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Progressives celebrate two years of Unity Government

May 31st marked the two year anniversary of the current Progressives led Unity Government. Half way through their current term as the Cayman Islands Government, the Premier and his team expressed the pride for their achievements thus far.

Here is a list that they published on their website:

- The economy has grown steadily. GDP growth at 3.6% in the third quarter of last year. Caymanian unemployment has plummeted and is the lowest it's been since 2006.
- Created a new integrated department dealing with labour and immigration issues Workforce Opportunities and Residence Cayman (WORC)

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Then and Now: A tale of two Capitals

By Lindsey Turnbull

It may come as a surprise to some people but George Town, the Cayman Islands capital, was not the first choice of capital town for Caymanians when the island of Grand Cayman was first inhabited. According to the first survey of Grand Cayman conducted by George Gould in 1773, it was Bodden Town which was the most populated. Of the families living in Grand Cayman, he noted there were "21 at South Side, which we have called Bodden Town, 13 at the West End commonly called the

Hogsties, 3 at the East End, and 2 at Spot's Bay..."

Notes on the History of the Cayman Islands, written by George Hirst in 1910, sheds some light as to why the area of Bodden Town was the first choice for the island's settlors when it also talks about Prospect being a popular spot for settlers due to its fertile lands.

"The land between Prospect and Boddentown offered the best chances and consequently it was in the direction of Boddentown the land was first taken up and turned to use," the author stated. They also discussed how the name Bodden Town came about, discounting the story that it came from the first settlor in the area who was granted land, a Mary Bodden, because Mary Bodden's land was actually present-day Newlands.

"I suggest the town took its name not from any individual inhabitant but from the number of inhabitants bearing the name "Bodden" or "Bawden"," he stated

He went on to say, "Tradition says that "Georgetown was only a hamlet when Boddentown was a town." This may have been true (I have no means of verification) but if it was, Boddentown very early

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► Comart Lt GT 1974 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

Kenneth Bryan re-joins Opposition



► Kenneth Bryan, MLA George Town Central

MLA for George Town Central, Mr. Kenneth Bryan has today agreed to re-join the ranks of the Official Opposition. This comes almost two years after his departure from the group and serves to further strengthen and diversify the Official Opposition.

Mr. Arden McLean, Leader of the Opposition commented, "I am delighted to welcome Kenneth Bryan back to the group. Kenneth has been a fierce advocate for his residents in George Town Central and is not afraid to speak his mind. The fresh and challenging perspective that he will bring to the team, is to be welcomed and I look forward to his contributions in helping to create an environment where all

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COMMUNITY VOICE

DON'T CONFLATE LOVE WITH APPROVAL

Conflate. I feel the need to use this word in order to explain why public opposition to certain ideologies is being shut down by those who support those ideologies, as well as why some who oppose those ideologies operate under a self-imposed censorship in these matters.

One reason for this politically correct orchestration of public discourse is that our culture has successfully been coached to conflate the idea of love with that of approval. Conflate means to fuse or merge two (often quite different) ideas or events into one entity. It is such a common occurrence now in western society to hear or read about someone being accused of hate speech because they oppose a certain ideology or lifestyle that it has to be clear to all critically-thinking people that those who orchestrated the re-definition of words and ideas have been astoundingly successful in conflating the concepts of love and approval and its inverse: hate and disapproval.

I have been advised by well-meaning and caring persons in this community to not speak out against the LGBT+ protagonists or their campaign to redefine sexual morality, sexuality, family and marriage because I may be branded as hateful. Well, I do not conflate love with approval nor hate with disapproval. I still believe it is possible to point out what is ideologically and behaviourally wrong in society and individuals and do it because I love and care for persons. I believe that every good parent shares my view that if you



▶ Pastor M. Alson Ebanks

really love your child you will not support a sinful or destructive lifestyle by remaining silent. Such silence kills. It is not loving.

Maybe being "liked" and getting "thumbs-up" emojis have become so important to some of us that approval takes priority over truth, love and genuine compassion for others. The analogy to "friends don't let friends drive drunk" is that love does not withhold disapproval to the detriment of others.

One final observation: if we allow the conflation of the concepts of disapproval and hate to go unchallenged, we will bear responsibility for the destruction of the foundations for freedom of speech, freedom of public discourse, freedom of conscience, freedom of association and freedom of religion. This is not idle theory. These realities are being played out today in countries such as the UK, Canada, Australia and the USA.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PAHO Workshop Leads to Climate Change Policy Addition

Following a recent workshop on the subject local public and private stakeholders are set to collaborate on a special climate change and health chapter to go into the draft National Climate Change Policy.

Around 50 people from public sector agencies, the private sector and professional bodies had attended the two-day session on protecting populations of small island developing states, like the Cayman Islands, from the anticipated impacts of climate change on health and health systems. It was organised by the Pan American Health Organisation/ World Health Organisation and the Ministry responsible for Health.

Outlining the motivation behind the global training and outreach initiative that began in 2017, PAHO Consultant for Family, Health Promotion and the Life Course Nasolo Thompson remarked: "Our vision is that, by 2030, all small island developing states will have health systems resilient to climate change. In addition countries around the world will reduce their carbon emissions to protect the most vulnerable from climate risks, and to deliver large-scale health benefits in carbon-emitting countries."

To achieve these goals PAHO/WHO representatives said the health sector must also reduce its carbon footprint, including making health care facilities more resilient to disasters and environmentally friendly. They also noted the many mitigating actions being taken by other sectors which also benefit health.

