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TALK ON THE STREET

Are We Ready for Cruise Passengers?

This month, after two long years, Grand Cayman welcomed cruise passengers once again. Predictably, there have been some rumblings on the ground. This reporter took to the streets to get the true feelings of the public on the matter. The specific question posed was, **"Do you feel that we are ready to welcome cruise tourism at this point, and why or why not?"** Below are the responses of 12 individuals.

Louise, American Stayover Tourist, 35:

"I don't understand how the government here can hold us airline passengers to a higher standard, with masks and testing, and then let cruise passengers just waltz ashore. I supported the regulations but, I think everyone, including the cruise passengers, should be held accountable."

George, Caymanian, 44:

"We are definitely not ready, and I think most Caymanians feel the same way I do. I think it is only inviting more Covid into this island."

Michael, Caymanian, 46:

"Ready or not, we are open for cruise tourists. So, everybody just needs to stop talking about it."

Jessie, Caymanian, 56:

"We were not ready. I just think that the business owners pushed the government into this."

Fred, Caymanian, 54:

"I worry about the fact that I see all these tourists walking around, and not

one of them is wearing a mask. Were they not told about our regulations here?"

Joanna, Canadian on work permit, 47:

"Everywhere I go, I hear people saying the same thing—"We are not ready; this is too soon." I agree with them. I think it is inviting a medical disaster."

Keith, Caymanian, 42:

"If there was ever a time to be cautious, it is now. We do not need another wave of Covid-19 here."

Grace, Caymanian, 23:

"I think the government made all of the necessary preparations and it is a good time to welcome back cruise ships. The vaccination rate here is really high, so we should be pretty protected."

Lisa, Caymanian, 35:

"There are too many people out of work right now so opening up was the right thing to do."



James, American, frequent visitor, 49:

"I don't know if Cayman is ready or not but, I think it is the right time to do it. Everyone needs to realize that Covid is not going away and we need to live with it."

Barbara, Jamaican, permanent resident, 57:

"I would like to say that it is good thing but I just don't think so. It is a risky decision."

Thomas, Caymanian, 27:

"It was the right thing to do at the right time. We are almost all vaccinated and should be okay. This also allows for some Caymanians to get back to work."



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EDITORIAL

THE PANEL ON PAUSE

After an initial run of 20 engaging episodes, The Panel - The Caymanian Times weekly discussion programme - is taking a well-deserved break.

We'll use the time to make some technical upgrades and re-tool the format in response to interest now being expressed by potential guests and media partners both in Cayman and overseas.

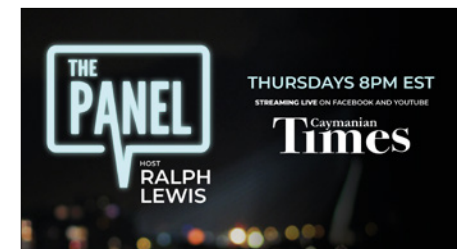
And we'll continue to build on our underlying motto: Conversation not Confrontation.

We wholeheartedly thank Dr Roy Bodden and Mr Mario E Ebanks for bringing their informed insights to The Panel as commentators and analysts working with the Moderator Mr. Ralph Lewis, and the stimulating debates on important issues that matter to Cayman especially as we navigated our way through the pandemic.

The Show covered a host of issues, much of which featured the Covid pandemic and the impacts on the Islands' economy, its reopening etc. It also featured many other topical issues affecting the Islands and its people, including Small Business, Education and Training etc.

We also sincerely appreciate the encouraging feedback we've had from the audience at home and abroad. Since its inception last year, The Panel enjoyed a respectable and growing Live audience, and every week also had viewers watching the re-plays with some weeks that number being as high as 10,000.

With many other demanding issues now arising locally and globally, that



calls for a shift in focus, especially now that our borders have been reopened after the uncertainties of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In many respects, Cayman is at the very centre of several of these issues as a key player in the global economy. Not only is Cayman affected by these issues, but this jurisdiction is in a unique position to influence some of them.

The world is changing (or, has changed some will argue) due to the geo-political impact of Russia's war on Ukraine, and we must be responsive to that.

We also thank the many guest panelists who appeared on the Panel to discuss the issues impacting their industry and Cayman as a whole.

Replays of the series are available via the Caymanian Times Facebook and YouTube pages.

Stay tuned for our next endeavor as we continue to highlight these issues and what they mean for Cayman.

At the same time, we'll continue to shine a positive light on the projects, programmes - and indeed people - in our community that make things happen and which matter most to Cayman.

CAYMAN AND BAHAMAS EXPLORE TOURISM COOPERATION

By Staff Writer

The Cayman Islands and The Bahamas are looking into areas of cooperation, especially in tourism.

Hon. Minister of Tourism Kenneth Bryan and his Bahamas counterpart Chester Cooper have met in Nassau to lay the foundation for what is expected to be a mutually beneficial linkage for the two destinations.

Details are still to be finalised, but already opportunities being looked into include a package in which European visitors will have a stopover in Nassau for two nights before heading on to the Cayman Islands.

This is expected to be designed around the British Airways service to the two destinations.

Mr Bryan said: "There is only one Bahamas and there is only one Cayman. But there is benefit in working together to improve each other."

The Bahamas Tourism Minister, Chester Cooper, who is also the country's Deputy Prime Minister, concurred. "I hope this helps to strengthen both tourism products. I think this would be phenomenal for both countries as we move our product forward."

"We are also delighted to see the growth in tourism in Cayman, and we hope we can create many more linkages," he added.

The two destinations are expected to twin their efforts by forging closer ties and sharing best practices in tourism, cruise destination, and other related areas.

The economies of Cayman and the Bahamas are built principally on tourism and financial services, accounting for an estimated 50-60 per cent of Gross Domestic Product(GDP).

Mr Cooper, who initially met Mr Bryan while they were in Opposition in their respective countries and are now both ministers of tourism, said he was delighted to welcome him to The Bahamas.



► Hon. Minister of Tourism Kenneth Bryan and his Bahamas counterpart Chester Cooper



"What a difference a day makes!" he remarked, expressing the hope that they can continue to collaborate on future projects.

"We are also delighted to see the growth in tourism in Cayman, and we hope we can create many more linkages," Mr Cooper added.

He also acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated how heavily both Cayman and The Bahamas rely on tourism, "there is no need to compete if there is no reason to," according to

a release from the Bahamas Government Information Service.

"When we are attacked, invariably Cayman is, and Bermuda is, attacked," he said of their respective reliance on tourism.

Acknowledging the similarities between both countries, Mr Bryan noted that the objective is to complement each other and not to compete.

"We won't compete," he affirmed. "There is only one Bahamas and there is only one Cayman. But there is benefit in working together to improve each other."

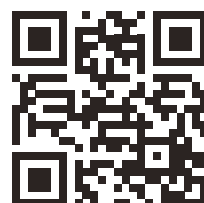


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Cayman Islands Government

New laws needed to make workplace fair

By Lindsey Turnbull

In response to growing concerns about the slow processing of work permit applications, Business Staffing Plan Board Chairman Richard Barton has written to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Finance and Economic Development Chris Saunders explicitly outlining the issues that have been causing the problem.

