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CAYMAN COPES WITH THE SARGASSUM SCOURGE

By Staff Writer

In Cayman, it appears that we'll just have to learn to live with the yearly sargassum scourge.

Once again, huge swathes of the pesky seaweed are clogging up the beaches emitting a putrid stench when it rots.

Although smelly, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Nick Gent says sargassum does not represent a significant risk to human health.

"When sargassum mats become stranded on the shoreline they will decompose. Like all decomposing biomass, it will produce gasses, such as hydrogen sulfide, which can have an unpleasant smell, even producing feelings of nausea. However, being outdoors, such gasses usually disperse rapidly and do not cause injury or illness," he said.

A Cayman Islands Government (CIG) advisory states that in unusual circumstances where these gasses may not disperse quickly, low residual concentrations of hydrogen sulfide can cause irritation to the eyes, nose, and throat. As degrading Sargassum may contain a complex mix of irritants, direct contact may cause skin rashes and it is recommended that people working to clear such materials use appropriate workwear and wash their hands after contact.

Currently, authorities here are monitoring what's known as 'the Great Atlantic Sargassum Belt', a patch of seaweed stretching more than 5,000 miles and estimated to weigh more than 10 million tonnes which is currently drifting through the Caribbean Sea towards the Gulf of Mexico.

The Department of Environment (DoE) and Cayman Islands National Weather Service (CINWS) have access to regional Sargassum forecasting and tracking systems, including NOAA's predictive Sargassum model.

However, officials say it remains difficult to predict local stranding events before they occur. A combination of interrelated factors, including prevailing winds and complicated nearshore currents, contribute to whether floating Sargassum lands on local shores.

Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Chief Officer Jennifer Ahearn says



Sargassum season starts in South Sound

the high levels of Sargassum in the Caribbean Sea this year increase the likelihood of the Cayman Islands being impacted in 2023.

"The Cayman Islands is one of many countries increasingly impacted by large Sargassum blooms over the past decade. These influxes of Sargassum are driven by external factors such as climate change and increases in nutrients from terrestrial deforestation and represent an emerging, long-term issue that governments, scientists and private sector organisations across the Caribbean region are all working to address."

According to Ms Ahearn, "At this time, there is no 'one size fits all' solution to Sargassum. Each large-scale beaching event is different and responses - whether led by the public or private sector - will need to take these unique circumstances into account to ensure our interventions do not cause unintentional, negative impacts on local habitats and species."

Sargassum is a natural part of the ocean ecosystem and healthy patches of this floating seaweed can serve as important habitats for fish, crabs, shrimp, turtles and birds. In smaller quantities, Sargassum that washes up on shore is naturally washed away or buried by wave action, nourishing the beach and stabilising the shoreline.

A task force was previously established under the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure to tackle large-scale sargassum influxes affecting public beaches and boat ramps.

The Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency, working in collaboration with the DoE, Cayman Islands National Weather Service, Hazard Management Cayman Islands among other agencies, says it is producing a holistic framework to quickly coordinate a national response in the event of Sargassum stranding incidents.

"The Government continues to actively monitor the Sargassum blooms and is prepared to act upon stranding incidents as we have in the past, whether through clean-ups of public beaches and boat ramps led by the Public Works Department or using new techniques like we did in response to the North Sound stranding event last year. The national response framework will serve to formalise existing roles and responsibilities, and clarify thresholds for mobilising certain agencies," Ahearn said.

Last year, in response to an unusual stranding event which affected the North Sound in Grand Cayman, the Cayman Islands Government trialled an initiative to pump the Sargassum out of the water and transport the seaweed to the George Town Landfill.

The trial removed more than 2,880 square feet of seaweed before it became too degraded, and the teams on the ground learned a lot about the parameters for success using this method.

According to the DoE, whether this methodology is used again will depend on the unique circumstances of the incident, and the potential impacts on the Cayman Islands natural environment, communities and tourism product.

The department has developed informational materials and a seaweed removal enquiry form to help landowners determine when action is needed to address stranded sargassum and when it is best to let nature take its course.

It advises that special precautions should also be taken during turtle nesting season. In larger quantities, sargassum strandings can reduce water oxygen levels and light penetration with the potential to negatively affect marine life, and cause a nuisance to residents and visitors.





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New Old Man Bay Dock Update



▶ Installation of silt screen prior to commencement of dredging.

▶ Commencement of piling work for the new dock this week.



the existing dock was critically in need of repairs and upgrade for over 15 years. "The people of North Side have been engaged and the fishermen have given their support. The Government has been committed to moving this project forward and I am pleased that the changes will allow for small boats to safely launch and utilise the dock area for

partment, include dredging works at the existing dock and the new dock location as well as construction of a new dock and re-

Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure Hon. Jay Ebanks said

pairs to the existing fish hut.

He further noted, "The construction of the new dock and fishing hut will enable marine vessels safe access and moving from the seaside to the dock and also from the dock to the seaside without damage to vessels due

fishing and other watersport activities", he

to existing marine conditions".

Project managers Public Works Department have emphasised that all the necessary permits have been received from the relevant agencies of Government and notices to proceed issued by the Department of Environment.

The contract for the project was executed between the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure and contractor Robson Construction end of last year.

The Public Works Department is advising members of the public that the area is an active construction zone and restricted to employees of the contractor, Department of Environment and Public Works Department.

Work has commenced on the new Old Man Bay Dock in North Side and is forecast to be completed by August 2023.

