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Easter camping: Traditions and Tensions



► Paula Scott and her notice asking others to respect the tradition

By Christopher Tobutt

Hundreds of people love to camp all along the beaches at Easter time. It's been a Cayman tradition for as long as anyone can remember. All kinds of different tents, of all shapes and sizes and colors go up on Good Friday (or maybe the day before, or even Wednesday sometimes) and they come down on Monday evening. People

love it because it's a chance to relax and get away from all the stress of everyday life; all the technology and all the trouble. People love the chance to meet with other people, maybe friends of family they haven't seen for a long time, and maybe catch some fish and cook them on a little campfire, so that the fragrant smell of wood

SEE **EASTER CAMPING**, Page 10

Preserving Cayman Traditions Through Old Time Stories

From his vantage point as long-time bus driver of Cayman's youth, Renford "Mr Rennie" Barnes, has heard many stories and has many stories to tell. Driving since age 16, he owns and operates the Barnes Bus Transport, school buses that cater to Cayman's children. Mr Rennie believes he has driven all of Cayman – "the premiere, his siblings – everywhere I go I see people that I drove, now big women and men". His father originated from

SEE **RENNIE BARNES**, Page 11



► Renford "Mr Rennie" Barnes & Ms Pam



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POLICE NEWS

Inspector Ian Yearwood Appointed as New Police Area Commander for the Sister Islands

Police Inspector Ian Yearwood has been appointed as the new Area Commander for the Sister Islands. He has succeeded Acting Inspector Kevin Bogle in this role, who has returned to uniform policing duties on Grand Cayman after successfully completing his two-year tenure.

Inspector Yearwood has already completed the hand-over process with the assistance of Acting Inspector Bogle, who has introduced him to key members of the community, such as the District Commissioner, the deputy District Commissioner, the head of the Sister Islands Customs and Border Control, Cayman Islands Fire Service, Public Works Department and the Port Authority. He has also met

with the Principal of the Layman Scott High School and intends to meet other members of the community in the weeks to come.

Inspector Yearwood brings with him a wealth of policing knowledge having worked previously as a Duty Inspector at all three districts on Grand Cayman. Additionally, he headed up the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, Community Policing Unit, served as Marine Commander in the Joint Marine Unit and was the Aide de Camp to H.E the Governor for several years. He joined the RCIPS in 1999 after spending 9 years in the Royal Barbados Police Force. Altogether he has 30 years of policing experience.

Inspector Ian Yearwood's years and range of experience are among the reasons the Senior Command Team believes he will successfully assume the task of Sister Islands' Area Commander. He will take the next few weeks to conduct a thorough assessment of policing coverage and performance, and the community needs, to ensure effective policing on the Sister Islands. An early assessment of issues on the sister islands has identified that the island struggles with reckless driving behaviours and collisions, which has resulted in serious injuries. He will be drawing on his experience from working in the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, to devise a plan of action to reduce serious collisions and encourage good driving behaviours. "Road and Commu-

nity Policing is my passion and has been stamped into my career over the years," says Inspector Yearwood, "It is my belief that Community Policing is the heart of policing the closely knitted communities of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman and I intend to do my part to ensure that the officers under my command for the next two years, work towards building a stronger bond with the community, which will

hopefully encourage communication and discourage the occurrence of crime."

Inspector Yearwood will be making visits and patrols to get to know members of the community on an individual basis and he encourages them to also visit him and discuss their ideas and concerns. Anyone interested in speaking with him is invited to call the Cayman Brac Police Station at 948-0331.



► Police Inspector Ian Yearwood

THANK YOU



This is a thank you from Anthony Eden, OBE, JP (Ret) former Member of Parliament for the constituency of Savannah and the district of Bodden Town.

I would like to thank God, the Hon. Minister of Works, the Premier, Edward Howard NRA Chairman, Mark Scotland, Brian Chin Yee and all the hard working staff of the NRA for completing the road works in the Savannah Meadows subdivision. Also for starting the road works in other parts of Savannah.

It is good to see that after so many years of asking that government has finally started and completed some road works in Savannah. I look forward to all the roads being completed in the constituency.

Thank you. May God continue to bless us all!

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COVID-19 Vaccination Drive scheduled for persons 16-24

Public Health is hosting a vaccination drive for persons aged 16-24 at Camana Bay on Friday 9th April. Health Services Authority staff will be providing vaccinations in the Doctors Hospital clinic between 3 and 7pm with the vac-CI-NATION party taking place on Forum Lane.

The Vac-CI-NATION event is to encourage the youngest age group of people who have not had their COVID-19 vaccine to come receive their first or second shot.

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youth, families, parents, and communities across West Bay West, West Bay and Cayman. **IT'S TIME** that your representative is judged on results and held accountable. If you want to see real change, with a better future for yourselves, your children and grandchildren, please join us in this noble cause.

A quick summary of some of the plans found in my Manifesto:

Family & Community

Promote and empower the youth, families, encourage responsible parenting, and inspire resilient safe communities;

Ensure the effective enforcement and Community Policing for West Bay.

District & Community – West Bay West

Hurricane Shelter and a Multi-Purpose Community Center.

Economic Pillars

Safely re-open our Tourism/Hospitality industry, and get people back to work;

Protect and promote our Financial Services industry.

New Opportunities – Economic Diversification

Actively promote Medical and Sports Tourism, as well as Alternative Energy ("Green") technologies.

Growth Management

Develop a long-term Strategic Development ("Vision 2050") Plan.

Infrastructure – Traffic Management

Implement a host of non-monetary but effective traffic management strategies.

Health & Wellness

Implement a system of Health Insurance for all, including retirees, the elderly, and the indigent, etc.;

Provision of Mental Health services and facilities in the West Bay district.

Housing and Property Ownership

Ensure reasonable access to affordable and decent housing, augmented by suitable access to long-term mortgage financing.

Quality of Life – Cost of Living

Appoint a Commission or "Think Tank" to examine the issue of the cost of Electricity generation;

Activate the Minimum Wage Advisory Committee.

Environmental Preservation

Review and institute and enforce the National Conservation legislation seeking a balance but focusing on future generations of Caymanians;

Proper islands-wide Waste Recycling programme.

Development of Caymanian Talent

Introduce a new Labour Relations Act and a new Human Capital Development Act;

Provide vocational and technical training programmes to ensure Caymanian employment.

Local Commerce & Industry

Provide financial incubation, best practices, and resilience for small businesses.

Good Governance and the Constitution

Amendments to the Constitution to provide for "Limited Term" and also for a "Recall" provision.

Employment Rights and Relations

Reform the Labour Tribunals by creating an independent yet integrated structure.

Cultural & Heritage sensitivity

Enhance the History & Civics education in the School system.

Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities

Review and regularize the Immigration circumstances and cases in relation to "ghost Caymanians."

Highlights of my qualifications, experience and principles which I bring as an MP representing West Bay West:

Family & Faith Highlights

- ✦ 8th generation Caymanian, with my great-grandparents all from West Bay and a resident of Coral Gables for the past 28 years (25 of those years serving as the Chairman of the Coral Gables Homeowners Association)
- ✦ Married for 33 years to Mrs. L. Lovenia Ebanks (nee Miller of North Side)
- ✦ Active members of Church of God Chapel in West Bay (since 1969)

Qualifications, certificates and accreditations, key amongst these being:

- ✦ 1986 graduate of the University of Miami, with Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a Major in International Finance & Marketing, and Minor in Economics & Public Affairs
- ✦ Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from University of Tennessee in 2002
- ✦ First Caymanian Manager of the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce in late 1980's
- ✦ Youngest Country Manager within Esso Caribbean and Central America in early 1990's
- ✦ Senior Assistant Permanent Secretary in Ministry of Community Development in late 1990's
- ✦ First Director of Labour & Pensions from 2012 to 2015
- ✦ Chief Human Resources Officer at the C.I. Airports Authority 2015 thru Feb 2021
- ✦ Councillor Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce, 2018 to 2020
- ✦ Trustee – Chamber Pension Plan, 2018 to Present

Community Volunteer and advocate, including:

- ✦ Past President of both Rotary Club Central and Junior Achievement
- ✦ Founding Member & Past President of Cayman Islands Overseas Students' Association
- ✦ Founding Member & Past President of the Cayman Islands Society for Human Resource Professionals
- ✦ Past Chairman of the General Assembly of the Church of God Chapels in the Cayman Islands from 2010 to 2012
- ✦ Host Parents for the Children's Heart Project, an international humanitarian ministry of the Samaritan's Purse
- ✦ Served on various Government Boards and Advisory Committees including Business Staffing Plan Board, as Deputy Chairman; the Turtle Farm Board as Deputy Chairman; the Education Council; the Board of Governors of the now University College of the Cayman Islands; and Member of the 5-Year Agricultural Plan Review Committee
- ✦ Served on the West Bay Heritage Committee, the National Trust, and Cayman Against Substance Abuse (CASA), and a member of the Board of Trustees of the International College of the Cayman Islands (ICCI).

