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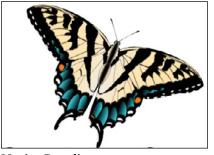
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Cayman places 2nd runner up at International Pageant

For the first time ever, with a packed ballroom at the Hotel Indigo, the Cayman Islands was the backdrop to the Miss Global International 2024 pageant. The 20th anniversary celebration was filled with excitement as the beautiful Arian Richmond of Guyana was crowned making her country proud and shining a spotlight on its rich culture and diversity. First runner up was awarded to the beau-

tiful Selena Grant from the Turks and Caicos, who showcased her grace, poise, and

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) introduced for worldwide visitors to the UK

Electronic Travel Authorisations (ETAs) are being introduced worldwide for visitors, including children, to the UK who do not currently need a visa for short stays or transit through the UK, or who do not already have a UK immigration status. An ETA gives permission to travel to the UK and it is electronically linked to passports. The process for BOTC passport holders has not changed. British (including BOTC) and Irish citizens do not need an ETA.

This new requirement is being rolled out in two stages:

• Eligible non-Europeans can apply in advance from 27th November 2024 and

will need an ETA to travel from 9th January 2025

• Eligible Europeans can apply from 5th March 2025 and will need an ETA to travel from 2nd April 2025

An ETA is not a visa, it does not permit entry to the UK. BOTC passport holders, and others, who require a visa to remain in the UK longer term will still need to apply for a visa. For information on applying for a visa, please visit https://www.gov.uk/ apply-to-come-to-the-uk

For more information and guidance on how to apply for an ETA, visit www.gov. uk/guidance/check-when-you-can-getan-electronic-travel-authorisation-eta

Travellers Urged to Check Passports



With Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays approaching, the Passport and Corporate Services Office is urging travellers to check their passports ahead of travel time to ensure they are valid.

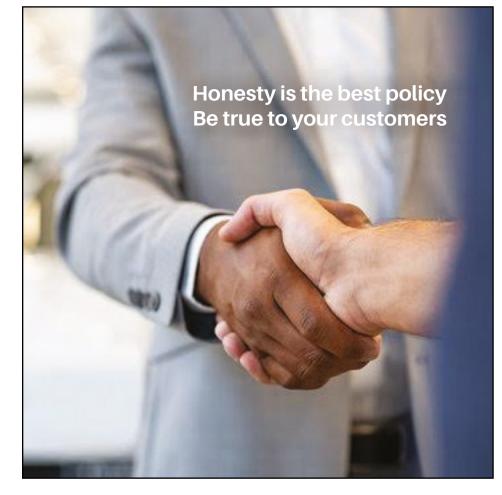
The office is encouraging residents to: • Check their passport expiry date to ensure validity for the dates of travel,

• Check that their passport is valid based on the country's entry requirements. For example, when travelling to the United States, the British Overseas Territories passport must be valid for at least six months after the date of intended departure from United States,

• Apply for or renew passports before travel time, and

• Apply for any necessary visas as required for their travel.

Persons who wish to contact the Passport and Corporate Services Office may call 345-649-7678 or 345-943-7678, or email, passport&corporate@gov.ky.



CIPS Launches New Customer Feedback Initiatives



In a continued effort to enhance customer service and gather valuable feedback, the Cayman Islands Postal Service (CIPS) is pleased to announce the launch of two new initiatives to improve the customer feedback process. These initiatives will roll out this month and are designed to capture feedback from all customers, focusing on those who may have concerns or suggestions for improvement.

To gather more insights from customers with P.O. boxes, CIPS will place cards featuring a "Happy or Not" QR code in every post box. Customers are encouraged to scan the code and share their experience regarding mail delivery and related services. This user-friendly process enables customers to provide immediate feedback by scanning the code with their smartphone.

Additionally, to engage directly with customers who visit postal counters, CIPS



will provide new business cards to all counter staff. These cards will feature the same "Happy or Not" QR code, along with the email address of the staff supervisor. This will offer customers an easy and accessible way to provide further feedback or comments beyond the quick response options available via the QR code.

Postmaster General Sheena Glasgow emphasised the importance of hearing from customers, stating, "We value all feedback, but we want to create more opportunities to hear from the not-so-happy customers, as this feedback helps us improve the most."

CIPS remains committed to continuously improving service delivery and ensuring that every customer interaction is positive. These new initiatives offer an opportunity to make the feedback process easier and more responsive.

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ARTS & CULTURE



Cayman places 2nd Runner up at International Pageant





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intelligence and second runner up went to none other than our very own stunning representative, Caitlin Tyson from the Cayman Islands, who captivated the audience with her charm and elegance. Tyson can now add an international pageant runner up to her resume, making her the first one to do that in over 30 years. In 2018 she captured the nations queen title of Miss Universe Cayman Islands.

The Cayman Islands shone bright like a diamond where 19 delegates from around the world stood tall on the stage representing their respective countries and showing the world the true essence of beauty and confidence. It was a moment of celebration for all of the beautiful and accomplished women as they basked in the glory of their achievements, leaving a lasting impression on the Cayman Islands and everyone watching on the live stream.

Top 10 honors went to Chile, Cayman Islands, Guyana, Turks and Caicos, Latvia, Philippines, San Andres, India, USA and United Kingdom with Top 5 being Turks



and Caicos, Guyana, Philippines, San Andres and Cayman Islands. Special Awards of the evening were:

Miss Best Catwalk (Tied) LATVIA and Turks and Caicos Miss Social Impact South Africa Best in Swimwear MISS POLAND Miss Photogenic TURKS and CAICOS Miss Personality INDIA Special awards of Best smile, Best in

gown, Best Talent, Miss Community Minded and Miss Congeniality all went to GUYANA.

