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► Hon. Premier Wayne Panton (Photo by GIS)

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Keeping History Alive - the Cimboco and the Goldfield



Cimboco: connecting Cayman to the outside world

Residents on Grand Cayman may well frequent the Cimboco restaurants – one at the Marquee Plaza and one at Countryside in Savannah – and even enjoy the artwork of the Cimboco ship that adorns the walls at the Marquee Plaza restaurant. But they may not know much about the history of this once-famous vessel.

In 1927 the launching of the 120-ton Cimboco was a game-changer for the Cayman Islands. According to an article in the Northwester from November 1972, the launching of the Cimboco was one of the greatest days in Caymanian history, with islanders making a festival of the event with lots of eating, drinking, dancing and merriment to be had at the time.

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PREMIER PANTON OUTLINES PACT'S MAIN POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES

By Staff Writer

With a potential constitutional crisis averted and buoyed by a clear 12-7 parliamentary majority, the legislative programme, economic agenda and portfolio assignments of the new Cayman Islands government led by Hon. Premier Wayne Panton is now awaited.

Having taken over the reins of power in a nail-biting series of a last-minute flurry of political bartering, Premier Panton sits at the helm of a post-election coalition that will set the agenda for Cayman for the next four years.

Although they campaigned on separate independent platforms, with some 'team' sub-groupings, there was enough commonality of purpose and political compromise to overcome hitherto polarising differences.

That was not lost on Hon. Premier Panton when he made his inaugural address at formal swearing-in ceremony of his new PACT (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent) cabinet. The 19 MPs took their oath of office shortly before inside the Parliament.

"This represents the collective will of the Caymanian people, and everyone that was sworn in today has the constitutional and moral responsibility to make sure that the will of the people is reflected and respected in our policies and priorities over the next four years," he asserted. Despite the divergent policy agendas amongst the coalition of independents during the campaign, Mr Panton emphasised that the focus of his PACT administration will reflect a common commitment for Cayman.

"More importantly than the largest share of the votes, is the knowledge that despite our policy differences, we are united in our desire to make a positive difference to the communities we serve."

Reflecting on the campaign and process of forming the government, the new Premier of the Cayman Islands continued:

"Over the past several months, many of the Independent candidates have been discussing our vision for a better socially and economically fairer Cayman. There are matters that can be addressed while protecting and promoting a strong and more diverse economy."

Viewing Cayman in the context of the issues highlighted by individual opposition independent candidates during the campaign, Premier Panton pointed out that; "We are not the only country dealing with socially corrosive issues like income inequality and wealth disparity, but we must work to find together the solution to these problems.

"As independently minded as we all are, we share a common purpose, to uplift and make better the lives of every Caymanian and those who call the Cayman Islands home."



▶ Hon. Premier Wayne Panton speech (Photo by GIS)

Mr Panton underscored his PACT government's priority for Cayman:

"We chose to focus on the 95% that we have in common, not the 5%, in respect of which we differ."

To a crescendo of applause, Premier Panton declared: "We chose to focus on what united us, as opposed to what divided us. And the result today is that we have a government that is led by independents, a government that reflects the political will and wishes of our people."

He said, "It's a government that shows that despite the fact that we come from diverse backgrounds like every Caymanian today and those that came before, we have the capacity to set aside our differences and work together to create a political community that will create a better Cayman and a better country."

Indicative policy takeaways

Hon. Premier Panton concluded his inaugural address with policy indications on the environment, (one day before Earth Day, education, and crucially, the reopening of the economy; all dominant issues during the campaign.

Education:

"Our job is to ensure that from cradle to grave we instil and provide the necessary pathway for lifelong learning education remains the only route out of poverty. And the cure for the many injustices committed in the name of ignorance."

The environment:

"Our stance on the environment and limited regard for living more sustain-

ably must be adjusted. Our need to over-consume and dependency on imported products must be reviewed. Our carbon footprint is too high. Our need to quicken the pace towards clean renewable energy is essential. As is our need to ensure that climate resiliency measures are considered and implemented in everything we do – this is the existential threat to our way of life. The loss of irreplaceable mangroves or the extinction of our marine life is a price too high to

Border reopening, COVID pandemic and healthcare

"The fact that we are one of the few countries that has not had to go back into any form of lockdown speaks to our resilience, discipline and patience as a people. When our borders reopen, they will only be reopened when it is safe to do so, we cannot revert to the stress of being one medical emergency away from destitution, or poverty.

