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Young Musician of the Year

By Christopher Tobutt, Local Correspondent

Cellist, Dequan Smith became Young Musician of the Year after a wonderful evening of top performances by Cayman's top young musicians. The eleven finalists aged between 13 and 18 years old, all soloists from the National Children's Festival of the Arts, gathered in the Prospect Theater. Each of them performed two pieces in the categories of Strings, Piano, Voice, Vocal, Steel Pan, Brass, and Woodwind.

In a written statement, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Minister for Education, said: "The results of numerous music education statistics found globally to verify and support the validity of music as a crucial part of a child's cognitive development and further to identify the direct correlation between success in education and music immersion are undeniable. Congratulations to the top soloists from the National Children's

Festival of the Arts and our eleven finalists Adrian Anglin, Crystal Corkish, Arjun Dhanasekar, Asya Ebanks, Jamie Ebanks, Ginetta Ecke, Cameron Gilson, Xhailicia Grayson, Ruby Pileta, Colindra-Rodericka McGarvey-Sterling, and Dequan Smith. These talented student artists are already winners and it gives me immense joy to witness their ascension"

Young Musician of the Year, Cellist Dequan Smith played Max Bruch's 'Kol Nidre' followed by Faure's 'Elegie.' "I have played the cello for just under three years. From the first moment of playing, I knew the cello was going to be my passion. I am inspired by amazing cellists, particularly Jacqueline du Pre, William Pleeth and Mstislav Rostropovich. I had the privilege of playing with Sheku Kanneh-Mason and Andrei Ionita, both of whom are phenomenal performers. In September 2019 I will be attending Wells Cathedral



▶ Dequan Smith, winner of the Young Musician of the Year title

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Opposition Calls for Premier to apologize to the Caymanian People

Opposition Statement

The statement by the Premier on the resignation of the Leader of the Opposition suggests that the Caymanian electorate was wrong for choosing Independent members to represent them. While it is clear from the statement issued by the Premier shows that he is unhappy and displeased with the

democratic choices that many Caymanians have made by choosing Independent members to represent them - one of the primary principles of Democracy is that the will and the wishes of the people be respected. It is not the Premier's place to question the choices of the voters that we were

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▶ Premier Alden McLaughlin

Reeling in big fish



▶ Joshua Clark and Jacob McTaggart of Killing Time

By Christopher Tobutt, Local Correspondent

Four days of fisherman's heaven began on May 2 as 45 teams and 178 anglers got together for the Cayman Islands International Fishing Tournament. After a long day out at sea, looking for the big fish such as wahoo, Mahi Mahi

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Community policing at the heart of tackling crime

The reduction in numbers of property crime and burglaries, as revealed in the recent release of the 2018 Crime and Traffic Statistics, could be attributed to more police working directly within communities, Premier Alden McLaughlin said in a statement last week.

"The Commissioner of Police agreed with us that we needed to improve community policing and I'm very happy today that Community Beat Officers are operating in every district across Grand Cayman. The success of that approach is demonstrated in the statistics released last week," Premier McLaughlin confirmed, adding that building relationships and trust within communities and introducing new neighbourhood watch schemes was helping to stop nuisance crime and providing intelligence about serious crime.

Neighbourhood watch schemes had been an important support to the RCIPS as they worked to imprison serial offenders, he said, and had contributed to the significant drop in property crime and burglaries, which were at their lowest for 18 years.

"Neighbours know when something looks wrong and when someone looks out of place in a community and these groups are raising the alarm with their community police," he confirmed.

The Premier said that there would be more funds available for the RCIPS to expand its community policing policy and, as a result, the RCIPS was in the process of recruiting Community Safety Officers, which would be civilian posts, to work within its Community Policing Department.

"These officers will know the people in the communities they serve, but more importantly local people will know and trust him or her. My government welcomes this enhancement of community policing efforts," the Premier said.

The Premier also spoke about the need to clamp down on gun crime, with improvements in the 2018 statistics partly due to marine interdictions, fire-

arm recovery operations and the fire-arms amnesty. Mr McLaughlin said he expected to see this trend continue once the new Cayman Islands Coast Guard was up and running.


"We have combined the law enforcement units of Immigration and Customs into a single cohesive Cayman Islands Customs and Border Control Agency. They along with the new Coast Guard have the responsibility for protecting our borders, whether by air or sea, making it difficult for drugs, guns or illegal persons to enter our country," he explained.

Thanking the Commissioner Derek Byrne and his RCIPS officers for their work in reducing crime numbers, Premier McLaughlin also thanked the Governor Martyn Roper, who he said had been very helpful since taking up his new role.

"He supported the purchase of the new H145 helicopter, which was part funded by the United Kingdom Government. This expands our aerial law enforcement operations as well as supports our neighbouring Overseas Territories in their time of need," the Premier stated.

Yet while crime numbers were reducing, the Premier recognised the need to prevent people from committing crimes in the first place.

"I believe the most significant contribution to long term crime reduction, besides a good education, will come from the early identification of young people at risk of offending behaviour, and implementing programmes to help them make better life choices - choices that will benefit them, their families and their communities," the Premier said.

Having an anti-gang strategy and targeting gang activity directly would assist in this push to reduce crime. Mr McLaughlin also said that community safety was not just a policing issue, stating that the whole of government had a role to play, along with communities themselves contributing to their own safety. 



DEH Launches New Radio Campaign

Last Wednesday (1 May 2019), the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) began to intensify its ongoing public education program aimed at increasing residents' awareness about the importance of adequately packaging and handling household garbage, through a new radio campaign.


The three-month campaign, with the core message of 'Keep your Neighbourhood Clean,' includes public service announcements on Radio Cayman, Z99 FM and Irie 98.9; and targets households.

"We can only achieve a smooth garbage collection process through public education," says DEH Acting Director Richard Simms. "This will equip residents with the necessary tools to ensure that they practice proper waste packaging and handling techniques."

Additionally, DEH officials will make the rounds at local media houses and use informational flyers, video and so-



cial media to promote an awareness of these issues and to foster collaboration throughout this campaign.

For more information about proper garbage handling, interested persons may visit the DEH's website at deh.gov.ky, or message its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DEHCaymanIslands. 

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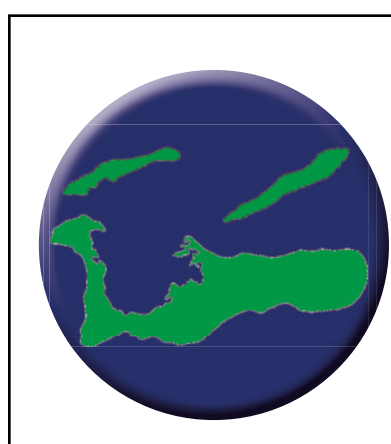
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► Cameron Gilson



► Asya Ebanks

Young Musician of the Year

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School in the UK as a specialist musician taking my A Levels alongside advanced instrumental studies. Music for me is a way of life. I love playing the cello and I intend to become a world renowned performer."

