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graced the streets in a Caribbean takeover to enjoy not only what we get to do every day in paradise but also to fete and join the annual Bat-abano parade.

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## Premier concerned over Hon Ezzard Miller Resignation



► Premier Alden McLaughlin

Premier Alden McLaughlin stated this week that he was troubled to learn of the recent resignation of MLA Ezzard Miller as the Leader of the Opposition.

"For that reason, it is not so much the resignation of Mr. Miller that concerns me," he said, "but more the political infighting and personal ambition riddling the current opposition group. This, I believe, does not serve well the long-term interests of our country."

The remainder of his statement follows:

In any democracy, the Leader of the Opposition is a serious role. In the Cayman Islands, not only is the Leader of the Opposition an important constitutional office, required under Section 68 of the Constitution, but the Leader of the Opposition plays several key roles, including serving as a member of the National Security Council and as Chair of the Public Accounts Committee. And of course the Leader of the Opposition serves a significant role in leading and speaking for Opposition members inside and outside of the Legislative Assembly.

British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli wrote, "No government can be long secure without a formidable opposition."

To better explain, let me review what has transpired.

In giving notice of his resignation Mr. Miller commented that:

"Effectively performing this role demands dedication on the part of a committed team. It has become increasingly clear that the level of cohesion, industry and commitment necessary for any opposition to serve in the best interest of all the people of these Islands is not possible given the current slate of independent members who made up the group."

Mr. Miller's resignation follows a letter to him in April from other members of his Opposition team who advised that they were content for him to remain as opposition leader but asked that "where the general public is concerned, we are requesting that you do not speak on our behalf... We believe that this request is necessary to maintain our independence and the political platform we are all elected on."

In the media reports Mr. Miller outlined his challenge coping with a "steep learning curve navigating among some very strong personalities" and he went on to speak of leadership struggles on the Opposition Benches. And of course shortly following these comments MLA Alva Suckoo resigned as Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

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## Eastern Districts Entrepreneurs to Get Tourism Concessions

Caymanians who want to develop tourism-based businesses in Bodden Town, East End and North Side will soon be entitled to incentives through concessions which will include the removal of government development fees, trade and business licensing fees, import duty and tourism related fees.

The concessions will be available for any Caymanian entrepreneur proposing small tourism business developments, where their construction value falls below CI\$500,000 or

where the business does not have greater than CI\$500,000 gross revenue per year.

This package of concessions was agreed in the Legislative Assembly during the passage of Private Members Motion #11 of 2018/19, "Concessions for Tourist related Businesses", which was brought by MLA Mr. Arden Mclean (EE) and seconded by MLA Mr. Christopher Saunders (BTW).

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# EDITORIAL

## Happy Mothers' day

We will celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday May 12, 2019, and as we take a pause from our busy schedules of business development, education and job seeking, we wish to say a heartfelt **Thank You** to all **Mothers**.

The greatest gift a person will receive is a mother and her love, care, patience and understanding displayed by these super women is truly amazing.

Never underestimate the strength of a woman, particularly during child birth; their wisdom and understanding, their honesty and care; and their love and compassion.

Cherish their presence and their memory for a person's integrity and loyalty is shown by their love for their **Mother**.

Happy Mother's Day 2019

### Mother's Day (Founding)

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia.

She then began a campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States. Although she was successful in 1914, she was already disappointed with its commercializa-



tion by the 1920s. Jarvis' holiday was adopted by other countries and it is now celebrated all over the world. In this tradition, each person offers a gift, card, or remembrance toward their mothers, grandmothers, and/or maternal figure on mother's day.

Various observances honoring mothers existed in America during the 1870s and the 1880s, but these never had resonance beyond the local level. Jarvis never mentioned Julia Ward Howe's attempts in the 1870s to establish a "Mother's Day for Peace", nor any connection to the Protestant school celebrations that included "Children's Day" amongst others. Neither did she mention the traditional festival of Mothering Sunday. Jarvis always said that the creation was hers alone. ☺



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Ministry of Tourism Urges Public to Disregard Cruise Berthing Rumours

Rumours circulating on various radio talk shows that the Cayman Islands Government has prematurely entered into an agreement with a contractor to build the cruise berthing facility are completely untrue and the public is urged to pay no attention to such claims.

The rumours, which amount to nothing more than deliberate gossip and untruths, are being circulated as part of an ongoing campaign to spread misinformation regarding the cruise berthing project and to cause confusion in the minds of the public.

Referring to the rumours, Hon Moses Kirkconnell stated, "As Minister of Tourism, with the responsibility for overseeing the development of the cruise berthing and enhanced cargo port facility project, I can confirm that neither the Major Project Office nor the Cayman Islands Government have entered into any deal with any company bidding to design, build, finance and maintain the piers."

In November 2018 the three bidders on the project were invited by government to prepare and submit their final tenders to design, build, finance and maintain the project. The cruise berth-



► Hon Moses Kirkconnell, Minister of Tourism

ing project is therefore in the final stages of procurement and only once all of the bids have been received and evaluated will the successful bidder be selected and announced.

"I addressed similar rumours in August of last year and they were as false then as they are now. It is unfortunate that I have to address them again in response to persons whose agenda seems intent on derailing this project by any means possible," said the Minister.

"As every significant milestone in the process has been achieved, the public has been kept informed either by my Ministry or the Honourable Premier. We will continue to provide updates on the project's progress and urge the public to disregard information on the cruise berthing project that does not originate from official government channels."

To stay informed on all of the latest news and information on the cruise berthing project visit <http://www.SupportOurTourism.com> and follow us on facebook for daily updates. ☺



## Statement by Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour

Cabinet recently approved a coastal works application made by Mr Marcus Cumber to facilitate the construction of a private dock.

Originally submitted in 2014, the final application was the result of considerable dialogue between Mr Cumber and public sector officials, including experts from the Department of Environment and the Port Authority.

Government's input was reflected in changes to the project made following the initial application. These included down-sizing the scale of dredging to roughly 10% of the area first requested.

Adjustments were also made to accommodate neighbours using the same canal. It is also worth noting that the length of the dock was never in breach of restrictions as has been publicly reported.

While Mr Cumber has confirmed that I have never had a business relationship with him, I would also like to note that the only business that I own is regis-



► Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing

tered at the Legislative Assembly, where it is available by appointment for public review.

In the end the matter was only unanimously approved by the requisite quorum of members of Cabinet after the applicant repeatedly demonstrated that he was willing to take on board input from Government and the community. ☺



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# Premier concerned over Hon Ezzard Miller Resignation

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In effect the country is witnessing first hand why it is not practical for a group of Independent candidates to get elected and then seek to come together in the country's interest. They are too busy pursuing their own individual agendas to even try to develop a shared view. By their own admission, the preference of the opposition members is to "maintain our independence and the political platform we are all elected on."