Mr Barton said there were a number of factors that had combined to slow down the work permit process and these were the sheer number of incomplete applications they had to deal with which had created a backlog over some years, the impact of the pandemic, and the 2021 elections whereby a new administration took office.

Despite these difficulties, Mr Barton said the BSPB had greatly increased their efforts in trying to clear the backlog, approximately doubling the number of applications they considered on a

weekly basis when compared to the last Board.

He called it “disheartening” when members of the private sector launched criticisms and personal attacks on the integrity of the Board and on WORC and said that type of behaviour did little to inspire confidence in the process and reflected poorly on the overall business climate of the Cayman Islands locally and abroad.

Abuses of the system by employers deliberately shutting out Caymanians and RERC holders to pave the way for work permit holders needed urgent focus. Mr Barton noted abuse of the work permit system by some applicants who appeared determined to recruit from abroad rather than recruiting Caymanians.

“The BSBP has witnessed the clearest evidence of this and sought to change the misguided perception that a work permit is a right rather than a privilege,” he stated.

Mr Barton recommended that government examine sectors of industry that did

not appeal to Caymanians, such as the hospitality industry, and work with stakeholders to address these concerns.

“The increased demand and urgent need to expand the hospitality industry labour force, unless interim legislative reform is considered, will continue to outpace the resources of the BSPB in the short to medium term,” he warned.

In his letter, he said he believed businesses genuinely searching for Caymanians to fill positions ought to be advertising in local newspapers because the WORC website was in dire need of an overhaul and was therefore not reaching its target audience of Caymanian job seekers.

“The current online portal on which job advertisements are published is in desperate need of revision,” he said. “The BSPB would encourage joint consultation between the Chamber of Commerce and WORC to address this mutual challenge.”

Mr Barton continued: “Though not required by law, it is good practice to always



► Business Staffing Plan Board Chairman Richard Barton

advertise in the local newspapers and the BSPB fails to see why this not the natural default position to be assumed by businesses genuinely in need of qualified applicants.”

Miss World Cayman Islands Organization sees 1st and 2nd Runners-up handover

The Miss World Cayman Islands (MWCI) Organization presented a handover of the 1st and 2nd Runner-up titles during a viewing party of the 70th edition of the Miss World pageant held on Wednesday, March 16th at Karoo, Camana Bay.

Sydonie Barrett relinquished her title as 1st Runner-up to enable her to take on new opportunities and endeavors. As a result, 25 year old Alyssa West who was originally MWCI 2nd Runner-up has now assumed the title of 1st Runner-up, and 25 year old Krista Ebanks is now 2nd Runner-up.

“We thank Sydonie for being a part of the Miss World family and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. We know Sydonie will be successful in whatever she takes on in the future.” Director of Miss World Cayman Islands and Founder of Girl Power Ltd. Pamela Ebanks-Small said. “Congratulations to Alyssa and Krista. We look forward to continue working with them both. Ms. Ebanks-Small commented.

“I am both honored and excited to take on this new role as Miss World Cayman Islands First Runner Up, and I hope to continue to use the Miss World organization as a platform to give back to the Cayman Islands community and to inspire young women.” Alyssa West said.

“I am beyond grateful for this opportunity. I thank every one of you for encouraging and supporting me along the way. I look forward to working with the Miss World Committee again. Once again, a million thanks.” Krista Ebanks said.

Miss Alyssa West, from George Town is an Environmental Engineer with an Associate Degree in Science from the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of South Florida.

Miss Krista Ebanks, from West Bay is a Primary School Teacher who holds an Associate Degree (with honors) in Hospitality Management from the University College of the Cayman Islands.

If for any reason Miss World Cayman Islands cannot fulfill her duties, the First Runner-up will take her place. During her tenure, Alyssa will be expected to be in attendance at local events either alongside the current titleholder or in her absence. The second runner-up may also attend events.

During the handover presentation, MWCI Director acknowledged the reigning Queen, Rashana Hydes for her incredible performance during the 70th Miss World pageant. Surrounded by family, friends, and supporters, Hydes looked on

at her performance on the big screen. “It was a bit emotional because of course, I wish I could be there completing the experience, but it’s really surreal because I remember the emotions of filming, I was thinking - be myself, have fun and represent my country. It was bittersweet.” Miss Hydes said.

Miss Teen Cayman Islands 2021-2022 Asaiah Thomas and First Runner-up, Kianna Ebanks were also present during the event.

The event also included a meet and greet where potential candidates had the opportunity to sign up and learn more about the MWCI organization and upcoming pageant. The Miss World Cayman Islands Committee is currently inviting candidates to compete for the 2022 crown and title. Pageant hopefuls must be Caymanian, between the ages of 18 and 26, must not be married, nor borne children; must be confident, intelligent and involved in the community. Deadline to register is noon April 15th, 2022.

Application forms are available by e-mailing missworldcayman@gmail.com.



► (L-R) Sydonie Barrett, Miss World Cayman Islands 2021-2022 Rashana Hydes, 1st Runner-up Alyssa West, 2nd Runner-up Krista Ebanks are photographed after the official handover (Photo by Wil Bignal)

For more information, visit the Miss World social media pages.

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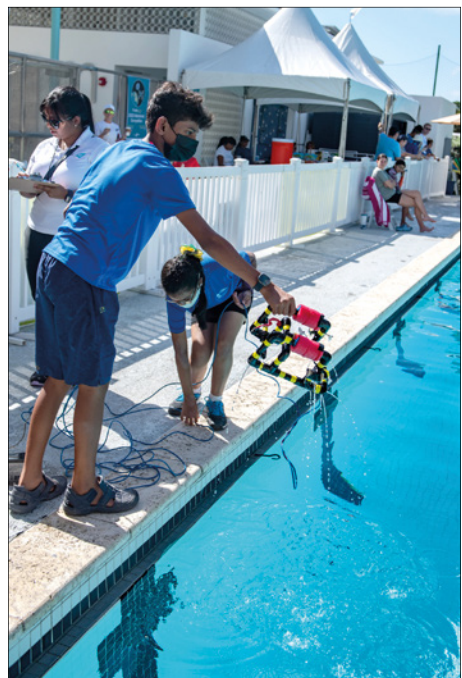
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Brac teams sweep the board at SeaPerch underwater robotics competition

Teams from Cayman Brac's Layman E. Scott High School took first and second places in both middle- and high-school divisions of this year's Minds Inspired SeaPerch Challenge held at Camana Bay Sport Complex pool on Saturday 12 March. Overall champions were middle school students Jovier Walton-Paz and Jaden Ebanks with their team the "Brac Bots."



► Students from 24 middle and high schools from across the Cayman Islands participated in the event

Six schools entered 24 teams in the Cayman Islands branch of the international competition where students design, build and operate underwater remote-operated vehicles (ROVs). Teams had to complete an obstacle course, racing the clock to navigate their robots through a series of underwater hoops, and a mission course which challenged teams to maneuver objects and conduct tasks with their robots.

