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By Staff Writer

The women especially, and others who attended the recent CUC (Caribbean Utilities Company) 'Women in Energy' conference, would have come away 'energised' from the keynote address.

It was delivered to great effect, anchored by extensive research and first-hand experience by Senator H. Elizabeth Thompson, Ambassador Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Barbados with Responsibility for Climate Change, Small Island Developing States and Law of the Sea.

"How can women be at the forefront of energy transition and transformation that's forthcoming? How can we stay energised' and keep challenging ourselves?". Those topics formed part of a broader

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NEW INQUIRY TO REVIEW UK/ OVERSEAS TERRITORIES TIES

By Michael Jarvis, UK Correspondent

The constitutional arrangements of the Cayman Islands and other UK Overseas Territories with Britain are to be reviewed in a new British parliamentary inquiry.

The UK Parliament's Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee(PACAC) will examine whether the relationship is satisfactory and appropriate in the 21st Century.

According to a UK government statement, "The interaction between the Overseas Territories and the UK Parliament and Government was brought to attention during the passage of the Sanctions and Money Laundering Act 2018, where the unusual step was taken to extend the Act to cover their jurisdictions."

The PACAC Committee said is it seeking evidence on how the UK Parliament and the Civil Service engage with the Overseas Territories and across different Government departments. It is also looking into how the OTs interests are represented in UK Parliament, and how the rights of British overseas citizens are protected.

UNIQUE CONSTITUTIONAL POSITION

William Wragg MP, Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee(PACAC), said: "The UK Overseas Territories are an important part of the UK family. With ten territories permanently inhabited by British nationals and all fourteen represented at the international level by the UK, we cannot deny their unique constitutional position."

While ten of the UK's Overseas Territories are self-governing, the British government retains responsibility for their defence and foreign relations.

Noting that each territory has its own legislative processes and bespoke relationship with the UK, Mr Wragg however pointed out that "with no official representation in UK Parliament, these constitutional arrangements are often misunderstood or overlooked."

He added: "We recognise that there is no 'one size fits all' framework for relations between the UK and the Overseas Territories, but by better understanding how existing arrangements operate in practice, we can better assess whether they are satisfactory and appropriate in the 21st century."

The Committee is inviting submissions from the governments, public, private and civic organisations, along with the wider public in the UK Overseas Territories(OTs) on a range of issues.

• Are the UK's current constitutional arrangements as regards the overseas territories satisfactory and appropriate in the 21st Century?

• What is the UK Government's relationship with the overseas territories?

• What is the UK Parliament's relationship with the overseas territories?

• How is legislation made in the overseas territories and what role does the UK Government and UK Parliament have in these processes?

• Are effective mechanisms in place for the interests of the Overseas Territories to be represented internationally?

• Are the rights and interests of British overseas citizens effectively protected by the current constitutional arrangements?

The deadline for submissions for this latest inquiry is Monday 4th September.

PREVIOUS INQUIRY INCONCLUSIVE

Many of these issues were addressed in a 2018 inquiry into relations between the UK and the OTs carried out then by the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee(FAC).

The FAC in its report titled 'Global Britain and the British Overseas Territories: Resetting the relationship' had concluded: "We are aware that many people in the Overseas Territories feel that they do not receive the attention in Parliament that they might expect and that the Foreign Affairs Committee has not carried out a major OTs inquiry since 2008."

But it also flagged then that "given the competing pressure of other policy areas, and the requirement to scrutinise the whole gamut of the Foreign Office's work, it is difficult to envisage another major OTs inquiry in this Parliament."

When that report was published in 2019, the FAC called for "serious consideration to establishing a formal mechanism by which members of the Foreign Affairs, Justice, International Development, EFRA and other relevant Committees are able collectively to scrutinise the UK Government's administration of, spending on and policies towards the OTs."

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theme of issues she was asked to expound on by the conference organisers.

Ambassador Thompson, one of the first women involved professionally with a career in the field of energy and the oil and gas industry in the Caribbean, laments the slow progress and roadblocks - and gender blocks - still encountered by women in these and other fields.

However, she singled out Cayman's CUC for taking significant strides in policies and practices to correct such inequality and inequity, referring to the energy company's "excellent strides in its policy initiatives to integrate women into the energy sector in Cayman."

The Barbados Senator who has responsibility for Climate Change, Small Island Developing States and Law of the Sea issues is her country's ambassador to the United Nations.

She has worked in development policy for over 25 years and previously served as Barbados's Minister of Health, Minister of Housing, Minister of Physical Development, Minister of Energy and Environment, and Acting Attorney General.

Ambassador Thompson told the CUC Women in Energy conference: "There is a perception across the Caribbean that women have done extremely well, that we are advancing in areas of careers and socioeconomics and that there's really no need to revamp, equalise or address inequities because inequities do not exist."

She flatly dismissed this assumption as "a fallacy".

She lamented that girls are not encouraged to go into STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics): "We have to start giving girls a vision of themselves as scientists and engineers. Where are the role models?" she wondered.

Ambassador Thompson also observed that despite some advances, women's progress in the workplace and wider society is still hampered by conscious and unconscious bias.

"We are struggling against embedded conscious and unconscious bias preventing women to realise their potential including gaining access to careers in certain industries despite excelling in studies in those fields."

She said still occurs despite more women graduating, they still find it difficult to break through the proverbial glass ceiling in their chosen profession and are even statistically the last to be hired after graduating compared to their male counterparts.

Specific to the energy industry in the Caribbean she posed this question regarding women at the forefront of the energy transition and transformation:

"Are we ready ourselves for the next big thing in the energy space? What does the future look like? How will we stay energised and keep challenging ourselves?"

