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► Member of the Cayman Islands Regiment update the Cayman Islands' Governor on the Regiment's fleet of relief vehicles.

Regiment Ready

By Stuart Wilson

The Cayman Islands Regiment (CIR) staged a capability demonstration for various Government agencies and departments on 30th September at the Lions Center in George Town Grand Cayman.

Representatives from the CIR explained that the demo

was an opportunity for the other Government Departments and Agencies to gain a practical understanding of what the Regiment is capable of and to engage with the equipment being used.

Several vehicles in the CIR's fleet were rolled out during the one-hour display, including disaster relief

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Resilience Cayman partners with Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd (CUC) to implement the Cayman Home Energy Retrofit (CHEER) Programme

Resilience Cayman proudly announces its collaboration with Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) for the implementation of the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency's Cayman Home Energy Retrofit (CHEER) Programme.

Launched in July 2023, the CHEER Programme is being delivered through a contract with Resilience Cayman. The CHEER Programme provides energy-saving retrofits for lower-income families residing in smaller homes with a specific focus on prioritizing the elderly, families with children, and individuals with diagnosed health conditions.

CUC will offer 28 home energy monitors and conduct comprehensive energy audits for selected homes to identify necessary energy improvements. These audits will provide individualised insights into homeowners' energy usage patterns, accompanied by customised recommendations for enhancements. Furthermore, as an integral part of the program, CUC will equip eligible homes with state-of-the-art electronic monitors, enabling seamless tracking of energy consumption. These audits are the beginning of a service offering CUC hopes to launch soon.

Resilience Cayman Chairperson Jan Gupta said: "With the escalating cost of living, and the prohibitive cost of energy upgrades such as energy efficient ACs, the families that could benefit the most from better insulation and new ACs are the ones with the lowest financial means to do so on their own. This is where the CHEER programme comes in. Once we were selected by the Ministry of Sustainability and Climate Resiliency to deliver the programme, we reached out to CUC whom we have worked with previously for other community initiatives.

I am grateful for CUC's support as they have offered to provide complimentary energy audits and energy monitors for this programme. CUC will assist us in identifying the sources of energy wastage in homes, and we can then work with our suppliers and contractors to replace or repair these appliances. CUC will also assist us to monitor the improvement in energy consumption for the months following the energy upgrades and we will be able to capture and share the impact of the CHEER programme with the Ministry."

Sacha Tibbetts, Vice President Customer Services & Technology, added: "CUC is fully supportive of the CHEER programme and its efforts to raise awareness for energy monitoring and efficiency. Our Company piloted an energy audit programme and has seen how it can improve the lives of our customers and provide them with the tools to manage their energy consumption and lower their energy bills. The Company continues to be a supporter of energy saving tactics and we are committed to finding solutions to lower energy costs and consumption for all of our customers."

The efforts demonstrated by Resilience Cayman and CUC embody their shared commitment to community well-being and environmental stewardship. Through this joint effort, the programme seeks to address the dual challenges of escalating energy costs and environmental concerns by promoting energy efficiency practices among Caymanian households and the installation of the energy monitors is underway.

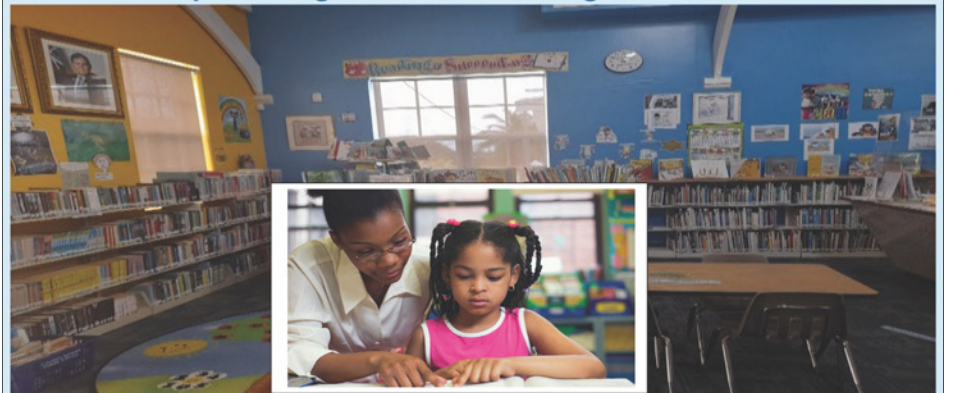
For further information about the programme and access to the application page, kindly visit: www.resilience.ky/energy.



East End Public Library Launches Volunteer Reading Coaches Programme to Empower Students' Literacy Skills

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► Volunteer Reading Coach flyer

The East End Public Library (EEPL) announces the launch of its Volunteer Reading Coaches Programme, an initiative to support students who need to enhance their reading and overall literacy skills.

The EEPL is seeking dedicated volunteers to participate in this endeavour.

Programme Details:

- Duration: 19 September-1 December and 9 January-31 March 2024
- Days: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Fridays from

4:30 p.m. to 5:40 p.m., with optional Saturdays.

- Location: East End Public Library, 2739 Sea View Rd, East End.

Branch Manager Ms. Sandra Ebanks makes this special appeal to the public, "Let's join forces to help students in our community develop the necessary literacy skills to unlock their full potential."

To learn more or to sign up as a Volunteer Reading Coach, please contact the East End Public Library at 947-7729 or email eastendlibrary1998@outlook.com.



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Jawara Alleyne declares “Beach Business” for London Fashion Week SS24



► Jawara Alleyne the designer. Recent work

On Tuesday, 19 September at 2PM Cayman time, London-based, Caymanian fashion designer, Jawara Alleyne will present his Spring/Summer 2024 (SS24) Collection “Beach Business”, during London Fashion Week. Caymanians and global citizens alike have the opportunity to be among the first to view the runway show on Instagram livestream. “SS24 Beach Business” is inspired by Jawara’s own and observed life experiences of others in the Cayman Islands.

