister and Attorney in Bermuda. He obtained the ICD.D from the Institute of Corporate Directors in June 2017.

Geoff Ruddick, Partner, Paradigm Governance Partners, said:

"We are delighted to welcome William into the Paradigm team. We believe his seniority and broad legal/governance expertise will further round out the existing skillsets and experience we have here at Paradigm. Our unique offering, based on a collaborative approach and quality client service, continues to set the standard in the offshore industry, generating further growth for the firm and the need to continue to recruit and attract professional independent directors of this calibre."



# FTI Consulting Appoints Rudolf Weder to Lead Fund Administration Services in the Cayman Islands

FTI Consulting, Inc. (NYSE: FCN) today announced the addition of Rudolf Weder as a Managing Director and Leader of the Fund Administration Services practice in the Cayman Islands. Sean Lilley also joins as a Director within the practice.

FTI Consulting's Fund Administration Services practice provides fund administration and other corporate services to private fund operators and other investment structures. The team utilizes market-leading software to streamline administration functions and to ensure clear and accurate record-keeping and investor communications.

"We are delighted to expand our services to investment funds in the Cayman Islands by welcoming Rudolf to lead the Fund Administration Services team. We can provide private fund managers with a fully integrated outsourcing solution, customized to their business needs and supported by leading technology. Rudolf and Sean bring a unique blend of alternative investment experience and knowledge to support the back-office requirement of investment funds," said Andrew Morrison, a Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting in the Cayman Islands.

Carlyn Taylor, Leader of the Business Transformation practice FTI Consulting and Leader of the firm's Industry Initiative, added, "FTI Consulting is well-positioned to offer private fund



► Rudolf Weder

administration services to clients given our complementary subject-matter expertise and industry specializations. We take a customized approach to fund administration, rooted in a strong base of controls and processes. Coupled with a client-centric team focused on quality and service efficiency, this will be consistent with the profile of client and service levels underlying the successful organic growth of our business in the Cayman Islands."

Mr. Weder brings over 10 years of experience in the establishment, administration and accounting of investment funds in the Cayman Islands. Prior to



► Sean Lilley

joining FTI Consulting, he was the Senior Fund Accountant for investor services group IQ-EQ, where he was responsible for accounting and administration services. Mr. Weder previously was a Mutual Fund Account Manager for CIBC Bank and Trust Company, where he serviced specialized hedge funds. His portfolio of clients included master/feeder structures and segregated portfolio companies. He managed teams of accountants responsible for the preparation of net asset value calculations, investor reporting, management of statutory audits and compilation of financial statements under IFRS and U.S. GAAP.

Mr. Lilley brings over eight years of accounting experience with the Big Four and fund administration. Prior to joining FTI Consulting, he was an Accountant for Ocorian, where he provided directorship, regulatory and voluntary liquidation services. Prior to this, Mr. Lilley held positions at CIBC Bank and Trust Company and PwC in the Cayman Islands, where he specialized in hedge funds and private equity funds.

## About FTI Consulting

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# APPLEBY ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER

Appleby is delighted to welcome litigation specialist Ulrich Payne to the firm's Cayman Islands office as a Partner, effective 1 June 2022.

Ulrich has advised on a wide range of substantial and significant disputes involving issues of insolvency, restructuring, financial products and services, private equity and contentious boardroom and shareholder issues. He has extensive experience in managing complex, cross-border asset recovery efforts, as well as conducting regulatory investigations for substantial financial institutions including several investment banks international corporate structures and UHNWIs. All of his matters have been concerned with the recovery/retention of multimillion to multibillion U.S. dollar assets, across multiple jurisdictions including the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, Russia and Asia.

Leading legal directory Chambers Global, an independent research company offering an insight into the world's leading lawyers describe Ulrich as being "Noted for his skilled handling of a wide range of disputes, including insolvency matters. He also has an in-depth understanding of contentious investment funds work. He is very easy to work with, not intimidated by anyone or any case and is absolutely brilliant on fraud cases." Ulrich is similarly acknowledged and recommended by Legal 500.

