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By Christopher Tobutt

Jekalyn Carr is a three-time Grammy-nominated recording artist, actress, songwriter, and motivational speaker, and has managed to achieve all these things at the age of just 22. Her message is that success can be achieved through persistent effort, faithfulness to core values, and an abiding trust in God.

She recently visited Cayman, where she spoke at the Grand Court in George Town, in front of an audience of school students as part of the Law Courts Youth Guest Lecture series. She didn't only tell them how she had become so successful. Instead she used her pathway as an example to show them that each of them had greatness inside them, and each one of them could be successful too, if they chose the right pathway to their destination.

She began by walking around the court, and asking each of the students to stand up in rows, and say what they aspired to be. "My name is David, and I aspire to be an engineer," said one "My name is Lanny, I aspire to be an artist," said another. Turning to the audience, Ms Carr told them: "You have to believe in yourself. You have to get rid of all negativity. There may be a lot of negative things in your past, but today I



▶ Asking the young people about their aspirations

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New training center's partnership with prison service

By Christopher Tobutt

Inspire Cayman is a new training center located in Eastern Avenue whose vision is to provide accredited vocational courses that are accessible to all people, with the ultimate aim of reducing unemployment. A new partnership between Inspire and Cayman's prison services will also enable prisoners not only to take the courses, but to provide those prisoners with the opportunity to follow up courses they have begun in prison by completing them when they leave, and a source of support to help them find employment when they are back in the community. It the result of many years' hard work and planning by Michael Myles who used to work with Cayman's youth, and said he was saddened to see so many of them leave school and end up "on the streets or in the Court system," and felt he had to step in and do something about it. He expressed his gratitude to all the people who have helped him and worked together with him to make his dream come true.

Inspire will be providing accredited courses in the area of construction, such as carpentry and electrical and plumbing,



▶ Michael Myles, of Inspire Cayman

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EDITORIAL

Community Voice

Two years ago, we launched our Community Voice section to give members of the community an opportunity to have their views heard. We believe that the success of a nation depends on the Government's ability to tap into the pulse of the citizens and residents.

As we encourage unity, a word that is been currently emphasized we encourage readers to submit their thoughts to info@caymaniantimes.ky. These articles should not exceed 200 words and will be reviewed by our editorial team



before publishing. The writers name may be published if requested.

The following extract about the community voice was found in the Huffington Post blog by Duane Elgin.

The Power of a 'Community Voice' Movement

By Duane Elgin

We have a crisis of conversation in our democracy. People want to be heard and to have a voice in our future. It's time for citizens — you and me, all of us — to come in from the cold. Whether conservative, liberal, or independent, we are all citizens united with the same rights. Coming together for protest and mutual learning is important but, in addition to face-to-face gatherings in the parks and streets, it is essential to bring our conversations into the mainstream of society. Only a relatively few voices can be heard from the streets but tens of millions can be heard through the airwaves that we, the public, legally own. Many people, whatever their point of view, do not feel their voices are being heard. It's time to give citizens an authentic voice through a "Community Voice" movement that directly fulfills our Constitutional rights to be heard.

Power in a democracy is the power to freely communicate. A "Community Voice" movement could use our amazing array of powerful communication tools:

1. to enable a community to discover the views of its members regarding critical problems and solutions and,

2. to convey those views to elected leaders and the public at large through publicly televised forums.

Our country and our future are in trouble: Our financial future. Our energy future. Our jobs future. Our climate future. Our kids' future. We are in the midst of a full-scale systems crisis. Whatever our differences may be in this country — and there are plenty — we all want a voice in our future. Importantly, we require a scale of civic conversation that is equal to the scale of challenges and solutions — and often these are of regional, national, and global scale.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Request for Meeting on People's Initiated Referendum by CPR Cayman

Dear Hon. Premier McLaughlin, Further to our letters of May 1, 2019 and May 29, 2019, the cruise port referendum petition has now been handed into the Elections Office and a copy to His Excellency Governor Roper.

While we have met with the Governor and the Elections Office we have not yet had the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the petition. In the interests of openness and collaboration we are therefore writing to request a meeting with you, the Honourable Deputy Premier and His Excellency The Governor, to discuss how we can best work together to ensure that the petition signatories are fairly represented.

This path to our first people initiated referendum has been a challenging one, but as indicated by the position of Cabinet and Governor Roper, we agree that it is important to the people of the Cayman Islands that the process be open and robust.

Throughout the campaign we have aired the widespread concerns held by many members of our diverse community in relation to the proposed cruise port, and why we all feel strongly that a referendum needs to be taken on this important decision for our country. Although politicians have spoken for and

against the effort on both sides of the house, the essence of this honest and visible campaign has been community driven and led by concerned, apolitical volunteers.

With so much already invested in this crucial capital project we hope that you will grant us the time at this meeting to present our concerns, better understand your position and most importantly, agree an outline process towards the referendum which is fair to all.

We are very conscious that this is a historic event and a positive sign of our democratic evolution. We are sincerely committed to ensuring that it serves our people justly and that the outcome is the best for all of us.

We hope that you agree and will grant us this meeting in good faith accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
Michelle Lockwood, Katrina Jurn, Linda Clark, Gabriella Hernandez, Shirley Roulstone, Mario Rankin, Johann Moxam, Melanie Harris

On behalf of Cruise Port Referendum (CPR) Cayman
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► From Left to Right Mario Rankin, Katrina Jurn, Shirley Roulstone, HE Governor Martyn Roper, Linda Clark, Melanie Harris, Johann Moxam & Mark Lewis

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shamrock Rd Paving - Eastbound Lane

The National Roads Authority (NRA), along with its subcontractor, will be carrying out upgrades to the pavement along Shamrock Road's eastbound lane.

The work is scheduled for **11-12 and 15-16 July from 7a.m. to 4p.m. daily.**

Drivers are asked to keep watch for traffic diversions and to drive with caution to ensure their safety and that of the work crews.

Please call 946 7780 or email nra@nra.ky if you have any questions or comments regarding this project.



The NRA thanks the public for their patience during these roadworks and looks forward to providing these much-needed improvements.

