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Keith Parker Tibbetts Jr. Leaves Legacy Behind

By Flynn Bush

Pioneer, entrepreneur, visionary, leader, and advocate are just some of the words that can be used to describe Mr. Keith Parker Tibbetts Jr. And throughout his life, he has lived up to each one of them. Sadly, with his passing on June 5th, 2021, the Cayman Islands lost a person of considerable substance.

Mr. Tibbetts was born in Cayman Brac to the late Captain Keith Tibbetts and Marjorie Tibbetts, who were established business persons in their own right. So, the young Parker learned a lot at an early age. As he grew older, his business acumen

grew with him. From starting a business, an auto junkyard, in Grand Cayman to becoming the founder and CEO of Associated Industries, a company that includes several major businesses in a variety of fields, Mr. Tibbetts worked hard and made great strides in the business community. These accomplishments invariably led to him being awarded the Lifetime Achievement award from the Chamber of Commerce in 2018.

Speaking to Mr. Tibbetts, one would have found him to be truly proud of his accomplishments but, humble and grateful at the



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▶ Mr. Keith Parker Tibbetts Jr.



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Keith Parker Tibbetts Jr. Leaves Legacy Behind

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same time. There was one accomplishment that he found extremely gratifying. That was his contribution to the Cayman Islands Disability Policy, published in 2014. Mr. Tibbetts' staunch advocate for the rights of persons with disabilities played a major role in the development of this policy. Having become an amputee because of diabetes complications, and having to use a wheelchair as his primary mode of mobility, Mr. Tibbetts did not let that deter him from his mission. Today, the Cayman Islands are a better, and more accessible, place because of his contribution.

On another note, family was vitally important to Mr. Tibbetts. He felt that he was a blessed man, every day of his life. In a conversation I had with him in 2016, he

said to me, "My family is what keeps me going. They are my fuel, because they are the important people." I pray that his family finds comfort in knowing that today.

It is not too often that a person's true value to society is recognized while they are alive. Often times, it is years or decades after their passing, if at all, that the role they have played has led to the betterment of the society as a whole. Mr. Keith Parker Tibbetts, Jr, was recognized to a certain extent as a person who made a difference in this country; the awards and his sterling reputation speak to that fact. However, I believe that as time goes by, we as a country may realize that his achievements and accomplishments we laud are only the tip of the iceberg. Mr. Tibbetts was truly a difference-maker, and he leaves a legacy of success and service behind.

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higher interest rates than your mortgage. Credit cards are often used to pay short term debt, but sometimes end up becoming long term debt at high interest rates. If you are unable to clear your credit card balance, consider applying for a debt consolidation for a specific period at a lower interest rate.

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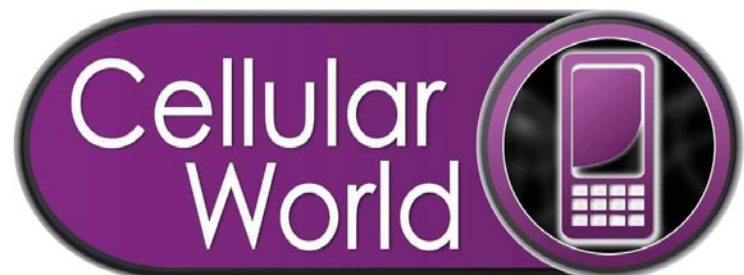
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OFFSHORE FINANCIAL CENTRES CAUGHT UP IN G7 TAX DEAL

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

More perspectives are emerging on what the implications could be for the financial services sector for the UK's Overseas Territories resulting from the agreement by G7 Finance Ministers for a minimum 15 per cent global corporate tax.

This tax will be imposed on large tech companies and other multinationals which base their operations outside their home country to take advantage of lower taxes.

According to the BBC, the deal between the G7 group of wealthy nations - US, the UK, France, Germany, Canada, Italy and Japan, plus the EU - could see billions of dollars flow to governments to pay off debts incurred during the Covid crisis.

The renewed effort to claw back taxes from large global corporations which register their headquarters outside their national borders is driven by the Biden administration, which was pressing for a 21 per cent rate.

The BBC's economics editor, Faisal Islam in explaining that it took "a big compromise to get this across the line", also noted that "how much bite this change actually has will depend on the fine print of ongoing negotiations."

"A process has begun, a precedent has been set. It may or may not end up being transformative, but this moment is histor-

ic," he wrote in an analysis of the agreement.

But writing in the publication *The Conversation*, Professor Atul K. Shah of City University London, posits that the UK is "badly conflicted between offshore tax havens and Biden's global tax drive".

Professor Shah who is affiliated with Tax Justice Network as a member of its global advisory board, commented that the gain for the G7 countries "will be to the loss of offshore tax havens like the UK's overseas territories."

The Cayman Islands and other OTs object to the label 'tax haven' on the basis that it carries negative connotations, preferring instead the term 'offshore financial centres'.

According to Professor Shah, "though no one can force them (the OTs) to adhere to the US proposals, the UK is likely to come under international pressure to bring its satellites onboard."

He said, "The whole climate has now changed to the point that it is possible to envisage these territories participating in a global minimum rate and also being less secretive than in the past."

"Their consolation will be that they serve not only corporations but wealthy individuals too, and these proposals will not be targeting them. In that sense at



While its broad outline is expected to be accepted by G7 leaders at their meeting in London this weekend (June 11 - 13), the details still have to be thrashed out at further meetings.

Reuters news agency reports that the next step is a June 30-July 1 online meeting of the 139 countries negotiating future rules for cross-border taxation at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

"The countries aim to reach a consensus at the meeting on the details, as much technical work has already been done. Any accord from that meeting will then go before G20 finance ministers for endorsement when they meet in Venice on July 9-10," it stated.

The OECD and the United States have said a final sign-off might not be possible until a subsequent G20 meeting in October, because the U.S. position may not be firm by July as a domestic tax package will be going through Congress.

A G20 sign-off would mean the world's largest economies will implement it, so its reach would effectively be worldwide, Reuters reported.

least, the offshore tax havens may well just carry on in the same way as before," he added.

But in a report, Al Jazeera, the middle-based international news and current affairs outlet said "the United Kingdom's exotic network of "Treasure Island" tax havens could be facing the biggest threat to its existence in half a century after the United States and its allies pledged to squeeze more tax out of large, profitable multinational companies."

It said the tax deal "is likely to hit the OTs hard after decades of dodging attempts by major economies to claw back revenue."

DEAL STILL NOT FULLY DONE

However, the G7 global corporate tax deal is still not yet fully sealed.



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 95TH Birthday Parade & Celebration

Monday, 14 June 2021

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Lenford Wilks is a top performer

Government Information Services (GIS) Video Production Specialist Lenford Wilks knows a lot about delivering an outstanding customer experience, so much so that Deputy Governor Franz Manderson selected him to be the Cayman Islands Government Employee of the Month (EOM) for March 2021.

GIS Video Unit Manager Martin Wilkinson (currently on secondment to the Portfolio of the Civil Service) nominated Mr Wilks for

the exceptional work he delivered during January, when the GIS Video Unit broadcasted three events for Heroes Day over the course of two days. Also among the reasons why Mr Wilks now wears an EOM pin was his agility in assisting the House of Parliament by setting up the video equipment for the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on short notice.

Cabinet Office Chief Officer Samuel Rose praised Mr Wilks for being customer centric as he

presented the EOM with a Chief Officer's Award, the first step in the Deputy Governor's Award Programme.

During the Employee of the Month presentation, Mr Manderson applauded Mr Wilks for consistently demonstrating passion and enthusiasm in promoting the Cayman Islands Government's work in a way that positively educates television audiences about the wide range of services provided across the Civil Service.



► Deputy Governor Franz Manderson and Cabinet Officer Chief Officer Lenford Wilks



► Lenford Wilks, displays his EOM and Chief Officer's Choice certificates, flanked by Chief Information Officer Suzette Ebanks, Mr Manderson, Mr Rose, Director of Communications Oneisha Richards and staff of Government Information Services and the Strategic Communications Unit

Mr Manderson also acknowledged Mr Wilks for keeping up-to-date on the latest broadcast technologies, which is extremely important for his role.

During the EOM ceremony, Mr Manderson gave an account of Mr Wilks' actions that led to him being selected as EOM for March.

"On National Heroes Day 2021, Mr Wilks' technical knowledge enabled the Video Team to broadcast live to all three of Cayman's television service providers and to the official Cayman Islands Government's social media channels — all at the same time. This allowed viewers from all parts of the world to tune in. Even if they could not be there in person, they were able to see their family & friends receive their award live."

Mr Wilks also worked outside of regular hours to arrange coverage for a scheduled three-day Public Accounts Committee (PAC) hearing, which included setting up the necessary connections to broadcast the PAC proceedings live on CIGTV. As a result of Mr Wilks' passion for his role, he lived up to the core values that the Deputy Governor wishes to instil in all civil servants.

"Your commitment and dedication to Government Information Services, and ultimately the Cabinet Office, contributes to not only making it a world-class Unit, but to making the lives of those we serve better, and it is for these reasons that you were named "Employee of the Month for March 2021," Mr Manderson said.

CAYMAN REACTS TO G7 GLOBAL CORPORATE TAX

By Staff Writer

The Cayman Islands government and the industry representatives for the financial services sector have responded to the agreement by G7 countries to impose a 15 per cent minimum global tax rate on major tech companies and other multinational companies.

In a statement on Monday, following the decision by the G7 finance ministers last Saturday, the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) said:

"The G7 announcement aligns with the Cayman Islands' overall position that taxes should be paid where they are rightfully owed."

The government also stated: "While the Cayman Islands' primary business is investment funds, which are tax neutral under international tax rules, we continue to support international tax compliance by adhering to international tax standards."

Meanwhile, Cayman Finance, the body which represents the financial services sector, issued its own statement on the issue in which it also emphasised the juris-

Cayman Finance
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diction's tax neutral status in the context of the G7 decision.

"Our tax neutral regime recognises the importance of taxing the right people, at the right place, at the right time. Indeed, Cayman's tax information-sharing commitments enable more effective tax collection by other jurisdictions," Cayman Finance said.

It explains that the Cayman Islands is a tax neutral jurisdiction and our financial services industry is the world's leader in international investment funds,

which are internationally recognised as tax neutral.

"Cayman achieves tax neutrality in the simplest and most cost-effective way possible: it does not add another layer of tax on top of that imposed by other jurisdictions. This enables our financial services industry to do what it does best, facilitating investment throughout the world, thereby driving global economic growth and prosperity."