Ulrich joins the firm from Kobre & Kim's Cayman office, where he was a



► Ulrich Payne

partner in their Disputes & Investigations team. He also served the Cayman Islands government as a contributor to legislative subcommittees tasked with advising on the impact of important proposed legislation, such as contingency and conditional fee and third-party funding arrangements, as well as identifying and resolving procedural and legal issues arising in dissenting shareholder proceedings.

"We have one of the leading dispute resolution practices in the Cayman Islands, and Ulrich's appointment further strengthens our impressive team," said Managing Partner, Norman Klein. "Ulrich is a great fit for our practice, being recognised as a hugely capable Cayman practitioner. His deep relationships and significant international experience

will further enhance our existing capabilities."

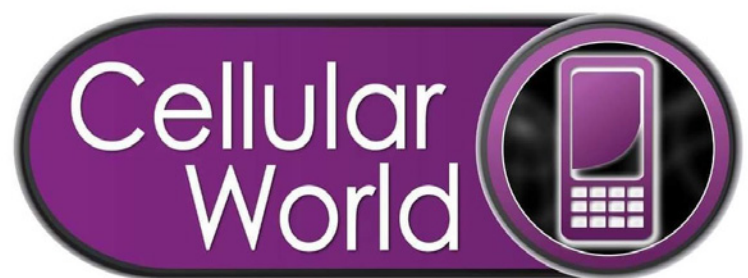
Tony Heaver-Wren, Appleby's Practice Group Head, Dispute Resolution said "Ulrich's experience, energy and trusted adviser status with key on-island and onshore referrers, makes him a unique and compelling addition to our already talented team. Our Dispute Resolution practice in Cayman is going from strength-to-strength, with half a dozen recent strategic recruitments. We are delighted that Ulrich has joined us and that the exponential growth of our practice and the standing of our team in the international market is well-placed to continue."

The Appleby Dispute Resolution Cayman team consists of internationally recognised litigators who routinely act

for largescale, multi-national, high-profile companies and institutions across a variety of industries including financial services, technology & innovation and energy & natural resources, together with officeholders and all stakeholders of such businesses.

On joining Appleby, Ulrich said "I am delighted to be joining a firm with such a strong reputation for excellence, high calibre attorneys throughout its offices and a broad church of highly sophisticated and substantial clients, especially at a time when the firm is actively building on this strong platform through strategic growth."

Ulrich's arrival makes Appleby Cayman's Dispute Resolution team one of the largest and most capable Dispute Resolution practices in the Cayman Islands.



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# 2022 Hurricane message

Good day,

In two years' time we will mark the 20th anniversary of Hurricane Ivan and recall the struggles we went through as a people and a country during and in the wake of that storm's devastation.

Ivan lay bare Grand Cayman and just four years later, Hurricane Paloma destroyed Cayman Brac.

We have had skirmishes with storms since Ivan and Paloma with our last brush being with Tropical Storm Grace last year. While Grace was categorized as a tropical storm when it reached our shores, I am sure that many of us including our farmers would agree that it had the force of a small hurricane with lots of tornadoes.

We know what storms can do and none of us wants to experience another Hurricane Ivan or Paloma or a strong Tropical Storm such as Grace.

Unfortunately, the possibility is very real.

The official start of Hurricane Season is 1 June and looking at long-term and seasonal charts, it appears we will face another busy weather year. Predictions are that this will be the seventh straight year for having busier-than-normal tropical cyclone activity for the Caribbean region and the Atlantic Basin.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA, is predicting above-average hurricane activity this year. NOAA is forecasting a likely range of 14 to 21 named storms, including three to six major hurricanes in categories 3, 4, or 5. That means that this season will be similar to that of 2021 when there were 21 storms, seven hurricanes and four major hurricanes – Grace, Ida, Larry and Sam.

More frequent and intense storms are one result of increased global temperatures that is particularly relevant to our country. Being prepared is one of the most important things we can do as individuals, as families, businesses and communities to minimise the impacts of severe weather events.