According to the Barbados UN representative, despite opportunities, the challenges still confronting women in the workplace and professions have far wider implications.

"We cannot attempt to fix a problem in energy that is far wider than that. Bringing women into energy cannot be a sole objective because the problem is far wider than that."

Outside of access to work specifically in the energy industry, Ambassador Thompson pointed to how poor access to energy itself is an underlying factor affecting women's health and raising a family.

Referring to the disproportionate number of women affected by diseases, the causes of which are aggravated by inadequate access to energy, she stressed: "Access to energy is critical to women's development and our children's health."

▶ Senator H. Elizabeth Thompson

To thunderous applause she also urged the women present at the CUC Women in Energy conference - and women in general - to "bring other women along" when they get into positions of influence by creating opportunities and breaking down barriers.

▶ Senator H. Elizabeth Thompson, CEO Richard Hew and Board Members

Butterfield report strong first quarter earnings for 2023

▶ Butterfield BDA Head Office

Butterfield has just reported its financial results for the first quarter of 2023 and said its net income for the first quarter of 2023 was $62.2, or $1.24 per diluted common share, compared to net income of $63.1 million, or $1.26 per diluted common share, for the previous quarter, and also compared to $44.4 or $0.89 per diluted common share, for the first quarter of 2022.

Michael Collins, Butterfield's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, said the first quarter of 2023 was a strong start to the year.

"Butterfield continues to have a highly liquid and well-funded balance sheet with a diverse client base across multiple jurisdictions, sectors, and currencies," he advised, adding that they were "thoughtful and strategic" in their management of the balance sheet, maintaining a conservative liquidity and capital posture.

With regards to mergers and acquisitions, they reported the completion of the first closing of the acquisition of trust assets from Credit Suisse, which he said strengthened the bank's presence in the market.

"In this first tranche, we acquired 180 high quality, long-term client relationships. We continue to make progress on closing The Bahamas and the second tranche of Singapore clients, followed by Guernsey in the coming quarters," he confirmed.

Net income was down in the first quarter of 2023 versus the prior quarter primarily due to expected lower non-interest income driven by seasonally higher fees in the previous quarter, coupled with increased interest expenses offset by improved interest income as a result of higher market interest rates.

Net interest income for the first quarter of 2023 was $97.4 million, an increase of $2.8, compared with NII of $94.6 million in the previous quarter and up $21.5 million from $75.9 in the first quarter of 2022. NII continued to increase during the first quarter of 2023 compared to the prior quarter, primarily due to higher margins on loans and treasury assets, which were partially offset by increased deposit costs, particularly in the more competitive Channel Islands markets. Compared to the first quarter of 2022, NII similarly improved due to higher yields on assets, which was partially offset by higher deposit costs.

Extra La Ceiba flights added to meet summer travel demand

Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) has added extra flights between Grand Cayman and La Ceiba, Honduras, to meet the high demand for long-weekend travel during the summer months.

The La Ceiba route currently operates weekly on Fridays, with flight KX882 departing Grand Cayman at 1pm and arriving in La Ceiba at 1:35pm (La Ceiba time). On the return, flight KX883 departs La Ceiba at 2:40pm and arrives on Grand Cayman at 5:05pm.

An additional three flights have been added in May on the following Mondays: May 8, 15, and 22, 2023. For the Monday service, the flight times remain the same as the Friday flights, with flight KX2882 departing Grand Cayman at 1pm and arriving in La Ceiba at 1:35pm (La Ceiba time). On the return, flight KX2883 departs La Ceiba at 2:40pm and arrives on Grand Cayman at 5:05pm (Cayman time).

From June 20, 2023 through September 5, 2023, the Friday flight schedule will remain the same, while additional flights have been added on Tuesdays with the same flight times as noted for KX2882 and KX2883.

For details and to book, visit www.caymanairways.com, call Cayman Airways Reservations on 949-2311, 800-2791-9422 (toll free in Honduras), or contact a travel agent.

Passengers are being reminded that, before arriving to the airport to check in for their La Ceiba flight, all nationalities must now complete online the travel documents required by the Honduran Government for entry into the country.

Cayman's first 10-storey commercial building, packed with modern sustainability features, officially opens its doors

▶ 60 Nexus Way, packed with sustainability features, won multiple International Property Awards including Best Office Development in the Americas.

▶ Participants in the ribbon cutting (L-R): Chris Lennon, Dart Vice President Commercial; Edward Fitzgerald Dart Senior Manager – Project Management; Kristy Rivers, Dart Vice President Business Development and Leasing; Norman Klein, Appleby Office Managing Partner – Cayman Islands), Andrew Bliss (Block.one Chief Strategy Officer), Stu Sybersma (Deloitte Cayman Islands Managing Partner), Joanne Lawson (Dart Chief of Staff), Ben Cullen (Dart Chief Financial Officer).

Camana Bay's newest building and the first 10-storey commercial building in the Cayman Islands has officially opened its doors. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on 20 April signalling the opening of 60 Nexus Way.

The upper floors will soon be home to high-profile tenants, including Appleby, the oldest legal practice in the Cayman Islands and technology-focused investment firm, Block.one. With Deloitte also joining the 60 Nexus Way community, Camana Bay will be home to the local offices of three of the Big Four accounting firms.

Dart Vice President Business Development and Leasing, Kristy Rivers said with other tenants committing to making the building the base of their Cayman operations, 60 Nexus Way is just shy of 50% leased at the time of opening, with an additional floor and a half under contract, bringing the total commitment on the building to approximately 65%. She noted this includes a mix of new business to the island and expansion opportunities within our existing commercial portfolio.