While this is not Jawara’s first time showcasing at London Fashion Week, this is his debut as a standalone designer. Not wanting to reveal too many details prior to the unveiling of the collection, Jawara does hint at what viewers can expect from what he coins as “Island Underground” style. “When looking at the dress codes of youth on island, I begun to categorise and dream up new and developed iterations. Beach Island Streetwear has a sense of ease, sexiness and coolness in both temperature and temperament. Practicality in the form of casual t-shirts, loose button-downs, polos and baggy jeans set the precedent for the story

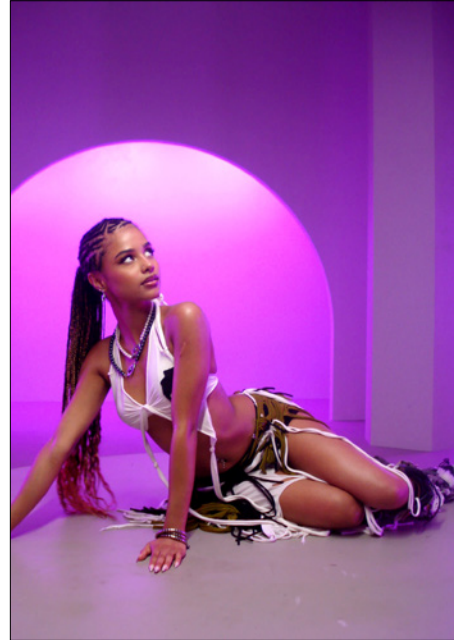


► Major recording artist, Tems wears “Eye of the Beholder” shirt from Jawara Alleyne SS23 collection while performing at Primavera Sound music festival in May 2023.

and collection overall”, explained the Jamaican/Caymanian designer who has already worked with the likes of Rihanna, Beyonce, Tems, Bella Hadid, Jorja Smith, Kendrick Lamar and featured in major fashion publications like Vogue, Dazed, ID and Harper’s Bazaar amongst others.

London Fashion Week, like other major fashion weeks in cities around the world, traditionally consists of two main events per year: the Spring/Summer (SS) and Autumn/Winter (AW) collections. London Fashion Week SS, takes place from 15th to 19th September 2023 and focuses on clothing and collections that are intended for the following spring and summer seasons. Designers showcase lighter and more vibrant designs suitable for warm weather.

Cayman Islands Government Minister, Honourable Bernie Bush is scheduled to attend the runway show sitting amongst major fashion industry influencers and



► Afro beat Artist, Tyla wears full look from Jawara Alleyne SS23 collection for music video performance of “To Last”.

luminaries, all in support of the Government scholarship alumnus who is gaining global recognition whilst waving the flag for Cayman. “An investment in locally nurtured talent, is an investment in the future well-being of Cayman and highlights the growing local art scene internationally. Jawara’s dedication to his discipline has demonstrated a commitment to exemplify artistic excellence and academic achievement. We are proud and support what he has accomplished and excited to see what else he has in store for the future. It is truly inspirational”, added the Minister responsible for Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage.

The event is being sponsored by the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage and the Ministry of Tourism and Transport. Jawara has expressed his eternal gratitude to the people and Government of the Cayman Islands adding, “True gratitude is demonstrative. I am committed to keeping my ties to the Cayman Is-



► Major recording artist, Jorja Smith wears custom look from Jawara Alleyne in April 2023. Past Work

lands stronger than Silver Thatch rope, through more collaborations with local programmes, mentorship of local artists and leveraging each opportunity to tell authentic stories that also pays homage to the Caymanian experience.”

The Jawara Alleyne “SS24 Beach Business” runway show can be viewed by following and accessing @jawaraalleyne Instagram stories at 2:00 PM Cayman time on Tues, September 19th.

For more information on Jawara Alleyne visit www.jawaraalleyne.com and follow @jawaraalleyne on Instagram and Tik Tok.

Also check out this latest podcast from Jawara Alleyne discussing how the London’s rich creative scene stems from its unique cultural diversity and the sense of community and collaboration this provides. Listen here on Spotify: <https://spotify.link/olNZktJxaDb>

For media queries: contact@jawaraalleyne.com

Natural gas suppliers sought

CUC are looking for qualification submissions from prospective natural gas suppliers in a bid to reduce the cost of energy production and reduce carbon emissions.

As part of the Cayman Islands National Energy Policy and CUC’s Integrated Resource Plan, CUC said in a release they were committed to increasing the use of clean energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the long-term.

In 2022, CUC began an infrastructure project to upgrade 68 megawatts of diesel generation to enable the use of natural gas as a fuel.

“Natural gas is a cleaner burning fuel than diesel and produces 30% less carbon emissions,” they said. “The acquisition of a supply of natural gas will increase the energy diversity on Grand Cayman. This initiative will also assist the Company to ensure alignment with the draft revised 2023 - 2050 NEP policy targets, which calls for the majority of energy to come

from renewable and sustainable sources within the policy period.”

As CUC and Cayman as a whole continues to grow and expand, CUC said they were delighted to launch this process in support of the transition to cleaner energy solutions.

Qualified suppliers interested in developing a natural gas supply solution for CUC are invited to submit written notification of interest by submission of a statement of qualifications no later than 15 September, 2023, at 2:00pm local Cayman Islands time.

The following information must be included:

- Company Name
- Contact Person Name
- Mailing Address
- Telephone
- Email
- Describe at least one similar gas supply solution that the company has directly implemented, and include links to pub-



licly available information on this project (<500 words)

Submissions should be sent to proposals@cuc.ky.

Cayman Islands Regiment Capability Demonstration



► Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen enjoys the view from inside one of the Cayman Islands Regiment (CIR) Vehicles at a capability demonstration on 30th September.



► Cayman Islands Regiment soldiers/officers at a capability demonstration held on 30th September at the Lions Center in Grand Cayman.



► A Cayman Islands Regiment Officer advises guests from various Government Agencies and Departments on the Regiment's vehicles and operations.

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trucks and other armored, all-terrain modes of transport.

"This is not the entire fleet but the 10 vehicles here today are a great example of what we have in our inventory," noted Cayman Islands Regiment Officer Tyler Lawson.

Members of the Royal Cayman Islands Police, The Cayman Islands Prison Service and the Cayman Islands Fire Service, joined Her Excellency the Governor Jane Owen to look on at the action whilst officers of various ranks within the CIR explained the activity being presented.

Currently, there are 85 persons serving in the CIR, 7 of whom are full-time, while the others are reservists.

"Next year we are hoping to get to 125 personnel for maximum effect.

"In terms of disaster relief, we can assist other agencies such as the police and the Cayman Islands Prison Service in capacity building," said Mr. Lawson.

He added that it is important for persons to understand why the Regiment exists and how the organisation can serve to enhance Cayman's response capabilities in many different kinds of challenges and emergency situations.

"As we approached the half-way point in this year's hurricane season I was very pleased to see how well prepared our Regiment are to support everyone in Cayman should we be affected, stated Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen.