Ms Thompson along with colleagues, Senior Advisor, Water, Sanitation and Environmental Health for the Caribbean, Adrianus Vlugman and Advisor, Global Environmental Changes, Dr Daniel Buss, led sessions on a range of issues.

Avalon Porter of the National Weather Service presented on the impact of climate change on the Cayman Islands' weather patterns. Meanwhile Deputy Chief Officer of the Ministry responsible for Health and Environment, Nancy Barnard, gave an overview of presentations at a recent Caribbean workshop on climate change and health in Grenada. Ms Barnard is the Focal Point for Climate Change and Health for the Cayman Islands

Other topics on the agenda included: the impact of climate change on environmental determinants of health, building



► PAHO Consultant for Family, Health Promotion and the Life Course Nasolo Thompson

climate resilient health systems, the Action Plan on Health and Climate Change for the Caribbean, and the importance of an inter-sectoral approach to climate change.

Speaking at the event Health and Environment Minister Hon. Dwayne Seymour commented that rising temperatures and related catastrophes of recent years as evidence of the need for continuing the multi-sectoral action that marked the creation of the draft policy.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank PAHO/WHO for funding and organising the event with my Ministry staff, in order to enhance the role of the health sector and key stakeholders in mitigating and adapting to climate change," the Minister stated.

Workshop participants were drawn from across Government ministries and departments, including the Cabinet Office, as well as the Health Services Authority, Public Health, the Mosquito Research and Control Unit, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Environment, the Department of Environmental Health, Hazard Management, Water Authority and Port Authority.

Also present were the health sector's professional councils, the Red Cross, the Chamber of Commerce, CUC, Health City, Doctors' Hospital, the Cancer Society, the Tourism Association and St Matthews University, among others.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Information on Scheduled Outage

Area: Crystal Harbour, West Bay

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2019 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

CUC advises customers in the Crystal Harbour area that they will experience short interruptions of no more than five minutes to their electrical service on Wednesday, June 5 between 10:00

a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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Caribbean Anti-Corruption Conference Started Monday

Heads and other delegates from integrity commissions and anti-corruption agencies in the Commonwealth Caribbean meet on Grand Cayman from Monday, 3 – Friday, 7 June 2019 for the fifth annual conference of the Commonwealth Caribbean Association of Integrity Commissions and Anti-Corruption Bodies (CCAICACB).

Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland, Q.C., will deliver the opening remarks at the opening ceremony on Monday, 3 June at 9 am, to be held at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort. The theme for the conference this year that is organised locally by the Commissions for Standards in Public Life (CSPL), is "Transforming Words into Action: Revitalising the Fight Against Corruption."

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE, will declare the conference open and the CI Cadet Corps will participate in the opening ceremony

with the procession of flags.

Commissions Secretariat Manager
Deborah Bodden outlined that this will
be first time that the Cayman Islands
will host the event. This year's conference is sponsored by the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation,
the Commonwealth Secretariat, CSPL
and the Cayman Islands Government.

Attendees comprise delegates from anti-corruption units from Antigua and



Barbuda, Bahamas, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos, as well as from the host country, the Cayman Islands.

Others include representatives from the Commonwealth Secretariat, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, National Integrity Action Jamaica and the Robert H. Smith of Business at the University of Maryland.

Panel discussions will cover corruption in sports, modernising legislative frameworks, the investigative battle against corruption and new technologies to combat corruption.

Additionally, representatives from each country will provide updates on the past year's work of their countries' commissions.

"We are very excited that the Cayman Islands is hosting this year's event as this annual conference has a very useful purpose. I believe we all have a lot to learn and share in both the development and implementation of meaningful and effective strategies for controlling corruption," CSPL Chairperson and local attorney, Ms Rosie Myles commented.





PSPB Officially Opens Office in Cayman Brac

The Public Service Pensions Board (PSPB) is officially opening a new office in Cayman Brac and is recognizing this with a Grand Opening Event on Friday. 31st May 2019. The event will include the official ribbon cutting and remarks recognizing the opening from dignitaries such His Excellency, The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper and the Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Franz Manderson.

The opening event invites all PSPB Cayman Brac members to learn about their available on island supports and provide input to the PSPB on how to continue to expand services and sup-

"The PSPB has always made having a presence on Cayman Brac a priority. Since our 25th Anniversary Celebration Event we have talked about opening an office in the Brac and today we reach that goal." said Mrs. Jewel Evans Lindsey, Managing Director and Trustee with the PSPB.

Given cost considerations, opening an office took careful research and oversight to ensure that PSPB services would be utilized and that the office would provide both an immediate and

The PSPB has worked over the past two years to establish a much bigger presence on Cayman Brac. This has included the continued ongoing relationship with the District Administration office to serve the island and quarterly trips by PSPB staff to ensure that on island support was offered to members. It became clear from increasing demand for more regular service that an ongoing presence on the island was necessary in order to deliver the highest standard of service to the Sister Is-

"Even when we knew it was time to open an office to serve our Cayman Brac membership, we needed to carefully review our options," said Evans Lindsey. "In the end we selected the most cost effective option that was available and we have established a central location in Cayman Brac."

Another consideration beyond services that were being accessed is that the PSPB Cayman Brac office is now in place to serve nearly 700 individual members on Cayman Brac and this includes close to 200 people who are pensioners. The PSPB Cayman Brac office opened in Brac have accessed services from this new office, clearly showing the community response to wanting this support in Cayman Brac.