The winners collectively enjoyed prize packages inclusive of cash and gifts, totalling over \$25 000.

Along with the evening's categories, the top three talents, that had competed against 13 of the other delegates two days earlier, were chosen to perform on stage at the Grand Coronation which included Cayman Islands, Guyana and Philippines with each contestant giving it their all, and the prize ultimately going to Guyana.

The week long journey in the Cayman Islands may have ended with this pageant, but the impact of a spectacular in-

GOVERNMENT **Guidelines for shoreline debris removal**

The Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency has issued guidance to property owners on the process to remove debris material, including large trees, from Crown Seabed and the shoreline. While a Coastal Works Permit is not required for the removal or clearance of debris or large fallen trees, affected property owners should complete the digital Coastal Works (Debris Removal) Notice form, which will notify the relevant Government agencies of proposed efforts to remove debris from the marine environment.

Once the form has been completed, the Departments of Planning, Lands and Survey, Environment, and the Recreation, Parks and Cemeteries Unit will automatically be made aware of the property owners' intentions. If necessary, each agency can then speak to the property owner.

The proposed debris removal process should meet the stated criteria. If it does not, or if it involves construction of any structures, beach modification, or excavation, a full Coastal Works Permit Application may be required. The criteria for debris removal from the Crown seabed or the shoreline without a coastal works permit are as follows:

• Work must be conducted from shore; no heavy equipment should enter the marine environment.

• Equipment used to remove the debris from the seabed/marine environment shall be such that avoids excavating sand (e.g. use pinchers/grabbers, or rock buckets) to ensure that no excess sand or natural rubble are removed from the beach.



• In instances where fine rubble/debris is to be removed, this will be done by hand collection.

• No causeway or fill material shall be placed on the beach (including for access).

• If a barge is to be used, it shall only operate in water with a depth of three feet or greater.

• Only man-made materials and debris shall be removed from the seabed with the exception of large trees that have fallen into the sea and/or are obstructing access along the foreshore.

• The removal works shall not include construction of any structures, beach modification, or excavation of any kind.

· Materials shall be stockpiled a minimum of 50 feet from the current high-water line.

· Removed debris shall be stockpiled on the parcel for inspection purposes to ensure that no excavation of sand has occurred.

Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Katherine Ebanks-Wilks said since the passing of the most recent storms, Cayman's shorelines had been left in a state that posed a major safety risk to anyone crossing the beach and ocean.

"Issuing this urgently needed guidance on the safe removal of debris is only the first step to addressing our compromised beaches," she stated. "Tackling the beach erosion will require a cross-ministerial approach, and involvement by the private sector to develop short, medium and long-term solutions to the issues relating to beach erosion. This Guidance Note provides directions to affected property owners and ensures that the removal of debris can be done in a safe and efficient manner."

The Ministry said that any unauthorised coastal works, including unpermitted construction of docks and/or excavation or dredging may attract fines or penalties in accordance with Section 21 of the National Conservation Act. Property owners are advised that they, and not the Government, will be liable for any and all liability arising from any activity by them, their agents, contractors or others working on their behalf in undertaking the clearing/removal of debris or related activity.

A Ministry statement said: "The onus is on the property owner to ensure that all agents, contractors or others working on their behalf are authorised to do so, and have all necessary, valid business licences and/or permits (including from the Department of Planning as necessary). Further, if a project requires the use or access of other private property not owned by the Property Owner, the onus is on the Property Owner to liaise with the relevant property owner(s) to secure the appropriate consent to use or access that private property."

If you require further information on the Guidance Note, please email coastal.works@ gov.ky.

GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS MATERIAL FROM CROWN SEABED

This Guidance Note is issued by the Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, MP, on 17 October 2024 in reference to a decision taken by the Cabinet at a meeting held on 14 October 2024.

INTRODUCTION

Due to considerable erosion and other storm-related impacts which have affected the southern end of Seven Mile Beach in October 2024, various coastal properties are experiencing debris, including man-made building materials and fallen trees, in the marine environment in front of their properties. The Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency (the "Ministry") recognises that these materials may pose risks to human health and safety, as well as to the marine environment.

Following a Cabinet meeting held on 14 October 2024, it was decided that Coastal Works Permit applications are not required to remove or clear-away certain debris from the marine environment, including man-made building materials or large trees that that have fallen into the sea and/or are obstructing access along the foreshore.

However, such an exception does not include coastal projects that involve construction of any structures, beach modification, or excavation of any kind; these projects are subject to the normal Coastal Works Permit Application process.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Property owners wishing to remove manmade debris or large trees that that have fallen into the sea and/or are obstructing access along the foreshore are advised to notify the relevant Cayman Islands Government agencies of proposed efforts to remove debris from the marine environment by completing the digital Coastal Works (Debris Removal) Notice form.

Upon completion of the form, the Departments of Planning, Lands and Survey, Environment, and the Recreation, Parks and Cemeteries Unit will automatically be made aware of the property owners' intentions. If necessary, each agency can then respond to the property owner(s) with any comments.

If the proposed project does not meet the criteria outlined below, a full Coastal Works Permit Application may be required. The criteria for man-made debris removal from the Crown seabed or the shoreline without a coastal works permit are as follows:

· Work must be conducted from shore; no heavy equipment shall enter the marine environment.

• Equipment used to remove the debris from the seabed/marine environment shall be such that avoids excavating sand (e.g. use pinchers/grabbers, or rock buckets); any sand and natural rubble shall be returned to the beach.

• In instances where fine rubble/debris is to be removed, this will be done by hand collection.

• No causeway or fill material shall be



placed on the beach (including for access). • If a barge is to be used, it shall operate in

water with a depth of 3 feet or greater only.

 Only man-made materials and debris shall be removed from the seabed with the exception of large trees that have fallen into the sea and/or are obstructing access along the foreshore.