On 14th April please elect:

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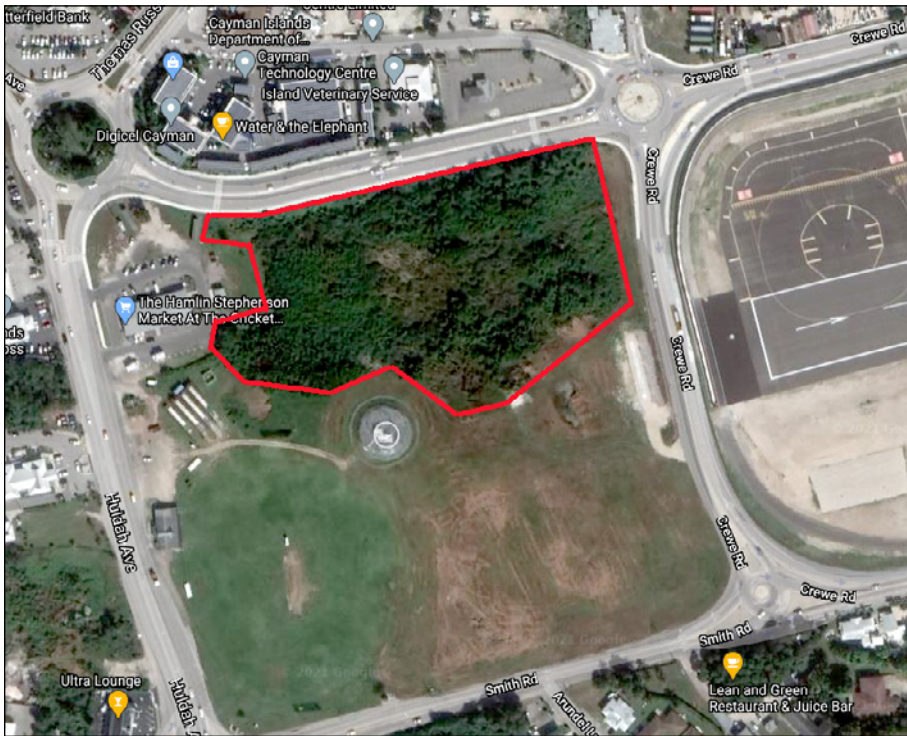
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Cayman Air Traffic Visibility Requires Clearing of Land

As part of the next phase of continued improvements in operations and safety standards at the Airports, The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) on Grand Cayman and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) on Cayman Brac, will be clearing land

near the cricket field by ORIA on Monday, 12 April 2021.

These works are being carried out in accordance with the "AIRPORTS AUTHORITY (SAFE GUARDING) REGULATIONS, 2019" and is a necessary safety precaution in order to remove the vegetation penetrating the flight path for landing and departing aircraft.



► Land near the cricket field will be cleared to remove the vegetation penetrating the flight path for landing and departing aircraft.

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MIGRANTS

Intensive investigations are being conducted by Cayman's Customs and Security authorities into the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of a group of Cuban asylum-seekers who were returned to the jurisdiction on Monday after being found at sea.

The 10 migrants who turned up in Cayman by sea recently as illegal refugees had disappeared while their asylum request was being processed.

They had already been released from quarantine but were required to wear special security tracking devices so that authorities here could be kept abreast of their whereabouts.

According to reports, the signal was lost from the devices and was eventually tracked to a point about 50 miles out to sea on Sunday.

In a statement on Tuesday, the CBC confirmed that the signal was traced to a vessel with the missing migrants onboard.

The agency said it had "received notification from the Cayman Islands Coast Guard that a vessel in distress with multiple persons onboard was assisted by a passing vessel approximately 50 nautical miles west of Grand Cayman."

It went on to state that: "CBC can also confirm that the persons onboard are the migrants that were unable to be located on Sunday, 4th April."

CBC said the vessel was adrift for the past few days and the persons onboard appear to be weak but had not sustained any injuries.

According to the agency, the migrants were returned to Grand Cayman by the passing vessel where they will have to undergo another period of quarantine.

"The migrants will have to adhere to COVID-19 testing and quarantine protocols as required by legislation for all incoming persons," it said.



There has been a flood of speculation surrounding the movement of the migrants, said to be the Cubans who had requested asylum.

The CBC said, "This remains an active investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact the confidential information hotline at 1-800-534-2546 or email legalim@gov.ky."

On Wednesday afternoon at 2pm, the CBC acknowledged the situation with the migrants who were refusing to disembark the vessel, Bulk Freedom. CBC further confirmed that there are ten adult males, two adult females and one infant female remaining on board.

CBC confirmed that one male migrant voluntarily disembarked the vessel and has been transported to the Holiday Inn quarantine facility. No medical issues have been reported.

The situation is managed by CBC with the assistance of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and the Cayman Islands Coast Guard (CICG).

CBC would like to emphatically state all efforts are being made to accommodate the safety of those on board and the Cayman Islands Government continues to provide care in accordance with the 1951 Refugee Convention and that approach will continue.

This situation is evolving and updates will be provided once they become available.



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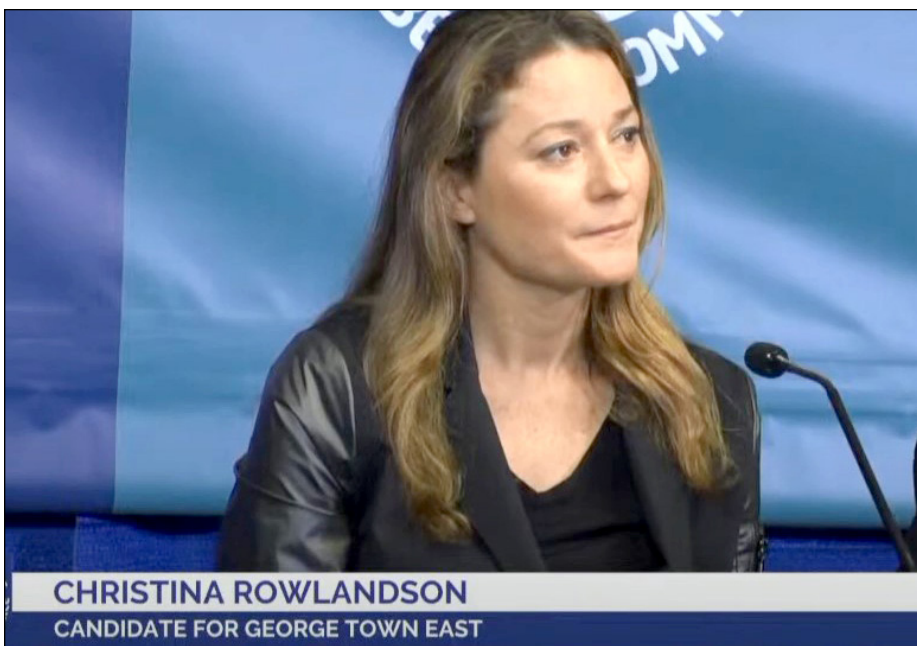
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McTAGGART TARGETS GEORGE TOWN EAST

Earmarked as Cayman's next premier if the Progressives-Alliance camp wins next Wednesday's election, George Town East incumbent Roy McTaggart's answers in the last of the Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forums were critical to setting the agenda for the next government.

First though, Mr McTaggart needs to retain his seat. He is being challenged by independents Emily DeCou, Christina Hislop-Rowlandson, Dr Frank McField and Richard Bernard.

Mr McTaggart, the Minister of Finance Minister and Economic Development, was recently confirmed by outgoing Progressives two-time Premier Alden McLaughlin as his successor at the helm of the party - and defacto premier-designate.

Mr McLaughlin who is also contesting the election for his Red Bay constituency is constitutionally barred from a third consecutive term has made himself available for a ministerial or other senior position in a new progressives/Alliance coalition.

On their plans for the George Town East all of the candidates listed flooding as a top priority.

Saying that the problem has existed for over 30 years, Mr McTaggart said "I'm committed to seeing that we do what we can to alleviate and try to mitigate some of these things. And one of the issues that we'll have to deal with them is the whole issue of stormwater management, and allowing how that gets treated and how it gets dealt with as development continues."

His opponent Richard Bernard said it's "the most pressing issue facing George Town East", while Dr McField proposed

"revitalisation loans or grants to the people in that area" accusing the Planning Department of shortsightedness.

Emily DeCou also noted the flooding problem and included traffic congestion saying "they have ripple effects on people's quality of life". She suggests public transportation and affordable housing as part of an overall agenda for sustainable development.

Christina Hislop Rowlandson called for public transport to alleviate the traffic congestion saying "we do desperately need to establish a bus route". She too listed flooding as a major challenge.