Rivers welcomed the tenants and thanked them for demonstrating their confidence in Dart's latest commercial development. She acknowledged that the successful opening of the building, which won Best Office Development in the Americas at the 2023 International Property Awards, was made possible through trust and partnership with some of the most prominent names in the local business community.

"Your continued confidence allows business to blossom at Camana Bay. We remain committed to provide best-in-class facilities into which you are proud to enter every day - to welcome your staff, clients and guests - aligning with our vision to create exceptional places, experiences and opportunities that enrich lives now and for future generations," said Rivers.

60 Nexus Way integrates high-performance design with sustainable building practices. It was designed in collaboration with Dart's in-house design team and Texas-based Lake|Flato, mixing urban and tropical design features, supported by modern infrastructure and green technologies.

"At 10 storeys, we're building up rather than out. This is an example of our drive for sustainability. Increased density reduces sprawl and delivers greater efficiency, conserving resources," said Dart Vice President Commercial, Chris Lennon.

He further noted that Dart's commitment to sustainable economic growth is reflected in our real estate developments, where excellence is pursued to deliver properties that meet the highest standards in design, engineering and quality.

"Sustainability is at the forefront of our design, cost, and construction decisions. These include decisions around targeted water savings, energy efficiency, use of sustainable building materials, waste reduction and enhancing the quality of the indoor environment for our customers," Lennon added.

Dart Senior Manager – Project Management Edward Fitzgerald echoed that sentiment. "Developments like this that have attracted acclaim of the International Property Awards and attained sustainability accreditation help position the Cayman Islands as a place where world-class, sustainable infrastructure is the norm rather than the exception. This is something we are committed to continuing," he said.

60 Nexus Way has over 200,000 square feet of prime office space, 9,000 square feet of ground floor retail space, and a rooftop terrace overlooking both the North Sound and Seven Mile Beach – a perfect location for corporate functions, making it a professional workplace unlike any other. Industrial design and island flair are layered thoughtfully, while common spaces are fitted with tactile textures, natural materials and vibrant colours. Other tenants include and reinsurance firm, North End RE; Quallent Pharmaceuticals, a private-label pharmaceutical company and subsidiary of the Cigna Group; Kempa Home, a premier luxury home furnishings brand.

For more on 60 Nexus Way, visit: 60nexusway.ky or email the Dart Commercial Leasing Team at leasing@dart.ky.

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UCCI helping youngsters broaden their skills for the workplace

By Cayman Conversation

Tamsin Deasey, UCCI's Director of Admissions and Registration, Paul Puckerin, UCCI's Dean for Professional and Technical Education Training, and Dr Henry Young from the New England Institute of Technology in Rhode Island spoke with Cayman Conversations' Ralph Lewis about the vast array of programmes the UCCI has to offer young people looking in particular to work in the construction trades and other hands-on industries.

Through their TVET (technical, vocational education and training) programmes, Cayman's UCCI is able to train young people and those wishing to change careers to enable them to pursue lucrative careers. Partnering with accredited institutes such as the New England Institute of Technology, the UCCI helps people fully train for some incredibly rewarding careers.

To help get the message out, the UCCI is holding a careers day and symposium on 25th May. As part of that event, Paul advised they want to hear from young minds across the Cayman Islands on the subject, so they have launched an essay and poster competition. There are three categories for the essay competition: for students in secondary schools aged 12 to 15; for students aged 15 to18 years and also primary school students. The competitions will be held over the coming month and announcements of the winners will be made at the symposium.

"We believe TVET and workforce development is the way to go...especially when we look at the number of work permits in the construction trades, we are really poised to find new and creative ways, and through these essays that the students will write, they create for us good ideas that we can introduce to help revitalise and reenergise TVET across the islands," he advised.

Dr Young explained his institute focused on technology, engineering, health sciences and professional building trades. It's a private, non-profited college that is regionally credited with a very hands-on learning environment. Their programmes align very well with UCCI, he advised

"In the US and the Cayman Islands, we are both facing a challenge of a skills gap in some critical areas...the philosophy has been: you go to college to study medicine or some profession. People don't think you can go to college to study professional building trades, construction, management. That's the reality," he said.

Dr Young said the competition for youngsters would be a great way to introduce to the younger generation these excellent professions that could be extremely lucrative.

"If the UCCI can do something to mitigate the high number of work permits needed in industries such as the construction industry and transfer those jobs back to its citizens, that's a win win situation," he said.

Tamsin said Paul worked closely with the industry but there just were not enough skilled people to fill the gaps.

"Paul is trying to get the young people on board now as the jobs are there," she stated.

Giving some more background to the symposium, Paul said it would be featuring experts within the industries and also young people who have been positively impacted by TVET training.

A cross-section of people from the public and private sectors will be participating to give a rich conversation about TVET and how it can be made even better, he said.

Tamsin advised they offered courses for year 12 students all the way up to post-grad qualifications, including a Master's programmes.

Giving an example of the flexibility of the learning at UCCI, she said students could train to be a nurse, fully qualified, and never have to leave Cayman, the same as for teaching.

"We do have pathways from age 16 all the way up as far as you can go," Tamsin said.

If the UCCI does not have a pathway for an individual then they have partnerships with institutions which can allow that person to continue their studies. Students can get off to an excellent start in their education and then they can continue their studies to a higher level at places such as the New England Institute.

"We are looking to build these really important links because some students benefit from staying here and other students benefit from leaving and continuing their studies in another country... We are trying to build something for everyone, no matter who you are and what you need," Tamsin said.

The fact the New England institute is an accredited institution is important for the Ministry of Education when they are granting scholarships for students, Paul added.

Tamsin advised a typical route for Cayman students is to complete their Associate's degree then go and complete their studies abroad. America, Canada and the UK are the three countries that they tend to go to. Their Associate's qualification transfers directly into those countries.