• The removal works shall not include construction of any structures, beach modification, or excavation of any kind.

• Materials shall be stockpiled a minimum of 50 feet from the current high water line.

• Removed debris shall be stockpiled on the parcel for inspection purposes to ensure that no excavation of sand has occurred.

Ouestions regarding this Guidance Note or the Coastal Works Permit application process more generally may be sent to: coastal. works@gov.ky

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE

Property owners seeking support from the

Public Works Department for the necessary heavy equipment are advised to contact the Manager for the Recreation, Parks and Cemeteries Unit, Mr. Roderick Pierson by email to roderick.pierson@gov.ky or phone 345-926-2136.

Property owners are advised that they, and not the Government, will be liable for any and all liability arising from any activity by them, their agents, contractors or others working on their behalf in undertaking the clearing/ removal of debris or related activity.

The onus is on the Property Owner to ensure that all agents, contractors or others working on their behalf are authorised to do so, and have all necessary, valid business licences and/or permits (including from the Department of Planning as necessary).

Further, if a project requires the use/access of other private property not owned by the Property Owner, the onus is on the Property Owner to liaise with the relevant property owner(s) to secure the relevant consent to use/access that private property.

Cayman Brac Airport to Embark on Facility Upgrades

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) on Grand Cayman and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) on Cayman Brac, is pleased to announce upcoming renovations at CKIA that will enhance the passenger experience and operational efficiency. These improvements will focus on upgrading the Airport's passenger and cabin baggage security screening checkpoint area and the administrative offices over the next few weeks.

The passenger and cabin baggage security screening checkpoint area will undergo a comprehensive redesign aimed at improving the overall flow of passengers and enhancing safety. These changes will address the current challenges, including congestion and delays, and create a smoother, more efficient screening process, ultimately reducing bottlenecks during peak travel times.

New state-of-the-art advanced security screening equipment, including Walk-Through Metal Detector (WTMD) and X-ray machine, will be installed. The ren-



Charles Kirkconnell International Airport

ovation works in the security checkpoint area will also include new flooring installation, fresh painting of the area and replacement of the existing drop ceiling.

In addition to the passenger and cabin baggage security screening checkpoint

area enhancements, the administrative offices at CKIA will undergo renovations and redesigns to optimise the working environment for Airport staff. These improvements will involve reconfiguring office space and updating the aesthetics to create a more modern and efficient workspace.

Works in the administrative offices will also include removal of a wall and construction of a new one, new flooring installation, fresh painting of the area and replacement of the existing drop ceiling.

Works will commence 28 October 2024 and are expected to take three months to complete.

The CIAA is committed to ensuring that these upgrades cause minimal disruption to airport operations and appreciates the traveling public's understanding as these necessary upgrades take place.

Travelers are reminded that the recommended check in time is no later than one hour prior to departure for domestic jet flights and no later than 30 minutes for domestic express flights. However, for the duration of this project, it is suggested to add 30 minutes to those times, which will help to minimise any potential delays at the passenger and cabin baggage security checkpoint on departure due to these works being conducted at Charles Kirkconnell International Airport.

Water Authority's Geology Education Week 2024 Review

Water Authority – Cayman's Geology Education Week 2024 proved to be both engaging and insightful. 10 local high schools participated including Layman E. Scott High School in Cayman Brac. In total, over 300 students attended the lectures presented by Dr. Brian Jones, Geology professor and author of 'Geology of the Cayman Islands.' Dr. Jones also hosted a professional development course, which gave 20 government officials and local educators expert insight into the geological significance of the Cayman Islands and an opportunity to visit sites of geological significance in Grand Cayman.

For more information on the Water Authority, please visit www.waterauthority.ky



Dr. Jones leading this year's professional development course.

Cayman places 2nd runner

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ternational pageant successfully executed by MGI National Director Catherine Tyson-Sewell. President and owner of Miss Global International Mr Lachman Ramchandani had this to say "it is a night to be remembered and with Tyson-Sewell having only 4 months to pull this together makes it more momentous. She had done a remarkable job and has raised the brand to another level. I am proud to say that this is a start to great partnership."

The 19 queens return to their lives, along with the ones mentioned, to Argentina, Cuba, Hungary, Luxembourg, Peru, Poland, South Africa and Trinidad and Tobago, with rich memories of the Cayman Islands from having tea with our Governor, her Excellency Mrs Jane Owens, visiting with our senior citizens and 2 school visits, and among other things, swimming with turtles, holding stingrays, learning how to do the quadrille and plaiting thatch rope and Elton a police escorted motorcade, a first for many!

The incredible young ladies will continue to inspire generations to come since their reign as Miss Global International in their countries for the next year has just started. As for Miss Global International 2024, she will be busy promoting tourism and empowerment for women all over the world.

Elatedly thanking the Country Host organiser Tyson-Sewell, MGI President made a promise that after the spectacular show that was put on at the Azure Ballroom of Hotel Indigo Cayman, there would be more stagings of the Miss Global

International pageant on these gorgeous shores in the very best future.



EDUCATION UCCI AND GALLAGHER LAUNCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT LOCAL STUDENTS

The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) has today announced the signing of a partnership agreement with Gallagher, one of the world's leading insurance brokerage and risk management firms. This agreement formalizes the creation of the Gallagher Scholarship Programme, designed to provide financial support to Caymanian students pursuing associate and bachelor's degrees at UCCI.

Gallagher has committed to donating \$5,000 KYD per year over a three-year period, aimed at funding tuition fees and books for students who demonstrate a robust work ethic and a commitment to academic excellence, civic leadership, and service. This donation underscores Gallagher's ongoing commitment to fostering local talent and contributing to the educational and economic growth of the Cayman Islands.

