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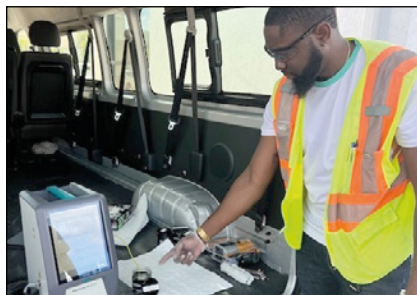
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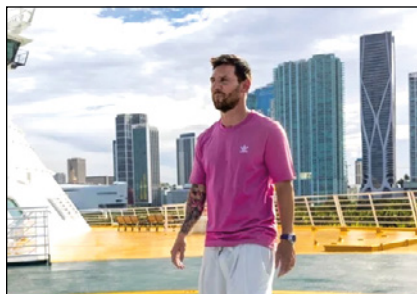
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## CIDOT Invites New Yorkers to warm up in Cayman

The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (CIDOT) is targeting its sights on travellers from New York this Winter season with a branded bus promotion in New York City.

Between 11 December 2023 and 7 January 2024 five Hop On-Hop Off sightseeing buses will be Cayman Islands branded promoting the non-stop service via JFK and Newark Airport via Cayman Airways,

Jet Blue and United. The buses feature several beautiful beach scenes, airline brand-

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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2024 Public Holidays Named

The 2024 public holidays for the Cayman Islands have been named as follows:

Monday, 1 January – New Year's Day

Monday, 22 January – National Heroes Day

Wednesday, 14 February – Ash Wednesday

Friday, 29 March – Good Friday

Monday, 1 April – Easter Monday

Monday, 6 May – Emancipation Day

Monday, 17 June – King's Birthday (unconfirmed)

Monday, 1 July – Constitution Day

Monday, 11 November – Remembrance Day

Wednesday, 25 December – Christmas Day

Thursday, 26 December – Boxing Day.



The Cayman Islands Government's Cabinet recently approved the reinstatement of the Emancipation Day holiday, which will be commemorated on the first Monday in May and replace the Discovery Day public holiday, beginning in 2024.

Meanwhile, confirmation regarding the date of the King's Birthday public holiday in the Cayman Islands is awaited.



## CUC's Christmas Closures

On **Friday, December 22**, our Customer Service Centre at Caribbean Plaza and our Administrative Offices on North Sound Road will close at noon for Christmas. These offices will reopen for business on **Wednesday, December 27** at 9:00 a.m.

Gift Certificates from CUC that can be used towards paying electricity bills are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 from our Customer Service Centre.

Visit [www.cuc-cayman.com](http://www.cuc-cayman.com) for a complete list of our online bill payment options. Bill payments can be made at our remote payment locations across Grand Cayman during their respective holiday hours.

*Warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas!*



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# EU AML Delisting Process Commenced; Cayman Removed from UK High Risk List



The Cayman Islands Government has received positive updates in regards to the international standing of our anti-money laundering, countering the financing of terrorism and counter proliferation financing (AML/CFT/CPF) regime.

Government has been informed that the EU Commission has published a delegated regulation this week regarding the removal of the Cayman Islands from its AML list. This document marks the first official step toward Cayman's delisting from the EU AML list.

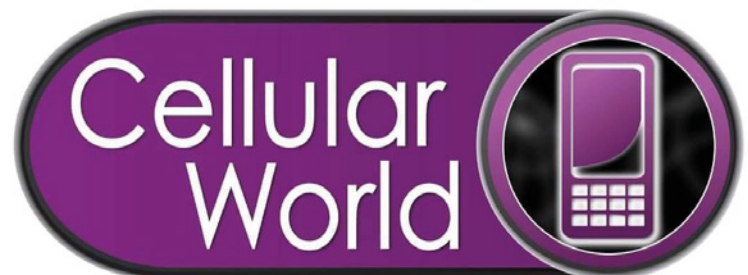
It should be noted that the regulation is not yet in force and Government expects, as per previous EU protocol, that there will be further movement on this matter next month.

"We're pleased to see the EU take this step with regards to the Cayman Islands and their AML listing which accords with our correspondence with the EU on this matter. It is therefore a credit to our sustained

AML reforms and proactive engagement with EU officials and decision makers that we are advancing towards delisting early next year," Deputy Premier and Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks said.

Additionally, as of 5 December, the UK Government has officially removed the Cayman Islands from its list of high-risk third countries for AML/CFT/CPF purposes. His Majesty's Treasury published regulations earlier this month, following the removal of the Cayman Islands from the Financial Action Task Force AML list in October 2023.

"As a result of our FATF delisting, we expected the Cayman Islands to be removed from the UK high risk list (in addition to reduced ratings in other countries). I'm therefore grateful that following discussions with Her Excellency, Governor Jane Owen and other relevant UK Government officials, Cayman has been removed," the Deputy Premier said.



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# OfReg Enhances Fuel Testing Capabilities with Acquisition of a Fuel Analyser

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg') recently acquired a portable fuel analyser for testing gasoline, diesel, ethanol-blended gasoline, and jet fuel, allowing OfReg to conduct in-house testing and analysis of fuel samples and limiting the need to export samples to laboratories abroad.