The two phases of the project, which are being undertaken by the Public Works De-

A note to our clients

Interest Rates Changes

Effective 24 March 2023, CIBC FirstCaribbean will adjust its KYD and USD Prime Rates from 7.75% to 8.00%.

This adjustment is in response to the change in the US Federal Funds rate announced by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee in the United States on March 22, 2023.

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RE/MAX CAYMAN ISLANDS, #1 REAL ESTATE COMPANY IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, DOMINATES AWARDS AT R4

R4 is RE/MAX Corporate's Worldwide Conference That Acknowledges Top Sales Associates, Teams and Offices Worldwide

RE/MAX Cayman Islands is proud to announce that they earned the #1 award in three of the highest-ranking categories at this year's R4 convention; RE/MAX corporate's worldwide conference that acknowledges the top sales associates, teams and offices worldwide. RE/MAX Cayman Islands agents competed among over 140,000 worldwide agents and over 57,000 global agents.

Top 50 Worldwide (Small Team, Residential)

#1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team Top 50 Global (Small Team, Residential) #1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team Top 25 Global (Small Team, Commer-

#1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team

The RE/MAX Cayman Islands team also did exceptionally well in the Top 100 Awards. The full list of all the awards is as follows:

Top 50 Worldwide (Small Team, Residential)

#1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team #7 James Bovell and the Bovell Team #20 Bianca Alberga & Dillon Claassens Top 100 Worldwide (Team, Residential & Commercial)

#34 Kim Lund and the Lund Team Top 100 Global (Team, Residential & Commercial)

#2 Kim Lund and the Lund Team #13 James Bovell and the Bovell Team #30 Bianca Alberga & Dillon Claassens



► Kim Lund and James Bovell at R4 2023

Top 50 Global (Small Team, Residential) #1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team #3 James Bovell and the Bovell Team #6 Bianca Alberga & Dillon Claassens Top 25 Global (Small Team, Commercial) #1 Kim Lund and the Lund Team

Top 100 Global (Individual, Residential)

#63 Samantha Payne

#78 Mark Gaus Top 100 Global (Individual, Commercial)

#48 Michael Binckes

"Even with the increase in competition in our market, RE/MAX Cayman Islands continues to dominate not only in the Cayman Islands but on a global and worldwide stage," commented Kim Lund, Broker/ Owner of RE/MAX Cavman Islands. "This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire office."

A career award was also presented to Heather Richards for Hall of Fame.

"With 30 full-time agents at RE/MAX Cayman Islands we continue to offer outstanding service to all of our

customers and clients," added James Bovell, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Cayman Islands. "Our continued success along with our 30+ year history is what sets us apart."

RE/MAX Cayman Islands agents were also honoured with numerous production awards.

Kim Lund - Pinnacle James Bovell - Pinnacle Michael Binckes - Diamond Samantha Payne - Titan Bianca Alberga - Titan Mark Gaus - Titan Dillon Claassens - Chairman's Club Kass Coleman - Chairman's Club Tamara Siemens - Platinum Club Mitchell Hillier – Platinum Club Alan O'Connell - Platinum Club Nick Dibb - Platinum Club Samuel Lancaster - 100% Club Scott Roe- 100% Club Susan Boyko - 100% Club Marques Riddick - 100% Club Heather Richards - 100% Club Brad Huffstetler - 100% Club Edna Ebanks - 100% Club Craig Bosio - 100% Club Cindy Raymond – Executive Club Mabel McMillan – Executive Club Kerstin Stiebel - President's Club Lavern Welcome - Executive Club Mona Mirzaie - President's Club Chantele Miller - President's Club Stephen Rivers - President's Club

Jeremy Scott confirmed as the WORC Director

After a long recruitment process, Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) on Friday announced that Mr Jeremy Scott has been confirmed as the Director.

Mr Scott holds 26 years of service with the Cayman Islands Government and started his career at legacy Immigration as an Immigration Officer. After seven years in this role, he was promoted to Senior Immigration Officer, then in 2010 was promoted to Assistant Chief Immigration Officer. In this role he managed operations and investigations in the Enforcement Division and often acted as Deputy Chief of Enforcement as well as Deputy Chief of Border Control with a short tenure Acting as Director of Boards, which meant overseeing management of Immigration Boards and Administrators. In 2018, Mr. Scott further advanced his career securing the role as Deputy Director of Compliance upon the creation of WORC.



His experience with laws and regulations relating to Caymanian status, permanent residency, business staffing plans, general working facilities and overall experience in leadership roles during his civil service career is exceptionally valuable to the current post. His leadership in Compliance and involvement with

Customer Care has allowed him to become well rounded in all areas, making him an ideal choice to lead the department.

"I am grateful for the ability to continue to lead the organisation which provides an important service for the economy and people of the Cayman Islands, says Mr Scott .

"Having acted as Interim Director for intervals since 2020, has afforded me the opportunity to build strong working relationship with my colleagues where we have overcome many challenges, achieved numerous successes and celebrated wins collectively. I look forward to leading the organisation along with my colleagues, as we remain focused on promoting employment opportunities for Caymanians whilst equally ensuring economic prosperity for our Islands," her added.

Deputy Governor Hon Franz Manderson said "Mr Scott's vast experience and career with the Immigration Department made him a great fit for the Director role. I am especially pleased that we promoted from within the Department which speaks well to the training and development of our staff. Having worked with Jeremy for over 15 years, I can attest to his exemplary character, strong work

ethic, passion and commitment to the job".

