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Christmas In Cayman: 2022



By: Flynn Bush

This year, like so many hundreds of them before, will see families turn their focus toward the birthday of one particular individual. While Christmas has become more and more commercialized over the years, it is still the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Thankfully, here in the Cayman Islands, we have a strong culture and heritage and have many meaningful traditions that go along with this blessed holiday.

Many decades ago, I'm talking of the childhood days of my grandparents, the Christmas season was filled with activities focused on faith, family and food. The preparation started weeks and

months before with things such as the identification and fattening-up of a cow, the beautification of the home like with a new coat of paint for the house and fresh sand for the yard. Although the family members, including extended family, all played their part, it was hard work. But, on Christmas Day, everyone loved how the house stood out, and how the yard glistened with white that had been backed in thatch baskets from the beach.

The Christian spirit was in full bloom as Christmas Day inched nearer and nearer. During Christmas Week, the focus began to get clearer and folks all over were visiting family and friends and making sure that any grudges or quarrels were left behind when the new

year rolled in. And they were making sure that those in the community who could not provide for themselves as they wished were taken care of as well.

During those years, the church bells always rang on Sundays and at the start of any midweek service that congregation might have. At Christmas, it seemed like those bells rang more often and, if it is possible, louder than usual. Folks made sure to make it to church, dressed in their best clothes and shoes, accompanying their family members. Worship and celebration of God's only Son, born to give the world an eternal King and the chance to live with Him forever, was on the forefront of everyone's minds. This was the faith side of the holiday.

After church, and throughout the Christmas Week, everyone gathered in their own family units to partake of the smorgasbord of delicious food prepared by loving hands. Oh, the smells must have been incredible; the aroma of Christmas beef or pork, breadkind, and heavy cakes, punctuated by the fruity scent of fresh apples and grapes. The fact that so many of these foods were only available at Christmas made it even more special. That was the food side of the holiday.

Nowadays, these traditions may look a little different, but they are still prevalent. A great amount of us still makes it a point to pass down our heritage and customs. The tables are still lined with the same type of foods as before; we still reach out to old friends and family members and try to help others in the community; and the churches are still packed at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Above all, the Reason for the Season is celebrated- the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



CUC's New Year's Closures

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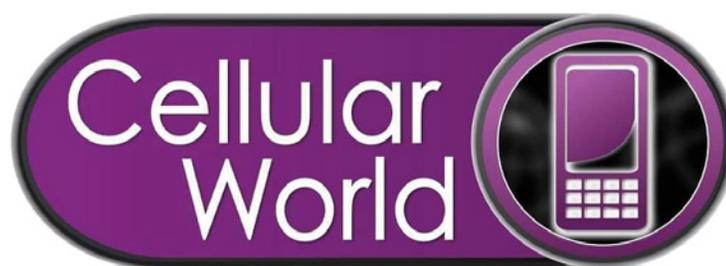
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Warmest wishes for a safe and happy New Year!



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Cayman Finance Launches New Internship Programme



► L-R Michael McLaughlin and Steve McIntosh, CEO Cayman Finance, at Cayman Finance London Breakfast Briefing



► L-R Steve McIntosh and Ashanti Mellaneo at Cayman Finance Member Social Event

Cayman Finance is committed to creating pathways for talented young Caymanians to pursue careers in the Financial Services Industry. The new internship programme, which began in October, saw Michael McLaughlin and Ashanti Mellaneo selected as the first to participate.

The purpose of the three-month internship is to create opportunities for Caymanian students or recent graduates interested in Financial Services to work on projects and engage in networking activities alongside the Cayman Finance team, providing valuable insights, experience and contacts. Since October, Michael and Ashanti continued with their university commitments and worked with Cayman Finance, taking full advantage of what this opportunity had to offer.

Michael, a third-year student at the University of Manchester, is studying Law and Politics. He is currently in the last stages of his education and legal training in becoming a Qualified Solicitor for Maples Group (Cayman Islands).

"This internship allowed me to develop a stronger network and practical understanding of the Cayman Islands Financial Industry during my final year at Law school abroad," said Michael. "My experience has been invaluable, and I'm grateful to Cayman Finance for granting me the honour to serve as a part of their team. A highlight for me was being able to work on the recent Cayman Finance Breakfast meeting in London."

Ashanti, studying for her accounting degree at UCCI, echoed Michael's sentiments,

stating she gained a wider knowledge of the Financial Services Industry and the role it plays in Cayman's continued success;

"I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to work with such an amazing group of individuals." Ashanti said. "My time at Cayman Finance has allowed me to grow, as well as open my mind to what the Cayman Islands Financial Services Industry is doing for our beautiful islands – something I now believe every Caymanian would benefit and appreciate knowing about."

Cayman Finance CEO, Steve McIntosh, commented on Michael and Ashanti's tenure during the program, saying he knows the future is bright for Financial Services

in Cayman based on the quality of local talent pursuing careers in the industry.

"It has been a real pleasure getting to know Michael and Ashanti during their internships. They are both extremely hard working, conscientious and eager to learn," said McIntosh. "I can already see they have bright futures in our Financial Services Industry! It's inspiring to see the high calibre of our up-and-coming Caymanian talent and to have Michael and Ashanti in the Cayman Finance alumni community."

We look forward to welcoming more interns in the new year. Those interested in the next round can apply through our social media channels beginning Tuesday, December 20th, 2022.

GraceKennedy Money Services opens Western Union location in Prospect, Grand Cayman

GraceKennedy Money Services, agents of Western Union in the Cayman Islands, opened their newest location in Prospect, Grand Cayman – becoming the first to offer remittance services to that growing community.

The location, situated at Barcam Esso will offer the Western Union service seven days a week from 6 AM to 10 PM.

Peter Campbell, one of the owners of Barcam Esso shared that customers will be delighted by the service. "We are excited to have Western Union as part of our offerings and are already pleased with the support given from GraceKennedy Money Services. Barcam has ample parking, extended hours and an ambience that will surely keep customers coming back."

Meanwhile, GKMS Business Network Officer, Diandra Shand-Ogbe said that the Prospect location was ideal. "At GKMS/WU we want to ensure that we continue to take the service to where the people are, and Prospect was one of those communi-

ties that we knew would benefit from having a Western Union location in their back yard, so when we saw the opportunity to set up one here, we jumped at it," she said.

This is the 9th GKMS Western Union location on the islands with the others being:

- Foster's Airport,
- Foster's Countryside,
- Foster's Camana Bay,
- Foster's Republic,
- Small Deals Outlet at Thompson Building in George Town,
- Convenience Shop Y Mas beside the laundromat on Eastern Avenue,
- One Stop Grocery in East End
- L & M Superstore on Cayman Brac

GKMS operates the Western Union franchise in 10 other Caribbean countries including, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana, and has the largest money transfer network in the English-speaking Caribbean, connecting more than a million families each year.



► Peter Campbell (3rd left), one of the owners of Barcam Esso and Diandra Shand-Ogbe (right front) GKMS Cayman's Business Network Officer cut the ribbon while George Beltran Carter (left) Operations Clerk and Dellian Stone (back) Supervisor at Barcam share in the moment.



► The Barcam and GKMS Teams ready to be of service to customers.

Our Hats go Off!!



Young Mr. Caleb Wallace, a student now in 8th grade at Triple C School donated all of his fundraising efforts to the National Children's Voluntary Organization to support our young children in need. Caleb raised over CI\$400 and donated it directly to Children in need ay NCVO and we THANK him kindly.

He fundraised his donation by selling his favorite Aunt's lemonade recipe to his neighborhood and community over the course of one weekend and we applaud this charitable contribution. Thank you,

Young Mr. Caleb Wallace. He is interested in studying forensic science and has a promising local Cayman career! He would like to give a "shout-out" to his lovely Great Aunt, "Miss Doris Lemay" for her generational tasty lemonade recipe. Caleb is setting a wonderful example for charity here at home and for children everywhere, thank YOU again, young Mr. Wallace!!

It takes all of us old, both old and young, as well as contributions being big and small; to help those less fortunate and NCVO thanks our supportive community!

Thompson Development partners with Solid Rock Ministries to assist the less fortunate

Thompson Development, one of the Thompson Group of companies, recently partnered with Solid Rock Ministries Church to raise funds in order to assist the less fortunate in our local community this Christmas.