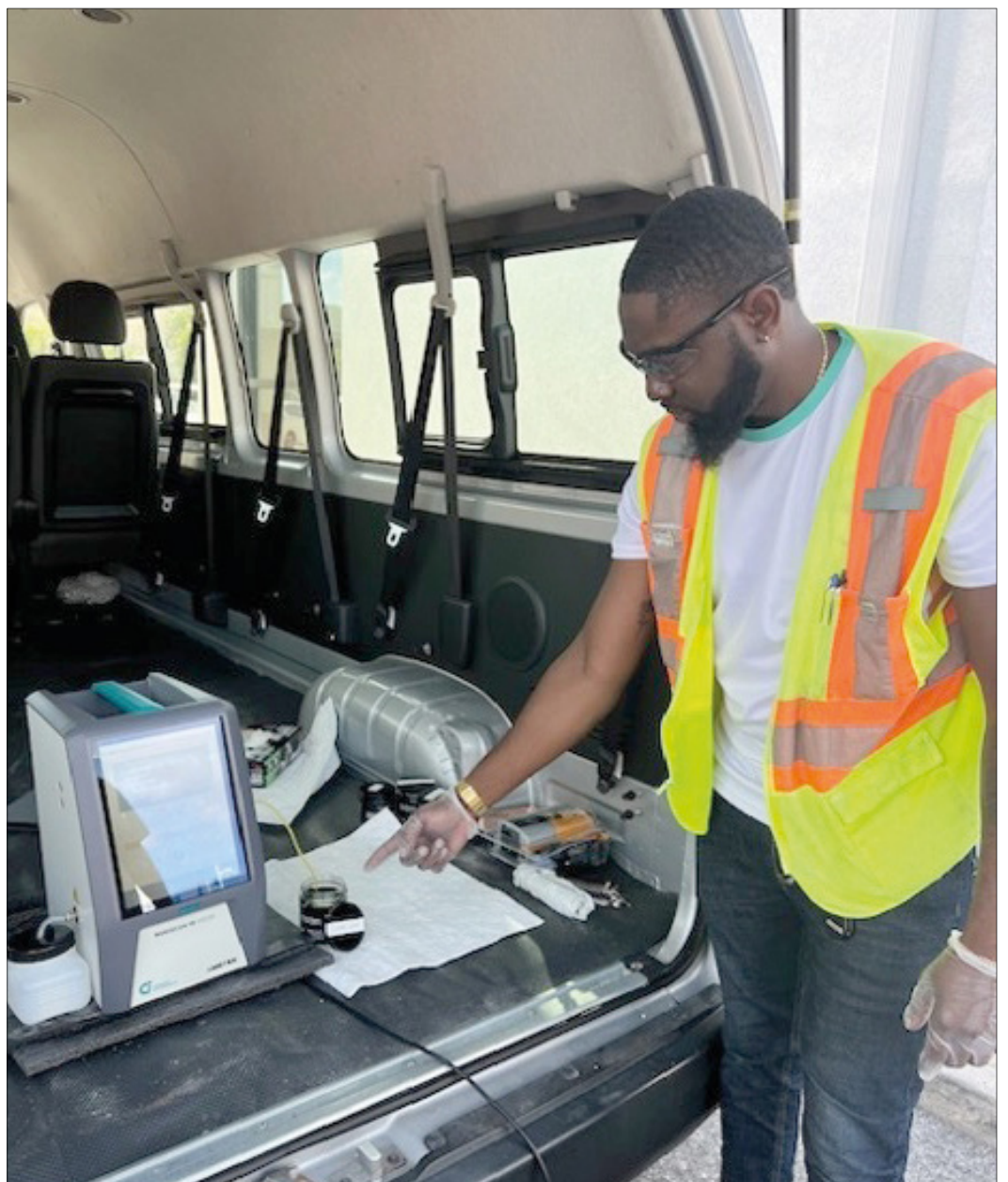
As part of OfReg's commitment to delivering accurate and efficient fuel sampling, it has invested in the Grabner Instruments Miniscan IR Vision Pro fuel analyser which will enhance OfReg's capabilities in fuel compliance and quality assurance. The OfReg Fuels team were trained on using the analyser by the equipment supplier.

The transition to in-house testing and analysis will streamline the process, reduce turnaround times, and provide timely and accurate results.

This acquisition aligns with the anticipated establishment of local Fuel Standards, which will significantly benefit local consumers, assuring reliable, safe, and quality fuel within the local supply chain.

OfReg is confident that this strategic investment will contribute to the overall safety, transparency, and efficiency of fuel products. By conducting preliminary tests locally, OfReg can provide swift responses to industry demands and foster local expertise.

"Our acquisition of the latest fuel analyser underscores our commitment to delivering the highest standards in fuel quality assurance. With this cutting-edge technology, we're not just inspecting fuel, we're advancing the science of accuracy and efficiency in the ever-evolving fuel industry." Ken Springer, OfReg Deputy Chief Fuels Inspector said.



► Assistant Fuel Inspector, Mr. Romaine Knight undertaking a test on a sample of diesel.



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Rolex giveaway is on January 5th, 2024.

# Cayman Islands Department of Tourism Invites New Yorkers to Warm Up in Cayman This Winter Season



nect with potential visitors, the CIDOT USA team will ride the Cayman Airways branded bus over several days will hand out branded winter hats at various stops to warm up pedestrians. Each hat will include a postcard promoting the destination. On two special promotional days selected hats will contain a “golden ticket” valid for two round-trip flights to Cayman on Cayman Airways. A Caymanian musician will also board the bus to create a festive island atmosphere.

“As we work towards full tourism recovery, the CIDOT is committed to campaigns and activations that promote the destination throughout the United States, and we are pleased to work with Cayman Airways as a strategic partner on this promotion to drive awareness and build demand in our #1 winter market,” said Mrs. Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism.

This promotion is part of a series of unique activations globally which encourage potential visitors in our source markets to ditch winter and warm up in Cayman. To learn more about CIDOT’s promotions visit ourcayman.ky

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ing and encourage onlookers to “Warm Up in Cayman” this winter. The bus artwork also includes a QR code and onlookers who scan the code will be taken to the Cayman Islands website, visitcaymanislands.com, to learn more about the destination.

The bus route will include high profile attractions in the city including Time Square, Bryant Park and Washington Square and will visit prominent neighbourhoods including the West Village, SoHo and the Upper East Side.

Each bus is estimated to deliver more than 11 million advertising impressions during the 4-week campaign for a total of 56 million advertising impressions to tourists and new Yorkers with five buses.

The holidays are prime time for exposure in New York city so to further con-

## Extra boost for Civil Service Pensioners

Some pensioners who worked for 10 years or more are going to get an added financial boost each month, according to a press release from government.

The extra payment will begin this month (December 2023), as was recently announced by Premier Hon Juliana O’Connor-Connolly.

Pensioners will only be eligible for the extra payment of they are Caymanian, are already receiving a monthly pension of less than \$1,250 and have at-



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tained the normal uplift age of 60 years of age if retired before June 2018 or 65 years old if retired after the same date or the age at which retired on due to being permanently disabled.

They will also qualify if they have held an office in the Public Service for any period of at least 10 or more years in the aggregate, including any period of pensionable service, a combination of periods of pensionable service and any period which may be considered in calculating eligibility for an ex-gratia pension, or any period which may be considered in calculating eligibility for an ex-gratia

pension.

Anyone who thinks they are eligible but who haven’t as yet received the extra payment should email uplift@pspb.ky to confirm their eligibility. Applicants must include their full name, date of birth, years of service and last public sector employer in their email. Alternatively, people can contact Public Service Pension Board representatives at 940-7108 or 940-7119.