Access to good health care is a human right and cannot be just for the privileged few."

PACT principles

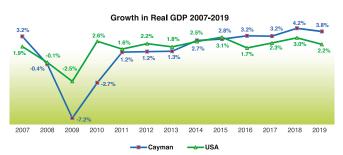
In conclusion, Premier Panton focused on two principles of his PACT coalition (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent), accountability and transparency:

"Restoring our faith in the democratic process must also be a priority. There must be openness in the way government business is done. That is the hallmark of good governance."



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A Proud Day - Selected Photographs of the Government



► Hon. Johanny 'Jay' Ebanks - North Side (left)



► Hon. Wayne Panton - Premier - Newlands (left) (Photos by G/S)



► MP Heather Bodden Savannah



▶ MP Isaac Rankine East End right



▶ Hon. Premier, Wayne Panton and Hon. Deputy Premier, Chris Saunders



► Hon. Bernie Bush - West Bay North left



► Hon. Sabrina Turner - Prospect (left)

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A Proud Day - Selected Photographs of the Government





► Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly - Cayman Brac East



► Hon. Kenneth Bryan - George Town Central (left)



► Hon. Christopher Saunders - Deputy Premier - Bodden Town West (left)



▶ Hon Speaker McKeeva speaking the wife of Governor Martyn Roper



► Hon. Andre Ebanks - West Bay South

GOVERNOR ASSURES NEW GOVERNMENT OF GOOD UK RELATIONS

The new government of the Cayman Islands led by Hon. Premier Wayne Panton has received the blessings of HE Governor Martyn Roper as it sets about managing the affairs of the jurisdiction for the next four years.

"Elected Members of Parliament, you are privileged to have been chosen by our people to represent them. You have four years in which to justify their faith in you and I am sure you will wish to fulfil your leadership roles with integrity, passion and energy.

"Above all, I urge you to have the best interests of the people of these wonderful Cayman Islands firmly in your hearts and minds," Mr Roper said at the swearing-in ceremony for the incoming administration.

The PACT (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent) administration is taking over power while the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage but with a vaccination programme seen as a pathway back to some semblance of normality.

"There are likely to be many challenges facing the Cayman Islands during your term in office, particularly as we move to reopen our borders and build back better in the midst of this global pandemic," the Governor said.

But he said he is "confident that you will face these challenges head-on and do your utmost to lead these islands to a brighter future."

Key to this is Cayman's continuing relations with the United Kingdom as the administering authority.

"The UK/Cayman relationship is in very good shape," Mr Roper affirmed, adding

that "I look forward to continuing to play my part to strengthen it further."

The Governor offered that where UK technical expertise can be helpful, "I will continue to do my utmost to secure it."

In that respect, he listed the environment and climate change.

"One area of major concern is climate change and the environment, an existential priority for our entire planet, highlighted by the public and a majority of candidates during the campaign. The UK is open to assisting the new government on analysing the risks of climate change, renewable energy, biodiversity and any other areas they will find helpful."

Remarking on the just-ended electoral process, Governor Roper commended Elections Supervisor Wesley Howell, his team in the Elections Office as well as other departments and agencies including the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service(RCIPS) for a seamless operation.

He noted that voter turnout "was a highly respectable 73% continuing Cayman's strong track record for high voter participation, and comparing very favourably internationally."

But there were elements of the campaign that Governor Roper is clearly concerned about.

"I recognise it has been a hard-fought election campaign. The last week has been a tense and challenging one for everyone in our community. I hope we can now put this behind us, come together as a community and support the new government and the official Opposition as they start work," he urged.

The election was monitored locally by a team appointed by the Governor and

remotely by a delegation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association(CPA).

"In their statement of 15 April, I am very pleased to say that the spokesman for the local observers confirmed that they had full confidence in the integrity of our elections process," Mr Roper said.

In looking forward to the two reports from the election observers, he advised that "We should carefully consider recommendations for improving the process for future elections."

According to the Governor, "There are some areas that need addressing, including election finance, to

enhance our good governance. It is my hope that the incoming government will make this a priority in the early part of its term in office."

In the meantime, Mr Roper has addressed what he says are concerns coming from the public about the conduct of politics in Cayman.

"I believe one of the messages the public clearly sent in these elections is about the great importance attached to the integrity and behaviour of elected parliamentarians, Ministers and senior officials. I therefore welcome the incoming government's announcement it will agree on a code of conduct for Parliamentarians. I hope we can also agree on a code of conduct for Cabinet Ministers."