In order to raise funds, Thompson Development hosted a Christmas gathering/fundraising event and invited the tenants of Thompson Development to participate. Companies (tenants) that were willing to donate collected red envelope(s), and each envelope represented a family that is in need, inside the envelope listed what the family was in need of (for example for groceries, a grocery gift card would be needed).

Thanks to the tenants of Thompson Development, along with their support, participation, and donations, Thompson De-



► Thompson Development team passing the donations over to Pastor Babb for distribution

velopment was able to raise over \$10,000 to assist the less fortunate.

After collection, these items were then given to Pastor Babb of Solid Rock Ministries to distribute to these families.

Give me a hi five – Camoy gets the drive!

By Christopher Tobutt

Camoy Murray from the Cayman Islands won the best Christmas present ever- a 45,000-dollar shiny new 2022 Hilux pickup truck. It was part of Lucozade's Caribbean-wide "Get the Drive," promotion between August and November, which covered 13 countries, including Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. All you had to do was drink a Lucozade, look for the special number under the cap, and punch it into their website. Mr. Mur-

ray believes in winning, so he did it twice – and won!

"I feel excited about it – God did it," he said. "When they called me I never even believed it, but today I believe it," said Camoy. "I drank the Lucozade drink, and there is a code under the cap and that's what I entered onto the website. It's a great experience and I advise each and every one to drink Lucozade because now I'm a lucky winner. I bought my drink at McRussi. I had confidence in myself. I am a motivational speaker so therefore I motivate the world, so trust me, this is a blessing. I am always promoting Lucozade,"

Camoy had a tip for some real tropical Christmas cheer: "Lucozade tropical punch tastes good with Appleton Estate rum. It's a good blend for drinking. I recommend anyone to try that drink. That is one of the most amazing blend drinks ever." He said.

Gina Kettner, Lucozade Sales Manager at Cayman Distributors said, "It's a Lucozade under-the-cap promotion. When you look under the cap on the lucozade bottle there is a code and you punch in that code on the website, and that goes into a draw. This was 13 islands in the Caribbean and the Cayman Islands won from over mil-

lions of entries in the entire Caribbean," she said.

Gina handed the keys to the brand new truck over at Vampt Motors on Walkers Road.

"This is the second year we are having it. The first year's 'Under the Cap' promotion was a prize of 30,000 US dollars, and that was won by somebody in Jamaica. We were lucky to get it here – we won the grand prize in the Caribbean," she said.

"We have another promotion in place for next year. They will reveal what that is in MayEvery year we want to do something big and different.



► Camoy Murray receives the keys to a brand new Hilux Pickup truck, from Gina Kettner, Lucozade Sales Manager at Cayman Distributors.



► Camoy Murray, winner of the 2022 Hilux, pictured with Tiffany Rankin, Senior Sales Technician, and Adam Lawson, Sales Manager at Vampt Motors

Cayman's 'Father of Steel,' celebrated



► Earl La Pierre with Pandemix



► Earl La Pierre receives 'Father of Steel' award from Zarek Deosaran



► Cayman's father of steel pan, Earl La Pierre

By Christopher Tobutt

Earl La Pierre is the father of steel pan in the Cayman Islands, and so it was fitting that there should be an evening dedicated to his music and his achievements at the Harquail Theatre on 15 December. It was called, "A Celebration of Earl La Pierre," and featured special guests including his

former pupils, who have now gone on to forge their own careers in music.

He introduced steel pan here from its home in Trinidad & Tobago back in the 80s. He gave some demonstrations in schools, and, of course, the kids loved it. Pretty soon, steel pan bands were starting in schools all over the Cayman Islands, and Caymanians were doing what they love to do: taking

music from somewhere else and making it their own. Even today, he never tires of encouraging young people to play, and he has a way about him that makes playing the steel pan really joyful and infectious. Young people love it, and fall in with the discipline of being part of a band; showing up, not letting the others down.

In 2010, he was given the Cayman Islands GOLD cross award for a lifetime of high quality engagement in the preservation and celebration of Caymanian culture

The first part of the evening featured a video, with the many different pan students he has taught, and whose life he has changed. His actions brought Cayman steel pan onto the international scene, and young musicians from here have travelled all over the world. Next came his own band, the Pandemix, who played a medley of songs including, Love's Theme by Barry

White and Africa by Toto. There was a solo performance next from Joshua McLean.

Next was a panel discussion featuring Earl, Chambria Dalhouse, a composer and film scorer who played at Buckingham Palace for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Mr. Olujimi "Jimmeh" La Pierre, and Zarek Deosaran, a Caymanian music producer, composer and multi-instrumentalist who is based in New York, but who began his music career as one of Earl's student.

Thanking Mr. La Pierre, Mr. Deosaran said, "You took me to Canada, and you let me think: 'I can make music my career. I can really do something with this,' and that was an avenue I didn't know that I had. I didn't know a musician was a real job, but it is." Mr. Deosaran went on to say that now, thanks to Earl La Pierre, many more Caymanians opt for a career in music.

Ms. Dalhouse had a similar story, and took to playing the steel pan from the moment she was introduced. Earl recalled her enthusiasm: "This lady has been around from when she was small, and she was just there for me. She said she wanted to play the biggest pan and she tried it and liked it."

After the interview, Mr. Deosaran presented Earl La Pierre with a 'Father of Steel' award, and Mr. La Pierre enchanted everyone with a solo rendition. He didn't stop, either, when the backing track didn't come on cue, but just launched into a glorious piece of pan improvisation; steel notes sounding like a thousand silver stars in the night sky. Earl then played, "Silent Night," and Beethoven's Pathétique Sonata.



► Panel discussion with (l-r) Mr. Olujimi "Jimmeh" La Pierre, Earl La Pierre, Chambria Dalhouse, and Zarek Deosaran



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Stamp issue celebrating late centenarian presented to his children

The family of the late Mr. Wellesley Howell was presented with a framed set of the Cayman Islands Postal Service (CIPS) stamp issue featuring the beloved community icon on 29 November.

Mr. Howell's children Lyneth Monteith and Wesley Howell received the framed sets from Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Postmaster General Sheena Glasgow and Philatelic Bureau Acting Manager Shindi Beput.

At 106 years of age, the late Mr. Wellesley Howell was a well-known musician, a saxophonist, who also ran a shoe-making and repair shop of long-standing repute in George Town.

Deputy Premier Saunders noted Mr. Wellesley Howell's many years of contribution to the Cayman Islands community, and said his legacy lived on in his children who are both senior civil servants.

His son Wesley Howell is the Supervisor of Elections and Chief Officer in the Ministry of Border Control and Labour, and his daughter Lyneth Monteith is the Acting Chief Officer in the Ministry of Education.

Mr. Howell Sr. was born in Jamaica on 7 January 1915, one year into World War I, and was the longest

known surviving person in the Cayman Islands at the time of his passing on 22 July 2021.

The stamp issue was requested by members of The Cabinet in tribute to Mr. Howell Sr.'s years, accomplishments, values and his life, both in Jamaica and in the Cayman Islands, to which he moved in 1958.

The stamp issue includes a set of two stamps in denominations of 25 cents and \$2 as well as a First Day Cover (FDC) for collectors. The images depict Mr. Howell's prowess as a shoemaker standing the doorway of his well-known shop on Shedden Road and as a musician, playing his saxophone solo and also in a group on the FDC.

Postmaster General Glasgow said the stamp issue honouring Mr. Howell came about due to The Cabinet's wish to celebrate this inspiring member of the Cayman Islands community and she thanked the members of his family for sharing the photos and details of his life which made the stamp issue a fitting tribute.

The stamp issue featuring the late Mr. Wellesley Howell is available for sale to collectors at the Philatelic Bureau located in the Seven Mile Beach Post Office.



► The children of the late Mr. Wellesley Howell receive framed sets of the stamp issue honouring their father. Right to Left: Philatelic Bureau Acting Manager Shindi Beput, Ministry of Education Acting Chief Officer Lyneth Monteith, Deputy Premier Hon. Chris Saunders, Supervisor of Elections and Ministry of Border Control & Labour Chief Officer Wesley Howell, Postmaster General Sheena Glasgow.