Previously, these members have tried to paint themselves as a government in waiting. But if they cannot maintain any coherence in opposition, what chance is there that they could form an effective government? Disunity, disorganization and dark deeds fuelled by personal, political ambition are not what this country needs to take us forward.

So as Premier I do hope that the country as well as the members of the opposition learn from the lessons that the opposition members themselves are

providing – it takes a committed team to govern – one that, to borrow somewhat from Mr. Miller, has the level of cohesion, industry and commitment necessary to serve in the best interest of all the people of these Islands.

Certainly this is the way that I and the team that I lead have operated in our Caucus, in Cabinet and in the Legislative Assembly. We promised to come together as a government of national unity and we have governed with our collective responsibility to do the right thing for the country as our guiding principle. Because of this we have been able to provide a stable and progressive government, and despite some challenges, the country as a whole is doing remarkably well. I am certainly proud of the team that I lead. Despite comprising various political factions, we have striven to find more in common than we had differences. We are stronger because of this approach and the country is the better for it.

I wish Mr. Miller well and thank him for his leadership in the Opposition



► Mr. Ezzard Miller, Leader of the Opposition, MLA

in working with me over the past two years, particularly with regards to on-going constitutional reform.

I along with the rest of the country anxiously await the decision of the Op-

position as to who will become their new leader, and to know soonest who will comprise the membership of the official Opposition in the Legislative Assembly. 🌐

# Eastern Districts Entrepreneurs to Get Tourism Concessions

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The motion asked the Government to agree a package of concessions designed to stimulate tourism development in the Eastern districts with an emphasis on smaller bed and breakfast and other similar establishments.

The motion, which originally asked for the threshold to qualify for concessions to be set at CI\$300,000, was amended by Hon. Minister Moses Kirkconnell, increasing the threshold to CI\$500,000. A second amendment was then proposed safeguarding the concessions to only Caymanian entrepreneurs. The motion received unanimous support from the Legislature.

Speaking during the debate Mr. Mclean said that, "for years the Eastern districts have suffered from the lack of tourism related businesses, and I believe it has come about because we have not been as active in promoting the Eastern districts as we should have been, for a long time".

He went on to remark on the success experienced by existing businesses but noted that, "there is so much more to be done, to be seen in those districts".

Mr. Mclean added that very little is known about the Eastern districts by existing operators in the market, and that the Eastern districts did not receive their fair share of tourist visitors because the lack of development did not align with the focus of those businesses who have focused their tourism products and services on the Western side of Grand Cayman. He noted that if the people of the Eastern districts were given the incentives through concessions, East End, North Side and Bodden Town would capture a much larger share of the tourism market.

Secunder for the motion MLA Christopher Saunders stated, "I am very

happy that this motion received the necessary support and I am hoping that this motion will encourage many Caymanians to make the necessary investments to avail themselves in the growing AirBnB rental market and make additional income. It is all about improving the quality of life for our people."

The motion received the support of Tourism Minister Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, who stated in his debate that, "he believes that a more aggressive policy for the small entrepreneur who is just becoming involved in tourism is needed and it is recognized in the motion".

The Government will now consider the resolutions of the motion and put the various incentives in place. 🌐



► Mr. Arden Mclean, MLA



► Mr. Christopher Saunders, MLA

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# Public Safety Recruitment Fair and Expo 2019

The Cayman Islands Government invites anyone who has ever considered a career in public safety to the largest ever Public Safety Recruitment Fair and Expo on Thursday, 16 May 2019.

With eight participating departments, this year's event will take place at the University College of the Cayman Islands' (UCCI) Sir Vassel Johnson Hall from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for students and 4 - 7 p.m. for adults.

The joint drive will be hosted by the Cayman Islands Coast Guard, the Cayman Islands Customs and Border Control (CBC), the Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS), the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC), the Health Services Authority (HSA), Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS), the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and Workforce Opportunities Residency Cayman (WORC).

Interested persons will be able to speak one-on-one with representatives and learn more about the variety of public safety career opportunities each agency has to offer. WORC leaders will also be available to meet with employers and job seekers wanting to register with the department's new online platform.

During the event staff members will deliver brief presentations and perform live demonstrations that showcase their specialist skills.

Workshops that focus on self-presentation will also be available to job seekers. These will look at resume writing and interview skills, as well as at social media in the workplace and how a person's online presence can impact their employment opportunities.

"Although each of the departments participating in this year's event has their own specialisations, they all have a common thread which is to protect and serve," the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, said. "This is a great opportunity for the public to learn more about the variety career opportunities in public safety available in the Cayman Islands, and I strongly encourage interested persons to accept the challenge and be an everyday hero for your community."

The Public Safety Recruitment Fair and Expo is free and open to all members of the public. The first 1,000 attendees will receive an event tote bag.

For updates, interested persons can go to the Cayman Islands Government Facebook event page at <http://bit.ly/PublicSafetyRecruitmentFair2019>.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Captain Theo Bodden Memorial Golf Tournament

**10 May:** Triple C School will host the 7th annual Captain Theo Bodden Memorial Golf Tournament on Friday May 10th 2019 at the North Sound Golf Club starting at 12:30pm.

The tournament is one of the school's largest fundraisers. Golfers will be in the running for a slew of prizes, including a chance to win

a Toyota Rush. Players can also buy a ticket that gives them the chance to win additional prizes, including a three-day, two-night vacation getaway. The entry cost is \$200 per player, or \$750 for a team of four. Noon registration for a 12:30pm start. For more info: rhowell@triplecschool.org or call 949-6022

## Proof at Prospect Playhouse

**10 May:** The Cayman Drama Society's newest offering begins on Friday 10 May and continues every weekend until 25 May. Proof tells the story of Catherine, a young woman who is scared that she might have inherited metal and debilitating disease from her world-renowned Mathematician father.

Upon his death, a notebook is discovered and the play revolves around trying to solve the mystery of who wrote the advanced mathematical formulas as well as the love story between Catherine and one of Robert's former students. The play is recommended for 16+ as it contains some sexual content, strong language and drug references. Call 938 - 1998 for more information

## Free entry to National Museum

**11 May:** Residents can enjoy free entry to the National Museum every Saturday to learn about the unique natural and cultural heritage of our three Islands. Learn more about the Cayman Islands National Museum. Call 949 - 8368 for more information.

## Cayman Carnival Junior Batabano - "Once Upon A Turtle"

**11 May:** Join the fun as over 400 children parade through the

streets of George Town for Junior Batabano. The Family Fun Day begins at 1:00pm on the lawns of the Old Glass House and there will be many fun activities to enjoy. The costumed parade follows at 3:00pm. For more information call 925 - 3970 or visit [www.cayman-carnival.com](http://www.cayman-carnival.com).