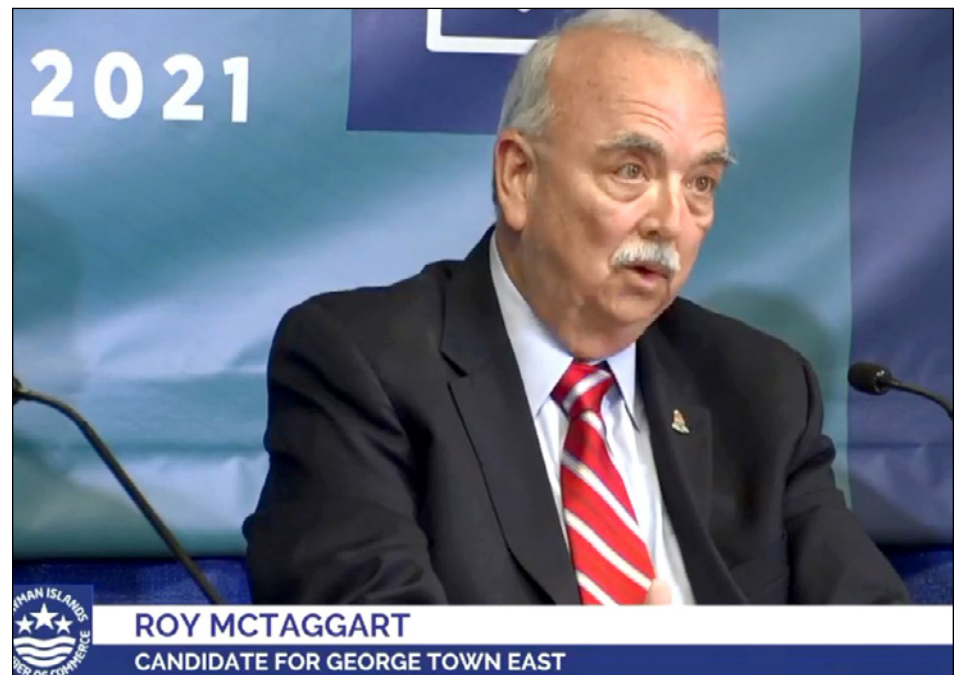
Looking at traffic nationally, but particularly the bottleneck at the Hurley's Roundabout, Mr McTaggart while saying that there's been some relief said "it still is not able to deal adequately with the flow of traffic, which until now exceeds 40,000 cars a day."

Nationally, he proposed what he referred to as a "radical" approach.

"I think it's time to look at limiting the number of cars that people are allowed to own. This is probably quite radical," he stated with the proviso that an efficient public transportation system needed to be in place as a priority.

There was wide agreement and a variety of ideas on addressing the traffic challenges especially at that intersection.

Emily DeCou called it a source of frustration and very unsafe, Christina Hislop-Rowlandson suggested staggered working times and called for reform of the Central Planning Authority, Richard Bernard felt import quotas might have to be considered, while Dr Frank McField ar-



ROY MCTAGGART
CANDIDATE FOR GEORGE TOWN EAST

gued that the issue was too complex to be adequately addressed in the forum.

On the broad national agenda, mR McTaggart who has been at the forefront of the current government policies as Finance and Economic Development Minister, stated: "I think the most pressing issue that we face right now is the safe handling of the reopening of our economy, and dealing with the vaccination programme."

He also said the traffic issues and health-care would be his other top priorities saying: "We desperately need to have a public transportation system that is reliable" and condemning the current health insurance as "not fit for purpose."

Christina Hislop-Rowlandson listed implementing the 2008 national development plan to manage the pace of growth.

"It was a very good product developed over many, many months and a lot of roundtables with a lot of business leaders, community leaders."

Richard Bernard said he would prioritise the cost of living, import substitution and affordable housing.

"Number one, would be the cost of living. Cayman has become the most expensive destination on this planet. It is ridiculous."

Dr McField stressed the need for long term planning.

"We seem to be a society that really hates planning. Now we're in the pandemic situation...how are we going to get out of this?" he asked.

Emily DeCou agrees and cites her own sustainable development plan for Cayman.

"We've got issues with just thinking long term I think and having the proactivity to plan really long term for our long term sustainability. So, coming in I would be really heavily championing for some sort of holistic, sustainable development plan to be put in place that looks at the future of Cayman long term 20 to 30 years ahead of us."

There were points of agreement and divergence on other issues including decriminalising cannabis, the education system, and the financial services sector.

This forum however did not address the specific issues of tourism and port-folio preferences which featured across the series.



FRANK MCFIELD
CANDIDATE FOR GEORGE TOWN EAST



EMILY DECOU

Tears flow, as Boyz 2 Men show their mothers how much they love them

A great many young, elegantly-dressed gentlemen escorted their mothers into the Ritz-Carlton Hotel for the Boyz 2 Men Evening of Fine Dining at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. Boyz 2 Men was begun by John Gray School Counsellor Christopher Murray more than ten years ago. It is a programme for boys between the ages of 14 and 16, aimed at helping them make the transition, not just to young men, but to young gentlemen. Boyz 2 Men has grown in numbers year by year, as more and more boys see how the programme, which involves mentors and motivational talks from successful role models in the business community and the professions, makes a positive



► "I love you mom, because..."

itive impact on their peers' behavior in terms of increased respect for oneself and for others.

"The evening was a most enchanting time that was filled with extremely delightful moments," Mr. Murray said. Each of the boys carefully pulled out the chairs for their mothers so that their mothers could be seated first. It was a grand opportunity to put into practice all the etiquette skills they had learned through the helpful Ritz-Carlton staff, during previous sessions of visiting the hotel.

As the evening unfolded, each of the young gentlemen was given the opportunity to present their mothers with a red rose, a token of their love and appreciation, and tell them what their mothers meant to them. In front of the microphone, each of the boys took it in turns to say, "I love you mom, because..." From there, they spoke from their hearts, and there were many tears both from the boys and also their mothers, as the expressions of love flowed.



► "I love you mom, because..."

One boy said, "I don't just want to say I love you but I need you to know that I love you. I don't want to ever have the feeling of losing you and not telling you how much I love you." Another young man stood up to speak and while looking on his mother he broke down while hugging her and saying, "I love you." A few of the boys brought their grandmother, aunt or their big sister instead, as sometimes it is these ladies who have brought them up. Several of the boys praised their mother for being both a mother and father figure in their lives.

The boys were later invited to take their mothers by the hand and share in a dance with them. Traditionally Mr. Barris Reid sings songs which serenade the mothers on behalf of the boys, but this year Mr. Reid was unable to come, so Mrs Darnelle Celestine, a JGHS math teacher, sang beautifully in his place.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Kurt Walton was guest speaker, he related well to the audience. JGHS principal Mr. Jon Clark also addressed the group.



► Expressions of love for each boy's mother filled the banquet hall

The directors of the not for profit organization Boyz2Men Cayman are: Christopher Murray, Simon Miller, Seaford Russell and Richard Wildman. The Evening of Fine Dining was sponsored by Edie's Decor, MLA David Wight, CNB, Ernest and Young, and HSA psychologist Paulette Gayle.

Several of the mothers kept on saying thank you to the directors. The boys said confidently how much they enjoyed the night.



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Botanic Park Hosts Earth Month Yoga Series

The Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park and Bliss Yoga hopes to bring visitors to feel at one with nature through a series of yoga

classes inside the beautiful grounds of the Park.

As an extension of Earth Day (22nd April) celebrations, the classes are being held on three consecutive Sundays: 11th, 18th and 25th April.

The classes can be reserved by donation only and all ages and levels of experience are welcome to attend. "There is no minimum donation, and all proceeds will benefit the continued development of the Children's Garden," said John Lawrus, Botanic Park General Manager.

"Your contribution will help further the development, along with helping our children understand the importance of the environment

and respect for the earth that we all share. So, feel free to bring them along," added Mr. Lawrus.

Director of Yoga at Bliss, Janelle Kroon says the effects of being in nature really allows the body and mind to rest and to feel elevated. "Because we are going to be in the gardens at the Botanic Park there will be a real sense of ease and calm and we feel people will walk away with reduced anxiety and stress, which is pretty perfect for this time right now," said Ms. Kroon.

All donations can be made at the park on day of class. To sign up please call Bliss at 949-9642 or email info@blissyogacayman.com.



To learn how you can donate to the Children's Garden project, kindly call 947-9462 or email manager@botanic-park.ky.

EARTH MONTH Yoga in the Park



- 1 SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH, 18TH, 25TH
- 2 10 AM
- 3 BY DONATION
- 4 THE COLOUR GARDEN LAWN
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With the continued development of the Children's Garden we aim to provide a space that the children of the Cayman Islands can call their own. With thoughtful features to capture both direct and passive learning, places to play and connect with our environment, or just to simply disconnect and read a book, there will be something for every child when completed. With funds raised through donations and gifts in kind we are well on our way to bringing that science book to life in a safe location within the Botanic Park. A simple yet fun place to inspire the minds of the future generations.