Cameron Gilson 16, a student from St. Ignatius, gained the Runner-up Award



► Jamie Ebanks

after all the students came back onstage to receive their Participation Award. He played Chopin's 'Prelude in B Minor' and Ravel's 'Sonatine 2nd Movement.' "I have been playing the piano for the past nine years and have always been drawn and captivated by music. With an ear for harmonies I was able to learn from my father who is also a keen pianist and shared his love for music with me. We began with simple melodies and my passion for the art took over. Performing allows me to communicate and share my joy. I feel for the music. It is also one of the ways in which I connect with other people who have a love for music," he said.

Adrian Anglin, 18, a student from St Ignatius, played Paul Reade's 'Prelude' and Max Reger's 'Tarantella' on the clarinet. Arjun Dhanasekar, 15, played Johann Sebastian Bach's 'Prelude in A Flat Major' and Irving Berlin's 'Let's Face the Music and Dance' on the trombone. Asya Ebanks, 16, played Astor Piazzolla's 'Ausencias' and 'Suite Antique' by John Rutter. Colindra-Rodericka McGarvey-Sterling, 13, performed 'I Know Where I've been,' by Mark Shaim, and, 'I'm Here,' by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis and Stephen Bray. Crystal Corkish, 16, played 'Remote Xianggelila,' by Ma Jinfeng and



► All the finalists stood onstage

Zhang Nan, followed by Chopin's 'Waltz in E Minor' on the piano. Greta Ecke, 14, played Vivaldi's 'Sonata No. 6 in B-flat Major Allegro,' followed by 'Le Cygne' by Camille Saint-Saëns on the cello. Jamie Ebanks, 14, sang 'Flight' by Craig Carnelia, followed by 'That Name' by Yolanda

Adams. Ruby Pileta, 14, played 'Music Box' by Jordan Morrison and 'Tico Tico No Fuba' by Zequinha Abreu on the steel pan. Khailecia Grayson, 13, sang 'I can't take my eyes from you,' by Alan Menkin and 'What it Means To Be A Friend' by Jason Robert Brown. 🌐

Pirates Week Calls for Vendors

Food and craft vendors interested in participating in the upcoming Pirates Week Festival can reserve stalls starting Monday 3rd June, 2019.

Food Festival dates are:

- Friday 8th November - 6:00 pm to 2:00 am
- Saturday 9th November - 1:00pm to 2:00 am
- Monday 11th November - 10:00 am to 11:00 pm

A valid DEH Food Handling Certificate must accompany completed application forms.

All food vendors must use biodegradable containers and utensils (available from Pirates Week Festival office – limited supply).

Space is limited, please register early. Deadline to apply is **Thursday 31st October**. Download the application form at www.piratesweekfestival.com/participate

To learn more call 949-5078 or info@piratesweekfestival.com. 🌐



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If so, the Commissions Secretariat, on behalf of His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper, OBE, welcomes your expression of interest for appointment to various statutory commissions.

Members are being sought for future appointments to the Anti-Corruption Commission, the Civil Service Appeals Commission, the Commission for Standards in Public Life, the Constitutional Commission, the Human Rights Commission and the Judicial and Legal Services Commission. Membership requirements vary by Commission, and are determined in accordance with the Constitution or originating legislation.

Members receive small stipends as volunteers appointed by His Excellency the Governor, some after consultation with the Honourable Premier and Honourable Leader of the Opposition. Appointments vary but are generally between 2 and 4 years in duration.

More information on the requirements of each Commission can be found at:

- www.anticorruptioncommission.ky
- www.civilservicesappealscommission.ky
- www.standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky
- www.humanrightscommission.ky
- www.judicialandlegalservicescommission.ky
- www.constitutionalcommission.ky

If you are interested in this opportunity please submit a completed Expression of Interest Form (found at www.commissionssecretariat.gov.ky) along with a resume to Deborah Bodden, Manager Commissions Secretariat at commissions-secretariat@gov.ky.

This is a rolling recruitment exercise without a deadline. Expressions of interest will be held by the Secretariat and will be considered as and when vacancies arise in each Commission.

Opposition Calls for Premier to apologize to the Caymanian People. Opposition Statement

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all elected to serve. This is an insult to the Caymanian people and the Premier owes them an apology.

The statement by the Premier further attempts to portray that politics within the Opposition revolves around personal egos, rather than on certain principles.

As the author, Jack McDevitt said: "Sometimes the cost of integrity, is the loss of a friend."

However, when one has clearly compromised on their own principles to remain in power, it is easy to assume everyone else will do the same.

Today, the Premier continues to lead a government whose overall approach is predominately dictated by narrow vested interest and no regard for democratic value. History has shown us that membership of a political party is not the most effective way to bring about positive change. The people of the Cayman Islands have joined many other democracies around the world in rejecting a 2-party system that is only concerned with holding on to power.

Virtually every area of our domestic agenda under this PPM led government is failing current and future generations. From basic and essential services such as garbage collection and traffic management to fundamental services such as health, education and immigration - this Government, his PPM led government continues to fail. Caymanians continue to live pay check to pay check while being marginalized and unable to realize their full potential. This government, his government believes that temporary projects such as roadside clean-ups and the culling of iguanas are permanent solutions to improving the quality of lives for some Caymanians. The Caymanian people are far more capable and deserving of better.

Almost 10 years ago, back in 2009, the Caymanian people approved a new Constitution. Contained in our Constitution under the section "Institutions Supporting Democracy" was the introduction of Standards in Public Life. The Standards in Public Life adopted the seven Nolan's Principles on public life: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership.

Yet the Premier has been steadfast in his refusal to adopt these principles. Principles which would challenge his actions and the actions of his government on:

- The cruise berthing facility;
- The unfinished school project started 12 years ago, the legacy of which is included in a US\$312 million bond due for repayment this year; while virtually all government primary and secondary schools remain below acceptable standards;
- The CarePay fiasco which resulted in one of the largest cases of fraud on the government purse, with only one person being held to account;
- The proposed changes to the Constitution being made behind closed doors;
- Known conflicts of interest on many Government Boards;
- Senior civil servants being put on required leave and then receiving massive pay-outs from the public purse.

The Premier correctly stated that it takes "a committed team to govern." But that must, and should never mean, blind consensus. Democracy itself was built on accepting that there will be disagreements and differences that may be overcome from discussions and debates to arrive at consensus. The Premier is contented to lead a government of "yes people" where his rule can never be challenged. The failure of this approach has resulted in many policies and projects being announced with no follow

through and many laws being amended over and over and over without any enforcement or implementation.