Recognising section 55 of the Cayman Islands Constitution, Minister for Border Control & Labour, Hon., Dwayne Seymour said "While I had no role in the selection process, I express my congratulations to Mr Scott in his role as the confirmed Director of WORC. In my interactions with him he has always been professional and helpful and his long service career with the civil service means he brings a lot of skills and experience to be able to lead such an organisation."

"I am delighted that Mr Scott has been confirmed as the Director of WORC. I am confident that he will continue leading the organization to great accomplishments." Said Chief Officer Wesley Howell. Who continued, "Mr Scott worked his way up from the most junior levels in Immigration Department and is well-trained and experienced to lead the WORC department forward."



▶ H.E. Mr. Martyn Roper (4th left) holds an art piece presented by Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly (4th right) as a parting gift, on behalf of the John Gray High School. Also photographed are (1-r) Raldayne Thomas, JGHS Headboy, Alicia Faulkner (Headgirl), Hon Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor, Hon. Wayne Panton, Ms. Lyneth Monteith and Mr. Jonathan Clark



▶ Hon Juliana O'Connor-Connolly (c) cuts the ceremonial ribbon with the assistance of Hon. Wayne Panton and HE Governor Martyn Roper. In the background, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Hon. Andre Ebanks, Alicia Faulkner, Mr. Mark Ray, Ms. Heather Bodden and Mr. Adrian Jones (partially concealed)

New John Gray High School Officially Opens



► Governor Martyn Roper reads the ceremonial plaque before tightening the final screw of the time capsule.



Members of the JGHS Robotics Team demonstrate their skill for visitors to the robotics area.



► Hon. Wayne Panton and Mr. Isaac Rankine look at engine parts during a tour of JGHS's automotive workshop.

By Stacey-Ann Anderson

The New John Gray High School (JGHS) officially opened on Monday, 20 March, with a formal ceremony in the gymnasium.

Ministry of Education (MOE) Acting Chief Officer Lyneth Monteith welcomed the guests, saying, "The new facility will undoubtedly provide students with a state-of-the-art learning environment that will inspire and challenge them to reach their full potential."

During the celebrations, Governor Roper urged students to make the best use of the new facility. He stated, "I encourage you to take advantage of all the new facility offers. Use the extra space and resources to explore your passions, challenge yourself academically, and engage in extracurricular activities that will help you grow as individuals."

The Premier, Hon. Wayne Panton, further called on students to take care of the new facility, saying: "I encourage you to care for it, be proud of it, to protect it from those within and outside who would try to tarnish its reputation. Take ownership of it because it was built with your well-being and security in mind and to help you, as your school motto says: "Hold fast to that which is good".

For her part, Minister for Education, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, encouraged students to take advantage of the many opportunities they have presented. "We [past and present government] have provided you with everything you need to succeed. It's now up to you to knock it out of the park when the next results come in so you

can move from being a good school to an excellent one."

Minister O'Connor-Connolly also implored parents to support the school every step of the way. At the same time, Principal Jonathan Clark thanked all those instrumental in ensuring the new school became a reality.

The Education Minister later cut the ribbon to officially open the new

school building. She was assisted by His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper and The Premier Hon. Wayne Panton.

Governor Roper sealed the time capsule and unveiled a plaque to signify the momentous occasion.

The event culminated with tours of the new school and a cocktail reception catered in part by the JGHS Home Economics Department.

Among those in attendance were House Speaker Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, Deputy Governor Hon. Franz Manderson, Minister for Home Affairs, Youth, Sport, Culture & Heritage, Hon. Bernie Bush, Former Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Minister for Tourism Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Health & Wellness Hon. Sabrina Turner, Minister for Financial Ser-



► Food & Nutrition students prepare to serve guests arriving in the Foods Lab.



A Food & Nutrition student serves guests during a tour of the Foods Lab.

vices, Commerce, Investment, Innovation & Social Development, Hon. Andre Ebanks, Minister for Border Control & Labour Hon Dwayne Seymour, Attorney General, Hon. Samuel Bulgin, Parliamentary Secretary for Tourism & Social Development, Ms. Heather Bodden, Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs, Planning, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure Mr. Isaac Rankine and Department of Education Services Director, Mr. Mark Ray.

Other notable attendees included MOE Deputy Chief Officer Mr. Joel Francis, Acting Deputy Chief Officer Mr. Adrian Jones, DES Deputy Director Mr. Elroy Bryan, Senior School Improvement Officers, Former Education Minister Ms. Tara Rivers, Former Chief Officer Mr. Christian Suckoo, members of the Education Council, Mr. John Gray

Jr. and family, representatives of McAlpine & Public Works Department, several civil servants, parents, teachers, students and other stakeholders.

The purpose-built facility, designed to ensure the efficient delivery of teaching models and create more significant opportunities for vocational pathways which features a state-of-the-art performing arts centre and automotive shop, special labs for clothing and textiles, food and nutrition, and design and construction technology, has been fully open for student use since January and aims to provide a safe, modern and comfortable learning environment.

To learn more or to watch the opening ceremony online, visit https://www.youtube.com/live/SqtEgg4piEw?feature=share

Caymanian Times celebrates 10 years Launches new talk show

'Cayman Conversations' is the latest venture from the publisher behind the Caymanian Times Newspaper, adding to the media offerings of the news outlet.