Your donation will help further the development, along with helping our children understand the importance of the environment and respect for the earth that we all share!

To sign up please call Bliss at 949-9642 or email info@blissyogacayman.com. All donations can be made at the park on day of class.




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Botanic Park Orchid Show & Sale: A Springtime Oasis

This weekend's visitors to the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park were greeted with an array of colourful blooms at the Orchid Show and Sale organised by the Park in association with the Cayman Islands Orchid Society.

While the show's display was on a smaller scale due to the ongoing limitations of plant importation, Park staff and volunteers worked hard to ensure the event went on as usual, much to the delight of orchid-lovers island wide.

"Setting up the display is a big part of this event. I want to personally thank the Cayman Islands Orchid Society and our volunteers who work behind the scenes to make sure every plant is meticulously cared for, readying them for public view-



► Nick Johnson explains judging criteria to visitors



► A springtime Oasis at the annual Orchid Show



► Orchid lovers carefully shopping for their favourite blooms

ing," said John Lawrus, Botanic Park General Manager.

Held on Saturday and Sunday, 27th and 28th March from 9:00am to 4:00pm the annual show and fundraising sale hosts a stunning exhibition of multiple orchid species including locally grown orchids and some indigenous to the Cayman Islands.

"The main display set up on the inside of the Park's Kirkland Nixon Visitor Centre is curated with privately owned orchids from members of the Cayman Islands Orchid Society," said Nick Johnson, Botanic Park Horticultural Manager.

Speaking with visitors, Mr. Johnson explained the show's judging criteria.

"They are first grouped in the same genus. Once grouped, we then look at how many flower spikes the plant has;

whether it has been staked and what the staking looks like. We also judge on the choice of pot, how the leaf looks; how the plant on a whole is being presented, and if there is any pest or disease on it," said Mr. Johnson.

Judges included Mr. Johnson himself, a member of the Orchid Society and accredited judge of the Jamaica Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society, Mr. Claude Hamilton of Hamlyn Orchids, who participated via video messaging from Jamaica.

Eighteen orchids in all received winning ribbons, placing either first, second or third in each of the six categories. Best in Show went Thalia Foster with her Guari-anthe skinneri.

Organizers are pleased to partner once again with long time sponsors. "We really appreciate the long-standing sup-

port of our sponsors, DMS Broadcasting, Cayman Airways, Sticks and Stones, the Department of Tourism and Vigoro Nursery; without whom, we could not put on a show of such calibre for the public to enjoy," said Mr. Lawrus.

Mr. Lawrus also wishes to thank the public for the continued support of the efforts of the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park. "We exceeded our expectations on all accounts and because of the huge turnout, we were able to sell all of the orchids! We look forward to doing it all again next year."

Proceeds from this year's Orchid Show and Sale will go towards continued development of both the Orchid Conservation Area and the new Children's Garden.

To learn how you can make a donation to either initiative, kindly email manager@botanic-park.ky or call 947-9462.



Health City Cayman Islands opens to the Sister Islands

Health City Cayman Islands officially opened its Cayman Brac clinic at a ceremony last week attended by government dignitaries, Health City leadership and medical staff, patients and members of the Cayman Brac community.

The new clinic will provide specialised and tertiary type hospital services for initial assessments, outpatient follow ups and checkups in the areas of cardiology, neurology, orthopaedics, pulmonology and psychiatry.

Mr Shomari Scott, Chief Business Officer, Health City Cayman Islands said addressing the barriers of access to healthcare services and health professionals was an important focus Health City.

"In Cayman our challenge is not about having an undersupply of doctors, it is about getting doctors and health professionals to where they are needed - where people live and work, and without the added inconvenience and stress of travel," he said.

"We've calculated that at least 50 trips per annum from the Brac will be prevented with the opening of this clinic. Those trips will be replaced with a more convenient, relaxed and seamless patient experience."

The clinic will initially be open Saturdays with a rotation of visiting specialist doctors.

Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, Deputy Premier, Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport said the opening of the clinic was a great example of what could be achieved through a government and private sector collaboration that aimed to keep its communities healthy and thriving.

"This past year has shown us the importance of having close and convenient access to quality healthcare. Having access to doctors from a world-class hospital such as Health City right here in Cayman Brac is an immense benefit to this community," he said.

Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connelly, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Land said the health and safety of Sister Islands residents was a priority for the government.

"We warmly welcome Health City to the Cayman Brac community and are pleased our people now have convenient access to specialist care," she said.

Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil, Clinical Director, Senior Consultant Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery, Health City Cayman Islands said visits to doctors and healthcare appointments were often stressful enough without layering on top of that the logistics of travel arrangements.



"I have treated many people at our East End campus and have heard stories of early mornings, long days, delayed travel arrangements, stressful situations of rushing to make appointments on time, and people having to take whole days off work or worrying about childcare arrangements," he said. "Many of our Sister Island patients are elderly and age only amplifies the difficulties of travelling. The community of the Sister Islands deserve the very best in health services and this clinic will help deliver that."

Health City Cayman Island Cayman Brac Clinic is located at 20 Kirkconnell Street, Stake Bay, across from the government/district administration building.



Getting Fit Fast

Have you ever looked in the mirror and wondered: *How did I let myself go this far?*

After more than a year of the global pandemic, many people are finding themselves in worse shape than ever before. The stress eating and lack of exercise of the last year has really caught up.

That's OK! Now is the perfect time to get back into shape, fast.

Let's change your in-front-of-the-mirror thought bubble to: *Wow, I'm looking amazing!* by reading on and taking the action steps below.

Start with Motivation: Why do you want to get fit again? There must be a reason that you desire to change your body at this time in your life. Think about it until you have a very clear, very specific reason.

There is no wrong answer here. We all have our own personal motivators for wanting to achieve our best selves. What's ultimately important is that your reason is specific and powerful to you.

Once you've determined what your motivation is, write it down where you can see it every day. Think about it. Focus on it. Don't ever let go of it.

Work on Education: You need to eat right and workout smart in order to quickly achieve your goal body. Do you know how to do this? Are you sure?

While there is more information on fitness available to us to-



► Ernest Ebanks

day than ever before, all of the information noise often gets in the way more than it helps. Don't expect to know exactly how to get into shape by yourself.

A successful body transformation plan should be made by a fitness professional, like myself. I'll take your personal information into account and will answer any and all questions to ensure your success.

Seek out Support: It's time to have an honest and vulnerable conversation with the people in your life who matter the most. Let them know how far you've let yourself go. Let them know what your goal is. Let them know why this matters so much to you.

Your success rate depends heavily on the support system that you build around yourself as you begin to implement healthy lifestyle changes.

It's very possible that you'll find one or more people in your life who are threatened by your desire to improve your body. While this can be upsetting, try to approach it with understanding. The best scenario would be them joining you.

Please feel free to call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email me today at bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com to get started on your body transformation. Let me be your support system!

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► Tents at Smith Barcadere



► Setting off in a little boat to do some fishing just like in Bible times

Easter camping traditions and tensions

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smoke and cooking fish waft through the trees.

At least, that is how it used to be. Nothing stays the same forever, and now the Easter Camping tradition is changing too. Lots of people from different countries representing different cultures, different ways of doing things, are joining in the fun. But as is always the case when different cultures sit side by side, sometimes they harmonize, and sometimes there is tension. At Smith Barcadere, someone had put up a notice reading, "Easter Camping is a Caymanian Tradition. Kindly respect our culture and our camping spaces. Thank you! "The poster had been put up on a sea grape tree by Paula Scott, so I asked her why.

"Camping Spaces are limited, and we've got Tom Dick and Harry from all over the world and wanting to deal with the tradition the same way, you understand? And I'm telling them, 'Happy Easter one and all, keep safe, enjoy and keep it clean, because that's a serious problem too."

Some of the people camping with Ms. Scott also spoke about a bonfire on the sands, much too big to be safe. Nearby, a police officer confirmed that it is not legal to build open fires on the beaches in Cayman, it is only allowed to keep them in enclosed places, such as barrels or barbecues.

A Department of Environmental Health employee was walking around picking



► Everyone loves Ludo, one of the favorite games for Easter Camping

up litter. He said that most of the time, he found that people were very good and cleaned up after themselves, but a few of them left a mess behind.

Sometimes, too the air is filled with more aromas than just wood smoke. You can often smell ganja too, and not every-

body wants to. It is good to be able to enjoy yourself, but it is even better when everyone respects each other's space. I didn't hear much loud music when I was there, but tent-neighbors don't always enjoy having to listen to another person's music, especially in the middle of the night. It's

sometimes nice to just leave technology behind.

But it isn't all tension and treading on one another's sandy toes; far from it. And it was lovely to see so many people from different cultures getting along and having fun together on the beach.



