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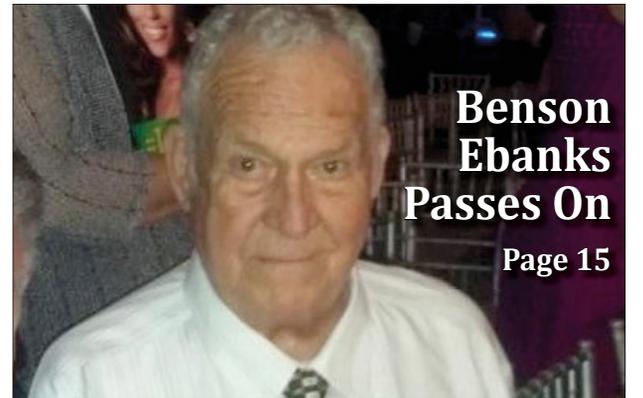
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## We celebrate Success of Caymanian Youth



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## CUC warn of "unprecedented" fuel hikes



Electricity bills are set to rise in the coming months as the impact of the war in the Ukraine on fuel prices combines with higher usage of electricity due to temperature increases in the summer. Cayman's electricity-provider says that customers ought to prepare for higher electricity bills beginning with the electricity consumed in May, billed in June.

"There is typically a two-month delay between market prices and the impact on your electricity bill. As such, you will not see an immediate fuel increase on your March or April bills (issued in April and May, respectively). We will continue to keep you updated on the fuel costs and any increases affected by the worldwide price increases," they advised.

Fuel prices did not only affect the cost of gas at the pumps, there is an impact on every aspect of life, including shipping costs, airfare prices and electricity costs.

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# Cayman's riskiest industries revealed

Results of Cayman's 2021 National Risk Assessment have recently been released, revealing the risks involved with regard to money laundering, terrorism financing, and proliferation financing across a broad section of business in the Cayman Islands. The findings showed that the most prevalent proceeds-generating crime offences was drug-related criminality, followed by unlawful gambling. These two activities posed a medium to high threat rating.

"Intelligence shows that the funds for purchasing drugs and facilitating their transportation are often remitted through Money Services Businesses. Various resident purchasers use several persons to remit low amounts of money to recipients in the country of origin of the drug, predominantly Jamaica. This recognised methodology is to avoid suspicion," the report stated.

The report went on to say that while not designated by the FATF as a "predi-

cate offence" for money laundering, gambling was illegal in the Cayman Islands but seemed to generate a significant volume of illicit proceeds, talking specifically about the selling of numbers. It said however that while such illegal gambling took place domestically, there was no evidence to suggest this was linked to transnational criminal groups.

The report broke down various industry sectors, classing many Cayman industry sectors as 'Medium High' when it came to risk. These included Mutual Fund Administrators (of which there were 75 operating in Cayman overseen by CIMA as at the end of December 2020), Securities Businesses (35), Trust and Corporate Services Providers (147 Trust Companies and 24 Corporate Service providers), nine category A and 101 category B banks, 164 real estate agents overseen by the Department of Commerce and Investment, 58 Law firms

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overseen by the Cayman Attorneys Regulatory Authority, five Money Services Businesses and also Virtual Asset Service Providers. The Sectors with a 'Medium Low' Overall Inherent Risk were Insurance, Accountants and Auditors, Financial Leasing, DPMS and High Value Dealers such as jewellery stores.

The NRA 2021 was carried out between January and September 2021 by 15 working groups under the stewardship of the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group and the National Coordination Team, with the support of an international consulting firm.

Regulatory advisory firm FTS looked at the report and said that for risks rated towards customers, which was such a key part of the risk landscape, the banking sector was seen as the most vulnerable with a 'High' risk rating. Industries with a 'Medium High' rating for customers were Securities, Trust and Corporate Service Providers, VASPs, Lawyers, Real Estate Agents and Money Services Businesses.

The overall risk scores in the Banking sector was seen as being concentrated in

Category B banks, FTS noted, due to their large number and vulnerability due to the international nature of their business. Potential exposure was high here as banks served a broad customer base, including High Net Worth Individuals, Politically Exposed Persons (PEPs), Trusts, Not for Profit Organisations and different types of legal entities.

Risks surrounding the Real Estate sector on the customer side were increased because of the ease of ownership for international investors and the way criminals tried to use their services to create an impression of normality in transactions. The prevalence of overseas buyers, which may involve PEPs or companies was another factor, along with challenges in identifying the true beneficial owner or effective controller of the customer.

Key customer risks for Law Firms in the Cayman Islands were centred on their location all around the world, including high risk countries, and the offering of a diverse and complex range of services.



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# OfReg Announces Interim CEO



The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) has announced the appointment of Mr Peter Gough as interim Chief Executive Officer, effective 1st March 2022. Mr Gough succeeds Malike Cummings, who stepped down after serving as CEO for the past two and half years. Mr Gough is on secondment from the Portfolio of Civil Service.

Mr Rudy Ebanks, chairman of the board of directors of OfReg, said Gough's vast experience in the development of legislation, policy development, management, HR, finance and governance, would prove invaluable to OfReg while the board undertook the recruitment process for a permanent CEO.

"Mr Gough has had a long and distinguished career in the Cayman Islands Civil Service. His tenure has been varied allowing him to gain knowledge and proficiency in several key areas that will directly benefit OfReg," he said.

"Mr Gough is well placed to assist OfReg in advancing its mandate to protect our critical national infrastructure and ensure a fair marketplace in a manner that focuses on building consumer satisfaction, while balancing the needs of stakeholders, including licensees, and Cabinet."

Mr Gough was a long-term senior strategic advisor to the Deputy Governor and has served on several government boards. He has been an architect of various government reform initiatives, including the establishment of the Office of the Ombudsman, the Commissions Secretariat, and the transition of the Legislative Assembly to an independent Parliament.

"I would like to thank Peter for stewarding the transition of OfReg," Mr Ebanks said. "The board is confident in his ability to guide the OfReg team through this transition and lead the organization on its path forward."

## ABOUT OFREG

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ('OfReg' or the 'Office') is the independent regulator established by section 4 of the Utility Regulation and Competition Act (as revised) (the 'URC Act') for the electricity, information, and communications technology, water, wastewater, and fuel sectors in the Cayman Islands.

OfReg provides the opportunity for consistency and collaboration in regulation across the energy, fuel, ICT, and water sectors; better utilisation of skills and resources resulting in more efficient and effective regulatory processes; encouraging competition where appropriate and feasible; championing sustainability and innovation across markets, contributing to the economic and social goals of the Cayman Islands.

# Runnin' in di Republic

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**2022**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2022**  
Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay



CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay on **Saturday, May 21, 2022** for a fun run and walk as we raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and Cayman Athletics (formerly the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA)). Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Course:** Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay.

**Start Time:** 6:30 a.m. (Walkers) and 6:45 a.m. (Runners). Check-in time starts at 5:30 a.m. (to receive numbers (all participants) and race chips (for runners).

**Fee:** **CI\$15** Adults and **CI\$10** Youth (Under 17).

**Registration:**

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- 2) Register online and pay at [www.racecaribbean.net](http://www.racecaribbean.net)
- 3) Download the PDF form from CUC's website at [www.cuc-cayman.com](http://www.cuc-cayman.com) (click on "Events" under the "About Us" tab on the Home Page). Complete, scan and e-mail the form to [communications@cuc.ky](mailto:communications@cuc.ky)
- 4) Forms can also be dropped-off and payments made by cash or cheque (payable to CUC) at CUC's Administration Building on North Sound Road between **Monday, May 2 and Thursday, May 19 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Participants who register online can also collect their t-shirts and 'power' bag from CUC between May 2 and May 19. **Note: There will be no registration on the day of the event.**

**Amenities:** First 300 participants to register will receive a t-shirt (sizes are not guaranteed), participation medal and 'power' bag. Light refreshments will be provided and trophies for the fastest and second fastest male and female finishers in the Adult and Youth (Under 17) divisions will be presented at the end of the event along with a number of **Spot Prizes** including vouchers for Cayman Airways and CUC Gift Certificates (you have to be present to win).

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# Harneys announces additional firm promotions for 2022

Harneys is pleased to announce the promotion of 39 of its people globally. The promotions include three directors, five senior associates, and five senior legal managers. These promotions are in addition to the seven new partners and three new counsel following the firm's annual senior legal promotions in January 2022.