The high school division was won by "Pirates of the Sea," Layman Scott's all-girl team of Mikayla Bryan, Aracely Matute and Raeann Matute-Scott, who smashed

the record for the obstacle course producing a time of 39 seconds and almost halving Cayman's previous fastest time.

This year's award for innovation and design was won by Cayman International School team "Holy Roman Cheeses" for its unique cheese wedge shape. Teams design and build their robots using kits purchased by Minds Inspired from SeaPerch International and supplied to schools free of charge. Each kit includes PVC piping, motors and a remote control; teams can supplement materials up to a value of \$25.

With nine teams new to the competition this year, the Rookie Award went to Layman E. Scott's "Brac Cruisers" while Triple C School's "The Ladies" team won the Team Spirit Award.

"The SeaPerch Challenge tests the students' engineering and technical knowledge in the design phase, but teamwork, problem-solving and the ability to focus under pressure are what's important on competition day," said Glenda McTaggart, Dart's senior manager of education programmes, who runs the event. "SeaPerch is designed to introduce students to careers in marine engineering and naval architecture, but it also teaches real-life skills that can apply to any profession."

As part of Minds Inspired's programme to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics to young people in the Cayman Islands, Dart has organised the SeaPerch Challenge in Cayman for seven years. The event is also sponsored by the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands, the Women's International Shipping & Trade Association and London & Amsterdam Trust.

"The Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI) was proud to sponsor the SeaPerch Challenge, which showcases STEM skills with a focus on marine engineering," said MACI's Manager of Human Resources and Administration Kayla Martin. "This established and innovative event brings awareness to the diversified possibilities of STEM careers within the maritime industry here in the Cayman Islands, including naval architecture, nau-



► Team members from the winning team, "Brac Bots", Jovier Walton-Paz and Jaden Ebanks, receive their trophy from (from left), MACI's Chairperson Sherice Arman, MACI's Manager of Human Resources and Administration Kayla Martin and Dart's Senior Manager Education Programmes Glenda McTaggart

tical studies, marine survey and marine engineering.

"MACI believes in the importance of education and helping young people build careers in the maritime sector, especially given Cayman's strong maritime history. MACI, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and

Lands, offers a unique scholarship opportunity to dynamic Caymanians who wish to pursue a successful career in the maritime industry."

The winning team, "Brac Bots," is now eligible to compete in the international SeaPerch Challenge held in Maryland, USA in June.



► The all-female team members from "Pirates of the Sea" (Kayla Bryan, Aracely Matute and Raeann Matute-Scott), receive their prizes from MACI's Manager of Human Resources and Administration Kayla Martin (on left) and Dart's Senior Manager Education Programmes Glenda McTaggart (on right)



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Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Lieutenant retires after 20 years

Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.) Bobeth O'Garro dedicated twenty (20) years of service to the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps (CICC) and her Country after being seconded to the CICC in 2002 from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) as acting Commandant from March 2008 until her appointment became confirmed five years later in 2013, where she remained until June 8th 2021.

Cadetting like many uniformed services is often regarded as a male-dominated discipline, despite which Lt. Col. O'Garro became the first female Commandant in the region. She is the first female head of a paramilitary uniform group in the Cayman Islands. The CICC, through Lt. Col. O'Garro's, was also the first institution to offer the BTEC Level 2 Vocational Qualification in the Cayman Islands.

Her contribution to Cadetting has proven to be beneficial to the Cayman Islands economy through "Cadet Tourism." The CICC, under her leadership, hosted the Caribbean Cadet Commandants Conference and Caribbean Cadet Camp in 2012 with groups from individual Caribbean territories and the United Kingdom.



During the course of her years of service to the CICC, Lt. Col. O'Garro has been awarded the Certificate of Honour (Cert. Hon.) Caribbean Cadet Medal (CCM), Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), Long Service Medal, Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal, and Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for her resolute contribution to the Country and Region.

Lt. Col. O'Garro also served as Chairman of the Caribbean Cadet Association (CCA) for four (4) years, where she provided exceptional leadership to the Cadet Commandants of the Caribbean Region. In this capacity, her primary focus was strengthening regional integration and efficiency by establishing operational protocols. This resulted in the regional cadet movement being organized into three (3) zones (North, Central and South) and more effective management from Guyana in the south to Bermuda in the north.

Speaking to Lt. Col. O'Garro's contributions to the Cayman Islands youth Deputy Governor, Franz Manderson stated "The Cayman Islands Cadet Corps is a great foundation for Cayman youth as it equips them with the tools and life skills for personal development and growth. Lt. Col. O'Garro's commitment to youth development and mentorship to thousands of young boys and girls has played a pivotal role in equipping cadets and adult volunteers alike with several life skills for success. Evidence of this is captured in the number of young Caymanians (past Cadets) who have matriculated collectively into our Civil Service, accessing employment opportunities in entities such as Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Cayman Islands Coast Guard, Cayman Islands Fire Service, Customs and Border Control, Cayman Islands Regiment, Hazard Man-

agement Cayman Islands to name a few."

When the Cayman Islands Regiment (CIR) was being conceptualized, Lt. Col. O'Garro provided comprehensive guidance notes on the establishment and functioning of this unit. As a committed individual, she willingly gave of her knowledge and skills to ensure success in the formation of the CIR, which currently has a number of past Cadets serving in key posts of the organization.

In honour of Lt. Col. O'Garro's years of service, HE the Governor Martyn Roper hosted a dinner at Government House on Thursday 17 March 2022. Commenting at the dinner reception Gov. Roper noted "It is a pleasure to acknowledge and congratulate Lt. Col. O'Garro for her 20 years of service and dedication to the Cayman Islands Cadets Corps and our islands. She has proven to be an outstanding role model to the Cadets, advisor to the adult volunteers and a fine example of what one can achieve through hard work and commitment to duty. It is highly impressive that Lt. Col O'Garro became the first female regional Cadet Commander within a male-dominated discipline. Her commitment to youth development coupled with her tenacity, have no doubt guaranteed success in building a vibrant and strong Cayman Islands Cadet Corps. I was pleased to host a dinner at Government House for her and Cadet colleagues to thank her for her outstanding service."

Speaking to her contributions to the Cadet Corps Lt. Col. Errol Brathwaite add-



ed "Lt. Col. O'Garro has always been at the forefront of every CICC activity while providing unmatched National service to Country when there was a need to do so. This is captured in her service as manager of the National Emergency Operations Center (NEOC) during Hurricane Ivan and other such disasters, COVID-19, and managing her team in the Call Center during National elections. Now celebrating our 20th Anniversary, the Cadet Corps no doubt achieved outstanding success in developing strength of character among Caymanian youths through a strong, exciting Training Programme lead by Lt. Col. O'Garro."

Commenting on her retirement Lt. Col. O'Garro noted "I am pleased to have played my part in the development of our nation's youth. Though I am retiring from full-time service, I will continue volunteering with the CICC. I would like to encourage all youth of the Cayman Islands to join or volunteer with the CICC. The "Cadet Movement" offers irreplaceable opportunities that aid in the growth and development of young people."

CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — MARCH 28 - APRIL 1



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POLICE NEWS

RCIPS Introduces New Head of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, Inspector Andre Tahal

On 1 February 2022, Inspector Andre Tahal commenced the role of Head of the RCIPS Traffic and Roads Policing Unit (TRPU). He succeeds Inspector Dwayne Jones, who has moved to uniform operation duties within the Service.

"I am eager to take on the role as the Inspector in charge of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit within the RCIPS," said Insp. Tahal. "The unit has a reputation of being extremely high paced and productive, both in proactive policing as well as when responding to serious collisions across the Cayman Islands. In 2021, there was a noticeable increase in serious and fatal collisions. Reducing, and eventually eliminating these tragic incidents will be the main focus of the TRPU Unit going forward."

Insp. Tahal has a wealth of experience in policing. He trained locally, and has risen up the ranks to his current role over, just short of, 25 years' service to the RCIPS and the Cayman Islands. He has developed a wide range of expertise, managing operational roles such as Inspector of Firearms Response and K9, Marine Commander, Deputy Area Commander for the West Bay Police Station, Commander for Sister Islands, and Inspector within the Uniform Operations. He also has previous experi-

ence in the TRPU, where he worked as a Constable and Team Leader in the earlier years of his policing career.

Insp. Tahal shared how by combining safety operations to enforce the Traffic Law, such as the continuation of last year's Operation Quaker which targeted a number of dangerous driving behaviours, along with public education initiatives, such as media appearances and campaigns about road safety that, "we hope to see a reduction in serious collisions over time."

"It is also my intention to continue to partner with other police units and agencies that share in our goal to make the roadways safer, in the hope that these collaborations will create a grander impact on the public. It is vital that as a society we change our mindset when we get behind the wheel. We must learn to apply patience, follow the road rules, and drive with consideration towards other road users."

"I look forward to working closely with Insp. Tahal in his new role as the Head of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit," says Superintendent Brad Ebanks, in charge of Uniform and Specialist Operations. "Road policing has always been a priority for the RCIPS, and we appreciate the value of having another dedicated leader who



► New Head of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, Inspector Andre Tahal

is committed to the task of reducing road fatalities and serious collisions as well as encouraging good driving behaviour on our roadways."

The RCIPS Senior Command Team looks forward to seeing the progress of the TRPU and wishes Insp. Tahal well on his new journey as head of the unit.

Nine Arrested in George Town Operation, One Man Charged for Firearm Offences

Just after 1PM on Friday, 18th March, a joint operation between RCIPS & CBC was conducted at a bar and other establishments near the junction of Shedden Road and Eastern Avenue.

During the operation a 26-year-old-man of George Town, who attempted to evade the officers at the location was detained and searched. During the search, a loaded handgun was found in his possession. He was arrested in relation to the firearm and taken into custody, where he remained pending further investigation.

The man has since been formally charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm and Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition). He appeared before the court today, Monday 21st March where he was remanded to return on Friday 1 April.

A number of persons and premises were searched resulting in officers recovering vegetable matter resembling ganja, illegal gambling paraphernalia and a significant quantity of cash was seized as criminal property. This led to the arrest of eight (8) other persons for:

1. A 44-year-old-man of George Town on suspicion of possession of ganja and possession of ganja with intent to supply.
 2. A 32-year-old-woman of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling.
 3. A 67-year-old-man of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling.
 4. A 34-year-old-man of East End on suspicion of possession of ganja.
 5. A 19-year-old-woman of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling and operating a common gaming house.
 6. A 33-year-old-woman of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling and operating a common gaming house.
 7. A 22-year-old-woman of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling and operating a common gaming house.
 8. A 47-year-old-woman of George Town on suspicion of illegal gambling and operating a common gaming house.
- These matters are all on-going and are being investigated by the police.

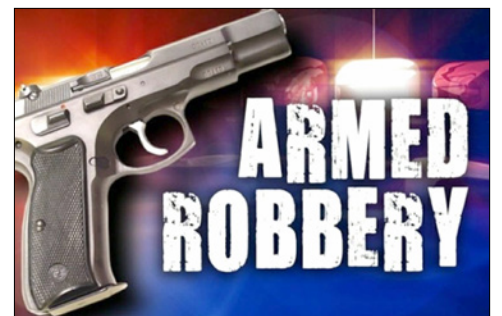
Police Investigate Armed Robbery on Crewe Road

At about 8:30PM on Monday night, 21 March, officers responded to a report of a robbery at a food truck on Crewe Road. It was reported that a masked man wearing dark clothes and riding a bicycle approached the business, brandished a firearm and demanded cash from the staff. He then fled the location on the bicycle with a quantity of cash, travelling in the direction of the King's Roundabout.

No shots were fired and no one was injured during the incident.

The suspect is described as being about 5'9" and was dressed in a grey jacket and dark pants, wearing a black mask.

The matter is currently under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed the incident, seen someone fitting the description



in the area, or who may have any other info, is asked to contact George Town CID 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>.

Man Arrested in Cayman Brac on Suspicion of Theft Offences

At about 11:40AM on Tuesday, 22 March, officers on patrol on Creek Road in Cayman Brac approached a man who was wanted for offenses committed in Grand Cayman. Officers attempted to arrest the man, however he began to behave in a disorderly manner and resisted arrest while holding a knife which he had been carrying on his person. Officers were able to disarm the man, age 48 of George Town, and arrested him on suspi-

cion of theft and handling stolen goods.

The man suffered minor injuries during the incident and was treated by medical personnel. One of the officers involved was also injured and attended Faith Hospital, was treated, and subsequently discharged.

The man was further arrested for resisting arrest and assaulting police. He has been transported to Grand Cayman, and remains in custody as investigations continue.

GAS PRICES



Location	Gas Station	Regular	Premium	Diesel
East End	Eastern Star Rubis (Woody's)	5.29	—	5.12
NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	5.46	5.68	5.26
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	5.34	5.54	5.08
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	5.38	5.7	5.25
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	5.34	5.54	5.07
Red Bay	Barcam	5.38	5.7	5.25
Red Bay	On The Run (Brown's Red Bay)	5.38	5.7	5.25
George Town	Peanuts	5.22	5.52	4.86
George Town	Jose's Escape	5.19	5.49	4.99
George Town	Refuel	5.07	5.45	4.9
George Town	Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS)H&B 11	5.38	5.72	5.3
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	5.24	5.59	5.12
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	5.34	5.54	5.05
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	5.36	5.7	5.2
George Town	On The Run (Brown's Industrial Park)	5.36	5.7	5.25
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	5.33	5.7	5.2
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	5.38	5.72	5.25
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	5.22	5.52	5.12
West Bay	Hell Esso	5.38	5.7	5.15
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	—	—	—
George Town	Scotts Landing	—	5.57	4.85
Cayman Brac	West End	—	5.58	5.7
Cayman Brac	Tib Mart	—	5.58	—
Little Cayman	Village Square	—	6.36	6.84

Lowest Prices	Grand Cayman	5.07	5.45	4.85
Highest Prices	Grand Cayman	5.46	5.72	5.3

Fuel prices have increased across the board from 1 March, 2022
Fuel prices have increased by at least 20% from the same period one year ago.