## Spring Tea Party

**11 May:** St. Ignatius is having their Annual Tea Party on Saturday 11 May starting at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and include afternoon tea, entertainment and a chance to win \$6,000 worth of door prizes, plus lots of random giveaways! This is a great opportunity to celebrate an early Mother's Day by taking your mother, grandmother or any female that plays a mother role in your life! The 1st. prize is a Ladies Christian Dior Watch worth \$3,600.

## Mothers' Day

**12 May:** Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers! Be sure to remember

your mother or anyone who has been like a mother to you on this special day.

## Braccanal

**18 May:** Cayman Brac celebrates Carnival on Saturday 18 May with an Adult Road Parade of bands from Spot Bay to La Esperanza beginning at 3pm. There are also pre - carnival and after parties to choose from. Visit [www.braccanal.com](http://www.braccanal.com) for more information.

## CayMas Carnival Parade

**18 May:** Join CayMas for their carnival parade beginning at 12noon. Go to [www.caymas.ky](http://www.caymas.ky) for more information.

## Public Holiday

**20 May:** The Cayman Islands celebrates Discovery Day on Monday 21 May. This holiday commemorates the sighting of the islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman by Christopher Columbus on his fourth voyage. 🌐



► Braccanal Carnival

## Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Precious Angel in Heaven CHADWICK PRESELY WOOD - aka "CHAD", who left us suddenly on 5th March, 2005

14 very sad years ago.

8th July, 1986 - 5th March, 2005



Our Precious Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Wonderful Friend and Great Co-Worker, affectionately known as Chad or Chaddy was considered to be "The World's Greatest and Most Loved".

Chad was a very handsome and pleasant teenage role model who had set his goals in life. He was a 'Shining Star' and an Exceptional and Very, Very Special young man who was loved by all who met and knew him. He was full of life and ambition. He was very smart and loved to work and always willingly helped others whenever he had the opportunity to do so. Chad's beautiful and sweet smile lit up the world and he always made others around him so happy with his warmth and by telling jokes.

At the time of his tragic and untimely death in such a very unusual and horrific traffic collision - through no fault of his own. He was a College Student at the ICCI (now University College of the Cayman Islands) and was studying for his Associates Degree in Business Administration and was due to graduate in July, 2005.

Chad made us very proud of all his achievements. He is Dearly LOVED, Greatly MISSED and can never ever be forgotten or replaced. His precious and beautiful life and so many wonderful memories of him will live on with us forever and ever.

Our Precious Guardian Angel, Chad, you are truly loved and greatly missed by all. May God Bless you and protect you in Heaven. We LOVE YOU and MISS YOU terribly every second of every day. Rest in Peace our precious Darling one.

Forever in our hearts and always on our minds. Sadly missed by your loving and broken-hearted Parents - Aline & Ceberth Wood; Brother - Ceberth, Jr.; Sister - Gina; loving Nephews - Jace 'Chadwick', Christopher (aka Chris) 'Presley', & Jaithan; loving Niece - Skai; loving Aunts & Uncles; Special Cousins - Jeremy & Jesse Bodden; Merilyn, Travis & Nikita Phillips; many Close Friends; Co-Workers; Special Friends - Reagan McLean & Forde Pierson & their Sons - Caleb 'Chadwick' & Cameron 'Presley' (both are named after Chad in loving memory). Also, Karin, Bing, Justin & Britt Thompson & families who all love you and miss you very much all the time.



## THANK YOU

The family of the late Valerie Deanna Merren would like to thank each and everyone who attended and participated in her beautiful and uplifting Thanksgiving Service at the Church of God (Universal) on Saturday, 9th March, 2019. Special thanks and appreciation to Pastor James Arch, Pianist Sister Esther Jackson, Organist Bro. Glarman Grant, and the Church family for all their love and prayers.

Special thanks to all the Doctors, Nurses and other staff who attended to her or assisted in any way during her illness at the George Town HSA and at Health City. Also, her Caregivers - Janice, Joyce and Jennifer for all your love and care given to her.

Special thanks and appreciation to her Special Cousins - Pat, Brugger, Bonnnie Rancel Jane & Paul Bodden & Special Niece Jenica Merren; George Hinds, Valerie Galloway & families of the USA; Cecile & Dale Crighton, Pauline Wood, Maxine & Maureen Bodden; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Bodden; Special Niece Jenica Merren and Bodden Funeral Services and all her many caring friends and former Co-workers for the beautiful floral arrangements, Tributes and cards; and to those who kindly made a donation to benefit the HSA in her memory, or gave in any other way.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Our Precious Sister Deanna, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Special Cousin, Nieces and Nephews and Wonderful Friend is greatly missed and will always be lovingly remembered. She lived her life to the fullest, and we are richer for that. Her pleasant personality and laughter brought so much joy and happiness to everyone. Knowing how 'Special' she was to so many people will help to comfort our hearts.

Though we know heaven has welcomed our Very Special Deanna/Nana, our hearts still feel the sorrow. May her precious soul Rest in Peace and light perpetual shine upon her.

## A SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE IN LOVING & BLESSED MEMORY OF OUR WONDERFUL GRANDMOTHER-HETTIE, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER & GREAT-GREAT-GRANDMOTHER - MRS. HETTIE BODDEN; OUR WONDERFUL MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER & GREAT-GRANDMOTHER - MRS. VALERIE MERREN & OUR WONDERFUL MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, GREAT-GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, & AUNT DEANNA MERREN



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No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who LOVE Him. I CORINTHIANS 2:9

Always lovingly remembered and FOREVER in our hearts. Sadly missed by all your loved ones in the USA and Deanna's children - Daughter - Merilyn; Sons - Darcy, Craig, Perri, Shane & their Wives; her Grandchildren and Great-Granddaughter - Amira.

Sent in by your loving Granddaughters, Daughters and Sisters - Mrs. Aline Wood, Mrs. Chasteen Bodden; Grandson, Son & Brother - James Clayton Merren and all our families. RIP. XOXOXOX



## TRIBUTE IN LOVING & BLESSED MEMORY OF OUR PRECIOUS BROTHER, BROTHER-IN-LAW, UNCLE & COUSIN - EDGAR S.M. MERREN, WHO LEFT US FOR HIS HEAVENLY HOME ON 5TH MAY, 2005; 14 VERY SAD YEARS AGO - TWO MONTHS AFTER OUR PRECIOUS CHAD.



12th August, 1943 - 5th May, 2005

Our Precious Edgar - You continue to be a part of many happy memories, and many loving and caring thoughts each day. We think of you always and wish we still had you here with us. We loved you beyond any telling and miss you greatly, and know that you wanted to go to Heaven to be with your Lord and Saviour and also with other dear beloved family members.

Heaven is where Jesus is. It is the place where everything lasts forever, where everything that is best remains, where everything good is celebrated, and where light fills every space, where love fills every heart, where worship fills every breath, where praise never stops, where pain never enters, and where joys never cease.