Harneys Fiduciary has promoted Amy Roost, based in London, to managing director of Client Services and Katie Claxton, based in the BVI, to associate director of Fiduciary Support Services. In the firm's Human Resources department, Chandra Benjamin, based in the Cayman

Islands, has been promoted to director of Learning & Development and HR Systems.

The law firm's five new senior associates are Natalie Bundy from BVI Investment Funds and Regulatory; Niall Dodd from Cayman Islands Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring; Katie Lilley from Hong Kong Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring; Marc Piano from Cayman Islands Investment Funds, Corporate, and Banking & Finance; and Lawrence Sham from Shanghai Investment Funds.

The law firm's five new senior legal managers are: Denise Chan and Nicholas Fong from Corporate; Carmen Li from

Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring; Jacquelyn Wong and Grace Yeung from Investment Funds, all based in Hong Kong.

Global Managing Partner Ross Munro said: "I would like to congratulate each and every person on their well-deserved promotion. I am delighted that we continue to create opportunities and career pathways for our colleagues. Our people are at the heart of Harneys and each promotion is a reflection of the growth and achievement of both the individual and the firm."

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tions with legal services relating to Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cyprus and Anguilla law. Harneys Fiduciary is an independent provider of specialised corporate, trust and fiduciary services operating from key offshore and onshore locations around the world.

*\*The appointments of Chandra Benjamin, Niall Dodd, and Marc Piano are pending approval by Cayman Islands Immigration authorities.*

## Ocorian appoints Fiona Crellin as Managing Director for the Cayman Islands

Ocorian, the global diversified financial services group and leading provider of private client, fund, corporate, capital markets, and regulatory and compliance services, appoints Fiona Crellin as Managing Director of the Cayman Islands.

In her new role, Fiona will support the delivery of Ocorian's global strategy

at a local level, be the face of the business in the islands and have responsibility for the relationship with the local regulator.

With over 20 years in the Cayman Islands' trust industry, managing trusts and companies for high-net-worth individuals, Fiona was previously Director, Business

Implementation - Americas, Bermuda, and Caribbean.

On the appointment, Jason Gerlis, Global Head of Corporate and Regional Head of Americas, said: "Fiona's promotion is testament to her hard work, proven track record and her exceptional knowledge of the finance sector

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in the Cayman Islands. As we look to grow our business on the global stage, it's critical to have high-calibre people such as Fiona representing the business locally."

## Ocorian wins Best Fund Administrator - Private Debt in the Private Equity Wire European Awards 2022

Ocorian, the global diversified financial services group and leading provider of fund and corporate administration, capital markets and private client services has won Best Fund Administrator - Private Debt in the Private Equity Wire European Awards 2022.

Ocorian provides bespoke technology-led specialist fund and capital markets services to private equity, venture capital, real estate, and infrastructure fo-

cussed fund managers. These are Ocorian's fastest growing business lines.

Ocorian's Head of Global Funds, Garrett Breen commented "We are delighted to win Best Fund Administrator - Private Debt in the Private Equity Wire European Awards 2022. Our Global Funds team have really focussed on getting our technology and people strategies right, and this is great recognition of all of our efforts."



► Garrett Breen, Ocorian's Head of Global Funds



► Ocorian's Global Head of Service Lines, Mike Hughes



► Alan Booth, Head of Capital Markets EMEA and Head of UK&I at Ocorian

Alan Booth, Head of Capital Markets EMEA and Head of UK&I at Ocorian, said "Thanks to Private Equity Wire for this award. By acting as an extension of our clients' operations team, we provide a tailored one-stop shop solution across fund administration through to loan agency and portfolio reporting via Ocorian Optics so that our debt fund clients may focus on delivering returns for their investors."

"The focus to deliver in a very dynamic market for our current

and future client base would not be possible without the incredible focus, drive and commitment of our business, operations and technology teams," said Ocorian's Global Head of Service Lines, Mike Hughes. "The market recognises the client value we deliver across the entire lifecycle in the private debt space each day and this award through Private Equity Wire is a testament to exactly that. We have an exceptional team and I'm proud of the focus and commitment they bring to

changing the way industry operates for the benefit of our clients and their investors."

The Private Equity Wire European Awards recognise excellence among private equity fund managers and service providers in Europe across a wide range of categories. The service provider categories span all the key areas of the broader private equity industry. The nominated firms are based on a widespread survey of more than 100 GPs and other key industry participants.

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# CIS offer new “life-changing” scholarship

Cayman International School has launched a new scholarship for students entering years 9, 10 or 11 that will see their school fees at CIS paid for a minimum of two years and a maximum of four years. During this time, they will undertake the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma study programme, which is recognised the world over and which will stand them in good stead for further study at some of the top universities.

The idea of this new scholarship, called the CIS Caymanian Citizenship Scholarship, is to provide Caymanians who aren't enrolled at CIS and who show outstanding potential but don't have the means to pay with the opportunity to undertake potentially life-changing education. At

the same time, CIS hopes it will benefit from becoming a more inclusive and more well-rounded school, they said.

Applicants must meet the financial needs requirements as set out by CIS and total family income will be assessed to ensure the candidate meets the needs assessment criteria. Once they meet these, they will be judged on merit. They must demonstrate positive values and characteristics of a mature young person with a high level of personal integrity. At the same time, they must have already shown strong academic merit and proficiency in English over the previous two years, show strong leadership skills as well as talent in the arts, athletics, service and activities. After their first year as a schol-

arship recipient, they must continue to uphold their scholastic levels and also maintain and enhance their character, leadership and community skills, in order to retain the scholarship, along with adhering to the school's missions and principles.

CIS anticipates that the scholarship recipients will become role models within the life of the school as well as their communities outside of CIS by providing hope and encouragement for other young people seeking education opportunities.

Application forms can be downloaded from the CIS website - <https://www.caymaninternationalschool.org/> - and, once completed, submitted, along with financial statements and any other paperwork needed, to the



► Cayman International School

CIS Admissions Office. Prospective applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible because CIS will not be considering any applications after 20 April.

After this date, the Scholarship Committee will review all applications and the successful candidate will be advised of a partial scholarship award by 20 May.

## CIS CAYMAN CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### THE CIS MISSION

Our mission is to Connect / Inspire / Serve. We are a positive community with passionate learners.

### THE CIS COMMUNITY PRINCIPLES

• **Kindness** - We value kindness. Our kindness is illustrated in all of our interactions: with our own children, with others' children, with families, with

staff, and with administrators. How we communicate with each other is emblematic of our collective kind and caring spirit.

• **Partnership** - We are strongest when we work together, when we share ideas and resources, and when we partner with the greater Cayman community. A spirit of collaboration not only makes our community stronger, it makes student learning

richer by connecting stakeholders in exciting and innovative ways.

• **Sustainability** - We take into consideration long-term impacts when making decisions. This applies to decisions about programming as well as our personal and collective behavior. We live on an island with limited resources and our environmental stewardship is essential in keeping it viable and healthy for generations to come.

• **Good Intent** - We assume good intent. We trust that members of our community have what is best for one another at heart. We engage diverse perspectives with empathy and open-mindedness. We aim to be our best selves in all that we do.

### THE CIS LEARNING PRINCIPLES

• **Language of Learning** - We understand that to make learning happen effectively and collectively we need a shared language that describes what learning is and how we do it.

• **Ownership of Learning** - We understand that we are all able to learn and ultimately responsible for our own learning.

• **Nature of Learning** - We understand that learning is emotional as well as cognitive and is both an individual and social experience.

• **Contexts of Learning** - We understand that learning transfer happens best in rich, relevant contexts.

### Purpose

The CIS Caymanian Citizen Scholarship Program essence is to complement our current Scholarship program. The purpose of the CIS Caymanian Citizen Scholarship program is to provide further opportunities at CIS for students of Caymanian Citizenship who are not currently enrolled at CIS. The CIS Caymanian Citizenship Scholarship is to attract qualified students, with English proficiency, who need some long-term financial support, who possess outstanding ability and talents, and will add to the CIS Community. Scholarship awards will be made for a minimum of two full academic years (i.e. starting in grade 11) and a maximum of four full academic years (i.e. starting in grade 9) of high school.