► HE Governor Martyn Roper

HE Governor Roper, who was posted to Cayman two-and-a-half years ago, said he looks forward to working with the government and parliament.

"I will continue to respect the autonomy of the Cayman Islands for domestic affairs and seek to exercise my responsibilities, including for good governance, in the spirit of partnership, mutual trust and collaboration that have marked my first two and a half years as Governor."

He also paid tribute to former Premier Alden McLaughlin "for his contribution to our Islands over the last 8 years, particularly steering the country through the global pandemic and to his Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries for their public service to the people of these islands."

SPEAKER BUSH PREACHES SERMON OF HOPE

Another momentous day in the life of our country, is how re-elected Hon. Speaker of the Cayman Islands Parliament McKeeva Bush termed last Wednesday's opening of the new parliamentary term for the next four years.

Mr Bush, who has also been a central figure in what has been a political maelstrom in the division of seats and final coalition majority, credited the underlying strength of Cayman's democracy for the eventual peaceful transition of power.

"Our democracy once again, has been tried and tested, and our democracy remains intact... The campaign is over. We have a tremendous responsibility before us for our people."

Looking back at the keenly contested campaign which at points became mired in negativity, Mr Bush appealed for a spirit of forgiveness to prevail as the new Parliament - and new government embarks on running the affairs of the country.

"This is a new government, led by a capable lawyer and businessman, husband and family man who served this honourable house before," he said referring to new Premier Wayne Panton.

"None of us are infallible and all of us know that we have work to do."

Commenting on the new cohort of cabinet members which includes several first-timers, Mr Bush expressed confidence in their collective ability.

"This cabinet is as good as any that I've seen. They must be given the chance to do the work they were elected to do. And with the manifestos of all of us and the demands and needs of our people, we have enough to do to accomplish for each other."

The Speaker joined in the appeal for Cayman to now "pull together" and take advantage of the opportunities which lie ahead while navigating through the challenges.

"We are great. The world is still in a flux," he said, adding that the opportunities for Cayman to do better now are unlimited.

"But Caymanians must pull together," Mr Bush declared. "There is no time to bicker and to plot, and certainly, from my position here I will keep necessarily order as best as the rules allow me to," Mr Bush declared.

In biblical intonations in his speech from the Speaker's chair, in some respects reminiscent of the Sermon from the Mount - complete with parables and part political rallying call, Hon. Speaker Bush admonished the MPs and the Cayman community:

"God has given us a chance to do better. And if you help others, that is to me the first step in our success. We cannot and must not row over fire ants while elephants trample us."

Switching to full rally mode, Mr Bush extolled a vision for Cayman:

"Let us as a government fulfill our manifestos. I'm confident then our communities will be served, families stabilised, schools retooled and strengthened, our youths re-trained, business opportunities realised and ready for the new Cayman and our economy will be booming. Jobs, jobs. jobs."

On a more personal note, he characterised the last 36 years by invoking an extract from the Robert Frost poem the Stopping by the woods on a snowy evening:

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep, but I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep."

"We are all humans," intoned Speaker Bush, who just a few days ago profusely apologised for his actions which led to a



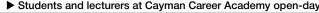
► Hon. Speaker of the Cayman Islands Parliament McKeeva

suspended criminal conviction for assaulting a woman - and which has been a factor in the just-ended election and government formation.

"We will continue to change the things that are needed, not only for others but also in our lives," he said.

"We will work those instruments that we will prepare. God has been good to us. Mistakes are in the past. We move forward now, ever upward and onward."







Cayman Career Academy celebrates two years with open-day

By Christopher Tobutt

Cayman's first beauty school, Cayman Career Academy recently held an openday for prospective students to come and meet with the lecturers, and see just what the Academy can offer them to help them go to the very top of their chosen profession. The Academy opened its doors two years ago, offering a range of CIDESCO - accredited courses in all aspects of the professional beauty and spa industry. That's good news for Cayman, because there are many spas and beauty therapy salons here but until the Academy came to Smith Road Plaza, there were very limited on-island training opportunities.

Lead lecturer at Cayman Career Academy, Wendy Lynch explained: "Today we have an open house. This is the time of year we want to introduce the community to come in and see what our school is all about. We are also trying to build a brand awareness for the school because it's a relatively new school and a lot of people don't know it exists so we are having this open day to showcase the school and what it's all about."