UCCI want students to start their application process now for the fall semester and students only have until 28th April to get their local scholarship application in. A new exciting programme will be construction project management. They are also taking applications for their summer semester which opens at the beginning of May.

"Over the past two or three years we've seen a huge spike in registrations, some of that was Covid-related, but the trend has continued," Tamsin advised, adding she always encourages early registration so people are not disappointed if they cannot get on the course they want.

If the UCCI know they have a huge demand they can put on extra classes, so the earlier the UCCI knows the better, to create capacity.

Dr Henry said they are seeing people seeking a career change in the professions and that is a segment of the population the UCCI are focussing on. The jobs are there and the wages are great, he said.

Visit www.ucci.edu.ky for more information.

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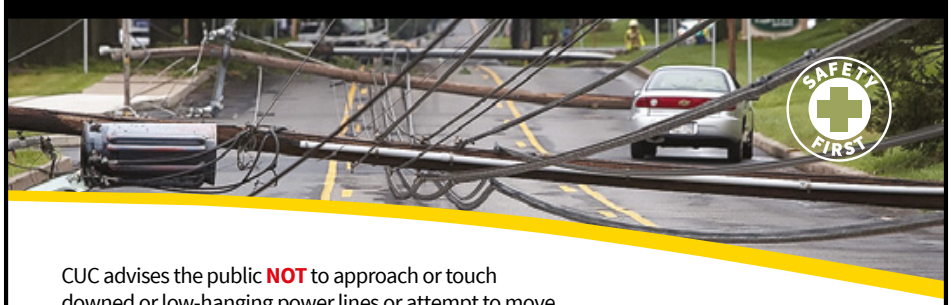

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Tourism Minister Gets High Mid-Term Score Card

▶ Hon Juliana Oconnor-Connolly

▶ Hon Sabrina Turner

By Staff Writer

A public meeting held by the Honourable Kenneth Bryan on Thursday 20th, April to a standing only audience at he Sandbar in George Town was an opportunity for the MP to update his constituency on he and his Ministry's accomplishments over the first two years of the PACT administration.

Mr. Bryan who was recently awarded Caribbean Tourism Minister of the Year has been in the Caribbean Travel Awards (CTA), which is regarded as the region's authoritative celebration of travel excellence, a distinction he said he took pride in with so many who did not believe and him and expected him to fail.

He explained that his has only driven him to work harder.

Minister Bryan unveiled a number of plans including a new park filled with amenities to upgrade the living experience in the Central area of George Town, during his remarks.

He told the audience that he wanted to see a more 'Caymanian-centric' tourism

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▶ Hon. Bernie Bush

▶ Hon. Dwayne Seymour

▶ Hon. Isaac Rankine

▶ Premier Wayne Panton

Tourism Minister

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product and touted plans for training and partnerships with the private sector that would ensure employment for the Islands' young people.

In an impassioned delivery, Mr. Bryan fought back tears in promising his commitment to the people of George Town and the Cayman Islands.

"I am working really hard for your families.

"As a father, I view your children the same way I view mine and I want the same opportunities for you and your family that I would expect for mine," he said, adding that it was time for Caymanians to work together and to find the good in each other.

Mr. Bryan said with the rising interest rates and the changes in many people's mortgage payments, the PACT Government will be brining back the possibility for persons to access their pensions again.

"The prospect of a flood of foreclosures is something that we are acutely aware," he noted, adding that this time around the government would allow for up to CI$50,000 of pensions to be accessed.

For a family of husband and wife this would means the possibility of CI$100,000 dollars becoming available in order to live debt free in the current economic environment.

Minister Bryan said the initiative was one that would serve Caymanians well…… "to buy land, build homes and pay mortgages, with the uncertainty of international markets."

While on the opposition in his first term as a Member of Parliament, Mr, Bryan advocated for Caymanians to be able to access their pensions during the Covid-19 pandemic and both he and Bodden Town West MP, Chris Saunders had fought to allow Caymanians the right free up capital the first time, to manage during the downturn and the closing of businesses across Cayman and around the world.

In addition to rolling out new plans for the District of George Town, Mr. Bryan has introduced new routes for the Islands' National Carrier, with additions such as Los Angeles to the flight schedule.

So far for the year of 2023, tourism revenues in the Cayman Islands are 8 million dollars ahead of projections.

In espousing the importance of dialogue, Minister Bryan noted that it was important for him to solicit the views of those he represented and explained that billboards asking for public consultation on a national lottery and the decriminalisation of cannabis were an important part of the process of policy making.

"We are obligated to get the people's views on the real issues," said Minister Bryan.

"You have seen what I have done and we creating tangible reasons for investors to continue to view the Cayman Islands as an attractive destination. Unemployment is at the lowest it has been in years and our economy is thriving again," he added.

He said an important part of making Cayman reach to even greater heights as a country was getting crime under control and urged the residents of George Town to not accept crime in their communities.

"It is important to report incidents of crime," he declared, adding that hat he and his colleagues would do everything in their power to keep pressure on the Commissioner of Police to maintain a high level of presence and deterrence.

▶ MP Chris Saunders

"We do not have control of the police, because our constitution gives that duty to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. However we do fund them and it is important to our government takes all of the measure to make sure they have what they need to keep Cayman safe," he told the audience.

Other MPs to speak during Minister Bryan's mid-term update included Health Minister, the Honourable Sabrina Turner, who spoke about the government's efforts to reopen in the aftermath of the pandemic and the tug-of-war between the Health and Tourism Ministries; one with concerns around health and the other around commerce and tourism and reopening.

Minister for Sports, the Honourable Bernie Bush also gave a few remarks and extolled the accomplishments of the Cayman islands' track and field athletes in their recent CARIFTA games, as well as the Islands' swim team, who brought home 63 medals from the games in Curacao recently.