### Eligibility

• Applicants must meet the financial need criteria outlined in our current scholarship program.

• Applicants must be entering grade 9, 10 or 11.

• Applicants must be Caymanian of parents born in the Cayman Islands or another Caribbean country or territory.

• Scholarships will be based on merit, after financial need has been established.

• Applicants must demonstrate proficiency in English.

### Nature of the Scholarship

• All scholarship students are expected to participate in the International Baccalaureate Program which culminates with the internationally recognized IB Diploma upon successful completion of the program in grade 12.

\* The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program is a robust, pre-university course of study that meets the needs of highly motivated high school students and incorporates the best educational practices from around the world.

### Additional Particulars Regarding Qualification and Eligibility Aside from Financial Need

• **Character:** Students will have demonstrated the positive values and characteristics of a mature young person with a high level of personal integrity.

• **Leadership:** Students will have demonstrated the necessary communication skills, interpersonal skills, and self-confidence to suggest an aptitude for leadership among their peers.

• **Scholastic Merit:** Students will have demonstrated a strong level of academic commitment and potential over the previous two years and English proficiency.

• **Community Merit:** Students will demonstrate qualities noted in Leadership and demonstrate talent in the realm of arts, service, athletics and activities.

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# CUC warn of “unprecedented” fuel hikes

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The ongoing war in Ukraine is affecting the price of fuel around the world, CUC said. As a result, electricity bills would see increases soon.

To help brace customers for the surge in costs, the CUC Customer Service team would be working on communicating costs and offer tips on how to save on electricity. Even so, CUC say there could be “significant” bill increases to come for Cayman consumers.

March and April bills will reflect a Fuel Charge of approximately CI 0.14 cents per kWh, CUC advised, and urged customers to assess their property to identify areas where customers could make adjustments that would lead to reduced energy usage.

Typical high consumers are air conditioning units, comprising typically 60% of the electrical cost in Cayman households. An inefficient air conditioning unit can cost you significant amounts of money, they said. Deep freezers and gaming computers were other high electricity

consumers. CUC advised to limit electricity consumption and avoid waste by monitoring usage and using energy wisely. This, of course, is easier said than done when temperatures rise and the reliance upon A/C to cool homes and businesses is even greater in the summer time.

CUC said it had always been committed to helping customers to reduce fuel costs and cited no added markup on fuel cost, which was a direct pass through to the customer which CUC did not profit from, as well as CUC’s proposed Fuel Price Vol-

atility Management Programme, which was approved by the ERA (now OfReg) in March 2011, as examples of this.

“The objective of the programme is to reduce the impact of volatility in the Fuel Cost Charge rate paid by the company’s customers for the fuel that the company must purchase in order to provide electricity. The programme utilises call options to promote transparency in pricing and to create a ceiling price for fuel costs at pre-determined contract premiums,” they stated.

## POLICE NEWS

### Officers Respond to Multiple Weekend Incidents Involving Machetes, 28 March

Over this past weekend, 25 - 27 March, RCIPS officers responded to multiple incidents where persons brandished machetes during altercations or confrontations, three of which resulted in persons being injured.

Shortly before 8:50PM on Friday, 25 March, officers responded to a report on Shedden Road, George Town, just east of North Sound Road, where an intoxicated man had brandished a machete and was acting aggressively after having been denied entry to a bar at the location. Officers attended the location and conducted a search of a vehicle driven by the man, during which a machete, along with a package containing suspected ganja, were recovered. Officers subsequently arrested the man, age 31 of Bodden Town. During the arrest the man also made threats against the officers.

He has now been formally charged with Threats to Kill, Carrying a Restricted Weapon, Possession of Ganja, Consumption of Ganja, and Disorderly Conduct. He appeared in court on Monday, 28 March.

At about 5:45PM on Saturday, 26 March, officers responded to a report of an altercation between two men known to each other, involving a machete, at an address in Ella Ray Gardens, George Town. Officers attended the location and observed a man with a large laceration to the head. Emergency services attended the location and transported the man to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment for what appears to be a serious but non-life-threatening injury.

Officers conducted a search of the area and located a second man nearby, who was carrying a machete and a knife. Officers arrested the man, age 37 of George Town, on suspicion of wounding. A search of the man was then conducted, during which officers recovered another knife from his person.

He remained in custody as investigations continue.

Shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, 27 March, officers responded to a report of an altercation involving weapons outside a bar on Shedden Road, George Town, just east of North Sound Road. Officers attended the location and observed two men, one of whom had sustained a head injury. It was reported that the men had been at the location when they were approached aggressively by two other men, one of whom subsequently brandished a machete. An al-



tercation ensued and the man with the machete struck one of the first two men in the head, before leaving the location by vehicle. Emergency services attended the location and transported the injured man to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment for a laceration to the head.

Finally, shortly after 3:45AM on Sunday, 27 March, officers responded to a report of an assault at an address on Shamrock Road. It was reported that a group of people were gathered at the location, when one man approached another with a machete and struck at him causing a cut to his hand. The man with the machete then left the location. Officers later located the accused in the incident, who was warned for intended prosecution for assault ABH.

“Recently we have noted an increase in the level of aggression, and the use of weapons, by members of the public when dealing with disputes with other persons,” says Deputy Commissioner of Police Kurt Walton. “More often than not, this means that these disputes escalate quickly and result in persons receiving serious, sometimes life-threatening, injuries. The penalty for wounding or causing grievous bodily harm to another person ranges from seven years imprisonment to life. So think twice before you ruin your life or someone else’s over a dispute that could be resolved without resorting to violence.”

In addition, the public is reminded that section 81 of the Penal Code states that it is an offense to carry any weapon in public, particularly at night, “without any lawful excuse (the proof of which excuse shall be on such a person).” If found in contravention, a person is liable on conviction to a fine of \$5000 and imprisonment for four years.

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clearly adds to the CIS mission and Principles.

### Maintaining Scholarship Standing

Earning the initial year of the scholarship is evidence of hard work and diligence. The hard work and diligence that went in to earning a scholarship must be continued and maintained until graduation from CIS, namely maintaining and enhancing the ideals of Character, Leadership, Scholastic Merit, Community, and Mission Focus, as well as modeling the CIS Community Principles. For continued eligibility, the Scholarship Committee meets annually to confirm that students meet academic and behavioural standards as applied to all CIS students, and review total family income to determine if there should be a tuition contribution. In the event that a student struggles to meet the key expectations of scholarship (below), the committee will evaluate on a case-by-case basis.

### Key Expectations

- Maintain good academic standing - earning at least a B average
- Participation in at least two school teams, groups or activities per school year
- Consistent demonstration of exemplary learning habits and leadership
- Model CIS Mission and Principles
- Support CIS in other capacities with respect to special events
- If ever in doubt (being a scholarship student is a privilege, yet also comes with challenges) ask questions and talk regularly with your scholarship advisor

### Impact

The impact of a scholarship includes giving students potentially life-changing educational opportunities, and in turn

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### Admissions Process

- Award decisions will be made by agreement of the Scholarship Committee, set up by the Director.
- Applications for scholarships should be submitted to the Admissions Office in April along with the appropriate financial statements, completed questionnaires, sealed confidential letters of recommendation and scholastic records. No applications will be considered after April 20.
- The Scholarship Committee will review applications for scholarships and candidates notified of awarded partial scholarships by May 20.
- Confidentiality of all students receiving scholarships will be respected. This information will be restricted to the Scholarship Committee.
- \* The financial information will only be viewed by the Director, Director of Finance, and the Director of HR.
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# Family and Mentors Celebrate Success of Caymanian Youth



By Alexander Slocock

Friends, family, teachers, and mentors all gathered this past Saturday 26th of March to celebrate the success of young Caymanian Aiden Watler, who was recently honoured by the National Youth

Commission's (NYC) 'Proud of Them' campaign, which celebrates the best of young Caymanian talent and achievement.

The mood was buoyant as Aiden's parents, brother, former teachers, and principals braved the scorching late morning heat to pose in front of Aiden's billboard, which can be viewed at the CUC Roundabout for the next year. Aiden is one of 15 recipients of the 'Proud of Them' award scheme, the recipients of which each being featured on billboards spread around Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.