CIDESCO is widely regarded as the top professional world-standard for beauty therapists. When the school's founder and Principal, Jacqui Tomlinson Smith, who

Post-Graduate Beauty Therapy Diploma; Spa Management Diploma; Electrical Epilation Diploma; Certificate in Aesthetics; Certificate in Body Therapy; Certificate in Skin Care, and a Manual Facial Certificate. Students can also build their qualifications modularly, for example they can do the certificate in Body Therapy and the Certificate in Aesthetics, and the two of those together equals the Diploma. Ms Tomlinson-Smith expressed disappointment that government financial support has not been consistent since she began the school. "The first year the government supported us. They asked me to do the school, and they gave some scholarships," she said. But after the first year, Ms. Tomlinson-Smith said, no more students received scholarships. However there is some hope on the horizon: "Now that we are accredited I am told that the students

owns Wow spar and Beyond Basics Medical Spa decided to open Cayman Career

Academy, she only wanted the highest

standards for Cayman, and so set about

establishing fully-accredited CIDESCO

courses that are a passport to working

in top spas and beauty salons anywhere

in the world. Since it began, Cayman Career Academy has gradually added more

courses, and students can presently

choose from: Beauty Therapy Diploma;



Shantel Williams who has started her own business after doing one of the



▶ (L-R) Founder and Principal, Jacqui Tomlinson-Smith, Lead Lecturer Wendy Lynch, and Lecturer Hannah Taylor

can apply to the Scholarship Secretariat; so we are hoping that will happen," she said.

As much as possible is being done to accommodate students who already have full-time jobs. Instead of taking the diploma course full-time in one year, they can choose to take it part-time over two years, coming into the school after work or at the weekends. There is also a fast-track Postgraduate Diploma, which can be tak-



► Student Kenniza Anderson

en part time too, and entails much fewer hours both of practical and of theory. This is for students who already have several years' experience in the industry.

The fees range from 16,000 dollars one year full time for Diploma courses (or if they are coming part-time, the Diploma courses will take about two years) and 6,000 for Certificate courses.

Sylvia Marita comes from Kenya and is paying for her studies to complete the Diploma in Beauty Therapy. "My background is in Hospitality," she said. "So this is brand new for me. Study is Part-time for me because I have to work and come to school." Her dream, she said, was to open her own spa or beauty salon.

Caymanian student Kenniza Anderson studied away from Cayman before coming back and is glad of the opportunity that Cayman Career Academy givers her: "I am currently doing the full CIDESCO diploma which entails facials, massages, manicures and pedicures and waxing. I have lovely lecturers and teachers that ensure that I go very far," she said.

Ex-student Shantel Williams used the open day to come back, and meet with the lecturers who had helped her on her way: "I did the Postgraduate Diploma. it helped me a lot and because of it I have started my own business, called 'Corporate Image,' in Bodden Town," she said.



▶ A student practices massage

World Earth Day Message from the Ministry of Environment

April is World Earth Month and every year on 22 April we celebrate World Earth Day where more than a billion people across the globe join in action to help save our planet. The Ministry of Environment and its departments joins in the efforts with the local theme: 'Restore our Earth, Restore Cayman'.

COVID-19 has given us all an opportunity to stop and think about our impact on the earth. Through-out the pandemic we have realized more and more the importance of our environment. From missing going out for walks and enjoying nature, to longing to hear birds outside; we have all missed our connection to nature.

While we may have missed it, while people went in doors to protect themselves the earth began to heal itself. Here are some of the ways the earth has already been celebrating:

- Rare species of animals courageously walked into cities, towns and villages, revisiting old habitats.
- Where factories closed their operations and vehicles were off the road, the reduction in emissions left the skies looking bluer than ever.
- After decades of smog, people in India could finally see the peaks of the Himalayas again for the first time as lockdowns eased air pollution.

All of this has once again helped us to realize one more time that we are not the owners of the earth, but a part of it.

Through-out the pandemic the importance of our environment and its connection to our health has become more and more obvious.

Our health is intrinsically linked to our surroundings and our environment -- in fact, we now know that air pollution is linked to significantly higher fatalities when it comes to COVID-19.

It is believed that the reduction in air pollution in China caused by this economic disruption likely saved 20 times more lives in China than have currently been lost due to infection with the virus in that country. It is incredible to think what clean air can do for us!

World Earth Day is a chance for us to reflect on how many of today's environmental challenges are responsible for adversely affecting the health and livelihood of individuals and communities, especially vulnerable groups.

