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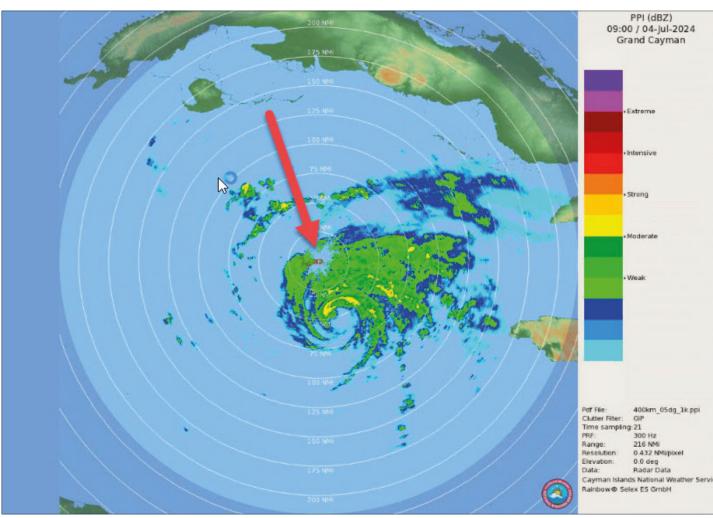


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Everyone had their eyes on Hurricane Beryl - the earliest Category 5 hurricane ever recorded. Beryl had devastated areas of the Eastern Caribbean, causing havoc, heartbreak and misery, with lives lost, and extensive damage to property. But Bad Beryl passed us by, and on Thursday morning a steady stream of thanksgiving rose from households all across the Cayman Islands.

The all-clear for all three Cayman Islands was given on Thursday, 4 July at 3 pm, and by Friday morning, Cayman was experiencing a normal working day for nearly all businesses, institutions, and government departments. Hurricane Beryl had caused very little damage - although there had been some minor flooding in places and some downed trees - but there was no major damage to property or loss of life directly attributable to the hurricane.

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We celebrate our 1,000th edition!







The Caymanian Times is proud to celebrate this, our 1,000th issue of the publication, a huge milestone for us.

First launched by publisher, Ralph Lewis, in September 2017, the Caymanian Times came off the back of Cayman Weekly which was launched in March 2013 and published over 300 issues.

The initial publication, Employment Weekly (later named Cayman Weekly) was created as a means of providing Cayman residents with a handy and concise publication dedicated to job advertisements.

The Caymanian Times used the steady success Mr. Lewis had built with the Cayman Weekly to create a much-loved fully rounded newspaper that brought its readers interesting and newsworthy stories, entertainment and education.

Leading up to the pandemic, the Caymanian Times was publishing daily, such was the thirst for the newspaper. While the effects of the pandemic diminished the number of papers to just twice a week, the newspaper never stopped publishing, even during those difficult times. In fact, everyone working

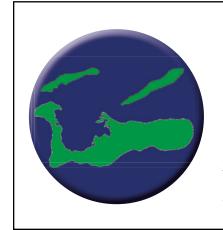
on the newspaper was determined that it should be kept going because it was such an important resource for the Cayman community, at a time when information about the pandemic was so crucial. We were a steady and reassuring voice in a sea of uncertainty. Pan

Further events have sought to put even more of a strain on the newspaper, but Mr. Lewis and his team still have that determination to bring news to their readership, no matter how difficult the economic climate.

It is a testament to our amazingly loyal readers and our wonderfully steadfast advertisers that the newspaper is able to continue its twice a week publication of excellent local news stories, insightful features and light-hearted entertainment. We thank the entire Cayman Islands, including our dedicated writers and vendors for their support and look forward to creating another 1,000 editions!

We have included a sample collection of our front page publications that enlightened and entertained our readers

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A Government press briefing on Friday 5 July gave updates from Her Excellency The Governor, Jane Owen, the Hon. Premier, Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Deputy Premier Andre Ebanks, Hon. Sabrina Turner, MP · Minister for Health & Wellness and Home Affairs and Tourism Minister, the Hon. Kenneth Bryan.

Governor Owen said she had been, "Impressed, how everyone came together... thank you, everybody who is part of that

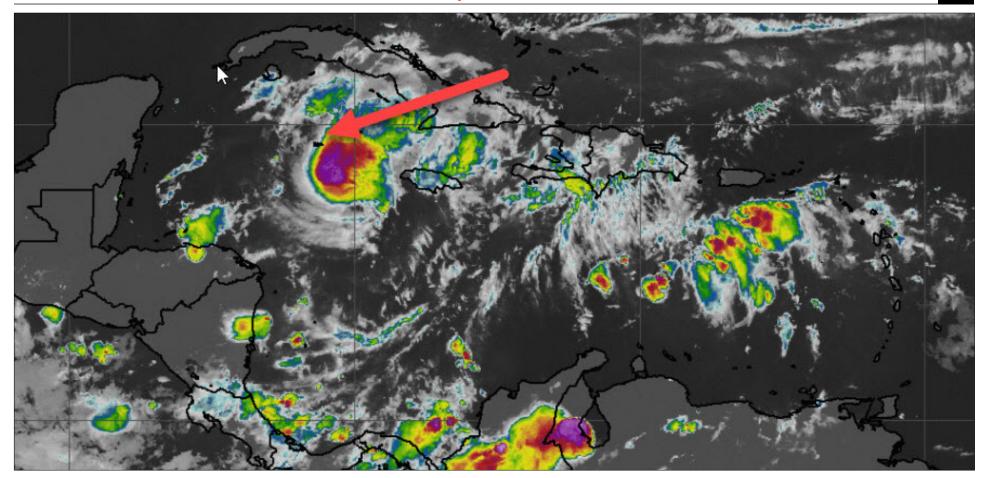
effort." She reaffirmed the people of the Cayman Islands of the UK's continued and ongoing commitment to their safety, in the wake of the Labour-won general election that had happened the previous day.

A practical example was the Royal Navy ship HMS Brent which had been dispatched to the Cayman Islands, and she would be, 'engaged in strategic conversations, getting to know each other well.'