► Tents along South Sound



► Camping at Spotts Beach

CELEBRATING CAYMAN WRITERS, WRITINGS, & THE ARTS

Renford "Mr Rennie" Barnes: Preserving Cayman Traditions Through Old Time Stories. Part One

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St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, and was the first bus driver in the Cayman Islands. He also owned the first bakery, located where First Caribbean Bank now is in George Town. Mr Rennie says, "because I drive buses, I see the changes in Cayman firsthand. I see the kids grow up into adults. I have intimate knowledge of Cayman and have seen changes in the town and in families over the years".

Though hesitant to share his work, Mr Rennie has written poems that capture important local events, like Hurricane Ivan and yes, even COVID-19. These poems celebrate and preserve Caymanian traditions. Mr Rennie's impressive collection of old Cayman things is worth mentioning, as are his efforts to bring Caymanian seniors together monthly to walk down memory lane. A repository of local lore, Mr Rennie proves true the idea of American professor, Kevin Decora, that the "holistic value of storytelling is its link to community". Mr Rennie's stories teach life lessons, celebrate his family's history, and bring people together.

"Take Me Back"

His poem "Take me Back" is a longing for what was, as he remembers the days of "cisterns", "going to school and classes were under the shady tree", "the old bath pan in my Mama's kitchen", "when one shilling could buy bulla and cheese", and a time when "young people dressed to the best and covered all the rest". With a nostalgic smile on his face, Mr Rennie shared this poem and many stories, and they were a

wonderful reminder that storytelling is the earliest form of entertainment and of passing on important messages.

He shared his memories of going to 'government school' on the waterfront. The children would play in a sandy area and with the blowholes. He remembers saving a now prominent Cayman gentleman who, as a student, nearly drowned in the nearby waters. The waterfront school was not safe, and so the "moms and the children marched to government house in peaceful protest and insisted on a safe school for the children. This is how the Annex, now George Town Primary School, came about, with the first principal being Teacher McField, and Clifton Hunter as the Education Officer at the time". Mr Rennie remembers that "at the Annex, the children with promise were separated and trained before going to Jamaica to do their schooling. Persons like Gilbert McLean, Roy Bodden, Lillian Archer, Lucille Seymour, went off to do their teacher course and other studies".

He was working by age 12, firstly as a caretaker of the Elmslie church where he would ring or bang the bell to indicate start time or inform the community that someone had died. Mr Rennie jokingly admits that in those days you went to church if you wanted a government job. True to tradition, though he joined his dad in driving buses at age 16, by 17 he was working as a messenger boy in "government house". He



► Dr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper is an Associate Professor of English at the UCCI

recalls working with "Sir Vassel Johnson, Sybil McLaughlin, and others who were the ones running government, but at that time they had no phones so we as young boys would carry messages from one government department to another. We were the communication system".

For this Caymanian gentleman, it is sad that Caymanian traditions are not being preserved extensively for the youth in Cayman. Like any good storyteller, however, Mr Rennie is doing his part to preserve traditions.

"When my wife taught at a George Town school, I would go dressed as an old Caymanian and would take cultural items to the school to talk with the kids. Sadly, the kids would identify calabash as pumpkin or some such. I would tell them what it is and show them what it was used for".

Mr Rennie told stories of changes in Cayman. It was then that I met his sister, Ms Pam, well into her eighties, who Mr Rennie turned to when he could not remember all the dates. And what an impressive memory she has! Ms Pam remembers dates and events by linking them with her children's birth, or death of a family member. She reminisced that the march of the mothers occurred in '58 or '59; she remembers the first road, now Eastern Avenue, built by Mike Simmons in '56; and, "Radio Cayman started between '74 and '76 when I left for Canada". They spoke of Cayman sports day, when the various districts would all



► Renford "Mr Rennie" Barnes & Ms Pam

compete "district against district, pretty much like what schools do now". This would happen on the grounds where the government building is now, and at the Annex. They further recall that cops had to be a certain height then, and Cayman's police force comprised of local, Jamaican, and Barbadian men. The first teachers of Cayman Prep all came from Jamaica, and bars could not open till after church - "nowhere would open till after church. Cayman was strict in those days".

The siblings had many other stories to share, and I enjoyed them all! Then Mr Rennie and I took a short trip to what I am calling his mini museum where he and other senior Caymanians meet monthly to share memories, play games, and discuss local happenings. There I met his poems and heard several other stories, but those I will share in another few weeks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BE MINDFUL OF BLUE IGUANAS NEAR THE ROAD

We are currently in the blue iguana breeding season and you may observe iguanas on the road as they roam to find partners and territories. Please be mindful to slow down, give iguanas a wide berth on the road and do not hit them with your car.

Each year, vehicles are responsible for a large number of adult iguana fatalities, even during the quiet year in 2020. This issue mainly affects mature adult iguanas and every loss is a huge blow to breeding and conservation efforts for this species.

We would like to thank all of our supporters, volunteers and our community in helping us protect our endemic and endangered blue iguanas. We look forward to what we hope will be a safe and successful breeding season.

Stay connected with Blue Iguana Conservation by following the project on Facebook and Instagram: @blueiguanaconservation. If you are interested in supporting our work, whether through a monetary donation or as a volunteer, please email Luke Harding at bic@national-trust.org.ky



Planned Works – Cayman Brac Distribution System

Water Authority – Cayman would like to inform its customers that the public water service in Cayman Brac will be interrupted from **1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. on 8 and 9 April 2021 (Thursday and Friday)**. The service interruption will take place to facilitate investigative work on the Cayman Brac distribution system.

The Water Authority apologises for any inconvenience this interruption in service may cause and thanks the public for their patience and understanding.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Scholarship Opportunity

Ongoing until 30 April - The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) is now accepting local scholarship applications for the 2021/2022 academic year. Eligible applicants must possess the right to be Caymanian and possess a letter of acceptance to the academic institution they wish to attend. Apply for the Cayman Islands Government's Education Council Local Scholarship online at www.education.gov.ky/scholarships. Supporting documentation including a cover letter, a copy of the applicant's birth/status certificate and one passport size photograph must be uploaded to the website by Friday, 30 April 2021.

Gigantic Garage Sale

10 April - St. Ignatius Church is having its annual GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE & CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday, April 10th from 6:00-11:00 am at the Loyola Hall and School Car Park. \$25 to book a selling spot! Lots of bargains! All kinds of items! Breakfast items on sale! Anyone wishing to donate items (in good condition) can drop them off anytime from mid-March onwards. Phone 949-6797 or e-mail Ignatius@candw.ky to

book your selling spot, arrange for collection of larger items, or to volunteer to help out beforehand or on the day!

Guardians Alive - Free Wellness Event

10 April - Save the date for 2021 Guardians Alive. This is a FREE Wellness event with something for everyone including workshop-styled activities, with free breakfast. This takes place on Saturday April 10th starting at 6am at the Seven Mile Public Beach. There will be 5k, 10k Walk / Run and Beach Wellness options. Registration at www.caymanactive.com/registrations/guardians

Reef Relief Beach Day

10 April - Join CCMi from 12 noon-3pm on Saturday 10th April at Kaibo for a fun, relaxing beach day in efforts to protect and restore coral reefs. Tickets start at CI \$75/person (CI \$30 for kids 12 and under) and include the photo scavenger hunt (which runs 5-10 April) and the beach day at @kaibobeach, including your lunch, a welcome drink, great music, and fun activities (for adults and kids) at one of North Side's favourite locations! For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://>

reefresearch.org/kaibo-beach-day2021/

Alex Panton Foundation - Breaking Barriers Support Group

10 April - Young adults ages 18 - 30 are invited to join this peer-led Breaking Barriers support group. This is a safe environment for those struggling with stress and mental health difficulties. This event is FREE to attend, with no commitment required and takes place every Saturday from 12:30pm - 2:00pm at the George Town Public Library, on 3rd floor in the Break-out room. Free gift vouchers available to attendees from community sponsors and light snacks & beverages will be provided. For more information, please visit <https://alexpantonfoundation.ky/support/>

Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run

11 April - Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre is having its first annual 5K Walk/Run on Sunday 11 April from 6:30 am to 12 noon. This starts at ends at the Cayman Turtle Centre. The funds raised will support the conservation of green sea turtles. Register now at www.turtlecrawl.ky

Election Day - No Alcohol Sales

14 April - The Liquor Licensing Board of the Cayman Islands ad-



► Guardians Alive - Free Wellness Event

vises licensees that they are not permitted to sell intoxicating liquor on Election Day, April 14, during the stated hours. Anyone found breaching the Act is liable to a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment.

Cayman Brac Stride Against Cancer 2021 (A Fundraising Event for CICS)

17 April - Stride Against Cancer in Cayman Brac will take place on Saturday, April 17th. The entry fee is CI\$10. per person and registration starts at: 6:15am with The Stride starting at: 7pm promptly. The funds raised will help finance the Society's many programs and activities. For more information, please see www.cics.ky For more

details, please contact Connie Gudet at 917 - 8670.