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed always. Forever in our hearts.

Your loving and devoted Sisters - Aline Wood & Chasteen Bodden; Brother - James Clayton Merren and all our families; your Church Family at the Church of God (Universal); Special Nieces - Merilyn & Nikita, & Nephew Travis Phillips; Cousins - George Hinds, Adrian Briggs, Cecile Crighton & Pauline Wood & families; friends from Sunset House, and many others. God bless you and may your soul Rest in Peace.

**POLICE NEWS**

## Police Seek Public Assistance to Identify Burglars

At about 6:30AM on Saturday, 6 April, officers responded to a report of an attempted burglary at an address on Sea View Road, East End. The homeowner provided CCTV footage to the officers, which shows three males unsuccessfully attempting to break into the residence before fleeing. The faces of two of the males were exposed. One of the males also has a large tattoo visible on his upper left arm.

The RCIPS is releasing screenshots and footage of these individuals in order to seek the assistance of the public in identifying them. This video footage, and screenshots, can be viewed on our website at the link above.

Anyone with information on the identity of these men is encouraged to contact the **Bodden Town Police Station** at 947-2220 or email DC Wanda Nixon at Wanda.Nixon@rcips.ky.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our **Confidential**



**Tip Line** at 949-7777, or via our website <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of **Crime Stoppers** at 800-8477(TIPS), or online <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=681>.

## Police Renew Call for Public Assistance to Locate Wanted Man Daniel Rankine

Police continue to seek the assistance of the public to locate Daniel Wallace Rankine (picture included). Mr. Rankine is wanted in relation to two (2) burglaries that took place in Bodden Town, on 8 and 14 April, and on 29 April the RCIPS circulated his picture. As of 6 May, he is still at large.

**Police are reminding the public that if Daniel Rankine is seen, he is not to be approached; instead, 9-1-1 should be called immediately.**

Those who have not seen Mr. Rankine but have information about where he may be are urged to contact the **Bodden Town Police Station** at 947-2220.



## Attempted Rape in George Town, Male Arrested

Shortly after 6:00AM on Monday, 6th May, officers responded to a report of an attempted rape which occurred in the vicinity of Grackle Road, George Town. A woman had been at the residence when a man known to her broke in and made aggressive sexual advances toward her. The woman attempted to flee but was

caught and detained by the man who attempted to sexually assault her, but then fled the scene before police arrived. The woman was taken for treatment for minor injuries and subsequently discharged.

The matter is currently under investigation and all necessary safeguarding

measures have been put in place for the victim.

The man, age 38 of George Town, turned himself in to police later that day and was arrested on suspicion of attempted rape, criminal trespass, burglary, and threats to kill. He remains in police custody as the investigation continues.



# Teams, Political Parties and Independent Candidates

The independent countries of the English-speaking Caribbean gave birth to political parties in the late 1930's and these organizations, for the most part, became permanent features of the political landscapes of these countries.

On the other hand, Cayman did not have its first party until 1958. Its brief attempt at two-party politics ended soon and by the general election of 1972 'Teams had replaced political parties in Cayman Islands politics until the more recent advent of the People's Progressive Movement (PPM) formed in 2002 and the United Democratic Party (UDP) now Cayman Democratic Party (CDP) formed in 2001.

The main teams in Cayman's politics have included the Unity Team of 1976; the Dignity Team of 1980 and the National Team of 1992. It should be pretty straightforward to say how teams are

different from and similar to political parties. But is it all that obvious? And which has more advantages?

As I have written before, teams, like political parties, are principally political organizations which have as their main objective control of the machinery of government. Both are political organizations in the sense that they are concerned with the issue of power and its utilization at the level of the nation-state. Political parties, like teams, have to be concerned with the broad agenda of issues facing the societies in which they operate and the larger global environment which have direct and indirect bearing on local realities. Political parties, like teams, work not just to influence policy but ultimately to have control of the government apparatus in order to be in charge of the formulation and execution of policies.

Political parties can also be defined by their functions. They provide opportunities for people with similar political philosophies and ideas to meet, organize and campaign in order to place their members in Government, but if not, at least in Opposition. In doing this political parties are the main institutions which provide candidates for elections and by extension provide the nation's political leaders. Political parties recruit and nominate candidates who the leaders think will win in elections. They help their candidates to win elections and while not in office they monitor the actions of office holders. Teams, to some extent, also provide these functions but are limited by the fact that they tend to be 'transitory'.

Another distinguishing feature of a political party is desire for permanence. It seems to me that only in this respect were the Teams which dominated the local political scene prior to the formation of the UDP and PPM, not political parties. As I have written before, those who form political parties usually do so with a desire that they become a permanent part of their societies. That many disappear after at most two years does not mean that that was the intention.

Because political parties are characterized by an intention to be permanent, there is need for a constitution, formal constituency organization, a system of voting to change party leaders and so on. Political parties are thus much more formal organizations. Teams are by their nature organizations in transition- they are formed around election time and participants, as far as I can tell, understand their transitory nature.

As political parties are permanent political organizations, they strive to have an organizational structure that can facilitate the recruitment of members, develop policy, raise campaign funds to educate the electorate about campaign issues, and other such activities. They develop views, positions and policies and communicate these to the electorate not only, but especially during election campaigns.

In addition, because political parties are permanent organizations, the voting and general public knows way beforehand what they are getting. They know that that the party in Opposition or simply not in government, is striving to do so. The public knows beforehand that if the leader of the party in Opposition were to win the election, he or she will be leading the country. There are no surprises with political parties as persons contesting are likely to be in the public domain for some time.

Take for example, a serious Opposition Party, will announce a 'Shadow Cabinet.' So the party that forms the Government has a Cabinet of Ministers who runs var-



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ious Ministries. There is a Minister of Education, Finance, Tourism, and so on. The party in Opposition, though not in government, knows that an important function of an Opposition party is also to consistently critique Government and to present alternative positions and possibilities in a consistent, organized and credible way that demonstrates that the party in Opposition is thinking through current issues and is in touch with what is happening.

This is usually best done by a 'Shadow Cabinet' of persons appointed by the Leader of the Opposition to speak on specified portfolios. So there is a Shadow Minister of Education, of Finance, of Tourism, or however, else the Leader of the Opposition might indicate he intends to call the various Ministries. Apart from providing cut and thrust in political life, the appointment of a Shadow Cabinet by a serious Opposition Party, is also a signal to the public as to who would likely be Ministers if the Opposition Party were to become Government.

The public can scrutinize way ahead of time what it desires and Opposition Spokespersons while providing to the public a 'Government in Waiting', also get useful experience critiquing, agreeing with, and proposing new policy directions that they would undertake so the public knows what are the other policy options likely to be taken if the party in Opposition were in Government. Hopefully, if they became Government, they should be able to 'hit the ground running' being to some extent already familiar with the issue and challenges in their respective portfolios.