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Kenneth Jefferson

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Late Night at the Gallery

27 April - The National Gallery is hosting Late Night at the Gallery on 27th April from 5pm to 8pm. For more information head to nationalgallery.org.ky.

Autism Awareness 5K Fun Run

29 April – The Lighthouse School presents an Autism Awareness 5K Fun Run on 29 April beginning at 7:15am at Camana Bay. Cost is $25 and includes a t shirt and a raffle ticket. For more information, email lbrind@lhs.edu.ky.

St. Ignatius Parish Family 5K Walk/Run

29 April – All are invited to register now for the St. Ignatius Parish Family 5K Walk/Run on Saturday 29 April. Cost is CI$25 and includes a t shirt, breakfast bars and fruit (or $15 without a t shirt). There will be lots of prizes and surprises. For further information, email ignatius@candw.ky or call 949 – 6797.

National Museum – Thatch Plaiting Workshop

29 April - The National Museum invites you to register for its upcoming Traditional Arts Workshop featuring Thatch Plaiting on 29 April from 10am to 11am at the Intergenerational Hub behind the airport Fosters. Cost is $65. Register by emailing info@museum.ky.

Teen Art Drop-In - National Gallery

29 April - Teens are invited to drop-in to the National Gallery's Susan A. Olde Art Studio from 12pm-1pm on the last Saturday of the month. Engage with other like-minded individuals, create collaborative projects, and enjoy a quiet, mindful art space. Pre-registration is not required, but unaccompanied individuals under the age of 18 must complete a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Call 945 – 8111 for more information.

Annual Little Cayman Agriculture Show

29 April – All are invited to the Annual Little Cayman Agriculture Show is 29th April at Blossom Village Seaside Park.

Deadline for Miss Teen Cayman Islands 2023/2024

30 April – If you are between the ages of 15 and 18 and a citizen of the Cayman Islands, you are invited to apply for the Ms. Teen Cayman Islands 2023/2024. For more information, call 925 – 6669 or go to www.Facebook.com/Missteencayman.

2023 DG's 5K Challenge – Grand Cayman

30 April - The 2023 Deputy Governor's 5K Challenge for Grand Cayman is on Sunday April 30th. This year's event will support the Cayman Islands Red Cross, LOUD Silent Voices, and United Against Bullying Foundation. For more information, head to gov.ky.

May 2023 Church Services at St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Road

7 May - Services of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May 7th and Sunday, May 21st at 9:30am. Morning Prayers (Matins) will continue for the remaining Sundays in May at 9:30am as usual.

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So what separates those who end up achieving their goals from the rest of the masses who are trapped in a fruitless struggle?

Winston Churchill hit the nail on the head when he said, "Never, never, never, never give up."

The bottom line is that it is possible to achieve any fitness goal when you lock on to it and strive towards it every day. Unfortunately, distractions are everywhere, making it easy to fall off track.

This brings us to the classic Henry Ford quote, "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

In order to stay the course, it is vital that you keep your eyes on the goal.

Here's how to get to your goal in 5 Steps:

Step One: Only One At A Time

When you're feeling motivated and decide to set a goal, it's tempting to become over-ambitious by setting multiple goals. While it's great that you want to improve many things about yourself, the pressure of trying to achieve more than one goal at once will cause you to drop all the goals and go back to status quo.

Focus in on the one goal that you really want to achieve first, and focus all of your efforts onto this goal with laser-like force. There will be plenty of time in the future to see to your other goals, but for now see your number one goal all the way through to completion.

Step Two: Start Slow

Another pitfall that often results in dropped goals is the act of starting out too fast and too strong. If your goal in fitness is to drop 6 pant sizes and to exercise 5 times a week, do not (I repeat, DO NOT) go out and hit the gym hard for the next 5 days in a row. You'll be so sore that I guarantee you'll stop all progress the following week and your goal will be put back on a shelf.

Take a deep breath and remember that this isn't a race. This is your life, and it's you against yourself. Start out slow and steady and gradually build as you progress toward your goal. Don't allow self-induced fatigue to get in your way.

Step Three: Know Your Reasons Why

Why is this goal so important to you? There are many reasons, and you should know every single one of them. Write down each and every possible reason you can come up with as to why your goal needs to be met.

Intimately get to know the 'reasons why' this goal is so important to you. You should have them memorized and should recite them every single day. Remember what Ford said—when you take your eyes off your goal, you'll see loads and loads of obstacles. Keep your eyes locked onto that goal by filling your mind with all of the 'reasons why' you're going to see this thing through.

Step Four: Think About It

Along with thinking about your reasons for accomplishing your goal, it's also helpful to focus your mind on how you'll feel once you've done it. Dedicate some time each day to picture your new post-goal life.

How awesome are you going to feel when you've accomplished this goal that's been on your mind for so long? Pretty amazing. Fill your mind with that feeling of accomplishment well before you've finished the work. The more you feel connected to the end of the race, the more likely it is that you'll make it through.

Step Five: Put It All On The Line

It's time to put your money where your mouth is. Invest in something that will help propel you toward your goal. When you shell out some of your hard-earned money to aid in your progress, then you are going to take this process that much more seriously.

▶ Ernest Ebanks

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Machel's other sweet bars

The Caribbean is quickly becoming a magnet for fine chocolate lovers as many islands ramp up their production to appreciative international consumers.

Trinidad and Tobago soca star Machel Montano is at the forefront of his country's steady comeback after a century of progressive decline in cocoa production. It went from 30,000 tons annually to less than 500 tons and the iconic performer is deeply invested in taking the industry back to its original glory.