According to Cayman Finance, "Our industry will continue to play this important

Cayman Finance
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Cayman's tax neutrality provides optimum outcome for investors, investees and home tax jurisdictions.

role, much needed during this time of recovery from a global pandemic, following any implementation of a global minimum tax rate for multinational enterprises."

Taken as a whole, it adds, Cayman's tax neutrality and international commitments protect against tax evasion, aggressive tax avoidance, unfair tax competition and any tax harm to other jurisdictions.

The industry association said, "That's a record we are proud of and will continue to advocate for in international standard-setting efforts."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DVDL Offices to Close on Thursday, June 10



The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL) wishes to advise the public that all its offices will be closed on **Thursday, June 10, 2021**, to facilitate a staff meeting and training workshop.

All offices of DVDL will resume business as usual on Friday, June 11.

Customers are reminded that they can renew their vehicle and driver's licences online via DVDL's website at www.dvdl.gov.ky.

Wastewater COVID Discount Policy Extended

The Water Authority Wastewater COVID-19 Discount Policy for commercial customers has again been extended by an additional three (3) months; which now means commercial customers may apply for a discount on their wastewater bills for April 2020 through June 2021. Customers who want to benefit from this temporary discount, must make the request in writing and provide

- 1) water consumption records for the entire calendar year 2019 and
- 2) the Cayman Water Company bill(s) for the month(s) under consideration. Requests should be submitted to info@waterauthority.ky.

For more updates, please visit the Authority's website www.waterauthority.ky and social media pages.

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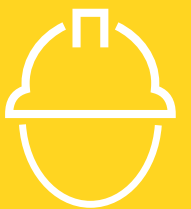


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Young Caymanians are encouraged to attend this important information session to learn more about this programme.



For more information on this PLT Apprenticeship Programme session, please contact CUC's Human Resources and Employee Development Department via e-mail at careers@cuc.ky



► Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly engages with a couple of Year One students at the JACPS



► Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly greets TMPS Principal Ms. Kimberly Watler during a recent visit to the school

Minister for Education Tours Several Schools

Minister for Education Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly embarked on a three-day ministerial tour of some government schools on Grand Cayman on May 12, 13, and 19.

Chief Officer Ms. Cetonya Cacho, Deputy Chief Officer Mrs. Lyneth Monteith, Department of Education Services (DES) Acting Director Mrs. Tammy Hopkins (day three), DES Head of Business Services Mr. Mark Ray, DES Facilities Manager Mr. Alan Robinson and Senior School Improvement Officers Messrs. Ian O'Connor, Elroy Bryan and Nicholas Obie accompanied the Minister.

On the initial day of the tour (12 May), Parliamentary Secretary Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks joined the team as they visited Sir John A Cumber Primary School (SJACPS), George Town Primary School (GTPS), John Gray High School (JGHS) and Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC).

On the following day (13 May), the team journeyed to Joanna

Clarke Primary School (JCPS), where they were joined by Ms. Heather Bodden, MP. The group also toured the Red Bay Primary School (RBPS) and Lighthouse School (LHS).

The team visited Edna Moyle Primary School (EMPS), Theoline L. McCoy Primary (TMPS), Prospect Primary School (PPS) and Clifton Hunter High School (CHHS) on day three (19 May). At CHHS, they were joined by Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders and Mr. Jay Ebanks, MP. The group was also joined by Health and Wellness Minister Hon. Sabrina Turner on their visit to Prospect Primary School.

At each location, the team conducted a walkthrough of the school compound before meeting with the Principal and members of the Senior Management Team to discuss the school's key priorities, successes, resourcing needs, ongoing issues or concerns and their recommended solutions.



► (l-r) Mr. Nicholas Obie (DES), Mr. Mark Ray (DES), Deputy Chief Officer Mrs. Lyneth Monteith, Chief Officer Ms. Cetonya Cacho, Parliamentary Secretary Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, SJACPS Principal Ms. Jovanna Wright, Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Reading Resource Teacher Ms. Dianne Musson, DES Facilities Manager Mr. Alan Robinson are photographed inside SJACPS Reading Resource Room

At the end of the final visit, Minister O'Connor-Connolly stated, "I am satisfied with the continued progress within our schools. I am also pleased that

we can further pursue the implementation of those policies and plans crucial to the development of our education system. I am confident that with the help of my hardworking team and my Parliamentary and Cabinet colleagues, we will be able to

provide our schools with the necessary support to ensure that our children have the best educational opportunities."

To learn more about Cayman Islands Government Schools, visit <https://schools.edu.ky/Pages/Home.aspx>.



► Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders and North Side MP Mr. Jay Ebanks are photographed with CHHS Principal Dr. Richard Wildman and the joint MOE and DES team led by Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly and Chief Officer Ms. Cetonya Cacho during a visit to the CHHS



► Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly (2nd left), Parliamentary Secretary Mrs. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks (r) and Chief Officer Ms. Cetonya Cacho are photographed with a group of prefects from the GTPS

COVID VACCINE PRIZES GO VIRAL

By Michael Jarvis London UK

A bewildering array of incentives have come to characterise the drive to get people around the world vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus.

From Cayman and the rest of the Caribbean to the UK, the US, Canada, Africa, and every continent, country and capital between and beyond, the vaccine versus virus race is on.

With vaccine-hesitancy - and outright resistance in some respects, governments, health authorities and vaccine campaigners have devised novel (and sometimes audacious) incentives to persuade the public to get vaccinated.

'Joints for jabs' (that's free marijuana, really) in some parts of the US, free flights and hotel stays in Cayman, and even a land raffle in Antigua, point to the urgency to get vaccination levels up to the point for countries and the world to return to a degree of normality.

In the United States, the Biden administration has designated June as a "month of action" to boost Covid-19 vaccination rates chasing a July 4th Independence Day target for 70 per cent of the country to get at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

From million-dollar cash prizes to free childcare, debt-free education, and free beer, companies offering gift cards to employees, concert tickets, and yes, free marijuana in Seattle, a massive push is on as America revs-up its vaccination campaign.

In West Virginia a prize draw includes trucks...and guns.

"The more people we get vaccinated, the more success we're going to have in the fight against this virus," Biden said in a national address this week.

Not to be outdone, the Antigua and Barbuda government is raffling a parcel of land with everyone who has had their first or first or second vaccine dose offered a raffle ticket for the 8,000 sq ft plot.

Mobile phone top-ups, shopping and gas station vouchers are also part of the package of vaccination incentives being offered in Antigua.

In the UK which has had one of the top vaccination roll-outs globally, love is in the air as efforts focus on getting young adults to take their shot.

A match is being made between the vaccination and a match-making or dating app.

According to the UK's Guardian newspaper, in an eye-catching policy coinciding with the rollout of vaccinations for the under-30s, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has teamed up with popular dating apps to encourage take-up of the programme.

It reports that users of the dating apps Tinder, Match, Hinge, Bumble, Badoo, Plenty of Fish, OurTime and Muzmatch will enjoy a series of benefits if they add their vaccination status to their profile, including virtual badges and stickers.



Most of the apps are also giving people who say they have been vaccinated free bonuses such as a certain number of "boosts", which promote their profile to potential dates, offering the tantalising prospect of a greater stake in what has already been billed a post-pandemic "summer of love".

The scheme is entirely voluntary and not connected to any medical records or the NHS app, which means it is based on trust.

Meanwhile, in Israel, another global leader in vaccinations, free pizza and beer is on the menu to top-up their already impressive vaccination campaign.

Down under in Australia incentives to take a COVID-19 vaccine include complementary and alternative medicines...

though not for the coronavirus and its variants.

Elsewhere, the Economist news magazine reports that in China where the pandemic started, the Sinovac jab which it now produces is being offered with a unique package of incentives including cartons of eggs, chicken wings, flour and free entry to parks.

In parts of India, women are given gold nose pins and men are given hand blenders along with tickets for prize draws.

In Thailand, one town is offering cows to spur vaccinations, and in Hong Kong getting the jab could mean winning an apartment valued at US\$1.4million.

Back in the United States, a 22-year-old woman won a US\$1m home in Ohio's "vax-a-million" lottery.

POLICE NEWS

Police Investigate Firearms Incident on Seymour Drive

Shortly after 1:30AM on Monday, 7 June, officers were despatched to a report of a firearms incident outside a bar on Seymour Drive, George Town. It was reported that two males were at the location, with several other persons nearby, when they were approached by another male carrying a firearm who fired several shots at them. One of the men was grazed in the head and the other male received multiple gunshot wounds. Emergency services attended the scene and the second male was transported to hospital to be treated for serious injuries. He remains in critical but stable condition. The other male did



not appear to be seriously injured and left the location via private vehicle.

The matter is under investigation and the RCIPS is appealing to the persons who were at the location when the incident occurred to contact George Town CID at 949-4222.

Police Investigate Firearm Incident on West Bay Road

Shortly after 2:00AM on Saturday, 5 June, officers responded to a report of a firearm incident in the parking lot of Trafalgar Place, on West Bay Road. It was reported that two men



were involved in an altercation with two other men known to them. One man was struck in the head with an object and injured, and another man was shot and injured. EMS attended the location and both

men were transported to hospital to be treated for what appear to be non-life-threatening injuries.

The culprits were reported to have left the location in a vehicle.

The matter is currently under investigation. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have any information is asked to contact George Town CID at 949-4222.

RCIPS Update on Operation Quaker

The RCIPS' targeted road safety and enforcement campaign, Operation Quaker, continued this weekend, with increased police presence and enforcement on Cayman's roads.

This past weekend, 4-6 June, five persons were arrested on suspicion of DUI, and about 10 tickets were issued to drivers found in contravention of the Cayman Islands Traffic Law. In addition, officers responded to nine motor vehicle collisions during the same time period.

"We are glad to see that there was a significant reduction in the number of motor vehicle collisions on our roads this past weekend," says Inspector Dwayne Jones in charge of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit. "We are hopeful that this, combined with the lower numbers of DUI arrests and tickets, means that our increased presence and messaging around traffic enforcement is having the desired effect, but we will not become complacent. We advise the public to continue to exercise caution on the roads, and to always make safe choices while driving, by not speeding or driving while under the influence of alcohol."

"Although the number of motor vehicle collisions this past weekend was lower than in previous weekends, with no serious injuries, there were still some



► Inspector Dwayne Jones

incidents of concern," says Chief Inspector Malcolm Kay, who oversees Specialist Operations. "The fact is that even one person choosing to drink and drive or travel at excessive speeds can result in tragedy. As such, Operation Quaker is ongoing, and the public should continue to expect increased enforcement and police presence on our roads throughout this coming long weekend and beyond. Let's all continue to do our part in 'Making the Cayman Islands Safer!'"