If you haven't already done so, stock up on your hurricane supplies and make sure



► By Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

you have hurricane plans for your homes, businesses and your families.

Yes, the predictions are dire, but I have every confidence in the measures that my Government, Hazard Management, the National Weather Service and others have taken to ensure that we can bravely face any storms that may come our way.

Earlier this year in March, Government launched the National Emergency Notification System mobile application that allows direct communication with all subscribed users in the Cayman Islands in the event of a national emergency or a disaster.

The free app delivers emergency alerts directly to subscribers by email or SMS text. Residents and visitors can download the app on their phones by going to [nens.gov.ky](http://nens.gov.ky).

Building a national culture of disaster preparedness and resiliency is a collective responsibility and I encourage all Cayman Islands residents to subscribe to the mobile alert app.

In a national emergency or disaster, safeguarding human life is of paramount importance. We all have a role to play in following the official guidance from Hazard Management to prepare for emergencies, but we can't always predict when a disaster or emergency will happen. That's why it is important to download the mobile app so you can stay informed and know what action to take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe in the event of a national incident.

Even if you don't have the app, Hazard Management has many ways by which to communicate with the public in emer-

gencies including local media, posting to the HMCI website, social media sites and the radio alert system established in collaboration with the Department of Public Safety.

I understand the novelty of watching weather systems form and reading forecasts on social media, but I urge you to monitor official sources on local radio or television for news about any disasters that may befall us.

Shelter training has been taking place and I thank the volunteers who will manage the various shelters throughout all three Cayman Islands. They will be doing so while we are still in the throes of COVID. I urge those who attend the shelters to follow COVID protocols and shelter rules. Take your masks, sanitizers and a stock of food with you, please.

Your hurricane plans should include knowing where the nearest shelter to your home is located. If you don't already have a hurricane plan, please make one. You can find great advice at [caymanprepared.gov.ky](http://caymanprepared.gov.ky).

I repeat, we are still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic and have seen our infection numbers spike again. If you have not been vaccinated against the virus, I strongly urge you to do so. If it is time to get your booster, please do so before bad weather hits us. Children aged 5 and older are also eligible for the vaccine, so please ensure that they too are protected.

If we do find ourselves facing another storm this year, I ask you to please pay attention to Government announcements and bulletins. All of our media outlets – Radio Cayman FM 89.9 on Grand Cayman, the Breeze FM105.3 on Grand Cayman and FM 91.9 on Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands Government TV, Cayman Islands Government Information Services and the Cayman Prepared website will carry information to tell you what to expect and what to do.

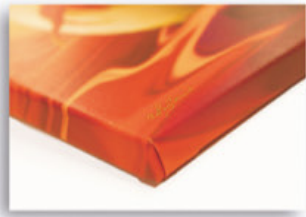
Hazard Management Cayman Islands also works with private media houses that have been diligent each time we have faced a storm to get out the important and necessary information.

While my Government will do all it can to help us get through any storm or disaster, each of us must ensure that we have a plan and are prepared to face this year's Hurricane Season.


I pray to God that He will once again spare us and keep our precious Islands and their occupants safe from this Hurricane Season.

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# Cayman International School Plants Trees for the Jubilee



Students from CIS Early Childhood, Grade 2, and Middle and High School Protect Our Future planted 11 trees on our CIS campus as part of The Queen's Green Canopy tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

One student said on the way back from the tree planting, "I wonder how big our tree is going to be when we are in High School?"

The trees were donated thanks to Dart. Of the trees five were Mahogany which has great cultural significance to the Cayman Islands. Through the Queen's Jubilee tree planting initiative, students supported local biodiversity, enhanced community, and worked together to combat climate change.

Three United Nations Sustainable Development Goals were also met with the tree planting - SDG 11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG 13 Climate Action, and SDG 15 Life on Land.



# CARPHA investigates local sample for Monkeypox

The Public Health Department is currently investigating a case of a young patient with rash and fever that medical officials have diagnosed as chickenpox.

As part of this process officials will send a sample from the patient to the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), out of an abundance of caution, to be investigated for the monkeypox virus. Monkeypox, which has recently been confirmed as circulating in countries where it is not endemic, has symptoms similar to chickenpox.