"They are going from strength to strength in building their humanitarian assistance and disaster relief capabilities and are currently benefitting from bespoke training from the UK's 24 Commando Engineer Regiment"

A. L. Thompson's Purchases Cox Lumber to Expand the Leading Building and Home Improvement Store with Caymanian Values at its Core

With the purchase of Cox Lumber, A. L. Thompson's will continue its focus on serving the community by offering value-driven products and services for Cayman Islands homeowners and contractors

A. L. Thompson Building Supplies Ltd. ("A. L. Thompson's") today announces the purchase of Cox Lumber Ltd. ("Cox Lumber"), bringing the two family-run companies – and their values of excellence, integrity and customer satisfaction – to even more customers while maintaining 100 percent Caymanian ownership of the businesses.

A. L. Thompson's, owned and operated by the Thompson family, is acquiring Cox Lumber's Cayman Islands business which includes the Bodden Town retail store and George Town contractor yard. All Cox Lumber employees will be retained. The Tibbetts family, of Cox Lumber, will retain Tibbetts Lumber Co. and Tibbetts International operating in the United States.

The purchase of Cox Lumber by A. L. Thompson's will allow A. L. Thompson's to better serve an enlarged customer base of Cayman Islands homeowners and contractors through a combined 150 years of retail experience, as well as leverage the companies' unparalleled networks of suppliers to offer an increased range of products at the best available price points. It will allow Cayman Islands homeowners and contractors to benefit from increasing purchasing power and an expanded product selection whilst receiving the same level of personalised customer service they've come to know and expect.

"Bringing A. L. Thompson's and Cox Lumber together allows us to evolve to meet the demands of the people of the Cayman Islands, by combining our Caymanian values and commitment to our customers to create an even better offering," said Al Thompson, President, A. L. Thompson's. "I would like to sincerely thank all staff at both businesses for their ongoing efforts to serve our customers over the last 75 years, and I look forward to welcoming our new colleagues from Cox Lumber and expanding the A. L. Thompson's family further."

Mr. Thompson, along with Director, Berna Cummins (née Thompson), MBE, will continue to lead the business through this ongoing transformation and integration and will be supported jointly by A. L. Thompson's and Cox Lumber's existing leadership teams.

"The two businesses are highly complementary, bringing together Cox Lumber's traditional focus on building materials and supplying contractors and A. L. Thompson's on home improvements and a wider retail selection," said Kyle Hooker, Executive Chairman, Cox Lumber Ltd. "We are confident the business built by my grandfather, the late Mr. Linton N. Tibbetts, OBE, will continue to grow and prosper under the Thompson family's leadership. We are



► Kyle Hooker, Executive Chairman, Cox Lumber and Al Thompson, President, A. L. Thompson's.

excited that the legacy will continue as a wholly owned Caymanian company, a factor that was incredibly important to me in this decision. I personally would like to thank our dedicated team and customers for their unwavering support over the past three decades in the Cayman Islands and I am honored to hand Cox Lumber Ltd. over to Mr. Thompson and entrust our customers and team to his service level and care."

There are no immediate plans to bring the two Cox Lumber locations under the A. L. Thompson's brand, and Mr. Thompson stressed that there will be no changes to their day-to-day operations, staffing and customer accounts.

To learn more about the history and evolution of these two Caymanian household names, visit www.althompson.com and www.coxlumberltd.com.

PUBLIC SHELTERS

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Location	Capacity	Notes
Sir John A. Cumber Primary School Assembly Hall (EMC)	335	
(Part Classrooms)	135	
John Gray Memorial Church Hall	155	
George Town Primary School Assembly Hall	240	
University College of the Cayman Islands Hall	500	
John Gray High School - Gymnasium	1,150	Pet friendly
Pet Capacity	30 dogs or 60 cats	
Red Cross Building	95	
Prospect Primary School (EMC)	1,135	
Savannah Primary School Assembly Hall (EMC)	135	
Bodden Town Primary School Multipurpose Hall (EMC)	80	
Craddock Ebanks Civic Centre (EMC)	185	
Clifton Hunter High School - Gymnasium, Frank Sound (EMC)	630	Pet friendly
Pet Capacity	15 dogs or 25 cats	
Breakers Community Hall	40	
Bodden Town		
West End Primary School	250	
Public Works Department Building (EMC)	140	
Little Cayman		
West End		
Multi-Purpose Hall (Sports Complex)	382	
Aston Ratty Centre (EMC)	420	
Gun Bay Community Hall	65	
William Allen McLaughlin Civic Centre (EMC)	240	
East End		

EMC = Emergency Medical Centre
 NOTE: Each year the Public Works Department issues an updated list of public hurricane shelters after its shuttering exercise in May.

Cabinet Approves Establishment of Asia Office in Singapore

During this week's meeting of Cabinet, the establishment of a Cayman Islands Government Asia Office based in Singapore was approved by Cabinet.

The office is being headed by the Government's Overseas Representative to Asia, Mr Gene DaCosta. After the required administrative filings have been completed, the office is expected to have a physical presence in Q4 2023.

Minister for Financial Services and Commerce, the Hon. André Ebanks, noted that the Asia office would promote all facets of the Cayman Islands, including (among other matters):

- establishing and nurturing strong public and private sector relations;
- creating effective communication between the Cayman Islands and key countries in Asia; and
- advancing financial services interests as well as all other areas of strategic interest to the Cayman Islands and generally enhancing the reputation of the Cayman Islands.

"The office will enhance the business development efforts of the Cayman Islands' financial services industry in the region and better capitalise on the many new business opportunities for the Cayman Islands that the Asian region has to offer. Singapore provides a relatively neutral position in the region, with very good flight connections



from which to launch business development efforts across Asia; a strong concentration of financial services firms, as well as a thriving maritime centre that has a synergy with the activities of our Maritime Authority," Minister Ebanks said.

Overseas Representative to Asia, Mr Gene DaCosta emphasised the efforts the Asia Office will make to develop and maintain strategic relationships in Asian jurisdictions such as Hong Kong.

"Having the office based in Singapore allows the Cayman Islands Government the

ability to quickly and effectively provide the necessary support our stakeholders in the region may require from time to time. Indeed, Hong Kong is a particularly important locale for us as it has longstanding, strong business relationships to Cayman. I'm expecting to have frequent in-person meetings in Hong Kong (likely quarterly visits at a minimum), alongside those that will occur in Singapore and other juris-

dictions in Asia," Mr DaCosta said.