However, as we all are witnessing the rejuvenation of environments around the globe during the ongoing pandemic, it has also prompted the world to amplify current or create new practices to protect the environment. We should all ask ourselves:

- What part did I play in making our environment better?
- What can we do to continue to keep nature in a constant space of regrowth?
- How can we as a country and part of the global community learn from this current situation?
- And what can we do as a community in order to move forward positively?

We encourage the entire community to do their part to help restore the earth. The public can access ideas and an action toolkit here: https://www.earthday.org/toolkit-earth-day-2021-restore-our-earth/

Join a local community clean-up crew or start your own.



A great way to get involved is through the annual Chamber Earth Day Clean-up Event which will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 7am – 10am. The community is encouraged to show their support by sponsoring and recruiting teams to clean-up trash off our beaches and roads. The public can contact communications@caymanchamber.ky for more information.

To learn more about how you can recycle and prevent litter visit www.deh.gov. For how to help protect our marine parks and fight against Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease visit www.doe.ky.

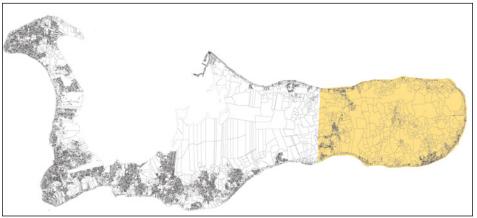
The Ministry of Environment continues to work together with our local stakeholders and the community to ensure we have a prosperous green society and environment for future generations.

Logic launches Wireless Broadband internet in the Eastern Districts

Logic announced today that it has launched a new fixed wireless home internet service in the Eastern Districts of Grand Cayman bringing broadband internet speeds to this underserved area.

'We are excited to finally be able to offer residents and businesses in the Eastern Districts of the island a great internet experience.' said Rob McNabb CEO of Logic. 'It's been far too long that they've gone without an internet product that can meet all of their needs.'

Logic's new unlimited 4G LTE broadband service offers internet speeds of 10mbps for \$65 and 30mbps for \$105. Anyone east of Frank Sound Road can subscribe to the new service and even customers within a 2 mile radius west of Frank Sound Road will be covered. (See attached coverage map).



▶ Coverage area is approximate in yellow: Please contact Logic directly to see if your home or business is covered



► (Photo by Wil Bignal)

Logic plans to expand its fixed wireless internet coverage over the coming year along with its fibre to the home footprint to cover 100% of Grand Cayman and the sister islands with a reliable broadband internet product. The fixed wireless network will also be upgradeable to 5G in the future, which will deliver even faster speeds to homes.

'OfReg has done a good job pushing us to expand our broadband coverage and we are happy to say that we now cover approximately 90% of the population of Grand Cayman with broadband internet.' said McNabb. 'And we are pushing hard to cover the rest of Cayman as soon as we can.'

Customers that are interested in Logic's new internet service in the Eastern Districts can call 745-5555 or email support@logic.ky to sign up.





Inter-Academy Quiz competition at John Gray High School

On Wednesday, the 24th of March the phenomenal Spanish Department at the John Gray High School hosted their 2nd annual Inter-Academy Quiz Competition. The event saw over 48 students participating from the four academies. The students' dedication and hard work across academies were evidenced in the astounding and stellar performance displayed on the finals of the competition with Marlin and Tarpon. They, in great camaraderie played two sets of exciting matches and worked with determination in an intense playoff on the 24th. Congratulations to the tenacious and enthusiastic team captains Tashana Smith and Harold Gonzalez-Valdes who did an outstanding job and led their team to victory. Tarpon emerged as the champion team for the 2nd time.

"Our students have shown true resilience and have exhibited excellence and pride throughout the elimination and final rounds of the Spanish Quiz Competition. It was an enthralling event with a bonus Kahoot round that the students found exhilarating. I am proud of each participant who worked assiduously to represent their academy. A job well done!" Subject leader, Kerita Levermore-Stewart stated.

"I must express gratitude to the devoted teachers of Spanish, staff, our principal, line manager, the PTA, the many sponsors community volunteers, parents and Occasions event planners, who did not vacillate in supporting this magnificent and world class event" She added.

"Our Spanish Quiz was a great example of healthy competition in an academic area, and a real step forward to us being 'World Class' in our language teaching. The whole community came together to support the event, orchestrated by our inspirational Spanish Department. Learning a second language is so good for any future career aspiration and events like this, and other initiatives from our languages team such as trips to Cuba (before COVID), give our young people an opportunity to excel." Principal Clark stated.