Commenting that CARPHA will process the sample within one to two weeks, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Autilia Newton, noted that as chickenpox is an infectious disease Public Health had promptly isolated the pa-

tient and completed contact tracing.

“Other instances of chickenpox were found among close contacts of this case, and infection control measures were put in place to prevent spread. We want to further reassure the public that they can prevent the spread of the chickenpox and monkeypox virus by: practicing good hand hygiene, wearing masks, and avoiding contact with the lesions of any person who has a new rash and raised temperature.”

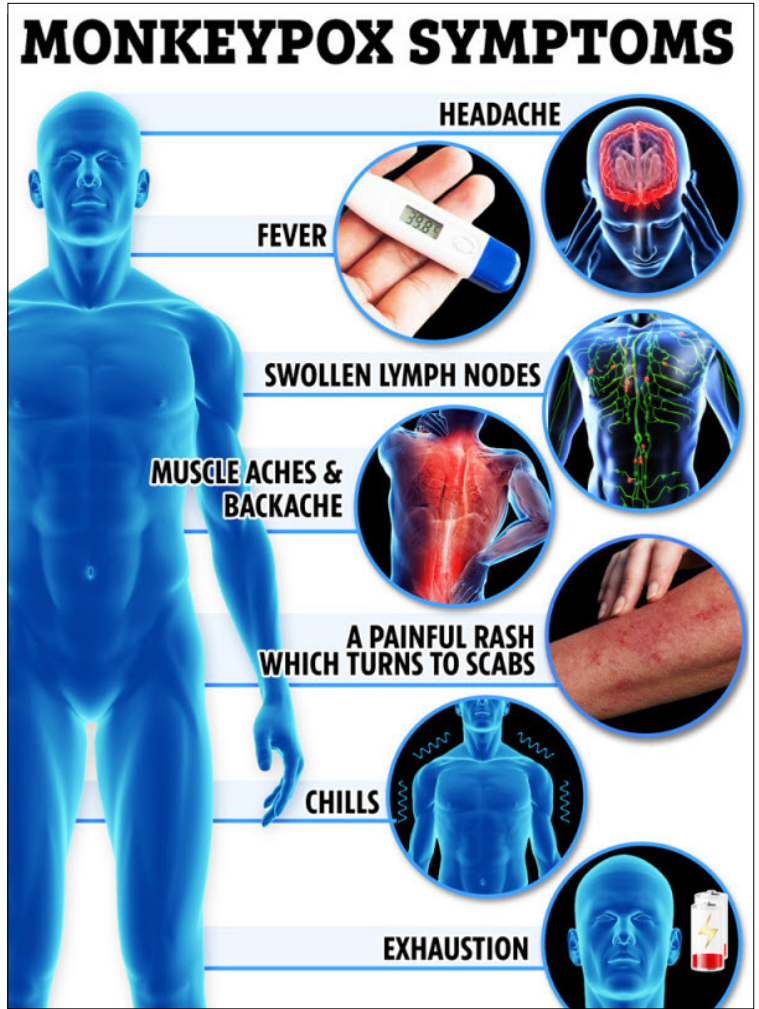
They should also seek medical attention if they themselves experience these symptoms, Dr Newton remarked.

Minister of Health, Hon. Sabrina Turner, comments that her Ministry will share the outcome of the testing with the public, and noted that public health

updates are available from local media houses and on the government website, [www.gov.ky](http://www.gov.ky).

“Our Public Health Department is blessed with highly trained and highly experienced surveillance experts known for their effectiveness. This case is a successful example of the system at work. It allowed us to quickly identify a potential case, assess and deal with the matter locally, but also to send a sample to CARPHA for ease of mind, given the current spread of monkeypox. I am confident we will be able to deal with any scenario,”

Monkeypox is caused by the monkeypox virus, and closely related to the viruses that cause cowpox and smallpox. While symptoms resemble chickenpox, the fluid-filled lesions are larger and accompanied by high fever and swollen glands.