Governor Visits MASH Offices

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper, toured the M.A.S.H offices at Anderson Square, George Town recently.

During his inaugural visit to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub the Governor was briefed on the sensitive nature of MASH work. The unit's remit encompasses not only child safeguarding referrals but also extends into investigating and prosecuting domestic violence, including elder abuse. MASH employees who met with the Governor included the Health Services Authority (HSA) child psychologist, and members of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) teams.

Mrs. Mendoza Wiliams, DCFS Director spoke about the need for increased community support in safeguarding children particularly during the summer holidays. The Director also explained that the need for increased vigilance by border control to recognise and deter child trafficking is also critical, during this period, as travel to and from Cayman involves high numbers of children. Given the rise in child abuse and domestic violence, MASH management recognise that preventative work with other agencies such as police officers and with the public is a valuable in supporting its role.

Inspector Kevin Ashworth of the Family Support Unit also explained the reasons for the increasingly collaborative nature of the unit's remit and the growing engagement among MASH's partner agencies and stakeholders, such as the HSA and the Ministry of Education. Closer ties with other agencies help reduce the number of inappropriate referrals and re-referrals, while providing a more consistent response to concerns about children and at risk adults.

Mr. Roper said: "It was great to visit the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Unit to meet staff who do essential and challenging work. Our multi-agency approach is leading the way regionally but there are still significant issues to address. More success can be achieved by working co-operatively across agencies in order to protect the children of our islands. I was impressed by the commitment and dedication of the staff."



► His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper visits the MASH office, in the company of (L-r): Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Deputy Director Rayle Roberts, DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams, MASH Manager Tiffany Myles and Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) Family Support Unit Inspector Kevin Ashworth



► His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper speaks with Health Services Authority Child Psychologist Sophia Chandler-Alleyne during his tour of the MASH office recently



► (L-r): RCIPS MASH Officer Detective Inspector Paulette Hines, RCIPS Family Support Unit Manager Inspector Kevin Ashworth, DCFS MASH Social Worker Tynisa Forsythe and RCIPS MASH Supervisor Detective Sergeant Doris Morris-Herrera



► (L-r): His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper watches a MASH presentation given by RCIPS Family Support Unit Manager Inspector Kevin Ashworth, in the company of Foreign and Commonwealth Office Desk Officer Daniel Dorman, DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams, (in attendance but not in photo), Deputy Director DCFS Rayle Roberts and the Governor's Office Policy Officer and Corporate Services Manager Maria Leng (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)



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Commissioner Byrne meets with landowner in West Bay regarding ongoing dispute

On Friday 5th July, the Commissioner of Police, Derek Byrne, met with landowner, Mr. Mike Adam, at his property in the Kings Road area of West Bay, and discussed the developments within an ongoing land dispute regarding an easement across an adjoining property leading to his home.

CoP Byrne walked and viewed the easement, and discussed the legal strategy around the enforcement of said easement, which is registered, with Mr. Adam and his attorney, who was also present. CoP Byrne also met members of the Adam family and a neighbouring landowner, Captain Crosby.

The neighbour with whom the dispute has arisen was not present, but CoP Byrne will also be reaching out for a meeting with him as soon as possible.

The dispute has been a cause of deep concern among residents in the West Bay community, who notified the CoP of this concern during a community meeting the night before at John Cumber Pri-



► Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne, Area Commander Lloyd Marriott, Captain Crosby and Mike Adam



► Commissioner Derek Byrne

mary School. The CoP promised to visit Mr. Adam and the property as soon as possible.

During the meeting with Mr. Adam yesterday the CoP stressed the need for a peaceful solution to the matter, and once

again expressed the readiness of the police to enforce an order of the court with respect to the easement, once granted.

RCIP holds West Bay Community meeting

By Christopher Tobutt

An RCIPS community meeting took place in the Sir John A. Cumber Primary School in West Bay on Thursday 4 July. The two hour meeting was a chance for members of the local community to meet with senior police officers, so that they could voice their concerns and let the police know how they might be able to improve things. Commissioner Derek Byrne was there, along with Superintendent Robert Chapman, Head of Community Policing, Inspector Lloyd Marriott and Inspector Courtney Myles. Introducing the session, Inspector Marriott shared some 'good news' crime stats for West Bay: "We have seen a 33% decline in Burglaries and a 20% decrease in robberies...this is attributable to high levels of public assistance," he said, adding that it was also attributable to the higher number of officers being deployed in the district.

The topic which dominated the evening was the recent police handling of a recent protest, where around 30 people came out in solidarity with former Government Minister Mike Adam, over a land easement dispute with one of Mr. Adam's neighbors. The allegations are that the neighbor concerned is not honoring Mr. Adam's right, through the easement, to reach his home from the Kings Road. Several people who were at the protest appeared to feel that the police had shown bias in favor of Mr. Adam's neighbor,

and several voiced the opinion that, instead, the police should have upheld the right to use the easement, which they also claim has the backing of a court order. Police Commissioner Byrne replied that the "Police do not have a court order in their possession." Some people also said that the police response had been disproportionate, and claimed to have seen armed police at the scene, to which Commissioner Byrne replied, "I am not aware of any force being used on Sunday."

Commissioner Byrne addressed their concerns by stating: "I've given an undertaking to meet with Mr. Adams next week. But I can assure you there is no bias; there is no room for any bias. Mr. Adams said: "I am overwhelmed with the support and thankful that the protest was peaceful and respectful. Hopefully the remedy will soon come." He then raised concerns, as did several other members of the community, about traffic safety, and drivers "bobbing and weaving," in and out of lanes and driving dangerously. Some too raised concerns about the lack of pedestrian crossing places on the Esterly Tibbetts Highway in the light of a recent fatal accident, and groups of people loitering. There were questions concerning the development of police programs aimed at the youth in the community.