The PTA president, Marva Reid has echoed the sentiments of the panelists at the event, ".. this was excellent and totally amazing, we are already looking forward to next year!"

The students were elated. The team captain Tashana Smith stated that she will return for the next Spanish Quiz Competition. She mentioned that this should continue each year and students should participate in competitions like

these while in high school "... it was a great exposure for all and more so to better our Spanish"

"We have undoubtedly left an indelible mark on our students as past students returned to be judges of the competition this year. We continue to reach our students by all means possible-¡Viva el Español! added Levermore-Stewart.









Fin Talks: A New Forum Dedicated to Cayman's Financial Services Community

The Cayman Islands financial services sector are invited to register their interest and submit proposals for discussion

Cayman Commodities & Derivatives City, a special economic zone by Cayman Enterprise City (CEC) together with Resolve Asset Management SEZC, is excited to announce a new series of financial sector discussions titled, "Fin Talks". Focusing on market research and industry trends with subjects such as investments, liquidity, virtual assets, and related topics, the live series of discussions will be held regularly throughout the year and create a new avenue for networking opportunities and help to build a stronger business and financial services community in the Cayman Islands.

"Community building is an important aspect of what we do at Cayman Enterprise City. With a flourishing cluster of commodities and derivatives traders, we felt it was the right time to launch a new industry focused series that would add something new to Cayman's already vibrant financial services community," explained Charlie Kirkconnell, CEO at Cayman Enterprise City.

The first event, entitled "Rising Rates, Inflation, and the Death of 60/40," was held on Tuesday, 23 March 2021 and was led by Rodrigo Gordillo, President and Portfolio Manager at ReSolve Asset Management. Gordillo

discussed ReSolve's four pillars of building consistent, robust, and diverse portfolios amid the changing interest rates and inflation. It gave the participants insights about investing in unconventional asset classes that could give an all-weather portfolio or a portfolio that could thrive in different market environments, topics particularly valuable and of interest in the current global climate.

"Many investors like to manage portfolios through the rearview mirror, but investors will need to think differently to thrive in the years to come. It will be key to own a balanced portfolio designed to thrive in a wide range of market conditions," said Gordillo.

"Investors have been lulled into a state of complacency over the past decade as governments have absorbed most of the risks in financial markets. I expect we will see some consequences from these policies emerge over the next few years, in the form of inflation or perhaps through other channels that may take investors by surprise. We are encouraging investors to make changes to portfolios now to prepare for



▶ Charlie Kirkconnell Opens Inaugural Fin Talks with Rodrigo Gordillo

the uncertain times ahead," said Mike Philbrick Chief Executive Officer at ReSolve Asset Management SEZC.

The next session will be held on Tuesday, 27 April 2021, with a focus on "Liquidity Cascades," and the research paper published by Corey Hoffstein, Co-Founder & Chief Investment Officer at Newfound Research LLC who will be leading the forum. Together, attendees will explore how the market has gone awry after the COVID-19 crash and delve into how different financial policies and expanded market derivatives can destabilise markets.

"Every session is designed to give participants the chance to learn from the moderators, interact with other financial industry professionals, and expand their network to create a wider business community of similar interests," added Kirkconnell.

Fin Talks sessions will be held throughout the year. Members of the Cayman Islands' financial services sector are encouraged to register their interest and/or submit proposals for discussions by emailing innovate@caymanenterprisecity.com.



► Networking Opportunities at Fin Talks Events

OtisAir Launches Superior Residential Air Solution

OtisAir, Cayman's premier commercial air-conditioning and refrigeration company, has rebranded and created a new division - OtisHome - to better serve the unique needs of Cayman's residential customer base.

OtisHome is a new superior residential air conditioning solution bringing the most advanced home air care technology and quality service to the Cayman Islands residential community.

"Through the years residential customers have struggled with the level of air conditioning service delivery offered locally." said Sean Hill, General Manager, OtisAir. "Today quality air care is more important than ever, and with the hottest time of the year fast approaching it was important we developed a service solution that would provide the residential community with piece of mind. We are proud to have achieved this goal with OtisHome – delivering superior customer service and quality home air care to our residential customers."

Using one of the industries most advanced customer service management technologies, OtisHome provides seamless service delivery for every stage of the customer journey. This unique technology provides a wide range of benefits for residential customers.