The Cayman Islands Government Asia Office will be the latest public sector overseas office, with Government having a physical presence in London for decades and most recently in Washington, DC as of December 2022. Dr Tasha Ebanks-Garcia heads up the London office while Mr Chris Duggan is in charge of the North America Office.

Both the North America and Asia offices are under the remit of the Ministry of Financial Services and Commerce. Mr Dug-

gan noted that since January of this year, his Washington engagements have yielded important governmental and private sector connections.

"We've implemented an extensive public and private sector engagement plan that has been successful in establishing and developing relationships with relevant congressional committees in DC, as well as in strengthening ties with relevant stakeholders within a number of key United States Government departments/agencies. The Minister, as part of his ongoing commitment to this mission, plans to travel again to Washington later this year to meet with key personnel from within these agencies and engage with key private sector stakeholders," Mr Duggan said.

Minister Ebanks reiterated the importance of the overseas offices in terms of advancing the country's interests and supporting Caymanians overseas.

"Our comprehensive and considered approach to establishing overseas offices have and will continue to underpin the strong links between Cayman and our key business regions, in this case Asia and North America. As they cultivate their operations, the offices shall promote our country's interests, initiatives and support, where appropriate, Caymanians residing overseas in these respective regions," Minister Ebanks said.

FOI Hearing Decision 100: DOT sponsorship records must be released

An applicant under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) sought records related to partnership and sponsorship agreements made between the Department of Tourism (DOT) and various overseas entities for the purposes of promoting the Cayman Islands in foreign markets.

The request covered the years 2020-2022. The DOT granted the applicant some records, including various sponsorship or partnership agreements which were released with partial redactions. The

DOT withheld the business cases for these agreements stating that they contained trade secrets, and that their disclosure would harm the commercial value of the information and the commercial interests of the parties, therefore exempting them from release under section 21 of the FOIA.

The Ombudsman, Ms. Sharon Roulstone, found that the records which were withheld did not contain any trade secrets, nor did the disclosure of various business cases or agreements prejudice any com-

mercial values or interests. Therefore, the records were required to be disclosed in full, with exceptions for personal contact details and signatures of the private entities who were party to the agreements.

Ms. Roulstone also commented that there had been some procedural difficulties and lengthy delays in DOT's response to the FOI request.

"I cannot find any good reason for the slow and selective response the DOT gave to the applicant's request," the Ombudsman wrote in the hearing decision. "The final explanations for withholding some of the records were not given until more than a year after the request was made. This is not an acceptable way of answering requests under FOIA or of cooperating with my office."

The DOT has 45 days from the date of the decision to either release the remaining records or seek a judicial review of the Ombudsman's order to release the responsive documents. The full text of the decision may be found here: https://www.ombudsman.ky/images/pdf/decisions/FOI_Decisions/Hearing%20100%20Decision%20202200303.pdf

The Ombudsman also noted that this hearing decision marks the 100th hearing decision issued by her office, as well as by the former Information Commissioner's Office, since Cayman's Freedom of Information Act took effect in January 2009.



► Ms. Sharon Roulstone

"The milestone of 100 hearing decisions since the FOIA was first enacted represents considerable time and effort by our Information Rights team. It is reassuring that Cayman's FOI process is still strong after all these years and that the Cayman public has kept an interest in their right to know," Ms. Roulstone said.

Any member of the public wishing to submit an appeal of a government decision on a FOIA request may phone the Ombudsman at 946-6283 or email info@ombudsman.ky. For more information about Cayman's FOI Act, please see our website at www.ombudsman.ky.



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John Gray student violence condemned

A shocking video of a violent altercation between students at John Gray High School has emerged this week, having taken place on Wednesday 13 September. The incident has been condemned by the Department of Educational Services.

The fight, graphically streamed on social media, appears to have been an assault on one male student by two other male students. They are seen punching the student while he tries to defend himself and, at one point, one of the two students making the assault is seen to be stomping on the victim's neck. Other male students are seen watching the fight and doing nothing to stop it.

DES Director Mark Ray said they were taking swift action in response to what he termed "this unfortunate incident".



► DES Director, Mr. Mark Ray

Mr Ray said: "Upon receiving reports of the incident, school staff acted quickly to ensure the victim received medical attention. We extend our heartfelt support to the victim and his family and are committed to working with the school to provide counselling support to help him through this difficult ordeal."

Staff also called the police School Resource Officer, who apprehended and took the attackers into custody.

"In the interest of maintaining a safe and nurturing learning environment for all children, the school has decided to temporarily exclude the assailants from the school. Such conduct is unacceptable in our educational institutions, and we hope this action sends a clear message that vio-

lent behaviour will not be tolerated in our schools," he confirmed.

The DES Director encouraged all students to report incidences of bullying to a trusted adult.

"Your safety and well-being are our top priorities, and we are committed to taking all necessary measures to address and prevent such incidents in the future," he said.

Mr Ray urged parents to have open and honest conversations with their children about the importance of treating others with kindness and respect.

For more information about the Ministry of Education's Anti-bullying Campaign, please visit <https://www.gov.ky/education/anti-bullying>.

Ministry lends support to John Gray

After the shocking incident circulated on social media of a violent assault by two John Gray High School students on another student, and their subsequent arrest, Ministry of Education and Department of Educational Services senior officials met at the school to support staff and reinforce the message that the incident did not define the government High School.

The team was led by Lyneth Monteith, the Acting Chief Officer of the MOE, and included HR Director Kimari Fletcher-Barrett, DES Director Mark Ray and Senior School Improvement Officer, Dr. Richard Wildman.

The DES Director issued a video message to address concerns over recent such incidents at the school.

He said the school consisted of caring dedicated staff and wonderful students. During the briefing, the government officials reminded the John Gray High School staff of the resources available to them including the employee assistance support

and they listened as the principal outlined the school's action plan.

Mr Ray said that in the coming days, student leaders' voices at John Gray High School would be heard.

"They will share essential messages on unity, responsibility and collaboration addressing regulating behaviours and bullying. These messages will be featured on the school's social media pages and shared across education platforms," he advised.

Mr Ray said they were also committed to increasing their collaboration with the RCIPS and other stakeholders to create a school environment where every staff member and student felt safe, supported and valued.

"With the unwavering dedication of staff, the support of parents other community stakeholders and the voices of our students we are fully committed to making that goal a reality," he stated.

He went on to say that the calls for collaboration and support were not limited to John Gray High School but indeed every government and



private school in the Cayman Islands.

"They are all our children and the country's future," he said.