Commissioner Derek Byrne said that the new Community Safety Officers would soon be at work. Outlining their role,



► RCIPS Community meeting at West Bay

he said: "These are members of your community that act as eyes and ears. "They are employed by the RCIPS on a 20-hour rule basis, operate in a uniform with a car that has Community Safety Officer on it. They will be dealing with the issues that you, the community are concerned with, such as

quality of life, bad roads, cock-fighting and loitering around corners. I have had permission from Government for twelve Community Safety Officers, three for George Town, three for Bodden Town, and three for West Bay, one for North Side, one for East End and one for Cayman Brac. The good news

is that we have filled two of the three spots in West Bay and we hope to have people in place in a month or so. These officers won't have policing powers. They have an interest in the communities, they know the communities, and they want to work in the communities to make them better."



► Mike Adam

Things you need to know about

Working on or near any CUC equipment

CUC's Environment, Health and Safety Department is inviting you or a representative from your organisation to attend a

Contractor/Subcontractor Health, Safety & Environment Workshop

Friday, July 19th, 2019
8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort

Discussions will focus on safety and will include what workers should know and be aware of when working in proximity to electrical lines, working on the roads, working in confined spaces, working at heights, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and information on CUC's CORE Programme.

Please RSVP to Victoria Powery at 914-1105 or via e-mail at vpowery@cuc.ky by Tuesday, July 16th

Music Lights Up the Strip

Something magical is brewing on the West Bay Road every Wednesday night, as musicians, visitors and residents have been converging on the Havana Club along the popular Seven Mile strip for what is becoming a premier night of entertainment in Grand Cayman.

With regular guest appearances from internationally renowned music professionals such as drummer for Maxi Priest Paul Kastick, and popular Jamaican radio host Nicky Z, as well as music loving residents, Ben Turner - the progenitor of the evening's genesis said he had a vision that this could be a possibility after noticing a grand piano at the Cuban themed cigar lounge in 2017 that was not being used.

"I was just visiting the Havana Club one night when I saw it," he recalled, adding that he immediately felt compelled to play again even though 10 years prior he had made the decision to leave music behind and pursue a career in Information Technology.

"It was like I wasn't even in Cayman looking at that piano and I knew I had to speak with the owner," noted Turner.

He said upon speaking with the proprietor, Raglan Roper he was able to convey his vision and said he wanted to develop a night at the club but there was only one caveat; Ben wanted several months to work on his chops, "to get rid of the cobwebs" from not playing seriously for several years.

Upon getting the all clear from Mr. Roper to sail ahead with plans for a night of music on the 'grand', Turner began a strict regiment of practice and after several weeks began playing solo

gigs on the grand piano at the Havana Club from about 7pm until 12am every Wednesday night.

Persons in Grand Cayman may be familiar with Turner from his days with the band Tabia, one of Cayman's most commercially successful ensembles to date. His association with music in the Cayman Islands and internationally both past and present are well known among music aficionados and industry insiders and for many people in Grand Cayman, simply to see Ben Turner play publicly again would have been enough but Ben had different plans.

Soon he was inviting some of the Islands most promising musicians to join him. These included piano impresario Beneil Miller, Jazz Drummer extraordinaire Max Kazakov, and the multi-talented Chris Seymour. From there the night has avalanched into something that Ben Turner describes a "movement".

With some of the Islands most talented musicians, as well as those visiting from near and far to exhibit their skills, Ben noted - "I believe that if you play an instrument and you do it to a certain proficiency it resonates with people. This is about raising the level and nurturing the very special talent we have here. I have been around the business and I feel like if I can give those coming up guidance that would be awesome. I want to see them have the impact that their talents deserve. There is a serious musical explosion about to happen in this country and I can feel it."

Most of the musicians involved say part of what makes the night special and different from any other jam ses-



► Musicians in the Havana Club

sion or open mic, is the level of musicianship and the fact that Ben, Beneil, Max and Chris can play basically any song (original/cover), in any genre, in any key and pretty much on the spot. This makes for a night that is not genre specific and accommodates musicians across a vast spectrum of styles.

Beneil Miller, who is now also instrumental in the evening and has become a staple at the event, is a part of the core group of four that make up the house band. He is a graduate of the Berklee College of Music and self releases his own material in addition to teaching the piano.

He told the Times that he sees Wednesday nights at Havana Club as a place where the language of music can be communicated in a fluent way that raises the expectation for what people hear and see when they go out to be entertained by live music in Grand Cayman.

"Everyone is welcome as long as they're proficient. Whether you play a sax, guitar or piano, it doesn't matter. It's open to all forms and genres.

"People can also do original songs, which we can learn on the spot with a ref-

erence or they can leave a song for us to learn for another time," he explained.



► Ben Turner, progenitor of the evening's genesis, and Beneil Miller, piano impresario



► Piano impresario Beneil Miller

Cayman Airways adds extra Jamaica flights for Summer travel

Travelers urged to book now to secure their seats

In anticipation of another busy Summer for visiting family and friends, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) has added an additional 28 roundtrip flights between Grand Cayman and Jamaica for travel in July and August.

"Each year, there is always heavy demand for extra flights during the busy Summer travel months, and this is particularly true for our Jamaica route," said Cayman Airways Executive Vice President for Finance and Commercial

Affairs, Paul Tibbetts. "To ensure that those who want to be with their family and friends this Summer are able to do so, we are delighted to serve our Jamaica passengers with these extra flights, now available for booking."

The extra flights to supplement Cayman Airways' existing daily service between Grand Cayman and Jamaica began on July 4th and will run through September 9th on Mondays, Tuesday as Thursdays.

From July 4, 2019 through August 27, 2019, there will be an extra roundtrip flight, KX2600, departing from Grand Cayman on Tuesdays at 11:20am and arriving in Kingston at 12:25pm. On the return, that flight departs Kingston as KX2601 at 1:20pm and arrives on Grand Cayman at 2:25pm.

From July 4, 2019 through September 9, 2019, there will be an extra flight, KX2606, departing from Grand Cayman on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:45pm

and arriving in Kingston at 7:50pm. On the return, that flight departs Kingston as KX2607 at 8:45pm, and arrives on Grand Cayman at 9:50pm.

Mr. Tibbetts explained that even with this many added flights, they will fill up fast, so customers are encouraged to book their flights early. For flight details and to book, call Cayman Airways reservations on 949-2311, contact a local travel agent, or book online at www.caymanairways.com.