FUEL EXPENSE REDUCTION



Frequent and fast acceleration – Avoid heavy acceleration and drive below the speed limit. Frequent and swift acceleration burns fuel at a faster rate.



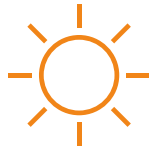
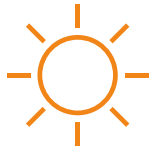





Additional Weight – Empty your car trunk of heavy items that can be located elsewhere. Your vehicle will use more fuel when carrying heavier loads.



Vehicle Replacement – Consider replacing your vehicle with a fuel efficient model.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
29° / 24°	28° / 24°	28° / 25°	28° / 25°	26° / 26°	26° / 26°	27° / 26°
An a.m. shower; mostly cloudy	A thunderstorm in spots	Sunny and increasingly windy	Windy with plenty of sunshine	Some rain and a thunderstorm	Mostly sunny and windy	Mostly sunny

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES FEATURE IN NEW UK ECONOMIC CRIMES LAW

New legislation fast-tracked through the UK parliament has once again put Cayman and other Overseas Territories at the centre of what the British government says are “new measures to tackle corrupt elites and dirty money”.

The Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill passed last week, establishes a register of overseas entities and their beneficial owners, amends financial sanctions law, and reforms the UK’s Unexplained Wealth Order (UWO) to empower criminal investigators.

The new law which was passed with support from the Opposition parties includes a requirement for annual reports on transparency and enforcement in the Crown Dependencies and the Overseas Territories.

The urgency of the legislation was linked to concerns over the questionable origins of the colossal wealth of Russian oligarchs traced to London and the financial sectors of the UK’s overseas dependencies.

This comes in the wake of the international reaction to Russia’s brutal war against Ukraine in which a number of Russian oligarchs are implicated as being close allies of President Vladimir Putin.

An increasing array of crippling sanctions in the ever-increasing widening net are already freezing their finances and assets, as well as targeting the Russian government and economy.

According to some estimates, of around 95,000 properties in England and Wales owned by overseas companies, three-quarters are said to be held by companies in the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

During the debate in the Commons (Parliament), the requirement for the new legislation to be enforceable in the OTs and Crown Dependencies was pressed by several MPs.

Among them was Robert Jenrick of the ruling Conservative Party and a former cabinet minister.

“If I wanted to conceal the ownership of a property, I would simply set up a shell company in the British Virgin Islands through a nominee in which case, I am sorry to say, all our efforts today would be for nought. We must resolve that before the Bill completes its passage through both Houses.”

Opposition Labour Party MP, Peter Dowd, called for the OTs to be drawn into the loop.

“Our British Overseas Territories are often at the centre of these networks of dodgy financial flows, depriving citizens everywhere through tax avoidance and evasion,” he stated. “We cannot allow the Crown dependencies and overseas territories to be used to undermine stronger rules on beneficial ownership in Britain.”

The OTs connection was also raised by another Labour Party MP, Margaret Hodge: “My understanding from both Transparency International and Global Witness is that most properties are bought through shell companies—often located in the British Virgin Islands—probably as a mechanism for laundering money.”

And, Alyn Smith of the Scottish National Party (SNP), said while they support the bill, it needed more focus on the OTs.

“The Bill does not deal properly with Crown dependencies and overseas territories. We believe there is a real risk of displacement—that as the rules change here, there will be movement into trusts in overseas territories—so this needs to be done as a comprehensive package.”

HOUSE OF LORDS

In the House of Lords debate, Baroness Kramer of the Liberal Democrats asked: “How confident are the Government that the Crown dependencies and Overseas Territories have adequate

sanctions and controls and enforcement capacity?”

Viscount Colville of Culross, an independent (crossbencher) also raised a similar concern. “It is good to know that the United Kingdom Government have finally decided to track down the beneficial owners of so much property in this country. My concern is that much of it is held by companies registered in the Crown dependencies and overseas territories.”

Liberal Democrat Lord Fox, summarised several concerns raised by other members which he argued should be included in the legislation.

“We heard about company shells and about trusts, freeports and whistleblowers, the need to be more deeply retrospective as well as the issue of speeding up disclosure from Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories. Virtually none of those substantive issues appear in Part 1 of this Bill.”

Another independent member (crossbencher) in the House of Lords, Viscount Waverly, sought assurance that the British government would engage the OTs and other members of the Commonwealth on this issue.

“Would the Minister consider this as a subject for the upcoming



Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting?” he asked. “Will he represent the Government in fully engaging with all Commonwealth countries, including the Overseas Territories, so as to encourage the English-speaking world to understand fully all these measures, because they should all engage with this, and we do after all share a common judicial system?”

And Lord Eatwell of the Labour Party drew this comparison between London and the OTs financial sectors.

“A study by Professor Jason Sharman of Cambridge University found that it was impossible to establish a shell company in the Cayman Islands, the Bahamas or

Jersey, but easy to do it in London,” he stated.

Following the passage of the new law, a UK Government statement said: “The new Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act introduced following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, will mean the Government can move more quickly to impose sanctions against oligarchs already designated by our allies, as well as intensifying our sanctions enforcement.”

It also stated that a new Register of Overseas Entities, requiring those behind foreign companies which own UK property to reveal their identities, will also be created under the act.



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Trini pair are top of the world

Trinidad and Tobago's track and field community has plenty to be positive about after two recent performances put a spotlight on its sporting excellence. First, decorated javelin thrower Keshorn Walcott won gold in at the Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta, Georgia, while sprinter Jereem Richards became his country's first gold medallist in the men's 400 metres at the World Athletics Indoor Championships in Belgrade, Serbia.



► Keshorn Walcott triumphed again

In a breath-taking 84.68 metres throw, Walcott beat off his closest rivals, Americans Curtis Thompson (76.68m) and Ethan Shalaway (75.06m). It was Walcott's first meet since competing at the Tokyo Olympics last year.

Richards set a new championship record of 45.00 seconds by breaking the national indoor record of 45.03, which was previously held by Trinbagonian track and fielder Deon Lendore, who died in a car accident in Texas two months ago. Richards dedicated his win to his late teammate.

Three world records on the final day of competition, combined with a record number of countries qualifying for finals, ensured that the World Athletics Indoor Championships Belgrade 22 ended perfectly.

It also saw Italian Marcell Jacobs consolidate his claim as the world's fastest man, following his surprise Olympic 100m gold medal with a world indoor 60m title by three thousandths of a second over America's Christian Coleman.



► Jereem Richards won the world indoor 400m

Jacobs rallied in the final strides to overtake Coleman, the world's fastest 100m sprinter in the last Olympic cycle who missed the Tokyo Games due to a ban over missed drug tests. Coleman also holds the 60m world record of 6.34 seconds from 2018.

Both men clocked 6.41 seconds on Saturday. Jacobs' time to the thousandth was 6.407 to Coleman's 6.410. Another American, Marvin Bracy, took bronze in 6.44.

"I believe in myself and my potential," said Jacobs, a 27-year-old El Paso native who had not broken 10 seconds in the 100m before 2021, then won Olympic gold in 9.80. "If I win both championships outdoors [European and worlds], I will make a history."