Seniors AquaFit Set to Make a Splash in East End

A 98-year-old woman is one of the East End seniors who will soon be able to keep fit and mobile by taking AquaFit classes. More formally known Water Exercise for Seniors, 20 persons have already signed up.

Launched on Thursday, 27 May 2021, the free, low-impact water sessions for the over 60s are a Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) initiative, in partnership with Ocean Frontiers and prime

sponsor Wheaton Precious Metals International Ltd.

Several older persons, including the nonagenarian, attended the launch at the dive operation to learn more about the 20-week programme set to kick off on Friday (4 June 2021).

Director DCFS Paulinda Mendoza-Williams welcomed the collaboration as a good example of how communities can be supported.

"I want to encourage you to participate as much as you can. It is good for muscles and the aches and pains that we have," she concluded.

Head of the Swim and Safety programme Candace Zwarich spoke next. The Starfish Aquatics Institute (SAI) swim instructor, yoga teacher and PADI dive instructor will teach the weekly, hourlong classes and advised on the poolside sessions.

"Exercises will help build overall strength and flexibility. Warming up the body is a key part of the classes to regain mobility in the joints safely before ramping it up with some cardio," she said, adding that the programme will take place in shallow water.

Wheaton Precious Metals Vice-President (commercial and sustainability), Andre Budylin, said: "We've worked with Delmira [Bodden DCFS Community Development



► AquaFit swim instructor Candace Zwarich



► Wheaton Precious Metals Vice-President (commercial and sustainability), Andre Budylin chats with Department of Children & Family Services Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams at the launch of AquaFit classes at Ocean Frontiers. Classes will start on Friday, 4 June 2021

Officer for East End] on a number of initiatives."

"It takes a community [of volunteers] to make a community. This is a perfect example of where we come together as partners to make something that I hope will be of great benefit to everyone here. I'm definitely looking forward to coming back and seeing it in action."

For more information about these classes, call Ocean Frontiers at 323-4040.

Provenance Properties raises thousands of dollars for the Cayman Islands community

Recent charity auction and A Walk in Her Shoes sponsorships raised close to US\$80,000.

Provenance Properties Cayman Islands has recently participated in a number of charitable initiatives to give back to the Cayman community.

In April, the luxury brokerage – the exclusive affiliate of Christie's International Real Estate in the Cayman Islands – hosted its second annual virtual charity auction, benefitting Cayman's Acts of Random Kindness. In the same month, teams representing Provenance Properties and Camana Bay's first for-sale residential development, OLEA, participated in the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre fundraiser, A Walk in Her Shoes.

Second annual virtual auction benefitting Cayman's ARK

The virtual auction, which launched in 2020 as a way to offer community support during the COVID-19 lockdown, raised US\$65,000 for Cayman's ARK. Those funds will be donated to the R3 Cayman Foundation, which in turn will donate an equal amount to Cayman's ARK and apply the matching funds from the Kenneth B. Dart Foundation to charitable causes of their choosing. The funds donated to Cayman's ARK will help further its work through its Casa programme and its Reconnect Cayman and MER (Mentor-Educate-Reinforce) initiatives. R3 Cayman Foundation was established in response to the hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as a charitable organisation focused on readiness, relief and recovery in the Cayman Islands.

"We are so grateful for the help and support this auction will offer our pro-

grammes," said Tara Nielsen, founder of Cayman's ARK. "We are still operating an emergency relief response for those impacted by the economic and social effects of COVID-19. ARK provides food, utilities, housing and healthcare relief for COVID-19-impacted families and relies 100% on private-sector donations; an event such as this online auction enables us to continue our vital emergency relief work and maintain ARK's other invaluable programmes."

Sixth annual A Walk in Her Shoes

At the sixth annual A Walk in Her Shoes, held on Thursday, 22 April in Camana Bay, more than 30 men made up Team Provenance Properties and Team OLEA (the event sponsor) and walked a mile in heels to raise awareness and funds for the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre. The team members' sponsorships raised over US\$14,000.

"We are proud to sponsor this energetic annual event in support of the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre," said Provenance Properties' Sales Specialist Shanice Ebanks, who represents a number of homes for sale at OLEA. "When I share information about OLEA with people, one of the first things I tell them is that living at OLEA is being part of a strong community – not just with your neighbours but with all of those who visit and are a part of the Camana Bay Town Centre."

"Giving back to the community is an important value for our Provenance Properties team," said Broker Jackie Doak. "We assist clients in acquiring luxury prop-



► Front row, from left: Founder of Cayman's ARK, Tara Nielsen; R3 Cayman Foundation's Chairman Bryan Hunter; Provenance Properties' Lead Sales Specialist Fleur Coleman. Back row, from left: Provenance Properties' Real Estate Agent Ewelina Cimring; Provenance Properties' Office Manager Ainjalía Muriu; Provenance Properties' Senior Sales & Marketing Coordinator Natasha Valerio and Provenance Properties' Sales Specialist April McIntosh

erties and it is equally vital to us that we help those in need in the Cayman Islands to have a safe and secure home. This is at the heart of what organisations such as the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre and Cayman's ARK do, and to that end we support their work whenever we can."

About Provenance Properties Cayman Islands

Provenance Properties is the exclusive Christie's International Real Estate affiliate in the Cayman Islands and a member of the Cayman Islands Real Estate Brokers Association (CIREBA). In 2019, Provenance Properties was recognised as a

Christie's Affiliate of the Year. Provenance Properties is also the exclusive Cayman Islands affiliate of Haute Residence.

Provenance Properties provides access to a portfolio of luxury residences and condominiums for sale or rent, as well as land for sale and commercial properties for lease in the Cayman Islands. The Provenance Properties team provides bespoke service to individuals seeking to relocate to the Cayman Islands for business or personal reasons.

For more information, visit provenanceproperties.com, keep up with the latest information on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

Celebrate Dad for more than just a day with Camana Bay

Camana Bay is celebrating fathers all week in the lead up to Father's Day on Sunday, 20 June. With feasts, fun and family-friendly photo opportunities, there's something for everyone.

Enter a contest to frame a special memory

From 3 to 8 June, enter to win a framed photo of your favourite memory with your father or father figure by posting a favourite picture in the comments section of the main contest post on Camana Bay's Facebook page and briefly explaining what makes the memory special to you.

On Instagram, post a picture with Dad, share the memory and tag @camana_bay.

Capture a moment with Dad

On Saturday, 12 June, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in Gardenia Court families are invited to join Leanna Lewis from Visual Paradise Media for free Father's Day portraits in Gardenia Court. Camana Bay are dedicating the first hour, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., for photography of special needs families.

Brunches

Celebrate Dad over a weekend brunch! With happenings on Saturdays and Sundays, raise a toast to the man in your life over a glass of bubbly or non-alcoholic beverage!

- Brunch at Pani Indian Kitchen: Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. CI\$34 plus gratuities and reservations are recommended by calling +1.345.640.0007.

- Father's Day BBQ at The Waterfront Urban Diner: Sunday, 20 June, 3 p.m. CI\$19.95 per person (plus gratuity) and \$9.95 for kids under 12. Reservations are recommended – call +1.345.640.0002.

- Seafood brunch at Agua Restaurant & Lounge: Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. CI\$70 with drinks or \$45 without. Reservations are recommended – call +1.345.949.2482.

- Dim sum brunch at Mizu Asian Bistro + Bar: Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations recommended – call +1.345.640.0001.

- BBQ brunch at KARoo: Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Reservations recommended – call +1.345.946.6633.

A gift for every dad

Treat the man in your life with an array of different gift options ranging from food to fun at Camana Bay for dads of all interests!

• EXPERIENCE-LOVER DAD

Kick back and relax with Dad in one of the new VIP theatres at Camana Bay Cinema. If you or your dad have a Polyn card and are at the silver tier you could get your cinema experience for free with two free tickets – one for you and one for Dad!

Treat Dad to a Gentleman's Escape – a package consisting of a one-hour massage and Indian head massage for just CI\$99 at Eclipse Hair Design & Day Spa. Make a reservation by calling +1.345.945.1188.

• FOODIE DAD

Sweeten Dad with a buy one get one free offer from Haagen-Dazs on Saturday, 19 June and Sunday, 20 June or create sweet memories with Dad and treat him to frozen and flavourful treats from Gelato & Co.

At Blackbeards Camana Bay, stock up for Father's Day and you will receive double points with your purchase when you use your Polyn card. Plus, buy a 1L bottle of Legacy for Dad and get a Legacy mini for free!

Prepare the perfect meal for the perfect dad, ready to throw on the grill! Carnivore's grill box includes a 24oz dry-aged

Kansas City striploin, two eight-ounce striploins, charred pickled asparagus, roasted carrots and potatoes and bourbon cordelaise sauce for only CI\$130.

• STYLISH DAD

There's something for every type of dad at NKY, NKY Collections, POLO by NKY and SOLES Shoe Salon, but if you can't choose, get him a gift certificate to use at any of their stores. Virtual gift certificates are also available.

You can keep Dad stylish by entering to win a pair of Ray-Bans from De Sunglass Man. To enter, visit De Sunglass Man on Instagram and Facebook.

Make time with Dad when you enter to win a Movado watch for Dad! To enter visit Island Jewellers on Instagram and Facebook.

Red's Emporium can deck Dad out from head to toe. Visit them to pick out the perfect outfit, from swim shorts and island-style shirts to hats and sandals.

• SPORTY DAD

For the dads that work out or play sports, Sportista is the perfect store to find the best athletic gear. Carrying the best brands in clothing and accessories, go the extra mile in gifting quality clothing and accessories for the Dad that goes the extra mile for you every day.

• GIFTS FOR EVERY BUDGET

Need more gift ideas? Get inspired with Camana Bay's curated gift guide designed to help you find great and unique products, at great prices for the greatest guy in your life. Visit camanabay.com to get inspired.

Key dates

- **3 to 8 June:** Online photo contest

- **12 June:** Father's Day portraits

- **20 June:** Father's Day brunches

Follow @CamanaBay on Facebook and @camana_bay on Instagram to find out



more. Visit camanabay.com for all things Father's Day and to view further activity suggestions and a gift guide for Dad!

About Camana Bay

A destination within a destination, Camana Bay is a vibrant town located in the heart of Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory.

Situated on 685 acres between Seven Mile Beach and the North Sound, this mixed-use master-planned community is one of the first examples of New Urbanism in the Caribbean.

Developed by Dart Real Estate, Camana Bay offers more than 650,000 square feet of commercial office and retail space as well as 63 luxury apartments available for long-term lease, and condos, townhomes and duplexes at OLEA, Camana Bay's first for-sale residential project. The town also offers public spaces for all to enjoy, world-class shopping and dining, as well as family-friendly entertainment, events and attractions.