Based on the current Cayman Brac population, means that nearly 1 in 3 people on Cayman Brac are members of a pension plan administered by the PSPB and when potential beneficiaries, spouses or children are linked to these members, the

number served by this office further increases. Further analysis also showed that based on age demographics, the number of people in Cayman Brac who can potentially retire in the coming five to ten years is significant.

"Opening an office to serve members and pensioners who have lived and worked their lives for Cayman Brac and

lands," said Evans Lindsey. "This is an opportunity to give back and show that our seniors and pensioners can rely on easy to access service."

ed at 5 Dennis Foster Road and it is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Cayman Brac PSPB office is locat-

Information on the Public Service



The Opposition welcomes the return of Kenneth Bryan

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Caymanians can prosper, achieve their full potential, and be valued in our community."

Kenneth Bryan, MLA George Town Central said, "I am pleased to be re-joining the official Opposition Group. It is reassuring to know that contributions from all will be valued. I have always enjoyed a good working relationship with many in the Group and I look forward to working with them to find solutions for the many challenges facing Cayman and Caymanians. I am glad to be a part of a group that will assist me in providing even stronger representation for my constituents in George Town Central, and the wider district of George Town".



► Mr Alva H Suckoo MLA



Mr. Arden McLean, Leader of the Oppo-



► Bodden Town MLA Anthony Eden



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Dancers prepare for upcoming Dancescape show

By Lindsey Turnbull

Rehearsals are currently in full swing for The Cayman Islands National Dance Company & School – Dance Unlimited's hotly anticipated annual show, to be held at the Harquail Theatre on 9th and 16th June at 5:00pm and on Saturday 15th June at 7:00pm. This is a much-loved event that has been held each year at the Harquail Theatre for the past 30 years.

Always an uplifting and fun exhibition of artistic talent, Dance Unlimited's show will feature dancers of all ages, from dancing tots as young as three years of age all the way through to adults, who will be performing a series of dances, from high energy popular moves to the flowing elegant steps of modern contemporary.

Jessica Eden, Assistant Artistic Director & Founding Member of the dance school said:

"There will be a bit of something to appeal to everyone's dance preference.

Dancers are excited and ready to show off their hard work and talents. We are in theatre this Friday and Saturday for our first stage rehearsals."

The Cayman Islands National Dance Company & School - Dance Unlimited offers dance classes for students from the ages of three years old to adulthood, teaching modern contemporary, lyrical, ballet foundation, jazz, Afro-Caribbean, Latin, hip-hop and combo fusion, which is a mixture of the various styles. Classes are held at their studios at Cannon Place and the culmination of all their hard work and multiple talents takes place at this annual dance production held in May or June at the Harquail Theatre. Dancers also appear at lots of other community events throughout the year, such as at Pirates Week, the Cayman Islands National Arts Festival, Cayfest, Cayman Arts Festival, beauty pageants such as Miss Cayman and Miss Teen, and lots more functions.



The dance company was founded in 1988 by its Artistic Director, Ms. Lorna Reid, and operates as a non-profit organisation. It has represented the Cayman Islands internationally - twice at the Multicultural Festival in Holland, CARIFESTA V, VI & VI and Dance Festivals in Miami.

This year's Dancescape is supported by a number of sponsors: A.R.C., CUC, Burger King, Big Fish 95.5, Dr Wolfe's Dental Centre, AMR Consulting Engineers and ACAI Ultrasound Imaging Services.

Call 926-1826 /927-2882/ 916-1273 for tickets, which cost \$30.00 adults and \$15.00 for the under 16s.

Progressives celebrate two years of Unity Government

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• Provided funding for 75 new Police Officers. Community

Beat Officers now in every district, improving visibility and response times; reassuring communities and deterring crime.

• On 1st February the former customs and immigration departments were merged and the Customs Border Control

(CBC) unit was formed. They already seeing results that the CBC is making, keeping borders more secure and communities safer.

• Created a new Coast Guard, whose main focus is on criminal interdiction in our waters, stopping the illegal importation of firearms, drugs, and illegal immigration as well as search and rescue and marine enforcement.

ment.
• Since January this year, seafarers, veterans, those in need of social assistance and long servicing civil service pensioners have a guaranteed minimum income of \$750 per month, an increase of \$26%

month - an increase of 36%.

• Last July civil servants received cost of living increases which brought their salaries

back in line with inflation.
16 new affordable homes completed in Bodden Town and in January they broke ground in

East End for another 6 homes.
• First time buyers don't pay duty on land valued up to \$150,00 or on homes up to \$400,000, helping more Caymanians get their foot on the housing ladder.

 Reduced Government debt tremendously and maintained the reduced fees for small businesses.

• The Financial Services industry, despite the last recession and the endless compliance initiatives remains the international financial services centre of choice.

• Tourism is thriving, last year the Cayman Islands had the highest number of visitors in its history.

 They had a very successful Royal Visit in April and HRH Prince Charles officially opened the newly renovated and expanded Owen Roberts International Airport as well as the new 25 metre swimming pool in Cayman Brac.

• They have completed the new South Sound Boardwalk, which protects one of the best

▶ Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE JP, MLA

Business Survey 2018 Your Response Matters!

In 2017, Cayman's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) recorded its second largest growth rate in the past seven years of 3.0%.

Cayman Islands: Growth in Real GDP 2007 - 2017



How did this change in 2018?

The annual System of National Accounts (SNA) survey collects the information necessary to measure the health and performance of Cayman's economy and its various industries.

The survey runs from April 8th to June 7th 2019.

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natural views on Grand Cayman and will be enjoyed for generations of Caymanians, Residents and Visitors. Procured a further 634 acres of protected land, increasing the total amount of protected land to 4,111 acres - about 6.3% of Cayman's total land mass.