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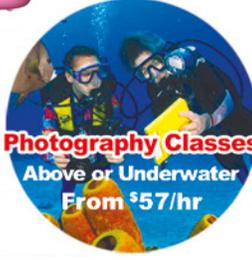


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CAYMAN ISLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Chamber launches VoTech Stars programme to attract Caymanians to pursue vocational and technical careers



► Shomari Scott, Chamber President, Hon. Andre Ebanks, MP., Michael Myles, Inspire Cayman Training, Hon. Christopher Saunders, MP., and Hon. Kenneth Bryan, MP.

VoTech Stars is a Chamber of Commerce workforce development programme aimed at attracting more Caymanians to pursue careers in vocational and technical fields. Launched in September 2023, six Caymanians have been selected to be ambassadors to promote their chosen professions.

“The Chamber of Commerce is proud to be involved with VoTech Stars. We believe

this is an important and unique programme that is going to promote non-traditional pathways for Caymanians of all ages. The programme has successful young Caymanians who are certified and can share their story and remove barriers for their peers” said Chamber President Shomari Scott at the official launch at the National Gallery.

The inaugural VoTech Stars 2022 ambas-

sadors are Allison Hidalgo who spent ten years in the tourism industry, Antwoine Powell, HVAC apprentice, De-Vante Wright, firefighter, Joshua Smith, heavy equipment operator, Kameron D’Hue, dive instructor and Lakeisha Mason, combination plans analyst.

Chamber partners in this new programme include Fosters, Health City Cayman Islands,

Inspire Cayman, Cayman Contractors Association and several ministries in the Cayman Islands Government.

Present at the launch were Deputy Premier the Hon. Christopher Saunders, MP, Minister of Commerce the Hon. André Ebanks, MP, Minister of Tourism the Hon. Kenneth Bryan, MP, partners, VoTech Stars ambassadors and their families. Each of the ministers and partners praised the initiative and got to meet each of the ambassadors.

“Not everyone is the same, and the Chamber believes that the vast spectrum of different talents possessed by our young people should equate with a much wider range of career opportunities. The first step to those opportunities is making young people aware they exist. VoTech Stars will allow other Caymanians to pursue different pathways which will help to diversify careers in the Cayman Islands ecosystem,” Scott said.

A nationwide multimedia promotional campaign includes videos, billboards, cinema, radio advertisements and appearances in educational institutions. Each ambassador has recorded a testimonial video discussing the benefits and misconceptions in their field.

Billboards can be found at partner locations Fosters Republic, Fosters Airport and Health City Cayman Islands.

The Chamber plans to annually announce ambassadors for the VoTech Stars programme to represent vocational and technical careers. To learn more about the programme visit <https://www.cayman-chamber.ky/votechstars/> or email info@caymanchamber.ky.



► VoTech Stars billboard located at Fosters Airport



► VoTech Stars Allison Hidalgo, Lakeisha Mason, Antwoine Powell, Kameron D’Hue and Joshua Smith (Missing De-Vante Wright)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Gallery - Pop-In Pop-Art for Pre-schoolers & Parents

23 & 30 December - Drop into the National Gallery art studio for free hour-long sessions during the school holidays. Sessions are aimed at preschool children but Reception age are also welcome. Children should be supervised by an authorised parent or guardian. Cost is \$5 for the general public and free for National Gallery members. Call 945 - 8111 or email education@nationalgallery.org.ky for more information.

Visit Santa at Bayshore Mall

23 December - Visit Santa in his

grotto at Bayshore Mall in George Town and light up your child's Christmas. There will be sweet treats, festive music, teddy bears for every child, and jolly entertainment every day!

Spirit of Spot Bay Night of Lights Drive by Show

23 December - The 6th Annual Spot Bay Christmas Homecoming presents Spirit of Spot Bay Night of Lights Drive by Show at 6:30pm on 23 December at Taylor Turn to Conway Turn.

Cayman Turtle Centre - Breakfast with Santa

24 December - What better way

to start your day this holiday season than with a delicious breakfast with Christmas music, games, treats, and a special encounter with Santa Claus himself!

Families can enjoy Breakfast with Santa at Cayman Turtle Centre's Schooners Bar & Grill.

The cost is C\$35 and includes a delicious breakfast, meet and greet with Santa, and a gift for kids to take home and put under the tree. Pre booking required and the cost does not include full park admission. For more information, call 949 - 3894.

Paramount Children's Christmas Party

24 December - Paramount Carpet invites all to attend the annual Children's Christmas Party at the

Airport Park on Saturday 24 December from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

25 December - The Cayman Islands celebrate Christmas Day! The public holiday will be observed on Monday 26 December.

Advent Services - December at St. Alban's Church of England

25 December - Services of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday December 25th (Christmas Day) at 9:30am. All are invited.

Rotary Club - 57th. Annual Boxing Day Lunch

26 December - Rotary Club of Grand Cayman presents the 57th Annual Boxing Day Lunch for Sen-

ior Citizens on 26 Dec from 2:30 to 5:30pm at First Baptist Church with free entry and transportation from several sites around the island. For more information, head to rotary.ky.

6th Annual Spot Bay Christmas Homecoming Children's Party

26 December - The 6th Annual Spot Bay Christmas Homecoming presents a Children's Party at 5pm at Mrs. Viva's Residence, followed by a firework display at 7pm at Spot Bay Community Cove on 26 December and a cistern top dance party at 9pm at Mrs. Viva's.

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky



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I find this perspective to be helpful

when it comes to making a major body transformation. It's tempting to feel helpless in changing your body when you have so many pounds to lose and so much work to do, since you aren't able to do it all in one day.

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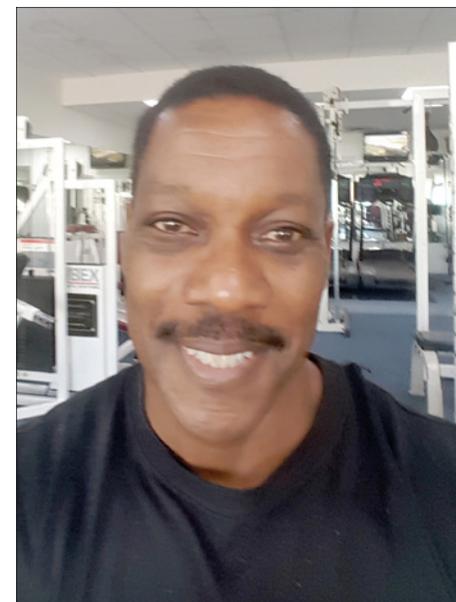
Until one day you'll look in the mirror and see that you've arrived at your ultimate destination: a lean, healthy and vibrant you.

So embrace the power of each choice that you make today, and allow a momentum of good choices to push you through to your goal.

Today is a big deal. Today is all you have. Make the most of today.

If you're not yet one of my prized clients then make the excellent choice to call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email me today at bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com to get started on a program that will supercharge your momentum towards the best version of yourself.

Let's do this!





► All the seniors enjoyed the annual Christmas Party at Pedro



► Pastor Kenneth plays Silent Night on the saw

Seniors Christmas Party at Pedro Castle



► Garcon Gardiner on the violin



► Volunteers helped serve the food

evening Isadora Ferrao, lead singer with Bona Fide, one of Cayman’s most popular bands, sang beautifully, and Noel Wallace played the Keyboard. There were all the favorite Christmas Carols, of course. And there were two guest musicians. One was 13-year old Garcon Gardiner, one of the previous winners of the Lions’ Club Cayman Spelling Bee, who played his violin very beautifully. There was also something very special indeed. Have you ever heard anyone playing the saw? Well, Pastor Kenneth treated everyone to Silent Night and some other carols, played with a violin bow on the edge of a big, old carpentry saw. Bro. Danny Ebanks sang many Christmas Carols, too, and he sang a special song to his own mother who was seated at one of the tables. The DJ for the evening was Mr. Orville, and he played lots of lovely Christmas carols and tunes.

When it was time to go home, everyone gathered their prizes and presents and made their way to the front of Pedro. It was another year, and it made everyone feel special, even those who live on their own and often feel left out at Christmas time.