For more information, visit camanabay.com and keep up with the latest developments on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

Botanic Park hosts 5K Run/Walk in support of Children's Garden

Ministry of Tourism signs on as main sponsor

The Tourism Attraction Board (TAB) and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park (QEIBP) invites the community to take part in the attraction's first-ever fundraising 5K Run/Walk on Sunday 13th June.

The race taking place ahead of the Queen's Birthday holiday, will move from the Park's entrance, moving onto Botanic Park Road, south on Frank Sound Road to Clifton Hunter High School and back. Monies raised from the event will go toward the completion of the Children's Garden project, which is still under development.

"This is our first time hosting a 5K and it is exciting to find new ways to raise funds and to have fun while doing it and for a first-time event, we anticipate having a really good turn out on race day," said John Lawrus, General Manager for the Botanic Park.

"With the help of the Ministry of Tourism, and our other sponsors we feel supported. We hope

to solidify the event and bring it back again next year with increased participation," he added.

As the main sponsor of the event, the Ministry of Tourism hopes to boost more donations for the Children's Garden project.

"The Botanic Park's objective is to provide a space that our children can call their own; where they can play and enjoy the outdoors while learning about their island's natural habitat and the animals that live within it. By all accounts it is not only a fantastic way to engage children through tangible learning, but it will also be a wonderful addition to the tourism market especially for the eastern districts," said Hon. Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism.

"I believe in leading by example and in doing so, the Ministry hopes to encourage more corporate donations which will assist in completing the new Children's Garden," added Minister Bryan.

"The \$25 entry fee includes chip timing by Race Caribbean,

refreshments, a prize ceremony and a t-shirt, although shirts are limited," said Mr. Lawrus.

The race starts at 6:30 am with registration beginning at 6:00 am. Participants can sign up online at <https://racecaribbean.net/event/botanic-park-5k/>.

Following the event, participants are welcome to complimentary refreshments sponsored by Good Mood Food. Co; Cayman National Bank and Coca-Cola.

Medals will be presented for the best times in eight age categories ranging from U12 through 60+. And in celebration of the Queen's Birthday holiday, a special trophy will be presented to the person with the best royal fascinator design.

"Participants can take photos and share their fancy, crazy or funny fascinator on the Botanic Park's Facebook page using the hashtags #QEIBPrunwalk or #QEIBPFascinatorFun. The photo which gets the most 'likes' will win. It's just a bit of added fun,"



said Mona Meade, the event's organiser and Marketing Coordinator for the TAB.

Additional parking is located at the Water Authority Compound on Botanic Road until 10am on race day.

Other participating sponsors for the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park 5K Run/Walk are Fidelity Bank, High Impact Media, Water

Authority Cayman, KRyS Global, Logic, Big Fish Radio, R Craft House and Sportista.

For more information or on the event kindly e-mail marketing@tab.ky or call 949-6999.

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

Seafaring stories of old

As written by Captain Owen Farrington

This year (2021) is the year of the Cayman Islands Seafarers, are the following are reminders of days gone by.

I am not a writer or poet, but I try to give the younger generation a reason to start a conversation, on a subject that we Seafarers failed to chronicle (seafaring). It is a lengthy story, and I only have a small part to share, but hopefully it will arouse other Seafarers to contribute their part of the story.

A fair question would be: "Why am I sharing my part of the story now?" Ralph Lewis, publisher of the Caymanian Times newspaper, gladly allowed me two of my seafaring stories of which I was involved in to be published in the Caymanian Times newspaper.

The first story was about when I extinguished a fire that was in the engine room of a vessel I was chief engineer on, the MV Addie H. The cargo was dynamite and detonators, dynamite in the forward hole and detonators in the after hole, the fire was on the wooden floor of the engine room. That was a scary time which brought all hands on deck.

The second story was about receiving a call from the Captain of a shrimp vessel advising me that a group of Caymanian shark fishermen were out of food and water and were asking me to rescue them. I was Captain of the MJ Jemsons, and had to travel at night to get to the rangers, when I told them I would be there.

I told the Captain to tell the men I would be to them the following afternoon, which I did, and there is only one man alive from the group, as I write I am told that this man was in Florida, receiving radiation therapy. Please pray for him, and when he gets back home, you can ask him to tell you of their experience.

I brought to Grand Cayman 17 able shark fishermen. There was celebrating and praying, and I am thankful that God was given the Glory. The name of the Captain was the late Captain Bradford Tatum of Guanaja, Honduras (in West Bay English, the island was known as Bonaco.)

I will now share the story of a vessel, that sailed from Grand Cayman on July 6th 1936 for Tampa, Florida with empty 55-gallon drums, passengers and crew. This sad story ends when the MV Nunoca never arrived in Tampa. An extensive search by the US Coast Guard was conducted, and this search was unrevealing of the MV Nunoca, or any part of the hull,



► When a shipping company needed a crew, they contacted Miss Gwen's office, and the word went out that a call had come in for a ship's crew. The grapevine would start to buzz "John Bloke" got his call., Miss Gwen just sent word to him that he should be to her office next day. The photo was taken when the Cayman Islands Seafarers Association were dedicating a slab and headstone in memory of the late Miss Gwen Bush, on 23rd March 2002. From left, the late Mr Athens Boddin, the late Mr Timothy Hydes, Mr Booth Hurlstone, Capt Paul Hurlstone, Capt Farrington, President of the CISA, the late Mr Henry Parsons and Mr Buddy Wood.

or empty drums being seen by the Coast Guard.

I was only four years old at the time, so the sad story was told to me years later. The disappearance of the MV Nunoca has been the main topic for many years among Caymanians.

I will now go forward to September 27th 1941, and this is the date of the storm that shook the schooner Majestic with a crew of five, and a number of rangers from the Cayman Islands.

There were 18 rangers and a crew of five from the schooner Majestic and four from the schooner Wilson, making a total of 27 men that died because of the storm of 27th September 1941.

I do not remember the date of the memorial service that was held at the Pilgrim Holiness Church, but I attended the service, and remember one of the hymns that were sung was 'Never Alone'. The Archives is the place to go and get information on schooners that were built in the Cayman Islands, and many of them were lost in hurricanes along with a number of crew members.

I can give those who are interested in knowing the names of those 27 men who died as a result of the storm of 27th September 1941, but I am unable to give the names of those who were crew or passengers that were on the MV Nunoca which disappeared in 1936.

I do know the names of other Caymanian Seamen who died at sea:

Brenton Parsons, Sherlock Farrington, Everet Ebanks, Woody Ebanks, Walter Rivers, Woody Connolly, Calvert Ebanks – I am sure there are other men from Grand Cayman who died at sea, and I suggest that the Archives would be where one would be able to get those names. There were a lot of men from Cayman Brac and Little Cayman who died at sea, of course I do not have their names.

From my experience, in trying to compile the names of all Caymanian seamen, not just those who died at sea, I was unable to manage the logistics.

In closing, let me thank all ladies who kept the fires burning while the men were at sea. I say thanks also for the prayers that were offered for all Seafarers.

Poem

The call came for a ship's crew
Miss Gwen started doing what only she knew
The men would join the ship in Newport News
And they started preparing to deal with the blues



Having completed their physical examination
They made sure that all was correct with documentation
Goodbyes were always hard to say
But to the ship they went for better pay

Dear ones we joined our ship today
The officers did not have much to say
You see they are all from distant lands
And we are speaking in the English of Cayman

Sailing time is posted on board
To Kuwait we are going to load
Pray for us as we journey there
And to the teachings of home we will adhere

We miss you all so much tonight
As the tears flow they diminish the light
We hope to be home for Christmas holidays
We will give thanks and shout Hoorays

Miss Gwen, we appreciated you so very much
And we hated to see you go
But your call came to receive your award
So, may you rest in peace, with the Lord

Be a part of the Census 2021 Team

Persons who want to help with Census 2021 are invited to attend public information meetings.


BODDEN TOWN	GEORGE TOWN	WEST BAY
Thursday 10 June	Thursday 17 June	Wednesday 23 June
5:30pm to 7:00pm	5:30pm to 7:00pm	5:30pm to 7:00pm
@ Theoline L. McCoy Primary School Hall	@ George Town Primary School Hall	@ Sir John A. Cumber Primary School Hall

Persons in attendance will learn about the criteria to qualify to be census workers and those selected will undergo training over several weeks.

Persons who have already signed up are also asked to attend.

CRITERIA:

- Census workers must be discreet and honest;
- Have a high school diploma or higher;
- A current driver's licence; and
- Use of reliable transportation.



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Light refreshments to be served at each meeting

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► Gratitude, at the Harquail theatre



► Gratitude explored the full spectrum of life

Gratitude celebrates 33 years of dance

By Christopher Tobutt

The Cayman Islands National Dance Company celebrated 33 wonderful years of spectacular dance with 'Gratitude,' at the Harquail Theatre on 5 and 6 June. It's a great title, because the company which started with Lorna Reid and just a handful of dancers who shared a vision for bringing the best of dance to Cayman, has nurtured many thousands of dancers since, from primary school age and up, in all kinds of dance at all levels. So a huge thank you to Lorna Reid, whose Artistic Director mantle has now passed to Jessica Eden.

"Tonight we share with you our gratitude. We are grateful for our experiences

that have allowed us to pay homage to all that we have been through and a vision of what we will become. Within each of us we are discovering that unique spark that lights a fire of joy which continuously motivates us and has led us to where we are," Jessica Eden said.

The dancers are divided into "apprentice dancers," and "company dancers."

The first dance was a reflective work, called Remember, There a woman in a blue dress sat, remembering many things. A dancer, perhaps her at a younger age, came from the opposite side of the stage and entranced the audience with the beauty and grace of her movements, urging the woman to get up once again and join her in the dance of life.



► The younger dancers were very spectacular



► "On Edge," performed by Company dancers



► Some of the younger dancers of the Cayman National Dance Company



► There is so much to show gratitude for

'Drums of Joy,' choreographed by Monique Frederick, celebrated the river of life and all that it can offer. Next came 'Trice,' Choreographed by Lorna Reid. 'Inner Mysteries' used dance to evoke the sense of wonder encountered in an inward journey of the soul, and 'Victory' was a high-energy interpretation of Yolanda Adam's 'Victory,' celebrating the victory we have in Christ. 'Programme,' choreographed by Devon Wellington, and revised by Jessica Eden and Ica Eden-Martin was where the company dancers and apprentices got together to enchant and surprise. The next dance, 'Ese Pasito,' interpreted the Indian fusion music, 'Taki Taki,' Me Time was a soulful interpretation of Tracy Chapman's classic song. The last dance before the intermission, Burn

it Up was when the dance apprentices showed us all just what they could do.