• The new John Gray High School campus project is underway again with a target of completion in time for the 2021/22 academic year. Capital investments this year include 3 new classrooms at Red Bay and construction of a hall at Bodden Town, improved the outdoor sporting facilities at a number of public schools and constructed new artificial turf football fields at Red Bay, Bodden Town and Prospect Primary Schools.

• Public Works Department City & Guilds apprenticeship programme is a great success and They have committed more funding for a brand new facility and expansion of the programme to serve at least 50 students next year.

• E-Government services continue to launch, giving the public the ability to do business with Government when they want, where they want, at their convenience.

According to the website, They have indicated that there is much more this Government still needs to do and the Cayman Islands can be assured over the next two years they will give everything they have to get it done.

THEN AND NOW

We continue with this popular series, comparing life in Cayman in the 21st Century with how things were in times gone by. This time we find out more about Cayman's capitals

A tale of two Capitals

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in the history of the island lost its place, and gave precedence to Georgetown."

In the book *Pioneer Settlers*, it was noted the population had grown in 1802 to 933 people, with Bodden Town still the largest settlement; however, in *Edward Corbet's Report and Census* to Jamaica in that same year, George Town is recognised as perhaps the better choice for a capital. He describes George Town:

"This place was formerly called Hog Styes, but now named George Town and is the only harbour in the island into which vessels of any burden can enter. It is perfectly secure from every wind but those from the Windward and there is good anchorage for vessels of any burden not approaching nearer the shore that eight fathom water, the then distance about a quarter of a mile or less."

However, Bodden Town was still a central part of Grand Cayman because of its church, as Mr Corbert noted:

"At Bodden Town there is a small place of worship and in which they have divine service. The person who officiates is not an ordained Clergyman but a respectable Inhabitant."

When describing Bodden Town, he goes on to say, "The greatest part of the Inhabitants now upon the Island have been born there."

In a later *Report and Official Visit of Mr LR Fyfe* in approximately 1885 it is noted that George Town is the "principal place in Grand Cayman having the best anchorage."

Hirst described George Town's ascendance:



▶ Downtown George Town in the 21st Century

"Georgetown came into prominence as the capital of the islands towards the close of the eighteenth century. To this time Prospect held the pre-eminence, but presumably this gradually diminishing population, the exposed position, the lack of roads, the shallowness of the harbour and the danger of the reef were all factors in her downfall."

Fast forward to present day and of course George Town is Cayman's busy capital as far as the seat of Government is concerned, housing Cayman's Government Administration Building, its Law Courts and Legislative Assembly building. It's the main port-of-call for Cayman's million plus cruise ship tourists and is Cayman's main seat of business,

commerce and shopping, although Camana Bay is hot on its tail in this regard. It's also the largest district in terms of population, with a little more than half of the total Cayman Islands' population, or 51.7 per cent (32,808 people), living there (as at 2017 – ESO Statistical Compendium) as part of the overall population of 63,415 (as at 2017).



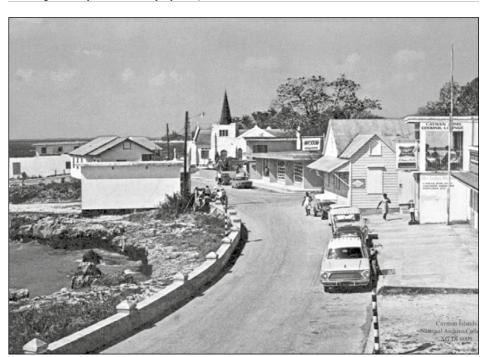
▶ Boat tied up and anchored in GT Harbour 1938 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



▶ Shedden Road business section showing Merren shops (Photo courtesy Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System)



▶ Houses in Bodden Town 1925 to 1928 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



► Harbour Drive showing the Cayman Arms the old Comart etc 1940s to 1950s (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



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Aspirers Society gives students hope and vision

Of course, all want our kids to be successful and confident and have a great self-image. But we don't really need anyone to tell us that, sadly, this doesn't always happen. Kids fail, and when they do, they can easily get discouraged and give up. Sometimes, all they need is someone older and wiser to give them a word of encouragement get them back on their feet to try again. the Aspirers Society, begun over a year ago by Hopeton Bailey, an experienced teacher working in the UK, aims to turn those kinds of situations around so that young people can better see themselves as confident and successful young adults.

So far, feedback has been very positive. Craig Malkin, a teacher in one of the schools where the UK pilot session took place, said: "It was really successful. The staff there said it was a really inspirational session. You had someone there who talked about his own life experiences and how he'd turned his life around."

After graduating from Church Teachers College in Jamaica in 2001, Mr. Bailey eventually began teaching in the UK in 2006. There he saw firsthand some of the problems and roadblocks the kids were encountering on their pathway to success and got involved in running several different afterschool programs aimed at supporting not just struggling students, their parents too. The Aspirers Society is already established in two UK secondary schools and Mr. Hopeton would like to begin extending the program to other countries, including the Cayman Islands.

"The Aspirers Society is very important because many students will go through school and will not reach a level of self-actualization because they were not given the tailored support to aspire to be great," he explained. "Yes the schools are doing a great job in educating students but most of the times students do not see the purpose of education and hence consider education as boring and pointless. If students select a chosen career path and start aspiring to be great in that field then they will seek education to meet their aspiration. Aspiration drives education, and will help to solve not only the poor behavior in our schools but in our communities. It is also important because it is the world's first Aspirers Society, and we are aiming to create a generation with a culture and a desire to aspire," He said.