Cayman Islands Charity Auto Show

17 April - Cayman's car clubs come together with motorcycles, fire trucks, police cars, helicopters to give you a unique family friendly day at the airport all while raising funds for the community of Cayman. 100% of the proceeds will be donated as well as 50% of the sales from all Peripheral Sunglasses that will be on showcase at the event. Visit facebook.com/CICAUTOSHOW/ for more information.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

COVID-19 Vaccination Drive scheduled for persons 16-24

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This free event is exclusively for persons aged 16-24 years old who must present a Public Health vaccination card showing their first or second COVID shot to receive entry. The Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman

will be running a raffle for those eligible for this drive - simply present proof of age (16-24) and evidence of your first vaccination for a chance to win one of ten \$100 Camana Bay gift cards.

Dr John Lee, Chief Medical Officer, said he would like to see an increase in uptake of the vaccine within this age group. "It is likely that those younger will suffer less in terms of the burden of illness; nevertheless, the new variants appear to be affecting young groups more than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus so the young are not 'immune,'" Dr Lee said. "Additionally, the young are a significant cause of spread for this highly infectious virus, so they may inadvertently transmit the virus to the vulnerable, loved ones, friends and colleagues - this itself will cause illness and deaths."

The vac-CI-NATION event will feature:

- DMS Broadcasting - DJ Dave Kelly providing music from 5 - 7pm
- Photobooth
- Raffle Prizes - opportunity to win \$100 Camana Bay Gift Cards (10 in total)
- Treats & Drinks

Individuals 16 & 17 must also have parent present for consent. Please bring along a completed consent form available at <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/> Health Services Authority staff will be on site to answer questions about the vaccine.

"I encourage all persons 16-24 to attend this event and get vaccinated", Dr Lee stated. "I thank those who have already stepped forward to receive the vaccine and ask they talk to their peers openly about the vaccine and side effects from the injection. There are many myths and misconceptions about this vaccine and some people are nervous about side effects, however, most have little to no side effects with the most common being arm soreness, tiredness, fever and chills. Side effects from the vaccine are minimal compared to the life threatening symptoms that could come with contracting COVID-19".

Please bring a government photo ID showing Date of Birth (DOB) AND document/passport showing approval to be on island for six months from arrival. Visit <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/> for more info.

Thank you to our sponsors & partners:

- Camana Bay
- Health Services Authority (HSA)
- DMS Broadcasting
- Doctor's Hospital
- Foster's Supermarket
- Rotaract Club of Grand Cayman

Facebook Event - <https://fb.me/e/5dz4A2zkG>

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of **DOTHLYN JOYCE SCOTT, fondly known as MISS DOTTIE** who passed away peacefully on Friday 2 April 2021.

Miss Dottie lived in Grand Cayman for over thirty years before she returned to Jamaica in 2017.

She was a devout Catholic who loved the Lord, was a friend to many and always shared whatever she had - great or small - with her fellow man.



"Well done, good and faithful servant".
May her Soul rest in Peace.

She will be greatly missed by her Cayman family and friends. Love and condolences to her children, grandchildren, brothers and other family members in Jamaica.

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Cayman-based racer, 16, is way ahead

A teenage racing ace based in the Cayman Islands is so good that he is beating adults with far more experience on the American circuit.

Kyffin Simpson races in Formula Regional in the US and last weekend the 16-year-old speedster completed a clean sweep of pole position and three back-to-back wins at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta, beating grown men in the process. He was driving for series debutants TJ Speed Motorsports in the first round of the 2021 FR Americas Championship. Last season he was successful in the F4 series in America.

Born and raised in Barbados, Kyffin was introduced to karting as a child by parents David and Nicole Simpson and regularly won races at the iconic Bushy Park. His grandad is Caymanian businessman Kyffin Simpson, which explains the Cayman connection. Kyffin won karting races all over America and Europe. FR racing is equivalent to Formula 3 and the next level up is Formula 2 or Indie Car racing. Despite heavy rain curtailing two days of practice



► Teenager Simpson speeds to another victory



► Kyffin Simpson starts the FR Americas season impressively

runs, Simpson's #21 was the car to beat as he sped round skilfully and fearlessly on a tricky half-wet, half-dry track for pole position. In the first race he won the 27 laps of the 2.54-mile track by 8.1 seconds and came from behind in the second to overtake Jordan Missig to win by 11 seconds.

In the third 26-lap race on Sunday, Simpson was again victorious, this time

winning a restarted race ahead of Missig by 1.5 seconds. Simpson leads the championship by 75 points to Missig's 45.

Tim Neff, TJ Speed owner, said: "What a great day for TJ Speed and a solid start to our FR Americas season. Congrats to Kyffin and Logan (Cusson, his teammate) on two top-five results. All in all, this is a team effort and every guy wearing a TJ Speed

shirt deserves some credit. Thank you to all."

Simpson said: "Three wins! Wow, so thankful to God for this weekend. From the very first lap of qualifying, the car felt great and I had the confidence to push." He thanked his team, sponsors and supporters and is looking forward to the next FR Americas rounds from May 14-16.

Registration for Government Schools Opens on 8 April 2021

The registration for students enrolling in, or transferring within Government schools for the 2021/2022 school year will open on Thursday 8th April 2021 and will close on Wednesday, 30 June 2021.

Registration for Government Reception is open for qualifying children aged 4 years 0 months before 1 September 2021. That means a child born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 is eligible for reception, and that he/she must have already turned 4 prior to 1 September 2021.

Registration for Year 1 in Government schools is open for qualifying children aged 5 years 0 months before 1 September 2021 in all primary schools. That means a child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 is eligible for Year 1, and that he/she must have already turned 5 prior to 1 September 2021.

Registration for older students transferring internally, re-entering or entering for the first time into the Government school system, should be completed by the 30 June 2021 deadline in order for the child to be eligible to attend school at the start of the school year.

School registration only takes place online. The online registration form will be available by Thursday 8th April 2021, and will be found on the Department of Education Services (DES) registration web page - <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>.

Only applications received through the online form will be accepted. Additionally, children registering after Wednesday, 30 June 2021, cannot be guaranteed a space at their zoned catchment school. If you need additional help please feel free to contact the Registration Unit at 945-1199 or edu.registration@gov.ky.

Please refer to the attached guidance notes; visit the DES website at <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx> or email edu.registration@gov.ky for additional information on school registration.

notarized lease in the parent's name indicating the students legal address or a notarized/JP "Parent Affidavit Form" accompanied by a utility bill, (CUC, Water) in the landlord's name, indicating the parent's legal address if renting or if more than one family share a living space and there is only one owner/lease holder.

Guidance

When completing the online application form please have the respective documents electronically available for uploading to the application:

Parents of All first-time students entering government schools must submit the following documentation along with a properly completed registration form:

- The child's **birth certificate**
- The **child's immunization card** (In the case of non-compliance with immunization due to health or religious reasons, the parent must complete a DES immunization exempt form.
- Documentation of **child's immigration residency category** (Non-Caymanian students i.e., passport, government contract showing children as dependents, residence certificate, RS 101 form.

• **Mandatory Residency Verification**
Proof of address must be demonstrated by any **two (2)** of the following documents listed, **One** from **Group A** and **One** from **Group B** (See **proofs** below or published "Guidelines for school registration, transfers & Homeschool" located on our website at: <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>)

Residence is determined by a person's physical presence as a resident within the designated geographic boundary of the school catchment with the intent to remain. The address/residence of a **student** for school purposes depends upon a factual determination of the care, custody and control of the student.

Proof in the form of a utility bill (CUC or Water), Driver's License or Voter ID or

Educational Psychologist Report

The last school year report including latest psychological reports for any student previously assessed as requiring special education needs (SEN) (if the child is being admitted from another school including private schools local and overseas). In the case of admission to John Gray High School, Clifton Hunter High or Layman Scott High School, a transcript including latest psychological reports for any students previously assessed as requiring special education needs (SEN) from the last High School attended should be included.

School Medical Examinations with the Public Health Nurse will be arranged according to public health revised guidelines which will be communicated to parents and their child's assigned school. Parents can also arrange for an examination from a private doctor (See approved list of HSA private doctors available on our website). The medical examinations **must** be completed for all children entering school for the first time. Once the form has been completed, it must be returned to the Department of Education Services with the accompanying documents via the online website, by scanned email. Persons having difficulty with the online process should send their concerns to edu.registration@gov.ky.

The Department of Education Services Registration staff will review the docu-



► John Gray High School sign

mentation and determine the designated catchment area for the school assignment. Following review/approval by the Senior School Improvement Officer, the assigned school secretary will make an appointment (once protocols have been finalized) with the public health nurse, for medical screening for children who **have not** completed medicals privately.

Transferring Students: Students transferring internally from one government school to another government school must provide the required supporting documentation.

Students who wish to move from a private school to a Government school would need to complete a student registration form.