Running a country is serious business and is best served by persons who have

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## Teams, Political Parties and Independent Candidates

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spent time thinking about the issues and proposing ideas and position papers way before an election. The political novice, not saddled with the responsibility of running a government, may believe that the issues are simple and clear and solutions obvious, but in government soon learns that the issues are far more complex and that getting things done requires the art of working with multiple constituencies and of learning how to survive on far less sleep. The inexperienced, now at the helm of government, immediately agrees with Shakespeare's Henry IV, who, bemoaning

his position as King and his inability to rest, even on the quietest of nights, begrudges the 'wet sea boy', who perched on a mast, amid wind and waves, nods of easily. 'Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown' he concluded.



Political parties are superior organizations to teams. Nonetheless, political parties, to be taken seriously, must function as modern organizations. They must resist personality politics in favour of party transparency. They must be faithful to their constitutions and must engage in continued renewal of persons and ideas and so on. Their aim should not be only to win and maintain governmental power, but must embrace an active and permanent identity in the community by engaging in research, civic education and training and routinely forging strong cross-party networks and discussions with government, communities and NGO's.

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# Cayman Carnival Batabano pays homage to Cayman's turtling heritage at Junior Batabano

Junior Batabano is set to hit the streets of George Town on Saturday May 11, 2019 with the theme "Once Upon A Turtle", which pays homage to Cayman's turtling heritage.

"One of our new marketing initiatives for Cayman Carnival Batabano overall going forward is to reconnect the carnival in creative ways with the original meaning of the word 'Batabano', which is the native Caymanian term for the tracks left in the sand when turtles go ashore to nest during nesting season, which typically starts around May each year," explained the Chairperson of the Cayman Carnival Batabano Committee, Donna Myrie-Stephen. "With the turtle nesting season being all about the emergence of turtle hatchlings, it was only fitting that we launch this new initiative with the Juniors."

This year's Junior Batabano costumes were therefore designed and created by returning costume designer, Richard Bartholomew of Trinidad, along with Shane James. Each school's costume(s) will represent some aspect of Cayman's turtling heritage, as well as a few fantasy turtles.

There are six schools and more than 400 children and teens participating



this year from the following schools: Cayman International School will have 25 students donning the costume design called "Sailing in Las Tortugas"; Red Bay Primary School will have 39 students wearing costumes called "Save The Turtles"; Savannah Primary School will have 66 students in the "My Favourite Turtle Souvener" costume; and George Town Primary will have 49 students in two sections wearing costumes called "Have You Ever Seen A Flying Turtle" and "Sir Turtle Playing Mas".

St. Ignatius Catholic School's entry this year will have 147 students in four different costume sections under the theme "The Turtle Cycle". The sections are called: "Emerging At Full Moon"; "The Race For Survival"; "Batabano In The Sand"; and "A Nest Of Eggs".

John A. Cumber Primary School is returning to the Junior Batabano parade after an eight-year hiatus, and will have 77 students sporting the costume design called "Hidden In The Kelp".

The Cayman Islands Boy Scouts will also be in the Junior Batabano parade, as well as a local group of young beauty queens.

The Junior Batabano participating schools are competing for

the following prizes again this year: Junior Batabano Band of the Year; Second Runner Up; Third Runner Up; and Spirit of Junior Batabano.

"Everyone involved is very excited about this year's Junior Batabano turtle theme and are all looking forward to seeing the costumes in the parade," said WendyAnn George, the Batabano Committee member who has been coordinating Junior Batabano for the past 10 years. "We're also looking forward to the Family Fun Day activities and the much-anticipated dance competition following the parade where each school will compete for the coveted Junior Batabano Band Of The Year title, and other prizes."

The event starts with Family Fun Day activities on the lawns of the old Glass House at 1pm, with lots of games, activities, food, mask-decorating, face painting, and much more.

Then at 3pm, pick a spot along the parade route as 400+ children wind their way from the Glass House on Elgin Avenue through the heart of George Town and back to the Glass House where they will each perform choreographed dances on stage as part of the competition for prizes. The event is expected to end by 6pm.

Later that evening, from 7pm-11pm, the annual Junior Batabano Teen Dance takes place at King's Sport Center for



teens aged 13-16 only. Admission is CI\$15 to dance, or CI\$20 to dance and skate.

Junior Batabano is sponsored by: The Rotary Club of Grand Cayman; The Ministry of District Administration, Tourism, and Transport; The Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture, and Housing; Pinnacle Media; DMS Broadcasting; Cayman Airways; Picture This; Le Classique; DHL; Butterfield; Cayman National Bank; and Netclues.

The Batabano Chairperson added: "We're always thrilled to see so many schools, families, and local businesses continuing to put their support behind this cultural experience for our young people, because they really are the future of Batabano. We sincerely thank all Junior Batabano supporters and sponsors, and we look forward to the continued support." 🌐



## Batabano Committee welcomes the return to one parade on Grand Cayman

Having served as the National Carnival of the Cayman Islands since the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman established Batabano in 1983, the Cayman Carnival Batabano Committee welcomes the Government's decision to no longer grant road closure permission for a second

carnival parade on a separate date, on Grand Cayman.

We are also happy that the Government agreed with the steadfast position of the Batabano Committee, and the Cayman Islands Mas Band Association (CIMBA), to not compete with Cayman

Brac's Braccanal carnival on the Discovery Day weekend. We are also pleased that the Government agreed with the joint compromise that the Batabano Committee and CIMBA presented and announced in July 2018 to move Batabano's adult parade to the second

weekend in May for 2020 and beyond, with Junior Batabano launching the Cayman Carnival season on the first weekend in May.

There is much still to be determined with regards to the new parade logistics and new administrative structure for Government's sponsorship of Batabano, and we look forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders and parties involved, in our unwavering commitment to one carnival on Grand Cayman, and unity with our Sister Islands. 🌐

# Director of Tourism Among Recipients of CTO Allied Member Awards

Former Grenada tourism minister Brenda Hood is among six stalwarts of Caribbean tourism to be honoured by the Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO) allied membership at the Travel Industry Awards Dinner during Caribbean Week New York (#CWN2019) next month.

Hood is the chairman of the Grenada Tourism Authority, and has served at various stages during her career on the CTO's human resources technical committee, and the boards of the then Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (now the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency) and the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas.

She, along with Colin James, chief executive office of the Antigua & Barbuda Tourism Authority, will receive the **Allied Award** for outstanding contributions to the region's development.

The Allied Award was established in 2005 to recognise individuals within the CTO family – government, airline, cruise line, allied and affiliate members and CTO staff – who have done an extraordinary job of contributing, in a tangible way, to the sustainable development of the region.

Tourism director of the Cayman Islands, Rosa Harris, along with Laura Davidson, president and founder of Laura Davidson Public Relations, will be celebrated with the **Jerry Award** for the passion with which they serve the region.