The role of this Opposition or any Opposition is to hold the government to account and to provide a credible alternative. This duty and responsibility requires strong personalities, the willingness to speak with honesty, think with sincerity and act with integrity. Simply put, "yes people" need not apply.

The Premier and 10 members of his PPM led government all started out as Independent Members, no doubt full of ideals and principles. Ideals and principles, which he now finds offensive even though 3 independent members sit in his PPM-led administration.

The election of Independents shows that there is clearly an appetite for an alternative to our broken two-party system. A system driven by leaders committed to holding onto power even if it means being a hypocrite. How many times did the Premier criticize then Premier McKeever for the appointment of Councillors, excessive travels, negotiating with China Harbor Engineering Company, just to name a few - only to make an about face and do exactly the same thing? In a sad twist of fate, the Premier had to turn to his political nemesis of 16 years and enter into an "agreement" just to hold on to power after failing in two successive elections to receive a full and decisive mandate. Ironically, two years on, despite promising to do so, the Premier has yet to reveal the agreement made to ensure he remained in power. It is hypocritical actions such as these that undermine our democracy and the confidence in elected representatives.

In almost 20 years, the current two-party system produced 2 leadership groups either led by the Premier and his political mentor and the current Speaker. The problems and challenges in

this country, since 2001, rest squarely at the feet of the 2 political parties and not the independent members. The Premier needs to understand and remember that the rise of Independent members is a result of the failings of the political parties to improve the quality of lives.

For almost 20 years, the political parties' actions or inactions have;

1. Failed our children and our education system;
2. Failed our healthcare system;
3. Failed our immigration system;
4. Failed Caymanians in the workplace
5. Failed to help many Caymanians from losing their homes
6. Failed to improve the quality of life of many Caymanians

Additionally, the Caymanian people have yet to receive an explanation as to why textbooks were taken out of public school or why their children no longer receive free healthcare that now costs many parents thousands of dollars per year in insurance premiums.

Those failures over almost two decades were caused by the Premier and other members of his PPM led Government.

The growth in the fiscal surplus that the Premier likes to brag about also coincides with the growth in Independent members who have slowed the mismanagement, exposed corruption and incompetence, and held the government to account while proposing alternative ideas.

In his zeal to capitalize on the resignation of the Leader of the Opposition, the Premier shows his lack of respect for democratic principles and clearly has not learned why his political party continues to lose seats at the polls.

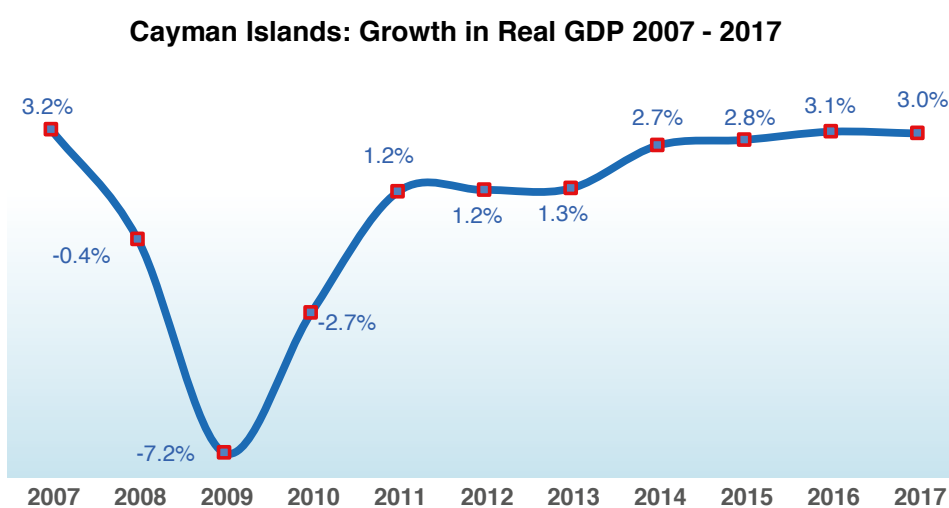
As Martin Luther King famously said, "Every man must decide whether to walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness." 🌐

Miller Resigns from the PAC



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

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The Hon. Ezzard Miller, out-going Leader of the Opposition, has resigned from the chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), effective 10 am of the first sitting of the next meeting of the 2019 session of the Legislative Assembly, anticipated to take place in early June.

Mr. Miller announced this at Tuesday's (May 7, 2019) in-camera meeting of the PAC at the Legislative Assembly.

This follows Mr. Miller's resignation from the position of Leader of the Opposition effective May 31 2019.

"Cayman tends to follow the conventions accepted in the Westminster system of government developed in the UK," Mr. Miller said. In accordance with that, he said, the local tradition is that the Leader of the Opposition would assume the chairmanship of the PAC.

"I am grateful to the members of the PAC and the staff of the Legislative Assembly for their support and assistance during my chairmanship," Mr. Miller said, adding: "It has been an honour to serve the people of the Cayman Islands in this capacity and in that of the leader of the Opposition for the past two years."

Mr. Miller said that his number one goal as Leader of the Opposition and chairman of the Public Accounts Committee was to strengthen respect, effectiveness and efficiency of both democratic institutions, adding: "I am confident that I have moved both institutions substantially towards this goal."

In the meantime, Mr. Miller assured that he would remain vigilant as a legislator in holding government to account in ensuring that the best interests of the people of the Cayman Islands are safeguarded. 🌐



► Mr. Ezzard Miller, Leader of the Opposition

CIMPA Launches 2019 Scholarship

The Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association (CIMPA) has launched an annual CI\$5,000 scholarship to support local students with an interest in marketing or other related field.

CIMPA Chair Catherine Healy says the merit-based scholarship is part of the non-profit organisation's efforts to shape the future of the marketing profession in the Cayman Islands.

"Supporting the ambition of young people wanting to become marketing and creative professionals is essential to building the next generation of industry leaders," Ms. Healy says.

Recognising that every industry benefits from having skilled marketers, communicators and creative professionals, CIMPA is seeking corporate sponsorship to support the 2019 scholarship.

"The CIMPA scholarship is an opportunity for businesses to help cultivate local talent in the marketing industry," Ms. Healy says.

Sponsorship is available in the following levels: Title Sponsor (CI\$5,000), Partner Sponsor (CI\$2,500), and Supporting Sponsor (CI\$1,000). In addition to media

publicity and brand exposure, Ms. Healy explains that Title and Partner sponsors will be able to nominate representatives to the CIMPA Scholarship Evaluation Committee.