See link: <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/School-Registration.aspx>








Within catchment request:

- **Proof of Residency**
- **Mandatory** residency verification and **proof** (See explanation above)

Out of catchment request:

- **Mandatory** clear letter of justification to be reviewed at the end of the registration period. These requests require approvals by the Director of Education

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
84°/77°	84°/77°	85°/77°	84°/79°	80°/79°	79°/78°	78°/77°
Breezy with a shower in spots	Breezy with a passing shower	Breezy with partial sunshine	Times of clouds and sun	Delightful with some sun	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny

Registration for Government Schools Opens on 8 April 2021

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Services/Registration committee permitting there are available space/services in the year group and school being requested.

Returning Students: Students previously enrolled in a government school requesting readmission, shall provide the following:

- **Mandatory** residency verification and proof (See explanation above)
- The last school year report from current school (Primary/Secondary)
- Complete **Transcript** from current High School (Secondary schools)

Remember to enroll as soon as possible to ensure that your qualifying child has a place at your local school in August. **CHILDREN REGISTERING AFTER 30 JUNE 2021, CANNOT BE GUARANTEED SPACE** at their zoned catchment school. **Parents will receive notification from the school of their child's placement for August.**

Entry to Government Schools

Priority for admission to Government schools is assigned as follows:

Reception Program: 4 years before 1 September.

1. Caymanians, with proof established by birth certificate, Cayman status stamped passport or status letter/certificate

2. Children born to a non-Caymanian parent out of wedlock with proof established by birth to a Caymanian. Caymanian parent shall provide DES proof via form RS101 (available on our website). Caymanian parent must be residing on island at the time of registration.

Primary - Secondary: 5 years before 1 September and children older.

1. Caymanians, with proof established by birth certificate, passport or status certificate

2. Dependents of Caymanians

3. Dependents of contracted government employees (Space permitting following the close of registration)

4. Dependents of permanent residents (**Space permitting following the close of registration**)

5. **Other** - Children approved by WORC for entry to government schools (**Space permitting following the close of registration**)

Class sizes are capped for Reception and Year 1 at 24 students and 28 for all other year groups. Where maximum class sizes are exceeded within the school, spaces will be offered for qualifying students at the nearest school with available space. Spaces for **categories 3 through 5 and all out of catchment request** will be reviewed following the closure of registration.

Payment of Fees

All non-Caymanian students under approved categories must pay school fees at the following rates:

Year 1-6 CI\$250.00 per term or CI\$750.00 per year

Year 7-9 CI\$300.00 per term or CI\$900.00 per year

Year 10-12 CI\$400.00 per term or CI\$1,200.00 per year

Payment sites are as follows:

- Cayman Brac/ Little Cayman residents: Cayman Brac Teachers Centre, Cayman Brac
- Grand Cayman residents: First Floor, Government Administration Building, Treasury Counter.

Zoned catchment area for government primary schools

GRAND CAYMAN:

• **WEST BAY PRIMARY** - North of Government House to Spanish Bay Reef to include all of West Bay.

• **GEORGE TOWN PRIMARY** - South of Government House to Memorial Avenue, North along Walkers Road to Maple Road and East along Smith Road to Crewe Road airport junction. North on Airport Road, through the new Junction in Industrial Park to include all areas North and East past the airport to North Sound

• **RED BAY PRIMARY** - Area on south side of memorial Avenue, along Walkers Road to Maple Road and South side of Smith Road, both sides of Crewe Road bordered by Owen Robert Drive to the North and South Sound to the South Sound Boarder on the east side of Victory Avenue.

• **PROSPECT PRIMARY** - All areas from Prospect Drive eastward to west side of Spotts-Newlands Road and west side of Chime Street on the BP/East/West Arterial (to include all of Prospect Park, Patrick's Island, Ocean Club, Mariners Cove, Cascades Drive.

• **JOANNA CLARK PRIMARY** - The East side of Spotts-Newlands Road to Beach Bay (Previously Savannah Primary) - Road in Pedro including greater Pedro area.

• **THEOLINE MCCOY PRIMARY** - East of Beach Bay Road up to Breakers including Northward.

• **EDNA MOYLE PRIMARY** - All of Frank Sound to Old Man Bay west to Cayman Kai

• **EAST END PRIMARY** - East of the Frank Sound junction to include all of East End to Colliers.

CAYMAN BRAC/LITTLE CAYMAN

WEST END PRIMARY - Western end of Cayman Brac to Faith Hospital on north side of the island and correspondingly across the island to the south coast

CREEK INFANT/SPOT BAY

JUNIOR SCHOOL - All areas east of Faith Hospital to the Eastern end of Cayman Brac

LITTLE CAYMAN

EDUCATION SERVICE - All areas of Little Cayman

Zoned Catchment Area for government Secondary Schools

• **JOHN GRAY HIGH SCHOOL** - All areas West Side of Spotts-Newlands Road & west side of Chime Street By- Pass East/West Arterial

• **CLINTON HUNTER HIGH SCHOOL** - All areas East Side of Spotts-Newlands Road & East side of Chime Street By-Pass East/West Arterial

• **LAYMAN SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL** - All areas of Cayman Brac & Little Cayman

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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Christopher John Randall, who passed away on Saturday, March 20th, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Veteran's & Seaman's Center, 205 Ashton Reid Drive, Cayman Brac on Saturday, April 10th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Interment: The family has respectfully requested for the burial at Watering Place Cemetery to remain private for family members only.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sister Islands Community Care Association of Cayman Brac.

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



The family of the late **Joseph Harmaan Ebanks** regret to announce his passing on 26 March, 2021.

A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. At Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church on Saturday 10 April, 2021, viewing will be from 1:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow at Boatswain Bay Cemetery.

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The family of the late **Beatrice Fazio** regret to announce her passing on 23 March, 2021.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. at Wesleyan Holiness Church on Sunday 11 April, 2021, at the request of Beatrice, she has asked for bright colours to be worn.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jasmine Hospice & Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

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The UWI secures largest grant ever — US\$25 million

The University of the West Indies has secured an international grant of US\$25 million, the largest in its history.

United States' Silicon Valley digital technology giant, Eon Reality, announced its partnership with The UWI that will assure the significant investment in Caribbean digital education and professional training. The grant will see Eon Reality, the global technology conglomerate, entering the Caribbean market as a post-COVID education development leader.

The project is spearheaded by Dr Luz Longworth, Principal of The UWI Open Campus and Pro Vice-Chancellor of Global Affairs. A thought leader and planner in online education, Dr Longworth is leading the charge to transform the ten-year-old Open Campus into The UWI's Global Campus. This initiative is a key part of the university's new finance vision that seeks

to "convert its global reputation into sustainable revenue."

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles, who has been addressing this development in recent months, noted that "this is a major and very timely step for the university as it rolls out its 'finance revolution' according to our strategic plan. We are determined to succeed but success comes with an orderly and systematic approach and effective leadership. Dr Longworth is to be commended for her sophisticated negotiation skills and commitment to our strategic vision."

The Vice-Chancellor further noted "that the university is moving swiftly along its plotted finance trajectory and that there are other such major funding initiatives in the global pipeline. Our development work, and institutional credibility, are now globally known and our allies are keen to offer support."



► The University of the West Indies

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



YOUR TOP PRIORITY Matthew 6:33

Financial goals are beneficial, and responsible, but focusing too much on them can cause us to worry if we are not saving enough or if we do not have sufficient income to meet our goals. When we believe our financial security is wholly ours, we act accordingly, which can be detrimental to our families.

Our Lord did not discourage financial goals, but He emphasized that our futures are not solely dependent on our actions. Our Heavenly Father will provide for our needs so we must not live as if it is all up to us. Our top priority in life is knowing Jesus as our personal Saviour and Lord. Nothing else is more important. His sacrificial death on the cross is enough evidence for us. Why not accept Him today?



WILL BIDEN'S 'BUILD BACK AMERICA' PLAN STUMBLE AT THE TAX HURDLE?

By the sheer scale of its physical size, budget, and historical significance, US President Joe Biden's post-pandemic economic recovery plan is monumental.

With the US economy locked in a COVID-induced recession, Mr Biden's US\$2.3 trillion "Build Back Better/American Jobs Plan" is being compared to Lyndon Johnson's Great Society program of the 1960s and Franklyn Roosevelt's post-Great Depression 'New Deal' programme.

"While the American Rescue Plan is changing the course of the pandemic and delivering relief for working families, this is no time to build back to the way things were," A White House statement trumpets.

"This is the moment to reimagine and rebuild a new economy. The American Jobs Plan is an investment in America that will create millions of good jobs, rebuild our country's infrastructure, and position the United States to out-compete China."

If it works (in the true sense of the word), both this massive infrastructural undertaking coupled with the US\$1.9 trillion coronavirus stimulus package will have earned Mr Biden a place in the American history books for an achievement that might, in the best sense of the phrase, 'really make America great again'.