Established in 1997 in memory of the late Jerry Magit who represented the

allied members on the CTO's board of directors, the Jerry Award recognises people who demonstrate a passion for the region and have dedicated time, energy, financial, and other personal and professional resources to its development.

Meanwhile, Noel Mignott, president and chief executive officer of The PM Group, and Annette Stowe, internet and conference administrator at CTO-USA, Inc., will receive the **Special Recognition Award** for high performance. This award honours high-performance individuals whose contributions, particularly in the last year, have truly made a difference among the region or Caribbean community and/or industry. It is not limited to service directly in the travel arena, but for service in any ancillary industry that supports tourism and brings continuous positive recognition to the region.

In addition to the CTO allied membership awards, CTO will announce the winners of the travel media awards and will present its Lifetime Achievement Award, its Distinguished Caribbean Citizen Award and its Award of Excellence, among others, while Jamaica will present the Marcella Martinez and the Marcia Vickery-Wallace awards.

The Travel Industry Awards Dinner will take place on Thursday 6 June from 7 – 10 p.m. at the Wyndham New Yorker (481 Eighth Avenue). Tickets for the dinner can be purchased online only via <https://www.caribbeanweek.com/events/caribbean-tourism-industry-awards-dinner/>.

### About Caribbean Week New York

Caribbean Week New York is the largest regional tourism activity in the New York area. Artists, performers, celebrity chefs, the Diaspora, investors and other strategic partners join government officials and the media for a week of festivities designed to raise awareness of the Caribbean's diverse tourism industry and provide opportunities for member destinations to promote their individual products and services, participate in meetings, seminars and other business development activities to further enhance the Caribbean brand, and provide updates and critical support to travel agents and the media who influence key travel demographics.

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To participate in, or sponsor any Caribbean Week New York event, visit [www.caribbeanweek.com](http://www.caribbeanweek.com); email [Caribbeanweek@caribbeanweek.com](mailto:Caribbeanweek@caribbeanweek.com) or call +1212-636-9350.



► Tourism director of the Cayman Islands, Rosa Harris

CTO members receive special concessions when they participate in Caribbean Week New York. To find out more about membership visit <http://bit.ly/alliedmembers> or email [membership@caribtourism.com](mailto:membership@caribtourism.com).

### About the Caribbean Tourism Organization

The Caribbean Tourism Organization (CTO), with headquarters in Barbados, offices in New York and London and representation in Canada, is the Caribbean's tourism development agency comprising membership of the region's finest countries and territories including Dutch, English, French and Spanish-speaking, as well as a myriad of private sector allied members. The CTO's vision is to position the Caribbean as the most desirable, year-round, warm weather destination, and its purpose is Leading Sustainable Tourism - One Sea, One Voice, One Caribbean. 🌐





► Miss Guyana World



► Miss Curacao



► Miss Cayman



► Miss Belize

# Caribbean Queens invade Cayman

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Our National Queen, Miss Cayman Islands Universe 2018, Caitlin Tyson was busy with ambassador duties as she hosted four of her pageant sisters from the Caribbean to come have some fun in our national carnival and they happily obliged. Joining her for this wonderful time of vacation, networking, fun, a little R&R and a whole lot of Caymankind was Miss Belize Universe Jenelli Fraser, Miss Barbados Universe Meghan Theobalds, Miss Curacao Universe Akisha Albert and Miss Guyana World Ambika Ramraj.

With a jam-packed schedule, the ladies were treated to local attractions and delicacies that we only find deep in the heart of Cayman. Miss Barbados ate conch fritters for the first time and promised that it would not be the last! Their chariot for the duration of their stay, from pick up and drop off at the airport, to all of their destinations and waiting on them hand and foot, Mr Ken-

rick Webster can be ever so proud of his driver who doubled as their security as well as very willing island host! Their castle for the time was Cayman Beach Suites, who graciously sponsored the most picturesque view and amazing property for them to enjoy. The queens dined at places such as Pappagallo Restaurant in the heart of West Bay, The Lobster Pot, in the heart of George Town and Grape Tree Café and yes, you guessed it, in the heart of Bodden Town. The islands have lots of hearts and the five that continued to beat throughout each district, were amazed at all of the offerings. Other restaurants on their list were The Cayman Cabana's Farm to Table event, Tillies, Cayman Turtle Center, Paradise and Lucky Slice/Cayman Creperie/Mojos right on the Waterfront with the view of the harbor.

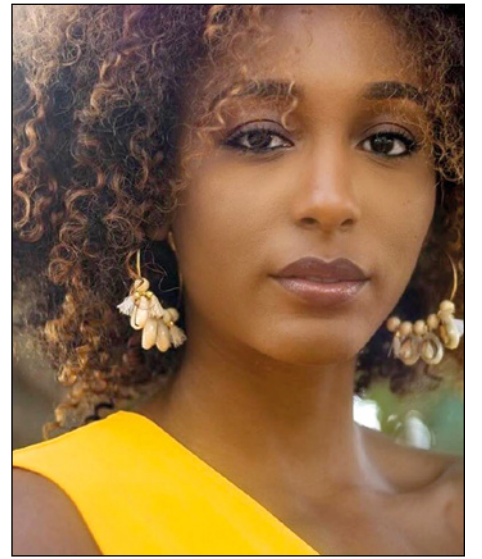
Our Queen Caitlin Tyson, was the perfect host because before claiming the coveted crown of Miss Cayman Islands last year, she was a working model and

up and coming actress in New York City so her appreciation for the sun may very well far transcend the residents that call this place home all year around. "My country is so beautiful that I just wanted to share it with these ladies that made my time in Thailand at the Miss Universe pageant so enjoyable and reminded me of home every day". "After my reign I go back to my life in New York so I am soaking up as much sun as I can to hopefully keep me warm on those cold

days in the city". She also said that her work is in the United States, but her heart is always in Cayman.