Montano's tenacity as a regional pioneer in sustainability lead to the 2014 launch of his own brand of organic 60% dark chocolate made of Trinitario, an exclusive variety of cocoa that was conceived in Trinidad during the 18th century.

Criollo and Trinitario, the two finest and rarest cocoa varieties, only grow in 23 countries, eight of which are in the Caribbean. One hundred percent of cocoa exports from Grenada, St Lucia, Trinidad and Dominica consist of either Criollo or Trinitario while 95% of Jamaica's cocoa exports consist of these fine cocoa varieties.

"What we have here is the equivalent of champagne grapes," said Nick Davis, the owner of One One Cacao, an award-winning bean to bar company based in Kingston, Jamaica. "There are very few areas in which the Caribbean has a natural advantage in products, and this is one. The soil in the Caribbean is ideal for fine flavour cacao."

In recent years, regional cocoa merchants have been reviving the niche industry - and nowhere are there more opportunities for a potential explosion. The expansion of premium chocolate products has resulted in artisan chocolate becoming the fastest-growing segment in the global market. According to the Fine Cacao and Chocolate Institute, there are fewer than 500 fine chocolate makers and manufacturers in the world and 100 of these are based in Latin America and the Caribbean.

One of them is the St Lucia based Micoud Chocolate Company, located at the agro-processing facility in Anse Ger, Desruisseaux.

The Micoud Chocolate Company is part of the Micoud Cluster and is a registered business under the St Lucia Network of Rural Women Producers. The chocolate factory consists of six members with assigned roles and duties.

"The chocolate company is thriving. The future looks quite promising. We have persons interested in exporting our products," Avellina Augustin-Martyr, the president of the Micoud Cluster, said, proud that their products have reached globally, including the tiny European island of Malta.

Micoud chocolate offers various dark chocolates that do not contain preservatives. The cocoa in the chocolate is sourced from local farmers. Micoud chocolate is sold all over the island, including at all Massy Supermarket branches and Export St Lucia's newly opened shop 'Best of St Lucia' where visitors buy gleefully in bulk.

▶ Marcel Montana with his chocolate

▶ Micoud Chocolate Company and some Micoud Cluster products

Barbados attracts Giants from NY

▶ Barbados is enticing Giants fans

Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. (BTMI) has signed a deal with the New York Giants starting with the 2023 season. This first of its kind partnership will allow BTMI to promote Barbados as a destination of choice for Giants fans.

The BTMI will lead the campaign of awareness of Barbados as a top travel destination for the New York market through social and digital content and year-round activations. This partnership hopes to attract more Giants fans to experience the natural beauty, pristine beaches and vibrant culture of Barbados.

Eusi Skeete, Director of USA at BTMI, said: "We are thrilled to be partnering with an iconic brand like the Giants, as we continue to expand Barbados' reach across the US market. New York and Barbados' connection is a long-standing one, and this brand collaboration is just an extension of what has been a decades-long love affair."

BTMI will offer exclusive travel packages to Giants fans and will be presented as a destination of choice for Giants fans across a wide variety of media platforms. Through the partnership, Giants fans will have access to unique travel packages and experiential opportunities. Fans will experience a 'Taste of Barbados' through a series of promotions at home games and special events, with many opportunities to win trips to the island.

Giants players, coaches and front office staff celebrated the kick-off of the partnership with an authentic Bajan-themed lunch last Tuesday, prepared at the Quest Diagnostics Training Center by Chef Creig Greenidge, who made a special appearance from Barbados.

Antigua will auction Russian yacht

▶ The Alfa Nero flies the Cayman Islands flag

The Antigua and Barbuda government is set to auction off a multi-million dollar superyacht said to be owned by the sanctioned Russian oligarch Andrey Guryev which the government claims has been abandoned in the Caribbean since Russia's invasion of Ukraine last year.

Last month, Antigua warned the owner of the Alfa Nero superyacht, which flies the Cayman Islands flag, that they had 10 days to claim the vessel or it would be sold to the highest bidder.

The information minister, Melford Nicholas, said Alfa Nero had been abandoned in Falmouth harbour in Antigua since February 2022 and the government was "trying to prevent a future hazard since the luxury vessel is not being maintained by its owner".

Guryev, 62, who made a $10bn fortune from the Russian fertiliser company PhosAgro, is the owner of Alfa Nero according to the US government, which imposed sanctions on him last year. The US Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control said it had "identified Alfa Nero, a Cayman Islands flagged yacht that AG Guryev reportedly bought for $120m in 2014, as blocked property of AG Guryev".

According to the government, the vessel received more than $500,000 worth of fuel during her stay in Antigua. Funds from the sale will be used to pay the yacht's captain and crew as well as other creditors that have been providing fuel and supplies. The Port Authority Act was recently amended and passed in Parliament allowing for the sale of the vessel, which has been valued at $81 million.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
84°/ 80°	85°/ 80°	85°/ 82°	86°/ 81°	82°/ 79°	82°/ 81°	82°/ 80°
Breezy with partial sunshine	Partly sunny and breezy	Partly sunny and windy	Breezy in the morning	Sun through high clouds	A t-storm around in the a.m.	Partly sunny

Jehovah's Witnesses Host Landmark Patwa Assembly

On March 18, 2023, Jehovah's Witnesses hosted their first ever in-person Jamaican Creole (Patwa) Circuit Assembly at their Assembly Hall in Salt Marsh, Trelawny. The theme was "Jehovah's United Family" ("Jeouva Fambili A Wok Tugeda Az Wan"). There were 694 in attendance. Attendees traveled from as far away as Kingston, to listen to Bible discourses, sing songs of praises to their God and fellowship with each other in what many described as the 'language of their heart'. From as early as 8:00 am, the attendees began arriving at the assembly hall and the excitement was palpable.