A high achiever from a young age, life hasn't always been easy for Aiden. "Aiden was born very ill," explained Aiden's mother, Sandra. "He had to be air-ambulanced out as soon as he was born. As a result of that [we were] always having him overcome challenges and just be determined and focused, and not dwell on any negative issues - use his strengths and focus on that. I think this is why he's been so good, especially being very articulate."

Aiden has applied these qualities to realise myriad exceptional achievements as a young man. As a 2021 recipient of the William A. Dart Memorial Scholarship, Aiden currently attends UC Berkeley in California. A decorated scholar during his time at Cayman Prep and High school, Aiden achieved outstanding results in A Level

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Maths, Further Maths, Physics and French, as well as 8A\*s and 3As in his GCSEs. Capping this all off, Aiden was given the honour of Head Boy, and chaired CPHS' Model United Nations for several years.

Aiden has also applied himself commendably outside of the classroom as a

champion debater, winning the Conyers Inter-school debates on numerous occasions, and representing the Cayman Islands in the World School Debating Championship. An active member of the community, he has also participated in and mentored younger children at Natural

Cultural Foundation (CNCF) programmes, represented the Cayman Islands at Carifesta, and even starred in "Rundown", a comedic theatrical production tackling the Caymanian zeitgeist.

Aiden's exemplary academic record and quality of character were echoed by those gathered to support him on Saturday. "I remember [Aiden] as a young boy in the class, always very determined, very kind, always taking initiative – so it doesn't surprise me in the least that he was one of the Caymanian's chosen for

this honour," said Ms. Brenda Bryce, Aiden's Year 4 teacher.

Mr. Karl Murphy, Aiden's High School Principal, continued to sing his praises, lauding Aiden as "ambitious" and having a "profound integrity." "Anecdotally, I am proud that I taught Aiden to tie a bowtie. He will need that skill as I imagine he will be needed as a keynote speaker in the years to come," said Mr Murphy.

Needless to say, it's onwards and upwards for Aiden Watler as he continues to make Cayman proud.

# Notice of Scheduled Outages

## Water Cay Road, Finger Cay Road and Camp Drive

Tuesday, April 5 • 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CUC advises customers on Water Cay Road, Finger Cay Road and Camp Drive in Cayman Kai that they will experience interruptions to their electrical service on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Areas affected include all of Water Cay Road, Finger Cay Road and Camp Drive from the junction of Water Cay Road and Finger Cay Road south including The Kaibo.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution when utilising Water Cay Road, Finger Cay Road and Camp Drive as CUC will have a number of vehicles and personnel in the area and will be required to temporarily block one lane on sections of these roads.

CUC apologises for these interruptions, which are necessary to facilitate required overhead infrastructure upgrades to provide our customers with safe, reliable and efficient power.

## Poindexter Road and Frank Hall Homes, Rex Crighton Boulevard

Thursday, April 7 • 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CUC advises customers on Poindexter Road in Prospect and the Frank Hall Homes developments on Rex Crighton Boulevard that they will experience interruptions to their electrical service on Thursday, April 7, 2022 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Areas affected include all of Poindexter Road from the junction with Shamrock Road north to the gates at Patrick's Island including customers on Spotts Haven Circle, Lakehaven Close, Tarpon Circle and Palmira Court and the Frank Hall Homes developments on Rex Crighton Boulevard including customers on Norfolk Drive, Tidewater Avenue, Tuscan Drive, Adventure Street, Cloudscape Court, Quartz Court, Indian Summer Link, Hybrid Drive, Rose Valley Drive, Trumpet Link and Canyon Dawn Drive.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution when utilising Shamrock Road at the junction with Poindexter Road as CUC will have a number of vehicles and personnel in this area and may be required to temporarily block one lane on this section of the road.



For more information on these outages and the areas affected, please contact CUC's Customer Service Team at 949-5200 or e-mail [service@cuc.ky](mailto:service@cuc.ky).

# Catwalk for Cancer: Putting the 'fun' in fundraising!

Bouncing youngsters and bodacious ladies took to the catwalk at Camana Bay's Paseo on Thursday 24 March in support of the Cayman Islands Cancer Society. Guests enjoyed a wide variety of entertainment including cocktails from West Indies Wine Company, and a sound healing ceremony and yoga demonstration performed by One Heart yogis. Stunning models turned heads wearing the latest spring fashions in activewear, swimwear, and beachwear from trendy Camana Bay boutiques Sand Angels, Little Angels, and Amé.

Event organiser and owner of Sand Angels and Amé, Catherine Dawson-James said, 'it is always fabulous to see all the looks come together on the catwalk. The models always make it come alive!' She furthered, explaining, 'We have some fabulous local models that are always happy to donate their time for this event and love to walk the catwalk for such a great cause, this time we asked some of our fabulous



customers and their children to walk the catwalk too!

Sponsored by Health City Cayman Islands, Catwalk For Cancer celebrated the imminent opening of the newest Health City facility, the Oncology Day Suite at Camana Bay. Rebekah Brooks, Head of Marketing for Health City, explained, 'The modern and comforting treatment sanctuary will offer care services such as chemotherapy, immunotherapy, hormone therapy, blood product transfusions, and more,' emphasising the 'compassionate care' capabilities of the clinic.

Brooks also highlighted Health City's

newest location in the south of Camana Bay, which broke ground in January 2022. Featuring a highly anticipated oncology suite, the new hospital promises to offer various cutting-edge technologies and treatments such as radiation therapies, which are currently unavailable in Cayman.

As March saw the celebration of International Women's Day, spokeswoman and Board Member for the Cayman Islands Cancer Society, Natasha Macfadyen explained, 'Each month of the year is dedicated to a specific cancer, and for the month of March – given it is when we celebrate International Women's Day – we focus of gynaecological cancers.' She continued, 'Hosting Catwalk For Cancer during the month of March, while we celebrate and embrace women, ties in perfectly with the Cancer Society's calendar of events and awareness.'

Dawson-James explained that whilst this event has happened before, 'this one was bigger and better.' She commented,

'The Cancer Society, like other charities on island have suffered during lockdown and restrictions. With less events happening donations have been dramatically reduced. It is our pleasure to support the Cayman Islands Cancer Society as best we can and would love to do it annually.'

And with cocktails flowing, raffle prizes being drawn, and discounted mammograms offered at Health City for the month of April, guests could truly say that they lived their 'breast' life enjoying a successful evening of fabulous fashion and feel-good fundraising.



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# UCCI Receives Major Grant from EU's RESEMBID

The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) has received a grant of €432,000 (\$C1405,000) from the RESEMBID Programme to help train students in trades that are sustainable, both environmentally and economically.

The University made the disclosure at a press conference held Friday March 25, 2022, in the Cascade Room of the UCCI.

Paul Puckerin, Interim Dean of the Professional and Technical Education and Training Division, said 50 unemployed Caymanians will be chosen to participate in the year-long programme. Instruction is expected to begin in May.

RESEMBID, funded by the European Union and implemented by Expertise France - the development cooperation agency of the Government of France, supports sustainable human development efforts in 12 Caribbean Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs) - Aruba, Anguilla, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Curaçao, Montserrat, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Maarten and Turks and Caicos.

In January 2020, RESEMBID officials met with various local agencies and developed a list of intervention areas. Those included providing support "in the development of academic programmes and supporting [a] pilot solar installation in an effort to increase technical awareness and capacity in the Cayman Islands," said a report issued by the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce. It also suggested developing "sustainable financing strategies for UCCI acquisition of lab equipment."

Funding for the UCCI project is coming from the RESEMBID COVID-19 Resilience Response Facility, a €12.7 million injection

of additional money to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across the 12 OCTs.

RESEMBID Programme Director, Fabian McKinnon said, "One of the areas RESEMBID is most proud to support is the sustainable development and upskilling of the people of this unique, beautiful region. UCCI's project to empower 50 Caymanians in four critical areas to give them the tools to chart new paths in the next year and beyond speaks to the heart of this programme and we were happy to support".

Puckerin said associate professor Deborah Beal and senior lecturer Fenslie Smith worked on the initial grant application in early spring 2020 and received approval of the concept note in May 2021. Puckerin worked on a final proposal during the summer and fall under the guidance of Richard Jones of the Caribbean Policy Development Centre in Barbados. Special Assistant to the President and CEO, Dr. Peter Paul and Felicia Robinson, social work programme director, also assisted.