Dr. Robert W. Robertson, President and CEO of UCCI, commented: "We are delighted to partner with Gallagher in supporting Caymanian students in achieving their academic goals. The Gallagher Scholarship Programme will enable students to pursue higher education while being recognized for their academic potential and leader-



ship abilities. This partnership reflects UCCI's commitment to creating opportunities for our students to succeed in the global economy."

Scott Wallace, Managing Director of Gallagher, added: "Gallagher is proud to be involved in this initiative. We believe in the importance of investing in the next generation of Caymanian leaders and are excited to see the impact this scholarship will have on the lives of students. Supporting education is a core part of our values, and we look forward to seeing the positive contributions these students will make to

the community."

Key highlights of the Gallagher Scholarship Programme include:

• A \$5,000 KYD annual donation to cover tuition fees and books for selected UCCI students.

• Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on academic merit and a demonstrated commitment to civic leadership.

• Students benefiting from the scholarship may also have opportunities for internships at Gallagher.

The scholarship is exclusive to Caymanian students and can be renewed for an additional year if the student maintains good academic standing with a minimum GPA of 2.5. The programme aims to provide financial support to students who show promise in their academic journey and are poised to make meaningful contributions to the Cayman Islands.

This partnership is another example of how UCCI continues to forge impactful collaborations with local and international organizations, ensuring that students have access to the resources and opportunities needed to thrive academically and professionally.

JGHS Alumni to Celebrate 75th Anniversary with Gala and Church Service

A momentous occasion is on the horizon as alumni of Cayman High School (CHS), Cayman Islands High School (CIHS), and John Gray High School (JGHS) come together to celebrate their 75th Anniversary. The celebration kicks off with a Gala on 22nd November 2024, followed by a Church Service on 24th November 2024.

Founded in 1949 as Cayman High School, the institution was originally a Presbyterian church initiative. Cayman High School began with the leadership of School Inspector George Hicks and was shortly thereafter replaced by Rev. John Gray, its first official principal. What started as a small educational venture has flourished into the public high school we know today, shaping thousands of young minds and making a lasting impact on the Cayman Islands.

As we reflect on 75 years of academic excellence, the alumni community is invited to return to honour the legacy of this beloved institution. The Gala will be a night of celebration, nostalgia, and reconnection, and the commemorative Church Service will offer a moment of reflection and gratitude for the role the school has played in so many lives.

"This milestone is a tribute to all the students, teachers, and staff who have contributed to the school's legacy. We look forward to welcoming back alumni from every generation to celebrate this special occasion," said Marva Bodden-Reid, President of the JGHS Parents and Teachers Association (PTA).

In addition to reconnecting with fellow graduates, the event will feature an Awards Ceremony to honour alumni who have made significant contributions to their communities. "The Gala Commit-



▶ Felicia McLean, JGHS PTA Vice President

tee is calling on everyone to nominate alumni who have been a force for goodwhether through community service, volunteering, or representing the Cayman Islands locally and internationally in a positive way. These awards are an opportunity to acknowledge those who have continued the school's tradition of excellence long after they've left its classrooms," she added.

Nominations are encouraged from all alumni, teachers, and the wider public as an opportunity to recognise those who have carried the values of CHS, CIHS, and JGHS - "Hold fast to that which is good" into the world and made a lasting impact. Nominations can be submitted via email to 75thalumnijghs@gmail.com , and the Gala Committee is encouraging submissions to highlight the nominee's impact on their community and beyond.



Marva Bodden_Reid, JGHS PTA PResident

"We are also inviting alumni and teachers to dig into their archives and share a few images from their school days. Whether it's class photos, sports day, or candid moments, these pictures will help us to bring the school's story to life as part of the anniversary celebrations," expressed Mrs. Felicia McLean, Vice President of the JGHS PTA.

The 75th Anniversary Gala will take place at the Stacey Watler Agriculture Pavilion on 22nd November 2024, bringing together alumni from across the Cayman Islands and abroad. A commemorative Church Service will be held at the Mary Miller Hall on 24th November, Alumni, past teachers, school administrators, staff, and the wider public are warmly invited to join in celebrating the school's enduring legacy.

Early bird tickets are available until

22nd October for CI\$75, with prices increasing by CI\$25 after this date. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TicketsPlus.ky or in person at Winners Circle, Infinity Fashions, Funky Tangs Countryside, and Island Photo.

"This celebration will be a truly special occasion, honouring more than seven decades of education, community, and lifelong friendships. We encourage everyone to share this event with fellow alumni, family, and friends, and to spread the word to past teachers and staff," added Mrs. McLean.

To nominate alumni for the CHS.CIHS. JGHS 75th Anniversary Gala Awards, simply follow these steps:

1. Prepare Your Nomination:

• Identify an alumnus who has made a significant contribution to the community, either through community service & leadership, or representing the Cayman Islands in a positive way both locally and/ or internationally.

2. Write a Brief Description:

• Provide a summary of the nominee's accomplishments and impact. Include specific examples of how they have contributed to their community, succeeded professionally or brought positive recognition to the Cayman Islands.

- 3. Submit the Nomination:
- Be sure to include:
- The nominee's full name.
- A brief description of their contributions.

• Nominator's contact information in the event further details are needed.

For updates and more information, be sure to like and follow the Committee's Instagram @alumni.chs.cihs.jghs or Facebook @CHS.CIHS.JGHS.Alumni pages.

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ENVIRONMENT





Silver Thatch Weaving

Sylvia Ebanks' beautiful knitted craft items

Turtle Time: A Cultural Celebration



Wray Banker teaches Miss San Andreas how to blow the conch shell



▶ Pirates and Pretty Ladies made a great combination



Promoting catboats and schooners outside Schooners Restaurant.