"I feel excited", said Duane Gauntlet, one of the attendees, "especially knowing where Patwa is coming from; usually, it is a language that is looked down on. To see people gravitating to it, to see it touching their hearts, and to have our first in-person assembly, it's amazing, really emotional."

A similar sentiment was expressed by Donovan Sterling who said: "I am over the moon; I can't believe I have lived to see the first one ever!

I am so excited to see how Jehovah is using the language to bring praise to his name and to give people an opportunity to learn about him in the language they are most comfortable in."

According to the Gleaner Editorial of May 31, 2022, some persons cling to the assumption that Jamaica is a naturally Englishspeaking country, rather than a bilingual one. It further stated that "English is not the mother tongue of the majority. It is not the first language of their homes or communities." Hence, while English is the official language of Jamaica, it is estimated that 90% of the Jamaican people speak Jamaican Creole.

Although the debate still rages as to whether Patwa is an acceptable language, Jehovah's Witnesses take to heart the words of Revelation 14: 6 which states in part that the good news should be declared, ".... to every nation and tribe and tongue and people." As a result, in imitation of their loving impartial God, they began to make earnest efforts to reach out to this language group.

Anticipating the need for literature in Jamaican Creole, a Remote Translation Office (RTO) was established in 2016. Presently, a team of volunteers continues to work from this office, translating from English to Jamaican Creole the publications used by the Witnesses in their public ministry and congregation meetings.

The first Jamaican Creole Congregation was formed in January 2019. Currently in Jamaica, there are 29 Jamaican Creole congregations and 2 groups organized in 2 circuits. In addition, there are 13 congregations and 2 groups in the USA, 1 group in Canada, 1 congregation in England and 1 group in Curacao whose worship is carried out entirely in the Jamaican Creole.

When asked about the impact the use of the Jamaican Creole has been having on the public ministry, Donovan Sterling, mentioned earlier related, "There are many people, who were not interested in what we taught before, who are now making great progress."

"March 18, 2023, was truly a historic milestone for Jehovah's Witnesses in Jamaica." Said Peter Scudamore, National Spokesman for the country of Jamaica. "The success of this event is testimony to the fact that our efforts to reach unofficial language groups have not been in vain."

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's
Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of
Ms. Leila Melbaline Powery,
who passed away on Sunday, April 23, 2023.
A Service of Thanksgiving will be announced
at a later date.

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

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

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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

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Word Search

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Bagpipes
Bonnet
Border
Bothy
Brae
Caber
Cattle
Claymore
Croft
Dirk
Firth
Gaelic
Glen
Haggis
Heather
Highlands
Hogmanay
Isles
Kilt
Kirk
Kyle
Laird
Loch
Mist
Oatmeal
Pibroch
Plaid
Porridge
Reel
Sassenach
Sporran
Tartan
Whisky

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 London area
5 Hold tightly
10 Healer Barton
12 Sold for
13 Rafter's place
14 Prologue
15 Blvd.'s kin
16 Cooling ingredient
18 Wise teacher
20 Mamie's mate
21 Mecca native
23 Set the pace
24 Traffic marker
26 Hogwarts messengers
28 Sawbones
29 Noted surrealist
31 H look-alike
32 Threaten
36 Computer screen sight
39 Painter Ernst
40 Clear
41 Speculate
43 Lent a hand
44 Boom type
45 Comes close
46 Braille bits

DOWN

1 "Beat it!"
2 Uniform color
3 Safe spot
4 Vein yield
5 Amused look
6 Crazy talk
7 Active spot
8 Cox-swain's count
9 Combined
11 Like tanks
17 Geologic period
19 Leather color
22 Spanish dances
24 Clique
25 Ottawa anthem
27 Take the title
28 Humiliate
30 "I — Rock"
33 Acid type
34 "Be quiet!"
35 Suits
37 Manipulative sort
38 Nap sacks
42 Cacao holder

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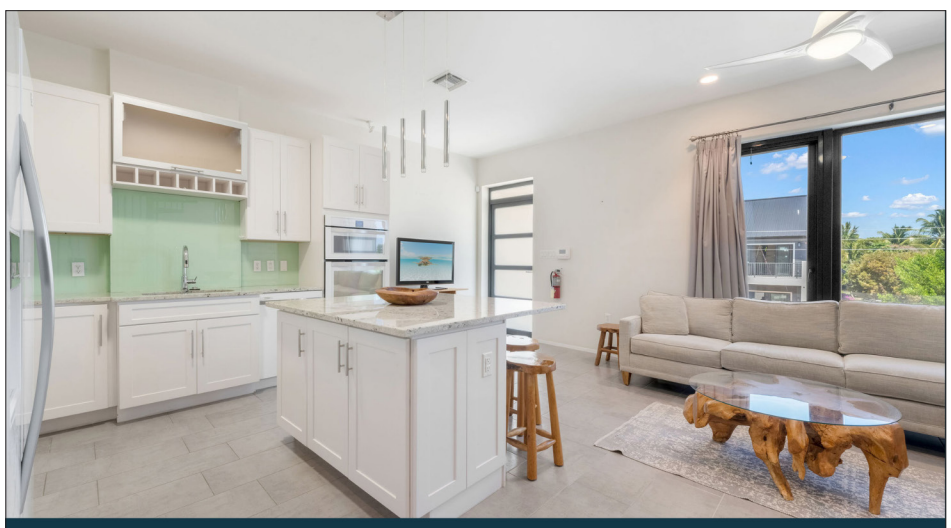