- Save time: Never wait at home for a technician again! OtisHome will send a text, email or voicemail to let you know your technician is on their way! You can even track technicians on your mobile device so you know when they are close to home
- Save money. No more receiving high priced quotes weeks after repair. The OtisHome digital price book allows customers to see product and pricing options onsite. They can even deliver a quote for materials and labour on the spot so customers can make the best pricing decision for their family.
- **Reduce stress.** Never worry about remembering your last service check. OtisHome will keep track of individual work order history and send a text or email when it is time for a next service.
- **Provide you comfort.** OtisHome understands the importance of building trusted relationships with customers. Customers are provided with their technician's picture and credentials before they enter any residential home.
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KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

Historic Caymanian-made ships of distinction

Last time we explored Cayman's rich ship-building heritage, so a natural follow-on from that article is a look at two of Cayman's most famous locally-built ships - the Cimboco and the Goldfield

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Built the year before by the Cayman Islands Motor Company, the Cimboco (an anagram of the company's name) was a pioneering vessel, the very first locally-owned motorship that would open up a whole new world for residents.

It was built at the George Town yard on North Church Street by Capt. Rayal Brazley Bodden who also crafted Elmslie Memorial Church, the George Town Post Office and the original George Town Library that stands in front of the new library building. Its importance to the islanders in the late 1920s and 1930s could not be underestimated, as it provided a lifeline when it came to bringing in items that would not have previously been experienced, such as ice and exotic food items, while at the same time providing a passenger service for people visiting Jamaica. Of great importance also was its mail service that provided people with a regular communications link to the outside world. Up until that point mail was received every ten weeks or so, at best.

In fact, the Cimboco became the only reliable freight, passenger and mail boat in Caymanian history, with residents looking forward to its regular round trip service every three weeks between Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, Cayman Brac and Jamaica

The Northwester article tells how the President and Managing Director of the company was Dr Roy McTaggart and that the Cimboco was classed by the Marine Board of Jamaica to carry 20 first class passengers, 12 deck passengers and 12 crew, including the Master. The vessel shipped thatch rope which was then a major industry on the island.

In May 1942 the Cimboco made a significant contribution to the Second World War effort by rescuing the survivors of the



▶ Launching of the Cimboco in 1927 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

Comayagua, which was torpedoed by a U-boat not far from Cayman's shores. Captained by Eugene Thompson, the Cimboco was sent to rescue the remaining survivors on board after the attack. In 1947 the ship was sold to Archibald Brothers of Columbia and now lends its name to popular restaurants on the island.

Sad tale of the Goldfield

Another important locally-built vessel of the era was the Goldfield, a magnificent schooner built for Conwell Watler by the Arch brothers in 1930. Crafted out of local mahogany wood that was highly prized for its ability to weather wet conditions and also yellow pine brought in from Louisi-



► Captain Rayal Bodden – centre, Hilary Conrad I, builder of Cimboco [model boat in hand], 1926 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



ana, the Goldfield was used as a turtling vessel. Skipper Capt. Charles Farrington hunted loggerhead, hawksbill and green sea turtles in the Miskito Keys off of Nicaragua, eventually taking the ship and its prized cargo to Key West in Florida where the catch would be sold.

The Goldfield was then sold three further times and used as a cargo and passenger ship, taking its load - both human and cargo - back and forth between Grand Cayman and Florida, before being purchased by the Goldfield Foundation for US\$75,000, refurbished and sailed back to Grand Cayman. Sadly, the Goldfield even-

tually sank and her remnants are still to be found at Canal Point.

Seaman H.E. Ross spoke about the Goldfield at a presentation he gave at the National Gallery in 2018, having been involved with the ship in the early 1980s. Mr Ross explained how he had tried to teach the then crew of the ship how to sail, but that the ship eventually came to its sad demise in Canal Point.

Readers interested in the story of the Goldfield can see a model of this Caymanian-made schooner made by Dr William Hrudey in 2002, which is on display in the lobby of the Cayman Turtle Centre.

CCMI RELEASES DETAILS OF UNIQUE QUIET OCEAN STUDY

Local fish populations can rebound quickly if given a break from ocean activity

With Cayman's borders still closed to regular travel, the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) took this rare and insightful this opportunity to measure the impacts of "Quiet Oceans" on resident fish populations in Grand Cayman. Dr. Gretchen Goodbody-Gringley, CCMI'S Director of Research, began the study in July 2020, as the local lockdown rules were lifted. The team studied five dive/snorkel tourism sites on Grand Cayman and two sites on Little Cayman. The team surveyed the sites every two months, including last week, and they have since analysed and released the data via two public outreach events.