The Premier began by expressing her

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thanks and gratitude to Almighty God, who had spared the Cayman Islands again. "Our prayers have been answered," she said, adding that there have been no reports of either injuries, nor loss off life, directly attributable to the hurricane. She praised the way everyone had come together, with many Government departments and civil servants showing up for duty even when they weren't obliged to. The

"Now that the hurricane has passed our focus has returned to recovery and restoration to all the normal life to return, she said, adding that the first cruise ship would be in the harbour on Monday Morning.

When it comes to national disasters not just egos should be left at the door but political preferences she said. She also praised the way the public had responded sensibly and responsibly abiding by all the advice and the safety protocols that had been issued, apart from a very few examples, such as someone who had foolishly gone out sailing during the marine warning.

Premier O'Connor-Connolly also expressed her desire to work together in order to reach out a helping hand - bringing relief to those who had suffered so greatly as a result of the hurricane. "We are thinking of our Caribbean brothers and sisters. Its important we recognise our Caribbean neighbours and their long roads to recovery," she said.

Deputy Premier Andre Ebanks gave updates from the Ministry of Social Development

By-and-large, all services were back to normal. Ebanks praised all the institutions such as Cayman Finance and CIMA whose disaster preparedness and continuity plans had been put into action and found to be robust and workable. "And there has been an excellent response from the business Community in terms of their preparedness and continuity plans," he said.

He thanked the Chamber of Commerce who had activated its Council of Associations to provide important updates: That has enabled us to get important intelligence throughout the storm," he said.

"All facilities are in good condition. The gallery and museum faired well," he said.

Tourism Minister, Hon Kenneth Bryan expressed his gratitude to all First Responders. "Our hearts go out to our brothers and sisters around the region," he said.

Minister Bryan said he was grateful to our national flag carrier, Cayman Airways, for helping evacuate thousands of residents and guests, before the hurricane, and that this was one of the virtues of having a national airline.

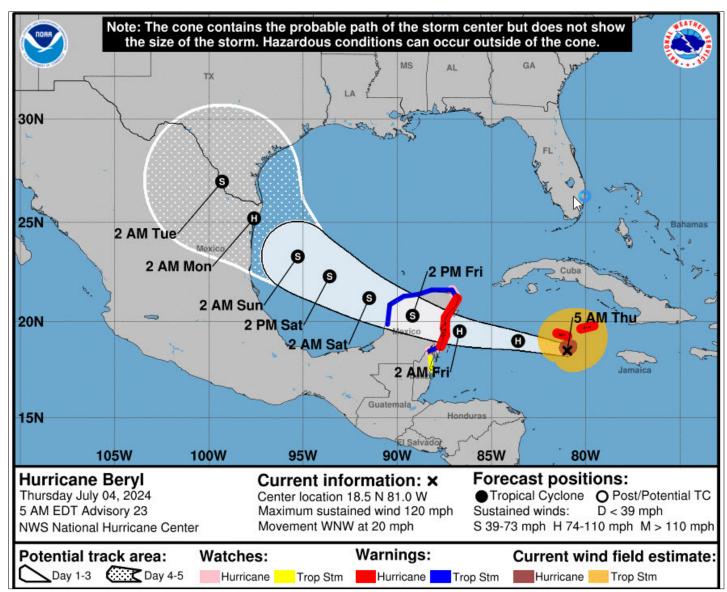
He was pleased to report that, after an assessment of terminals and runways, all

three airports were able to open up from 3pm on Thursday 4 July and that the Cargo Pier was ready to open later on Friday.

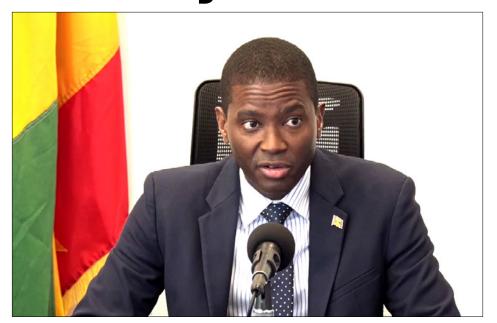
All the tourist attractions were opening or ready to reopen. The Botanic Park had sustained minor damage, but was ready to open on Monday 8 July. None of the hotels reported any major issues, he said. He reiterated that it was important not to let our guard down - it was still very early in the season, and there may be several serious hurricanes, 'like Beryl' ahead.

Minister Hon Sabrina Turner said that all H.S.A services had been resumed, and those who had missed appointments because of the hurricane could reschedule. She thanked the public for their response to the call for blood donations and reported that the DEH has resumed its collection of garbage in all islands. The Cayman Islands Regiment had been busy, helping wherever needed.

In response to a question from Caymanian Times on complacency, the Premier advised residents not to mess with mother nature and encouraged all to visit images from previous hurricanes Ivan and Paloma which were vivid reminders of the level of damage that these storms are capable of causing.



Beryl hit Windwards hardest



► Grenada PM Dickon Mitchell is grateful for help



► Carriacou was badly hit by Beryl



► Union Island was flattened in parts



► Grenada's agricultural lands were battered

The extensive damage wrought by Hurricane Beryl's trek across the Windward Islands last week, revealed mass destruction and at least ten deaths.

At least three islands reported more than 90 percent of the homes and buildings either destroyed or severely damaged, the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency announced. All three are within the chain of Grenadine Islands, where Beryl roared into the Caribbean on the southern end of the Windwards, be-

tween St Vincent and Grenada.

Beryl swept across the Eastern Caribbean before moving across Jamaica, Cayman Islands and Belize. The eye of Beryl, still a Category 4 storm, raked Jamaica's coast Wednesday afternoon and, thankfully, did little damage in the Cayman Islands Thursday morning, before making landfall in the Yucatan on Friday morning.

The damage estimates for the Windwards, where Beryl made landfall over Carriacou, struck the island with sus-

tained winds of 150mph and higher gusts on Monday, and the National Hurricane Centre warned that winds could be up to 30 percent higher on the tops of hills and mountains.

The impacts to the Grenadine Islands was considerable, leaving residents exposed and vulnerable. Even as recovery efforts began, a tropical wave brought rain and gusty winds to the suffering residents.

Grenada Prime Minister Dickon Mitchell described "total destruction" on Carriacou

and Petite Martinique, having witnessed the damage in a two-hour helicopter ride.