People who received a contracted officer’s supplement or similar compensation during any period specified mentioned above are not eligible for the ex-gratia uplift.

# Fee Reductions Continued for Micro, Small Businesses

Owners and operators of micro and small businesses will continue to pay either no fees, or significantly reduced fees, for trade and business licenses from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025, following an extension of the Small Business Incentive Programme (SBIP).

“When we think of how many of our everyday business transactions are done with micro and small businesses, we’re reminded of how important they are,” said the Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks. “This made extending the SBIP an easy decision for Cabinet, because everyone benefits.”

To continue the SBIP, Cabinet approved the Trade and Business Licensing (Amendment of Schedule) (Temporary Reduction of Fees) Regulations, 2023 on 11 December 2023.

Micro businesses are defined as having fewer than five employees, not including the owner ; with an annual gross revenue of CI\$250,000 or less. Small businesses are defined as employing a maximum of 12 persons, not including the owner; with an annual gross revenue of up to CI\$750,000.

In addition to meeting one of the definitions above, SBIP criteria requires:

- the business to be independently owned and operated, with the owner having close

control over operational decisions;

- the business to be for profit; and
- owners to immediately inform the Trade and Business Licensing Board of any changes to the business that would alter its eligibility.

Reductions for small businesses are based on business location.

The chart shows the waivers for micro businesses, which applies in all locations; and the reduction percentages and locations for small businesses.

Location of trade or business	Type of business	Fee reduction
George Town	Micro business	100%
	Small business	50%
West Bay	Micro business	100%
	Small business	50%
East End	Micro business	100%
	Small business	75%
North Side	Micro business	100%
	Small business	75%
Bodden Town	Micro business	100%
	Small business	75%
Little Cayman	Micro business	100%
	Small business	50%
Cayman Brac	Micro business	100%
	Small business	50%



► Hon Andre Ebanks

financial services firms other than insurance agents, and exempted companies.

Minister Ebanks said that about 8,200 micro and small businesses have taken advantage of the programme to date. He noted that the estimated revenue waiver of CI\$1 million will not impact the Government’s forecast financial results, as the SBIP is already factored into the 2024 and 2025 budget.

In August 2014 Cabinet approved the SBIP for a one-year period, and successive Cabinets have continued the programme without interruption.

Businesses that do not qualify for the SBIP are providers of auditing services,

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# PARKING PROBLEM - GRIDLOCK DEADLOCK



► RCIPS team fine tuning campaign details



► RCIPS traffic advisory



A persistent and growing parking gridlock is severely obstructing traffic flow in

some communities on Grand Cayman to the extent that it's becoming unsafe for pedestrians and motorists.

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The situation has become so serious that the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) says it cannot be resolved by only issuing parking tickets but requires a more in-depth and far-reaching solution.

The RCIPS says it often receives parking complaints from communities where vehicles are blocking the public roadway and making it unsafe for pedestrians and motorists to safely pass.

It says when officers conduct enquiries, it is revealed, there is often higher occupancy at the corresponding tenanted properties, than parking allows for on the lot. This results in the spillover of vehicles onto the roadside.

"In one instance, when officers went to make checks, a rental property had more derelict vehicles in designated parking spaces than actual working vehicles. Officers issued tickets to the tenants for obstructing the roadway. Soon after, the landlord made

adjustments to allow for more vehicles on their property," the RCIPS said in an update on the worsening problem.

"This issue goes beyond police enforcement - tickets only get us so far", says Inspector Ian Yearwood, Head of Community Policing. "Instead, the community must work with the police and other partners to find solutions to improve the situation for all residents, including; the removal of derelict cars to free up space on lots for working cars to park, making changes to lots to allow extra space for vehicles, restricting the number of vehicles at tenanted residences, and ensuring that when persons do need to park on the roadway it is only done where there is space for drivers to safely pass by, especially in the case of emergency services vehicles. We must work together to prevent the blockages occurring on our residential streets".

The RCIPS is advising landlords that rental properties must allow enough parking for the number of tenants intending to occupy the property. "Not only can illegally parking on a roadway result in a parking infringement, it also affects the quality of life for residents who share the roadway, and becomes a major hazard when it obstructs larger emergency vehicles from responding to save life or property".

As part of the RCIPS holiday campaign, "Winter Guardian", patrols will be targeting communities to assess parking complaints and will issue parking infringements to anyone blocking public roadways. The RCIPS encourages landlords and tenants to work together to remedy any parking overflow issues at rental properties to ensure our roadways are unobstructed.

Observers familiar with the problem fear that "this is a trend which will have dire consequences" and point out that it also severely restricts garbage collection in the affected areas - which leads to other environmental health complications.

Also linked to the issue are matters with wider implications including concerns about Cayman's ability to cope with a spiralling population density and how this affects the delivery of certain types of public services such as traffic control, garbage collection and housing among others.



► Removal of Derelict vehicles

# DEH Operations for the Holiday Season 2023

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) advises members of the public that there will be no garbage collection services on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023, and the landfills will be closed.

Collections will resume and landfills re-open on Tuesday, December 26 (Boxing Day), while the landfill drop-off facility at the gate will remain accessible to the public and small vehicles 24 hours per day.

The public is also advised that the department's offices will operate until 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 22 and 29, 2023, as stated in Administrative Circular 1 of

2023 from the Deputy Governor to all civil servants. Landfills in Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, and Little Cayman will close their gates at 1:00 p.m. on these same dates.

Additionally, the reception of derelict vehicles and bulk loads of scrap metal will be temporarily suspended from December 25 to 27, 2023, and again on January 1, 2024.