Coleman and Jacobs will clash again at the biggest meet of the year, the world outdoor championships, in Eugene, Oregon, in July.

The first of Sunday's world records came in the women's triple jump, as

Yulimar Rojas produced a sensational 15.74m that improves on her 15.67m outdoor leap that won the Olympics last summer.

America's Grant Holloway secured his spot in the men's 60m hurdles final in superb style, equalling his own world record of 7.29. Just an hour later he returned to win his second world title in 7.39.

Then the spotlight moved to the men's pole vault. Returning to the scene of his 6.19m world record set recently, Sweden's Olympic champion Mondo Duplantis won his first senior world title with a 6.05m clearance, then delivered again. After two years and 54 attempts at 6.19m, his improvement to 6.20m took just two weeks and three attempts.

Ethiopia topped the medal table for the first time at the World Indoor Championships with four gold, three silver and two bronze, while United States finished second with 19 medals (three gold).

Unchanged Windies fighting for pride

West Indies have an unchanged 13-man squad for the third Test against England at Grenada, which started on Thursday, with the series locked at 0-0 following draws in the opening two matches in Antigua and Barbados.

It is the third time in the series that West Indies have named the same 13 players, a reflection of their fighting spirit shown as they look to defend a proud home record of only one series loss against England since 1968.

Captain Kraigg Brathwaite was the mainstay of their draw in Barbados on Sunday, batting for nearly 16 hours across his two innings of the Test, making 160 and 56 not out from a total of 673 balls, the most ever faced by a West Indian in a completed Test match.

Jermaine Blackwood, the vice-captain, also made a first-innings hundred - his third in Tests and second against England - as West Indies posted 411 in their first innings, stretched across 187.5 overs.

"We were very impressed with the captain Kraigg Brathwaite showing the fight in the both innings and the way he led from the front with the bat," Desmond Haynes, West Indies' lead selector, said.



► Kraigg Brathwaite has led magnificently

"Also, Jermaine Blackwood and the way he played in the first innings to get a century. They batted very well together. We really appreciated the fighting spirit from the batting department."

"It was good that, after England put up 500, we as a team could fight and put 400 back," Brathwaite said. "That's the attitude we want, and the fans want to see. Once you continuously have the right attitude, our Test [results] will go up."

West Indies squad: Kraigg Brathwaite (capt), Jermaine Blackwood, Nkrumah Bonner, Shamarh Brooks, John Campbell, Joshua Da Silva, Jason Holder, Alzarri Joseph, Kyle Mayers, Veerasammy Permaul, Anderson Phillip, Kemar Roach, Jayden Seales

Usyk breaks from war for another one

Ukrainian heavyweight star Oleksandr Usyk has been permitted to leave the country amid the ongoing Russian invasion to prepare for his world title defence against Anthony Joshua.

Usyk, 35, who was preparing to help his country in military combat, will begin training for a rematch with Joshua this summer. Usyk won a unanimous decision over Joshua in London last September to grab the WBO, IBF and WBA

heavyweight titles. Joshua, 32, immediately invoked the rematch clause.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine obviously meant Usyk's focus would be elsewhere for the time being. It also removed any chance of staging the event in Kyiv.

George Kambosos Jr. was slated to fight Usyk's compatriot, Vasiliy Lomachenko, in June for the undisputed lightweight championship. The fight is off because Lomachenko chose to stay in Ukraine.



► Oleksandr Usyk believes he can beat Joshua again

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Education Council Local Scholarship applications

Ongoing until 30 April - The Ministry of Education (MOE) is now accepting Cayman Islands Government (CIG) Education Council Local Scholarship applications for the 2022/2023 academic year. Scholarships are open to Caymanian students who have been accepted to pursue tertiary studies at a local institution. These include the Truman Bodden Law School (TBLS), University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI), International College of the Cayman Islands (ICCI) and UWI Open Campus. For information on local scholarships, email the Scholarship Secretariat Unit at scholarships@gov.ky. Applications close at 11:59 PM on Saturday, 30 April.

National Gallery's Teen Art Drop-In

26 March - Teens are invited to drop-in to the National Gallery's Susan A. Olde Art Studio from 12pm-1pm on the last Saturday of the month. Engage with other like-minded individuals, create collaborative projects, and enjoy a quiet, mindful art space. Pre-registration is not required, but unaccompanied individuals under the age of 18 must complete a waiver signed by a parent/guardian. Teen Art Drop Ins are part of NG-

CI's Art & Wellness programme, facilitated in partnership with the Alex Panton Foundation's Youth Ambassador Programme.

Women Owned Business Pop Up Market

26 March - As part of HWM, you are invited to support local female entrepreneurs by attending a Women Owned Business Pop Up Market on March at Camana Bay 26th from 11 to 4pm. For more information, head to frc.gov.ky or call 949 - 0006.

Plastic Free Cayman - Beach Clean Up

27 March - Plastic Free Cayman is holding their monthly clean up at Bakers National Park on Sunday, 27th March at 8am. All are welcomed - please bring a reusable water bottle, hat and gloves if you have them.

Seeds & Plants Exchange at Cayman Creative Gardening Club

27 March - Seed and plant enthusiasts of all ages are invited to a Seed and Plant Exchange event on Sunday 27 March at Central Terrace, Bayshore Mall, South Church Street, Waterfront, George Town, Grand Cayman beginning at 2:00pm. Rooted plants in water

or soil and healthy and pest free plants are accepted. There will be plants, music, food and more. Admission is free. Register at caymanclub@gmail.com.

Free Cardio Dance with Quintessential Movement

29 March - The National Gallery presents a free session of Cardio Dance with Quintessential Movement on March 29 at 6pm. Get your sweat on while learning fun choreography to popular songs. RSVP to education@nationalgallery.org.ky

Student Registration

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

Mosaic of Music - Cayman National Choir & Orchestra

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



► Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run

Spring Fair at Pedro Castle

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

Tea & Croquet - Cayman Brac

2 April - The Brac Branch of CIHS Saturday is having Tea & Croquet on April 2 from 1:00 pm to 4.30pm at the West End Park, Cayman Brac. General admission is \$15 and includes Croquet Activities &

Refreshments. Raffle Tickets will be on sale at \$5 each or 3 for \$10 (need not be present to win). The winner will be announced at 4pm. For tournament information, call Doug Ross at 924-6412. Tournament players must pre-register & arrive at 8.30am. Benefits support Veterinary Clinic for Sister Islands.

Turtle Crawl 5K Walk/Run

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

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

Do THIS not THAT!

Most people say they want to be fit, and yet only a very small percentage actually are fit. Why is this? Because they are doing the WRONG THINGS!

Here are 5 examples to get you started on your fitness journey...

#1: DO THIS: Exercise Daily

The truly fit among us choose to hit the gym instead of getting extra sleep, watching TV or doing whatever else it is that you'd rather be doing. Exercise is a daily habit that simply becomes a way of life, rather than a task that's begrudgingly undertaken on occasion. Incorporate challenging exercise until - gasp - you begin to enjoy and look forward to it!