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Schedule of additional flights to Kingston in July and August:

GRAND CAYMAN (GCM) TO KINGSTON (KIN)			
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KX2600	11:20AM	12:25PM	Tuesdays (9 July - Aug. 23)
KX2606	6:45PM	7:50PM	Mo/Th (July 4 - Sept. 9)

KINGSTON (KIN) TO GRAND CAYMAN (GCM)			
Flight	Departs KIN	Arrives GCM	FREQUENCY
KX2601	1:20pm	2:25pm	Tuesdays (9 July - Aug. 23)
KX2607	8:45pm	9:50pm	Mo/Th (July 4 - Sept. 9)

New vocational training center's partnership with prison service

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air conditioning installation, as well as offering both an introductory and a more advance course in automotive skills, to provide qualified mechanics. Inspire is also going to be providing dive industry accreditation, so that more Caymanians can set up their own scuba diving busi-



► Prison Director Steven Barrett

nesses, and Mr. Myles said that he intends Inspire to provide opportunities in many other areas too as more organizations partner with them: "We have now about fourteen organizations who have said we are going to partner with you to mentor, provide apprenticeships and provide possible employment, which was great because in our partnership with the prison inmates who have rehabilitated themselves will go on into the community we can help them get connected into employment or apprenticeships. I have got calls from all over the world from people who now have a clear understanding of what we are doing and want to provide other opportunities from secretarial to vocational and technical programing."

Along with technical skills, a vital part of Inspires core curriculum will include instruction in the 'soft skills,' which people need to be successful in the workplace, such as how to de-escalate a confrontation and work effectively as part of a team. Its more than just trying to find a job for people; it's really about helping equip people for the skills they need for living, too such as sound financial management, and for helping them onto a career path they can build on.



► Inspire Cayman's partnership with prison services

Prison Director Steven Barrett said that he saw the new partnership with Inspire as a 'no-brainer' because it will help reduce the number of inmates who come out of prison and return to a pattern of reoffending because of a sense of hopelessness. "Crucially for us, this is a program that doesn't begin and end in prison. Prison is often seen by people as a kind of 'end-of-life,'" he said. "But prison can actually be the start of a life; the start of transformational change. It's an opportunity to give some continuity

to someone's prison sentence so that when you leave the gates of Northward or when you leave the gates of Fairbanks that isn't the end of our responsibility. This partnership allows prisoners in our custody to connect with training, and continue it once they are back in the community and this gives them much more social agency, much more personal capital, and gives them some assets they can take to the employer to give them an additional sense of worth." 🌐

Cayman Islands' first boutique private school given green light to proceed

Proposals for a new boutique primary school in the Cayman Islands have been given a green light by the Department for Education.

Footsteps School, headed by school directors Emma Kendall and Bryony Platt, had submitted an application for the new school earlier in the year, and last week received confirmation it has been approved to open in its brand-new Eastern Avenue location from September 2019.

School Director Emma Kendall welcomed the news:

"We are absolutely delighted to have been approved to open; parents are crying out for more choice in the Cayman Islands, particularly when it comes to providing an inclusive environment and tailored curriculum capable of meeting the needs of all our students. We can't wait to engage, encourage and support Cayman's newest student community.

We are especially excited to introduce our 'nurture through nature' programme and new outdoor curriculum which is

the first of its kind in Cayman. We hope that you will be as inspired as we are by our beautiful new facility on Eastern Avenue and that you share our excitement for what lies ahead over the next academic year."

Over the coming months, Footsteps will be working with the Department of Lands & Planning to get the new location ready for the September opening. Prospective parents of children aged 4 to 11 are invited to email the school now with any admission questions.

Additionally, Footsteps have announced they will be offering full and part-time scholarships for qualifying Caymanian children. For consideration to join this scheme, parents of eligible Caymanian students are invited to attend the Scholarship Assessment Day between 9am and 12 noon on 15 July 2019.

For more information on how to enroll in the regular or scholarship programs, please contact Footsteps at management@footstepscayman.com or visit their website at footstepscayman.com 🌐

Opening September 2019



► Footsteps School Directors, Emma Kendall (L) and Bryony Platt (R)

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5:00 P.M. CURACAO VS. BARBADOS

7:00 P.M. CAYMAN ISLANDS VS. ST. LUCIA

Gospel artist shares secrets of success

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want you to know that your past is your past. Because you came here it is a step towards your future being greater than you could ever realize. It does not matter whether you've come from a good environment or not. When greatness is in you, nothing around you can change that, and all it takes is you choosing to do what's right."

"Whenever you desire to be successful, whenever you desire to win and to be great in life, you have to make the choice for yourself...It's about how badly you want to reach your destiny. You might say: 'I didn't grow up hearing that I was going to be successful.' So let me be the voice to tell you today: There is something called Destiny that is waiting on you, and the only way you can reach your destiny is by tapping into your gift; tapping into your purpose, and what you were born to do."

Ms Carr continued: "I challenge you today to take the step that you felt you could not take before, and that is: activate your gift. Direct your time to the things that will help you progress in life. You might say: 'But I've done this; I've



► Gospel singer Jekalyn Carr at the Grand Court

done that.' But that is not the end of your story. The end of your story is victory; the end of your story is greatness; the end of your story is success.

"You have to keep in mind that you are a king, you are a queen, and there are certain things that kings and queens cannot attach themselves to. Sometimes people



► The Grand Court was full of young students who came to hear Ms. Carr

can be pulling on you from many different directions, with a negative influence. But because you know who you are, a king or a queen, you cannot stoop down to negativity. Why? Because that can delay you from reaching your destiny. Everything you desire to be in life comes from you making a choice. So you must make the

choice to say I refuse to attach myself to things that will delay me and keep me from being what I know I was born to be. If you believe that, say: 'I believe it.' You do not have to compromise on your pathway to success. Why? Because success already belongs to you" Shout: "I'm not going to compromise." 🙌

APPLEBY HIGHLY COMMENDED AS OFFSHORE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Appleby listed as Highly Commended in the Offshore Law Firm of the Year category at The Lawyer Awards 2019.