"We can support schools with their behavior problems and other socials issues. We can even support with teaching and learning. We have a weekly meetup with our students where we offer tuition in mathematics, English and science. On a monthly basis we have a general meeting where different experts come in to educate, motivate and inspire students on their chosen career path. Each member is given an Aspirers Society passport. Students use their passport to record the time of any extra activities that is done to support their chosen career and their personal development. In July we will have our awards and celebration event. If students accumulate 60 hours in their passport they will be awarded a certificate. If they accumulate over



► Aspirers' Society founder, Hopeton Bailey

120 hours they will be awarded a diploma from the Aspirers Society. As we are now launching in different countries, students can now sign up online through the website: https://aspirerssociety.org/

Carifta Games Positively Impact Stayover Performance

Air arrivals into the Cayman Islands continued their positive trend in April with 46,079 visitors, an increase of 17.98 percent over 2018. This represents the best April in recorded history and the first time the destination welcomed over 40,000 stayover visitors in the month of April. April also saw an increase of 2.17 percent in cruise arrivals, with 154,983 passengers arriving to our shores. Based on preliminary estimates, total visitor spend for the period January – April 2019 was approximately KY\$305 million.

As the official host of the 2019 Carifta Games held 20 – 22 April 2019, the Cayman Islands welcomed a total of 2,076 visitors from the Caribbean. Regional visitation to the Cayman Islands during April 2019 was led by Jamaica and followed by the Bahamas, who added 504 and 218 visitors respectively. Caribbean arrivals accounted for 2.78 percentage points of the growth rate in total visitation for the destination in April.

"Diversification in visitation is essential to increasing our stayover performance and levelling seasonality," commented Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism, the Honourable Moses Kirkconnell. "Sports tourism creates opportunities to positively impact both visitation and total visitor spend. I am proud that the Cayman Islands will host the third-annual Cayman Islands Classic this fall and look forward to welcoming the teams and their fans from across the United States."

The Cayman Islands Classic is an annual preseason college basketball tournament that will be held 25 – 27 No-



vember 2019. The tournament features eight division one teams who will compete at the John Gray High School gym-

nasium. To learn more about The Cayman Islands Classic, please visit www. caymanislandsclassic.com.

For more information and detailed arrival statistics, please visit www.visit-caymanislands.com/statistics.



GIRLGUIDING BRANCHES ENVIRONMENT ACTION DAY 2019

Girlguiding Cayman islands is one of nine British Overseas Territories that has Branch Association with Girlguiding UK.

Following large Girlguiding research project, 34,376 Brownies gave feedback that they wanted people to care

about the environment and recycling. Did you know that a plastic drinks bottle can take anywhere from 500-1000 years to degrade and 8 million metric tonnes of plastic pollution ends up in the ocean every year?

Coastlines are very important to the British Overseas Territories and so each of the Branch Associations are taking part in an Environment Action Day on Saturday 8th June, which will also tie in with World Oceans Day.

Girlguiding Cayman Islands is joining forces with Plastic Free Cayman and the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation for their event. There will be a beach clean-up, followed by an Environment Fair. The fair will have information booths/displays from the Department of Environment, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, Plastic Free Cayman and Girlguiding Cayman Islands.

Everyone is welcome!



DETAILS

When: Saturday 8th June

Time:

Beach clean-up from 8-9.30am Environment fair from 9.30-11am

Where:

Consuelo's Beach and South Sound **Community Centre**

What to bring to the event:

Sunscreen, sunhat, reusable water bottle, cup or mug, plate or bowl, gloves (if possible), parents, siblings and friends (all welcome). Girlguiding Members should wear their uniform.

Refreshments:

Light refreshments will be provided. In the spirit of being waste-free, we will not be providing dishes or cups - please bring your own.



Cayman Brac Event

There will be also be a beach clean-up taking place on Cayman Brac on Saturday 8th June, this will take place at the Coconut Beach around 7:30am.

This location is where the booby birds build their nests and sadly the birds are often using plastic to make their nests.

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"We are very much looking forward to this year's conference which focuses on the stability and security of clients' assets, the trusts industry, as well as family and contentious trust issues," said Appleby Group Head of Private Client, Carlos de Serpa Pimentel. "The event is always well attended by high profile industry peers from across the globe and we are pleased to be participating actively again this year."

Alison will be speaking on Offshore Update - Substance Rules and the EU Blacklist, while Carlos will be contributing on a panel entitled International Planning in Volatile Jurisdictions. Several members of the Private Client & Trusts team, led by Partner, Vanessa Schrum, as well as members of the Dispute Resolution team from our Bermuda office will also be attending the conference.

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TROPICAL UPDATE

Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

There are no tropical cyclones in the Atlantic area at this time.

NOAA Jun 3



Hurricane Checklist



Clothing and Bedding

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person
 - Sturdy shoes or work boots
 - Rain gear
 - Blankets or sleeping bags
 - Hat and gloves
 - Thermal underwear
 - Sunglasses

Non - Prescription Drugs

- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain relieverAnti-diarrhea medication
- Anta-diarriea medication
 Antacid (for upset stomach)
- 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)

Remember - Be Prepared!





CILLA Girls Softball – Game Report

Scotiabank 8, Kirk Freeport 5

Scotiabank had an amazing seven run rally in the fourth inning for a dramatic comeback victory over Kirk Freeport in the championship game of the Girls Softball tournament on Saturday afternoon.