For additional information, please contact the DEH at 949-6696, email us at [dehcustomerservice@gov.ky](mailto:dehcustomerservice@gov.ky), visit the DEH's website at [www.gov.ky/deh](http://www.gov.ky/deh) or message our Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/3LE-K55q>



Department of Environmental Health  
Cayman Islands Government

## PUBLIC ADVISORY

Dear Customer,

Please be advised that the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) operations schedule during the upcoming **Christmas/New Year Holiday Season 2023** is as follows:

	Admin. Office	Garbage Collection	Landfills (George Town & Sister Islands)
Friday, 22 Dec.	Open until 12:30 PM	As normal	Open until 1:00 PM
Christmas Day Monday, 25 Dec.	Closed		
Boxing Day Tuesday, 26 Dec.	Closed	As normal	Open until 5:00 PM
Friday, 29 Dec.	Open until 12:30 PM	As normal	Open until 1:00 PM
New Year's Day Monday, 2 Jan.	Closed	As normal	Open until 5:00 PM

For general inquiries, please contact the DEH at 949-6696 or email us at [dehcustomerservice@gov.ky](mailto:dehcustomerservice@gov.ky)

The Management and Staff of the DEH take the opportunity to wish the public a **safe and healthy holiday season.**



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# REGISTRATION NOTICE

section 13(2)

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- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **Cayman Brac East and Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

## Qualifications of Electors

90(1) Subject to section 91, a person shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in one electoral district only, but he or she shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector for elections to the Legislative Assembly unless—

- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she –
- is a Caymanian; and
  - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
  - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
  - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

## Disqualifications of Electors

91(1) A person shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector in any electoral district who—

- subject to subsection (2) is serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him or her by a court in any country or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on him or her by such a court, or is under such a sentence of imprisonment the execution of which has been suspended;
  - is a person certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Cayman Islands; or
  - is disqualified for registration as an elector by any law in force in the Cayman Islands relating to offences connected with elections.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a)—
- where a person is serving two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively he or she shall, throughout the whole time during which he or she so serves, be regarded as serving a sentence exceeding twelve months if (but not unless) any one of those sentences exceeds that term;
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed as an alternative to or in default of the payment of a fine; and
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court outside the Cayman Islands other than a sentence on conviction of an offence constituted by conduct which, if it occurred within the Cayman Islands, would constitute an offence punishable under the law of the Cayman Islands by imprisonment of twelve months or any greater punishment.
- (d) A revised list containing the names, street address and occupation of all persons qualified to vote in the said district—
- whose names appear in the current Register of Electors; or
  - who have submitted to the registration officer a duly completed and signed application for registration in Form 4 will be available at the Elections Office in George Town, the District Administration Office in Cayman Brac and the Post Office in Little Cayman for a period of twenty-one days beginning on the **19th day of January, 2024**.
- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
  - the registering office for any electoral district; or
  - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Ellen Lazzari**.

**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**Ellen Lazzari**  
REGISTERING OFFICER

## TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **North Side** electoral district and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.
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**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**E. Patricia Ebanks**  
REGISTERING OFFICER

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- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **East End** electoral district and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.
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  - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

## Disqualifications of Electors

91(1) A person shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector in any electoral district who—

- subject to subsection (2) is serving a sentence of imprisonment (by whatever name called) exceeding twelve months imposed on him or her by a court in any country or substituted by competent authority for some other sentence imposed on him or her by such a court, or is under such a sentence of imprisonment the execution of which has been suspended;
  - is a person certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Cayman Islands; or
  - is disqualified for registration as an elector by any law in force in the Cayman Islands relating to offences connected with elections.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a)—
- where a person is serving two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively he or she shall, throughout the whole time during which he or she so serves, be regarded as serving a sentence exceeding twelve months if (but not unless) any one of those sentences exceeds that term;
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed as an alternative to or in default of the payment of a fine; and
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court outside the Cayman Islands other than a sentence on conviction of an offence constituted by conduct which, if it occurred within the Cayman Islands, would constitute an offence punishable under the law of the Cayman Islands by imprisonment of twelve months or any greater punishment.
- (d) A revised list containing the names, street address and occupation of all persons qualified to vote in the said district –
- whose names appear in the current Register of Electors; or
  - who have submitted to the registration officer a duly completed and signed application for registration in Form 4 will be available at the Elections Office in George Town, the District Administration Office in Cayman Brac and the Post Office in Little Cayman for a period of twenty-one days beginning on the **19th day of January, 2024**.
- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
  - the registering office for any electoral district; or
  - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district is **Leisa V. Welcome**.

**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**Leisa V. Welcome**  
REGISTERING OFFICER





# REGISTRATION NOTICE

section 13(2)

## TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **West Bay North, West Bay West, West Bay Central and West Bay South** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

## Qualifications of Electors

90(1) Subject to section 91, a person shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in one electoral district only, but he or she shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector for elections to the Legislative Assembly unless—

- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she –
- is a Caymanian; and
  - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
  - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
  - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

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  - is a person certified to be insane or otherwise adjudged to be of unsound mind under any law in force in the Cayman Islands; or
  - is disqualified for registration as an elector by any law in force in the Cayman Islands relating to offences connected with elections.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a)—
- where a person is serving two or more sentences of imprisonment that are required to be served consecutively he or she shall, throughout the whole time during which he or she so serves, be regarded as serving a sentence exceeding twelve months if (but not unless) any one of those sentences exceeds that term;
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed as an alternative to or in default of the payment of a fine; and
  - no account shall be taken of a sentence of imprisonment imposed by a court outside the Cayman Islands other than a sentence on conviction of an offence constituted by conduct which, if it occurred within the Cayman Islands, would constitute an offence punishable under the law of the Cayman Islands by imprisonment of twelve months or any greater punishment.
- (d) A revised list containing the names, street address and occupation of all persons qualified to vote in the said district—
- whose names appear in the current Register of Electors; or
  - who have submitted to the registration officer a duly completed and signed application for registration in Form 4 will be available at the Elections Office in George Town, the District Administration Office in Cayman Brac and the Post Office in Little Cayman for a period of twenty-one days beginning on the **19th day of January, 2024**.
- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
  - the registering office for any electoral district; or
  - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Bethany Powery**.

**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**Bethany Powery**  
REGISTERING OFFICER

## TAKE NOTICE that –

Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **George Town North, George Town West, George Town Central, George Town South, George Town East, Red Bay and Prospect** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.

- (a) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

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- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she –
- is a Caymanian; and
  - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
  - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
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- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
  - the registering office for any electoral district; or
  - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kathryn Myles**.

**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**Kathryn Myles**  
REGISTERING OFFICER

## TAKE NOTICE that –

Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **Newlands, Savannah, Bodden Town West and Bodden Town East** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of April, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of January, 2024**.

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- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she –
- is a Caymanian; and
  - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
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- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
  - the registering office for any electoral district; or
  - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kerry Nixon**.