The launch of the new talk show, which will take place on Monday, 3 April at 12pm on BOBO 89.1 FM and coincides with the ten-year anniversary of the paper, which will be celebrated during the month of April.

The first Cayman Conversations talk show and discussion, will feature Caymanian Times' Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, Mr. Ralph Lewis, who was interviewed by Reporter/Writer, Mr. Stuart Wilson, who also serves as a staff-writer for the Caymanian Times.

Mr. Lewis explained the reason for the new spinoff and why it was important to have a forum to discuss the topics happening in the community and featured in the

"I saw the need the need to grow the platform not only in print but also on the radio, online and other facets, the idea is to use multiple outlets," said Mr. Lewis, who explained that the new talk show would be airing, Monday through Thursday and will be presented at 12pm till 2pm

During the interview several topics will



Mr. Ralph Lewis

Times newspaper started and some of the highlights of the publication along the way.

"We started out as a publication that is upbeat and focused on examining the region in relation to what was happening here in the Cayman Islands.

"There have been many highlights along

tro, which happened during a trip I took to Cuba to learn more about the tourism industry there, as there was a lot of run-off in the market, with more tourists visiting Cuba and I wanted to see how we could duplicate this success in the Cayman Islands," said Mr.

He added that as a Caymanian, and someone who had made the Cayman Islands his home, it is important for him to contribute to the Islands' society in meaningful ways.

A part of this was giving back to the community with a service that allowed persons to source Jobs, which was the impetus behind the genesis of the Caymanian Times, as the paper was originally meant to be an advertising tool for employers and job seekers.

Upon the initial publication of the Caymanian Times, Mr. Lewis said there were some challenges, including the setback of having his first application for license, denied.

During the period of time, he was waiting for the license to create a job seekers publication, he decided to go fully into publishing

The paper was first called Caymanian Weekly. It started out looking at all the issues of the day, including immigration, education, finance and politics.

Prior to Covid-19, the Caymanian Times was publishing the paper, five days per week

welcome another woman to the powerful post of Prime Minister

reigns of another super power.

If the polls in the US stay true we will also see another woman, Hilary Clinton, take the

and is now revamping back to its original frequency.

Incidentally, the pandemic was also a focal point for the paper's profile.

Mr. Lewis explained why it was an important time to launch the talk show at this

"We want to have more of a live presence and piggy-back off the goodwill and profile that was established during the pandemic and through the years of publishing the paper," said Mr. Lewis.

"Readers of the newspaper will now be able to hear a live discussion that takes a deeper look into the news, with guests ranging from politicians to musicians and other notable representatives in the community," he added.

'We want to have a focus on the arts and the local music is very important to us, we want to explore all areas of life in Cayman and give a platform for the community to engage in meaningful discussion," said Mr. Lewis.

The Caymanian Times now publishes two days per week and will start ramping up to three days per week, once flights return normally, according to Mr. Lewis.

Look out for Cayman Conversations on your local radio dial on BOBO 98.1 FM, Monday - Friday from 12pm to 2pm.

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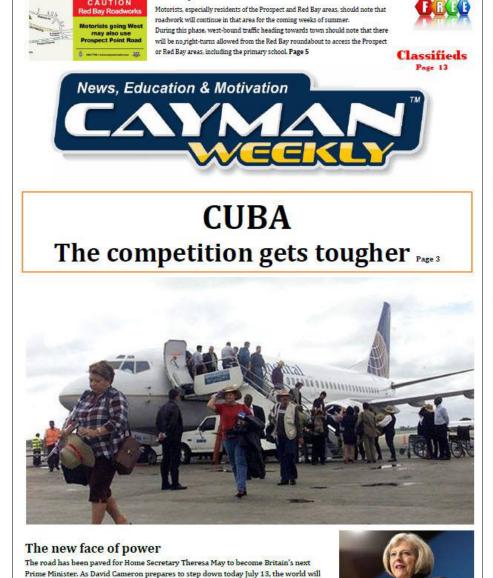




Editorial | Bar & Nightclub Safety

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones who are currently mourning the loss of the 49 victims that lost their lives early Sunday morning. While many of our residents will not condone homosexual behavior these individuals did not deserve to be slaughtered like animals by a mentally ill person who used religion to justify his actions.





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Red Bay road works directions

Mosquito release commences in GC page 11





Success with Passport2Success



Talk on the Street: New Election System With the

general elections less than 10 months away, this reporter has taken to the streets to gauge the public's understanding of the new electoral system that will be in place, namely one-person-one-vote and single member constituencies. The exact question posed was, "Do you fully understand the new election system for the next election?" Below are the responses of 10 individuals. Page 7

Third Zika virus case confirmed

The Public Health Department has confirmed the third imported case of the Zika virus in the Cayman Islands.