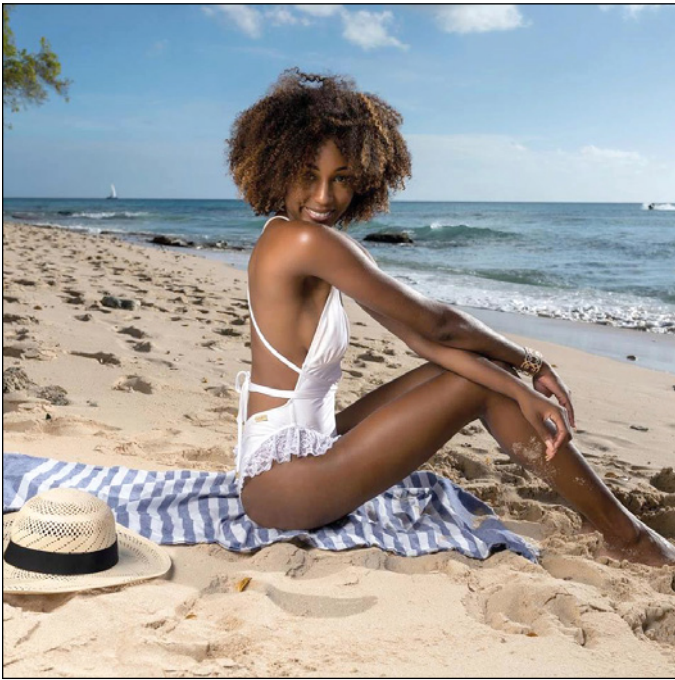
Before hitting the road with Tribal for Batabano, the ladies had fun visiting the Botanical Park and Cayman Crystal Caves on the other end of the island and got to meet the Blue Iguanas before making a quick stop at Pedro Castle. Back on the West Bay side they got to ride horses with Spirit of the West and swim with the Dolphins at the Dolphin Coves, and even found time to visit and dine at the Cayman Turtle Center. On the last day they cruised to Cayman Kai aboard KK Sunshine Luxury Charters and just before going to the airport, they visited the Craft Market. Whoever was lucky enough to get a glimpse of this royal entourage was in for a treat that was filled with hugs and smiles for their cameras.

For six glorious days the gorgeous Caribbean queens ate delectable food, sipped champagne while watching the sunset, danced and rocked to the beat of Mr Killer, and even "got on a little bad" on de road, all the while looking absolutely flawless. The schedule was hectic as they tried to pack it all in before get-



► Miss Barbados

ting back to their lives of "queening" and even though a day in the life of a queen is not that easy, or so they tell us, they made it look like a piece of cake. The Cayman Islands will not soon forget the royal invasion of these lovelies and we wish them a Bon Voyage and a message to not be strangers to this place that we get to call home. To all of the businesses that made their stay so enjoyable, beginning with Cayman Airways for bringing them in, they each say a heartfelt Thank You and to them we say "unna come back soon ya hear". 🇧🇲



► Miss Barbados



► Miss Belize



► Tillie's Miss Cayman Islands Universe










► On de road



► All Queens

**WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST**

| Friday  | Saturday  | Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  |
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| Partly sunny  | Partly sunny; delightful  | Partly sunny; pleasant  | Partly sunny, a stray shower  | Mostly sunny; pleasant  | A p.m. shower in places   | Windy; a p.m. t-storm or two  |

# Strength Training is CRITICAL for Staying Strong, Slim & Sexy Over the Summer

Whether your passion is running, roll-blading, swimming, playing a game of tennis with a friend, or hitting the water for some canoeing, you still cannot neglect the strength training element of your workout routine.

**No form of outdoor cardio exercise is going to be able to replace the unique benefits of strength training, so it's something that you must make sure you maintain throughout the year.**

Those who take the summer off from the weights entirely will be at risk for a number of negative consequences, and restarting back will be that much harder... maintaining your strength training is a necessity.

**Here's why:**

## Strength Training and Muscle Mass

The very first reason to keep up your strength training sessions a few times a week is to ensure you aren't losing muscle tissue.

As we age, **muscle mass loss is inevitable without regular strength training workouts.** Muscle tissue is not easy tissue to gain back. This is especially true for women who naturally have low amounts of testosterone compared to a man. Protecting the muscle you have already worked so hard to build is one of the most important considerations of any well-rounded fitness program.

**Why is having more muscle so important?**

If you begin losing muscle mass, your strength will decrease, meaning everyday activities—including those outdoor activities you want to take part in—will become harder and harder.

**Plus, muscle plays a major role in fat burning...**

While exercise does burn calories, you only work out a few hours per week. To increase fat burning, you need to increase your metabolism, specifically your Resting Metabolic Rate. Those who have a higher degree of muscle mass burn more calories even when they're at rest. As a person ages, metabolism naturally slows down, leading to gradual weight gain. Muscle is a great way to counterbalance the body's natural slowdown, and the earlier a person starts, the easier it will be to maintain that muscle over time.

Many people complain that the reason they're gaining weight into the 40s and 50s is due to a slow metabolism, but really, that slow metabolism is happening (partly) because they are losing muscle. The muscle gains you achieve with a proper strength training program can help reverse this process and actually INCREASE metabolism!

## Strength Training and Bone Health

As a person grows older, bone loss is inevitable, especially for women after menopause. This can lead to bones breaking more easily, feelings of fatigue and weakness, and reduced tolerance to physical activity. Weight-bearing exercises strengthen bones, helping minimize natural bone loss and reducing the risk of injury.

While other outdoor activities may be weight bearing in nature and still help with bone strength and formation, no other exercise is more weight bearing than strength training.

Since you'll be supporting more weight than just your body weight, you

can really take your bone health to the next level. One study published in the journal of *Medicine and Science in Sports And Exercise* illustrated that strength training is superior in terms of combating osteoporosis compared to aerobic activity only.

This can prevent stress fractures or bone breaks down the road, both of which could become very serious if you are into your 60s and 70s.

## Strength Training And Disease Prevention

Strength training has been shown to provide a number of health benefits, including a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes. By continuing your strength training year round, you'll continue to reap the rewards of the hard work year round.

A Tufts University study even found that participants in a strength training program were able to see a marked reduction in arthritis pain. In fact, the study found that the end result was better than that received from medications.

Strength training can also improve a person's mental health, reducing depression and improving sleep quality.

## Strength Training and Insulin Sensitivity

Finally, the last nice thing about strength training that you must note is its impact on insulin sensitivity.

Your insulin sensitivity level is one of the key factors determining your risk of diabetes and metabolic syndrome, a condition that's starting to impact more and more females.

A regular strength training workout routine will help to keep your tissue

cells more responsive to insulin, so should you consume carbohydrates in your diet, your body will be able to better utilize those carbohydrates, directing them towards the muscle cells rather than the body fat cells, as was noted in a study published in the *Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise* journal.

This helps keep you leaner as well since you'll have a reduced rate of converting those carbohydrates into body fat stores.

It appears the primary reason for this is due to the increased lean muscle tissue development, which then increases the insulin sensitivity level.

## Final Thoughts

So as you can hopefully see, now is NOT the time to forgo strength training. Strength training is the single most effective form of exercise for guaranteeing good health into the future and keeping you leading an active lifestyle for years to come.

All it takes is 2-3 sessions per week to see all these benefits, which leaves plenty of time to get outside and do all the other summertime activities that you want to do.

By making the commitment to stay consistent with your strength training workout throughout the year, you'll also prevent having to go through the process of getting back into, which can prove to be quite frustrating if quite a significant amount of strength has been lost.

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So, ensure that this great food of nature is always in your kitchen.