That proposal was submitted November 5 and UCCI got the go-ahead, with some provisions, November 22.

Those accepted into the programme will study in one of four areas:

- renewable energy,
- sustainable construction,
- information and communications technology (ICT), or
- tourism.

Once the application process begins in March 2022, UCCI will partner with Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) and the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce in identifying appropriate candidates. The 50 students who are se-



lected will be notified in April and training will begin by May. Completion of the programme, which includes both classroom education and work internships, is expected in April 2023, followed by a graduation ceremony in May.

Puckerin said UCCI has existing courses in tourism and ICT that will likely provide adequate training for those two prongs of the programme. A current module in photovoltaic technology that is part of the electro-technology certificate curriculum will be expanded to a full course for the renewable energy component, the focus of which will be building a solar-powered water heating system for the campus. Courses will also be added to create a sustainable construction curriculum.

In addition to the cost of training personnel, the grant will pay for tools and equipment. Funds will also be used for a

labor market assessment, curriculum development, an after-programme assessment, and the graduation ceremony.

The new programmes, Puckerin said, were selected based on needs expressed by the local business community. He thinks the effort will make an impact.

"I think it's significant for helping locals to reskill," Puckerin said, "especially in a time like now, where people have been displaced by COVID. It is hoped that 90% of these people gain employment."

Details on the application process will be announced in the coming weeks.

- No details yet.

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## Olympic Taekwondo

The Cayman Islands Taekwondo Federation (the "TKD Federation") will soon be selecting a Junior National Taekwondo Squad (ages 8-17 years old), to train for international competition.

The TKD Federation has been teaching free classes once or twice weekly in eight public primary schools for the past two years, to give young Caymanians the opportunity to practice the Olympic sport of Taekwondo.

In order to identify students who may have the potential to be members of the

Junior National Taekwondo Squad for competition, the TKD Federation will be offering taekwondo classes for ages 8 - 17 year olds, every Saturday for 12 weeks, from April 9 to June 25, 2022, at the D. Dalmain Ebanks Boxing Gym.

No prior martial arts training is necessary, and anyone with experience in other martial arts styles are welcome. There will be a beginner's classes from Noon-12:45pm (less than 1 year of training in martial arts), and an intermediate class from 1-2pm for students

with 1+ years of experience in martial arts training.

The fee is \$5 per class, and a free uniform will be provided to all students who complete 10 classes.

June 18 will be grading for promotion to a higher belt ranking for those students who qualify.

After the 12 weeks of classes the TKD Federation will be selecting a Junior National Taekwondo Squad for competition. There will be no fees to train once selected for the National Junior Squad.

Master Graham, President of the TKD Federation notes "We want to emphasize that all martial arts styles are welcome. We are not competing with local martial arts schools, which form an important part of every students core training, but we want to give all Caymanians the opportunity to compete in an Olympic Sport, and ultimately, the opportunity to compete in the Olympics.

For additional information, please contact 927-2002, or visit Facebook - "Cayman Taekwondo Federation" for updates.



# Cabinet approves protection plans for Meagre Bay Pond and Sybil's Crownbeard

The Cayman Islands Cabinet recently approved a Protected Area Management Plan for Meagre Bay Pond in Grand Cayman, and a Species Conservation Plan for Sybil's Crownbeard (*Verbesina caymanensis*), a critically endangered plant found only on a small stretch of the Bluff cliff face in Cayman Brac.

Premier and Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP, said the approved plans are a welcome step toward greater protections for key habitats and species in the Cayman Islands.

"Safeguarding the Cayman Islands' natural environment for the benefit of current and future generations of Caymanians, residents and visitors is a key priority for the PACT Government. Cabinet's recent decision to approve both a management plan for Meagre Bay Pond – one of the Cayman Islands' oldest protected areas – and a conservation plan for the critically endangered Sybil's Crownbeard is an important milestone in these efforts. In addition, the ability to enjoy the natural environment as we protect it reflects true sustainability and contributes significantly to our quality of life," Panton said.

Both plans went through public consultation prior to being confirmed by the National Conservation Council (NCC) and submitted to Cabinet.

## Meagre Bay Pond

NCC Chairman McFarlane Conolly said the Meagre Bay Pond management plan aims to restore and maintain key ecological functions while facilitating sustainable enjoyment of the area by members of the public.

"The spectacular birdlife at Meagre Bay Pond was one of the reasons it was first established as an Animal Sanctuary in 1976 and a key goal of the protected area management plan is to ensure the public can continue to visit the site and enjoy the flora and fauna," Conolly said. "At the same time, it is essential to restore and maintain the functional health of the ecosystem."

Key strategies outlined in the management plan include working with neigh-

bouring landowners and quarries to maintain the ecological integrity of Meagre Bay Pond, establishing long-term environmental monitoring programmes, and regenerating important plant species such as Black Mangroves, which dominated many areas around the pond before Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

In collaboration with the Ministry of District Administration & Lands and the Public Works Department, a boardwalk and viewing platform will be constructed on the south shore of the pond on Crown property, while a small number of rustic parking bays will be set on existing fill at the site. Interpretive signs will focus on the pond ecosystem with emphasis on birds and mangroves, providing learning opportunities for recreational visitors and school groups.

Department of Environment Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie said the site is of particular interest to resident and visiting bird watchers and naturalists.

"Meagre Bay Pond is already recognised internationally as a birding hotspot and we will be enhancing and managing this activity with the improvement and addition of one or two viewing platforms for the public, which also has the advantage of leaving other areas of the pond as a refuge for the birds. The participation of the local and international bird watching community supports DoE efforts to monitor bird populations in the protected area," she said. All new infrastructure has been designed to keep maintenance needs low and to remain consistent with low visitor numbers at any one time so as not to overwhelm the natural attraction of the area.

When higher water levels during the wet season allow, personal recreational kayaking will be permitted on Meagre Bay Pond, using a single boat launching point which will be provided on the boardwalk. Birdwatching, walking and kayaking in the protected area will enhance the community's appreciation for its natural beauty and importance as a habitat.

To read the full plan, visit: [https://conservation.ky/wp-content/up-](https://conservation.ky/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Meagre-Bay-Pond-management-plan-.pdf)



► An Anhinga suns itself at Meagre Bay Pond, an internationally recognised birding hotspot. (Photo credit: Judy Hurlston)

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## Sybil's Crownbeard

A rare, endemic shrub known only to exist in a small, highly specific habitat on the seasonally shaded north-facing cliffs of Cayman Brac's Bluff, Sybil's Crownbeard (*Verbesina caymanensis*) was given its common name following a public nomination in 2017 in honour of Sybil McLaughlin (Grand Cayman) and Sybil Jackson (Cayman Brac).

Ebanks-Petrie explained that endemic species are those that have evolved in a specific place or territory and, therefore, do not exist elsewhere in the wild.

"Sybil's Crownbeard is an example of an endemic species that highlights both the biodiversity of our Islands and the urgent need to preserve the habitats responsible for sustaining this incredible diversity of life," she said.

Although the Sybil's Crownbeard population appears healthy at this time, the conservation plan notes that new plant pests, diseases or other unpredictable threats such as hurricanes, could affect

the entire population. While the species conservation plan includes designating the cliffs supporting Sybil's Crownbeard protected as Critical Habitat, the plan does not restrict existing pedestrian rights of way. The Department of Environment will partner with District Administration to educate trail maintenance crews to control invasive plant species in the area, and enhance community awareness and appreciation for this rare plant.

In order to maintain the ancient association between Sybil's Crownbeard and the iconic cliff scenery above Spot Bay, the plan does not support unpermitted take of Sybil's Crownbeard nor establishing it as a garden plant in general cultivation. The plant is a protected species in Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the National Conservation Act 2013 and, as such, it is not permitted to take, possess, purchase, sell, donate, exchange or export Sybil's Crownbeard without a permit.

To read the full plan, visit: <https://conservation.ky/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Sybils-Corwnbeard-SCP.pdf>



► A bird's eye view of Meagre Bay Pond, located in Bodden Town, Grand Cayman, close to the south coast in the Pease Bay area.