After Scotiabank failed to score in the top of the first, Kirk Freeport got off to their usual fast start, scoring three runs in the bottom of the inning. Sofia Watler reached on a fielder's choice, and Keirsten McLaughlin and Deandra Whiteman hit singles. Raina Myles followed with a 2 RBI double deep to the left field corner.

Neither team scored in the second inning as pitchers Carmella Ylagan (Scotibank) and Deandra (Kirk Freeport) were in full command and supported by solid defense.

Scotiabank scored their first run in the top of the third as Clara Ramos reached on an error and later scored on a bases-loaded walk by Calissa Ylagan.

Kirk Freeport got the run right back in the bottom of the third as Raina singled, advanced on an error, and scored on a hit by Akeyla Ebanks.

As the afternoon temperatures heated up, so did the Scotiabank bats. Trailing 4-1 going into the final inning, Scotia-



► Scotiabank - Tournament Winners

bank scored an incredible seven runs in the inning. Kris-Maxine Aleria scored the first run after reaching on a throwing error and making it all the way to third base on the play. Withney Jackson and Shayna Pitta drew key walks and both scored on a line drive to the fence by Clara, which cleared the bases. Carmella reached on an error, with Clara scoring on the play. Stephanie Menko then blasted a two-run homer to the right field

corner. Shay Windsor stretched out a double and she scored the final run of the inning on an RBI single by Calissa.

Kirk Freeport looked to mount a rally in the bottom of the fourth as Hanna Jackson walked and came around to score after a single by Aleigha General and an error by Scotiabank. With runners on first and third, Carmella made the defensive play of the day, catching a line drive on the pitcher's mound and

throwing to third base for a double play. Carmella ended the game by striking out the final Kirk Freeport batter, sending the Scotiabank players and fans into celebration mode.

The Kirk Freeport players all received trophies for being the regular season champions, while the Scotiabank girls took home the tournament trophies. It was fitting that both teams received trophies!

Sportsmanship awards were presented to Annie Hawkins (Coldwell Banker), Aleigha General (Kirk Freeport), and Carmella Ylagan (Scotiabank). Most improved awards were presented to Zhanna McDonald (Coldwell Banker), Keirsten McLaughlin (Kirk Freeport), and Martina Watler (Scotiabank).

The girls have their All-Star game this Wednesday, June 5th, 6:30 pm, at the Field of Dreams. All are welcome!

This Friday, June 7th, Little League invites all former players (men or women) from the past 30 years to come out to the fields for a fun night of baseball and softball alumni games from 6:30-9:00 pm.

500 pm. Scoring by inning:

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Kirk Freeport	3	0	1	1	-	5

Barbados Government Addressing Corruption At Port

Government has sought to put measures in place to strengthen and enhance security at the Bridgetown Port.

Chairman of the Barbados Port Inc. (BPI), Senator Lisa Cummins, said the entity had started the process of integrity testing for members of staff over the last two to three weeks to ensure that they did not have any criminal activity, and that there were no criminal ties.

"That process has begun, and we expect it to continue over the next year.... That is one of the steps that we are taking to address the issue at the individual level in terms of corruption," she said, while thanking the Barbados Workers' Union for its support in the process.

Cummins added that the infrastructural challenges being experienced with the scanners were expected to be addressed by late June or early July.

The senator also noted that structurally the port has a system in place where persons were required to bring a certificate of character during the vetting

And, in instances where an employee is found guilty of an offence, they

would be handed over to the regulatory authorities to be dealt with appropriately.

Meantime, Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy Kirk Humphrey said he did not want people to feel that the port staff is corrupt and needs to be watched.

"The truth is, the port is like any other entity that is a security border where goods come and go. I believe that we have done what a responsible government would do, we have fixed the scan-

"We are talking about having people subject themselves to the integrity testing, but more importantly we are having conversations with the staff. There has been consistent dialogue with the staff, as we try to vision our way as a country out of the mire that we are in, and to build teams," he said.

Humphrey noted, though, that legal matters, such as contracts issued. were "more troubling and costlier" to government than rumours circulated about low corruption levels. He stated that going forward, deals entered into



► Chairman of the Barbados Port Inc. (BPI), Senator Lisa Cummins, speaking to the media prior to touring the West Indies Rum Distilleries (WIRD) Limited. Looking on is Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Kirk Humphrey (Credit: BGIS)

must be transparent, and make sense for the Government and people of Bar-

"We have done everything possible to make sure that Barbadians can live; to make it easy to do business," he said.

American Airlines Introduces Year-Round, Mid-Week Flights to St Kitts From New York

Continuing to expand upon a successful airline-destination partnership, American Airlines will fly a second weekly non-stop flight from New York's John F. K International Airport (JFK) to St Kitts on Wednesdays, complementing the carrier's existing non-stop Saturday service from JFK.

"I am very pleased to welcome the addition of this mid-week flight by American Airlines," said Minister of Tourism, International Trade, Industry and Commerce Lindsay Grant.

"It's wonderful to receive this additional service from a valued partner, which provides visitors and Diaspora alike with more ways to get to island from our primary source market. This is a testament to American's confidence in our tourism product."

Starting December 18, 2019, American Airlines will operate the flight utilizing a 176-seat Boeing 757 with 16 business class seats through February, and then a 160-seat Boeing 738 with 16 business class seats.

Racquel Brown, CEO of the St Kitts Tourism Authority, said the timing of the additional flight is particularly significant, as American just launched summer non-stop service from Dallas this past weekend and expanded twice-daily service from Miami International Airport (MIA) to five days a week in 2017.