**20th December, 2023**  
DATE

**Kerry Nixon**  
REGISTERING OFFICER

# PROGRESSIVES CLAIM NEW UPM BUDGET IS BACK TO PACT

By Staff Writer

Notwithstanding its passage in Parliament, the 2024/25 budget of the new United People's Movement (UPM) coalition was subjected to intense scrutiny by the main opposition People's Progressive Movement (PPM)/Progressives.

"PACT (the UPM's predecessor coalition) had no plans for a strong and stable economy two years ago. The new Premier's speech suggests that she is also failing to understand the challenges we face and underestimating what is necessary to rebuild a strong economy that benefits all our people," Progressives leader Roy McTaggart said in his assessment of the Budget Statement while crediting his party with driving growth during his period in office up to 2021, especially the peak growth period of 2019.

With the new UPM government only taking office in November, the Opposition Leader nevertheless held it accountable for low growth on the basis that the current administration is an outgrowth of the former PACT team.

"The level of economic growth under the PACT government remained modest," he said, "while population growth has spiralled out of control" noting a 2 per cent economic growth between 2019 and 2022 compared to an 18 per cent spike in the population over the same period.

"A change in name cannot hide that," he concluded about the economic stewardship of the then PACT administration which has morphed into the UPM following a leadership wrangle.

In challenging the UPM's planned policies across all sectors of the economy and portfolios of the new government, Mr McTaggart



► Hon Juliana O'Connor Connolly

repeatedly reflected on what he regarded as policy shortcomings and outright failures they presided over while being members of the previous PACT government.

"In PACT's economy, the people feeling the benefits were those in the very top incomes. And in PACT's economy, those people are disproportionately non-Caymanian."

According to the Progressives/PPM leader, in 2019 there were 75 per cent more Caymanians than non-Caymanians in the top earnings bracket. But in 2023 under PACT's watch, he said the situation is reversed.

"There are more non-Caymanians than Caymanians in that top bracket. It is staggering that the rate of increase in the number of non-Caymanian top earners means that, as of this year, there are more of them than high-earning Caymanians."

Addressing his party's concerns over a fall in living standards of Caymanians, Mr McTaggart however said that given that re-



► Hon Roy McTaggart

ality, "a new Premier leading a reformed government, and presenting a new budget should be given an opportunity to reset course, and get the Cayman Islands and its economy back on track while offering robust solutions to the challenges our islands and our people are facing."

But addressing the specific policy priorities detailed by UPM Premier Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, the Opposition Leader declared: "This new UPM government has thrown fiscal responsibility out of the window" compared to the budgetary prudence of the Progressives administration in which he was Finance Minister.

A key aspect of the UPM budget was a combination of new fees, borrowings, relaxation of access to pension funds, welfare increases, and one-off payments to ease the effects of the high cost of living. This came against the backdrop of a significant depletion of the current budgetary surplus, although the

government projects a turnaround across the next budget cycle 2024/25.

"New fees and charges imposed in this budget, raised CI\$52 million in 2024 and then CI\$80 million thereafter. In this budget alone, the burden of CI\$150 million of new debt will be placed on the backs of future generations who will still be repaying it" Mr McTaggart observed.

He said this takes the new debt "incurred by this government in its various guises over its four-year term" to what he called "a genuinely staggering half a billion dollars".

"Overnight, we have moved from a position where, under the Progressives, 100 per cent of capital expenditures were financed by recurrent revenues, to one that is almost financed by 100 per cent borrowing," he said. The former banker also noted that commercial banks will be 'salivating' at the opportunity they will have to bid on providing this new financing to the government.

"Caymanians will be paying for those on the government benches for decades to come," he declared.

The Opposition Leader and former Finance Minister said a Progressives government would have done things differently.

"There's an alternative," he stated. "We need to end the 'raise it and send it' approach. We need to stop spending on Ministers' vanity projects. We need to come back to living within our means. To do that the country needs a clearer focus on a smaller number of priorities - things that will have the biggest impact on our people today and that will make the biggest difference in the long term."

Mr McTaggart concluded: "Now is the time to draw a line under the past two and a half years of frustration and disappointment" - a reference to the previous PACT coalition.

## UK Government and British Overseas Territories agree to closer collaboration

- New Joint Declaration agreed by UK Government and elected leaders of British Overseas Territories (OTs).

- Declaration commits to a new, more collaborative and 'modern partnership' between the UK and the OTs.

- Includes plan to deepen bilateral partnerships, enhance transparency and support the OTs to take on more responsibilities should they wish to do so.

The UK Government and elected leaders of the British Overseas Territories have agreed a new Joint Declaration. The Declaration defines a new, more collaborative and 'modern partnership' between the UK and the OTs - one that's based around our shared democratic values and respect for

human rights.

As part of the declaration, the UK and OTs committed to; improve transparency and deepen bilateral partnerships; consult OTs on UK primary legislation that impacts them; and support OTs to take on more responsibilities where they wish to do so.

**UK Minister for the Overseas Territories, David Rutiey, said:**

*"The Overseas Territories are an important part of the British Family, and our shared values such as support for democracy and the rule of law underpin this close relationship."*

*"Our new Joint Declaration sets out more clearly than ever how the UK and Overseas Territories will work closer together on the*

*opportunities and challenges of the modern world."*

The Joint Declaration was agreed during the UK and British Overseas Territories annual Joint Ministerial Council meeting in London on 14 - 15 November and has now been formally approved within the OTs.

Other commitments in the agreement include investigating improvements to how the UK provides financial support to OTs and agreeing to speak with one voice on the international stage, such as at the United Nations. It also creates more opportunities for the OTs to take on responsibilities where they want to, such as around transparency measures, and through the development of 'Compacts.'



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These 'Compacts' will set out roles and responsibilities on specific issues bespoke to each community. The UK will seek to agree these detailed bilateral agreements with each of the OTs.

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# Camana Bay community chips in to raise CI\$10,000 for youth mental health support

*Golf tournament held Friday, 8 December saw 12 corporate teams participate to raise funds.*



► Richie Singleton of Ogier won the Men's Closest to the Pin prize.

Members of the Camana Bay corporate community stepped away from their busy schedules for a day of fun, while raising CI\$10,000 for the Alex

Panton Foundation, which provides mental health support for young people in the Cayman Islands.

The funds were raised at the second



► JTC Fund Services Ltd emerged as winners of the 2nd Annual Camana Bay Corporate Golf Tournament.

annual Camana Bay Corporate Golf Tournament at the North Sound Golf Club on Friday, 8 December 2023. The event, which featured 12 four-player teams, was won by JTC Fund Services Ltd., with one of two RBC Royal Bank teams finishing second, followed by Deloitte in third.