By Christopher Tobutt

Santa was there, and all of his helpers. His ‘elves’ are faithful volunteers from the Savannah/ Newlands Development Action Committee who show up year after year to make sure that the Seniors’ Christmas Party at Pedro St. James Castle is always extra-special. Savannah MP Heather Bodden was there to make the seniors feel extra-special, too, as she and the Committee have done for more than three decades. Pe-

dro St. James’ lawn is just the right place, and pretty soon all of the Seniors- several hundred altogether- were settled down at their tables, overlooking the beautiful castle all shining with Christmas lights one way, and the sunset over the sea and the bluff in the other direction, ready for their lovely Christmas meal, some fruit punch, fellowship and fun. There were lots of other people who made it possible, too, like AL Thompsons and Tortuga, who provide lovely presents and raffle priz-

es year after year, as well as members of the Lions Club who helped out by bringing food and drink to the tables. There was a prayer, and a moment of silence for all the people – friends and family members – of our community who passed away over the last year, and whom we all miss.

Did I say that Santa was there? Yes, but there was also Mrs. Claus, who was helping the guests take selfies – or “Elfies,” as they are technically called. It was a lot of fun as the seniors

had their photos taken in the “Elfie,” frame. When it was time for the raffle prizes there were lots of prizes, including beautiful candles, and lovely Christmas angels. But it isn’t just people at the party who help. Behind the scenes, lots and lots of hours go into wrapping the gifts and preparing everything to make it wonderful. In fact, many weeks always go into planning the big seniors’ party, and many people help out.

There were a lot of musical performances during the



► Lions Club volunteers worked hard all evening



► Santa, and (L-R) Noel Wallace, Isadora Ferrao, and Danny Ebanks

SAFETY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022



HAZARDS TO AVIATION

George Town, Grand Cayman, (December 20, 2022) – The Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) would like to remind the public of the risks to aviation and public safety in general which come from the flying of small unmanned aircraft (also known as drones or unmanned aerial vehicles) kites, sky lanterns and firework displays which are received as presents or used as a part of the holiday festivities.

For a brief summary, please watch our Hazards to Aviation video: <https://youtu.be/J0bh4EBXKpQ>

Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA)

Each operator is legally responsible for the safe conduct of each flight. Prior to each flight be sure that your drone is undamaged and all components are working. Drones must be kept within your direct sight at all times and it is your responsibility for avoiding collisions with other people or objects. Do not fly your unmanned aircraft in any way that could endanger people or property.

As a protective measure, “no-fly” zones, were introduced in February 2015 and it is illegal to fly an unmanned aircraft within 3 nautical miles of Owen Roberts International Airport (Grand Cayman), Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (Cayman Brac) and Edward Bodden Airfield (Little Cayman) without a specific written permission issued by the CAACI. In addition, a “no fly” zone has also been established around HM Prison Northward and it is illegal to fly an unmanned aircraft within 1 nautical mile of the Prison perimeter without the specific written permission of the Director of Prisons.

To operate your drone/SUA for commercial purposes, the operator must be in possession of a current permission issued by the CAACI. Permission will ensure the competence of the operator to provide a safe service and will require him/her to be medically fit and hold “adequate third-party liability insurance”. Any organisation or individual undertaking commercial aerial work without such permission may be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$3,400. The application for a Permission to undertake aerial work should be made on the application form which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.caacayman.com/wp-content/uploads/LIST%20OF%20REQUIREMENTS%20FOR%20CAACI%20SUADRONE%20PERMISSION.pdf>

Any company requesting the use of a drone/SUA for aerial footage for commercial purposes should ensure that the operator is

approved by the CAACI. A full list of all approved drone operators can be found here: <https://www.caacayman.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/SUA-Operators.pdf>

The CAACI is responsible to the Governor, for the oversight of the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft (SUA)/drones in the Cayman Islands as identified in the legislation of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013, Article 73. The above national regulations have been developed for the use of SUA/drones, in keeping with the legislation, and identify the requirements applicable to the operation of these aircraft in the Cayman Islands.

Please see our ‘Safety Drone Video’: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xR-8JIDwb_38

Kites

The flying of kites in the vicinity of airports is potentially dangerous to aircraft particularly during the taking-off and landing phases. Not only is there a risk that the body of the kite could damage the aircraft or be ingested by a jet engine with possibly catastrophic results, but the control lines, sometimes made of high tensile steel wire on performance aerobatic models, can pose a significant hazard to propeller driven aircraft.

Article 71 of the (AN[OT]O 2013) effectively limits the height at which a kite can be flown to a maximum of 100ft above ground level (AGL) within a 3 nautical mile radius of an airport and no kites should be flown at any height in the vicinity of the arrival or departure paths of any Runway. Beyond this distance, a kite cannot be flown above 200ft AGL within the Cayman Islands.

The rules regulating kite flying may not be generally known and the purpose of this advisory is to provide the necessary information to allow the public to understand the potential hazards to aviation and to enjoy this recreational activity within the limits established by law.

In order to protect the safety of aircraft, the operators of kites being flown above the heights specified are liable to be prosecuted and may have their equipment confiscated.

Fireworks and Light Displays

Firework displays can vary from small domestic events to major commercial or ceremonial displays whilst light shows include all outdoor laser and searchlight displays. The associated risk posed by these events is increased when the activities take place in the vicinity of aerodromes, particularly during critical phases of flight including approach, landing and take-off. Organizers planning firework and light displays dur-

ing the coming season are reminded of the legal requirement under Article 165 of the (AN[OT]O 2013) to coordinate their proposed events with the Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) in order to prevent potential threats to aircraft operations.

Coordination with the CAACI is required for all firework activity that takes place within 3 nautical miles of an airport or under the approach and departure paths. Firework displays outside this area where the display height is expected to exceed 200ft above ground level must also be coordinated with the CAACI. Proposed laser and searchlight events within the same areas are similarly subject to coordination with and approval by the CAACI.

Firework, Laser and Light displays which come into this category must be formally approved in advance by the CAACI and will incur the appropriate fee, as per the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order Fees Regulation 2010.

Sky Lanterns

Sky Lanterns are forming an increasingly significant part of community and individual celebrations in the Cayman Islands and the number and size of lanterns being released is increasing to a point where they can pose a hazard to aircraft.

Unlike other forms of recreational and celebratory activities including SUA and kite flying, firework displays and laser light shows, all of which can be controlled from the ground, sky lanterns cannot be controlled once released and the larger lanterns, some of which exceed 4ft in height and diameter, are able to climb in the prevailing

wind to a height of several thousands of feet.

Many such products are described by the manufacturers or the retailers as being “bio degradable” inferring that they burn themselves out and leave no trace behind them. Whilst this may be true of successful launches over the sea, it is not necessarily the case of Sky lanterns which are blown back over the land. There are documented incidents in which fires have been started, property destroyed or damaged by the smoldering remains and of livestock injured from digesting bamboo or wire debris.

In addition, the risk to aviation is obvious and although there is currently no legislation in place to regulate the release of sky lanterns the need for caution and careful planning before a launch will be equally obvious.

Any individual or organization planning to release sky lanterns should consider their personal liability in the event that damage to property or injury to humans or animals is caused either by the release of a sky lantern or the debris generated by them.

All enquiries regarding this press release should be addressed to:

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The CAACI would like to wish the public a safe and wonderful Holiday Season. For any additional information, please email civil.aviation@caacayman or call 949.7811.



RCIPS GETS TOUGHER ON CRIME SPIKE

By Staff Writer

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) says it's intensifying concerted efforts to apprehend and bring to justice persons behind a recent wave of crimes, including armed robberies.

In its second press conference in just over a month underlying the gravity of the situation, Acting Commissioner of Police Kurt Walton, Detective Superintendent Peter Lansdown and Superintendent Brad Ebanks reassured the public that the RCIPS that was leaving no stone unturned in its efforts to apprehend the culprits and bring them to justice.

The press update also followed a joint statement issued by HE Governor Martyn Roper, Hon. Premier G. Wayne Panton and Hon. Leader of the Opposition Roy McTaggart on

working together to combat the rise in robberies.

The RCIPS also recently briefed Cabinet and Members of Parliament on the current spike in robberies.

More than 32 armed robberies have been reported including firearms and bladed weapons since August with a further spike already noted in the Christmas season.

These robberies are said to span from attacks on retail and commercial stores to robbing people - including two instances linked to illegal gambling. The RCIPS also says it has identified a loosely associ-

ated group of suspects behind the crime spike who often operate in small groups of around four criminals and arrests have already been made in connection with recent robberies.