"The addition of mid-week service year-round from the New York metropolitan area indicates a growth in the marketplace concurrent with our marketing initiatives," she said. "This new service is part of our specific strategy to grow our tourism industry by building out airlift from select target gateways with our air partners to support the destination's expanding hotel product."

American Airlines is the carrier operating the most seats into St Kitts. In addition to the new Wednesday nonstop service from JFK, American also serves the island non-stop on Saturdays from JFK and Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) year-round. The carrier also flies to St Kitts non-stop on Saturdays from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) in the summer, with service having just launched just last Saturday. American further provides year-round, non-stop daily service to St Kitts from MIA, with twice-daily flights operating five times weekly (Wednesday through Sunday).



First 757 With New Livery

American Airlines' new Wednesday passenger arrivals of 14.5 per cent, as JFK flight provides extra capacity to carry passengers to island, supporting potential air arrivals growth for St Kitts for 2020.

Already for the first four months of 2019, St Kitts is reporting increase in air

compared to the same period in 2018. From all North American carriers, St Kitts' air passenger arrivals increased 17.2 per cent for January through April 2019 as compared to the same period in 2018. 🌎

Jamaica Government Takes Steps to Boost Nurse Numbers in Public Health Care System

The Ministry of Health and Wellness is putting measures in place to increase the number of nurses serving the public health sector.

Chief Nursing Officer, Patricia Ingram Martin, said the Cuban Nursing Programme is to be expanded in the shortterm, and the Ministry is looking to forge bilateral arrangements with other countries in order to build local capacity.

Ingram Martin, who was speaking at the launch of four new programmes by the Council of Community Colleges of Jamaica (CCCJ) at The Knutsford Court Hotel in New Kingston recently, noted that the public sector lost 537 nurses in 2018, 526 of them due to resignations.

"We continue to have challenges with the migration of our health workers, particularly our nurses. This has affected our ability to adequately serve key areas of need, including the provision of human resources for health in remote areas of the country," she pointed out.

"The fact is, we can't prevent our health professionals from seeking employment elsewhere. However, we can discourage it by offering better working conditions, training and, where necessary, recruiting to supplement our local staff."

Ingram Martin commended the CCCI on the introduction of the new programmes, three of which are related to

They are Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Associate of Applied Science in Health and Wellness Tourism, and Associate of Applied Science in Agro- Processing and Business Management.

The courses are being offered in collaboration with the Nursing Council of Jamaica (NCJ) and non-profit human development organisation, FHI 360.

Ingram Martin said the Bachelor of Science in Nursing would assist in strengthening the health workforce.

"Nurses account for the majority of technical human resources in the public health sector. They are frontline healthcare providers with the requisite training skills to appropriately identify, treat and refer clients throughout the healthcare continuum," she noted.

The Chief Nursing Officer said the country's nurses have contributed significantly to the achievement of the Ministry's



▶ Chief Nursing Officer in the Ministry of Health and Wellness, Patricia Ingram Martin (Credit:

priority areas, including improved immunisation coverage, sustaining the fight against non-communicable and communicable diseases, decreasing infant, child and maternal mortality, among others.

"The Ministry of Health and Wellness is depending on nurses and other healthcare professionals to meet its Vision 2030 target of access for all," she



Lowry happy he settled at Raptors

Kyle Lowry has been one of the unsung heroes of the Toronto Raptors' path to the NBA Finals and their unexpected victory in Game 1 against the mighty Golden State Warriors.

But amazingly, the starting point guard is playing for the Raptors more by chance than design.

When he joined the Raptors in a trade with the Houston Rockets seven years ago, Lowry had to compete with Jose Calderon for game time before eventually beating out the Spaniard when Calderon was traded. A year later, Lowry was supposed to be traded to the New York Knicks only for them to scuttle the deal at the last minute after it was all but done.

Then came last summer. After yet another playoff beatdown against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers, the other two pillars of the greatest stretch in Raptors history - coach Dwane Casey and guard DeMar DeRozan, who happens to be Lowry's best friend - were fired and traded, leaving Lowry as the last man standing from a run that had been both the team's most successful and ultimately most disappointing.

Meanwhile, a guy who spent the first few years of his career bouncing from place to place, struggling to find a home, has found one north of the border - a place Lowry himself never dreamed he'd be for this long.

"When I first got traded here I didn't really know what to expect," Lowry said. "I thought I would be here a couple years and be out of here."

Instead, he came and never left. Now Toronto finds in contention for its first championship in franchise history. And while much of the praise has gone to former Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard and breakout star Pascal Siakam, it has been Lowry who, behind the scenes, has been driving Toronto to unprecedented heights.

"We have been through so much, and he's a winner," Raptors president Masai Ujiri said. "There's no other way to put it, he's a winner. He's been hit upside the head from every different angle in the world, whether it's personal, everything, and he survives it. Like every day he comes, he comes to win. Doesn't matter what mood he's in, like he comes to win."

Lowry's basketball career started modestly, being traded twice, without a starting job in the league until his fifth season and not named on an All-Star team until his ninth, which helps explain how his game is perceived by his peers. He's listed at 6-foot-1, relatively short for his profession and at 33 may have physically peaked already. Nor is he the quickest or most athletic player on the

And yet, despite all that, he constantly finds himself making winning plays.

"He plays above his talent," Raptors centre Marc Gasol said. "That's how I look at it. You see his talent, and he plays above it."