As a result of their second-place finish, the highest among sponsors, the RBC Royal Bank team was given the opportunity to select a local charity to be the beneficiary. Other sponsors were B1, Cayman National Bank, Dart and Deloitte. The Alex Panton Foundation is a registered Non-Profit Organisation that focuses on providing advocacy, awareness, education and support to the community of the Cayman Islands.

"We asked for your assistance with committed sponsorships to allow us to make a collective impact as part of the Camana Bay corporate community on the lives of those in Cayman who need it most. We thank you for your donations

as we have raised CI\$10,000 in commitments this year," said Dart Senior Property Manager, Jeffrey Wight.

"Your support will benefit many children and young people in our community through the work of the Alex Panton Foundation which provides hope and resources to friends, family, teachers, classmates and carers to help save the lives of children and young adults struggling with mental illness."

Participating teams were Appleby, B1, Bedell Cristin, Cayman National Bank, Dart, Deloitte, JTC Fund Services Ltd., Ogier, RBC Royal Bank and Tenet Bank.

Members of the winning JTC Fund Services Ltd. team were Bruce Smith, Graham Robinson, Connan Hill and Kai McGrielle. Special prizes were awarded for the following: Ladies Closest to the Pin – Jenni Huys; Men's Closest to the Pin – Richie Singleton; Men's Longest Drive – Erol Babayigit and Ladies Longest Drive – Lara Conolly.

## Cayman Finance welcomes government's updated commitment to the UK on beneficial ownership

Cayman Finance has welcomed Government's updated commitment to the UK with respect to Cayman's beneficial ownership framework.

The 2019 commitment initially aimed to introduce fully publicly accessible registers of beneficial ownership in all UK overseas territories by the end of 2023.

However, the European Court of Justice, in November 2022, issued a judgment that declared unfettered public access to beneficial ownership information in Luxembourg and other EU member states was a disproportionate interference with the

data protection and privacy rights guaranteed under the European Charter of Fundamental Rights.

Similar rights are guaranteed under the Cayman Islands Constitution and the European Convention on Human Rights, to which the Cayman Islands is a signatory. This makes the introduction of a fully accessible beneficial ownership register in the Cayman Islands constitutionally unsound.

The Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce has announced that, under its updated commitment to the UK, it plans to

work with relevant stakeholders, during 2024, to introduce an enhanced beneficial ownership framework under the recently published Beneficial Ownership Transparency Act.

This would allow access to beneficial ownership information only by members of the public who can demonstrate a legitimate interest in seeking the information to fight or prevent money laundering and terrorist financing.

Cayman Finance supports that any planned changes to the beneficial ownership register will strike the appropriate

balance between a legitimate interest in beneficial ownership transparency and Cayman's constitutionally protected data protection and privacy rights.

Cayman Finance is in favour of adopting global standards and the implementation of a public register once it becomes the global standard.

Cayman Finance is looking forward to consulting with the Government and our members to ensure the timely, effective and efficient implementation of the enhanced beneficial ownership framework.

# Refill Clinic located at General Practice

The Health Services Authority (HSA) is reminding the public that the Refill Clinic is located at the General Practice Clinic (2nd Floor, Smith Road Medical Centre).

The Refill Clinic provides patients the opportunity to get refills on their routine chronic medications through repeat prescriptions, especially for patients whose medications run out before their next appointment with their primary care physicians.

Patients with 0 refills (0 tablets) remaining may register at the Refill Clinic

by dropping off medication bottles before 2pm.

Prescriptions will be delivered to the Smith Road Pharmacy after 3 p.m., which means patients can leave and pick up their medication at the Smith Road Medical Centre Pharmacy (1st Floor) the same day; they do not have to return to General Practice. Prescriptions requests dropped off after 2pm will not be available until the following day after 3pm.

Dr. Eryka Simmons, Head of General Practice, emphasised that refills are only

granted when deemed necessary, and should not be used to replace routine visits. "We highly advise patients to consult with their primary care physician, especially those requiring controlled substances such as opiates, buprenorphine, cannabimol and derivatives, cannabis and cannabis resin, amphetamine and derivatives, barbiturates, and benzodiazepines. The dispensing of these substances is now subject to revised rules under the Misuse of Drugs Law," she stated.

Patients should book an appointment



with their primary care physician if it has been more than 6 months since their last visit.

The Refill Clinic is open from Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## POLICE NEWS

# RCIPS Financial Crime Unit Advises Public to Exercise Extra Caution this Holiday Season

This year, as always, with the increased commercial activity of the holiday season, comes increased risk from financial related crimes. The RCIPS Financial Crime Investigation Unit is reminding the public to exercise caution with financial transactions, and for businesses and their staff to remain vigilant for business related fraud.



### The Individual - Credit/Debit Card Scams

The RCIPS has seen a marked increase in credit and debit card scams. Of primary concern are those circumstances where only the card details, not the physical card, are taken. Having the physical card in your possession is therefore no guarantee that you are not a victim of credit/debit card theft.

Below are a few tips to help protect the card holder from debit and credit card scams:

1. Never share your card details or PIN with others.
2. Always keep your card in sight when making payments.
3. Monitor your account for payments you don't recognise. If possible, take advantage of transaction alerts provided through email or a bank approved app.
4. If you see a card payment you do not recognise, report it immediately to your bank.
5. Avoid, as best as possible, making payments with your card via phone. Opt otherwise to do so through secure recognisable platforms.
6. Unexpected emails, texts or calls from your bank should be viewed as suspicious. Check with your bank if you are unsure, before responding to texts and emails especially.

### Businesses - Business Email Compromise (BEC) Frauds

The RCIPS are also becoming increasingly concerned at the level of sophistication used by International fraudsters targeting businesses in the Cayman Islands through the use of Business Email Compromise or BEC Frauds.

These frauds involve the use of emails purporting to be sent by legitimate businesses and individuals, often arriving from known and or previously used email addresses. The emails often explain that the suppliers are changing their bank accounts from one Cayman based bank to another and that future invoices should be settled via the new account.