The patient, a female resident, travelled June 11 to 19 to a country where there is an outbreak of Zika virus. She reported onset of symptoms beginning on 21 June when she visited the Health Services Authority on 26 June. Page 4



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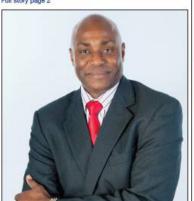
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From humble beginnings | Independents lukewarm on Bush's endorsement

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Two independent MLAs, half a year after leaving the government benches, have gotten a ringing and orse-ment from the Leader of the Opposition as they prepare to seek re-election to the Legislative Assembly. Howev-er, the two beneficiaries of McKeeva Bush's praise have been quick to distance themselves from his Cayman

Mr. Robert Berry Appointed FRA Head

Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Helen Kilpatrick, CB, is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Robert James Berry as the Director of the Financial Reporting Authority (FRA). Mr. Berry has a long and distinguished career in financial services regulation at a senior managerial level and extensive experience in anti-money ndering and countering the financing of terrorism. Page 10



A bolt of lightening



Cayman Weekly launches traditional newspaper and changes its name Three years later Cayman Weekly has taken another step in its development. In the very near future Cayman Weekly formerly Employment Weekly will launch its own traditional tabloid newspaper named "Caymanian Times". Our affordable advertising rates will allow business owners to get more value for money thereby reaching their customers on a more frequent basis Page 10



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Orientation for the primary schools is for new students and they need to be accompanied by their parent/guardian Dil Primary Schools (including the Little Cayman Education Centre) reopen on August 29th at 8:30am

September 1st - School reopens for all students at 8:10am

News, Education & Motivation



New **Police** Commissioner

Following a rigorous recruitment process, conducted by a panel comprising the Governor (Chair), the Deputy Governor, the Commissioner of Police of Bermuda, Mr Donald Seymour (recommended by the Premier) and the Hon. Dr. Linford Pierson OBE IP (recommended by the Leader of the Opposition), Her Excellency the Governor, Helen Kilpatrick, has appointed Derek Patrick Byrne from Ireland as the new Commissioner of Police in the Cayman Islands.

Police Report: Busy weekend for Law Enforcement

Last weekend saw an escalation of arrests and incidents over previous weeks as police officers were kept busy with arrests.

Just before midnight, on Saturday, 20 August, a man came to West Bay Police Station bleeding profusely from a wound to his left forearm. Officers on duty rendered emergency First Aid to the victim and called for emergency assistance. The victim was taken to hospital by ambulance.

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Department of Sports Have Your Say Series

During March we will be publishing a list of women who are involved in sports in Cayman Islands



Our thirtieth person in the Series is: **Luna Shantel Ebanks**

Currently a 9th grader attending Triple C School. One of CIVF star players training in the National Indoor Volleyball Development Program which is led by Dr. Trevor Theroulde.

Displays excellent skills on court, also is involved as a volunteer in all of CIVF major volleyball events.

2022 U23 NORCECA Beach Tournament's National Scorer

2022 Senior NORCECA Beach Tournament's National Scorer

Key player in the National Indoor Volleyball Development Program

Member of Tripe C school's net-

Captain of the U14 Volleyball Team (girls) for Triple C School

Captain of the U18 Volleyball Team (girls) for Triple C School

1st place winner in the 2022 U18 Private School Association (PSA) Volleyball Indoor Tournament (girls' division)

1st place winner in the Taekwondo Poomsae competition in Hondu-

1st place winner in the Steel Pan Competition

Quote:

"No matter what others tell you, continue doing your best because they don't know how strong you are." #EmbraceEquity.



Our twenty-eight person in the Series is: **Andrea Singh**

Employed by CIG for past 35 years -Lands & Survey Department.

Playing Netball since age 11.

Player Coach, Manager Official, and Umpire & Administrator. Coaching primary school & senior level for 2 plus decades.

Mostly focused on UN 16 & UN 21 - Level C umpiring award, & coaching qualification.

Represented CI National Netball Team at 3 World Championships: New Zealand, England & Jamaica and at multiple Caribbean Champi-

National Team Manager:

2013, UN 21 team First ever under 21 World Netball Championship in Scotland 2014 & the Tri-Series Canada in both 2017 (Cayman Islands)

2018 (Canada) & 2018 under 14's to St Maartens.

Key member of the team that developed and implemented the Turtle Netters Youth Netball Programme targeting UN 11 & currently the coach for the "Turtle Netters".

Founding, Coach & Manager for Sky Angels Netball & Sports Club.

National Team Managers for UN 16's Squad travelling to Dominica March 2023.

Quote:

'Women don't need to find a voice, they have a voice, and they need to feel empowered to use it, and people need to be encouraged to listen"- Meghan Markle.

I #EmbraceEquity



Our twenty-fifth person in the Series

Soleya Manzanares

A-Level Student at St. Ignatius Catholic School

Graduated high school with top honors with 8 A*s and 2 As in I/GCSE external exams

Under 18 National Women's Basketball Team Member

19 Girls Basketball League Regular Season MVP, Scoring Champion, Leader, Top Rebounder and Best **Defensive Player**

Quote:

"When you give up comparing yourself to other people, you'll be free to focus on your best effort". #EmbraceEquity

Recent Assist

der-18 Nationals team.

Assistant coach for Cay-



twenty-seventh person in the Series is:

April Ebanks Agurcia

Associates Degree in Primary Education and Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education with an English minor.

Cayman Islands Un-

Basketballer of the year

CIBA Women's League champions 2013 and

man Islands Women's Na-

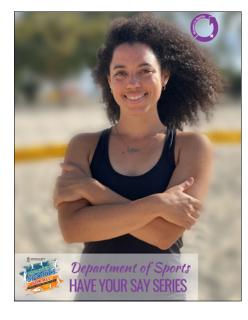
tional Team in 2015 and 2017.

Assistant coach with Women of Valor basketball club for 8 years and Head coach with Women of Valor - Academy.

Level I Coaching Certificate 2023.