NOT THIS: Forget Exercise

Your focus is to spend your spare time being as relaxed as possible. This means plenty of kicking back on the couch. The less that you use your muscles, the more aches, pains and mobility limitations you'll experience. Oh, and if you're consuming more calories than your natural metabolism burns then you'll steadily gain weight.

#2: DO THIS: Eat Clean - All The Time

Choose your meals based on nutrition rather than taste and desire. This means plenty of salads, lettuce wrapped sandwiches and lean protein at most meals. Being fit means making it a habit to limit your intake of simple carbohydrates and get lots of protein and fiber.

NOT THIS: Eat For Taste

Eat whatever sounds and tastes good. Our human palate is naturally drawn to items that are high in sugar, salt and fat so your eat-whatever-diet will naturally be filled with these fattening foods and will be lacking in protein and fiber. You'll find your weight increases, and your energy levels plummet, accordingly.

#3: DO THIS: No Room For Junk

Truly fit people turn down their favorite junk foods - even when they really, really want it. Treats and indulgences are saved for special occasions, and the fact that it's Monday or that there's traffic doesn't count as a special occasion (nice try though!). Cut out simple sugars and harmful, processed fats out of your diet completely.

NOT THIS: Say YES to junk food. Snacks and meals purchased at convenience stores and fast food restaurants are a staple in your diet. And as I mentioned above, your favorite foods are likely high in sugar, salt and fat. Your indulgent eating is going to raise the number on your scale higher, and higher, in addition to putting you at risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes and other weight related ailments.

#4: DO THIS: Push Harder

Being fit is a constant progression. You push your body to be stronger, faster and better during each workout. There's no such thing as simply going through the

motions of your routine - instead your focus is to consistently challenge your muscles to do more each day.

NOT THIS: Stay Comfortable

Your goal is to be comfy. This means use as little muscular strength as you can on a daily basis. When you don't use your muscles they begin to atrophy (shrink!), leaving you with less lean tissue. Since lean tissue raises your metabolism, a drop in lean tissue means you'll be burning fewer calories at rest than ever before causing fat gain to be automatic.

#5: DO THIS: Control Calories

Forget the unlimited buffet line. Being fit requires that you limit your total calories to within an appropriate range for your size and goals. Remember, even healthy calories can add up to weight gain when you're not careful, so calorie control becomes a way of life.

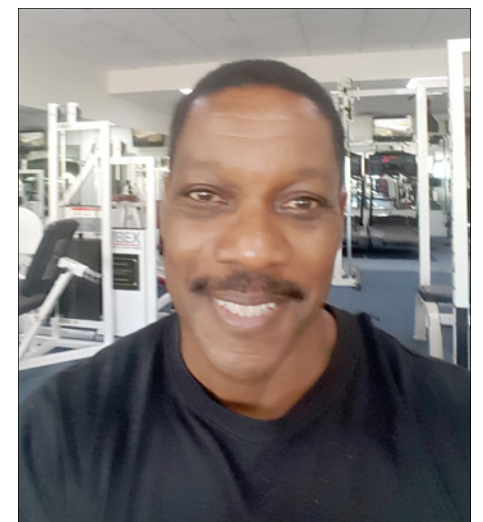
NOT THIS: Pile It On

There's no limit on how much you eat - in fact, more is better. As a result you often feel sluggish from your overloaded digestive system. And your motivation to exercise and turn your Flab Life into a Fit Life gets dimmer and dimmer.

Which choice will you make?

The truth is that both of these lifestyles are hard. Just depends on which hard you'd rather deal with.

The Fit Life's hard has to do with discipline, motivation and determination. It's about doing the right thing rather than the



► Ernest Ebanks

easy thing. Most of all, the Fit Life is about constantly striving forward.

The Flab Life's hard has to do with excess fat, aches, pains and physical limitations. It's about avoiding doing the hard thing now and ending up with a body that's just plain hard to live in. Most of all, the Flab Life is about NOT taking action.

Which hard do you choose?

If you'd like the Fit Life then take action now by calling Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Fitness Studio or emailing bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today to get started on a fitness program that's going to be hard. And rewarding. And life changing.

The best kind of hard.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of George Vyrion Hurlston who passed away on Thursday March 17, 2022.

A Graveside Service will be held at Prospect Cemetery, Grand Cayman on Sunday April, 04, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Viewing: Closed Casket



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

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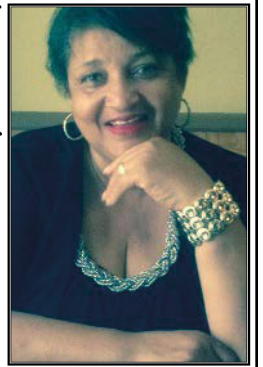
Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Lorraine Whittaker who passed away on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Light of the World Christian Fellowship, Lion Centre, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, April, 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Interment: Prospect Cemetery



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Lana Sharon Zelaya, who passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022.

A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the Elmslie Memorial United Church, 108A Seafarers Way, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Viewing: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Interment: Prospect Cemetery

Special Notice: Family and friends can wear the Down Syndrome colors (Yellow or Blue) in honor of Lana Sharon Zelaya.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Howard Scott Vernon, who passed away on Sunday February 13, 2022.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at New Testament Church of God, 126 N Sound Rd, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, March, 26, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Interment at: Prospect



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

The family of the late **Elizabeth Vaneta "Juanita" Smith** regret to announce her passing on 9 March, 2022.



A funeral service will be held 10:00 am at Wesleyan Holiness Church, West Bay on Saturday 26 March 2022

Interment will follow at the West Bay Cemetery.



Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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7th May, 1924 - 26th March, 2021

"Well done, good and faithful servant" - Matthew 25:23

Dearest Dad,
Remembering and missing you.
One year seems like a life time without you.
Love you always,
Your Family



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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

AN AMAZING LOVE- Malachi 1: 1-10

The final, major historic acts of the Old Testament are described in Ezra and Nehemiah as God allowed the people of Israel to return from exile and settle in Jerusalem. The City of David was repopulated, a new temple built, and the wall repaired. And that brings us to Malachi.

This prophet, who was most likely a contemporary of Nehemiah, brings the written portion of the Old Testament to a close. I HAVE LOVED YOU," it says. Marvellous!!!!

This is amazing. Isn't it? Their history had proven God's faithfulness, yet after hundreds of years in which God continually provided for His chosen people in both miraculous and mundane ways, they wondered how HE COULD LOVE THEM SO. Yes! No matter your condition, how far away from God you are, HE LOVE YOU. Jesus' death on the cross is the culmination of this AMAZING LOVE. Have you experienced it/ Accept Jesus as your Saviour. HIS LOVE PASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING.