Remember these tips to help avoid you or your business falling victim to such a scam:

1. If you receive such an email, especially one with new banking/payment instructions, take the time to telephone the known supplier and double check that the email correspondence is genuine.
2. Care should especially be taken when clicking on links and attachments, even from seemingly known sources.
3. Multi-factor authentication for business transactions should be seriously considered at this time.
4. We would also remind the public, that if an online entity asks you to deposit monies into your bank account and to then transfer the money overseas, you may be committing offenses of money laundering,

# RCIPS Warns of Fraudulent Jamaica Visa Page

The RCIPS Cyber Crime team have been made aware of a scam circulating, targeting the Cayman Islands, which advertises a new online C5 Immigration and Customs form for a Jamaican visa at a significantly reduced fee. The page is "c5jamaica [.] com/pages/form#pifyform-13317". This is a scam and using this page will not only result in you losing your money, you will also not receive a valid C5 Visa.

The legitimate page for immigra-

tion to Jamaica is <https://pica.gov.jm>; which includes links to the proper online C5 application page.

At this time of year the RCIPS Cyber Crime team urge you to follow the mantra that "if it seems too good to be true, it probably is" and be very wary of goods/services being offered at a greatly reduced price.

For more cyber security advice visit [www.explore.gov.ky/cyber-safe](http://www.explore.gov.ky/cyber-safe) <<http://www.explore.gov.ky/cyber-safe>>.

# Police Respond to Disturbance at Seven Mile Public Beach



Shortly after 2:30PM on Wednesday afternoon, 13 December, officers responded to a report of a disturbance at the Seven Mile Public Beach. Police attended the location and made inquiries. As a result, a man age 49 of Bodden Town, was arrested on suspicion of insulting the modesty of a woman.

Whilst at the location, police had reason to suspect that persons were consuming drugs and illegally sell-

ing alcohol. A search was conducted of persons, and no illegal substances were found. However, police recovered alcoholic beverages in a cooler at the location which appeared to be intended for illegal sales.

Police are liaising with partners at the Department of Commerce and Investment and the Public Lands Commission, to investigate the allegations of illegal selling of liquor and the sale/consumption of ganja at the location.

# Messi is Icon's first Icon

The world's largest cruise ship will soon be operating around the Caribbean, giving the region's tourism a huge boost and none other than Lionel Messi will help promote the gigantic liner.

Royal Caribbean International's Icon of the Seas debuts on 27 January. Messi is the official ambassador of Icon of the Seas. The most decorated player in history is regarded as the greatest player of his era. He has won the Ballon d'Or award eight times and been named TIME's 2023 Athlete of the Year for ushering in a new era of football in the US after joining Royal Caribbean's partner and new Leagues Cup champions, Inter Miami, in the summer.

Icon has also marked record-breaking moments. The highly anticipated vacation's reveal in October 2022 sparked the single largest booking day and highest volume booking week in the cruise line's history.

As a measure of how huge Icon is, it is seven times bigger than the Titanic and can accommodate 7,600 guests and over 2,000 crew members. It includes the beach re-

treat, the resort escape and the theme park adventure. With six gigantic waterslides, seven pools, the first neighbourhood designed for young families, more than 40 ways to dine, drink and be entertained, and much more.

"I'm thrilled and honoured to join the Royal Caribbean family to celebrate the arrival of the game-changing Icon of the Seas," said Messi. "Icon is beyond anything else that's out there for family vacations."

Messi's new role follows the recent announcement of Royal Caribbean and Inter Miami CF's unprecedented partnership in which the cruise line is the club's Main Partner and Official Vacation Partner.

"Icon of the Seas is the culmination of more than 50 years of delivering memorable vacations, and it's set to live up to its name in more ways than one when it changes the vacation industry in January," said Michael Bayley, president and CEO, Royal Caribbean International who added that he is delighted that Messi is their Icon and at the official naming on 20 January in Miami.

Each seven-night adventure from Miami is all about island hopping across the Caribbean – like Philipsburg, St Maarten; Costa Maya and Cozumel, Mexico; and Charlotte Amalie, St Thomas – and at Royal Caribbean's award-winning private island, Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas. There, the adults-only oasis Hideaway Beach, debuts.



► Icon of the Seas is the world's largest ship



► Lionel Messi is Icon's star ambassador

## Dominicans shocked by suspicious deaths

Dominica's picturesque village of Soufriere has been rocked by the suspicious death of two dearly loved local entrepreneurs.

Two Americans have been charged with the murder of a Canadian businessman and his partner. Jonathan Lehrer and Robert Snider were both charged at a hearing earlier this month before Dominica's chief magistrate.

Police believe the two were involved in the suspicious deaths of Daniel Langlois and Dominique Merchand, whose bodies were discovered in a burnt-out vehicle two weeks ago.

Both are in custody pending a trial.

Police discovered the bodies in the Soufriere area, after they had been reported missing.

Langlois, who founded an animation software firm called Softimage that has been used in blockbuster films, was originally from Quebec and had lived with his partner in Dominica since 1997.

After their bodies were discovered, police said they detained three foreign nationals and one Dominican.

A few days later, officials charged Lehrer and Snider, who was described in reports as Lehrer's "accomplice", with the murder of the couple.

Lehrer, a chocolate maker who is originally from New Jersey, owned a 53-acre property next to a 200-acre luxury, off-the-grid eco-resort that was owned by the couple. The couple owned the eco-resort Coulibri Ridge, located on the Bois Cotlette Estate, one of the



► Robert Snider and Jonathan Lehrer have been charged with murder

oldest plantations in Dominica.

Lehrer had for years been in a dispute with the couple over the use of a public road that intersected with his property, which he had allegedly blocked by placing boulders on it and digging a trench, according to court documents.

Langlois then filed legal action against Lehrer, claiming his actions had hampered the smooth running of his resort and reduced his livelihood. He sought a permanent injunction against Lehrer so that the road could be opened up.

In 2019, a High Court judge mandated that Lehrer open up the road to public use, and that he grant guests of Langlois' unrestricted access.

The ruling, penned by Judge Bernie Stephenson, noted that both men are prominent businessmen whose projects are beneficial not only to them, but their employees, the village and its surrounding areas. Locals claimed that Lehrer used intimidating tactics to deter people from using the road.

## Stones now sipping own brown sugar



► The Stones have launched Crossfire Hurricane rum

Jamaica's celebrated rum industry's latest brand has just been launched by none other than aging rockers The Rolling Stones.

The British rockers stayed in the Rockhouse in Negril in the 70s to record and eventually created the celebrated album *Goats Head Soup*, much of which was filmed at Dynamic Sounds in Kingston in 1973.