Quote:

"If women are expected to do the same work as men, we must teach them the same things". #EmbraceEquity



Our twenty-ninth person in the Series is:

Ileana Powery

Owner of iPow Creations, a local business that provides photography and videography services to its clients.

Cayman Islands Women's Beach Volleyball Player

Travelled to 11 different countries and competed in 16 international tournaments through the sport.

Placed 7th out of 16 teams for the 2022 NORCECA stop hosted in the Cayman Islands

Competed at the 2015 Pan-Am Games in Toronto, Canada,

Competed in three Island Games (Bermuda, Gotland & Gibraltar)

Competed in the 2018 CAC

Games in Colombia

Competed in the Youth Olympic qualifiers in Trinidad & Tobago and Puerto Rico

Entrepreneur (owner of a local business titled iPow Creations)

Photographer; Videographer; Cayman Islands Folk Singer; Athlete

John Gray High School and UCCI Graduate & 2016 Proud of Them Honoree

Quote:

"As the carriers of human life, women have always been the epitome of strength and resilience. Regardless of the doubts or limits that are put on our potential, we will always rise and overcome". #EmbraceEquity

Department of Sports Have Your Say Series

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Tristan Wesenhagen

Volunteer: Coach & Admin Support CIG Department of Sports

Women In Sports Community Fitness Groups - General Events & Programmes

Quote:

"My mother and father, taught me that parenting with equity means understanding that each child is unique and has their own set of strengths, challenges and needs. As a parent I do my best to provide my sons, with the support they each need to thrive. Men and women play many different roles in society; and while they may differ to some degree; women & girls rights to equity is paramount to the function of society". I #EmbraceEquity!



Our twenty-second & twenty-third person in the Series are sisters:

Name: **Sarah Jackson** - Left in photo 5x CARIFTA medalist.

Currently competes for the University of Northern Colorado

Most recently winning a silver as part of the 200 Free Relay

Hold the 9th fastest 100free in Programme history.

Quote:

Embracing our uniqueness is what makes us the extraordinary woman that we are.

#EmbraceEquity

Name: **Allison Jackson** – Right in photo

18 x CARIFTA medalist

3x Island Games medalist

Caribbean Games gold medalist

Swimming for the University of Northern Colorado

Current school record holder in the 200 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, and the 200 medley relay

Quote:

Sports bring people and communities together regardless of background and create opportunities for everyone to succeed.

#EmbraceEquity



Tva Mae Bovell

Age: 22 Position: Loose-Head Prop and Back Row.

Began rugby journey over 5 years ago when the U18 girls side was established for Cayman's Women's Ruby Team.

She has had several opportunities to represent her home overseas since and is looking forward to being a part of the upcoming Women's team to play against NOVA RFC in Virginia in preparation for RANS15 in July. Plays at both university and club level with the Harlequin Amateurs Women. She is

currently pursuing her Masters in Human Nutrition while working as a Sports Rehab Therapist for Barnes RFC in the UK.

Quote:

"Embracing equity means being able to access the same opportunities to participate, train and compete as a rugby player but as a woman in sports just like my male or nonblack colleagues. To me, equity should be based on what my performance, experiences and qualifications brings to the game". Tya Mae Bovell

#EmbraceEquity



Our twenty-sixth person in the Series is: **Chelsea Brown**

Occupation: Football Coach, Excel Sports Management

Bachelor of Science in Recreation and Sports Management

CONCACAF D license & Coerver diploma 1 & 2

Division 2 football player at Southern

Wesleyan University

Former U9 & U10 Head Coach at Carolina Elite Soccer Academy (South Carolina, USA)

U17, U20, Senior Cayman National Team Member

Quote:

"Form is temporary. Class is permanent" #EmbraceEquity

CayMAS Carnival NPO announces partnership with Flow

By Contributor

CayMAS Carnival NPO is pleased and excited to announce our partnership with the Cayman Islands premiere Telecommunication giant Flow!! The sponsorship agreement was signed recently by CayMAS and Flow representatives, hosted by the Ironshore Group at Ironshore Studios, the recently launched, state-of-the-art sound and recording studio in George Town.

CayMAS Carnival NPO is particularly excited to be able to see it blossom into a new era of carnival with Flow. This effortless synergy gives Flow the ability to paint the town blue in the next few weeks leading up to the Carnival and in Particular Carnival day on the 1st of July 2023.

With Flow as the title sponsor for Cay-MAS 2023 ,we look forward to having a long lucrative relationship. With the first collaboration between our entities having been in 2018 , when CayMAS partnered with the Telecommunication company for our Soca Monarch Competition. We are confident in the future success of this partnership.

Additionally, the Ironshore Group will work alongside both parties throughout



▶ (From left to right) CayMAS Director Jermaine Sharpe, CayMAS Chairman Brent Mclean, Flow Country Manager Cristina Spratt, Ironshore Studios Chief Engineer Paul Suarez and Flow Partner Sales Manager Dane Ramoon announce CayMAS 2023 at Ironshore Studios.

the carnivalseason to bring forth some unique opportunities for the public. The group, which consists of Ironshore Studios, Ironshore Records and Everheart Records, is creating opportunities that will

put the Cayman Islands on the map in the global music industry, both in terms of levelling up the music being written and produced here by local artists, and by offering all the capabilities any international artist could need to record their music, fromIronshore Studios in central George Town.

CayMAS alongside our partners intend to give our Soca Monarch finalist a top tier opportunity at perfecting their craft whilst ensuring the enhancement of the overall Carnival entertainment experience for the public.