"The process will be completely anonymous to prevent bias and the evaluation committee will focus on the strength of each application and the applicant's demonstrated commitment to a relevant career and contributions to the community," she says.

Ms. Healy says CIMPA will be responsible for promoting the scholarship, securing eligible applicants, and coordinating the Evaluation Committee.

The scholarship application period opens 6 May and will close 30 June. The application is open to Cayman Islands residents between the ages of 16 to 25, currently enrolled in a local educational institution with good academic standing, and a genuine interest in pursuing a career in marketing or other related field.

To learn more and download the application, please visit www.cimpa.ky/jobs.

To learn more about corporate sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.cimpa.ky/jobs.



► CIMPA Chair Catherine Healy

Reeling in big fish at Cayman Islands International Fishing Tournament 2019

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(better known around here as Dolphin and yellowfin tuna; maybe some sailfins and swordfishes too. in the blazing sun it was great to come to the quayside at George Town Yacht Club to weigh the catch and maybe have a nice cool drink, and a chat about the 'one that got away.' The event, which began in 1997, has grown in popularity year after year and brings local residents as well as anglers from overseas together, and it is great to see the weigh-ins at the end of the day at Barcadere Marina even for people who have not participated in the tournament.

Things were a bit different this year, because of all the Sargasso seaweed floating in the water. But challenges like that are what makes big-fish angling such a great sport. Some fish, such as Mahi Mahi (better known in Cayman as Dolphin) are attracted to the seaweed because they like to try and get the smaller fish that live there.

"The Cayman Islands International Fishing Tournament is regarded as one of the most exciting fishing events in the region," said Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism Hon. Moses Kirkconnell. Chairman of the Cayman Islands International Fishing Tournament and President of the Cayman Islands Angling Club Franklin Thompson said: "As passionate sports fishing enthusiasts we look forward to the camaraderie, building new friendships and the time spent with family and friends during the tournament."

Heaviest Dolphin award went to Samara Persaud of Pacesetter, weighing in at 34.8 pounds. "It was a slow day today," she said, on the fourth and final day after the weigh-in. "It was an early



► Samara Persaud of Pacesetter



► Angling crosses the generations

bite it got about 7.30 in the morning it was really rough near 12 mile bay. Big swells, high seas, but they often like to bite when it's rough." Leon Dilbert of About Time was second, with 29.4, and Joshua Clark of Killing 3rd with a weight of 28.6. The Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna was caught by Stephen Ebanks of Reel Vibes, and was 83.7, with Stuart Foster from Down the Hatch coming second, with a weight of 78.4. Jonathan Jackson of In Gods Hands came third, with a weight of 76.3

Douglas Ebanks of Who's Ya Daddy caught the heaviest wahoo, which weighed in at 52.6 pounds, while Arthie Evans of Brasserie took second place, with a weight of 52.6. Samara Persaud's wahoo, of 35.1 pounds was third. Reel Vibes caught the heaviest catch, in total, with a weight of 469.3 and Infinity came second, with 388.9. Jackpot awards included prizes of US \$5,000 and US \$7,000 sponsored by the Ministry of tourism for 3rd and 2ND team with most billfish releases, and an invitation by IGFA world championship for the boat with most billfish releases winning the jackpot. There was also US \$6000 for heaviest wahoo, yellowfin, tuna and dolphin. There is also a prize of US \$2000 for the heaviest swordfish.



► One of the younger anglers



► Joshua Clark of Killing Time brings back a big one

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New Page for St Alban's Church, George Town

St Alban's Church located on Shedden Road has turned a new page in its thirty-five-year existence. At the last Annual Church Meeting held on 28 April, a new Church Council was formed, and the members adopted a new Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Alan Hall and Scott Elphinstone were elected as People's Wardens and John and Nyda Flatley were appointed as Rector's Wardens. Each of the new officers are long-term members of St Alban's but have not all served together in this official capacity. The four churchwardens along with the rector, The Rev'd Christopher Pierce comprise the Church Council.

Mr Elphinstone is an executive with Five Continents Investments and Mr Hall retired from the trust industry. Before retiring, Mrs Flatley was the Chief Education Officer for the Cayman Islands and Mr Flatley is a retired teacher and former head of the Religious Education Department at John Gray High School. Mr Pierce became rector of St Alban's last year. He and his wife, Stacy, moved to Grand Cayman from a parish in the Church of Ireland. Whilst serving in Ireland, he was also a member of the General Synod.

St Alban's is the only church on the island committed to traditional Anglican theology of the Church of England using the liturgies from the Book of Common Prayer (1662) along with music, Hymns Ancient & Modern. It is not a parish of



► (L-R) Mr John Flatley, Mr Alan Hall, Mrs Nyda Flatley, Rev'd Chris Pierce, and Mr Scott Elphinstone

the Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands nor is it affiliated with Christian Episcopal Church of Canada & USA and/or its local episcopal representative.

Recently, the Parish Church Council at All Souls' Langham Place, London, long known for its adherence to traditional Anglican theology, wrote to encourage the rector and congregation of St Alban's with the following statement:

"The PCC at All Souls Langham Place are grateful to partner in the gospel with you in your ministry at St Alban's.

We want to encourage the whole church to go on contending for the faith once for all delivered to God's holy people. As we prayed together, we prayed for the ongoing gospel ministry at St Alban's".

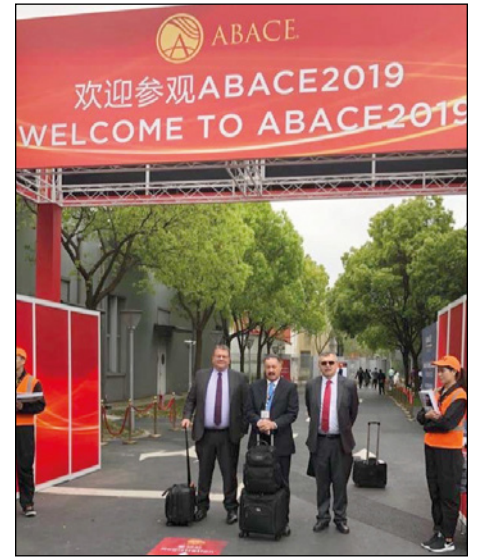
Sunday services at the parish are Morning Prayer at 08:35 and Holy Communion at 09:30. All are welcome, and coffee and nibbles are served after the communion service. All are welcome. ☺

CAACI at ABACE 2019 in Shanghai, China

The Civil Aviation Authority of the Cayman Islands (CAACI) exhibited at the Asian Business Aviation Conference & Exhibition (ABACE) in Shanghai, China. The show was held on 16-18 April, 2019 at the Shanghai Hongqiao Airport - Shanghai Hawker Pacific Business Aviation Service Centre. The delegation was led by Director-General, Mr. Richard Smith and accompanied by senior personnel specializing in Airworthiness and Flight Operations. ABACE has proven to be a high-value event, attracting entrepreneurs, decision makers and other high-level attendees from China and across Asia.