Appleby was recognised with a Highly Commended status in the Offshore Law Firm of the Year category at this year's The Lawyer Awards, in relation to their expertise, legal innovation and market-leading strategy. The annual awards which were held on the 25th June 2019, reward best practice and celebrate excellence across the entire industry.

The shortlist was decided by a panel of over 60 judges from across the industry who debated entries from law firms, companies and barristers chambers.

Michael O'Connell, Group Managing Partner at Appleby commented: "This recognition from The Lawyer is a testament to our highly experienced, expert teams across our local and global network of practices. We pride ourselves on our professionalism, integrity and excellent client service, and are delighted that this has been acknowledged at this prestigious event."

Appleby have acted in a number of landmark deals and high profile decisions over the past year, including: Jasmine Trust in Jersey, a Hastings Bass



► Michael O'Connell, Group Managing Partner at Appleby

relief judgement in Guernsey, Seadrill in Bermuda, The Carlyle Group in Hong Kong and Cunningham Lindsey in Cayman.

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► Cayman Tech City community members meet at a recent 'Lunch & Learn' event

Cayman Tech City Activates Tech Talks

New Series of Discussions Launches for Cayman's Technology Community

A live series of monthly tech talks by Cayman Tech City, a special economic zone by Cayman Enterprise City (CEC), begins Thursday, 11 July 2019 at South West Collective. The series of discussions, in partnership with the recently launched Digital Cayman initiative, sets out to initiate knowledge-sharing, tackle hard questions, examine industry trends, and foster a vibrant technology ecosystem in the Cayman Islands.

"With over 175 technology focused companies set up within Cayman Tech City, 60 of which are utilising blockchain technology, we think now is the perfect time to launch a series of highly engaged tech events which offers a platform for leadership discussion and the opportunity for our diverse tech community to discuss the latest trends and developments that are shaping the future of our digital economy," said CEC's CEO Charlie Kirkconnell.

20-minute panel discussions, moderated by technologists, will be followed by 20-minutes of questions taken from participants. Sessions are designed to

encourage engagement and include built in opportunities for technology professionals to network within an informal setting. Initial discussions include - cryptocurrencies, the future of software development, information security, tech leadership, next-gen techpreneurs, and artificial intelligence.

The first Tech Talks event tackles Facebook's plans to launch a new cryptocurrency called Libra, which is now facing pushback from lawmakers and nonprofits concerned about the social network's seemingly endless list of scandals tied to privacy and security. Panelists include Marco Aniballi, Managing Director at Block Blox Strategic SEZC; Logan Golema, Chief Technology Officer at Hercules SEZC; and Wendy Lee, blockchain and tech start up strategist, and former Chief Legal Officer of block.one who has developed the well-known blockchain protocol EOS.IO.

The discussion topic has been chosen and will be led by Darwin Lo, Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer of Digital Consulting Group SEZC, a subsidiary of Insights Network. "Getting Cayman's tech community together on a regular basis is a good thing," explained Lo. "It is through the interaction of people with different strengths that a positive feedback loop is formed - a whole that is much greater than the sum of its parts. I'm excited to kick things off and see how others in the industry are reacting to Facebook's recent announcement."

Tech Talks take place on the second Thursday of each month at South West Collective and members of the public who are working within the Cayman Islands' technology sector are invited to register their interest by emailing innovate@caymanenterprisecity.com.

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CBC Sniffer Dogs Aid in Detection and Seizure of Over \$400,000 in Cash

The Customs and Border Control (CBC) Service, with the help of its detection dogs, have seized more than \$400,000 to date since operations were deployed.

These finds, including some cash found in violation of CBC's currency reporting requirements, were as a result of proactive and operational activities by CBC officers, while others were conducted jointly with the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS).

The detection dogs were obtained from the United Kingdom and deployed in February 2018.

The first cash detection occurred a few days after the canines were deployed in 2018. On this occasion, the sniffer dogs alerted authorities about two passengers departing from Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA). A subsequent search of the two passengers by CBC and Financial Crime Unit officers recovered a large sum of cash.



► CBC Officer Anthony Echenique with canine Sjoerd, a Belgian Malinois

The cash was seized pending further investigations.

During another notable CBC proactive operation conducted in August 2018, a detection dog alerted its handler on two passengers departing the ORIA. When a woman was stopped and asked by CBC officers if she had any cash in her baggage or on her person, she replied verbally that she was not carrying any money on her.

Officers then decided to conduct a search of the individual and her baggage, and discovered more than US\$10,000 that was strapped to her body, hidden under her garments to avoid detection. The woman was arrested on suspicion of handling criminal property.

During this same operation, the detection dogs alerted authorities to another passenger who found more than US\$6,000 in the person's luggage. Subsequent enquiries showed that the man and money had no nexus to illegal activity and he was allowed to continue his travel.

During a joint RCIPS and CBC drug operation in June 2018, more than C\$250,000 was seized with the aid of the canines during a house search. On the occasion of another house search in February 2019, a significant amount of cash was found inside the home with the help of the detection dogs.

In June, CBC officers seized a significant amount of cash when a canine aided in the detection of US\$135,000 concealed under the floor panels of a private aircraft.

On numerous other occasions the sniffer dogs alerted to cash found either in travellers' baggage or on their persons upon arrival or departure from the Islands.

"These travellers were very fortunate to avoid criminal prosecution as they either reported to CBC officers or was below the amount required to be declared to CBC," CBC Assistant Director (Narcotics Enforcement Team and K-9 Unit), Ms. Tina Campbell said.



► CBC Officer Charles Ebanks with Bobby, a Labrador Retriever



► CBC Officer Cassius Anglin with Megan, a Springer Spaniel

CBC Assistant Director (Fraud Enforcement Division), Mr. Alberto Powery added: "Customs and Border Control hopes these detections and subsequent seizures will serve as a reminder to all travellers that being truthful with CBC officers is the best policy. The best way to hold onto one's currency is to truthfully and report the total amount to the authorities."