# HSA Cardiology Clinic relocates to Smith Road Medical Centre

The Health Services Authority’s (HSA) Cardiology Clinic will be operating out of Smith Road Medical Centre (2nd floor) effective Tuesday 7th June 2022. The department will

close early at 12pm tomorrow, Thursday 2nd June to accommodate the move.

Cardiology services previously located in the Women’s Health Building & [old]

General Practice building will be moving to the new location.

The new cardiology clinic provides patients a comfortable environment for

consultation and diagnostic services with the latest state-of-the-art equipment. The department will feature additional clinical space to better serve patients.





# All the coals we left in the fire

Nasaria Suckoo Chollette's first solo exhibition at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands



► Artist Nasaria Suckoo Chollette



► Out in the Wash II/Secrets (2019)



► Homegrown (2022)

Leading Caymanian artist Nasaria Suckoo Chollette will open her first solo exhibition at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands on Thursday 10 June 2022. All the coals we left in the fire explores themes from Cayman's past and present through a variety of contemporary art that includes mixed media painting, installation and video.

A member of the Native Sons' collective and winner of the inaugural Cayman Islands Biennial Bendel Hydes Award, Chollette provides a powerful commentary on national identity and is unafraid to tackle complex issues such as slavery, colonialism and gender.

"All the coals in the fire honours things from our past that sustained us, or made us stronger as a people," says Chollette. "The exhibition forges into our history to reinterpret lost treasures and past traumas in a way that deepens our human experience and understanding."

An installation piece named *Out in the Wash II/Secrets* features three pans filled with water with scraps of letters, notes and newsprint floating on their surface representing the conversations and secrets shared between women on 'wash and hang Wednesdays' in days past. *Make Ya Bed* is an interactive piece made with sheets of plantain that invites current generations to participate in the traditional practice of 'stripping the trash' to make the bed.

Chollette also confronts issues surrounding mental health in society. In her *Carnival Duppy* series, which includes many pieces borrowed from private collections, she questions what lies behind public

appearances and how lifestyle choices are judged by societal norms.

The exhibition is described as a mid-career survey following the national recognition Chollette received with her award in 2019, and features both new pieces and work produced over the past two decades.

Exhibition curator and National Gallery director Natalie Urquhart will host lunchtime tours every month throughout the duration of the show.

"Chollette's work offers a deep and multi-layered consideration of Caymanian history, including those aspects of our shared experience that have often been overlooked, or buried," said Urquhart. "It is a meditation on the legacy of enslavement, on the role of women in Caymanian society, and the wisdom and traditions handed down from one generation to the next."

Born in George Town, Chollette has exhibited widely as a group and solo artist, and her work is included in the National Gallery's permanent collection. Her work explores themes of female strength and empowerment as well as erosion of Caymanian cultural traditions. She won first place in the McCoy Prize competition in 2006 for her painting *Maiden Plum*, and was awarded the Bendel Hydes award for her work *Becoming Again* in 2019.

Sponsored by Butterfield, *All the coals we left in the fire* runs from 10 June to 7 September 2022 and is free and open to all. For a full list of related programming visit [www.nationalgallery.org.ky](http://www.nationalgallery.org.ky). The National Gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm.



# Girls Softball – Game Report

**Tuesday, May 31st**

## **Coldwell Banker 10, Digicel 9**

The Girls Softball mini-tournament continued on Tuesday, May 31st, as Pizza Hut rallied from a 9-2 deficit with eight runs over the final two innings to squeak past Digicel, 10-9.

Digicel threatened in the top of the 1st, but Coldwell Banker pitcher Demae Lee induced a line drive double play to end the inning. Demae led off the bottom of the inning with a walk and would later score, as did teammate Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin.

Digicel's Clara Ramos began the 2nd with a homer to left field. Eowyn Hawkins reached on a dropped third strike and Imogen Howe reached on an error. They would both score, helped on an RBI single by Nelly Hayles. Coldwell Banker failed to score in the bottom of the 2nd as Digicel's Raegan Jefferson made a stretching catch behind second base.