By Christopher Tobutt

The Cayman Turtle Centre hosted a vibrant Culture Day on October 12, 2024, called "Turtle Time: A Cultural Celebration"

There was Local food and refreshing coconut cocktails with the "Cayman Caboose," tucked into the front of one of the 'Cayman Street' cottages. There was plenty of traditional food and drink on offer, including delicious conch stew and Swanky – Cayman's traditional drink made from brown sugar and water, with lemon or lime and a touch of tamarind.

When it came to traditional crafts, Billy Banker was busy demonstrating the art of traditional ropemaking – with a handturned machine that winds the strands of rope, made from silver thatch palm leaves, together. Smiling children helped him make the tough rope which used to be Cayman's main export, with thousands of miles of rope being made every year, until nylon rope replaced it in the early 1960s and other ways of making a living came along. The rope was prized by seafarers for its toughness and resilience to salty water.

Wray Banker was also there – showing traditional games such as Wori – an ancient game originating in West Africa and carried on throught the Caribbean. There is a board, with pits or holes carved out of it and wooden pieces or seeds. It is actually one of the oldest games in the world, going back more than 3000 years, and was brought to the Caribbean via the slave trade.



► Miss Guyana dances to the steel pan

Wray was also showing some of he Miss Global contestants – who were visiting local landmarks prior their Grand Finale the following day, how to blow a conch shell – sounding it with a long resounding note.

Deal Ebanks was there too – also an expert conch blower – who was, along with his daughter, demonstrating his wooden spinning tops – gigs – that used to entertain Cayman's children for hours before the days of iPods, pads, and phones.

There was steel pan music too, and some of the Miss Global International contestants – Miss Cuba and Miss Guyana – were showing everyone how to dance

When it comes to thatch weaving, Rose May Ebanks demonstrated the craft of making beautiful baskets, bags, and bon-



 Billy Banker demonstrates the traditional craft of rope-making

nets to delighted visitors. But there was also kite-making. Yes, Caymanians used to make and fly their own kites in the days before computers television, and other stuff.

They used to build ships here too – beautiful and elegant schooners such as the Cimboco. So it was no surprise that right outside the Turtle Centre's Schooner Bar and grill there was a display of catboats – the schooners' much smaller cousins, which used to be Cayman's taxis, fishing boats, and pickup trucks, servicing each community, back in the day when good roads were scarce.

Two visitors for Connecticut were delighted to be there: "We absolutely love this place and everything that is happening today," they said.

Moving Paradise

In November 2022, due to road closures due to Pirates Week, George Town experienced unprecedented traffic jams. Stories of vehicles stuck for more than an hour flooded local media and although former Premier Panton took responsibility and promised address the traffic issue, little has been achieved, and commute times into George Town can still take well over an hour.

Although this particular moment of heavy traffic was due in large part to extenuating circumstances preceding a much-loved public festival, it represents a wider issue concerning the contentious relationship between Cayman and the automobile. By investing in a multifaceted mass public transit system, a cornerstone of sustainable urban development, Cayman could reduce its reliance on cars and soften their grip on the island.

Promoted as harbingers of personal freedom, cars have the island locked in a vice grip. With increasing traffic, we have been forced into a spiral of giving over more of our already scarce buildable land to cars. And yet, despite highways and bypasses that crisscross the island, it can take over an hour to get into Town from the outer districts.

Building more roads and limiting imports of cars will not fix Cayman's traffic problem. Unlike other economic trends, traffic increases through induced demand, which implies that increased supply will result in increased demand; if we build more roads, more people are incentivised drive. Although in the short-term new roads may decrease traffic overall, the increasing number of drivers will ultimately lead to heavier congestion.

Cayman's love affair with the car has dominated urban development in the last decades and surface parking lots cover large swaths of the island. In central George Town, nearly 30% of the land is dedicated to parking. Instead of a dense and vibrant urban core, our central district has become a glorified parking lot. Across the island, the lack of sidewalks can make walking a dangerous activity; and the bus network, our only true public transit, often requires that you to wait at stops without shade or shelter, or even a place to sit.

It is necessary that any proposals to reduce traffic consider solutions beyond simply building roads. Although more roads are sometimes necessary, traffic is a multifaceted problem that is often too complex to be solved by a single scheme. One person to realise this early on was the late Burns Conolly, who outline a detailed plan for the urban development of George Town in his 1986 master's dissertation from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Conolly criticised the high levels of car ownership in Cayman and predicted that if nothing was done to stop it, the islands would be reduced to a car reliant society in which the needs of individuals are negated for the needs of the automobile. Unfortunately, his prediction has come true and Grand Cayman is now an island whose residents spend a large portion of their lives sitting in traffic, leading to environmental damage, economic stagnation, and adverse effects to mental and physical health.



Combatting traffic is about more than restricting imports or implementing congestion charging (although these are still effective and should be considered), it is about actively creating a system that makes convenient, cheap, and reliable alternatives to driving. Whether that be walking, cycling, or taking public transport, these alternatives are not inhibitors to personal freedoms, but enablers of collective good.

A reliable, safe, affordable, and comfortable public transport network is necessary for any sustainable urban space. Our current bus network is nothing to be sneered at, but there is room for improvement. The buses themselves are small and aging vans which lack capacity for a true mass transit and should be replaced with larger varieties that are seen in cities across the world. Larger vehicles have the benefit of incorporating space for those with reduced mobility or are unable/unwilling to drive. They also will provide alternatives for young people who do not have access



to a car or do not have a licence yet. An improved bus network would also include shaded stops with seating and lighting across the entire island, not just in George Town.

In addition to public transport, cycle routes that cross the island, particularly within the dense urban centre, represent an alternative to driving that can be particularly valuable when travelling shorter distances. Currently, many Caymanians shy away from cycling due to the danger posed by drivers and from lack of protected routes. By providing a network of sheltered, and potentially shaded cycle lanes throughout the island, alternatives to driving and transit would be provided.