As stated in an article by Mourant, 'Trends in Corporate Jet Financing in Asia: an offshore perspective', the Cayman Islands Aircraft Registry (CIAR) is currently holding the highest number of aircraft registrations, after the US. The CIAR is recognised as a leading jurisdiction for crossborder aircraft financing and aircraft registration. The CAACI is well known for its commitment to high standards of regulatory oversight, its client service and responsiveness and provides an efficient framework for the registration of aircraft and aircraft mortgages. Statistics for the first half of 2018 indicate that the CIAR is a popular choice for corporate jet owners in Asia. The CAACI believes that attending ABACE is the ideal venue to meet new clients and reinforce existing relationships with this marketplace accounting for over 30% of aircrafts on the register.

Director-General, P. H. Richard Smith remarked, "The ABACE 2019 tradeshow



► (L-R) Guy Healey, Manager Technical Programs and Regulatory Initiatives, Richard Smith, Director General and Graham Rourke, Airworthiness Surveyor - UK and Europe

is a signature event for the CAACI in the promotion of the Cayman Islands Aircraft Registry in the Asian market. We had very productive meetings with a number of aircraft management companies including TAG Aviation Asia, Business Aviation Asia and HK Bellawings, as well as many aircraft maintenance organisations. A highlight of our visit was media recognition of the Cayman Islands Part 145 Approval issued to Phoenix Jet of Japan, the first such approval in that country. This signifies a breakthrough into the Japan business aircraft industry and increases potential for Cayman Islands registered aircraft in that jurisdiction." ☺

Child Month Church Service Calls On Community's Support

This year's Child Month awardees, Tiann Scott and Julius Smith, were announced during the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Child Month Church Service at First Baptist Church, George Town (Sunday, 5 May 2019).

Eleven-year-old Tiann, was honoured as an outstanding scholar, artist and all-star communicator. The Lighthouse school student's character and willingness to succeed were said to exemplify this year's theme: "Be Strong! Be Brave! Be You!"

Sixteen-year-old Julius was recognised for his educational, athletic and social accomplishments. The former Lighthouse student is currently studying at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre and is a two-time Special Olympian and multi-medal winner at the Games. His confidence and positive attitude earned him a 'Proud of Them' award last year and has been pivotal in him embracing the Toastmaster's Eloquent Speakers Leadership programme and other roles.

Sunday's Child Month service, officiated by Senior Pastor Steve Brady, attracted a large congregation including His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper; Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson; Acting Minister for Community Affairs, Hon. Austin Harris; George Town Central MLA, Kenneth Bryan; the Ministry's Chief Officer Teresa Echenique and DCFS' Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams. The church's regular congregation, members of the public, and representatives of DCFS' partner agencies also attended.

The service referenced both the 2019 theme: Be Strong! Be Bold! Be You! and the church's chosen theme for the morning "Juggling Life's Priorities."



► The opening Child Month Church Service was attended by members of the public, the First Baptist Church congregation, Department of Children and Family Services, Ministry staff the Governor and other distinguished guests (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)

Mr. Harris gave remarks on behalf of the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, in which he urged children to adopt the tenets of this year's Child Month theme and for parents and adults to support them.

"Our children are our future and it is the way we treat them now that will determine not only who they will be but also what our country will look like in the future," he said.

He added that parenting meant being fully present in their offsprings' lives.

"I recently read a report that reveals there are only 940 Saturdays between a child's birth and them leaving for college...Think of all the time your child spends in day care, at school... and other activities that don't include you. The hours, days and years add up. So I implore you to make a concerted effort to find quality time to spend with your child or children."

The Acting Minister also encouraged members of the public to take part in the many and varied Child Month activities in May.

In welcoming the congregation to the 27th Child Month church service, Mrs. Mendoza-Williams said that the observance's theme encourages the community to create the right environment to sustain children and youth.

"As responsible adults, it is our job to plant the seeds of success for our children and be consistent in caring and cultivating the soil that will produce strong and confident people," she noted.

"Our children's voices must be heard, allow them to chart their own course with guidance and support that will propel them to live constructive and purposeful lives."

Thirteen-year-old Alice Reynolds read Psalm 128, while the FBC Sanctuary Choir distinguished itself with rousing songs of gathering as did the First Baptist Christian School Choir. ☺



► (L-r) Department of Children and Family Services Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams, Child Month awardee Julius Smith, Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson, Child Month awardee Tiann Scott and Residential Care Supervisor Thelma Richards during the announcement of this year's honourees



► First Baptist Christian School Choir sing during the Child Month 2019 Church Service



► Acting Minister for Community Affairs, Hon. Austin Harris delivers an engaging Child Month Message during the opening church service to mark this year's observation

Corruption Charges 'Malicious, Vindictive and Politically Motivated', Says T&T Senator as He Resigns

The lawyer who has been charged alongside former Attorney General Anand Ramlogan with corruption has stepped down from his position as Opposition Senator, saying that he does not want to hurt his party's chances in the next elections.

But Gerald Ramdeen is adamant that he is innocent of the allegations levelled against him.

He submitted his resignation to Opposition Leader Kamla Persaud on Monday, the same day he appeared in court with Ramlogan on charges related to a legal fees kickback scheme during the Attorney General's 2010-2015 tenure under the previous administration.

Ramdeen had been a United National Congress (UNC) Senator for three years and said that during that time he attempted to discharge his responsibility to the best of his knowledge, wisdom and ability.

However, he wrote in his letter to Persad-Bissessar, "having regard to recent events, and after mature consideration, I have come to the conclusion that it is

right and proper in the circumstances to offer you my resignation as an Opposition Senator."

"I consider this decision to be in the best interest of the great party that you lead and in my own interest to allow me the opportunity to concentrate on defending my name and reputation against the allegations and charges that have been made against me.

"This decision is a very difficult one but I do not wish that my own personal circumstances in any way hamper or prejudice the ability of our great party to form the next government.

"I unreservedly maintain my innocence against these malicious, vindictive and politically motivated charges and allegations that have been made against me," Ramdeen added.

Although stepping down from his Senate seat, Ramdeen said he would continue in his personal capacity to serve his country and uphold the values and traditions of the UNC "by fighting on behalf of the less fortunate, poor and disadvantaged against this oppressive regime".

The Opposition Leader accepted Ramdeen's resignation which took immediate effect, and told reporters during a break in Parliament's sitting on Monday that she agreed with him that it was the right thing to do.