With the stimulus package already a done deal - it was recently passed without Republican backing - it's being hoped that the infrastructure plan would gain some degree of cross-party support, although that's now looking rather unlikely.

President Biden says his infrastructure plan is "a once-in-a-generation investment in America, unlike anything we've seen or done since we built the interstate highway system and the space race decades ago."

There's no question that it's grand both in scale and ideal.



► Joe Biden, 46th president of the United States

US\$621 billion will go towards the US transport infrastructure including roads, bridges, public transport, railroads and airports.

Additionally, US\$561 billion is targeted to make housing, schools and utilities more energy-efficient, plus another US\$480 billion set aside for manufacturing and research and development.

A further US\$174 billion will be spent on other green energy projects such as electric vehicles with tax credits for consumer purchases and to install charging stations across the country.

There's also US\$400 billion assigned to social care, US\$200 billion to upgrade the

country's broadband and wireless systems.

But splashing the cash even for the best reasons, comes at a cost.

Next on the agenda for the Biden administration is the tax plan to pay for this monumental undertaking.

It's already been pointed out that whereas the stimulus package passed with the Democrats' slim majority and the infrastructure plan might just scrape through, Team Biden might just find the tax plan... well, a bit more taxing.

Seeking to hike corporate taxes from 21 per cent to 28 per cent, post-pandemic recession recovery notwithstanding, is going to take some doing.

UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

WHISTLEBLOWERS WILL BE HEARD IN BVI

People who inform the authorities in the British Virgin Islands confidentially about corruption are to be protected under a new whistleblower law now making its way through the House Of Assembly.

It is meant to apply to both the public and the private sector.

Not only will whistleblowers be protected and their identity kept secret, they'll also be compensated if the information leads to a conviction or is otherwise found to be useful.

However, they risk prosecution if false information is intentionally provided.

This comes as the BVI government is the subject of a UK government-backed inquiry into allegations of corruption.

Appealing to individual civic responsibility, Premier Andrew Fahie said, "If there



is evidence, you get paid for the information because you have done your civic duty of making sure that transparency and good governance continues,"

But he warned, "If the evidence is shown to be flawed and of no basis, you will pay for anything that has not yielded any kind of substantial worth."

The draft legislation also seeks to protect the whistleblower from any retribution by their employer or others affected by their revelations.

ANGUILLA SLOWS GST ROLL-OUT

A new General Service Tax (GST) for Anguilla has been deferred until next year. The new tax, a complete overhaul of the territory's commercial tax regime, was due to be implemented this year after it was postponed from 2019.

The new system is going through an intensive round of public consultations with a series of meetings throughout the island hosted by government officials and consultants leading the change process.

The new measure was due to have been implemented in 2019 under the previous administration but was pushed back to January this year pending interim legislation ahead of the GST.

However, that has now been further pushed back to July 2022.



There have also been protests against the introduction of the new GST with citizens groups presenting a petition to parliament.

An official statement said, "The overall objective of GST is to provide a broad-based tax which will improve fiscal sustainability and aid the Government of Anguilla in meeting its obligations."

STIFF PENALTIES FOR CURFEW-BREAKERS IN TURKS AND CAICOS

The government of the Turks and Caicos Islands is threatening tough action against persons and businesses that don't comply with the COVID-19 protocols.

For businesses, this involves disregarding the curfew hours. An 11 pm to 5am curfew is in place on all the islands until 30 June 2021 with businesses required to close at 10 PM.

Speaking during a press conference, the Minister of Health Jay Saunders observed that "for most persons the compliance has been pretty good, but we know that there are people who are non-compliant and we can't have that."

He said, "I am tired of talking about those offenders and we're going to give you one last time to comply, because we know who you are, and if you don't comply, which means that businesses are supposed to be closed at 10 p.m."

Mr Saunders warned businesses that don't comply that "we will come down and deal with you harshly. We cannot have businesses around here and persons around here putting the country at risk."

Businesses that break the curfew face a fine of \$5,000 first the initial offence with a forced closure of eight days on a second offence and 15 days shut down for breaking the curfew three times.



NEW COVID SPIKE IN BERMUDA

Bermuda is grappling with another spike in COVID-9 cases mainly linked to travellers.

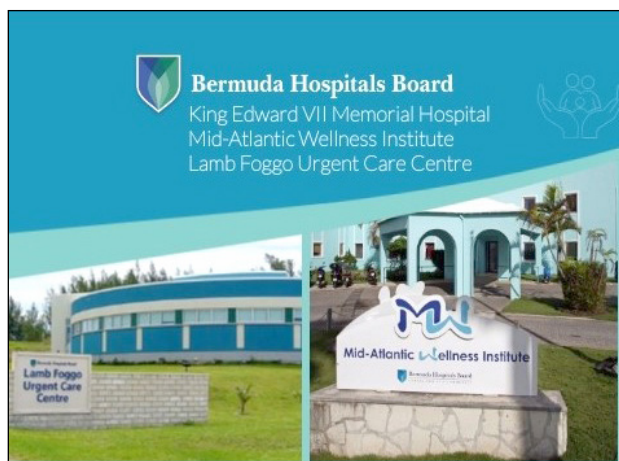
The government was reported to be considering more restrictions in a bid to bring the situation under control.

Schools starting the new term have been instructed to restrict their schedule to remote learning until at least April 23rd.

Up to press time Bermuda had recorded 670 active cases, with 21

persons hospitalised, six in intensive care.

The latest upsurge pushed the territory's recorded cases since the pandemic started last year to just under 1,500 at 1,497.



GIBRALTAR RECOGNISED FOR VACCINATION ROLL-OUT

Gibraltar has been formally recognised by the British government for its COVID-19 vaccination roll-out making it one of the first countries in the world to have reached its vaccination target.

"I'm pleased that we've also been able to support our overseas territories so that Gibraltar has become one of the first places in the world to offer a vaccination to its entire adult population," Prime Minister Boris Johnson said during a press conference.

The British overseas territory, with a population of just 33,701 residents, had its Covid vaccines supplied by the UK government and delivered by the RAF.

In total, Gibraltar has seen 4,275 cases of Covid, as well as 94 deaths.



The territory's Chief Minister Fabian Picardo said he was "very pleased to say we are now at the two-week point with no cases."

The overall vaccine uptake in Gibraltar is said to be currently around 85% - surpassing the 70% goal the Government had been aiming for. The figure is 97% in the over 60s bracket.

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Some babies
- 5 Castle rings
- 10 Stockpile
- 12 Boredom
- 13 Make fresh
- 14 Paris divider
- 15 Caribou's kin
- 16 Greek vowel
- 18 One of the March sisters
- 19 Vacillate
- 21 Fast runner
- 22 Forgoes spirits
- 24 Concise
- 25 Kitchen cloths
- 29 Cotton pod
- 30 M and N, in pronunciation
- 32 Phone download
- 33 Apiece
- 34 Drake's music
- 35 Marine mammal
- 37 Letter before iota
- 39 Surgery tool

DOWN

- 40 Flanks porch
- 41 Small housing
- 42 Frosh
- 1 Uncovers
- 2 Diner dish
- 3 Big Apple player
- 4 Toronto-to-D.C. dir.
- 5 Monument Valley sight
- 6 Early hour
- 7 Muppet drummer
- 8 Radio knobs
- 9 Long attack
- 11 Worry
- 17 Like saddle shoes
- 20 Flower part
- 21 Grant's successor
- 23 Foils party
- 25 Formal headwear
- 26 Border city
- 27 Border city
- 28 Christian of "Mr. Robot"
- 29 Blubbers
- 31 Tic
- 33 Busted party
- 36 Zodiac cat
- 38 Concealed

C	A	G	E	S		W	A	G	O	N			
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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Long attack
- 11 Worry
- 17 Like saddle shoes
- 20 Flower part
- 21 Grant's successor
- 23 Foils party
- 25 Formal headwear
- 26 Border city
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Word Search

O	P	F	E	R	I	U	Q	N	I	O	W	P	S	F
E	E	R	E	V	I	E	W	C	Y	B	L	S	G	P
M	X	D	C	S	G	S	C	A	N	P	E	A	Y	I
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N	E	F	V	U	F	R	S	O	S	C	C	S	T	S
I	R	E	G	D	C	E	V	A	E	O	V	T	A	P
T	I	N	A	Y	E	E	D	H	N	P	V	A	G	E
O	M	I	W	U	H	V	C	I	P	A	P	R	I	C
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G	T	X	A	E	Y	H	V	A	S	S	P	G	E	G
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G	R	H	G	I	E	W	T	E	P	W	A	T	C	H

- Appraise
- Assay
- Assess
- Audit
- Check
- Examine
- Experiment
- Inquire
- Inspect
- Investigate
- Measure
- Monitor
- Observe
- Probe
- Prove
- Research
- Review
- Scan
- Study
- Test
- Watch
- Weigh

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

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
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13						14			
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