Public transport comes in many forms; walking, cycling, taking the bus, and even driving. What is necessary for an island such as Cayman, a place currently choking on cars, is an integrated and varied transport system that offers more than one option for those wishing to get around.

Anthony Scaramucci to Deliver Keynote Address at Help For Children Cayman Gala



Anthony Scaramucci

Help For Children's (HFC) Cayman Gala will be held on Saturday, 2 November at the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman with the theme of Champagne and Pearls. Guests of the HFC Cayman Gala can look forward to hearing from American financier and keynote speaker, Anthony Scaramucci.

Mr. Scaramucci is the Founder of the global alternative investment firm Sky-Bridge Capital and Chairman of the SALT Conference. He is a CNBC Contributor, member of the Council on Foreign Relations and, for a brief stint, was the White House Communications Director. He appeared on Celebrity Big Brother in 2019 and was previously ranked #85 in Worth magazine's Power 100: The Most Powerful People in Global Finance.

Baron Jacob, Chairperson of the HFC Cayman Islands Affiliate said, "Scaramucci is a big name in the finance industry. He is frequently in the media sharing his

candid perspective on finance, politics, cryptocurrency and NFTs. We are absolutely thrilled to have him onboard as the keynote this year and I'm sure his address will be every bit as enlightening and entertaining as we have come to love and expect of him."

According to HFC's Executive Director/COO, Sumudu Waas, MSW, "Help For Children funds the best programs to protect and heal children across our locations. Help For Children supports effective prevention and treatment options to help children heal from the trauma of abuse; teach parents, guardians and caregivers how to better protect children; and train professionals to provide the most productive treatment available."

The Gala will feature a live and silent auction with an impressive line-up of items up for bid, including a beautiful new Audi from Car City, stunning jewellery from Kirk Freeport, a collection of rare champagnes from Cayman Distributors, a luxurious staycation package from the Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and exclusive travel experiences.

The net proceeds of the HFC Cayman Gala will benefit 11 HFC grantee organizations whose programs prevent and treat child abuse in the Cayman Islands.

To learn more about the event, reserve a table and purchase tickets, contact ncoe@ harbour.ky or visit hfc.org/events.



POLICE STORIES

RCIPS Wrap Up Third Road Safety Campaign for 2024



18 persons arrested on suspicion of DUI. The RCIPS closed off the third phase of Operation Clyro on Monday, 14 October. Over the course of the 15-day operation, several different approaches were taken by police to encourage road safety and target poor driving behaviour.

• An increase in enforcement capability enabled the police to conduct regular and

spontaneous vehicle check points across the islands, usually at peak times targeting certain offences such as distracted driving and use of mobile phone.

• DUI checks were done in the evenings and heavily on weekends when the likelihood of drink driving is at its highest.

• Speeding, and vehicle safety checks for roadworthiness were run during the

days.

• Trucks and other heavy equipment were also targeted - specifically regarding unsafe loads, speeding and dangerous driving.

Key statistics from the two week campaign include:

• 156 motor vehicle collisions reported to the police.

• 18 persons arrested on suspicion of DUI.

• 278 tickets issued for speeding and approximately 15 of those issued to heavy equipment vehicles exceeding the speed limits.

34 tickets issued for persons using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle.
422 tickets issued to drivers with unli-

censed vehicles.13 persons driving without being qualified.

Additionally, a media campaign for road safety ran alongside enforcement efforts to bolster awareness and impact of the operation. The RCIPS partnered with Everythin345, a social media group that caters to a younger audience and pushed safety messages through their pages. Additionally, more traditional media such as Radio Cayman and Island FM allowed the police to discuss Operation Clyro and provide road safety tips. High Impact Media also supported messaging through digital roadside billboards and screen displays in strategic locations. Through this combination of media, the campaign reached a wide audience.

The RCIPS would like to thank everyone who supported police efforts during Operation Clyro, especially the members of the public who provided information on areas of concern. We would like to encourage all road users to continue to be safe on our roads and to drive with courtesy and act with integrity.

Four persons charged following Joint Investigation into Importation of Firearms and Drugs

Following a joint investigation conducted by the RCIPS and the Anti-Corruption Commission, two men, ages 32 and 43 of George Town, and a woman, age 33 of George Town, have been formally charged with Conspiracy to Import Firearms and/ or Component Parts of Firearms, Conspiracy to Import Firearms (Ammunition), Conspiracy to Import Controlled Drugs, and Conspiracy to Supply Controlled Drugs.

A third man, age 23 of George Town, has been charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm in relation to the investigation.

The 32-year-old man and the 33-year-

old woman were previously arrested in June 2022, following the recovery of a firearm and ammunition during a search. The man, who is a civilian employee with the RCIPS, and remains on suspension, was subsequently charged in relation to this incident. The 33-year-old woman has now also been charged with Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition), in relation to the same incident.

The 32-year-old man has been further charged with Misconduct in a Public Office and Importing a Bullet Proof Vest Without Approval.

All four appeared in court on 18 October.



Hope For Today Foundation hosts 5K Walk/Run

Early on Sunday 29th of Sept 2024. The threat of postponement was very possible due to rainy conditions, The Hope For Today Foundation 5K Walk/Run For Recovery kicked off to a great start with 100 plus participants.

The walkers set off at 6:00 AM, followed by the runners at 6:15 AM.

Despite the weather condition, both vol-

unteers and participants were determined to make it happen. Needless to say the event was a tremendous success once again.

Mr. Brent Hydes thanks to all that supported, the real winner of this event is the resident that called our facilities their home.

Cayman is home to many people that struggled with substance abuse, without

hope they all would perish. It takes all of us to continue to make a difference.