Digicel answered the call in the top of the 3rd, tallying six runs to take a 9-2 lead. Angelie Bodden, Maya Willis, Raegan, Madison Malice, Clara and Eowyn all scored, with Madison's grand slam homer to the fence in left centre being the big hit of the night.

Stephanie Menko, Jialy, Mya Williams and Keilah Gordon all scored in the bottom of the 3rd for Coldwell Banker, to make it close. Stephanie got the rally started with a line drive triple deep to the fence in right centre.

Digicel failed to score in the top of the 4th as Jialy struck out two batters and Stephanie made a good running catch in foul territory at 1B.

In the bottom of the 4th Coldwell Banker took advantage of four walks as Stephanie, Jialy, Mya and Keilah all scored for the second straight inning. With runners on 2B and 3B and the score 9-8, Janey Veilleux hit a grounder which got past the fielder at 2B, allowing both runs to come home for the win.



Even though they weren't quite victorious, Digicel are to be congratulated for a tremendous effort in their two tournament games.

The Wednesday, June 1st game was rained out so Pizza Hut and Coldwell Banker will face off for the tournament championship on June 8th. The two

teams have been neck and neck all season, so either could emerge as champs.

For further information on Cayman Islands Little League or the upcoming fundraising June 11th raffle, visit [www.littleleague.ky](http://www.littleleague.ky), or check out the Facebook or Instagram pages.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Digicel	0	3	6	0	9
Coldwell Banker	2	0	4	4	10

Tournament Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA
Pizza Hut	1	0	0	16	14
Coldwell Banker	1	0	0	10	9
Digicel	0	2	0	23	26

## Cayman Prep and St. Ignatius Catholic retain top spots

Round 5 of the 2022 Inter-Primary Cricket Competition continued on Thursday, June 2 prior to the long weekend break.

In Zone A, St. Ignatius Catholic continued their unbeaten run with a hard-fought 90 run to 89 run victory over East End Primary. In the only other game played, Cayman Prep B defeated Theoline L. McCoy Primary 112 runs to 90 runs to maintain pressure on the young men and women from St. Ignatius Catholic. The match between Edna Moyle Primary and Joanna Clarke Primary was postponed and will be re-scheduled at a later date. Prospect Primary were not scheduled to play.

In Zone B, Cayman Prep A got past Cayman International School 42 runs to 41 runs to remain undefeated going into Round 6. The two other scheduled games in Zone B, Sir John A. Cumber Primary vs. Red Bay Primary and Cayman Academy vs. George Town Primary, were postponed and will be played at a later date.

The 2022 regular season continues this Friday, June 10 with Round 6 games in Zone A including Edna Moyle Primary vs. Theoline L. McCoy Primary

(at Edna Moyle Primary), Joanna Clarke Primary vs. East End Primary (at Joanna Clarke Primary) and St. Ig-

natius Catholic vs. Prospect Primary (at the Annex Field). Cayman Prep B are not scheduled to play.



► Action from the East End Primary (Blue) vs. St. Ignatius Catholic game.

Round 6 games in Zone B games will be played on Friday, June 17.

Current standings in Zone A and Zone B are:

**Zone A (as of June 2):**

School	Played	Won	Lost	Points
St. Ignatius Catholic	4	4	0	12
Cayman Prep B	5	4	1	12
Prospect Primary	3	2	1	6
East End Primary	4	2	2	6
Joanna Clark Primary	2	0	2	0
Theoline L. McCoy Primary	3	0	3	0
Edna Moyle Primary	3	0	3	0

**Zone B (as of June 2):**

School	Played	Won	Lost	Points
Cayman Prep A	4	4	0	12
George Town Primary	4	3	1	9
Red Bay Primary	4	2	2	6
Cayman Academy	4	2	2	6
Sir John A. Cumber Primary	3	0	3	0
Cayman International School	4	0	4	0

The Inter-Primary Cricket Competition is organised and coordinated by the Department of Education Services and the Department of Sports and sponsored by CUC and the Cayman Cricket Association.

Parents and supporters are encouraged to come out and cheer on our young cricketers.