"There's really nothing that can prepare you to see this level of destruction," Mitchell said. "It is almost Armageddon-like, almost total damage and destruction of all buildings. Complete devastation and destruction of agriculture. Complete and total destruction of the natural environment."

"There is literally no vegetation left anywhere on Carriacou; the mangroves are totally destroyed, the boats and the marinas significantly damaged," he said. "There is almost complete destruction of the electrical grid system in Carriacou. The entire communication system is completely destroyed."

However, Mitchell added, he'd been heartened by the volunteers "showing true Grenadian spirit" by arriving from other less damaged areas in boats and fishing vessels to begin delivering relief supplies to those affected.

Carriacou's total population of 6,081 was affected. The majority of homes and buildings have been extensively damaged. Petite Martinique has an estimated 80 percent of the houses and buildings extensively damaged or destroyed where 900 people were affected. The majority of the island was sheltering.

Canouan, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines saw every one of the island's 12,600 inhabitants affected. An estimated 90 percent of the houses were damaged, either extensively or destroyed. Even the police station in Charlestown lost its roof.

In the northern part of Grenada, there was a lot of damage. "It is clear that agriculture has taken quite a battering. It is clear that many persons have lost their roofs," Mitchell said. "It is clear, in some instances, many people have lost their entire homes."

Union Island, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines saw its population of 3,000 affected by extensive damage. An estimated 98 percent of buildings, including houses, were badly damaged or destroyed. The airport control tower and hospital roof destroyed.

The 300 people in Mayreau, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines were affected with 90 percent of the housing stock and buildings damaged or destroyed.

There was also mild water and wind damage in Palm Island, Barbados, Dominica, St Lucia, Bequia and Trinidad and Tobago.



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What do you love about the Cayman Islands? It's a question that beckons polarizing answers: Person A may cherish these three tropical tranquil Isles for their natural beauty while Person B may be privileged to see us as a tax-neutral paradise for business. For both to live in alignment and preserve what they respectively value, and for our community to be resilient, a balance must be struck where all work is positioned within a nested and interdependent socioeconomic model that ensures the conservation of our terrestrial and marine resources.

As our Islands have developed, those who value Cayman have witnessed drastic, heartbreaking changes in the name of progress due to unregulated and unbalanced growth and mismanagement of resources. Our intent to progress must not come with the impact that we are inadvertently working in reverse, to our demise. Cayman's socioeconomic health matches our coastal health, and that of the verdant and emerald Coastal Lagoon Ecosystem ("CLE") - coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and mangrove wetlands. In years past, our economy was built on



resourcefulness and respect of the CLE

(think fishnin', turtling, and providing rainfall for staple crops and silver thatch), which is to say we should be proud to be able to innovate, traditionally inspired social growth methods.

Much of what locals value is disappearing due to the domino effects of resource-inefficient economic growth. Social crises worsen as the environment reacts to mankind's pressures, which, as opposed to frightening us, should be fuelling citizens to do better — as students, professionals, voters, and consumers. Let's take a moment to validate that both Person A and B are working to save what their hearts enshrine as the true Cayman; the symptoms of a spurned sentimentality and cycle of grief that compel both to act in the best interests of what they love.

That said, there is a direct correlation between post-industrial era socio-economic growth and the climate crisis. The exploitative status-quo serves few and causes many to reconsider priorities in pursuit of social equity and climate justice. As the waves of change ripple through global industries, many are pivoting their actions to prioritise people and the planet over, but not instead of, profit, recognizing our innate ethical responsibility to care for what we value when we take all our hats off — quality of life, and a beautiful and healthy planet.



Globally, the status quo predominantly affects coastal communities like ours, as the climate crisis leads to sea level rise, coral death, stronger storms, and poor socioeconomic health. Our daily actions add up in every regard, and when we know better, we should do better — our needs and wants can still be met if we prioritize the conservation of our natural and social resources as opposed to restoration after destruction. Guarding the environment doesn't hurt our economic growth, quite the opposite, as extractive capitalism is inherently unsustainable due to requiring infinite growth on a finite planet.

We know that "the environment is important", but when we look deeper at what that means in the context of Cayman, it means preserving the species and areas that safeguard our community, economy, culture, and heritage, and honing our resilience to weather disastrous natural weather events. For Cayman, that's the complex but meek CLE, which can provide for all our needs year-round and reciprocally requires only that we protect it. Money can't boast the same security, whereas nature has the capacity to provide benefits to all. Natural capital is an asset, and environments like the CLE secure our quality of life and must be equally appreciated and invested in as capital markets. Our mental and physical health, island heritage, protection during strong weather, and a vibrant Cayman Islands year-round depend on us stewarding the CLE. Perhaps you don't think you can easily transition to incorporating actions that are aligned with your values, however, a little research to implement actions to being as resource efficient as possible, no matter your lifestyle or industry, will tip the balance and translate to a positive impact on our CLE and that which we love about Cayman. Perfection isn't the goal, progress is.

To answer the initial question, for me, it's the endless adventures one can get up to in nature: fresh coconut water and tasty tropical produce, my little crocus sack in tow, made possible by rainfall from our Central Mangrove Wetlands — there's nothing like going gallivanting outdoors in the land of soft, fresh breezes. The elements that make Cayman the unique place it is all have a common factor: they exist because of our natural capital, like our unique CLE — which delivers rainfall, keeps our waters clear, guards our shores from storms, provides food security, and connects us to our maritime history which built these Isles — a different, but equally important, kind of green we should value.



By: Em DeCou — Sustainable Cayman **Ambassador**

Seventy-three Interns Energize CIBC Caribbean for the Summer

The branches and offices of regional bank CIBC Caribbean have come alive with youthful energy as the bank welcomed 73 interns as part of its annual summer internship programme.

The students, drawn primarily from regional colleges and universities as well as those attending or accepted to colleges in the United States and Canada, will spend the next three months immersed in all aspects of the bank's operations in Antigua, Barbados, The Bahamas, The Cayman Islands, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, Turks and Caicos Islands and Trinidad and Tobago.

The internship programme which commenced on June 3 and will conclude on August 31, 2024, has students spread across departments and units in the bank such as Finance, Audit, Human Resources, Property Services, Personal and Business Banking, Technology, Infrastructure and Innovation and Corporate Banking.