After the event, all who came enjoyed light music and refreshments. Trophies and raffle presentations were announced, prizes handed over and everyone left with the feelings of joy and togetherness for having been a part of another 5K Walk/ Run For Recovery. Other winners will be contacted. Thank you to our sponsors **Ministry of Investment, Innovation & Social Development** Foster's C3 Pure Fibre OnCourse Cayman

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LOCAL SPORTS / TOURISM

Cayman earns historic promotion to CNL League B



Saint Kitts — Cayman's Men's National Team made history on Tuesday, 15 Oct. thanks to a draw with St. Kitts and Nevis as well as little help from Barbados.

Zachary Scott gave Cayman a 1-0 lead 60 minutes into its game with St. Kitts and Nevis but a 98th-minute corner kick into a crowded box ultimately led to an own goal as Cayman drew 1-1 in its Concacaf Nations League Group Stage finale.

That set the stage for a dramatic evening match between Group A leaders Barbados and Bahamas, with Cayman needing Barbados to win or the match end in a draw in order to advance to the CNL Play-In and earn a promotion to League B. Barbados won 6-2, punching Cayman's ticket to League B for the first time in the competition's history.

"We made history," Cayman Islands coach Joey Jap Tjong said. "We have shown our level and that's the beginning because we can reach much more with these players we have."

While the Barbados win was a cause for celebration, Cayman left its afternoon match at Warner Park feeling as though an opportunity was missed.

For 98 minutes, Cayman held St. Kitts and Nevis in check and appeared in line for three points. That all changed with just seconds remaining in the match as the home team stunned the Cayman side with a last-gasp corner into the box while sev-



eral players battled for position. It eventually caromed off Cayman's Joshwa Campbell for an own goal, and Cayman's players and coaches were left clamoring for a foul as they believed keeper Lachlin Lambert was held.

"I feel a bit bitter because we came here to win," Jap Tjong said after the match. "I'm really proud of my players, they were like monsters on the field tonight. That's what I want, I want monsters on the field. That's what they did and I'm really proud of them."

St. Kitts and Nevis beat Cayman 4-1 in their first CNL matchup last month at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex, however this one played out much differently.

Cayman played with intensity from kick off and, after a scoreless first half, Scott opened scoring with a left-footed volley off a cross from Wesley Robinson 15 minutes after the break. Both teams had chances throughout a chippy second-half that saw the referee issue nine yellow cards. "The good part is we see the level that we can have," Jap Tjong said. "Playing against a good team in their own home we played good defense, we stuck to the game plan, the only thing missing was the win."

Cayman has now won or drawn in four of its last five matches.

"We showed our quality. We showed our level, what is possible," Jap Tjong said. "We have to work on it, we still have to grow but that's the potential we have."

The fourth edition of the CNL kicked off in September with matches across all three Leagues (A, B, and C). Highlights included Cayman's Elijah Seymour scoring the competition's 1,000th goal. The match results and standings are available here.

The CNL Play-In will take place during the FIFA Match Window of November. It will consist of a single direct elimination round and eight teams: the fifth and sixthplace finishers from the League A Groups and the group winners and the best second-place finisher from League C.

Minister Bryan to Attend FCCA Conference in St. Maarten

Hon. Kenneth Bryan and senior officials from the Ministry of Tourism and Ports (MOTP) will attend the Florida-Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Conference and Tradeshow in St. Maarten from October 21st to 25th, 2024.

The FCCA Conference is intended to foster a better understanding of the inner workings of the cruise industry, offering educational and networking opportunities to help attendees better improve their respective cruise tourism business.

During the conference, Minister Bryan will prominently represent the Cayman Islands, providing a destination update on the country's tourism industry and participating in the "Total Guest Experience" panel. There will also be a number of opportunities to promote the varied tourism offerings in the Cayman Islands and strategize on how to better support the tourism industry, with a particular focus on cruise.

Minister Bryan and the Ministry team will also be joined by representatives from the Port Authority of the Cayman Islands (PACI) and the Association for



Hon Kenneth Bryan

the Advancement of Cruise Tourism in the Cayman Islands (ACT), to learn about the cruise offerings of other regional jurisdictions and the future of the cruise industry.

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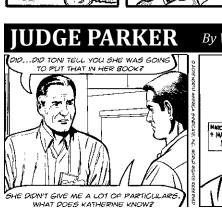
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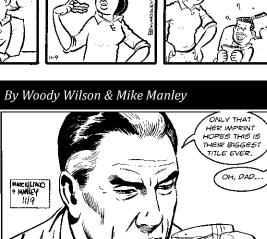
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The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) invites applications for Independent or Self-Employed Contractors as

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The successful applicant is responsible for the smooth passage of visitors through the airport terminal. This is an important position as the CSA is responsible for providing that important first and last impression of the Cayman Islands and the airport. He/she will assist with various customer service initiatives and programmes and standards for CIAA staff and airport partners and ensure standards are adhered to, direct arriving and departing passengers and assist with crowd management and control.

Qualifications and Education Requirements:

Minimum of four (4) GCSE/CXC passes, which must include English and Mathematics.
At least three (3) years' working experience ideally in the hospitality and/or tourism industry.

Preferred Skills:

- Must be courteous and well-presented
- Must have excellent verbal communication skills, and multiple language skills will be an asset
- Must display tact in dealing with guests and with representatives of other airport service providers
- Excellent customer relations skills, ability to work as a team or independently in a fast-paced environment
- Prior experience in a busy customer service or tourism environment is an advantage
 Patience and a sense of humour are desirable attributes
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Compensation and benefits: The Independent Contractor will be paid a flat rate of Cl\$14.00 per hour worked. The Independent Contractor will be required to demonstrate proof of possessing Health Insurance coverage and, where applicable, proof of participation in an approved Pension Plan, in accordance with the relevant Laws.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A COMPLETED CIAA APPLICATION FORM, COVER LETTER AND CV SHOWING NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) YEARS' WORK HISTORY AND TWO (2) CHARACTER OR PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES.