In the press update this past week leading up to Christmas Day and a peak shopping period, the Acting Commissioner of Police Kurt Walton reported that the RCIPS is deploying additional resources and specialist techniques to catch the offenders, including assigning more officers operating in both high visibility and undercover roles.

"We have taken extra measures...we have increased our armed units on the roads. We have twice as many armed units on the roads as we did previously. We have executed well over six search warrants in addition we have stopped and searched multiple individuals involved in suspicious activity. We have (reviewed) well over 1,000 hours of CCTV and seized six cars. It shows just what we are doing. It's quite a lot of work to get where we want to get," Acting Commissioner Walton stated on the efforts to date.

One person has so been charged in connection with the crime spate and is in prison on remand awaiting trial.

A reward totalling CI\$100,000 is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the band of criminals behind the current crime spike with the Government adding CI\$75,000 to the CI\$25,000 already offered by CrimeStoppers.



Commenting on the reward being offered, Superintendent Brad Ebanks, directly appealed to the relatives of persons involved in crimes to do the right thing and turn them in.

"My appeal is to the general public but also there are family members that know what's happening here. They know that their relatives are committing these robberies. Do the right thing. Tell us. The Cayman Islands should not be continuing on this avenue where we are having multiple robberies at any time, especially this time of the year.

The RCIPS is also urging the public to be extra vigilant, report suspicious activities and more importantly to avoid entanglements with criminal elements.

Detective Superintendent Peter Lansdown said the public response to their pre-

vious appeal so far is yielding results.

"We are getting information from the public. Since the last appeal, we've had a number of calls about suspects and suspicious vehicles. We've stopped and searched them, and the people we are stopping are on our list of a dozen or so 'people of interest'. They are on our radar and we are being persistent. We are not going to keep looking at them overtly and covertly. There's plenty of work going on, so the public can be assured that everything that can be done, we are doing."

According to the RCIPS, more often than not the robberies tend to net about CI\$500 but warned the perpetrators that when caught they risk spending up to seven years behind bars, raising the question: 'Is it worth it?'

Police Investigate Three Wounding Incidents from last Weekend

Since Friday, 16 December, police have responded to a series of violent incidents that have been reported across Grand Cayman. Of the reports attended, three resulted in persons being seriously injured.

Just before 6PM on Friday, 16 December, police and other emergency services were dispatched to a residence off Seaview Road, where it was reported that a man had been chopped following an altercation with two other men. The victim was provided with first aid by the attending officers and was transported to the hospital by the ambulance.

The second incident took place just before 11:50PM on Friday, 16 December, where police were dispatched to a report that a male had been stabbed and had collapsed on the side of the road. It was reported that the incident took place at the Marquee Plaza in the vicinity of the Power Supply Bar. The victim was transported to the hospital by private vehicle prior to the officer's arrival. He sustained serious injuries but is now believed to be in stable condition.

The third incident occurred at the Globe Bar located on Mary Street in George



Town, where it was reported that just after 3:45PM on Sunday, 18 November, an altercation between two men at the bar resulted in one of the men being stabbed in the torso area of his body. The victim was transported to the hospital by private vehicle, where he was treated for serious injuries. He is believed to be stable at this time.

All three incidents are being investigated by the RCIPS and so far, no arrests have been made. Police are aware that there were witnesses to these incidents and investigators are encouraging anyone with information to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222. Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website<<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

Police Seek Assistance in Locating Wanted Convicted Man, Marcus Manderson



The RCIPS is seeking the public's assistance in locating 33-year-old Marcus Steve Manderson.

Manderson was found guilty on 2 December, 2022 (in absentia), following a Grand Court trial for Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm. Manderson had absconded Court bail and was believed to

have left the Island via boat. Investigators strongly believe he recently returned to the Cayman Islands and is being housed by various persons in the community. He is due to be sentenced in January 2023.

Manderson is believed to be armed and dangerous. The police are advising that he should not be approached by members of the public, but instead to call 9-1-1 upon sighting him.

Investigators are encouraging anyone with information about the whereabouts of this man to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222 or dial 9-1-1, specifically if the circumstances are time sensitive.

Manderson, having been convicted of a serious criminal offence, is considered to be a fugitive evading the criminal justice process.

The RCIPS is warning anyone who chooses to aid, assist or harbor him that this is a criminal offence, which may lead to a lengthy period of imprisonment, and we will investigate anyone who does so.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website<<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

Police Investigate Shooting Incident on Lawrence Blvd

Just after 7:20PM on Sunday 18 December, police were dispatched to a report of shots being fired at the Marquee Plaza, located on Lawrence Boulevard. It was reported that a man received a single gunshot wound to his torso area, following an

altercation at the rear of the Power Supply Bar.

The victim was transported to the hospital by private vehicle, where he was treated for serious injuries. His condition remains critical but stable. No arrests have

been made at this time.

The incident is being investigated by the RCIPS Criminal Investigations Department and detectives are aware that there were several persons at the location at the time of the incident. Anyone with information

is encouraging anyone with information to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222. Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website<<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

Big welcome home for Jordan Crooks, Cayman's new swimming champion



► Greeting from Hon. Bernie Bush at O.R.I.A.



► Jordan and Premier, Hon Wayne Panton.



► Signing autographs.

Chants of "Jordan, Jordan," filled the air at Owen Roberts International Airport on Monday 19 December, as Cayman's very own Jordan Crooks was welcomed home after winning the 50M FINA Freestyle, at the World Championships in Melbourne, Australia.

The 20-year-old from Prospect who is currently studying at the University

of Tennessee made history with a time of 20.46, and taking a gold medal back home to the Cayman Islands. It is the first time that Cayman athletes have won a gold in the Championships. Minister for Youth, Sport, and Culture Hon. Bernie Bush greeted Jordan at the airport, along with the Premier, the Hon. Wayne Panton, and other government

officials, with many people waving the Cayman flag, and dressed in Cayman flag colors. There was lots of hugging and embracing, and then Jordan began signing autographs for lots of young swimmers, as he has become their hero, and attended a big reception on Wednesday at Heroes' Square.

Jordan had actually made an significantly faster time in the preliminaries,

a lightning-fast 20.31 and a new record for the Cayman Islands. But it was still good enough to beat Ben Pound from Britain who took the Silver, by three hundredths of a second, and Trinidad & Tobago's Dylan Carter who took the Bronze. "I am really grateful for my God, my coaches, my family and everyone who has helped me along this journey. It means a lot to see this come to light. This is awesome," he said.



► Young swimmers from Camana Bay Aquatic Club



► Lots of people came out to greet Jordan

CARIBBEAN AIRLINES' 9TH 737-8 AIRCRAFT STARTS COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

Caribbean Airlines advises that its ninth 737-8 aircraft, **9Y-SUR** was introduced into commercial operations on December 16. The aircraft operated the return flight BW 484/483, from Piarco International Airport to Miami International Airport.

Commenting on the entry into service of the ninth aircraft, CEO Garvin Medera stated: "The entry of our ninth 737-8 aircraft, 9Y-SUR into our commercial schedule, is another milestone in our fleet renewal. The new fleet has enabled us to provide our customers with a significantly enhanced on-board experience and has

also benefited the environment through lower emissions and fuel burn reductions. Customer feedback has been positive, indicating that we've been able to deliver on our commitment to Reset Expectations."

Mr. Medera continued: "We are looking forward to 2023 and have some exciting plans in store. Follow our social media channels and download our free mobile App for the latest updates. I also take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to our customers and valued stakeholders and to thank everyone for supporting Caribbean Airlines."



Messi's not ready to bow out



► Kylian Mbappe's brilliance shone through

Lionel Messi admirers are thrilled that the little genius is continuing his international career after what seemed to be a fitting swansong in the World Cup final.

Messi dismissed the expectation that he is retiring from Argentina duty after claiming a first world title in spectacular style, saying he wants to "continue as a champion".

He scored twice against holders France, and again in the decisive penalty shoot-out, as the World Cup in Qatar was decided on penalties following a 3-3 draw after extra-time.

The 35-year-old won the Golden Ball as the player of the tournament after scoring seven times to help Argentina become world champions for the first time since 1986, and the third time overall. The last time was in 1986

when another diminutive left-foot legend, the late Diego Maradona, inspired Argentina to glory. This victory was hailed as much for the passing of Maradona as anything else.