In the second half, On the Edge was all about anxiety and depression and despair, and expertly interpreted by the dancers. It's good to see dark things being interpreted by art as well as bright things, because art helps us to understand ourselves better. 'Amazing Love' celebrated God's unconditional love, which can be shown and received by each of us. 'Eternal Vows' was a very beautiful dance exploring the love between a man and a woman, and the way we feel when we believe we have found that special person. 'The Blessing' closed the show, as the grand finale, as many dancers were recognized and presented with beautiful bouquets of flowers.

CELEBRATING CAYMAN WRITERS, WRITINGS & THE ARTS

Frank McField's Time Longer Dan Rope. Part Two

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Theatre should be "a process of deconstruction and reconstruction of self to continue to build society", says Dr Frank McField. Theatre, like any other art form,



► Sociologist, Dr Frank McField

offers a means by which society sees itself, and it becomes a powerful tool through which writers examine society's ills and agitate for change. As seen in part one of this article, *Time Longer Dan Rope* conveys multiple messages through its content and form. A number of thematic concerns were highlighted last article, and I postulated that it is through characterisation that McField conveys messages. According to this Cayman writer, the characters represent and re-present him and his own beliefs, making it imperative that we dissect characters and find hidden gems.

An unusual name, Beatman is said by McField to have been named for a popular local man whom he admired. He died early, and McField honoured him in this way. Despite the literal explanation, his name is also seen as metaphorical. Beatman – the man who beats – does indeed hit his wife and threatens his children. He is a seafarer who returns home, beaten by what he has seen and experienced, and unable to relate to

the children who know him too little. He seems to have the respect of his friends, but he is the bad man who harnesses the respect that comes from a rootless individualism. Beatman returns to Cayman with a lot of cash. He also returns with behaviours, mannerisms, speech, and lessons he learnt from sea and foreign land experiences. There is the notion that the mother he respects and waits to bury as a good son should, did not teach him the values he displays. So where did he learn them, if much of what he displayed were not what his "Maama" taught him? What made him hit his wife and beat an old man in a bar?

These haunting questions remain unanswered, leaving readers to draw their own conclusions.

His wife Ella is representative of the black Caribbean woman often presented in Caribbean literature who is beaten but survives. Her ambition for her children is strong, and she works tirelessly to care for her home. Caribbean literature critics believe that women have traditionally been taught that right behaviour for them is silence. To paraphrase Davies and Fido in *Out of the Kumbia*, what is meant by 'silence' is an absence of the woman's voice or opinion on given subjects, with no specific female stance on what are important Caribbean issues; but Ella refuses to be silenced. Understandably, Katherine, the white wife of investor, Wilder, admires her - "I wish I had your strength". Despite Beatman's insistence that she gives him no lip, Ella continues to defy him and anyone else who puts restrictions on her. When her husband demands food, she "pours cocoa, slices some bread and defiantly places it on the table", saying "Here! And I hope it chokes ya". When he grabs her, she frees herself; when he hits her, she hits back. This refusal to be dominated is admirable and though she wants him to provide, she worked hard during his five-year absence to support her family. Through Ella, McField seems to agree with Jamaican author, Erna Brodber - whose protagonists in two of her novels are also named Ella - that Caribbean women should not comply with stereotyped images of them. Like the typical Caribbean mother, wife, "phenomenal woman", Ella, supported by her own mother, sets a standard for her daughter, and refuses to give up.

Eveline and Willie are interesting characters, not individually, but what they seem to represent as they often beg to go to school. McField shares that in 1979, he was fired from the National Council of Voluntary Organisations for having publicly agitated for early childhood education. The belief was that schooling should start at the primary level, but he believed this was too late. McField incorporates this belief in *Time Longer Dan Rope*. He wanted his theory recorded, so later people would



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see that potential repercussions of non-implementation had been prophesied. According to McField, people often "think of prophets as associated with superstition more so than reasonable arguments and propositions". His early childhood education theory is promulgated in the fact that young Willie dies and is denied his dream of being educated. Was Willie's death symbolic of aborted potential should early childhood education not be considered? Was Willie's death McField's indication of Cayman's future being threatened should education not be a primary consideration? A memorable scene is when Willie's 'duppy' visits Beatman who admits feeling guilty for all that went wrong in his family. He tries to kill Willie's 'duppy', but this scene proves cathartic, as it ends with Ella encouraging Beatman to hope again.

Other characters are impacting. Through Bam-Bam, the beaten, old man, McField questions the thin line between intelligence and perceived craziness. Bam-Bam says, "Ya all make me crazy cuz ya is afraid if ya didn't call ma crazy ya would have to call ma intelligent ...". This raises questions of stereotypes of Blacks as ignorant, a theory advanced through the characters of Wilder, and attorney, Phillip, who conclude that "island people can learn [only] if you teach them", and that "educated negroes ... are responsible for the fact that coloured servants no longer serve us with pride". This investor is hell-bent on "selling the islands to the Americans", as, his wife Katherine, calling herself his possession, admits that her husband's investment plans for Cayman, make her "feel sick for the [island's] future".

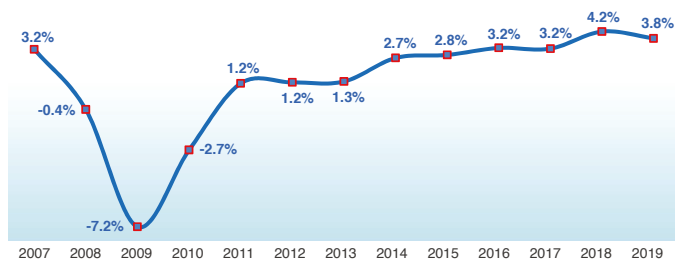
There is insufficient time to explore the magnitude of these thoughts – insufficient time for Koolidge, Beatman's friend who leaves but plans to return and address locals like Leigh who sell Cayman's inheritance - insufficient time to explore themes of color, race and class, themes of poverty, death, and loss. Undoubtedly, McField's *Time Longer Dan Rope* is a work that presents the intricacies of Cayman writings and the profundity of the issues we grapple with even today. A play well worth reading!



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Cayman Islands: Growth in Real GDP 2007-2019



How did COVID-19 impact businesses in 2020?

The annual System of National Accounts (SNA) survey collects the information necessary to measure the health and performance of Cayman's economy and its various industries.

The survey runs April 12th to June 11th, 2021.

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Genomic sequencing technology to provide the Cayman Islands with new insights into the SARS-CoV-2 virus

The Cayman Islands Forensic Science Laboratory team at the Health Services Authority (HSA) will join scientists across the globe in being able to analyse the full genomic sequence of the SARS-CoV-2 virus from infected individuals, by utilising next generation sequencing (NGS), an advanced technology new to the Cayman Islands.

With the procurement of two next generation sequencers made possible through generous donations from the R3 Cayman Foundation, the Caring for Life Foundation and an anonymous private donor, the HSA will have the capability to determine the various strains of SARS-CoV-2. Additionally, the machines will be able to gain actionable insights into any transmission of SARS-CoV-2, determining the source and network.



► One of the next generation sequencers that will be used to determine the various strains of SARS-CoV-2

“Next generation sequencing is the gold standard for determining the genetic code of an organism and has revolutionised the life sciences industry,” said molecular biologist Mr. Jonathan Smellie.

“It has also allowed the scientific community to quickly respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, enabling the rapid development of diagnostic tests and the SARS-CoV-2 vaccine, as well as the identification of thousands of variations, some of which have become highly relevant due to their changed transmissibility and infectivity. The data generated from the NGS platforms will assist the Cayman Islands in determining whether outbreaks are linked to one another. This data will be uploaded to the global science database, GISAID – where we can visualise and monitor the emergence of new SARS-CoV-2 strains across the planet,” he added.

“Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the strength of Cayman’s public health professionals has been evident,” said R3 Chairman Mr. Bryan Hunter. “R3 is proud to support the Health Services Authority’s efforts to ready the Cayman Islands against emerging strains of the virus. The acquisition of these genetic sequencing machines will also provide the opportunity for new career opportunities as our country’s forensic science capacity expands and the local need for scientists and skilled technicians grows”.

“Prior to and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen the ingenuity that results from public-private partnership,” said the Chief Executive Officer Ms.



► (L-R) HSA molecular biologists Brittany Balcewich, Jonathan Smellie and Sarah Medina stand with R3 Cayman Foundation Chairman Bryan Hunter in the HSA Forensic Laboratory

Lizzette Yearwood. “We are immensely grateful to the R3 Cayman Foundation, the Caring for Life Foundation and our anonymous donor for this crucial contribution, which will take us even further in our efforts to learn about and fight this virus. Additionally, we will be sharing our COVID findings with international research groups to better protect Cayman and the global community.”

Governor Martyn Roper stated, “I am very grateful to the donors who have made it possible for Cayman to procure this world leading technology. It will play a significant role in helping us detect all COVID variants and ensure that we can use this information to help keep the peo-

ple of Cayman safe as this pandemic continues to play out around the world. Obtaining this capacity on island highlights once more Cayman’s strengths as a regional leader in healthcare.”

While NGS technology provides an effective means of identifying SARS-CoV-2 strains, it can also be employed for other applications. The technology has the ability to conduct various types of genetic testing services including inherited disorder screening, cancer risk profiling and enhancing clinical microbiology. In addition, the technology opens the possibility for advanced forensic applications such as disaster victim identification, human identification and genetic genealogy.

Inspire Cayman Welcomes All

By Flynn Bush

I’m sure that you have seen all kinds of business names that are memorable and catchy. Some are funny, some are serious. Some are long, and some are short. From some names, it is hard to decipher what the nature of the business is. However, some names are a true representation of what the company wants to achieve. Such is the case with Inspire Cayman Training.

In the words of Michael Myles, founder, “ICT is an internationally accredited TVET Center, licensed by the Education Council of the Cayman Islands Government Ministry of Education. Educational institutions and institutions providing educational support services are governed by the Ed-

ucation Law, 2016 and the Education Regulations, 2017.” For several years now, this institution has been giving persons the ability to improve their lives. There have been many success stories; and there will continue to be for the foreseeable future. This is a welcome fact for our community, as there will always also be persons who are in need of these opportunities and who are experiencing difficulties.

In fact, one particular difficulty was the catalyst for an innovative addition to ICT lately. It came to the attention of Inspire Cayman Training staff and management that a number of individuals had a pressing obstacle to them participating in the classes and programs offered there. Now, everyone knows that life for a single mother is challenging as it is, and even more so when they are trying to do something additional in order to improve their situation. As it was, childcare was that obstacle. Upon learning of their plight, Mr. Myles, along with the Business Professional Women’s Club attempted to solve it.