► Sybil's Crownbeard (*Verbesina caymanensis*) is a rare, endemic shrub known only to exist in a small, highly specific habitat on the seasonally shaded north-facing cliffs of Cayman Brac's Bluff. (Photo credit: Fred Burton)



► (Photos by Jon Schutte)

# Plastic Free Cayman hosts Barker's beach clean-up

In preparation for the upcoming Easter holiday and Cayman camping season, Plastic Free Cayman partnered with Royale Medical, Protecting Paradise, Cayman Eco, JGHS Leo Club, Clifton Alphaleos, and Protect Our Future to host a Barker's beach clean-up.

With more than 100 total volunteers, over 800 pounds of marine debris and local litter were removed from the area, just north of Kite-surf beach.

Manu Pra, a young Caymanian aiming to tackle the plastic pollution problem, attended the clean-up. She just recently created her business, "Eco Eats", providing free edible spoon samples to all volunteers.

PFC founder Claire Hughes was "happy to see so many volunteers on a breezy Sunday morning!" She went on to say that she was "especially encouraged by the younger children who created a short video today to help educate their classmates about plastic alternatives. Additionally, I am so excited that there is an actual edible spoon now available in Cayman. It tastes great and hope that the ice cream shops start making the switch."

Dr. Iulia Irimis, from Royale Medical & Wellness Center thought that the event was "a huge success." Adding, "Although it was depressing to see so much trash

on the beach, it felt good to know that we were making a difference."

Co-leader of Protect Our Future, Nic Corin said, "today was heart-warming. It is great to see our community connecting and working together." Just days after the climate march, "this has been the biggest clean up in the new year and we hope that these efforts show government that our community wants to see change in the way that we treat our environment."

PFC was joined again by regular volunteer, videographer and founder of "The Naughty Nomad," Jon Schutte. Whose images continue to educate our community on the need to refuse single use plastic,

make sustainable lifestyle choices and the importance of community cleanup events.

Although much of the trash was in fact plastic washed onto the shore, it is clear that local litter is still a big problem. Barker's continues to house several illegal dumping sites. PFC would like to see more enforcement of the current litter law.

Plastic Free Cayman thanks their continuous supporters: Island Supply, AL Thompson, Radio Cayman, Kiss FM, DEH and STOAK'D. PFC is always open to suggested locations and community input for future clean ups. Please contact plasticfreecayman@gmail.com for all inquiries and suggestions.

# Cayman artists reach the global stage at World Art Dubai 2022

The world sees the Cayman Islands through the mind's eye of ten of its artists recently at the Dubai World Trade Centre.

Billed as "the region's largest contemporary retail art fair," the 8th edition of the World Art Dubai (WAD) event featured over 4,000 works of art from more than 50 countries. This year's event, with the theme of "Unplug Yourself", coincides with Expo 2020 Dubai and took place from 16 - 19 March. The art fair included painting, prints, sculptures and street art. For the first time, WAD also featured digital art at a "non-fungible token" (NFT). Considered the region's largest affordable retail art fair, prices for the art pieces ranged from US\$100 to US\$20,000.

Caymanian artists who displayed artwork at the event included five of the "Native Son" art collective members, including Al Ebanks, Chris Christian, Gordon Solomon, Randy Chollette and Nasaria Suckoo-Chollette. Other Cayman-based artists promoted included Jerome Wilson, Kerwin Ebanks, Yonier Powery and Jason Kennedy. Also featured was a large collection from Shane "Dready" Aquart, who attended the event in person.

World Art Dubai provided these artists with a second exhibition opportunity within the context of the Cayman Islands' presence at the UK Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai, to display their artwork to an international audience. In February, art was a focus of one of the three "Cayman days"

at the U.K. pavilion, with works showcased from each of the ten local artists. During that day, artist Jason Kennedy "live painted" a large canvas that highlights the shared maritime history between Dubai and the Cayman Islands.

"As I do in Cayman, the paints are washed with local seawater," Kennedy said in an Instagram post. "This piece will stay behind in Dubai, to be auctioned off for charity."

The local artists also showcased at the final Cayman Islands day on Tuesday, March 22. Cayman's Expo-related activities wrapped up on March 24 with a second rendition of "Taste of Cayman" at The Ritz-Carlton Dubai.

Cayman has partnered with the United Kingdom to fully occupy its Dubai 2020 Expo pavilion space once a month from January through March. In addition to the three Cayman days at the U.K. pavilion and the two "Taste of Cayman" events, Cayman's delegation participated in the Dubai Boat Show from 9-13 March and the live broadcast of a turtle release from Governor's Beach on Grand Cayman on Commonwealth Day, March 14, in association with the Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre.

Cayman Islands Expo Representative Alee Fa'amoe observed, "Through the works of some of our amazingly talented local artists, we can convey so much about the Cayman Islands." He continued, "We can share aspects of our maritime herit-



age, the physical beauty and unique attributes of our islands, our diversity and our artistic imagination. For those reasons,

having such a strong showing of our local art has been an important aspect of our presence at Expo 2020 Dubai."

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Student Registration

**1 April** - The Department of Education Services (DES) reminds all parents and guardians that registration of students for the 2022/2023 academic year commences on 1 April 2022. For further enquiries, please contact the Registration team at edu.registration@gov.ky

## Art Exhibition - Al Ebanks and Tiffany Conolly

**1 April** - Join Al Ebanks and Tiffany Conolly at their art opening reception on April 1st from 4pm to 9pm at the Mercedes Benz Showroom at 131 Industrial Way, George Town. They are proud to present their work to the community and the works presented in this exhibition include a variety of pieces which will also be available for purchase. The exhibition is open to the public and admission is free.

## Mosaic of Music - Cayman National Choir & Orchestra

**1 April** - The Cayman National Choir and orchestra present "Mosaic of Music". Described as "a truly eclectic tapestry of music showcasing favourites from cultures and genres from around the world, stage and screen", this concert takes place on Friday 1 April beginning at 7:30pm at the Harquail Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for under 18's and \$30 for adults and are available on eventpro.ky.

## Spring Fair at Pedro Castle

**2 April** - The Joanna Clarke Primary School (JCPS) PTA and Pedro St James is inviting the public to the upcoming Spring Fair at Pedro Castle on Saturday 2 April from 10am to 4pm. There will be lots of food and sweet treats, an arts and crafts activity area, games, a petting zoo, live entertainment, two Easter egg hunts and a special appearance by the Easter Bunny. Entry is CI\$5 per person, children 5 and under are free.

## Tea & Croquet - Cayman Brac

**2 April** - The Brac Branch of CIHS Saturday is having Tea & Croquet on April 2 from 1:00 pm to 4:30pm at the West End Park, Cayman Brac. General admission is \$15 and includes Croquet Activities & Refreshments. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at \$5 each or 3 for \$10 (need not be present to win). The winner will be announced at 4pm. For tournament information, call Doug Ross at 924-6412. Tournament players must pre-register & arrive at 8:30am. Benefits support Veterinary Clinic for Sister Islands.

## Deputy Governor's 5K Challenge - Cayman Brac

**3 April** - The DG's 5K Challenge on Cayman Brac will begin at 6:30am. at the Cayman Brac Beach Resort. With a focus on Helping Today - Protecting Tomorrow, the beneficiaries for the 2022 event

are: Cayman Islands Cancer Society (CICS), MS Foundation of the Cayman Islands as well as the Alzheimer's and Dementia Association of the Cayman Islands (ADACI). Participation cost is \$25 for adults 18 and over and \$10 for children 17 and under. Go to racecaribbean.net for all information.

## Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run

**3 April** - The Turtle Farm Centre presents its Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run on Sunday 3 April beginning at 6:30am. Proceeds will go to support the conservation of Green sea turtles in the Cayman Islands. For more information and to register, go to turtlecrawl.ky.

## Cayman Arts Festival - Cello and piano concert

**6 April** - The Cayman Arts Festival presents a Cello and piano concert on April 6th at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church on Pedro Castle Road from 7 to 8pm. For tickets, head to caymanartsfestival.com.

## Free Fencing Demonstration

**9 April** - You're invited to a fencing demonstration and information session on April 9th from 2 to 3:30pm at the King Sports Center. Admission is free but space is limited. Pre-register to reserve your sport by emailing info@fencing.ky

## Center for Theological Leadership Training CTLT - New Seminar

**9 April** - CTLT Cayman presents "A Survey of the History of Israel (Biblical Israel to the present-day



► Al Ebanks and Tiffany Conolly Art Exhibition

Nation of Israel)" beginning on Saturday 9 April and continuing for four more Saturdays until May 14. These are two hour Zoom sessions with each session beginning at 10am. The presenter is Rt. Rev. Dr. David Nichols a Hebrew Scholar and Old Testament Professor. The cost CI\$150. For further information and registrations please contact The Administrator: Bro Winston Vernon at 1(345) 324 8196, email winalver@yahoo.com, info@ctl.ky or check their website www.ctltcayman.org.