To view the video visit <https://youtu.be/o3PWwsDtLIs?si=MkCGL5DpLAj-yEu60>.

POLICE NEWS

Police arrest escaped prisoner

Shortly before 7:30PM, Friday 15 September, police responded to a 911 call to service regarding a prisoner who had escaped the custody of prison officers while receiving medical treatment at the George Town Hospital.

On arriving at the scene, police officers pursued the prisoner and he was soon apprehended and arrested for Escaping

Lawful Custody. The prisoner was transferred to the detention center for processing.

A comprehensive investigation has been launched to ascertain the details of the escape. HM Cayman Islands Prison Service will continue to work closely with the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service on the investigation.

Police Investigate Assault Incident at George Town High School, 14 September

At about 8:30AM yesterday, 13 September, officers responded to a report of an assault that had taken place at a high school gymnasium in George Town. It was reported that two students had assaulted another student, causing him injuries. The victim was

given medical attention at the school, then taken to hospital for treatment and subsequently discharged. The two juvenile males were arrested on suspicion of assault ABH. They have since been granted bail as investigations continue.

Man Charged with Seven Drug and Theft-Related Offenses

On Thursday, 7 September, officers in West Bay received a report of the theft of a bicycle. Officers later recovered the bicycle at an abandoned address in West Bay. The next day, officers attended the location and observed a man known to them who attempted to discard an item upon seeing the officers. Officers detained the man and recovered the item, which was a portion of suspected cocaine. The man, age 52 of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of theft and possession and consumption of cocaine. Officers also found a piece of equipment in the man's possession, which had been reported stolen during a theft from a motor vehicle. The man was further arrested on suspicion of theft from a motor vehicle.

The man has since been formally charged with seven offenses related to multiple incidents:

One count each of Criminal Trespass, Theft, and Interfering with a Vehicle, relating to an incident at an address on North



West Point Road on 23 April, 2023.

A second count of Criminal Trespass relating to an incident at the same address on 28 April, 2023.

A second count of Theft relating to the theft of the bicycle on 7 September, 2023.

Possession of a Controlled Drug (Cocaine,) and Consumption of a Controlled Drug (Cocaine) relating to his arrest on 8 September, 2023.

He appeared in court on Monday, 11 September, and was remanded to HMP Northward pending a further appearance on 26 September, 2023.



REGISTRATION NOTICE

section 13(2)

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **Cayman Brac East and Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

Qualifications of Electors

90(1) Subject to section 91, a person shall be entitled to be registered as an elector in one electoral district only, but he or she shall not be entitled to be registered as an elector for elections to the Legislative Assembly unless—

- (a) he or she was, on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Constitution, entitled to be registered as an elector; or
- (b) he or she –
- is a Caymanian; and
 - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
 - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
- (c) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

Disqualifications of Electors

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 - is disqualified for registration as an elector by any law in force in the Cayman Islands relating to offences connected with elections.
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- (d) A revised list containing the names, street address and occupation of all persons qualified to vote in the said district—
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 - who have submitted to the registration officer a duly completed and signed application for registration in Form 4 will be available at the Elections Office in George Town, the District Administration Office in Cayman Brac and the Post Office in Little Cayman for a period of twenty-one days beginning on the **20th day of October, 2023**.
- (e) copies of Form 4 may be obtained at the following places –
- any post office or sub-post office;
 - the registering office for any electoral district; or
 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Ellen Lazzari**.

20th September, 2023
DATE

Ellen Lazzari
REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **North Side** electoral district and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

Qualifications of Electors

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 - has attained the age of eighteen years; and
 - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
 - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
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- (b) on the day of the issue of a writ ordering an election, he or she is otherwise qualified under paragraph (b) but has not attained the age of eighteen, but he or she will attain that age on or before the polling day at the election.

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 - the registering office for any electoral district; or
 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district is **E. Patricia Ebanks**.

20th September, 2023
DATE

E. Patricia Ebanks
REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **East End** electoral district and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.
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 - is resident in the Cayman Islands at the date of registration; and
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Disqualifications of Electors

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- any post office or sub-post office;
 - the registering office for any electoral district; or
 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district is **Leisa V. Welcome**.

20th September, 2023
DATE

Leisa V. Welcome
REGISTERING OFFICER



REGISTRATION NOTICE

section 13(2)

TAKE NOTICE that –

- (a) Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **West Bay North, West Bay West, West Bay Central and West Bay South** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.
- (b) Every person not disqualified on any of the grounds set out in the next paragraph of this notice is qualified to be registered as an elector in the said electoral district if he or she –

Qualifications of Electors

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 - has been resident in the Cayman Islands for a period or periods amounting to not less than two years out of the four years immediately preceding the date of registration;
- or
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 - the Elections Office
- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Bethany Powery**.

20th September, 2023

DATE

Bethany Powery

REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **George Town North, George Town West, George Town Central, George Town South, George Town East, Red Bay and Prospect** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.

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Qualifications of Electors

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- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kathryn Myles**.

20th September, 2023

DATE

Kathryn Myles

REGISTERING OFFICER

TAKE NOTICE that –

Every person who is entitled to be registered as an elector in the **Newlands, Savannah, Bodden Town West and Bodden Town East** electoral district(s) and who wishes to have his/her name placed on the Register of Electors for the three month period commencing on the **1st day of January, 2024** shall, unless already registered in the current Register of Electors, apply in writing in Form 4 for registration as an elector, which duly completed form must be received by the registering officer for the said electoral district(s) on or before the registration date, namely the **1st day of October, 2023**.

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- (f) The registering officer for the electoral district(s) is **Kerry Nixon**.

20th September, 2023

DATE

Kerry Nixon

REGISTERING OFFICER



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TRINI...but not to de bone?

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

At a time when many countries are grappling with the thorny issue of immigration and citizenship, an almighty row has broken out in Trinidad and Tobago that casts the matter in the harshest glare.

Venezuelan Mileidy Materano was earlier this month crowned Miss Grand T&T earning her the right to represent the twin-island state at the Miss Grand International pageant in Vietnam on October 25th.

But celebration of her victory has been tainted by a backlash of anti-immigrant sentiment directed at her which has now spilled over from social media into reports of death threats being made against the pageant winner.

Much of the criticism is based on the fact that Ms Materano was not born in Trinidad and Tobago.

However, according to the local organisers of the pageant that doesn't matter.

Stolen Productions Ltd which has the franchise to stage the national pre-qualifier for the main event in October insists that their winner did not steal the title and that she met the criteria for par-

ticipation.