# 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

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

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Sitting room
- 7 Give off
- 11 Large lizard
- 12 Hamlet, for one
- 13 Table decoration
- 15 Unmoving
- 16 Hart's mate
- 18 Tiny amount
- 21 Extinct bird
- 22 Letter strokes
- 24 Mine matter
- 25 Small tablet
- 26 Singer Reed
- 27 Used one's incisors
- 29 Freshener target
- 30 Glided
- 31 Pesky insect
- 32 Buffalo NHLer
- 34 "The Hobbit" setting
- 40 River of Italy
- 41 Computer expert
- 42 League member
- 43 Cleopatra's love

- 2 Period of history
- 3 Baseball score
- 4 Tele-mundo viewer
- 5 Without break
- 6 Quite uncommon
- 7 Magazine worker
- 8 West of Hollywood
- 9 Kin of Ltd.
- 10 Golf peg
- 14 Used a crowbar
- 16 Bull features
- 17 Perfect
- 19 Swinton of "Orlando"
- 20 Underway, to Holmes
- 21 Beagle or boxer
- 22 Despondent
- 23 California's Big —
- 25 Organ part
- 28 Sagacity
- 29 Like a short play
- 31 Putting site

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### Yesterday's answer

- 21 Letter after alpha
- 22 Despondent
- 23 California's Big —
- 25 Organ part
- 28 Sagacity
- 29 Like a short play
- 31 Putting site
- 33 Letter after pi
- 34 Yoga need
- 35 Anger
- 36 Genetic stuff
- 37 Letter after pi
- 38 Light metal
- 39 "You there!"

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42							43			

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## Word Search

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- Apple
- Castle
- Cottage
- Dwarf
- Elves
- Fairy
- Forest
- Giant
- Gnome
- King
- Mirror
- Ogre
- Pixie
- Prince
- Queen
- Ring
- Rose
- Slipper
- Troll
- Witch
- Wolf
- Wood

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



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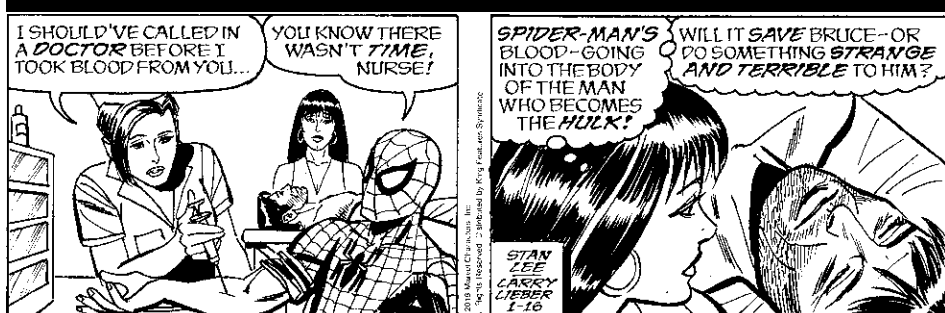
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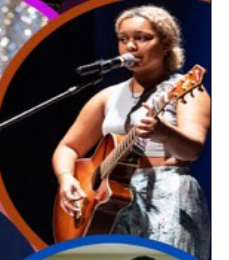
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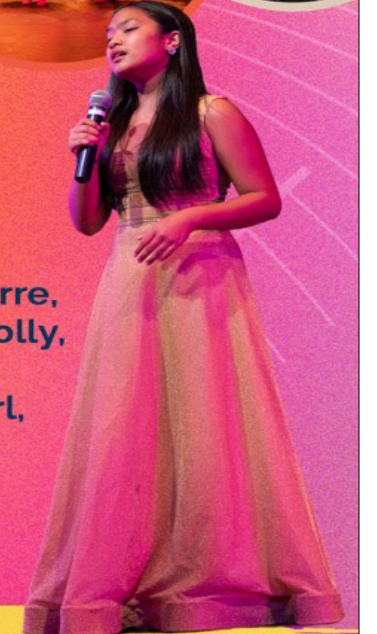
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