The accepted notion was that no matter the outcome, the 2022 World Cup would be the last we see of the slippery maestro whose pace and verve are clearly waning.

But Messi announced: "No, I'm not going to retire from the Argentina national team, I want to continue playing as a champion." He is unlikely to feature in another World Cup, but could help retain the Copa America in 2024.

Messi added: "It's crazy that it happened this way. I wanted it very much. I knew that God was going to give it to me, I had a feel-

ing that it was going to be this way. Now to enjoy it."

At club level Messi is out of contract at Paris Saint-Germain at the end of the current season, but has an option to extend by a year. He may be in his twilight playing years but Messi is still motivated at club level to win all the individual and team honours available. Probably inspired by Cristiano Ronaldo who is still a force at 37, Messi wants to rinse out every element of elite level football before bowing out even though this victory completed every possible honour out there.

There is speculation he could see out his playing days at Inter Miami, David Beckham's team, but the Americans who have to top his weekly wage bill of \$600,000.

The final pitted Messi against the other superstar Kylian Mbappe, who despite scoring a hat-trick and collecting the Golden Boot for eight goals, still finished a loser. Wayne Rooney is urging the 23-year-old Frenchman to join Manchester United or Real Madrid to reach the heights.

Mbappe has been fantastic for Paris Saint-Germain in his four years there, scoring 190 times with 93 assists from just 190 appearances in all competitions.

At \$1.3 million a week, he is by far the world's best paid player. But to aspire to legendary status, Rooney believes he needs to "leave that club and go to the Premier League. PSG is a massive club, but I think he's done everything he can in Ligue 1. If he needs to reach the level of Messi and Ronaldo, I think he needs to join Manchester United or Real Madrid."

United are currently in transition under manager Erik ten Hag and their minimum objective for the season should be Champions League qualification.

If they manage to do so, they have a good chance of pursuing world-class players next summer; but a deal for Mbappe looks improbable. Aside from a world-record fee, they would also have to shatter their wage structure and adhere to the Financial Fair Play rules. The fact that Mbappe has developed an arrogant attitude is not an attractive element for potential suitors either. Diva behaviour has alienated him from teammates, coaches and staff.

PSG's priority remains to win the elusive Champions League. Qatar own PSG, so budgetary constraints are not an issue. With Messi, Mbappe and Neymar in the side, it's a wonder they have not done so already. But all three have massive egos which cannot bode well for team harmony. Football is a team game and no matter how accomplished the individual, if the chemistry is not right, then it cannot be successful.



► Lionel Messi finally won the World Cup

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
82° / 78°	82° / 78°	81° / 77°	80° / 78°	81° / 77°	79° / 78°	80° / 78°
Pleasant with clouds and sun	Some rain and a thunderstorm	A passing afternoon shower	Showers; windy in the morning	An a.m. shower; mainly cloudy	Variable clouds with a shower	Windy with a little rain

First Assembly holds Christmas Celebration with gospel artist Reba Rambo



► Gospel Artist Reba Rambo at the First Assembly of God Church



► Jubilatee children's music group



► left to right: Elsa Bobb, Lorraine Bobb-Stewart, Reba Rambo and Jeff Ferguson

First Assembly of God church held their Christmas Celebration Concert on Sunday 4 December, with award winning gospel singer/songwriter Reba Rambo, and fellow recording artist Jeff Ferguson. Many people brought their families to enjoy the evening, not just to be entertained but to join in with many of the heartwarming Christmas songs and carols.

First Assembly volunteers had worked hard to produce a beautifully creative snow-and-reindeer scene which all the children loved. The evening opened with MC Lorraine Bobb-Stuart, daughter of First Assembly's Pastor Torrance Bobb and his wife, Elsa. Ms. Bobb-Stuart first introduced some delightful Christmas music renditions from the First Assembly of God Children's Choir, and also Jubilatee, a children's instrumental ensemble. There was a delightful medley of Christmas tunes played by guest saxophonist Victor Hemans. Earl La Pierre, Cayman's Master of the steel pan, gave a beautiful solo performance. The First Assembly of God dancers delighted everyone with their lovely praise-dancing.

Just before Reba Rambo came onstage, Pastor Bobb and his daughter, Lorraine reminisced about how Lorraine had first been introduced to Reba and her music. Pastor Bobb and Sis. Elsa (who is a recording artist in her own right) have a long connection with Reba. When Reba was finally welcomed onto the stage she began by saying that there was just something so special about visiting the Cayman Islands.

Reba Rambo began her singing and songwriting career at the age of twelve, by singing with her father and mother, Buck and Dottie Rambo as the Southern Gospel family group, the Rambos. Reba's first song, 'Keep Marching Home,' was penned after the Rambos' tour to visit the troops in Vietnam in 1967.

Reba began singing and recording solo from 1976 to 1983, and her first solo album, Lady, became one of the best-selling inspirational albums of the year. Since that time she has recorded hundreds of songs, both timeless classics as well as her own compositions.

At the end of the concert was the Grand Finale, where everyone came onstage to

sing and celebrate the birth of the Savior together. Elsa Bobb sang with Reba and was presented with a bouquet of flowers, not only for her tireless service to Christian ministry but also in recognition of her own contribution to singing, songwriting and drama. Minister for Tourism and Transport, Hon. Kenneth Bryan was

present, joining in with the songs and carols.

Pastor Bobb spoke about where we would all be in the future, and where we would spend eternity. He reminded everyone of the reason for the season, and, while every head was bowed and every eye closed, invited visitors to take Jesus into their hearts as Lord and Savior.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Fidelia Castro Padilla, who passed away on Wed. November 30, 2022. 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. Cruz Jose Moncada Galo, who passed away on Friday, December 16, 2022. 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 Mrs. Effie Dale Ebanks, who passed away on Friday, December 16, 2022. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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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

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 18 Cigar waste
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 - 24 Barrel piece
 - 25 Help
 - 26 King, in Latin
 - 27 Cloth fold
 - 30 Not well
 - 32 Start a match
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 - 34 Not going anywhere
 - 38 Get away
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 - 42 Some tires
 - 43 Bully's target
 - 44 Nymph chasers
 - 45 Mine rocks
- DOWN**
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 - 6 Quarterback Johnny
 - 7 Devour
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 - 9 Had brunch
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 - 20 Daredevil Knieval
 - 21 Hot
 - 22 Easy targets
 - 23 Carpet feature
 - 28 Bird sanctuary
 - 29 Disposition
 - 30 Book jacket bit
 - 31 White animal
 - 35 Army dinner
 - 36 Folk stories
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 - 38 Superman symbol
 - 39 Healthy retreat
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Yesterday's answer

THOMAS CROSSWORD BOOKS 1-8! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) for each book to 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803

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We are hiring for the position of:

Maintenance Person

Job Description:

General maintenance and repair duties such as performing repairs and maintenance services, painting, repairing damage to properties, fixing sheetrock, and any other maintenance duties as required.

Three years of experience required in a similar role.

Education – High School or High School equivalent

Salary: CI\$8.00- CI\$13.00

Send resume at email:

craiganthony@m3services.ky

Cornerstone Construction & Renovation currently seeking applicants for the following:

Masons, Carpenters, Tilers, Roofers & Helpers/Labourers

Minimum 5 years experience required for skilled positions.

Salary Ranges from CI\$10 - \$17 p/hr.

Based on Skill & Experience

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To Apply email: jdmlegacy03@gmail.com

cornerstonebuilders345@gmail.com

[com](http://www.com)

or Mail P.O Box 322, KY1-9006

LINE COOK

Must have knowledge of all food handling, health and safety.

- 6 years' experience in fast kitchen environment, be able to work in all stations of the kitchen.

- Be able to work with different members of staff.

- Skills to include and not limited too, be able to work cook in a fast kitchen environment, the skills to prep in every area of the kitchen.

Must be willing to work long shifts, weekends, public holidays and early morning, late night shifts.

Salary between \$6.50-8.00 per hr., plus all other benefits as per Cayman labour law.