The hypothesis for the Quiet Oceans study was that there would be an increase in fish density (how many fish we see within a specified area), yet what was not expected was how quickly the fish changed their behaviour due to ceased human activity. The project indicated increased fish density, biomass (number of different species), and a bigger range of fish sizes, including very small to much larger pelagic species, particularly at the highly popular tourism sites in George Town. The research results also showed that the fish responded quickly when, in contrast, increased activity in the George Town harbour during December period began, decreasing density, biomass and the size frequency of the fish populations. Whilst the hypothesis expected the reefs to thrive during these quieter periods of ocean activity, the responsiveness of the marine ecosystem was unexpected.



Dr Goodbody-Gringley gives more detail on why this study is so important:

"We know noise in the ocean compromises ability of fish to sense and use sound. Noise pollution can disrupt fish behaviour, how they group and recruit, and it can also impact their physiology. The closed borders in the Cayman Islands provided a unique opportunity to investigate exactly how much impact there is. Luckily, Walkers and the Darwin Plus Initiative provided the Rapid Response grant money to help facilitate this work, which gives us real insight into how noise and activity impacts fish."

The Quiet Oceans project also indicated that herbivores re-

sponded particularly well to this period of inactivity, particularly surgeonfish, jacks, chubs and parrotfish. Herbivores are important to helping maintain coral reef health, as they keep algae under control. The team also reported seeing many more predators such as Nassau groupers, sharks, and rays whilst out doing the surveys, and this was backed up by the raw data. George Town's reefs not only rebounded swiftly; species richness grew, which is crucial for maintaining the biodiversity of the marine ecosystem. Not only is this fish abundance crucial to the environment, but many of these species, especially grouper and parrotfish, are valued and popular fish with tourists.



The project indicates that for healthy reef systems, like those in the Cayman Islands, building

in 'breaks' and limiting human impact could be a crucial management practice. For reefs that are more degraded, stricter policies would be needed to help create the right ocean environment for fish populations to recover. The CCMI team delivered two outreach events to support the release of the projects results, including a Reefs Go Live on Friday 26th March and a webinar on Tuesday 30th March. The team, which included webinar panelists Dr Guy Harvey from the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation and Catherine Childs from the National Trust, discussed these important findings with a range of stakeholders, including students and tourism partners.

Recordings from both the Reefs Go Live and webinar are available.

For more information about CCMI visit www.reefresearch.org or email info@reefresearch.org.



GAS PRICES



Location	Gas Station	Regular	Premium	Diesel	
East End	Eastern Star Rubis (Woody's)	4.27	_	4.48	
NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	4.27	4.58	4.20	
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	4.29	4.85	4.58	
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	4.10	4.43	4.2	
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	4.32	4.80	4.43	
Red Bay	Barcam	4.27	4.70	4.10	
Red Bay	On The Run (Brown's Red Bay)	4.12	4.52	4.10	
George Town	Peanuts	4.32	4.87	4.53	
George Town	Jose's Escape	4.32	4.85	4.53	
George Town	Refuel	4.13	4.35	3.69	
George Town	Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS)H&B 11	4.37	4.75	4.34	
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	4.32	4.80	4.21	
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	4.32	4.80	4.43	
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	4.09	4.40	4.05	
George Town	On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park)	4.17	4.52	4.10	
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	4.09	4.75	4.00	
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	4.37	4.75	4.34	
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	4.32	4.80	4.21	
West Bay	Hell Esso	4.40	4.75	4.24	
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	4.17	4.37	3.90	
George Town	Scotts Landing		4.82	3.81	
Cayman Brac	West End		4.61	4.63	
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Little Cayman	Village Square	_	5.54	6.05	

Lowest Prices	Grand Cayman	4.09	4.35	3.69
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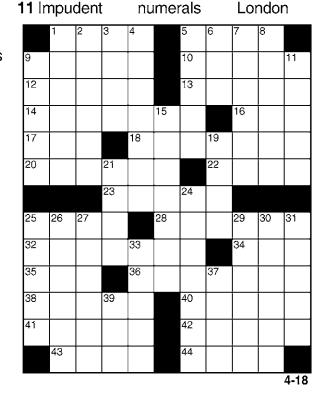
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