CBC routinely conducts inspection operations on arriving and departing international flights and intercepts narcotics, weapons, currency, and other illicit items at the country's international ports of entry.

There is no limit to how much currency and negotiable monetary instruments travellers can import or export, but the law requires travellers to declare to the CBC amounts totalling C\$15,000 or more, or its foreign equivalent, or a combination of both.

Coupled with the requirement to make a declaration of currency or BNIs

(Bearer Negotiable Instruments), travellers must also file additional particulars with CBC. Failure to make such a declaration for the total amount you are carrying may result in the seizure of all the currency, negotiable monetary instruments or bullion and may subject you to civil penalties and/or criminal prosecution.

CBC Deputy Director Jeff Jackson, who has oversight and responsibility of the Enforcement Portfolio, which includes the Narcotics Enforcement, K-9 Unit and Fraud Enforcement sections, said: "There's no doubt that canines are a valuable asset to law enforcement, not only for detecting drugs, weapons and other illicit contraband, but a variety of other things including identifying illegal movement of money."

Deputy Director Jackson also explained that additional canines will be arriving soon and will be trained specifically to detect explosives and other contraband including terrorist implements.

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS AOU Conducts 6 Emergency Medical Evacuations in 2 Weeks, Hosts joint Training with HSA

During two weeks in June, the RCIPS Air Operations Unit conducted a total of six medical evacuations to Grand Cayman from the Sister Islands using the new police helicopter. These included two on 17 June, and four during the following week of 24 to 30 June.

On Monday, 17 June, the helicopter transferred a heart patient from Cayman Brac to Cayman Health City. Later that same evening, a woman in premature labour was transported from Faith Hospital in Cayman Brac to Grand Cayman, and then to the Cayman Islands Hospital via ambulance, after it was determined that the child would be in need of critical care once born.

The following week medical evacuations were conducted on Monday, 24 June, Tuesday 25 June, Thursday, 27 June, and Saturday, 29 June. One of those evacuations was from Little Cayman, while the others were from Cayman Brac. Two of the evacuations occurred following diving related incidents, and another followed a motor-vehicle collision, while the fourth was of a critically ill patient who had lost consciousness.

All of the medical evacuations were completed safely, due to the efforts of

the AOU crew members and the Emergency Medical Services staff working in tandem.

Last week, as part of the ongoing relationship between the RCIPS and the Health Services Authority, EMS staff members, including EMTs, Advance EMTs and Paramedics, participated in a training and familiarization session hosted by Air Operations Unit. The training included a passenger briefing, and covered topics such as knowing when to approach the aircraft, safety when approaching the aircraft, and what to expect when transferring a patient to and from the aircraft.

"Conducting emergency medical evacuations is one of the primary roles that we use the police helicopter for, working closely with our partners in the HSA," said Sergeant Neil Mohammed, AOU Deputy Unit Executive Officer, who led the training session. "These kind of trainings help to ensure that we are all on the same page, and can work together safely and efficiently whenever the need arises."

During the training, there were also discussions about ways to continue to improve the process of conducting med-



► Sergeant Neil Mohammed, Deputy Unit Executive Officer, led the training

ical evacuations, from the perspective of both the helicopter crew and the EMS staff.

The AOU will be hosting another training session next week, featuring another eight EMS staff members.

Speaking at the conclusion of the training session, paramedic Krystal Arch said: "This was a fantastic experience that will definitely further improve the emergency medical evacuation services we provide to the Cayman community."





Forgotten Heroes

On Friday The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) advised the public that they are experiencing delays in residential garbage collection services in Grand Cayman due to a temporary shortage of staff at the start of the week.

In our original series of Forgotten Heroes, the definition of a hero was given as someone whose actions make the entire community better. Additionally, since we are focusing on forgotten heroes, let us say that by “forgotten” we mean that these individuals are severely overlooked by just about everyone as far as their worth to society is concerned.

Today, we choose a group of civil servants that provide a vital service to the

country. We choose the workers of the Department of Environmental Health. In particular, we focus on those individuals that are on the front line of the waste management battle; the garbage truck workers. Perhaps, a more politically correct term like “sanitation workers” should be used, but garbage truck workers is a term that definitely brings about the image of these individuals actual job. Yes, these are the folks whose job it is to handle all of the stinky, slimy, nasty, germ, potentially hazardous items that any other citizen might see fit to throw into a garbage container.

Just think for a moment of the consequences if these workers were, for whatever reason, unable to do their

job. That same, aforementioned waste would not be collected, and would sit on the curbside deteriorating and decaying, and slowly seeping into our ground and penetrating our atmosphere.

Imagine, if you will, the amount of bacterial spores that would breed in that material and then be spread to humans and wildlife.

There are some of you reading this article right now that might be thinking this is being blown out of proportion. While it does require a stretch of the imagination to think of the negative consequences of these workers not doing their job, it has happened before, elsewhere. Any U.S. history buff could tell you about the 1968 sanitation workers strikes that

caused a shutdown of garbage collection and related tasks. Ordinary citizens suffered without these services.

Gladly, that will not happen here. The Cayman Islands is actually really lucky, and indeed blessed, to have such a competent and diligent group of workers in this area. So, now that we have imagined the negatives, we should now turn to the positives. It is because of the garbage truck workers that we have a country whose visitors rave about its cleanliness. They also prevent a lot of illnesses and diseases from spreading.

Not only are they willing to do this job, they feel it is their duty to do the job well for the sake of the community. That is what heroes do. 🌐

Suggested Hurricane Supply List

To prepare for the unknown, each home should have a 72-hour Disaster Survival Kit. You will need to pack some essential items to help you and your family survive, whether you stay at home or leave it during a disaster.

Ensure at least three days (72 hours) supply for each person. Do not forget pets where applicable! The following is a minimum suggested list of Survival Kit supplies:

Drinking Water:

- One gallon per person/per day in unbreakable containers, Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

- Don't forget to add additional water for mixing formula if you have children and for your pets. Rotate the drinking water each year.

- Food preparation and sanitation require another two quarts (minimum) per person daily.