"CIBC is thrilled to offer our Summer Internship Program to over 70 students this year. This initiative is a cornerstone in our suite of Early Career Programmes that support the development of talented young professionals. It truly is a testament to the quality of talent that exists across the region," said Jewel Clarke, the bank's Director, Talent Management and Employee Experience.

She said the bank's "investment in our young profession-



▶ 2024 CIBC Caribbean Cayman Summer Interns

als helps to support their development, provide meaningful experiences, and build skillsets that they can use in the future. The programme is intentionally designed to enrich their experience with exposure to senior leaders and networking opportunities".

Clarke added thar each year the bank also "welcomes returning interns whose trajectory to join the organization is very promising. Whether they

join CIBC or contribute to another employer in the region, we are honored to provide this experience to our young people. We see the value of this important programme and have seen it grow from 10 interns in 2016

to the viable program that it is now in 2024".

Reyna Grant, who is one of 43 interns in Barbados described her experience at the bank so far as "insightful and engaging". Grant is attached to the Corporate Communications unit at the bank's regional headquar-

"I am someone who loves to be challenged and exposed to new things. My greatest expectation for this internship is to learn under the tutelage of banking professionals about the intricacies of the financial sector. I hope that I'll discover a passion for banking and gain valuable experience that will propel me forward in my career," said Dominique Williams, Corporate Banking intern at the St. Kitts branch of the bank.

A third time is the charm for Andrew McLaughlin Jr. who is back at the bank's Main Street, Grand Cayman branch for a third year as an intern.

"As I continue my studies in pursuit of a degree in Information Systems, the internship experience has helped me understand how to better apply the knowledge I have gained from my studies in Florida. I hope this year's internship experience better prepares me for the ability to work in a similar (if not this particular) environment and builds my resume to assist me in appearing more favorable for a job opportunity when I complete my studies," he said.

Fatal accident in Bodden Town

Just after 2: 30am today, 6 July, police and other emergency services were dispatched to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Shamrock Road in the vicinity of Pasture Drive, Bodden Town.

The drivers of both vehicles involved in the collision were transported to the hospital by ambulance with what appears to be serious injuries. Police and fire services were on the scene carrying out accident investigations.

Police have confirmed that an East End resident, age 60, who was the driv-

the collision has succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by the attending doctor at the hospital.

The RCIPS expresses condolences to his family and loved ones.

The driver of the second vehicle, an Izuzu Elf, remains in hospital being treated for what is believed to be serious injuries.

The roadway has now been cleared and re-opened. A police investigation into this incident is now underway and anyone with information is encouraged to call the er of a Honda Fit that was involved in Bodden Town Police Station at 947-2220.



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Law Enforcement Officers Train to Tackle Counterfeiting

Law enforcement officers and civil service officials came together recently to learn more about the local and international frameworks that support intellectual property (IP) rights enforcement in the Cayman Islands.

More than 30 officers, from the Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce, Department of Commerce and Investment, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, and Customs and Border Control, participated in the 18 June session at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort, which focused heavily on the importance of combatting counterfeiting.

Organised by the Cayman Islands Intellectual Property Office (CIIPO), the workshop aimed to build participants' capacity in the area of intellectual property rights enforcement, in particular the risks to public health and safety that counterfeiting poses. It follows a recent increase in the trading, importation and sale of counterfeit goods on island, which are criminal offences under the Trade Marks Act, (2016).

The comprehensive training included collaborative best practices and case studies in anticounterfeiting; the legal framework for IP rights enforcement; investigative techniques and operational strategies for addressing counterfeiting. Also on the agenda were presentations that explored how products by various international brands can be identified as



▶ (From left to right) - CIIPO Director - Candace Westby, the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Director of the Intellectual Property Rights Unit - Victor Barrett; Maples Partner Quentin Cregan, and Livingston, Alexander and Levy Partner - Mikhail Jackson during a panel discussion following the presentations at the Enforcement Training.

counterfeit.

Facilitators were CIIPO Director Candace Westby; Maples Partner Quentin Cregan; the Jamaica Constabulary Force's Director of the Intellectual Property Rights Unit, Victor Barrett; and Livingston, Alexander and Levy Partner, Mikhail Jackson.

"This workshop featured distinguished local and international experts with ap-

proximately 40 years' combined experience combating counterfeit and piracy crimes. Their insights and strategies significantly enriched our training session which CIIPO sees as an important early step towards Government-wide collaboration on this critical subject. We are incredibly grateful to our enforcement and policy partners for taking the time to attend." Mrs. Westby said.

Interim Director of the Department of Commerce and Investment, Claudia Brady commented "As one of the enforcement agencies responsible for enforcing the Trade Marks Act 2016, the DCI is very pleased to be part of this training initiative which provided particularly important information that will assist our investigations going forward. We left with pertinent knowledge about identifying counterfeit goods, the techniques of those intent on breaking the law and more in-depth knowledge of the legislation."

From a policy perspective, Senior Policy Advisor at MFSC, Risha Pragg-Jaggernauth, noted that the sessions provided invaluable insights into the complexities of IP law and its crucial role in protecting creative endeavours.

Ms Pragg-Jaggernath added that: "Engaging with experts and fellow participants deepened my understanding of IP strategies and their application in various industries. I'm excited to leverage this knowledge in my professional journey, and eventually see maximum protection of intellectual property assets in the Cayman Islands."

Officials expect that the workshop will increase the skills and abilities of the enforcement personnel who participated and also enhance inter-agency collaboration between the key stakeholder agencies.



➤ Sea Elephant

Oil Tanker damaged in maritime incident in Cayman Brac

On Saturday, 6 July, an oil tanker, 'Sea Elephant' which was delivering diesel to Cayman Brac was involved in an incident in the vicinity of the Cayman Brac Port that resulted in damage to the hull of the vessel and sea floor.

There was no fuel leakage, but the vessel is still being monitored as a precautionary

measure.

The Department of Environment, Coast Guard, Maritime Authority, and other Government agencies are investigating to determine the extent of damage to the vessel and

As this is an ongoing investigation, further details will be disseminated where possible.

OfReg Commences Inquiries into 'Sea Elephant' Incident

Cayman Islands utilities regulator, Of-Reg, has begun its inquiries into the recent incident involving the oil tanker 'Sea Elephant,' which occurred off the coast of Cayman Brac on 7 July 2024. OfReg confirms that there have been no reports of any fuel spills as a result of this incident.