Childcare centers were contacted in order to find arrangements that would work. However, there happens to be a shortage of spots for infants and toddlers on island at the moment so there was no headway made there. Then, an idea was born. Mr. Myles explained that since ICT has two major training rooms, the initiative was taken to turn one of them into a daycare of sorts.

Part-time babysitters were hired to watch the children while their mothers participated in the program. “The fact that their children would be in the same building as them also gave the women comfort,” explained Mr. Myles.

About the initiative, Mr. Myles added, “Inspire Cayman Training is excited to partner with Business Professional Women’s Club to provide professional development to our citizens. As our country rebounds from the pandemic, the demand for trained and skilled labor will be highly sought after. At ICT, we are committed to ensuring that our industries have trained and skilled Caymanians.” Mr. Myles goes on to tout his institution and to advertise

its merits, “We have a large catalogue of professional development programs available (subject to demand) as advertised on our website and social media pages.”

At this time in our country’s history, many people are suffering and finding it hard to dig out of a hole, so to speak. There are many stumbling blocks and obstacles that prevent them from doing so. Education and professional development are useful tools to improve oneself. ICT offers such opportunities and the fact that a group of individuals who would have previously found it impossible to take advantage of the programs offered at ICT can now do so, means that Inspire Cayman has once again lived up to its name.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

"Young Writers" Competition

Ongoing until 30 June - Calling all young writers between the ages of 12 and 17. You're invited to write your own story and win big (up to \$1000 and free creative writing lessons). The submission deadline is June 30th. For more information email caymanyounwriters@gmail.com.

Cayman Youth Choir - Rise and Shine Fundraiser

12 June - The Cayman Youth Choir is having a fundraiser on Saturday 14 June from 4 - 7pm at the Dart Family Park on South Sound Road. Funds raised will go to the purchase of risers for the choir.

Philippines Independence Day Walk/Run

13 June - Everyone is welcome to join the 5K Walk/Run in celebration of the 123rd Philippines Independence Day which will be held at Safe Haven beginning at 6am. This will be a fundraiser

event for ADACI; the Alzheimers and Dementia Association of the Cayman Island, and PGBI (Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood Incorporated-Cayman Islands Chapter). Entry fee is \$25 and includes a t-shirt and raffle ticket. Walk-in registration is at Cellular Sensations or call 924 - 7396 / 328 - 6957 for more information.

1st Annual QEIBP Queen's Birthday 5K Run/Walk

13 June - Calling all runners, walkers and residents! Support the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park's first-ever 5K Run/Walk on June 13 2021, as we raise much-needed funds to continue the NEW Children's Garden development. The entry fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt, chip timing, post-event refreshments and prize ceremony. Register online at <https://racecaribbean.net/event/botanic-park-5k/>. If you or your company would like to donate a prize for this event, kindly contact Lori at admin@botanic-park.ky

Queen's Birthday Parade

14 June - His Excellency The Governor, Martyn Roper invites everyone to the Queen's Birthday Parade and Garden Party reception on Monday 14 June. beginning at 4pm. The Cayman Islands' uniformed services will be on parade on the roadway in front of Government House. For the first time, the Cayman Islands Regiment and Cayman Islands Coast Guard will march amongst the approximately 200 senior uniformed services and youth organisations for the annual parade. The parade will commence at 4pm and will be followed by a Garden Party Reception on the grounds of Government House beginning at 5pm and continuing through 7pm.

Queen's Tea at the Heritage House

14 June - The Brac District of the National Trust invites everyone to the annual Queen's Tea at the Heritage House, Monday, June 14, 4pm - 6pm. Teas and homemade treats, silent auction, split the pot and more. \$7.00 at the door.

Seafarers Quarterly Social

15 June - The Cayman Islands Seafarers Association wishes to



inform all Members that there will be a Quarterly Social, on Tuesday 15 June at 7:00 PM. in the Seafarer's Hall, 11 Victory Ave. Prospect. There will be 3 buses from West Bay Town Hall at 6:00 pm.

Children's Art Competition

16 June - The pandemic has affected the lives of many children worldwide, and in some cases, negatively impacted their academic studies, social skills and mental health. To celebrate their resilience, the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is proud to announce the launch of its first-ever island-wide children art competition themed "A Reflection: Lessons from COVID". Age categories and prizes are: Ages 3-5: \$50

gift card; Ages 6-12: \$75 gift card and Ages 13-18: \$100 gift card. Only electronic submissions will be accepted and should be sent to ChildrenArt@cima.ky. Each entry must include child's name, age and school. Entry deadline is 16 June 2021 and winners will be announced by 24 June 2021. For more information, go to www.cima.ky/childrens-art-competition

Sunrise Adult Training Centre - Wizard of Oz

17 June - Sunrise Adult Training Center presents the Wizard of Oz on Jun 17th at the Harquail Theater. Curtain opens at 7pm. For tickets, call 9493330.

Father's Day Service - St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Road

20 June - There will be a Service of Holy Communion on Father's Day June 20th at 9:30am. All Fathers are especially invited to attend. Children are also welcome. Light refreshments will be served after the Service.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

Surprising lies about lifting weights

Most people believe a bunch of lies about lifting weights, and it's making them fat.

The truth is that strength training is one of the absolute best things you can do for your health and appearance.

Hopefully you don't believe any of these lies...

Lie #1: Muscle Turns Into Fat

Why would anyone want to build muscle if it could morph into fat after a span of

disuse? Rest assured that this is a myth of the highest order.

Muscle tissue is muscle tissue. Fat tissue is fat tissue. One will never become the other.

Lie #2: Strength Training Doesn't Burn Fat

On the contrary, muscle mass is your number one ally against fat gains.

A pound of muscle burns 10-20 calories each day, while you're just living

and breathing. Regular strength training helps you increase your muscle mass as well as preserve existing muscle mass, turning you into a fat burning machine.

Lie #3: Lifting Weights Makes Women Bulk Up

Yes, strength training increases the amount of muscle on your body; so many women take this to mean that their body will become body-builder-esque, which is quite the look you're going for.

The truth is that the female body simply doesn't contain high enough levels of testosterone to produce that level of results without a very focused and dedicated effort.

The tighter, toned figure of a recreational female weight lifter is every bit feminine.

Lie #4: Strength Training Is For Young People Only

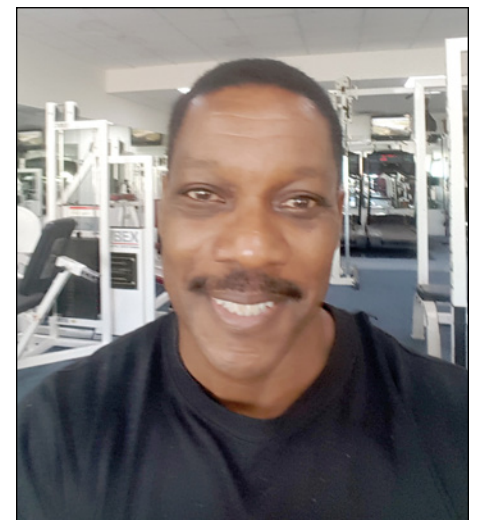
Ha, that's a used-up excuse that senior citizens across the globe have shattered.

Assuming that your doctor has given you the OK, you have much to gain from a regular weight lifting routine.

Improved balance and coordination, better strength and flexibility, and a decreased risk of osteoporosis are just the beginning.

Lie #5: Use Light Weight and High Reps To Tone

The idea that very high repetitions of very light weights would result in a toned physique, has become outdated. These high repetitions will increase your muscular endurance but will not add strength or tone.



► Ernest Ebanks

We now know that in order to truly challenge your muscles, heavier weights with lower repetitions are a must. Start with an 8-10 repetition range and push your muscles with each set.

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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
86° / 79°	86° / 79°	86° / 80°	86° / 82°	83° / 81°	82° / 82°	83° / 81°
A t-storm around in p.m.	A passing morning shower	Partly sunny with a shower	Winds gradually subsiding	Partly sunny and breezy	Clouds and sunshine	Partial sunshine

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Zachary S. Alleyene**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 01, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mr. Joseph Bronson Ebanks**, who passed away on Friday, June 04, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Ms. Winet B. Ebanks aka "Vnette"**, who passed away on Friday, June 04, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of **Ms. Gwendolyn C. Facey**, who passed away on Wed. June 02, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mr. Randal Pinnock Grant**, who passed away on Friday, May 07, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Wesleyan Holiness Church, North West Point, West Bay, Grand Cayman on Sunday, June 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Interment at: St. Mary's Garden of Rest Cemetery, Willie Farrington Drive, West Bay.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mrs. Ethlyn Diana Bodden Howell**, who passed away on Wed. May 19, 2021. A viewing of the body was held at Churchill's Funeral Home, 328 Eastern Avenue, George Town on Tuesday, June 08, 2021, from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Details of a memorial service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Bryan Cashan Powell**, who passed away on Friday, May 21, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Cayman Islands Baptist Church, 163 Pedro Castle Rd, Grand Cayman on Sunday June 13, 2021 At 2:00 p.m. Viewing: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at New Pease Bay Cemetery This Funeral Service will be livestreamed on the Churchill's Funeral Home Facebook page starting from 1:50 p.m.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mrs. Carmen Elaine Powell**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 01, 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at William Pouchie Memorial United Church, 815 North Side Rd., Old Man Bay, Grand Cayman on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Old Man Bay Cemetery



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mr. Talbert Lincoln Swaby Powery**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 01, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of God Chapel, #188 Town Hall, West Bay, Grand Cayman on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Boatswain Bay Cemetery



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Announcing the passing of **MRS MAUREEN DAVIDSON** of Grand Cayman. Peacefully fell asleep on the 5th June 2021 at age 84, surrounded by her loving family. An incredible wonderful mother to Simeonne, Gillian, Janine, Rebecca and George. A grandmother to 14 grandchildren and great grandmother to 6. Maureen touched the lives of so many, her laughter, love, kindness and sense of humour will leave an unbearable void for her family and friends. A memorial to be held privately. Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



Bodden Funeral "A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The family of the late **Keith Parker Tibbetts Jr., CMH, Cert. Hon.** regret to announce his passing on 5 June, 2021. A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. at Cayman Islands Baptist Church, Pedro Castle Rd. On Saturday 12 June, 2021. Interment will follow at the Prospect Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jasmine Hospice. Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



Bodden Funeral "A source of comfort in a troubled time"

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Ms. Valerie Russell**, who passed away on Saturday, June 05, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of **Mr. Philip Daniel Walton**, who passed away on Wed. June 02, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Hillside Chapel, #77 Ashton Reid Drive, Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Interment at: Spot Bay Cemetery



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UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

UK FINANCIAL CENTRE TERRITORIES REACT TO G7 GLOBAL CORPORATE TAX AGREEMENT

BERMUDA

Bermuda has reacted to the decision of G7 countries working on implementing a global corporate tax rate of 15 per cent saying "it is critical that any agreed framework must respect a country's right to sovereignty in relation to its tax system."