## Holy Week & Easter Services - St. Alban's Church of England, Shedden Road

**Starting 10 April** - A Service of Holy Communion with the Liturgy and Palm Procession will be held on Palm Sunday April 10th at 9:30am.

A one-hour Service of Prayers and Devotions will be held on Good Friday April 15th at 12pm. There will be a Service of Holy Communion on Easter Sunday April 17th at 9:30am. Morning prayers (Matins) will continue on alternate Sundays at 9:30am as usual.

## Free Easter Fest

**10 April** - Burger King and 106.1 KISS FM proudly present Easter Fest on Sunday 10 April at the Field of Dreams Ballfield. This family fun day includes games - Little League Batting Cages, face painting, bouncy castle and an Easter Egg Scramble. Sweet, Easter treats will be provided by Hershey's. Food and drink will be on sale.

**Send your community events to wendy@ caymaniantimes.ky**

## 7 Life-changing reasons to lift weights

You get married. Have a baby. Move across the world. Start going to night school so you can get a degree. All of these are life-changing events that make you a different person. But did you know your life can change significantly just by spending some time on strength training?

That's right—if you're willing to commit to strength training, your life will change significantly in seven ways. Here they are.

### Change #1: Toned

This one's obvious for anyone who has ever stepped inside a gym. When you add strength training to your routine, your body shapes up quickly. Working with me, you can determine an appropriate strength-training regimen that will give your body the look you desire. When you look better, you feel better and more confident. But lifting weights isn't just about looking good...

### Change #2: Health Risks Drop

Want to reduce your worry factor significantly? Then start lifting weights. When you do, you'll find your body has better defense against the common cold and other everyday illnesses. But that's not all. By lifting weights and staying healthy, you'll be better able to sidestep countless diseases that plague so many—

from diabetes and cancer to heart disease and stroke.

### Change #3: You'll Go Longer

Ever just want to crash and burn after a hard day at work? Wish you had the stamina to play a game of football with your kids on the weekends? Lifting weights will help you improve your stamina so you can do just that. Once you've lifted weights for a while, your muscles grow stronger and you learn how to power through even when you're feeling a bit worn out. Going longer, however, isn't reserved for the athletic field.

### Change #4: Sex Improves

Lifting weights may not transform you into some sort of sexual maniac, but it will do lots of good things for your body that in turn translates to good things for your sexual abilities. One way strength training does this is by improving blood flow throughout your body, which is important for sexual function. On top of blood flow, you will feel better about your body and become less likely to struggle with sexual dysfunction.

### Change #5: You Can Focus

Meetings aren't the most exciting events in the world. They drone on for hours, and

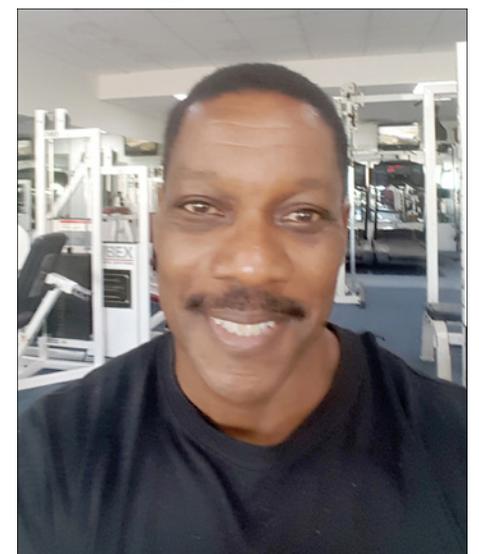
your involvement does little to help those you're meeting with find solutions. Until you start lifting weights. Suddenly, your brain is getting the blood flow necessary for optimal function and your brain even grows new cells. Once your most important muscle kicks into overdrive, you're ready to be alert and thoughtful.

### Change #6: You'll Smile More

Life is not easy. And when it comes at you full force, the stress can be too much. When this happens, you may find yourself spiraling into a bout of sadness or even depression. Lift weights regularly, however, and you'll experience something the prescription-producing world doesn't want you to know. Lifting weights gives your body what it needs to fend off depression. And you don't need a doctor's appointment for a weight-lifting session.

### Change #7: You Live in the Now

It is good to plan and know what you're doing with your life. However, if you spend all your life worried about what you're going to do with yourself when you retire, you're missing out on something very important: the here and now. When you lift weights, you're forced to focus on the task at hand. Otherwise, you'll never get that final rep in. By incorporating strength



► Ernest Ebanks

training, your life is changed for the better, because you finally learn to live in the moment, a skill that translates to increased life satisfaction.

**Sound good to you? Give me, Ernest a call at Body Shapers Personal Training Fitness Studio 325-8696 or shoot me an email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today to get started on a fitness routine that's custom tailored to your needs.**

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
30° / 26°	29° / 26°	29° / 26°	29° / 27°	27° / 27°	27° / 27°	27° / 26°
Mostly sunny and breezy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and breezy	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Mostly sunny

# Benson Ebanks passes on

By Flynn Bush

We are less than a fourth of the way through 2022 and we have lost another Caymanian icon. Mr. Benson Ebanks, OBE, passed away on Tuesday, 29th of March. To say that

he contributed greatly to this country would be an understatement of the greatest magnitude. To say that he will be sorely missed does not quite capture the essence of the moment. Nevertheless, the task at hand is to adequately describe the significance of his life, and his service to

his country and people; all in a mere 500 words.

In the public service vein of his life, Mr. Benson served as a member of the Legislative Assembly for decades. He was also a member of the Executive Council (equivalent of today's Cabinet) and served as Minister in various capacities, in various terms. He was principally responsible for the enactment of the Caymanian Protection Law in the 1970's, sparked advances in education for the islands, promoted careful and calculated development of the country, and stood watch over the country's prosperity as Leader of Government Business. In addition to those achievements, and many others, he was a charter member of the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, and he was the first Chairman of the National Council of Voluntary Organizations (NCVO). Thus, he contributed greatly to the stellar work those organizations have done in our community.

In business, Mr. Benson was just as accomplished. He was the Chairman of Cayman National Bank for the first 36 years of its existence, after being a founding shareholder for the corporation. Moreover, he owned several successful businesses of his own, employing dozens of Caymanians in the process. He was a staunch proponent of entrepreneurship and advised many others to do likewise.

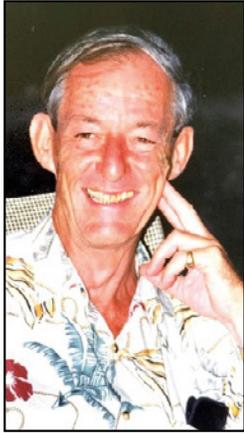
With regards to his personal life, Mr. Ebanks was fiercely devoted to his family, his wife and children. He would often say that whatever he did, he did for their benefit as well. Although his wife, Bessie, preceded him in death, he leaves behind his beloved children Gina, Judy, and Janet, and his grandchildren as well. Undoubtedly, they will always cherish their memories of time spent with him; and they will carry him in their hearts forever. Also, many extended family members and friends are encumbered with grief at his passing.

The Premier's Office has announced that, upon announcement of the funeral date, the flags at all government buildings will fly at half mast out of respect for Mr. Benson Ebanks. The country will grieve one of its native sons and devoted defenders as he reaps his eternal reward.



## DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of the late **Christopher Rowlandson** regret to announce his passing on 25 March, 2022.



He was loved dearly in life and will always be in our hearts.

A celebration of Life will be held privately.

Donations to Jasmine and Cayman Animal Rescue Enthusiasts in honor of Chris are welcomed.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



**Bodden Funeral**  
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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Ruben Bartholomew Clarke, who passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at Church of God Chapel, 22 Academy Way, Walkers Rd., George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. No Viewing: Closed Casket Interment: Garden of Reflections Cemetery



Special Notice: Please wear mask during the service (Church).  
Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

The family of the late **Elmie Eunley Miller JP, Cert. Hon.** regret to announce her passing on 20 March 2022 after a long illness.