However, she has stayed away from pronouncing on the innocence or guilt of either the resigned Senator or Ramlogan.

It is alleged that the two conspired with Queen's Counsel Vincent Nelson for Ramlogan to misbehave in public office by accepting sums of money from Nelson for granting him State briefs; conspired for Ramdeen to receive, conceal, and transfer criminal property which represented corrupt rewards given to Ramlogan by Nelson for the State briefs; and conspired for Nelson to give ten per cent of the paid legal fees to Ramlogan as a "gift" or "reward" for being granted those State briefs. The offences occurred on various dates between October 1, 2010 and September 9, 2015.

Nelson, who has entered into a plea deal with the prosecution and will testi-



► Gerald Ramdeen is adamant that he is innocent of the allegations levelled against him

fy against his co-conspirators, appeared in court last Friday and was granted bail. The Jamaican is set to return to court later this month.

Ramlogan and Ramdeen, meantime, will make another court appearance on June 28.

Ramlogan is out on TT\$1.2 million (US\$ 177,450) bail while Ramdeen was released on TT \$1.5 million (US\$ 221,812) bail. 🌐

A National Health Insurance Plan in the Works for Jamaica

The Jamaica government should begin rolling out a national health insurance plan within the next financial year.

That's according to Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton who yesterday tabled, in Parliament, a Green Paper on the proposal for the National Health Insurance Plan (NHIP).

He told the House of Representatives there would be a national consultation and a final draft of the plan would come out of that.

The Health Minister lamented that, as it stands, too many Jamaicans are denied healthcare. But he said the Jamaica Labour Party administration intended to fix that.

"The NHIP Green Paper . . . forms an important part of the Government's response to this situation. This Green Paper will lead to a final proposal aimed at providing appropriate levels of access, coverage, and financial protection to the population. It is a promise we made when we campaigned for office back in 2016 and a necessary addition to public health financing," he said.

"Our aim is to discuss the Green Paper with critical stakeholders over the next six months, while refining it in order to have a finalized plan ready for phased implementation in the upcoming financial year."

Dr Tufton pointed out that only 20 per cent of the population has health insurance, and more than half of those are public sector workers.

"The lack of insurance means that too many people, including the poor and vulnerable, are denied access to timely medical care due to long waits and inadequate service and equipment. In 2016, 32 per cent of Jamaicans reported that they did not access care when needed due to financial reasons, while World Bank data (2011) reveals that the average Jamaican with a NCD [non-communicable disease] allocates a third of his/her monthly household income to health care," he said.

Meantime, the Health Minister appealed to Jamaicans who can afford pri-



► Minister of Health Dr Christopher Tufton told Parliament yesterday that too many Jamaicans are denied healthcare. (Photo credit: JIS)

ivate insurance to get it, and to health insurance companies to make getting medical insurance policies more appealing.

"It is an investment in yourself; the best that you can make. Also, I want to say to the private insurance companies, find creative ways to get more Jamaicans to get insurance. I am prepared to sit with you and talk to you to see how the Government can assist that process. This must be a partnership," he said. "Private health insurance must complement the proposed NHIP, with Jamaicans encouraged to 'top up' or establish such relationships as appropriate, as an investment in themselves."

Minister Tufton also had a complaint about people who have private health insurance and use the public health system without presenting their insurance cards. He said they were "subsidizing private insurance providers at the expense of the public health system and the taxpayer".

"We cannot afford it. The policy already exists for hospitals to take a fee from these private cards once they are presented. However, this is dependent on the cardholder presenting his/her card, and many do not," he said.

However, the Health Minister warned that the authorities intended to fix this through appropriate amendments in law, and he said he would be meeting with the private insurance companies to discuss this in the coming months. 🌐

Grenada Now a LIAT Shareholder; Chairman of Shareholders in the Dark About Virgin Atlantic Boss' Interest in LIAT

Grenada has become the fifth shareholder government of struggling regional airline LIAT, joining Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Minister of Trade, Industry and CARICOM Affairs Oliver Joseph made the announcement at the government's weekly conference yesterday, saying that Grenada had pledged its continued support.

Grenada's investment in the Antigua-based airline comes as regional governments work on a plan to save the over island-hopping carrier from going under.

Joseph said the island would provide funding under a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) framework – which the shareholders have been pushing for from islands that benefit from LIAT's service. Under the MRG model, governments would pay a minimum guaranteed amount to LIAT if passenger numbers on flights fell short.

"That is a model we think is fair if we want to keep the LIAT flying," the CARICOM Affairs Minister said.

"When we look at the figures, the number of passengers LIAT brings to Grenada...of course the multiplier effect is great. LIAT brings in thousands of visitors to Grenada every year and therefore, from an economic and social point of view, Grenada had to support LIAT, because not supporting LIAT would have been a loss of revenue and economic development to our country."

Meantime, chairman of the LIAT shareholder governments, Dr Ralph Gonsalves of St Vincent and the Grenadines says that despite reports out of Antigua that founder of the Virgin Group Sir Richard Branson has expressed interest in investing millions of dollars in the cash-strapped airline, he has received no formal expression of interest.

Chief of Staff within the Office of the Prime Minister in Antigua and Barbu-



da, Lionel Hurst, told reporters following a Cabinet meeting last week that the British business magnate, investor and philanthropist has proposed investing several million dollars to "wet lease several aircraft".

"They would fly from Fort Lauderdale to Jamaica, Haiti and down into Antigua and Barbados. The whole idea is to enlarge LIAT, rather than collapse LIAT or making it a smaller entity," Hurst had said.

However, Prime Minister Gonsalves told a radio station in St Vincent yesterday that he knew nothing about that.

"As the chairman of the shareholders, I have not been made aware of that; nobody has contacted me about that," he said. "Whether Branson said so in an off-hand way or in a serious manner, I don't know...I don't usually jump like that when rich people make a suggestion until I see something really meaningful," he said.

The Vincentian leader acknowledged LIAT had in the past explored the idea of expanding to other destinations, but that was put on the backburner because the airline was struggling with its core markets.

However, he said, "you may well have to expand to make some more money. And if you are expanding to make more money, you might need to find a partner in the jet service area, but I'm not giving legs to what you and I have read about what the minister from Antigua said with relation to Sir Richard Branson because I don't know anything official." 🌐

Jamaica Parliament Extends States of Emergency in Three Parishes

Parliament last night voted to extend the states of emergency (SOEs) that were declared in three parishes last month.

With the support of the Opposition Parliamentarians – with the exception of one who voted against the measure – the SOEs in St James, Westmoreland and Hanover have been extended for another 90 days.