The Stones loved recording in the Caribbean, including Cable Beach in Nassau and at Chris Blackwell's Compass Point Studios. Mick Jagger has long enjoyed visiting Mustique, and Keith Richards loves Turks and Caicos.

And now, a half-century after they recorded *Goats Head Soup*, the Stones have their own rum, Crossfire Hur-

ricane, deriving its name from the opening lyric of *Jumpin' Jack Flash*: "I was born in a crossfire hurricane."

The rum is bottled in Florida, blended from Jamaica, Barbados and the Dominican Republic. Aged up to five years, it comes in a green-and-white labelled bottle with the Stones' iconic tongue logo.

This is the Stones' first-ever premium spirit, timed with the launch of their first new studio album in 18 years, *Hackney Diamonds*.

The aroma has notes of confectioner's sugar, vanilla and tropical fruit — most notably banana. The flavour profile is dominated by citrus peel, mango, pineapple, coconut husk, fennel and fresh cane stalk. It retails for around \$37.

# 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

		9		1	6		4	
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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Difficulty Level ★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Mideast region
- 7 Leave out
- 11 Wise lawgivers
- 12 Tortoise's rival
- 13 Shake, perhaps
- 15 "Go ahead, ask"
- 16 "Git!"
- 18 Hand part
- 21 Monsoon weather
- 22 Brook
- 24 Ornate vase
- 25 Coquettish
- 26 "You — Here"
- 27 Free speech curtailer
- 29 Sailor's lockup
- 30 Estate recipient
- 31 Glass section
- 32 Diamond side
- 34 Stay cool in the summer
- 40 Longing for
- 42 Walked over
- 43 Blush

### DOWN

- 1 Dray puller
- 2 Fish eggs
- 3 In the style of
- 4 Singer Michael
- 5 Prologue
- 6 Pale
- 7 "Heavens!"
- 8 West of Hollywood
- 9 Radio's Glass
- 10 — Aviv
- 14 Vacant
- 16 Singer McLachlan
- 17 Door part
- 19 Get smart tub
- 20 Madame Curie
- 21 Weaver's creation
- 22 Boar's mate
- 23 Ryan of "Top Gun"
- 25 Garnet unit
- 28 Raised older
- 29 Used the tub
- 31 Tick off
- 33 Scorch
- 34 Except
- 35 Make goofs
- 36 In past years
- 37 Termination
- 38 Get older
- 39 High rating

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R	E	A	D	Y		T	E	R	S	E

### Yesterday's answer

- 20 Madame Curie
- 21 Weaver's creation
- 22 Boar's mate
- 23 Ryan of "Top Gun"
- 25 Garnet unit
- 28 Raised older
- 29 Used the tub
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## Word Search

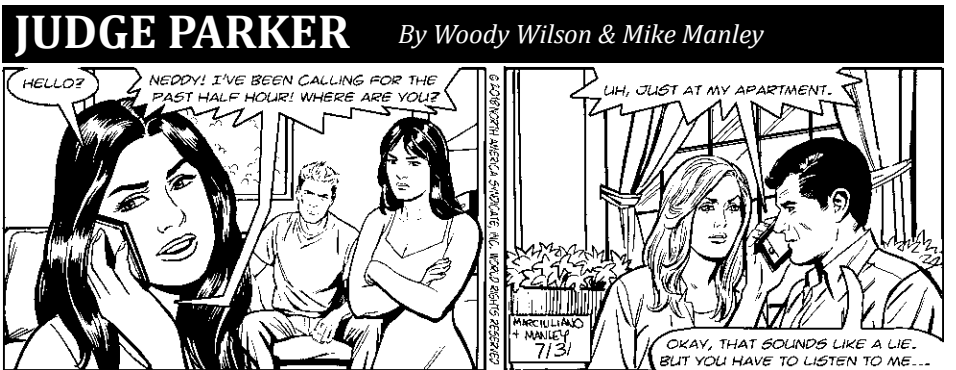
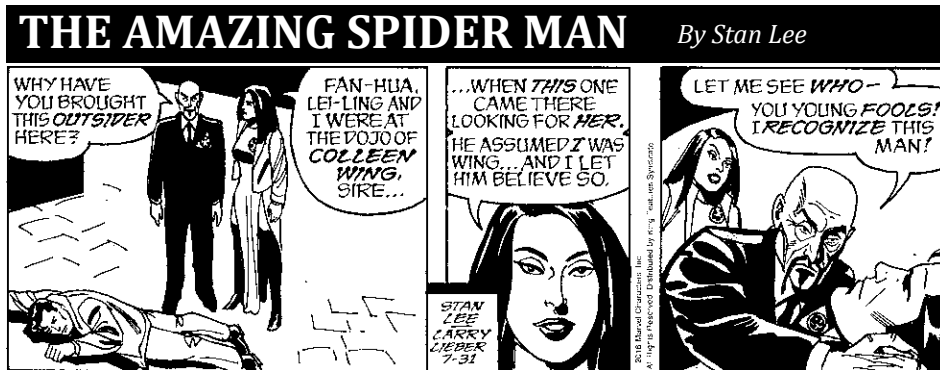
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- Bunyip
- Chimera
- Dragon
- Dryad
- Dybbuk
- Fairy
- Faun
- Genie
- Ghost
- Gnome
- Goblin
- Golem
- Gremlin
- Kelpie
- Kraken
- Leprechaun
- Lorelei
- Mermaid
- Naiad
- Pixie
- Sprite
- Sylph
- Troll
- Zombie

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



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The Central Planning Authority (CPA) is considering a request for alteration to the Development Plan 1997 (RZ23-0003) for the following: Block 32D Parcels 320-322, 339-341 & 355, and Block 38E Parcels 637-638 from Agricultural/Residential to Medium Density Residential. These parcels are located to the west of Beach Bay Road.



**Proposed Rezone Parcels**  
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The electronic file can be inspected at the Department of Planning, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal must do so in writing within 60 days of the final advertisement (December 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023) or by February 20<sup>th</sup> 2024. Please remit all correspondence to the attention of the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, KY1-9000 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; or by email to [planning.dept@gov.ky](mailto:planning.dept@gov.ky). CPA meeting minutes pertaining to this application can be found on the Department's website at [www.planning.ky](http://www.planning.ky) (Meeting CPA/26/23; Item 3.1)



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