Please submit resumes to

pds069@yahoo.com

Cayman Cleaning & Janitorial Services Ltd.

is seeking a **Cleaner**

- 5 years' experience
- Can lift heavy equipment

CI\$6 per hour plus benefits

PO Box 11326 KY1-1008

Food & Beverage Server needed

- Day to day service of bar and restaurant Tables
- Communication skills on the phone for take-out orders
- Cash out skills
- Open and closing duties
- Keeping restaurant clean at all times

Qualifications

- 5 yrs F&B experience
- Willing to work shifts, weekends and public holidays
- Knowledge of sports and schedules
- Computer literacy
- Must have knowledge of Aloha POS
- Inventory checks

Salary \$5.50 per hour plus gratuities

All parties must provide clean Police record.

Please send resume to

Pds069@yahoo.com

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CAYMAN PREP & HIGH SCHOOL

Owned and operated by the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Cayman Prep and High School is a private, co-educational Christian school with over 1,000 students ranging from Kindergarten to Year 13 and offers a British-based international curriculum leading to IGCSE / GCSE and A-level qualifications. The school is renowned for providing a stimulating learning environment in which our students become critical, creative thinkers, responsible citizens and lifelong learners. This is evident in our consistent record of outstanding academic achievements, pastoral care and wide range in of extra-curricular activities.

The school is currently seeking a fully qualified and suitably experienced individual to join our high performing School team in **February 2023 or March 2023** for the following position:

IT Technician

An opportunity exists for an experienced and dynamic IT professional to work under the supervision of our IT Systems Administrator in providing IT support to staff and students with the network, hardware and software throughout both the Primary and High Schools. This position will commence as soon as possible.

The successful candidate will have all or most of the following:

- At least two years of experience in a similar position, within an education or enterprise IT environment.
- A bachelor's degree in IT, Electronic Engineering or Computer Science would be an advantage.
- Certifications in Cisco, VMware, Microsoft, Citrix and A+ are preferred.
- Experience with Office 365 administration including user management, mail flow, Intune, and OneDrive
- Experience troubleshooting issue with laptops, iPads, Smartboards, and mobile phones
- Ability to work independently and to successfully manage multiple priorities.
- Ability to troubleshoot and fix user problems with hardware and software.
- Great customer service and communications skills.
- Ability to work in "on call" environment.

The successful candidate will be expected to fully adhere to and support the Christian ethos of the school.

Cayman Prep and High School is totally committed to safeguarding the welfare of our children and young people and expects the same commitment from all our employees. All successful candidates will be subject to enhanced pre-employment clearance including identity checks, criminal background checks, qualification checks and employment checks to include an exploration of any gaps in employment and three satisfactory employment checks.

Salary range for the IT Technician is CI\$36,000 – CI\$47,500 per annum commensurate with experience. Benefits include:

- Generous medical insurance
- Contribution to a pension plan
- Discounted school fees for 2 dependent children
- Continued Professional Development Opportunities throughout the School Year

For the position listed above **applications will only be considered if submitted on the school's relevant application form** (available on the school website: www.cayprep.edu.ky) and forwarded along with a covering letter and CV to:

Business Manager
Cayman Prep and High School
PO Box 10013
Grand Cayman KY1-1001
Email: recruitment@cayprep.edu.ky

Deadline for receipt of applications: **Friday, January 6th, 2023**
Only short-listed candidates will be contacted

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APPLIANCE DOCTORS

Polar Bear Air Conditioning

Invites applications for the following position:

Inside Sales Representative

Key Responsibilities & Duties:

- Establish customer rapport to sell the right products and services.
- Develop key client relationships, negotiating and closing deals.
- Convert lost opportunities to sales from technicians' invoices and sales representatives' proposals.
- Get potential customers excited about the company and encourage them to spread the word.
- Become an expert of your market area, know the customers' needs.
- Assist in setting aggressive sales plans, propose expansions.
- Respond to customers' requests - resolve issues and promote the brand.
- Participate in training to boost sales.
- Perform happy calls to ensure that customers are satisfied with the service.

Minimum Qualifications & Requirements:

- Develop a proven track record in sales.
- Develop financial acumen including the ability to determine if a job is profitable and what operational activities affect positive or negative results.
- Competent in Microsoft Office, Google Apps and the latest sales applications.
- Highly organized with exceptional follow-through abilities.
- Strong verbal and written communications.
- Good presentation and public speaking skills.
- Be passionate about the company and love the brand.
- Must be familiar with local codes and capable of relaying information regarding company product lines effectively.
- Outgoing personality that blends well with a fast-paced, goal-driven environment.
- Highly motivated, flexible and have a great attitude on life.
- IT competent; good typist and proficient with phone systems.
- Advanced skills in creating and managing excel spreadsheets for tracking orders and jobs
- Acceptable results on criteria assessment.
- Competitive individual contributor who also loves to win as a team.
- Min. of 5 years of Customer Service experience.
- Clean Police Record.

Salary commensurate with qualifications & experience
Range CI\$8 - \$15 per hr. + Incentive Bonuses, uniforms and statutory benefits
Qualified Caymanians & persons legally resident with the right to work on island

Submit applications with a detailed resume

Email: info@polarbear.ky

P.O. Box 31198

Grand Cayman KY1-1205



Cayman Islands Airports Authority

Our Vision: To deliver an excellent airport experience

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) invites applications for the post of

FINANCIAL ANALYST

The post holder will have joint responsibility for operational oversight of the accounting and financial reporting of the Authority in accordance with established objectives and policies. As a deputy to the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the Analyst will be involved in preparing and presenting financial reports to various levels of management in support of the strategic vision of the CIAA. The post holder will be directly responsible for supervision of the Accounts Payables team, subledger reconciliations and bank reconciliations.

The incumbent will also be required to support the fiduciary and governance work of the CFO in managing the company's accounting, reporting and internal control activities and to ensure they are carried out efficiently, effectively and in line with the Authority's laws, policies and procedure and CIG Public Management & Finance Law.

Qualifications and Education Requirements:

- A Bachelor's Degree, preferably in Accounting or Business Administration, with at least five (5) years post qualification experience
- An Internationally recognised professional accounting qualification with minimum five (5) years' post qualification experience in accounting would be beneficial
- Should have relevant experience in a similar position, including experience in providing financial control across a similar size business or group of companies
- Should be familiar with the financial management and accounting requirements

Preferred Skills:

- Proficient in the use of Microsoft Excel and Word. Knowledge of Microsoft Dynamics would be beneficial
- Must have good communications and interpersonal skills sufficient to support advice and influence managers from different parts of the business whilst providing strong financial control where necessary
- Must be self-motivated, productive, responsible and able to work with minimum supervision to meet deadlines
- Critical thinker, meticulous with good analytical skills
- Hands-on approach and proven ability to work under pressure

Salary and benefits: Salary range is CI\$61,866 - CI\$95,392 and will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. Benefits include a contributory pension plan, paid vacation, health insurance and professional development opportunities.

A pre-employment drug screen and medical, a clean police clearance certificate are conditions of employment.

Applicants are required to submit a completed CIAA application form, cover letter and CV showing no less than five (5) years' work history.

Applications should be e-mailed to HR.Recruitment@caymanairports.com or mailed to:
Human Resources Officer
P.O. Box 10098
Grand Cayman KY1-1001
CAYMAN ISLANDS

Job Description and Application Form are available at caymanairports.com

Deadline date for receiving applications is 30 December 2022.



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

The Ministry invites applications for the position of:

**Commanding Officer
Cayman Islands Regiment
Ref: VMHA011-22**

Salary: \$103,476 - \$135,768 per annum

The Commanding Officer is responsible for the command, control and administration of the Cayman Islands Regiment (CIR), subject to the Governor's directions. The Regiment primarily aims to provide Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief efforts in the Cayman Islands. The post holder is responsible for setting and guiding the strategic direction and priorities of the CIR, developing standing orders and other guidelines for CIR, establishing and maintaining the ethos of the organisation, maintaining military discipline and determining suitable training for full-time staff and reservists. They must ensure the CIR is effectively resourced, trained and professional in order to achieve the broad outcomes of the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) and the strategic objectives of CIR.

Key responsibilities

Strategic Management

- Develop and guide the strategic direction and plan for the CIR and provide leadership and oversight on all aspects of operations.
- Provide and coordinate high-level policy advice and strategies in support of the achievement of the Governor and ministerial aims and objectives.
- Effective use of the Defence Board to provide advice to the Governor on Regiment matters.