Of the 45 MPs who were in the 63-member House of Representatives



► Prime Minister Andrew Holness says it has been assessed that the high level of criminal activity experienced endangers public safety. (Photo credit: JIS)

when the vote was taken, 44 voted in favour. Only the People's National Party (PNP) Peter Bunting voted against it.

Opposition Leader Dr Peter Phillips, in agreeing not to block the extension, said the situation had to be brought under control "for the sake of law-abiding Jamaican people".

However, he made it clear there would be "no repeat of last year", referring to multiple extensions to SOEs in St James last year. The initial state of emergency in St James began in January 2018 but came to an end on January 31 this year after the Opposition refused to support any more extensions.

Explaining the need for the SOEs, Prime Minister Andrew Holness said the extremely high rate of violent criminal activity is of such a nature and on such an extensive scale that it endangers public safety.

"The extraordinary level of violent crimes in Jamaica has been a feature of our society for far too long, and while it has impaired our development for decades, the greatest cost to our nation has

been the many lives that have been lost," he said.

"The citizens of western Jamaica have fully endorsed the granting of additional powers to the security forces to save their lives, and this, likewise, must compel us to endorse the request for an extension."

Over the period January 1 to April 28, 2019, St James produced the highest number of murders among the police divisions, with 51.

The Prime Minister noted that this figure represents a significant increase of 70 per cent, when compared to the equivalent period in 2018.

"Likewise at the time of the declaration, Westmoreland with 43 murders, reflected the second-highest number of murders over the period. St. James and Westmoreland, being adjoining parishes, compound the concerns, considering the fact that the combined and continuous geographical space has accounted for 22 per cent of all murders, to date," he said.

Holness pointed out that when combined with the third adjoining parish of



► Under the state of emergency, the security forces have the power to search, curtail operating hours of business, restrict access to places and detain people without a warrant

Hanover, the collective space accounts for more than a quarter of the murders committed in the island since the start of the year.

There are 56 active gangs operating in the tri-parish region now under the SOE, with 17 of them currently at war over turf.

Under the SOE, the security forces have the power to search, curtail operating hours of business, restrict access to places and detain people without a warrant. 🌐