So how, exactly, does a player with Lowry's apparent limitations survive in



▶ Kyle Lowry has been brilliant for the Raptors

a league full of players generally bigger, stronger and faster? By relying on the things he learned playing on the streets of North Philadelphia as a kid: toughness and a determination to never back

"He plays like a Philly boy," Raptors guard Danny Green said. "He's a bulldog. He's a bully. He's out there with grit, doing his all, doing his thing. He's scrappy.

"He's trying to take everything he can. Obviously, he's a little bit different off the court as he's gotten older, has a family now with children, but not much.

"He's a Philly boy at heart. That's who he is, and that's how he plays."

"His teammates love him," Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. "He's the guy that's feeding them a lot on the planes. He's inviting them over to his house in Philly, making sure there's team events he's in charge of - and funding."

During his early stints in Memphis and Houston, Lowry had developed a reputation -- perhaps undeserved -for butting heads with teammates and coaches. But in Toronto he has grown into the kind of veteran the youngsters all gravitate toward. 🈚

Windies must step up against Aussies

If the West Indies can emulate their performance against Pakistan throughout the World Cup, legendary former captain Clive Lloyd expects them to beat some of the higher ranked teams.

In their opening match on Friday in England, Oshane Thomas and Andre Russell bowled with pace and accuracy to rout Pakistan for 105, their second-lowest score in World Cup history.

Chris Gayle then smashed a 33-ball fifty as the Windies eased to a seven-wicket victory with 218 balls to spare.

Lloyd lauded the Windies for their performance considering Pakistan had proved troublesome in the past.

However, Lloyd expects a much sterner test against Australia on Thursday. He said: "We just need to see what happens when the pres-

sure is on the West Indies, but the game against Australia should do that as that will be a good test of where we are at."

West Indies then play South Africa, on Monday, before Friday's game with Eng-

Saturday 8 - England vs Bangladesh, Cardiff • Saturday 8 - Afghanistan vs New Zealand, Taunton

• Sunday 9 - India vs Australia, The

▶ Oshane Thomas was magnificent against Pakistan

- Monday 10 South Africa vs West **Indies, Southampton**
- Tuesday 11 Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka, Bristol
- Wednesday 12 Australia vs Pakistan, Taunton
- Thursday 13 India vs New Zealand, Trent Bridge
- Friday 14 England vs West In-

dies, Southampton 🏵

Liverpool want Premier title now

Liverpool may not have won the coveted Premier League, but their consolation is that they are the kings of Europe and look capable of usurping Manchester City next season.

Liverpool easily beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 in Madrid to win the Champions League on Saturday and can boast that even though they lost by a solitary point to City in the league, being European champions is just as impressive. Mo Salah was outstanding again, but the whole team effort was magnificent.

"This team is going to be a feared team in Europe. Nobody wants to pull this team out the hat or play at Anfield," said former England and Manchester United defender Rio Ferdinand, after Liverpool became European champions for a sixth time at the Wanda Metropolitano Stadium.

Liverpool bounced back from last year's final defeat against Real Madrid to go one better this time. It is Reds manager Jurgen Klopp's first trophy since moving to Anfield in 2015.

The Premier League will be their main aim next season, to end a drought that has lasted three decades. 🏵



▶ Mo Salah was the Liverpool hero against Spurs

WORLD CUP FIXTURES

- Wednesday, June 5 South Africa vs India, Southampton
- Wednesday 5 Bangladesh vs New Zealand, The Oval
- Thursday 6 Australia vs West Indies, Trent Bridge
- Friday 7 Pakistan vs Sri Lanka, Bristol

Joshua must rebuild after disaster

Anthony Joshua is another heavyweight champ who took his opponent too lightly in anticipation of bigger pay days against more prominent fighters.

Joshua was stopped in the seventh by the roly-poly Mexican-American Andy Ruiz Jr on his American debut at Madison Square Garden on Saturday and now must rebuild his reputation and career after losing his three world titles.

During fight week, Joshua claimed that after beating Wladimir Klitschko in a topsy-turvy 2017 bout, he had informed trainer Rob McCracken he would "give up" if he needed to be in fights which played out like a rollercoaster again.

Not only has he now had such a contest, but he has had one which will rear its head decades from now whenever boxing shocks or wider sporting upsets are discussed.

There can either be a view that this was unfortunate and team Joshua hold firm, or, more likely, there will be change.

Before the seventh and final round, Joshua looked perplexed in his corner and simply said to McCracken: "Why am I feeling like this?"

The 29-year-old Londoner had been adamant this fight's training camp was the one where 10 years in the sport had all come together. But that did not prevent him from losing his unbeaten record.

He hopes for a rematch with Ruiz at the end of the year in the UK. Ruiz was underestimated, mainly because of his lack of height and rotund physique. But his record as a fighter stands up to scrutiny. He has Mexican blood after all where boxing is a national sport. Ruiz, 29, only lost a handful of amateur bouts in a long, successful career of over 100 fights and his only blemish as a pro was a disputed points loss to Joseph Parker, a fighter Joshua comfortably outpointed although the New Zealander justifiably complained that the referee prevented him from working effectively on the inside. ③



Andy Ruiz Jr always believed he would beat Joshua

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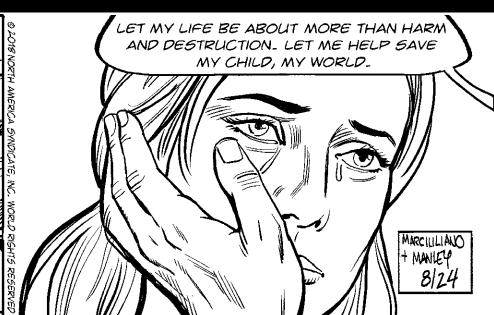






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