Applications should be e-mailed to ambassadors@caymanairports.com or mailed to: Customer Service Manager P.O. Box 10098 Grand Cayman KY1-1001 CAYMAN ISLANDS Only Caymanians or legal residents with the right to work need apply. Job Description and Application Form are

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The Children & Youth Services (CAYS) Foundation invites applications from suitable and experienced persons for the position of **Casual Youth Support Worker**

The CAYS Foundation seeks to hire **Casual Youth Support Worker** to provide support to its Youth Support Workers in providing care and protection to children 12-18. Youth Support Work is a challenging career so those taking up the challenge must possess the personality, life experience, and resilience to be effective in the role long-term. This casual role is ideal for those looking to learn about their suitability for a role in youth support. CAYS Foundation are looking to take on a pool of **Casual Youth Support Workers**. Successful applicants would generally have a primary full-time job elsewhere or be studying full time and would have the opportunity to sample the role of Youth Support Worker without having to take the leap into the position on a full-time basis. This is also a good opportunity to supplement current salary.

Please see below some basic information about the role and conditions of a **Casual Youth Support Worker.**

• There will be no application from CAYS to be your primary work permit holder, so you must be Caymanian, RERC holder, or already on Island. Where necessary and appropriate, we will go through the process of becoming a secondary place of work on your work permit

• You will have the opportunity to be inducted and trained like any full-time Youth Support Worker

• On occasion, Service Leads will contact you to check your availability to work, when needed to cover sickness, annual leave or provide extra support.

• CAYS will not provide Health Insurance as a secondary place of work. Only applicants who can demonstrate that they have coverage through other avenues can be taken on in the role.

• CAYS will provide pension contribution (pro-rated, based on the hours you work)

Specifically, the Foundation is looking for candidates with:

- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- Experience with Microsoft Windows environment, (Teams, Word, Excel, Power-Point), and common internet browsers required.
- Ability to think independently and take initiative where/when appropriate.

• Clean criminal background check and drug screening, and positive professional references.

Qualifications, Knowledge & Experience:

• Applicants must possess a high school degree. Applicants must also be versed in Microsoft Windows environment and common internet browsers. Applicants must have a valid driver's license.

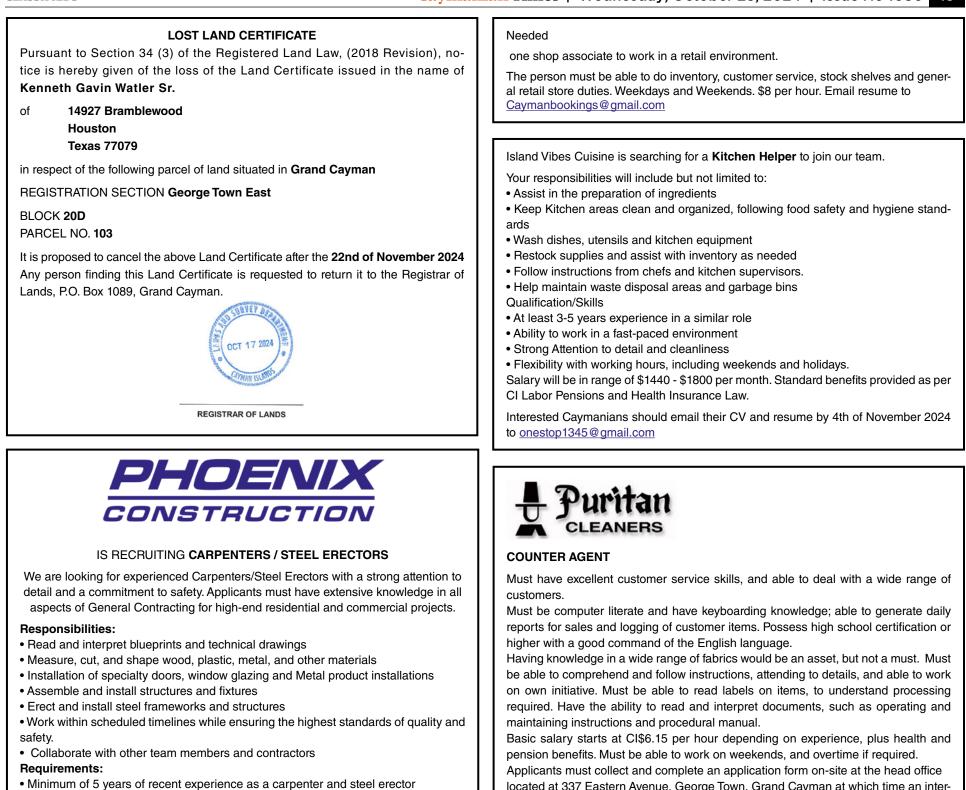
Salary Range: CI\$14.96 per hour.

The benefit package will include a fully funded pension (pro rated).

Please submit a cover letter, Resume, and an application form (available on our website: cays.org.ky) to:

CAYS Foundation Attn: Business Manager PO Box 30718 Grand Cayman KY1-1203 CAYMAN ISLANDS

Or submit via email to: <u>faa@cays.org.ky</u> Deadline for receiving applications: October 31, 2024.



- Ability to read and interpret technical documents and drawings
- Proficient in using hand and power tools
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PLANNING PERMISSION

This is to inform the public that an application for planning permission for the purpose of After the Fact Quarry application for 100' x 1,364' rectangle adjacent to the southern edge of the quarry on Block 82A and Parcel 15REM4 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 one thousand 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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