In an official statement, the jurisdiction's Finance Minister, Curtis Dickinson, said: "Any outcome that impacts this right is outside the originally agreed aims of the OECD BEPS initiative."

Mr Dickinson also said such a move does not give appropriate consideration to the rights and needs of those jurisdictions which lack the economies of scale and resources of larger jurisdictions.

He said Bermuda has had a history of supporting quality business while adhering to fiscally responsible policies through a balanced long-term growth agenda.

"Given the importance of cross-border trade to the Bermuda economy, Bermuda authorities have always been committed to ongoing compliance with international standards for financial regulation, transparency, and international cooperation."

The Bermuda Finance Minister stressed that the territory has been subject to independent, international scrutiny by various global standard-setting bodies.

However, while Bermuda supports the overall objectives coming out of the G7 Finance Minister meeting dealing with cli-



mate change, combating financial crime, creating greater financial stability and helping vulnerable economies, its stance on the global corporate tax is cautious.

Mr Dickinson insisted that conclusions reached must incorporate principles of fairness and right to sovereignty on tax issues and also recognise the efforts of jurisdictions such as Bermuda.

"There should also be appropriate recognition of the considerable work done, by countries such as Bermuda, to be effective partners in promoting and implementing robust standards for strong and robust regulation, transparency and international cooperation," he said.

"Bermuda's consumption-based tax regime yields a ratio of total government receipts to GDP of approximately 16% on average, which we deem appropriate for an economy such as ours," Mr Dickinson stated.

ISLE OF MAN

The government of the Isle of Man has said it needs more detail before it can assess the impact of the proposed G7 15 per cent tax global corporate rate on its economy.

Isle of Man's Treasury Minister, Alfred Cannan said the deal as it stands is only an outline of an overall strategic policy.

The historic agreement will now be considered by G7 leaders meeting in London this weekend and at upcoming meetings of the wider G20 group of nations.

The intended global minimum corporation tax rate would conflict with Isle of Man's current tax system.

The British Crown Dependency only applies corporate taxation on large retailers, banking businesses, land and property at rates of 10% and 20% respectively which experts say puts it at odds with the G7 plan.



"We're going to need to understand the interactions from country to country in terms of how this taxation applies, so at the moment we're long on the overall strategic direction but we don't have a lot of detail. Until we get that detail and understand that, only then we'll begin to understand what and how they will impact on the island and indeed what position then we would be adopting," Mr Cannan said in an interview on Isle of Man's Manx Radio.

GIBRALTAR

The Gibraltar Government has welcomed the announcement by the G7 Minister of Finance on a global corporate tax rate, saying it provides clarity.

Gibraltar has a 10 per cent corporate tax rate.

Gibraltar's GBC TC quoted a government official as saying that the agreement provides certainty and clarity in respect of minimum rates of corporate taxation in respect of multinational companies.

All matters related to the level of corporate and personal taxes in Gibraltar are traditionally set out by the Chief Minister and established in the Budget Session of Parliament each year, expected in July this year.

According to the GBC report, in setting rates going forward, the Gibraltar govern-



ment says it will, as usual, consult widely with all affected industries as it determines and sets the right rate of taxation for Gibraltar, whilst always maintaining the best international practice and the highest standards of corporate transparency and accountability - something for which it claims the jurisdiction is now well-known and respected.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

The Cayman Islands Government (CIG) said the G7 announcement aligns its overall position that "taxes should be paid where they are rightfully owed."

"While the Cayman Islands' primary business is investment funds, which are tax neutral under international tax rules, we continue to support international tax compliance by adhering to international tax standards," the government said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Cayman Finance, the body which represents the jurisdiction's financial services sector, said the jurisdiction's tax neutral regime recognises the importance of "taxing the right people, at the right place, at the right time".

Indeed, it said, Cayman's tax information-sharing commitments enable more effective tax collection by other jurisdictions," Cayman Finance said.

Explaining the tax neutral system, Cayman Finance said: "Cayman achieves tax neutrality in the simplest and most



cost-effective way possible: it does not add another layer of tax on top of that imposed by other jurisdictions."

It said this enables the financial services industry here "to do what it does best" which it said is "facilitating investment throughout the world, thereby driving global economic growth and prosperity."

The industry association said: "Our industry will continue to play this important role, much needed during this time of recovery from a global pandemic, following any implementation of a global minimum tax rate for multinational enterprises."

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Antigua raffles land now for jabs

The Antigua and Barbuda government is offering in a raffle an 8,000 square feet parcel of land as an inducement to get nationals vaccinated as the island moves to curb the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Anyone vaccinated between June 7 and June 30 fit the criteria.

"Although nearly 35,000 adults have taken the first dose at this time, at least 5,000 additional first-doses need to be administered by June 30," a government spokesman said. Parliamentarians and their family members are disqualified from participating in the raffle. Other incentives to get jabs will continue, including food, gasoline, and gift vouchers.

Meanwhile, the leader of the United Progressive Party has criticised attempts by the government to "bribe" residents



► A lucky jabbed Antiguan could win some land

to get vaccinated, and has called them ineffective.

Harold Lovell said that bribing those who are already sceptical about getting the jab does not make sense and insists intensive educational campaigns will better mitigate the dilemma. Lovell said people need as much information as possible to be able to make informed choices.

St Lucia's virus issues ease

St Lucia had until recently an acute coronavirus problem but has now eased its restrictions for vaccinated travellers. All vaccinated travellers can now dine in restaurants, book rental cars, explore local markets, and go shopping. Before May 31, all travellers faced restrictions on entering certain public places. Travelers must show proof of vaccination once they enter the country. US travellers will need to show original vaccination cards, but British travellers must show proof of vaccine via the National Health Service app.

St Lucia's ability to "coexist" with COVID-19 means it should be considered for the UK's green list, says its government.

The destination reopened its border in June 2020 and has managed a "good balance" between protecting the locals and enabling visitors to come safely, said



► St Lucia is trying to revive its tourism industry

Prime Minister Allen Chastanet. St Lucia is currently on the British amber list, meaning those who arrive back in the UK must self-isolate for 10 days.

Visitors to the island must undergo quarantine at designated hotels for 14 days - but the rules have just been eased, so fully vaccinated travellers are able to explore with fewer restrictions. All arrivals need a negative PCR test.

Cuba approves private enterprise

Cuba's decision to allow private sector involvement in additional areas of the economy represents a modest move toward free-market policies that will allow some domestic companies to scale up operations and attract moderate levels of foreign investment. But crucial sectors of the economy remain excluded from the reform.

State-owned media reported last week that Cuba's Council of Ministers approved a reform that expands the list of economic activities where private ownership is authorised. The reforms, initially announced four months ago, allow Cubans to legally own and operate private businesses in more than 2,000 different sectors, expand-

ing a previous list of only 127 sectors. However, the 124 economic activities where private sector involvement remains prohibited are in some of the islands' most lucrative industries, including tourism, tobacco production, pharmaceuticals and health care.

Nevertheless, the green light for small and medium enterprises to start operating on the island, is widely seen as a step in the right direction.

Some 600,000 Cubans of 11.2 million people work in the private sector - 13 percent of the workforce. Most work in hotels, restaurants, transportation and tourist accommodation.



► Cuba's entrepreneurs are less restricted

Fresh big up for JA's national heroes

Jamaica's seven national heroes will gain renewed public acclaim thanks to a group of Jamaican creatives determined to preserve their legacy.

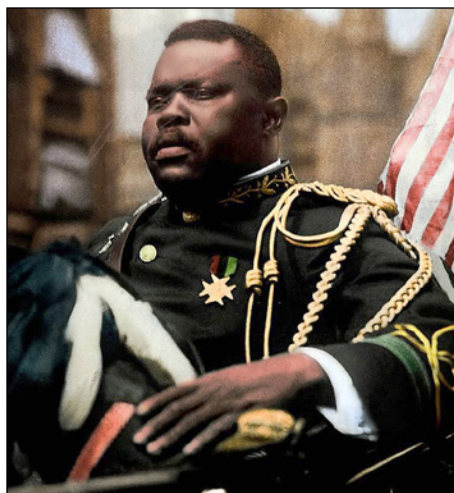
The brainchild of Charles "Mark Phi" Smart, The Jamaica Heroes Modernised Project intends to update and centralise the look and feel of its national heroes, which can be easily accessed by all.

Jamaica's national heroes are Sir Alexander Bustamante, Marcus Garvey, George William Gordon, Norman Manley, Nanny of the Maroons, Samuel Sharpe and Paul Bogle.

Bob Marley and Louise Bennett-Coverley (Miss Lou) are not officially national heroes but are treated with the same reverence by many Jamaicans.

Smart, the executive producer, has assembled a team, which includes actress and film producer Sherando Ferril. "What we aim to achieve is a sense of pride surrounding our heroes," Ferril said. "Ultimately, this will include increased awareness and a sense of patriotism and an appreciation of the work of these individuals."

She said that updating the images of the national heroes was the first priority. This



► Marcus Garvey is a Jamaican national hero

was done by Smart who is a visual artist. These redone works are to be included in a set of print collateral to be installed in the 1,300 primary schools island wide.

The project's most ambitious work is the production of a 10-part docuseries which they hope to be screened by a major streaming service.

Lil Rick's gangster vid sparks outrage

Barbadian soca star Lil Rick has broken his silence about his involvement in the controversial Trojan Riddim video which has outraged the public for glorifying thug life.

The recent viral music video featuring Lil Rick, Peter Ram and many other artists is infuriating many as it copies gangster rap styles similar to Jamaican dancehall and American hip-hop.

While the 16-minute video contains violent and obscene language and images of guns, it is the declaration of death on informants and the glorification of gun violence in a supposed war that grips the attention of viewers.

Lil Rick stated that soca has allowed him to rise to national prominence, but even in the soca arena he has always



► Lil Rick has upset many with his video

tried to remain true to himself and has tried to reflect on what is happening in Barbadian society.

Prime Minister Mia Mottley said: "I am horrified by the video and I am personally disappointed in the artistes who have not recognised that there is an obligation on their part to accept that to whom much is given much is expected."

Euros gives rookies big chance

The European Championships kick off this week having been postponed for 12 months due to the global pandemic. There is immense excitement to see if Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal can retain their title won in 2016. With the likes of World Cup winners France, a resurgent Italy, Belgium's star-studded squad, Spain's perennial brilliance and England's multi-talented team, Euro 2020 winners could hinge on not just the experienced vets but also the outstanding youngsters bursting to impress.