The incident, which involved damage to

the hull of the vessel and an alleged area of the sea bottom, is being thoroughly investigated by multiple government agencies, the Department of Environment, Coast Guard, and Port Authority. While the vessel was delivering diesel to Cayman Brac at the time of the accident, OfReg can assure the public that there has been no

leakage of fuel.

The situation continues to be monitored closely as a precautionary measure. Of-Reg will provide updates as they become available and will work diligently with all relevant authorities to ensure the highest standards of environmental and operational safety are maintained.



► Mr. Sonji Myles, Interim CEO, OfReg

Labour promises change



▶ Sir Keir Starmer genuinely wants to effect change

Sir Keir Starmer arrived in Downing Street with his new Cabinet and immediately rolled out his new policies. Labour's expected landslide victory meant that the new Prime Minister had months to prepare his top priorities. After 14 years of Conservative rule, many of which were mired in mismanagement, scandal and corruption, it was clear that a new party would step in.

Starmer's catchphrase throughout was "we are the party for change". And initial indications are that he is fully committed to that.

They include tacking the growing illegal immigration problem, deepening widespread poverty, increasing food prices, unaffordable rents and soaring energy bills. These sorts of problems are many people living in the Cayman Islands can identify with.

The cost of living crisis is so bad in the UK that Labour is considering introducing free breakfast clubs in elementary schools. It says initial steps include tackling zero-hour contracts and helping with alarming energy bills. Childcare is so expensive it is sometimes more than a household's rent or mortgage. There is a plan for a free childcare rollout and more nursery places.

Labour also intend to hit long-missed health service waiting time targets by 2029 and hire 6,500 teachers, 5,000 tax investigators, 3,000 fully-trained police officers and 8,500 mental health staff.

The Labour leader is preparing his first King's Speech, the legislative plan for year one which will be delivered on July 17. Issues on his agenda include an employment rights bill, renters' reforms, tax changes from this fall, a review of business taxes, an increase in National Health Service appointments and a publicly-owned

energy firm.

Huge public expense but the funds to pay for it all will come from tax rises of only around £8.5 billion, a figure analysts believe is nowhere near enough to fix a state depleted from years of austerity and poor budget management under the last Conservative government.

The Tories accused Labour of over-promising on vital services and infrastructure, generating fears of much higher taxes. But Sir Keir and party seniors have repeatedly stated they are committed to keeping the major taxes where they are. Nevertheless, Labour has not pledged to bring the overall tax burden down.

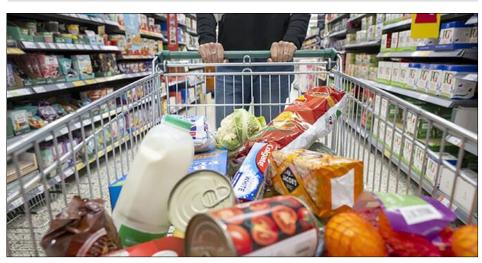
The party has not ruled out rises for Capital Gains Tax, Stamp Duty and other property taxes, and fuel duty. Labour has pledged to raise stamp duty for foreign buyers from 2 to 3 percent, raising a purported £40 million. Labour has promised to improve hiring and firing policies for people in casual jobs and also to ensure minimum wage salaries are adhered to.

Labour intend to decarbonize electricity by 2030 and plan to borrow an average of £3.5 billion a year to fund its Green Prosperity Plan, and will seek billions more in private investment to match public funds. GB Energy is the publicly-owned energy firm Labour intends to create within its first year, and aides have said grants will start being paid "within months" to councils introducing lower energy plans.

For old-school vehicle drivers, Labour intends to ban new petrol and diesel cars by 2030. Labour has pledged to restore this phase-out date, which had been delayed by the Conservative government. Many feel this is an unrealistic target as the UK's infrastructure to accommodate only electric vehicles falls way too low.



Labour has promised to build 1.5 million new homes



▶ Food prices are soaring in the UK



▶ Boat people are arriving in their thousands

Lack of affordable housing has been a bane of many governments in the postwar years yet, Labour pledges they will build 1.5 million new homes over the next parliament of five years.

Immigration and border controls is a hot topic in the UK. "I will bring immigration numbers down from 685,000 in 2023," Sir Keir promised, but refused to commit to a number, or to cutting net migration numbers every single year. "They need to come down, we've got a plan to bring them down, but you can't wish them down," he said.

To control the flow of soaring immigration, a new border control body "will be created in the first 100 days," said Home Secre-

tary Yvette Cooper, led by a former police, military or intelligence chief working across intelligence and enforcement agencies and reporting to Cooper directly to reduce small boat crossings in the Channel.

The controversial plan to send migrants to the east African country of Rwanda was immediately scrapped, despite the Tories already spending hundreds of millions on it. However, Starmer, a former lawyer, has said he will consider sending migrants seeking asylum to a third country while UK processing takes place, "if that was possible to do it in compliance with international law."

The Opposition Congratulates The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer On His Election As Prime Minister Of The United Kingdom

The Progressives Opposition congratulates the Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer on his election as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and his leadership in securing a historic general election victory for the Labour Party.

On behalf of our Progressives Party Members and the broader Caymanian public, we extend our best wishes to the Prime Minister and his new Government as they strive to bring renewed opportunity, progress, and prosperity to the British people.

We look forward to a continued strong, collaborative relationship between the

Cayman Islands and the United Kingdom Government. Our countries' shared history and mutual interests, which form a solid foundation for deepening our relationship, will allow us to work together to enhance the prosperity and well-being of our respective peoples.



► The Hon. Roy McTaggart

OfReg confirms that submarine cable systems are not the cause of on-island Internet connectivity issues

Following reports of an outage on one of OfReg's two international submarine cables, 4 July, OfReg can confirm that after inquiring into the matter with several of its licensees as well as the operators of the submarine cable- that there was no such outage.

While there was a loss or degradation of

internet service for several customers, it appears to be related to on-island network issues and not related to outages on any of the submarine cable systems.

OfReg will continue it's inquires to identify the root cause of the problem to ensure that such issues do not reoccur.



Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. Offsets Rate Adjustment with Fuel Efficiency Improvements



Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. ("CUC" or the "Company") announces that in accordance with the Rate Cap and Adjustment Mechanism contained in the Company's Transmission & Distribution ("T&D") Licence issued by the Cayman Islands Government, a rate adjustment

of 3.2% was verified and approved by the Utility Regulation and Competition Office ("OfReg") for electricity consumption beginning June 1, 2024.

CUC's rates are reviewed on an annual basis as outlined in condition 25 of the Company's T&D Licence. If a change is re-

quired, per the prescribed formula which uses inflation indexes as a reference, the change in the rate is enacted for electricity consumption effective June 1 of each year. Customers can expect to see a marginal increase in the facilities and energy charge component of their billing statements received in early July when compared to prior periods. The average monthly residential household consumption during 2023 was 1,153 kilowatt hour ("kWh"), based on this consumption level, the average residential customer's monthly facilities and energy charge will increase by a total of CI\$4.88. Additional information on this rate change will be provided on customer bills.

This energy charge increase will be offset in part by fuel efficiency savings as a result of recent upgrades to two of CUC's large generating units. There are plans to upgrade three additional generating units by 2025, which will bring further fuel efficiency savings to customers.

Additionally, future fuel savings will occur with the implementation of the 20 megawatts ("MW") Battery Energy Stor-

age System ("BESS"). It is estimated that this project will allow for annual savings on fuel factor charges for customers and therefore will offset the majority of the energy charge adjustments. Fuel factor rates are pass-through costs of fuel purchases, any fluctuations in fuel prices will consequently impact these fuel factor rates.

Customers are expected to start experiencing cost savings from this project in August 2024.

CUC encourages customers to stay mindful of their electricity usage. During the summer months, the heat index and increased demand for air conditioning will lead to higher electricity consumption. Customers can find energy-saving tips on the Company's website to help manage their usage efficiently.

For more information about the terms of the CUC T&D Licence or the rate cap adjustment mechanism and to view the current rate schedule please visit the CUC website at www.cuc-cayman.com or the OfReg website at www.ofreg.ky.

Dock and seawall repairs require approval

By: Hannah Reid

Following the passage of Hurricane Beryl, the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency is reminding the public that reconstructions and repairs to existing Coastal Works structures, such as docks, seawalls, etc., require approval.

For permitted structures, reconstructions and repairs must be to the same dimensions and in the same approved location and footprint, and use the same materials as per the original Coastal Works Permit for the structure. There is no application fee or approval fees associated with rebuilding structures per the same conditions as outlined in the original Permit, such as the same location/footprint, utilising the same materials, and the same designs and dimensions.

The Reconstruction/Repair of Coastal Structures Application Form may be



downloaded here: https://doe.ky/resources/brochures/

The Ministry requests that completed application forms be submitted via email to coastal.works@gov.ky for processing.

Once received, applications may take one to two weeks (depending on complexity and number of applications) to be processed and approved.

Minister Katherine Ebanks-Wilks has

given an assurance that that this would be a smooth and efficient process.

The Minister stated: "I will ensure that any applications for repairs or reconstruction of docks or seawalls will be prioritised and should be a very easy process once the dimensions remain in the same location and footprint, and use the same materials as approved in the original Coastal Works Permit for the structure."

The Ministry would like to advise the public that any unauthorised coastal works, including unapproved reconstructions and repairs to existing permitted structures, may attract fines or penalties in accordance with Section 21 of the National Conservation Act.

The Ministry also encourages the public to submit the necessary applications to the Planning Department for any land-based repairs or construction works. Please visit www.planning.ky for more information.

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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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newmarket **Baccarat** Bezique Pinochle Blackjack Piquet Poker Bridge Cribbage Pontoon Euchre Rummy Faro Snap Solitaire Hearts Whist Napoleon

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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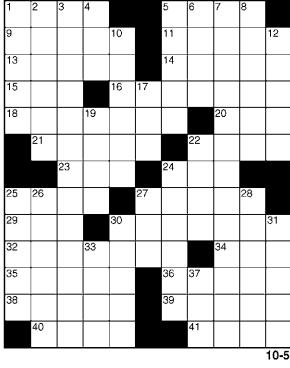
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THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN







CURTIS By Ray Billingsley















CaymanianTimesClassifieds

Captain Bryan's Sail and Snorkel is seeking a

Deck Hand

4 years' experience in boat maintenance, painting, and sanding.

Must be drug and alcohol free.

Must have experience on sailing cat-

Salary: CI\$8 per hour plus health & pension

captainbryans@candw.ky

D & R Construction Co.

Requires a Carpenter

Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience.

Salary CI\$12 -14 per hour, depending on Experience

Plus standard benefits.

Apply in writing to:

Carpenter

P.O. Box 41 BT, KY1-1601

Grand Cayman

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVER

- Must have a minimum of 5 years' experience in the hospitality industry.
- Excellent communication and customer service skills.
- Apply health and safety regulations.
- Package: Wages \$6 p/hour plus statutory benefits.
- · Suitably qualified Caymanians, Status Holders and Legal Residents to send CV with recent photograph, police clearance and 2 written references to:-

libertysrestaurant@candw.ky

CIVIL WORKS SERVICES LTD

Applications are being accepted for the position of:

WELDER

Qualified Welder with 5 Years experience in rebuilding of Quarry Crusher Impeller Bars & drill boring heads. Salary \$650 per week plus Health Insurance & Pension Contributions.

Apply to Manager:

PO Box 63, Grand Cayman KY1 1601

office@civilworksservices.com

TIBBETTS SQUARE LTD/MARKET PLACE

Application for the following position are currently being accepted at Tibbetts Square Ltd/Market Place, Cayman Brac

STORE/DELI CLERK/HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

Applicants must have previous experience in cash handling, possess good customer service skills and be punctual and well presented. Duties also include unloading containers, operating forklift. Storing and displaying all varieties of produce to maintain freshness and quality. Cleaning and knows correct procedure for stripping, waxing and polishing floors, and storage rotation. Knowledge of meat and meat cutting, produce, frozen food and dry goods. Must be able to lift up 80 lbs plus items when required. Knowledge in Deli food preparation. Must have good English with reading and writing skill. Must be a team player. Minimum hands-on work experience of two years or more. Salary CI\$6.00 or US\$7.50 per hour depending on experience and qualifications of the applicant.