"Our corporate sponsors, distinguished judges and pageant experts came together to orchestrate a show which we are proud to have put forward, representing the best of our beautiful twin-island republic and what our people have to offer on the international stage," SPL said in a statement.

On the direct controversy surrounding the selection of Ms Materano, the SPL declared that the judges decision was fair and final and they were sticking to it.

"While all of our contestants are crown-worthy, on the night of the final our esteemed judges and audience chose Ms Mileidy Materano as our Ms Grand Trinidad and Tobago. We at SPL stand behind the fairness of the judging process and the results. We stand in solidarity with our chosen winners," it affirmed.

However, that has not quelled the swell of vitriol targeted at the 29-year-old Venezuelan national who arrived in Trinidad and Tobago as a refugee in refugee.

She is said to have attained citizenship through sponsorship from a local business establishment. Ms Materano who has since set up her own business is

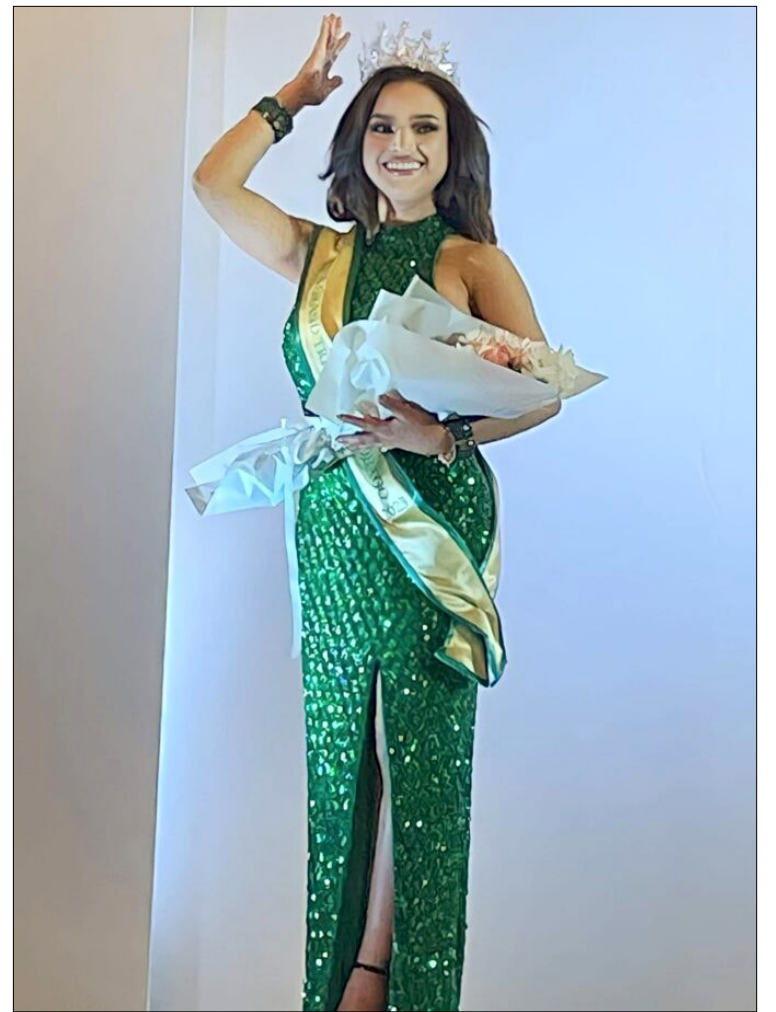
said by the pageant organisers to have satisfied all the criteria for participation in the national event.

Social media has been awash with debate and much criticism of the decision. While some have offered their support, many others have decried the decision insisting that it should have been given (and still should be awarded) to a contestant born in the twin-island state.

One of the main criticisms has been about Spanish-speaking Ms Materano's accent and reported lack of fluidity in English. However, she has hit back at her detractors defending her ability to converse in English as well as her native language, saying that she is multi-lingual unlike many of her critiques.

Given the appetite for controversy-driven topical calypsoes as a staple of Trinidad and Tobago's long-running and world-renowned calypso area, this issue is not expected to go away any time soon.

It feeds off the ongoing immigration debate in the country surrounding the mass arrivals of Venezuelan refugees into Trinidad and Tobago over the past few years fleeing harsh political



► MsMaterano

and economic conditions in their homeland.

Ms Marciano may be a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago, but

to some of her critics she does not meet the criteria of that anthemic David Rudder song, Trini To De Bone.

CTO Chairman Kenneth Bryan Calls for Increased Investment in the Caribbean at Inaugural USA-Caribbean Investment Forum



► Kenneth Bryan, Minister for Tourism & Ports, Cayman Islands and Chairman, Council of Ministers and Commissioners of Tourism, Caribbean Tourism Organization at yesterday's investment forum in New York City

On the occasion of the inaugural USA-Caribbean Investment Forum at the New York Marriott Marquis, Kenneth Bryan, Chairman of the Caribbean Tourism Organization and Minister of Tourism of Cayman Islands spoke of the immense investment potential of the Caribbean region that beckons investors worldwide.

Representing 25 nations and territories of the Caribbean, Minister Bryan shared that the region has long been admired for its pristine beaches, crystal-clear waters, vibrant cultures and warm people, making it an exceptional choice for investment.

As the fastest growing region for tourism, the Caribbean also faces unique challenges, such as vulnerability to climate change, a reliance on imported fossil fuels, and the need for inclusive economic growth. He noted

that it is the responsibility of governments to seek sustainable investment and innovation.

Supporting this call for action, Minister Bryan remarked: "Today's travelers are increasingly conscious about the environment, and actively seek destinations and properties that embrace sustainability and eco-friendliness. Sustainable tourism is, therefore, not just a buzzword; it is a commitment that Caribbean leaders are taking seriously."

Minister Bryan encouraged the attending investors to become part of the sustainable tourism development movement through projects that embrace environmentally responsible practices, such as energy-efficient designs, waste reduction and responsible water management.



► CTO Chairman Kenneth Bryan with senior Caribbean and U.S. officials at the investment forum

The Caribbean leader reported that sustainable tourism and renewable energy are two sectors on the forefront for growth and was encouraged that G20 leaders recently committed to scaling up financing for these as well as other sustainable development goals.

"As Caribbean leaders, while we welcome foreign direct investments, we remain committed to ensuring that investments in our tourism industries benefit the local population and create a positive social impact," he added.