"The Ironshore Group is thrilled to collaborate with Flow and CayMAS to help facilitate a range of exciting announcements around this year's carnival, which is supporting our goal to position the Cayman Islands as a destination for arts and culture," Nathan McLean, Chief Operating Officer of Ironshore Group noted.

The Public can look forward to various promotions in the coming weeks leading up to Carnival day, which includes costume give a ways, spot prizes and pop up give a ways.

At CayMAS Carnival NPO we would like to thank Flow and the Ironshore Group for their support and understanding of the Cayman Carnival culture and look forward to a rewarding partnership.

For more information on CayMAS Carnival please contact: Admin@caymas.ky "

THE SAUNDERS SAGA: WAS HE SACKED OR DID HE QUIT?

By Staff Writer

SACKED:

Hon. Premier Wayne Panton this week said he sacked his deputy Chris Saunders after giving his former second-in-command of the PACT coalition the opportunity to resign.

Appearing Monday on the Radio Cayman programme For the Record with Orrett Connor, Mr Panton said it had not been an easy decision to make and he tried to make a fair decision and had offered Mr Saunders the opportunity to resign.

"He did not accept the opportunity to resign at that time," the Premier said.

The Premier said thereafter he had to exercise his authority to advise the Governor to revoke the appointment of the Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development, Border Control and Labour.

QUIT:

But that assertion by Premier Panton directly contradicts what his former Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Labour claimed in a statement he issued on March 21st.

In a message to his supporters and the wider Cayman public, Mr Saunders said he split from the coalition PACT administration (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent) over differences with Premier Panton.

"Earlier today, I held a brief meeting with Premier Panton. It is clear from that meeting that the Premier and I have differences that are material to us working together, and as such, I have resigned as a Minister of Cabinet and a member of PACT effective immediately."

MIXED MESSAGES:

Not so according to Premier Panton who himself put out a press release and held a no-questions-allowed press conference on the day his ex-deputy claimed it was he who



► Chris Saunders

had quit the government.

That release from the Office of the Premier, released shortly Mr Saunder disclosed that he and PACT had parted ways, spoke of creating "better synergies".

It only vaguely referred to what might have prompted Mr Saunders's departure while highlighting a Cabinet reshuffle.

"Today, Premier Hon. Wayne Panton announced several changes to the Ministers of Cabinet in order to create better synergies and improve delivery of results in the PACT Government's stated priority areas...Over the past weeks, the Premier has been carefully evaluating the PACT Government's performance over the first two years."

A subsequent 'press conference' where no questions were taken saw the Premier repeating the contents of the earlier-issued press release but not going into the details he disclosed in his appearance on For The Record a week later.

CONCERNS OVER CONDUCT:

In a surprise disclosure, Mr Panton said the



► Panton

reason for Mr Saunders' departure was over issues of conduct.

"People should be able to live and work without being harassed and berated, and not have to put up with "unwelcome approaches", Premier Panton said, suggesting that was the behaviour Mr Saunders had displayed and which had given rise to his departure.

The Premier said that not only was it up to Government to ensure that people could live and work in an environment free from such behaviour, but they had to also ensure that identities were protected in case of future retribution, something he had to honour and respect.

NO RIFT WITH GOVERNOR FOR SPLIT:

Another issue which has circulated surrounding Mr Saunders' departure from the PACT coalition was supposedly over a dispute with the outgoing Governor Martyn Roper, a claim denied by both the Governor and the Premier.

Mr Panton said the rumour by ine media house that there had been a disagreement

between the Governor and Mr Saunders which culminated in Mr Saunders' removal, but that was not the case at all.

ANOTHER TWIST TO THE MIX:

But the 'was-he-pushed-or-did-he-jump debate rumbles on.

Following the Premier's contention on Monday morning that Mr Saiunders was sacked over issues including harassment, poor conduct and "unwelcome approaches", the former deputy premier put out a counter statement shortly after.

"I am not going to leave you in suspense any further to wonder what is really going on and where there were material differences between Premier Panton and me," Mr Saunder said.

According to him, the first major difference is the Integrated Solid Waste Management System otherwise known as ISWMS, or the Dump Project.

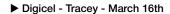
"If you want the truth to what is really going on, I implore you to ask the Hon. Premier, Wayne Panton, to release the report from the Office of the Auditor General on the Regen project. For ease of reference, the report was sent to the Hon. Premier on Saturday the 4th of December 2021 at 12:30pm by the Auditor General."

The former deputy premier and minister of finance claimed: "If the report is released to the public, you will know the truth and everything will be made clear to you. If the report is not released, I suspect that as usual the excuse will be "Commercial Sensitivity." If that happens, I would suggest that the Premier be asked the nature of the Commercial Sensitivity and whose Commercial interest is being protected over and above the public's interest."

As things stand, we might not have heard the last of this, the half of it, and are yet to see the impact of it.

Girls Softball - Game Report







► Logic - McKenna - March 11th



► Coldwell vs Kirk Freeport - 3 - Mar 25th

March 23rd Logic 19, Digicel 17

The 2023 season of CILLA Girls Softball continued on March 23rd as fourth place Logic built a 19-2 lead, then withstood a furious final inning rally by first place Digicel to hold on for an amazing 19-17 win!