- Purchased bottled water that has been sealed is best for storage. It meets FDA guidelines for food and is not as vulnerable to temperature changes as unsealed water

- **Tip:** Purchase water this year and use it for drinking next year. This allows for rotation on an annual basis and keeps the water fresh. **Yes water can go bad!**

Water for sanitation use:

- Store extra containers of water to be used for flushing toilets, cleaning, and bathing.

- Purchase water purification tablets (Halazone) to be used if you still have running water but are told to boil water before using it. This allows you to fill the bathtub and other containers without purchasing expensive drinking water.

- **Tip:** Keep plastic containers (milk jugs and other containers) and fill them with water when a storm threatens. You can put these items in the freezer to keep food cold longer in the event that the electricity goes out.

Non-perishable Food:

- Maintain at least 3-7 days of food for each member of the family.

- Small, preferably single serving cans (should not require cooking or refrigeration). Dried fruit, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, soft drinks and pet foods.

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables.

- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).

- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper in water proof containers.

- High energy foods like crackers, granola bars, trail mix.

- Raw vegetables that do not need refrigeration.
- Fresh bread.
- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, **instant coffee, tea bags.**

- Sterno for cooking.
- Vitamins
- Food for infants
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic storage containers
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)
- Pedialyte (to restore hydration if needed)

- **Tip:** Purchase only items that you like to eat and would eat even without a storm. Rotate these items by using them Dec-May each year and purchasing new items Jan-May. This allows you to reduce the cost of buying items for a hurricane kit at one time and keeps the items fresh. **Yes even canned goods have a shelf life!**

Baby Needs:

- Special foods (enough for several days)
- Formula (enough for several days)
- Extra diapers
- Medicines (get a copy of prescription)
- Blankets
- Diaper Rash Ointment
- Baby Wipes
- Powder
- Bottles
- Pacifier
- Favorite toy/blanket
- Medicine dropper
- Diaper-rash ointment

Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes, soap, baby wipes, liquid hand sanitizer
- Liquid detergent
- Feminine supplies
- Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc.)
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Household chlorine bleach, disinfectant
- Plenty of absorbent towels

First Aid Kit

- Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.
- Adhesive bandages various sizes – Sterile gauze pads (various sizes)
- Germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Non-latex gloves – Adhesive tape – Anti-bacterial ointment – Antiseptic spray
- Cold packs (non refrigerated type) – Scissors – Tweezers – Rubbing alcohol
- CPR breathing barrier, such as a face shield – Thermometer, Safety pins.

Non-Prescription Drugs

- Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever, Benadryl, peroxide
- Anti-diarrhea medication, Antacid (for stomach upset)
- Syrup of Ipecac (use to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center)
- Laxative
- Activated charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center)

Prescription Drugs

- Heart and high blood pressure medication
- Insulin (enough for a 30 day supply)
- Hearing Aid and extra batteries
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses
- **Tip:** If your insurance will allow, get a 90 day supply of prescriptions and have at least a 30 day supply on hand. n't wait until a couple of days before a storm to go to the pyou may not get your prescription refilled; the lines arevery quickly.



Clothing and Bedding

Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Towels
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses
- Tent
- Lawn chairs

Entertainment

- Games
- Books
- Cards
- Extra batteries for games Coloring books, crayons.

Miscellaneous

- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Paper, pencil
- Needles, thread
- Camping utensils
- Map of the area (for locating shelters) and returning to the area.
- Cash or traveler's checks
- **Tip:** Have enough cash to sustain you through a 2 week period. Without electricity, most businesses (if open) will not accept credit cards and may not accept traveler's checks.
- Emergency preparedness manual
- Citronella candles

Not evacuating and staying home?

- Ensure you have enough food, water, medications, and other supplies in your survival kit to last at least 2 weeks.
- Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and other containers with water for cleaning and flushing. Additional water is stored for drinking.
- Cover all windows and other openings with hardened protections. If you do not have manufactured shutters, cut plywood and secure to protect the windows.
- Close all interior doors and brace outer doors.
- Select an interior room to use as a safe room.
- Plan as though you were evacuating and have enough cash on hand to sustain usage of gas, food, and other supplies in the days following the storm.
- If you have a generator, ensure you have enough gas on hand to sustain usage for several days.
- Ensure you have sufficient medications in case you are confined to your home for several days. Post-storm there may not be any electricity and pharmacies will probably closed even with a minor storm.
- Plan to cook on a camp stove or grill in the days immediately after the storm passes. 🌐

USA raise the women's bar

The USA women's footballers did as expected and beat the Netherlands 2-0 in the World Cup final in France on Sunday.

The Dutch were resilient but, in the end, it was the defensive solidity, flair in midfield and finishing ability of the Americans that counted.

Captain Megan Rapinoe calmed any nerves the Americans may have had with a penalty before Rose Lavelle sealed the win with a marvellous solo run for the second.

Lavelle, with 33 caps and 10 goals, looks set for a glittering career now she is firmly established in the side. The deftness of her skills and cool finishing ability sets the 24-year-old Washington Spirit midfielder for a long spell at football's elite level.

Lavelle seems to thrive on pulling defenders to her like a magnet, attract-

ing two and three and sometimes four shirts while she retains the ball. Her fantastic vision and movement, and her understanding of how plays develop two or three steps ahead of time, are exactly the elements expected in a number 10, exemplified by the likes of Lionel Messi, Zinedine Zidane, Pele, Ronaldinho and Diego Maradona.

The USWNT midfield is perhaps the main reason to be excited about the team going into the future. The 2020 Olympics will probably be the precursor to a small wave of retirements as the old guard, such as 34-year-old co-captain Rapinoe, find closure on their careers. It's the natural cycle of a team, as the older players file out. Lavelle is the future of the USWNT midfield, whether they remain committed to their fast, direct, shock-and-



► Rose Lavelle tore the Dutch apart



► Megan Rapinoe transcends football with her stances

awe style, or they decide to play more of a build-up game.

Lavelle was still in college and watching the United States play Japan in the 2015 World Cup final at a pizza shop. "Just a young child," she sighs mock-dramatically over her college-aged self. She knew then with certainty the US would win.