Sustainable tourism goes beyond greener initiatives and should also contribute to the local economy, which supports the Caribbean's culture and traditions. It also provides a unique selling proposition in keeping with the recognition that countries should focus

on attracting foreign direct investments in sectors which advance their national development objectives.

Minister Bryan concluded with an invitation to the investors to become part of the Caribbean story of economic growth, community empowerment, sustainability, and unforgettable travel experiences in the region.

The USA-Caribbean Investment Forum, organized by the Caribbean Association of Investment Promotion Agencies (CAIPA), is a pivotal event for investors, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders seeking to capitalize on the opportunities within the Caribbean region.

The theme of the two-day forum is "Partnering for Sustained Development in the Caribbean".

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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	9	1		2	7			
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

6	2	5	1	3	8	7	9	4
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Difficulty Level ★★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Baseball stats
- 7 Cats and dogs
- 11 Twist in agony
- 12 Honolulu's island
- 13 Historic Boston elm
- 15 Fable writer
- 16 Like sages
- 18 Flying toy
- 21 App makeup
- 22 Donkey sound
- 24 Fawn's mother
- 25 Spectrum color
- 26 Sense of self
- 27 Apply hastily
- 29 Swindle
- 30 National symbol
- 31 Foal's mother
- 32 Labor leader
- 34 Philadelphia attraction
- 40 Smell
- 41 European peninsula
- 42 Courts
- 43 Changed, as boundaries

DOWN

- 1 Cobbler's tool
- 2 Half of hex-
- 3 Feeding-time need
- 4 Relaxed
- 5 Low digit
- 6 Hardens
- 7 Dish with a crust
- 8 Lobed organ
- 9 Common article
- 10 Take to court
- 14 Like oxen
- 16 Writer Virginia
- 17 Exemplary
- 19 Belonging to those folks
- 20 National symbol
- 21 LP
- 22 Chick's mother
- 23 Bowl-shaped pan
- 25 "Message received"
- 28 Indiana team
- 29 Like some wire
- 31 Perhaps
- 33 Commotion
- 34 Near the ground
- 35 Groom's promise
- 36 Scary cry
- 37 Go wrong
- 38 Avoid the truth
- 39 Statute

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Yesterday's answer

- 20 National symbol
- 21 LP
- 22 Chick's mother
- 23 Bowl-shaped pan
- 25 "Message received"
- 28 Indiana team
- 29 Like some wire
- 31 Perhaps
- 33 Commotion
- 34 Near the ground
- 35 Groom's promise
- 36 Scary cry
- 37 Go wrong
- 38 Avoid the truth
- 39 Statute

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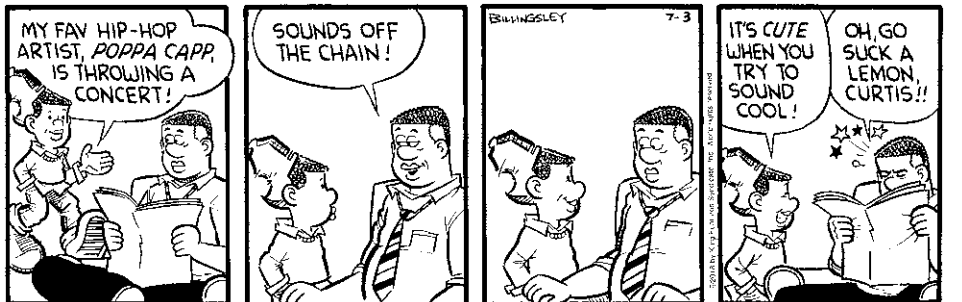
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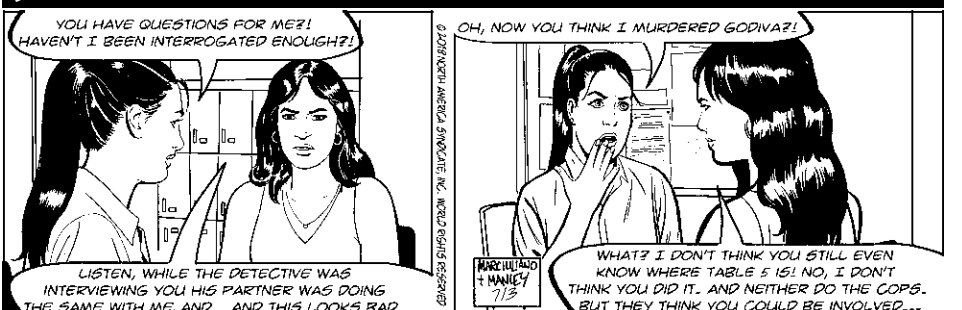
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Department: Professional & Technical Education & Training

Overview

To develop and teach a range of courses, principally in the respective discipline and academic division and to undertake research and/or projects where these complement the activities of the University. The Senior Lecturer is expected to contribute to teaching at the certificate, Associate and Bachelor levels. The Senior Lecturer will engage in some aspects of research and publication, but this is outside of contracted duties.

Requirements and Experience

Experience

- Masters in respective discipline area;
- 6 years demonstrated teaching excellence and proven pedagogical competence at the tertiary level;
- Proven ability to design and deliver courses at quality standards and regulations of the University;
- Capacity to contribute to the development of academic processes across the institution;
- Experienced in developing and applying innovative and appropriate teaching and learning techniques;
- Proven capacity to monitor student progress;
- Has undertaken and contributed to research both individually and in collaboration with others;
- Significant experience in teaching especially undergraduate courses;
- Proven demonstration of strong student-centric approach to working and commitment to high quality standards;
- Capable of teaching in an online and hybrid environment;
- Proficiency in preparing course materials;
- Ability to teach multiple courses in area of competence;
- Commercial or industrial/technical and relevant industry experience will be an asset.

Responsibilities

- Designs, prepares and develops teaching materials;
 - Prepares and delivers lectures, seminars and tutorials in accordance with the allocated teaching load;
 - Assesses students' coursework;
 - Responsible for marking, assessing, recording and submitting results;
 - Maintains student records and monitors student progress;
 - Works collaboratively with the Dean to maintain and develop effective and efficient programme delivery;
 - Ensures the quality of all department courses and programs in accordance with the guidelines of the UCCI Curriculum Committee;
 - Develops and implements new methods of teaching to reflect changes in research;
 - Supports students through an advisory role; and maintains office hours;
 - Supervises students' projects, research, internship and practicum activities.
- Undertakes continuous professional development e.g. staff training activities, conferences, and seminars.