People Management

- Maintain a performance management system that establishes a culture of excellence and accountability in the professional performance of employees, in accordance with the Defence Act and Governor's Orders.
- Responsible for the recruiting, selecting, training and career development of all Reservists and full-time staff.
- Responsible for health, wellness, safety and security of all personnel in the CIR.

Budget

- The overall development of a budget for CIR and the oversight of the subsequently allocated operating capital and training budget.
- Contribute to the Ministry's budgeting, financial and reporting functions for the CIR.
- Undertake regular reviews of the outputs and outcomes of the CIR and ensure targets are achieved and there is continuous improvement.

Training and Learning & Development

- Overall responsibility for all training of personnel within the CIR.
- Development of training and succession plans for Caymanian leadership within the CIR.

Deployment and Operations

- Liaise with entities regarding the deployment of the Regiment.
- Serve as a support to cluster teams at the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) during call out for national duty during national events, hazards, and natural disasters.
- Plan, coordinate and/or support disaster mitigation and emergency support exercises.

General Management

- Oversee the general management of the CIR, including all administrative functions such as the collection of statistics, information management functions, etc.
- Ensure robust marketing and public relations strategies, including fostering co-operation and good relations between the Regiment, other Government agencies, the press and the public.

Qualifications, Experience and Competencies

At a minimum, the post holder must have:

- Been Commissioned through The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, other service or Commonwealth of Nations Equivalent.
- Attained the rank of Substantive Major (or OF-3 equivalent)
- Commanded at Sub-Unit (Company) level in the British Army/Royal Marines/RAF Regiment or similar unit within the Commonwealth of Nations.
- Undertaken a Commanding Officer's Course in the British Army or a Commanding Officer's Course within the Commonwealth of Nations.
- At least 8 years' post-Commissioning experience as an Officer in either the British Army or a defence force that follows a similar doctrine and organisational structure as the British Army.
- Ideally have experience working as part of a Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief (HADR) team or National Emergency Operation Centre (or equivalent).

Benefits will be determined in accordance with the Public Service Management Act (2018 Revision), Personnel Regulations (2022 Revision), Public Service Pensions Act (2017 Revision) and the CINICO Health Plan for Civil Servants.

Interested? Visit our e-recruitment site at www.careers.gov.ky for the detailed job description, benefits information and online application process. Role specific questions can be sent to Christine.Rowlands@fcdo.gov.ky or Julian.Lewis2@gov.ky
Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Deadline for receipt of applications: Friday, 30th December 2022

Applications are invited for the following vacancies:

BARTENDER

Requirements:

- Minimum of 5 years bartending experience
- Should have knowledge of bar basics, such as terminology and familiarity of standard recipes and garnishes
- The ability to work in a high-volume bar/restaurant
- Maintain and reconcile bar float
- Some lifting required (20-50 lbs.)
- Mathematics is essential
- Knowledge of Aloha POS system
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Bi-monthly wages includes:

- Hourly pay rate in the range of: CI\$ \$6.00 to CI \$10.00
- Gratuities

FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVER

Requirements:

- Over 5 years wait-staff experience
- The ability to work in a high-volume bar/restaurant
- Provide food and beverage product knowledge
- Mathematics is essential
- Standing/walking for continuous hours
- Knowledge of Aloha POS system
- Maintain and reconcile cash float
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Bi-monthly wages includes:

- Hourly pay rate in the range of: CI\$ \$6.00 to CI \$10.00
- Gratuities

KITCHEN HELPER

Requirements:

- Assist Chefs with food preparation of menu items
- Comprehend the use and diversity of cleaning agents
- Monitor delivery of kitchen inventory
- Ability to lift heavy items and stand for extended periods
- General cleaning of public areas and kitchen workstations
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Bi-monthly wages includes:

- Hourly pay rate in the range of: CI \$6.00 to CI \$13.00
- Gratuities

LINE COOK/COOK

Requirements:

- Over 5 years culinary experience in a high-volume kitchen is essential
- Plan and coordinate menus
- Oversee inventory levels of ingredients and supplies
- Preparation of monthly food cost control reports
- Computer literacy
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Bi-monthly wages includes:

- Hourly pay rate in the range of: CI \$10.00 to CI \$16.00 per hour
- Gratuities

TEAM LEADER

Requirements:

- Have at least 5 years of hospitality leadership experience
- Fine dining experience is essential
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment
- Knowledge of Aloha POS
- Computer literacy
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays
- Mathematics is essential
- Prepare weekly staff schedules
- Provide staff with support and training
- Some lifting required (20-50 lbs.)

Bi-monthly salary includes:

- Pay rate in the range of: CI \$1,500.00 – CI \$2,000.00
- Gratuities

Health Insurance and Pension Plan provided for all positions. Employer will automatically cover its required portion

Resumes from qualified Caymanians and PR Holders should be forwarded to:

Our House Cayman Ltd.
PO Box 581, KY1-1502, Grand Cayman
or email: info@ghrestaurants.com

Cayroh Concrete Pumping & Construction

Applications are invited for the position of

CONCRETE PUMP ATTENDANT

Candidates must have a minimum of 5 years' experience.

Duties will include setting up construction equipment on job sites, controlling concrete output, conducting routine safety inspections, and cleaning the exterior and interior parts of concrete pumping machinery. Candidates will be responsible for operation monitoring, watching gauges, dials, or other indications to make sure the machine is working properly.

Required to work a minimum of 45 hours per week including weekends and evenings, as required.

Salary will be paid bi-weekly at \$12.00 per hour. Health & Pension Benefits provided in accordance with the Employment Law.

Email resume to cayrohpumping@gmail.com

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

Most tasks are carried out after hours, during evenings and weekends, and involve sanitizing surfaces and equipment. Therefore the Ideal candidate would have a Health Services background and a good understanding of cross-contamination and protocols for maintaining asepsis.

Must be trustworthy and reliable with own transport.

Salary range: CI\$12.00 - \$14.00 per hour.

Mon-Fri with alternating Saturdays/Sundays.

Caymanians or Status holders need only apply.

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

Write to: PO Box 10116, KY1-1001



Landscape Design, Installation and Maintenance (Residential and Commercial)

Landscape Maintenance Supervisor (Foreman) and Landscaper/Gardener

Requirements:

Job Description

- Supervise, manage, and co-ordinate the workflow of the teams; Schedule workdays
- Meet with potential customers, gather information, and prepare estimates/quotations for services
- Manage all specialty landscape services and projects
- Ensure the quality of work is performed in accordance to company standards and with efficiency
- Independently and safely calibrate pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer mixes
- Daily entry of data in worksheets, preparing accurate information for invoicing
- Coach/train landscaping/gardening staff
- Read/interpret landscape drawings and create landscape designs
- Work in the field when required
- Some overtime and unsocial hours may be required from time to time
- Practical and oral demonstrations will be required

Qualification:

- Minimum high school graduate or equivalent education with good literacy and numeracy skills and proficiency in speaking and writing the English Language
- Minimum of 5 years' experience working in a similar capacity caring for turf – warm season grasses, shrubs, palms, ornamental, and fruit trees
- Capable of identifying plants by their botanical names for Zone 12
- Extensive knowledge of tropical diseases, nutritional deficiencies and integrated pest management practices in sensitive environments
- Knowledge and experience in the use of landscape machinery and equipment, gardening maintenance tools, and spray equipment
- Basic knowledge of irrigation systems will be an asset
- Must be able to work in environments exposed to the elements
- Valid driver's licence (preferably G.3) and clean driving record
- Capable of driving automatic and manual transmission and trailer towing
- Competent computer knowledge especially of MS Suite and CAD
- Applicant must be well-rounded, responsible and a team player
- Strong work ethics, excellent organizational and communication skills
- Must have excellent interpersonal and time management skills
- Must be able to lift 70 pounds effectively and repetitively

Applicants should possess a clean police record and have at least 3 written acceptable references Caymanians, Person Married to Caymanians and Permanent Resident Holders need only apply Salary ranges from CI\$3,000 - CI\$5,000.00 per month and will be commensurate with experience Cover Letter and Resumes should be sent to: office@powerflower.ky

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Newspaper Advertisement 1/6 page	150	4.9 x 3.25 or 3.22 x 4.96	200
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