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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- Balance
- Bearing
- Bite
- Blown
- Board
- Cast
- Come
- Done
- Dose
- Draw
- Flow
- Grown
- Hang
- Haul
- Hear
- Heat
- Joy
- Load
- Look
- Lord
- Night
- Paid
- Power
- Ride
- Rule
- Seas
- Shadow
- Sight
- Take
- Throw
- View

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 38 Inert gas

1 Finish a golf hole 39 Borders

5 Crescent's tip 41 Spots

9 Two-faced god

10 Egyptian dam site

12 Sports site

13 Too trusting

14 Spelunkers

16 Horse healer

17 Keats poems

18 Out-of-the-park hits

21 Actor Kingsley

22 Venice byways

23 Deeply touched

24 Makes rugs

26 "Zip-A-Dee-Doo- —"

29 Piano pedal

30 Therefore

31 Broad st.

32 Frugal fellows

34 Pithy

37 West Pointer

DOWN

1 Holiday event

2 Irregular

3 Melodies

4 Nicholas II, for one

5 Soup buy

6 Much of N. Amer.

7 Rotate

8 Patio stones

9 Esau's twin

11 Brooklyn team

15 Young lads

19 Wallet bills

20 Fuming

22 Place to put in

23 Atlas page of

24 Vacillates

25 Come into view

26 Search the riverbed

A	R	G	O	S	T	A	B	S
L	E	A	N	S	C	O	V	E
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R	E	C	U	R	M	O	V	E
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Saturday's answer

15 Young lads 27 Concur

19 Wallet throwers

20 Fuming fill

22 Place to put in clear

23 Atlas page of cards

24 Vacillates 33 High

25 Come into view 35 Bart, to Homer

26 Search the riverbed 36 Finale

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Have fun with CAYMANIAN TIMES

CURTIS By Ray Billingsley

I'M GOING TO ASK SIRI WHO WAS THE DUDE WHO WORE THE FIRST NECKTIE?

JUST WHO WAS THE FIRST DUDE THAT SLUNG A STRIP OF CLOTH 'ROUND HIS NECK AND SAID, "HEY, THIS LOOKS GOOD!"

AND WAS EMBRACED, FOUND ACCEPTABLE BY SO MANY DUDES

WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, ASK SIRI WHO WAS THE FIRST DUDE WHO WORE SAGGY PANTS?

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN By Stan Lee

THE NEW MEXICO DESERT...

YEP... MY SHIP'S ALL RECHARGED AND GOOD TO GO!

BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN SQUEEZE ROMAN IN WITH YOU?

YOU GOT A POINT, RED.

C'MON, WEB-FACE-PUT YOUR BACK INTO IT!

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STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 8-30

JUDGE PARKER By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Illustration of a woman in a courtroom setting.

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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Royal tour blighted by protests

Jamaica's desire to become a republic is gaining momentum after the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge met opposition to their Royal tour in Kingston on Tuesday, days after they were forced to scrap a visit in Belize following demonstrations there too. Besides a protest in Jamaica, there was one at the Jamaica High Commission, London too.

In Jamaica, a group of politicians, business leaders, academics and doctors have called for the British monarchy to pay slavery reparations in an open letter. After their trip got off to a complicated start due to an anti-colonialist protest over

the weekend, Kate Middleton and Prince William officially began their tour of the Caribbean with a visit to a cocoa farm in Belize on Monday.

Instead of the original farm they planned to visit, the couple stopped by the family-run Che'il Mayan Cacao Farm and Chocolate Factory in Maya Centre Village, touring the farm and learning about the process of turning raw cacao into Mayan chocolate.

The royals were in Kingston until Thursday, before departing for the Bahamas for the final two days of the tour. All three nations on the trip are Commonwealth member states.



► Prince William and Kate were not universally welcomed



► The Jamaica High Commission in London also had a protest

In November, Barbados became a republic after removing the Queen as its head of state, but remained part of the Commonwealth. Other English-speaking Caribbean nations are considering doing the same.

The royals were greeted by Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Senator Kamina Johnson Smith in Jamaica. Their tour is part of a celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The Jamaican group stated in the letter: "We see no reason to celebrate 70 years of the ascension of your grandmother to the British throne because her leadership, and that of her predecessors, have perpetuated the greatest human rights tragedy in the history of humankind." It was signed by 100 Jamaican leaders.

"During her 70 years on the throne, your grandmother has done nothing to redress and atone for the suffering of our ancestors that took place during her reign and/or during the entire period of British trafficking of Africans, enslavement, indenture ship and colonialization," it reads.

Hundreds of thousands of enslaved African people toiled in Jamaica under more than 300 years of British rule and faced brutal conditions.

In their letter, the Jamaican leaders said they would be celebrating 60 years of freedom from the United Kingdom – but stressed that an apology was "necessary to begin a process of healing, forgiveness, reconciliation and compensation".

Honduras tackling corruption and crime

A judge in Honduras has ruled that former President Juan Orlando Hernández should be extradited to the United States to face drug trafficking and weapons charges. Last Wednesday's decision came one month after police arrested Hernández at his home at the request of the US government.

While Hernández was president, he was untouchable for Honduras' co-opted justice system and successive U.S. administrations made no move to alienate him.

Meanwhile, a court in Honduras convicted former first lady Rosa Elena Bonilla of corruption Thursday for the second time. Bonilla was sentenced to 58 years in prison in September 2019 for embezzling more than \$1 million in government money between 2010 and 2014, when her husband, Porfirio Lobo, was president.

But the Supreme Court of Justice overturned her conviction six months later, citing procedural problems and ordering a new trial. That second trial resulted in a conviction too.

Another encouraging sign is that a notorious MS-13 gang leader long wanted by the United States has been arrested in Honduras.

Tokiro Rodas, 41, was playing in a recreation league soccer match when security forces took him into custody in Valle on Friday. The native of El Salvador, who is also known by the street name of 'El Perverso' or 'The Perverse,' was apprehended



► Tokiro Rodas was arrested in his football uniform

along with four other members of the notorious street gang.

Rodas was arrested on two extradition warrants that had been issued by the US in 2014 and earlier this month.

Rodas was among five MS-13 members indicted by the US District Court in 2011. Federal prosecutors accused Rodas of participating in murder, distribution of drugs, extortion, robberies and obstruction of justice, among other charges.

Authorities say that there was frequent contact between MS-13 members located in El Salvador, Honduras and those who resided in the Washington area.

Antigua sailing event gets four more years

Antigua and Barbuda has signed an agreement to host the prestigious RORC Caribbean 600 sailing event for another four years which is a huge boost for its tourism industry.

A Ministry of Tourism statement said: "The renewal means that the destination will continue to attract sailing elite and promising sailors, building Antigua and Barbuda's reputation as the 'Sailing Capital of the Caribbean'."

The agreement was signed by Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Minister Charles Fernandez, Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority CEO Colin C. James and Royal Ocean Race Club CEO Jeremy Wilton.

Antigua has been making it a priority to cultivate the sailing and yachting sectors as a means of economic development.

"We continue to globally promote and position Antigua and Barbuda as a safe and picturesque location for the sailing community to enjoy local, regional and international regattas throughout the year," Fernandez said. "We are also thrilled to have opportunities where we can expose our Antiguan and Barbudan talent and spotlight their performance, as was seen in this year's race."

This year's RORC Caribbean 600 attracted 74 teams with 738 sailors hailing from 32 different nations, generating millions of dollars from various sources.



► Antigua hugely benefits from the RORC Caribbean 600