Funeral Service will be held at 3:30 P.M. at the William Pouchie Memorial Church in North Side on Saturday April 2, 2022 with interment at the North Side Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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The family of the late **Shirley Edroy Ebanks** regret to announce his passing on 13 March, 2022.



A graveside funeral service will be held at Boatswain Bay Cemetery on Saturday, 2 April 2022 at 11 a.m.

Viewing will be held at Bodden Funeral Service 117 Walkers Road. On Friday, 1 April, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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**Bodden Funeral**  
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The family of the late **David Bodden Sr.** regret to announce his passing on March 4, 2022.



A funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. at Elmslie Memorial United Church on Saturday, April 2nd 2022.

Interment will follow at the Prospect Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 5/09

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Station worker
- 7 Yokel
- 11 Baltimore player
- 12 Burden
- 13 Cheaper title to
- 15 Deli buy
- 17 Stretched tight
- 20 Series test
- 23 Road-house
- 24 Desdemona's husband
- 26 Fiddling need
- 27 King of France
- 28 Wedding words
- 29 Uplifted
- 31 Zero
- 32 Stylishly quaint
- 33 Historic times
- 34 Naval destroyer, in slang
- 37 Related
- 39 Namibia neighbor
- 43 Mansion part
- 44 Worried
- 45 Border
- 46 Worked the soil

### DOWN

- 1 Cacao holder
- 2 Metal source
- 3 Vault part
- 4 Breakfast bread
- 5 Snow queen in "Frozen"
- 6 Stagger
- 7 Dorm sharer
- 8 Reluctant
- 9 Frank holder
- 10 Twisty turn
- 16 Rose pest
- 17 Rome's river
- 18 Battery end
- 19 Oblivious
- 21 Nostalgic song
- 22 Shop equipment
- 24 Hunter in the stars
- 25 Sock part
- 30 Curtain feature

G	A	F	F	E	C	A	R	A	T
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A	R	I	E	L	A	L	I	T	O
R	I	D	G	E	R	I	G	O	R

### Yesterday's answer

- 18 Battery end
- 19 Oblivious
- 21 Nostalgic song
- 22 Shop equipment
- 24 Hunter in the stars
- 25 Sock part
- 30 Curtain feature
- 33 Brat's opposite
- 35 Play group
- 36 Opposed
- 37 Impress greatly
- 38 Young one
- 40 Athena's symbol
- 41 Sheltered side
- 42 Say further

## Word Search

P	A	Q	U	S	A	D	F	Q	U	A	T	O	U	Q
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- Quack
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- Quasi
- Queen
- Queer
- Quell
- Query
- Quest
- Quick
- Quiet
- Quill
- Quilt
- Quirk
- Quite
- Quoit
- Quota
- Quote

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

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### CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

Panel 1: I FOUND THIS ONE-DOLLAR BILL BY THE FRONT DOOR!

Panel 2: HMM, LET ME SEE THAT

Panel 3: YEAH, I RECOGNIZE THIS. IT'S MINE. THANKS.

Panel 4: I THINK I JUST GOT PLAYED!

### THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

Panel 1: TOO BAD YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO COME TO Z.A. WITH US.

Panel 2: MAYBE NEXT TIME, RED.

Panel 3: EVERYBODY'D THINK YOU WERE A WALKING CG EFFECT.

Panel 4: IT'S BEEN FUN, FOLKS— BUT I GOTTA GET BACK.

Panel 5: THE OTHER GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY DON'T DARE MAKE A MOVE WITHOUT ME!

### JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: YOU KNOW, I HAD SUCH BIG PLANS FOR THAT STUPID B&B. I WAS GOING TO GO ALL OUT FOR THE TOWN'S FALL FESTIVAL. THE HOLIDAYS. I WAS EVEN GOING TO MAKE THEMED DOILIES. HOW DUMB IS THAT?

Panel 2: THERE'S NOTHING DUMB ABOUT DREAMING.

Panel 3: YEAH, AND I'M SURE THAT SOUNDED INSPIRATIONAL ON WHATEVER WALL IT WAS WRITTEN ON.

# ROYALS TOUR OF CARIBBEAN STIRS DEEP REFLECTIONS

Reflecting on their Caribbean tour, Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge and his wife Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, have enthused about the typically warm Caribbean welcome they received, coupled with the warmth of the weather - notwithstanding a downpour in the Bahamas on the final leg of their Caribbean jaunt.

But there's another element that has emerged in the maelstrom of debate surrounding the tour itself and the issues which flared up during the eight-day, three-nation trip.

What was intended as a friendship mission to cement the post-colonial ties between the former British colonies and their erstwhile ruler - the British state, has left in its wake a robust discourse about the nature of that relationship.

In a statement at the end of the trip which took them first to Belize, then Jamaica and ended in the Bahamas, Prince William sought to balance the warm personal welcome they received against competing abiding historical and put them in context.

"Tours such as this reaffirm our desire to serve the people of the Commonwealth and to listen to communities around the world," he stated.

From the status of the Commonwealth itself, to Jamaica's republic aspirations to follow in the footsteps of Barbados, Guyana, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago, slavery reparations, and even the future of the British monarchy, all are being subjected to renewed and even more rigid scrutiny in the wake of the Caribbean excursion by the royal couple.

Set against a background of formal functions and cultural outreach, Prince William (39) and his wife Kate (40) had to navigate a series of contentious issues starting with land rights protests which 'greeted' them on their first stop in Belize where campaigners objected to an excursion to disputed traditional lands. It forced an abrupt 'schedule adjustment'.

In an address there, Prince William focused on social justice and democracy and referenced a speech given by his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II in Belize in 1994.

He quoted her as saying: "I am proud to associate myself with your determination

that social justice and personal freedom should flourish under the rule of law. It is always dangerous, however, to be complacent and to assume that democratic values will look after themselves. Vigilance in protecting them is needed."

The Prince, who also carried the title of Duke of Cambridge, also noted the stance of Belize on the ongoing conflict in Ukraine where Western democracy is a head-on clash with Russian autocracy.

"Belize has joined many others in condemning the invasion and standing up for the principles of international law, peace and security. Today we think of those struggling in Ukraine and we stand with them in solidarity," he said.

In Jamaica, calls for slavery reparations were contrasted against a backdrop of a visit to the museum honouring the late human rights campaigner and reggae icon, Bob Marley. They were also confronted with a diplomatically firm assertion by the country's Prime Minister Andrew Holness who informed the royal couple of Jamaica's intention to also pursue a republic status by replacing the Queen as its head of state.

As he did in Belize, Prince William invoked previous remarks by another member of the royal family, this time his father Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall and heir apparent to the British throne, who was present in Barbados for that country's transition to republic status last November.

Saying he "strongly agrees" with the speech Prince Charles gave, Prince William quoted this extract: "From the darkest days of our past, and the appalling atrocity of slavery, which forever stains our history, the people of this island forged their path with extraordinary fortitude."

But it was his own remarks about the British involvement in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade that triggered a debate over whether Prince William, next in line in succession to the throne after Prince Charles, should have gone further and given an unequivocal apology.

"I want to express my profound sorrow. Slavery was abhorrent. And it should never have happened," he conveyed. "While the pain runs deep, Jamaica continues to forge its future with determination, courage and fortitude."



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A downpour in the Bahamas did not dampen the overall welcome and spirit of goodwill, nor did it lessen the laments about still-evident remnants of colonialism.

The Bahamas endpoint seemed an opportune moment for the royal couple to reflect on their three-nation Commonwealth Caribbean tour and hint at what the future relationship between the British crown and the Commonwealth Caribbean might look like.

Prince William observed in a formal statement: "I know that this tour has brought into even sharper focus questions about the past and the future. In Belize, Ja-

maica and The Bahamas, that future is for the people to decide upon. It is why tours such as this reaffirm our desire to serve the people of the Commonwealth and to listen to communities around the world."

On the latter point, Prince William's remarks are viewed as instructive and could very well be prescient.

"Who the Commonwealth chooses to lead its family in the future isn't what is on my mind. What matters to us is the potential the Commonwealth family has to create a better future for the people who form it, and our commitment to serve and support as best we can," he declared.