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11 Snake's poison

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35 Lowest die roll

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40 Chilled

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1 Farmer, at times

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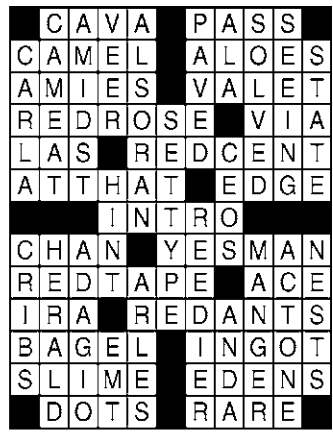
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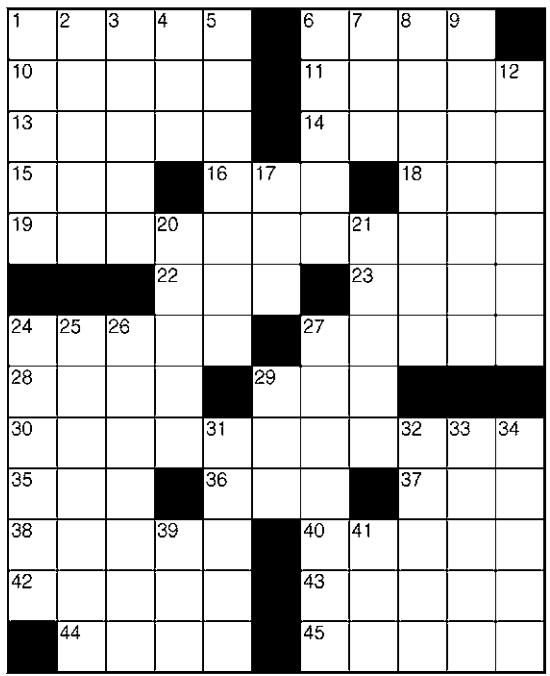
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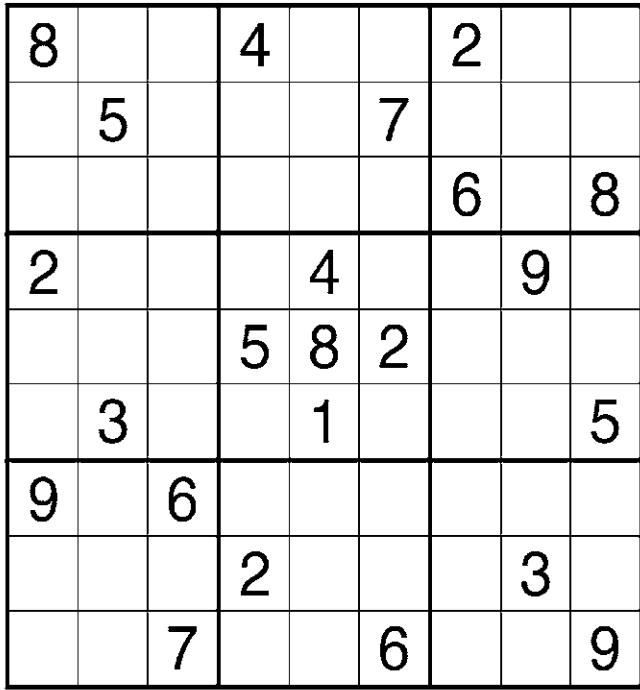
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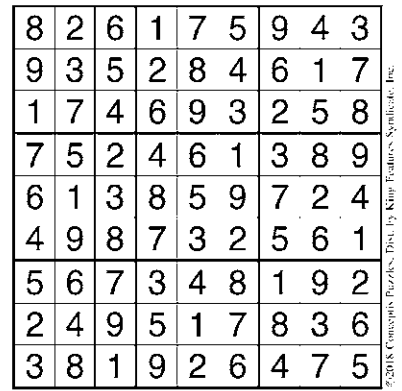
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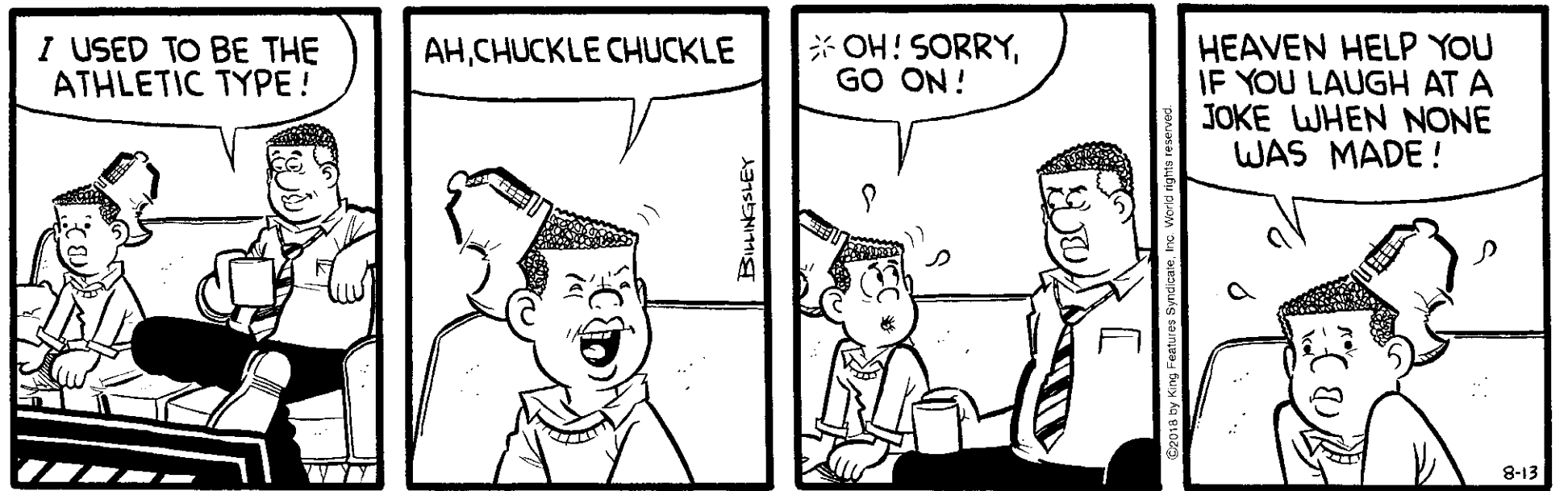
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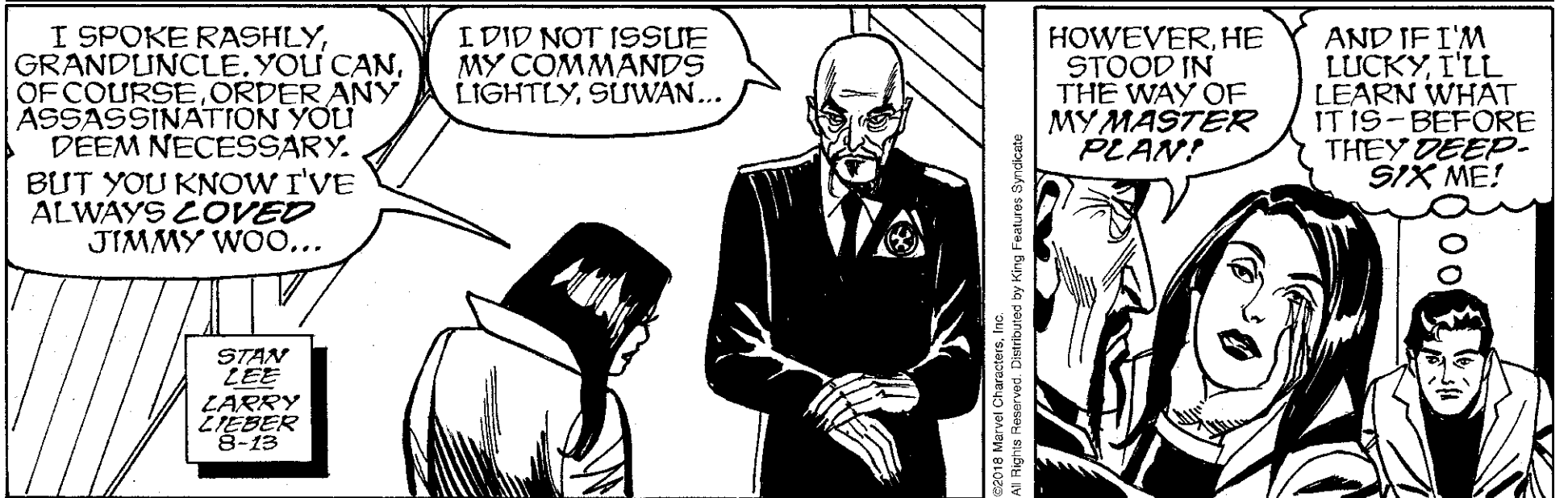
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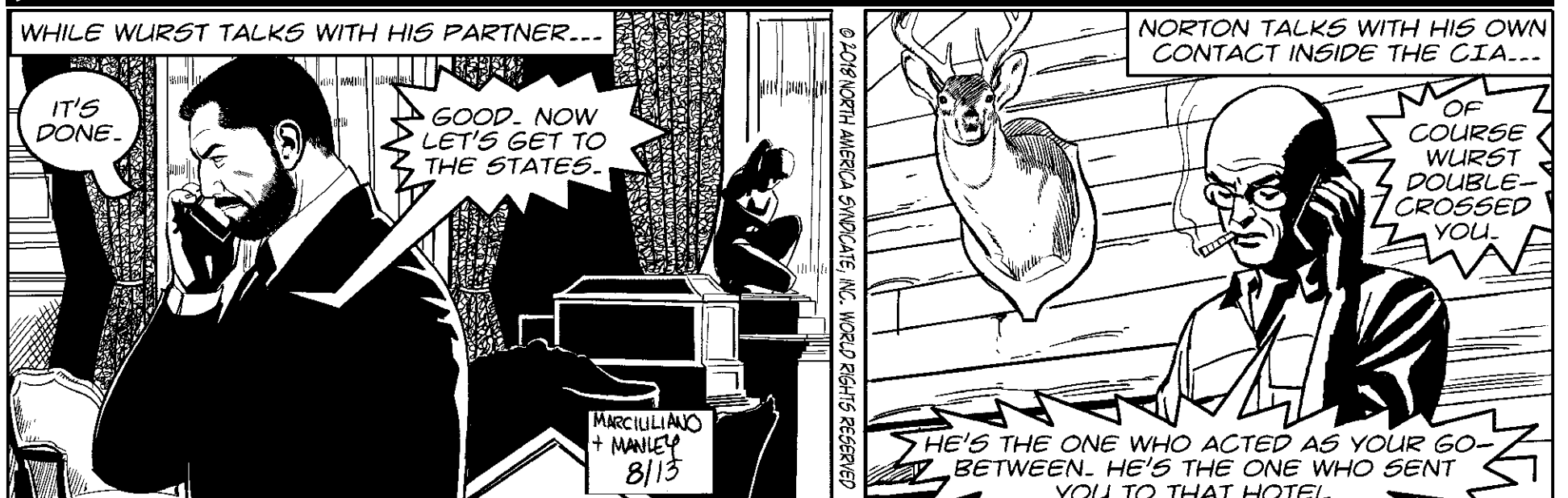


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