Most predictions before the final did not foresee a closely-fought game, given the Netherlands' overall tournament performance and the extra 30 minutes of playing required against Sweden, added to the fact that the team has had one less day to rest than the US. In the event, it was quite a breeze. Lavelle made sure of that. Rose has blossomed into a world beater.

This World Cup was a wonderful tournament amid record-breaking attend-

ances and television audiences. The fact that Rapinoe has incurred the wrath of the White House incumbent by stating her intention not to visit him with the World Cup is refreshing. She was also a vocal supporter of Colin Kaepernick in kneeling for the national anthem and is at the forefront of the campaign for equal pay in football.

For possibly the first time, many male football fans have learned the names of some of the stars and can trot out their back stories and some of their statistics when required. Men have taken to social media during games and tweet about goals and refereeing decisions with the same argot we deploy when following our favourite men's teams.

It's all a great advert for the beautiful game, enhancing football generally. 🌐

Gauff will spend \$185k prize 'on hoodies'

Cori "Coco" Gauff survived Wimbledon into the second week, which is an accomplishment for most seasoned tennis players much less for a 15-year-old grand slam debutant.

Gauff faced former world No 1 Simona Halep in the fourth round on Monday after defeats of her inspiration Venus Williams and then Slovenia's Polona Hercog. Such is Gauff's impact, she may be the poster girl of tennis for years to come.

Gauff's emergence has been the most endearing story of Wimbledon 2019 so far. She arrived there as a curiosity: the youngest qualifier in the tournament's history and the first 15-year-old to compete in the main draw for a decade. The day before her first qualifying match, she was up until 11pm doing a science exam. She scored a B, the only test she didn't ace all week.

Gauff, from Delray Beach, Florida, has inspired a frenzy usually reserved for homegrown players or Roger Federer. Her matches have attracted the largest TV audiences and the most boisterous roars on Henman Hill. "She's the talk of the United States," said John McEnroe on Friday night, after Gauff had saved two heart-stopping match points and overcome Hercog on Centre Court. "She's the talk of the world in a way."



► Coco Gauff reached Wimbledon's second week

Gauff remains unphased, even claiming that the \$185,000 prize money she has earned so far will probably go on buying hoodies as she's not old enough to buy a car.

Teenage phenomena, of course, are nothing new in tennis. Hingis won the 1997 Australian Open aged 16, and five grand slams before the age of 19 (though no major singles titles after). A 17-year-old Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon in 2004, as Boris Becker had done at the same age in 1985. Bjorn Borg, Monica Seles, Tracy Austin, Michael Chang and Rafael Nadal were all teenage champions. But many did not fulfil that early potential, burning out early.

Gauff is not expected to be a brief sensation. She hopes to emulate the longevity of the Williams sisters. Few are betting against it. 🌐



► Jon Jones was pushed to the limits

Jones struggles to retain title

UFC fans have taken to social media to vent their anger after Jon "Bones" Jones was handed a controversial points victory over Thiago Santos.

Jones - considered the sport's pound-for-pound king - went into the bout at UFC 239 in Las Vegas as the big favourite but was taken all the way by Santos as he looked to snatch his light-heavyweight title away.

Santos appeared to have done enough to be in with a shot of winning as he showcased some explosive power while Jones looked nervy for large parts of the fight.

An injury to Santos' leg in round two put paid to any hopes the challenger had of a knockout as he was forced to spend most of the latter stages effectively on one leg.

Jones took advantage but was unable to end the contest. Both fighters raised their fists, but it was Jones who

retained his title following a split decision from the judges.

Jones has now won an impressive 25 of his 26 UFC bouts but some supporters thought his opponent edged the fight and were not happy with the decision.

"Jones won it comfortably, in my view," said Dana White, the UFC President, "which defines him as The Greatest. Look at who he has beaten."

It was a dramatic night in the T-Mobile Arena as the other Brazilian - Amanda Nunes - retained her women's bantamweight crown when the 31-year-old, laying claim to be the greatest woman fighter of all time, stopped former champion Holly Holm in the opening stanza with a superb kick.

What Nunes has learnt is to be patient, and the double weight champ - both 135lbs and 145lbs featherweight - showed it to perfection. 🌐

Leonard resists Raptors for Clippers

The Toronto Raptors are losing Kawhi Leonard which comes as no surprise. It was a heck of a season, but that's all the Raptors are going to get from the brilliant small forward.

Only a few weeks after leading the Raptors to their first NBA title, the superstar free agent is heading for the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Raptors published a statement on their twitter account on Saturday from team president Masai Ujiri, that confirms the reports that both Leonard and guard Danny Green are leaving. The Clippers will land Leonard as a free agent after they acquire Paul George from the Oklahoma City Thunder in a massive trade for players and draft picks.

George is expected to be traded for at least four first-round picks. And Leonard made his decision to sign with the Clippers after the team swung the deal to land George.

The Thunder will get Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Danilo Gallinari from the Clippers.

Leonard going to the Clippers means that for the first time, a reigning NBA Finals MVP will be changing teams before the next season. Leonard was also pursued by the Los Angeles Lakers and the Raptors tried everything possible to keep him.

The most the Clippers can offer Leonard is \$142 million over four years, which is the deal he is expected to sign.

Leonard was probably the most coveted prize in this year's free agency, and met with several teams including the Raptors, Lakers and Clippers in his hometown of Los Angeles.

The news ends months of speculation and angst for Raptors fans, that has only heated up after free agency opened last Sunday.

Leonard averaged 28.5 points in a six-game Finals victory over the Golden State Warriors. He scored 732 points in the playoffs — only Michael Jordan (759) and LeBron James (748) had more in a single post-season — and 14 times reached 30 points during the Raptors' title run.



► Kawhi Leonard cashed in his MVP award

He was also excellent on both sides of the ball as they dispatched Orlando, Philadelphia, Milwaukee and finally the two-time defending champions Golden State Warriors. He was rewarded with his second career Finals MVP award.

There were iconic moments along the way, including his series-winning final shot in Game 7 against the 76ers that bounced on the rim four times before falling, sending the Scotiabank Arena crowd into a frenzy. 🌐

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