CASHIER/DELI CLERK

Applicants must have previous experience in cash handling, possess good customer service skills and be punctual and well presented. Knowledge in the POS system. Duties also include stocking, product rotation and cleaning. Knowledge in Deli food preparation and service. Must have good English with reading and writing skill. Must be a team player. Minimum hands-on work experience of two years or more. Salary CI\$6.00 or US\$7.50 per hour depending on experience and qualifications of the ap-

All applicants must be able to produce a clear police record. Positions require flexible hours working days, nights, week-ends and holidays. Package includes health insurance contribution and pension benefits as specified by law.

Applications will be accepted for qualified persons in writing including resume, should be emailed to:

> Market Place Tibbetts Square Ltd P.O. Box 258 Cayman Brac, KY2-2002 CAYMAN ISLANDS cbmarket2@outlook.com

Deadline for receipt of applications is July 19, 2024

The Locale Hotel Grand Cayman, is now welcoming applications for a Maintenance Person/Front Desk Agent.

Description of Job

Inspect guestrooms, public spaces and back of the house for areas/items to repair, touch up or replace. Repairs or replace items such as light bulbs, lamps, switches, outlets, faucets, toilets, hardware, filters, paint, furniture, wall coverings, caulking, grouting or other miscellaneous items. HVAC maintenance an trouble shoot, Salt Water Pool Maintenance and Plumbing repairs. Assist other department team members in the systematic application of the preventive maintenance program. Be on call 24/7 in case of emergency situation.

Welcome guest to Hotel in a warm and friendly manner. Process check-in and checkouts efficiently and to Hotel's high standards. Assist guest and resolve guest concerns to ensure 100% guest satisfaction. Performs cash/credit card handling transactions to company policy, ensuring accuracy. Advises guests of activities and amenities hotel has to offer. Assist younger less experienced staff with any issues. Additional items as required by Management.

- Minimum of 5 year of experience in a similar position.
- Must be able to project a positive attitude at all times.
- Plumbing, electrical and HVAC experience.
- · Ability to prioritize, identify problems, and seek solutions and follow up and follow through with a variety of tasks.
- · Computer literate.
- Must be able to work weekends, public holidays, days, evenings, nights and overtime at short notice.
- Confident working alone through the night without security guard.
- Effective communication skills. Must have very strong spoken and written English skills that are easily understood.
- Ability to apply commonsense to solve problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists.
- Ability and training to respond quickly in emergency situations.
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office software (MS Word, Excel, Outlook).
- Valid, clean Driver's License and Police Clearance.
- Adaptable to learning new and customized software programs.
- Must have a clear and steady job history

Resumes that do not have Hotel Front Desk Experience will not be considered. Wage Range: \$14.00 - \$15.50 USD per hour depending on experience, plus share in hotel gratuity pool.

Caymanians, Status Holders, individuals Married to Caymanians, Permanent Residents with Rights to Work only, Send resume & cover letter to carli@staylocale.com Applications accepted until July 24, 2024.

Scratch Ltd **Baker Required**

Our team is looking to hire an experienced, knowledgeable and hardworking individual to join our company.

- Must be able to stand on your feet for long periods of time.
- Must be able to lift 30lbs or more.
- Pastry/baking background is required.
- Must be able to think on your feet, be proactive, and solve problems as they come
- · Maintaining cleanliness.
- Ability to work a variety of shifts including early mornings, holidays and weekends.
- CI driver's license is preferred but not required.
- Fluency to read and communicate in English.

Salary: starting at \$8 - \$12 per hour

Statutory benefits including health insurance and pension are included.

Please email resume to hr@scratchky.com

Kitchen Helper Required

Our team is looking to hire an experienced, knowledgeable and hardworking individual to join our company.

- Must be able to stand on your feet for long periods of time.
- Must be able to lift 30lbs or more.
- Pastry and/or bakery background is preferred, but we are willing to train the right
- Must be able to think on your feet, be proactive, and solve problems as they come
- · Maintaining cleanliness.
- Ability to work a variety of shifts including early mornings, holidays and weekends.
- CI driver's license is preferred but not required.
- Fluency to read and communicate in English.

Salary: starting at \$8 - \$12 per hour

Statutory benefits including health insurance and pension are included.

Please email resume to hr@scratchky.com

Smile Dental Clinic is looking for an individual who is interested in training to become a Dentist Helper. This person takes responsibility for the care and cleanliness of the dental office and it's delicate equipment.

Most tasks are carried out after hours, during evenings and weekends, and involve sanitizing surfaces and equipment. Therefore, the Ideal candidate would have a Health Services background and a good understanding of cross-contamination and protocols for maintaining asepsis. Online Training course to be completed at applicants own cost

Must be trustworthy and reliable with own transport.

Wage: CI\$10.00 per hour.

Mon-Fri with alternating Saturdays/Sundays

Caymanians or Status holders need only apply.

Police clearance and proof of a health services background or education required.

Write to: PO Box 10116, KY1-1001



Harmonic Fund Services is an independent financial services firm specializing in the global alternative investments industry. We offer services and technology to private credit and equity funds, hedge funds, funds of funds, private banks, and pension funds.

Applications are invited for the position of:

Senior Fund Accountant

The Senior Fund Accountant will be responsible for the Fund Administration of complex investment funds including portfolio valuation and Net Asset Value ("NAV") calculation; assisting with the preparation of financial statements; liaising with investors and investment managers as well as assisting with systems development and other ad hoc projects as required. In addition, other responsibilities will include client relationship management; new business integration and meeting the very tight reporting deadlines and demanding obligations of our clients.

At a minimum the position requires a university degree and a professional accounting qualification (CA, CPA, CGA, CMA or equivalent) along with at least 2 years' experience in a similar role working with complex securities and derivatives products. Applicants should demonstrate a high level of expertise and technical knowledge of alternative investment products and the offshore financial services industry, including system technology, portfolio valuation, accounting, share transfer and registration, prime brokerage, financing and custody. This is a professional position that will require overtime and working on public holidays.