There are several youngsters who are expected to shine, the best of them is obviously Kylian Mbappe. The Frenchman is only 22 but seems to have been around forever since announcing himself on the world's stage three years ago, when he be-



► Kylian Mbappe is still improving at 22

came the youngest French player to score at a World Cup and only the second teenager to score in a World Cup final, after Pele.

This season he bagged 27 Ligue 1 goals and seven assists for PSG and he'll be at the forefront of whatever France achieve over the summer.

Phil Foden finally emerged from the shadows last season at Manchester City. The 21-year-old midfielder was a vital member of Pep Guardiola's impressive City side in 2020/2021 as they wrapped up the Premier League title with relative ease.

This is his first major tournament for England and could reach superstar status. Blessed with deft skills, electric acceleration and superb eye for goal, Foden's development has been phenomenal. The fact that many matches are in England and the final is at Wembley lends itself to a fairy tale finale for the youngster.

Alexander Isak, who struggled to make his mark during a previous spell at Borussia Dortmund, has now scored 32 goals in 88 appearances for Real Sociedad.

The 21-year-old Swede enjoyed a productive season in La Liga for Real Sociedad, with 17 goals and two assists in 34 outings, and he's desperate to keep that momentum going as rumours emerge of a potential return to Borussia Dortmund this summer.

Sweden are confident of getting out of Group E, with Poland, Slovakia and Spain standing in their way, and Isak expects to play a major role for progress.

Portugal are in the group of death, with France, Germany and Hungary also in Group F, so Joao Felix's influence is vital for the defending champs to progress.

Tipped as a future Ballon d'Or winner, expectations are high after Atletico Madrid paid Benfica \$126m for Felix in 2019. It was a shrewd signing as the 21-year-old forward gave impressive performances in La Liga to help them lift the title.

Napoli's Elif Elmas is already a star for North Macedonia and although only 21 has already been capped 26 times in central midfield. Although they are unlikely to progress from Group C against Netherlands, Ukraine and Austria, Elmas can still make a big impression.

Manuel Locatelli, 23, has enjoyed an industrious Serie A campaign with Sassuolo, returning four goals and three assists in



► Phil Foden hopes to be in the final at Wembley

34 league outings. He has caught the attention of Man City and Juventus, impressed by the defensive midfielder's reliability.

Groups:

- A: Turkey, Italy, Wales, Switzerland
- B: Denmark, Finland, Belgium, Russia
- C: Netherlands, Ukraine, Austria, North Macedonia
- D: England, Croatia, Scotland, Czech Republic
- E: Spain, Sweden, Poland, Slovakia
- F: Hungary, Portugal, France, Germany

Veteran Rocket surges to shock time

Jamaica's two-time Olympic champion Shelly-Ann "Pocket Rocket" Fraser-Pryce has become the second-fastest woman in history after running 10.63 seconds in Kingston.

The 34-year-old, who also won world gold at Doha 2019, streaked clear to win a national trials warm-up event in Kingston.

Only American legend Florence Griffith-Joyner has run faster. Griffith-Joyner scorched to a world record 10.49 seconds in 1988 before retiring soon after.

Fraser-Pryce's time eclipses the 10.72 seconds run by American Sha'Carri Richardson as the fastest time in the world this year. It is an improvement of 0.07 seconds on her previous personal best of 10.70, set in 2012.

Fraser-Pryce, who took more than a year out of the sport around the birth of her son in 2017, admitted she surprised herself with her time.

The result will increase the anticipation for the event at the Olympics in Tokyo next month.



► Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce surprised herself

In addition to Fraser-Pryce and 21-year-old newcomer Richardson, Rio 2016 champion Elaine Thompson-Herah and Britain's world silver medallist Dina Asher-Smith have also impressed this season.

Fraser-Pryce will run at the Jamaican Championships later this month before setting her sights on the Tokyo 100m final on 31 July.

Biles set for more Olympic glory

Simone Biles is set to delight at the Tokyo Olympics. The 24-year-old American claimed her seventh US title on Sunday in another brilliant display.

She bids to become the first woman to win back-to-back Olympic all-around golds in more than 50 years, and she appears to be coping with the pressure admirably. Biles put on a four-rotation showcase Sunday, emphasising again what separates her from every other gymnast on the planet. Her score of 119.650 was nearly five points better than runner-up Sunisa Lee and good friend and teammate Jordan Chiles.

While Biles' victory was never in doubt, she is not complacent. Visibly annoyed after stepping out of bounds three times during her floor routine on Friday, she typically responded by excelling on the competition floor.



► Simone Biles is as brilliant as ever

And she didn't even bother with her latest innovation, a Yurchenko double-pike vault she drilled twice at the US Classic last month, praised by the likes of LeBron James and Michelle Obama. Only a few men have ever perfected it.

Instead, she opted for two moves with slightly lower difficulty that she completed so casually it was hard to tell if she was in front of a packed, adoring arena or merely practising back home in Houston.

King James not ready to be dethroned

LeBron James has been the dominant force in the NBA for almost two decades; but after the Los Angeles Lakers were knocked out in the first round of this season's play-offs, speculation grows that this marks the decline of the king's stellar career.

James is undeniably one of the greatest basketball players ever – arguably the best. Only Chicago Bulls legend Michael Jordan is ahead of him in all logical arguments.

James has won the NBA Championship four times - with three different teams -

testament to his ability to transform the fortune of a franchise.

During his 18 seasons in the NBA, he has led his team to the play-offs on 15 occasions. Before last week's 113-100 loss to the Phoenix Suns - who won their best-of-seven series 4-2 - he had never failed to make it past the first round. "We never got an opportunity to see our full team," James said. "We could never fully get into a rhythm."

This season saw a career low points-per-game average of 22.3. At times, James resorted to long-range shooting, with

fewer of his energy-sapping bursts to the basket. With a whole summer to recover and recuperate, he is likely to return and prove the doubters wrong. Although he is relatively old for a professional athlete, his professional attitude to staying healthy means he could emulate Tom Brady and still be around for many more years.

James - who has always said he wants to play for as long as he can - will definitely stay in the NBA for at least two more years to welcome his son LeBron "Bronny" James Jr into the league.



► LeBron James wants to defy his doubters

SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Blacken
 - 5 Tourist stop
 - 10 Make movie changes
 - 12 Battery end
 - 13 Restaurant patron
 - 14 Japanese comic books
 - 15 Quarter-back Manning
 - 16 Hoppy pint, for short
 - 18 Collins base
 - 19 Gobble up
 - 21 Pool sticks
 - 22 Cub Scout leader
 - 24 Silas Marner's ward
 - 25 Common sense
 - 29 U2 singer
 - 30 Amateur
 - 32 Crumb carrier
 - 33 Hallucina-tory drug
 - 34 Opposite of post-
 - 35 Native group
- DOWN**
- 37 Brighten
 - 39 Space sighting
 - 40 Light fare
 - 41 Listens to
 - 42 Indiana city
 - 1 Guiding principle
 - 2 Made better
 - 3 On the go
 - 4 Deplore
 - 5 Baby's call
 - 6 Words before
 - 7 Taste bud setting
 - 8 More nervous
 - 9 Inclines
 - 11 Victory
 - 17 Pushes onward
 - 20 — a customer
 - 21 Like caramel
 - 23 Rants
 - 25 Madison's successor
 - 26 Prompt
 - 27 Gazelle's cousin
 - 28 Toothbrush target
 - 29 Cookie quantity
 - 31 Poor
 - 33 "Why don't we!"
 - 36 Garden area
 - 38 Fall back

C	O	S	T	S		M	A	M	A	S
U	N	C	A	P		A	D	O	R	E
T	E	R	R	A		R	A	T	E	D
U	S	E		C	A	R	M	I	N	E
P	I	E		E	L	I		O	A	R
S	E	N	T		F	E	R	N	S	
				C	O	G		D	O	C
				C	A	M	U	S		N
S	A	P		R	E	F		P	E	R
L	I	T	I	N	T	O		T	A	D
A	M	U	S	E		A	B	U	S	E
C	A	R	L	Y		M	O	R	O	N
K	N	E	E	S		S	P	E	N	T

Yesterday's answer

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
10				11		12			
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15				16	17			18	
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	25	26					27	28	
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35			36			37	38		
39						40			
41								42	

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Word Search

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

- Ballista
- Battleaxe
- Blowpipe
- Catapult
- Claymore
- Cudgel
- Cutlass
- Dirk
- Fusil
- Javelin
- Lance
- Longbow
- Mace
- Musket
- Partisan
- Pike
- Poniard
- Rapier
- Scimitar
- Sling
- Spear

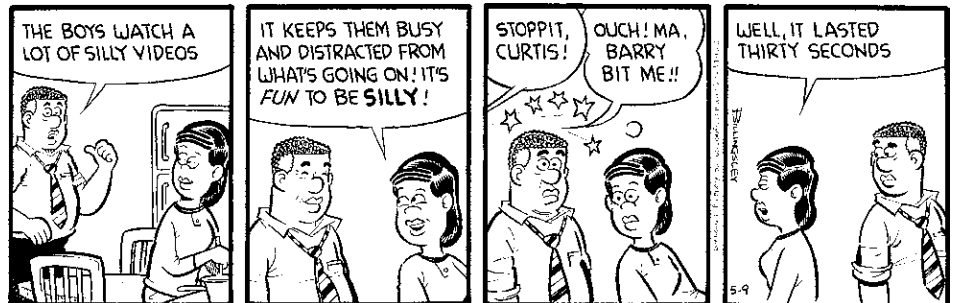
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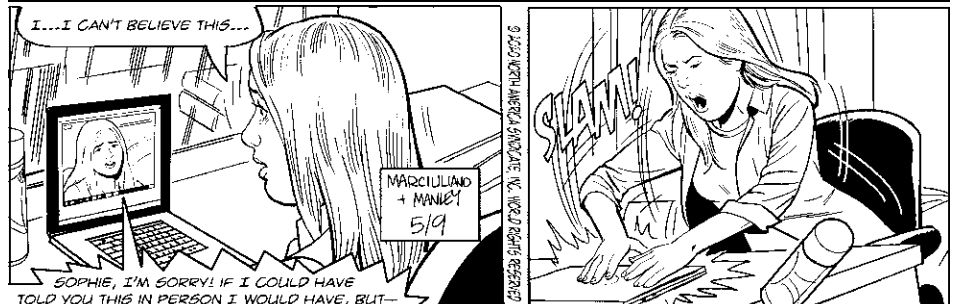
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