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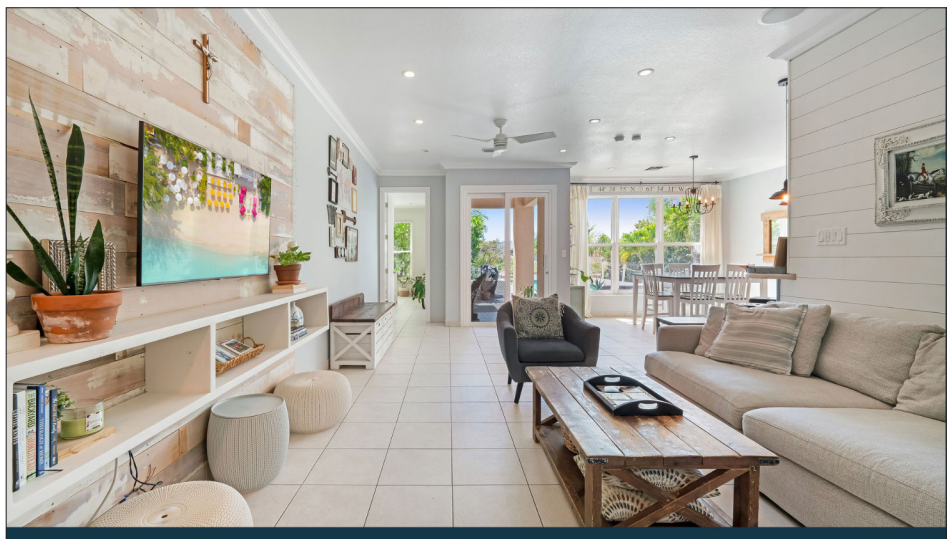

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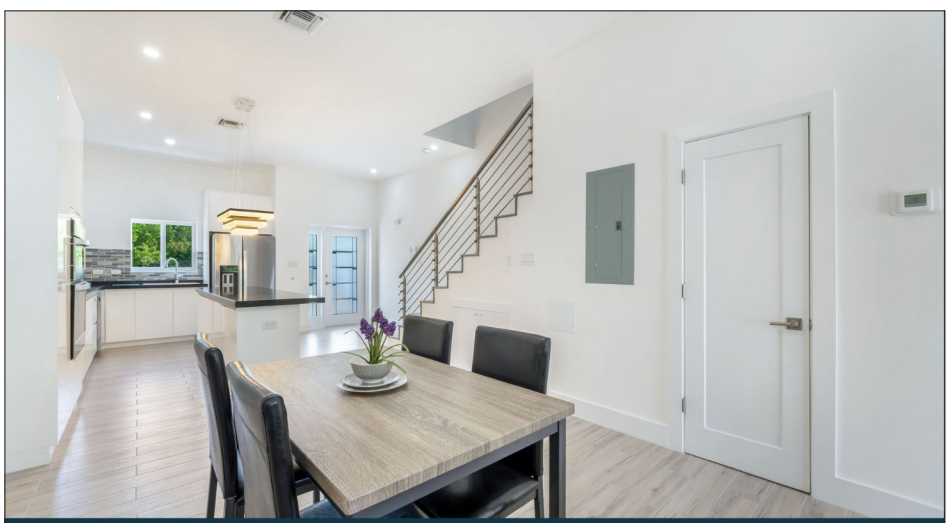

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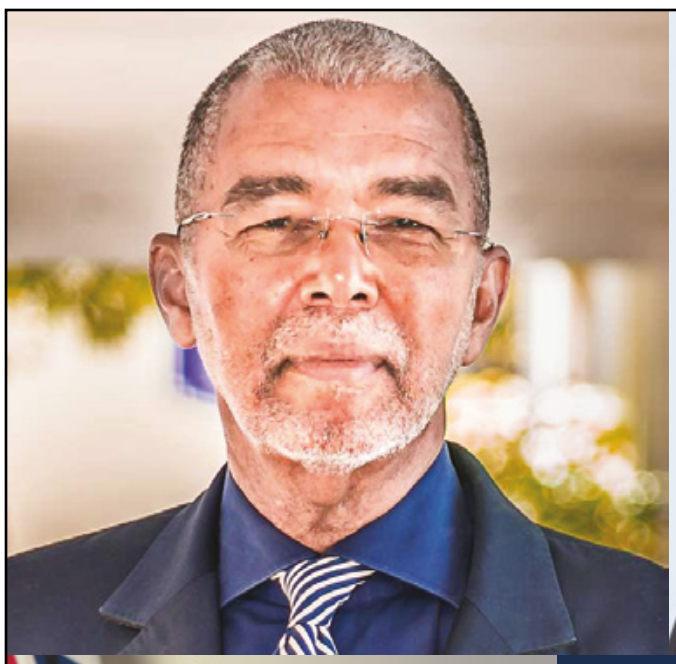

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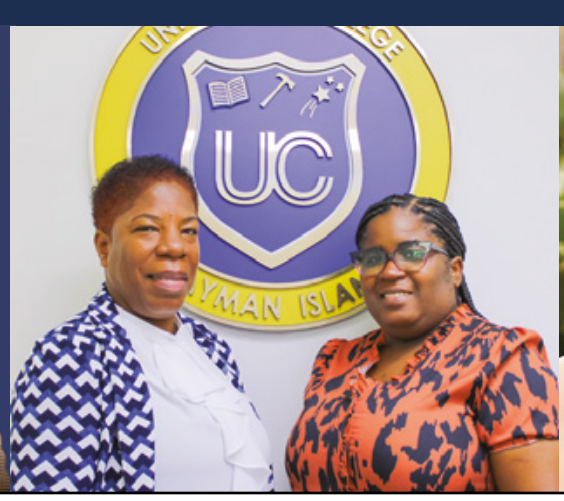
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