Remuneration will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Salary range is US\$85,000 to \$100,000 per annum. Qualified candidates can obtain further information and submit an application, by visiting:

https://harmonicfundservices.com/careers/senior-fund-accountant-3/



Senior Sales Associate

Caymanian Times. is seeking a highly motivated sales professional who will develop, work and maintain sales targets and schedule and up sell on quality goods.

Mandatory Requirements:

- The successful candidate must have a minimum of 3 years working in sales and service experience in selling Media and Newspaper Advertisements.
- Must be computer literate and advanced in the use of MS Excel.
- Must have excellent administrative and communication skills.
- Must speak, read, write, and comprehend English fluently.
- Must have the ability to drive.
- A current police record must be submitted.

Duties for the role are:

- Develop, work and maintain Sales Targets.
- Develop and implement in-house and product knowledge training for staff
- Create weekly & monthly sales and customer reports.
- Be able to learn and sell variety of products.

A strong work ethic and a positive attitude will be required.

Salary Range: CI\$2,500 - CI\$3,500.

An attractive compensation and benefits package (including medical insurance, vacation, pension and a 10% commission) is being offered to the qualified candidate. All applications received will be reviewed and only candidates meeting the mandatory requirements will be contacted for interview.

Applications should forward a detailed resume quoting reference "Senior Sales Associate" to:

The Publisher
Caymanian Times
Email: ralph@caymaniantimes.ky

Looking for:

Nanny / Domestic Helper

Job Description:

- Will be responsible for taking care of Two children in ages 1 − 2 years old.
- Will be responsible for picking up the eldest child (age of 7) from school if needed.
- Will be responsible for housekeeping such as bedmaking, cleaning, washing, and ironing clothes and linens

Qualifications:

- High School graduate
- At least more than 1 year experience in the same capacity;
- Has a great recommendation from previous employer
- · Good communication skill and loves children
- · Able to drive

Salary will be \$20,800.00 per annum plus statutory benefits as required by C.I. labor law.

Interested Caymanians and Permanent Residents with the rights to work should send their cover.

Letter & CV on whatsapp - 924-6894

NOTICES

CAYMANIAN PARTICIPATION SOUGHT

Caymanian participation is sought for an investment in a company which will engage in the ownership and management of a luxury hotel (with appurtenant amenities), food and beverage outlet(s) and retail space(s) located in the centre of George Town. The estimated total cost is approximately CI\$55 million. Expressions of interest are invited from Caymanian individuals or companies to participate in the investment in an aggregate of CI\$55 million. Interested parties should apply in writing on or before 24 July 2024 and should provide evidence of financial ability to participate supported by a letter from a financial institution in the Cayman Islands. Letters of interest from Caymanian individuals or companies should be copied to the Trade and Business Licensing Board, c/o the Department of Commerce and Investment, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, Suite 126, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands or sent by email to info@dci.gov.ky. In the absence of suitable qualified Caymanian investors, application will be made to the Trade and Business Licensing Board for the grant of a license under the Local Companies (Control) Act.

Please direct enquiries to:

Appleby (Cayman) Ltd.

9th Floor, 60 Nexus Way

Camana Bay

PO Box 190 Grand Cayman KY1-1104

Cayman Islands

Ref #CD453177

CAYMANIAN PARTICIPATION SOUGHT

Caymanian participation is being sought in relation to the acquisition of a thirty per cent (30%) shareholding in the local retail business of Penha Image Duty Free Ltd., a private limited company which is a retailer of fragrances, skincare, cosmetics and clothing which operates from its stores in George Town, Grand Cayman. The total level of upfront investment required for such 30% participation is US\$6,714,000. Interested parties should provide evidence of financial ability to participate in the venture supported by a letter from a Class "A" Bank or other reputable financial institution in the Cayman Islands by no later than 31 July 2024.

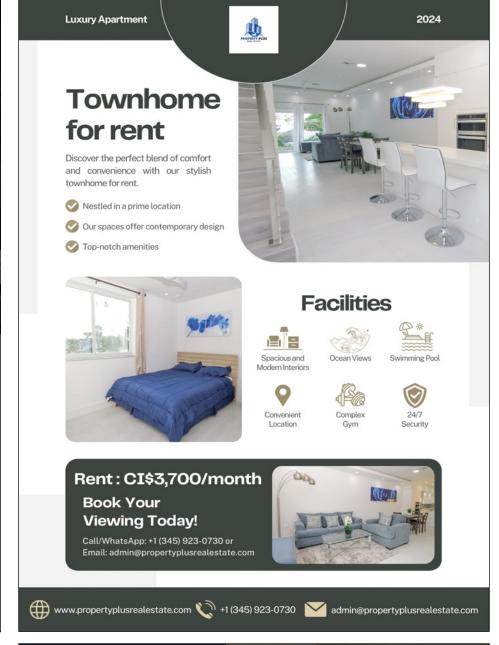
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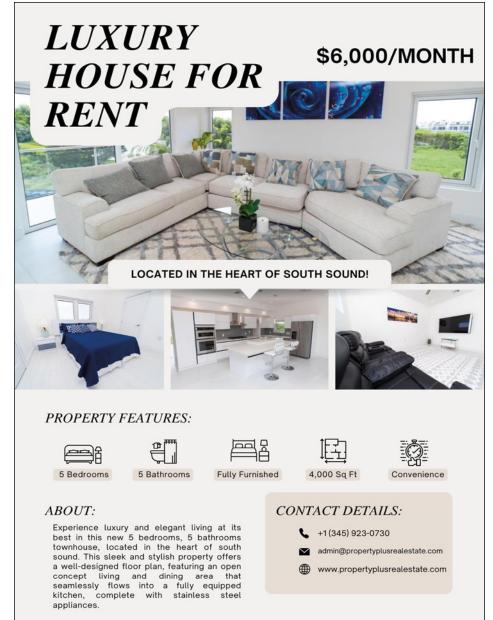
Loeb Smith Attorneys, P.O. Box 31493, Grand Cayman KY1-1206, Cayman Islands Attention: Robert Farrell

A copy of any Caymanian interest must also be sent to the Trade and Business Licensing Board c/o The Department of Commerce and Investment, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, Suite 126 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands or sent via email to info@dci.gov.ky.

In the event that suitable offers of participation from Caymanians are not received, an application will be made to the Trade and Business Licensing Board for a grant of a license under the Local Companies (Control) Act (2019 Revision).









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