Compensation:

Salary: KYD \$71,640 - \$96,336 (Grade I) per annum.

Please send a cover letter and CV and 3 professional references to recruitment@ucci.edu.ky

Deadline: September 29th, 2023

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.



Gardener

We are seeking qualified and experienced individuals to fill the position of **Gardener** in our gardening and landscaping company.

General Requirements

- At least 3 years' experience in tropical landscape care
- High school graduate with strong numeracy and literacy skills
- Valid Group 2 Drivers' Licence coupled with experience in towing trailers and driving both automatic & manual transmission vehicles (experienced persons with a Group 3 Licence will be given preference)
- Must be willing to work, without problems, in varying weather conditions, among and with different types of plants and with some amount of garden chemicals.
- Excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills; strong command of the English Language
- Must be able to work as part of a team and be proficient in handling gardening and power tools
- Must be willing to work weekend and some overtime (when necessary)
- Must be able to lift up to 70lbs repeatedly without any problems
- Ability to identify plants and plant pests

The successful candidate will be required to undergo practical demonstrations in various areas.

Wages range from CI\$7.00 - \$12.00 per hour and will be commensurate with qualifications & experience.

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Must have a minimum of 10 years' experience.

The successful candidate will be required to work a minimum of 45 hours per week including weekends and evenings, as required. Must hold a license issued by the Department of Planning, Cayman Islands.

Salary will be paid weekly at an hourly rate of \$14 per hour.

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Preferred minimum of 5 years' experience.

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Tender Captain/Linesman Required

This position requires the successful applicant to Captain a 80 - 350 person passenger vessel and be responsible for maintenance, safety and upkeep on the vessel. Hours are very varied and during the winter season, they can be very long. Early starts are the norm, not the exception. A merchant marine qualification would be advantageous, but experience is key. The ability to safely command a vessel and work without supervision is a must. 3-5 years experience in proven boat handling experience will be examined at the interview process. Weekend work will be required.

Salary will range from CI\$10.00 - CI\$12.00 per hour. When applying for this post, please include a recent resumé and a police clearance, and submit to:

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Cayman Islands
BWI
KY1 - 1108
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Newspaper Advertisement 1/4 page	250	4.9 x 6.67
Newspaper Advertisement 1/5 page	150	4.9 x 4.96
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Requirements:

- Minimum of 5 years bartending experience
- Should have knowledge of bar basics, such as terminology and familiarity of standard recipes and garnishes
- 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

Weekly Remuneration Includes:

- Hourly pay rate ranges from CI\$ \$5.00 to CI \$7.00
- Gratuities
- Beverage sales incentive (performance-based)

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
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Weekly Remuneration Includes:

- Hourly pay rate ranges from CI\$ \$4.50 to CI \$5.50
- Gratuities
- Beverage sales incentive (performance-based)

KITCHEN HELPER

Requirements:

- Assist Chefs with food preparation of menu items
- Usage of food scale
- 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

Weekly Remuneration Includes:

- Hourly pay rate ranges from \$6.00 to CI \$7.00
- Gratuities

SOUS CHEF/LINE COOK/COOK

Requirements:

- Over 5 years culinary experience in a high-volume kitchen is essential; fine dining experience preferred
- 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

Weekly Remuneration Includes:

- Salary ranges from CI \$350.00 – CI \$500.00
- Gratuities
- Monthly food sales bonus

TEAM LEADER

Requirements:

- Fine dining experience is essential
- Have at least 5 years of hospitality leadership experience
- Provide staff with support and training
- Prepare weekly staff schedules and monthly beverage cost reports
- Some lifting required (20-50 lbs.)
- Mathematics is essential
- Computer literacy
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends, and public holidays

Weekly Remuneration Includes:

- Salary ranges from CI \$350.00 – CI \$450.00
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- Monthly beverage sales bonus

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

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If you are self-motivated, honest, hardworking, and reliable and you are looking for a job, consider contacting us by email resume or visit our Office.

Deadline: 29th September 2023

Email: hero.jairam@candw.ky

Office: 29 Godfrey Nixon Way

NOTICES

PLANNING PERMISSION

This is to inform the public that an application for planning permission for the purpose of **RELOCATING A REVERSE OSMOSIS PLANT (CAMANA BAY)** on **Block 12E Parcel 115** has been submitted to the Central Planning Authority (CPA) or Development Control Board (DCB).

The application can be inspected on the Department's website <https://www.planning.ky/planning-notices/>, or at the Department of Planning; located at the Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman or at the District Administration Building,

Stake Bay, Cayman Brac. If you wish to object or support the application you should do so in writing stating your precise grounds within 21 CALENDAR DAYS of the final advertisement of this notice. Please note: only owners of full legal capacity who for the time being reside within

a radius of 500 feet of the boundaries of the land to which the application relates, or who own land (including a strata lot) within a radius of one thousand feet of the boundaries but reside elsewhere in the Islands, may object to an application for planning permission.

Your comments should be addressed to the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, Grand Cayman KY1-9000, Cayman Islands, or via e-mail to planning.dept@gov.ky. Please include your return address (typically a PO Box number).



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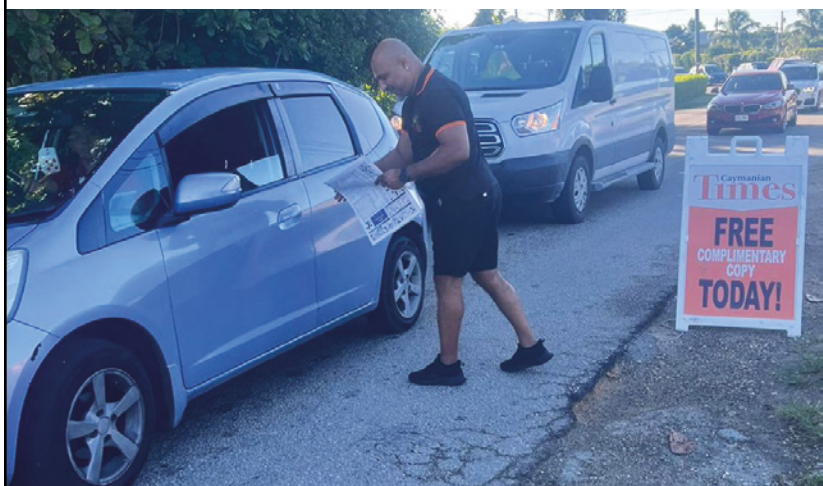
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