Logic scored at least four runs in each inning during their most explosive offensive output of the year. Avah Connors scored four runs, while Lili Anne Aleria crossed the plate three times. Teammates Hristina Nachev, Lorlie Bryan, Carmella Ylagan, Deidre Edwards and Natalia Cugliari each scored twice during the balanced attack. Carmela had 5 RBIs on the night, Lorlie had 3 RBIs, and Keirsten McLaughlin and Hristina each chipped in with 2 RBIs. Outfielder Jeliyah McLaugh-

lin made several good plays in left centre, including a fine catch.

Digicel only managed two runs over the first four innings, but they erupted for 15 runs in the top of the 5th. Rio Windsor scored four times, while Coco Windsor, Tracey Campbell, Renee Bryan, and Leianni Dixon each scored twice. Rio had a solo homerun to left centre in the 1st, while Eve McIntosh blasted a threerun homer deep to centre in the dramatic 5th inning.

Digicel's first seven batters scored in the 5th, and after one out, another seven batters crossed the plate before two were out. Logic missed good chances to get two outs earlier in the inning and Digicel took advantage of every opportunity. Fortunately for Logic, they were able to keep their composure at the very end to get the elusive final two outs, which allowed them to hold on for the victory.

It certainly was a hard-earned first win of the season for Logic, who have come so close several times this year. It also narrowed the gap in the standings, as all four teams are within three games of one another with half the regular season to go.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4rd	5rd	TOTAL
Digicel	1	0	1	0	15	17
Logic	6	4	4	5	-	19

March 25th Coldwell Banker 10, Kirk Freeport 5

The Saturday evening game saw Coldwell Banker win their third consecutive game with a 10-5 triumph over Kirk Freeport.

Kirk Freeport got off to a quick start, as their first four batters all reached and scored. Madison Malice, Demae Lee and Kenia Rostran all walked, while Nelly Hayles smashed an RBI double. Daniella Heard knocked in a run with a groundout. Coldwell Banker bounced back with five runs of their own in the bottom of the 1st, to make it 5-4. Janey Veilleux, Maya Willis and Jialy Archbold McLaughlin all walked and scored, while Raegan Jefferson scored after she hit an RBI single, and Eowyn Hawkins scored after her 2 RBI single.

Kirk Freeport failed to score in the 2nd as Jialy struck out the side. Coldwell Banker kept up the momentum by scoring five more runs in the bottom of the inning. RaMiyah Ebanks walked, Janey was hit in the arm by a pitch, and Maya reached after a dropped third strike. All three would score as Raegan smacked a 2 RBI single and Jialy belted a 2 RBI homer to centre.

Kirk Freeport scored a loan run in the 3rd as Kenia walked and eventually sprinted home from 3rd on a passed ball. Coldwell Banker was unable to score in the bottom of the inning as Demae caught a line drive and threw to Nelly for a good double play.

Kirk Freeport had one final chance, but Jialy alertly tagged out a runner who had strayed off second and she struck out the final batter to end the game, her seventh strikeout of the night.

Nelly, Jialy and Raegan were all presented with game balls for their excellent performances.

Games take place on Thursdays and Saturdays at 6:45 pm on Field 1 at the Field of Dreams, but the girls are on a two week Easter Break after this Saturday's game.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4rd	TOTAL
Kirk Freeport	4	0	1	0	5
Coldwell Banker	5	5	0	-	10

Standings:

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Digicel	5	2	-	98	76	-	
Coldwell Banker	3	3	-	63	61	1.5	
Kirk Freeport	3	3	1	51	59	1.5	
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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.

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

CROSSWORD By THOMAS JOSEPH

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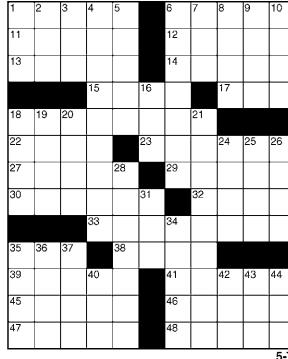
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CURTIS By Ray Billingsley



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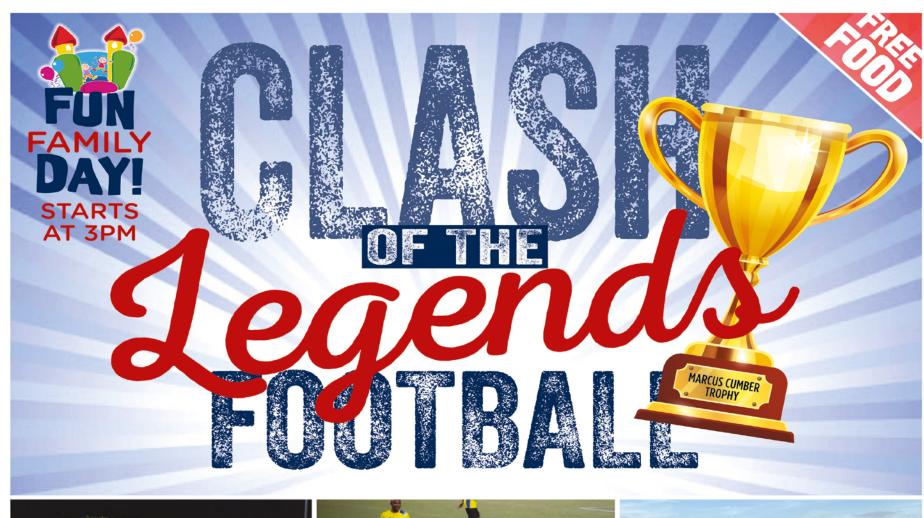


















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