# Happy Mother's Day

As Mother's Day nears it is a time to reflect on the woman that gave us the gift of life. No matter what your relationship with your mother is, she is the reason that you are here and for that we should be grateful. If you are fortunate to still have your mother with you, then count yourself lucky. If you have had a great mother to you, then you know that your life is what it is because of her love and sacrifice. A good mother is the best friend anyone could have because she is selfless and always wanting you to be the best. The days of only thinking about oneself usually stands still when one becomes a mother. After all, becoming a mother first required that you give up space in your body and nourishment for yourself to feed and nourish another human being. You and that child were one before it ever made its entrance into this world and then stand on its own two feet. A mother often gives up her needs for the needs and wishes of her children. Daily, she is up earlier than anyone and while everyone is sleeping is still fulfilling her role for her children and family.

A mother's love is considered the only unconditional love and is worldwide with no distinction of colour or creed because in all societies, races and countries, a mother's love is usually the same. She is the backbone of society and is a guide and teacher to help us to properly navigate life. She is our first teacher of everything, from cooking, to doctoring advice as to what to take when we have an ache to even helping us with relationship advice. Somehow, she even appears to be psychic as she can often see right through us and know something even before we even tell her. A good mother often cares for her child more than she cares for her own life. She is a fearless woman. Even one of the meekest mothers can become the fiercest most protective source if she feels that her child or children's life is in any sort of peril. Most mother's say that when they had a child, they lost all sense of



► Catherine Tyson

reasoning when it came to the best for their child. A mother is often a philosopher who knows so much stuff that the greatest compliment that one can achieve is to realise that she has rubbed off on you in a positive way.

Mothers and their children are in a category all their own. There's no bond so strong in the entire world. A mother's love and support can fuel a normal human being to do the impossible.

It is pure and does not shatter with time. A mother's love is never-ending. The saying is "A mother's work is never done" and as we get older it is up to us to honor that dedication of our mother all year round but on that day, we should show her honor. A mother serves us all through the year, so on this special day of the year, we get to honor her. Famous quotes that we all can relate to are:

- **Abraham Lincoln** - "All that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."
- **Barack Obama** - "Mothers are the rocks of our families and a foundation in our communities."
- **Robert Browning** - "Motherhood: All love begins and ends there."
- **Julie B. Beck** - "There is no limit to what a mother can accomplish. Righteous women have changed the course of history and will continue to do so."
- **Kristen Proby** - "No one else will ever know the strength of my love for you. After all, you're the only one who knows the sound of my heart from the inside."
- **Italian Proverb** - "A good mother is worth a hundred teachers"
- **Jewish Proverb** says - "God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers"

Life doesn't come with a manual, it comes with a mother. To all mothers out there, Happy Mother's Day; we appreciate your sacrifice.

**CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — MAY 12 - 18**



**TOTAL SHIPS - 5**  
**TOTAL PASSENGERS - 15,753**

| Sunday                  | Monday                  | Tuesday                 | Wednesday               | Thursday                | Friday                  | Saturday                |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 12                      | 13                      | 14                      | 15                      | 16                      | 17                      | 18                      |
|                         |                         | Carnival Miracle        | Carnival Horizon        | Carnival Freedom        |                         |                         |
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**OBITUARIES**

The Family of the Late **Andrew Darwin Bush** regrets to announce his passing on Tuesday, 30 April, 2019.



A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, 11 May, 2019 at Community of Christ, George Town.

Interment will follow in South Sound Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at [www.boddenfuneralservices.com](http://www.boddenfuneralservices.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



**Bodden Funeral**  
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

**Churchill's** Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Perline Rosley Seymour, who passed away on Sunday, May 05, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Elmslie Memorial United Church, 48 Harbour Drive, George Town on Saturday, June 01, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Interment at: Old Man Bay Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

**Churchill's** Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Mark Morgan, who passed away on Tuesday April 30, 2019. Mr. Morgan will be repatriated to Jamaica.



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**Churchill's** Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Roberto Seymour, better known as "Mr. Bob", who passed away on Tuesday, May 07, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Layton Leslie Ebanks, who passed away on Monday, May 06, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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**MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION**

**Talking Past One Another**

**The Rev'd Christopher Pierce**  
St Alban's Church, George Town  
[churchofenglandcayman.org](http://churchofenglandcayman.org)



Most of us have tried having a conversation with someone where we realised our words were having the effect of water rolling off a duck's back. The words were being heard but not understood in the same way we were meaning them. No matter how we tried to explain our position, the other person was just not comprehending. To be honest, we've all been on both sides such conversations. Such efforts find us just talking past one another rather than effectively communicating.

The thing missing in such instances is a lack of knowledge about the presuppositions of one another. In fact, honest communication is impossible without each person knowing what shapes the others' way of looking at and understanding the world. We all pre-suppose, so we all have presuppositions. They undergird, shape, and inform our world-view.

We suppose that water is wet because we've been told it is and because we've experienced

it. We suppose that water from the sea is salty and that from the bottle isn't because we've experienced it.

So, it is with matters of faith and the way that we live them out.

People who believe that God is all powerful, all knowing, and unchangeable and that He has communicated to mankind through His created order; most specifically through Jesus and then the bible, look at the world through that lens. Those that believe mankind is the source of all knowledge and that popular science should dictate our approach to life and morals look through that lens and order their lives accordingly.

The two sides can understand one another if they honour each other's presuppositions but they will never agree because those views are mutually exclusive. They butt heads like two big rams fighting over the ewes. Neither will cease

until the other surrenders.

Jesus' disciples were at first, slow to understand. Prior to his crucifixion, he told them on multiple occasions that he must be betrayed, killed, and that he would rise again on the third day, yet on the day of his resurrection, with the empty tomb in front of them, the Apostle John tells us: "They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead."

What changed their world-view? What enabled them to stop talking past one another? Something outside of them made the change. It was the power of the Holy Ghost having raised Jesus from the grave, nothing or no one else...and nothing else will change those who oppose and fight against him. Surrender those in opposition to Jesus, to him, that they might be given a better mind and try to live up to the faith you profess. ☪

**Cayman in the Throes of Moulting — What Gains and Losses?**

By Pastor M. Alson Ebanks

To anyone alive and attentive to life in these fomented Cayman Islands, it is obvious that we are at another major moult, pulsating to shed the now-considered outgrown skin that is linked to a unique past in order to move into a more propitious future. Not being masters of our own destiny, however, we appear to have given insufficient thought to what is being promised by the purveyors of the "Emperor's new clothes," nor have we carefully counted the cost associated with this exchange. To this observer, one thing that is being jettisoned (or has been jettisoned) by my people is our value system that gave priority to community over individualism, and objective truth over personal (subjective) preferences.

Since all decisions are values-based decisions, we do not need to judge what people's values are; they show us what they are by their actions. And my people have shown by their actions what their "new skin" represents. Our society now celebrates the

great value that is placed on personal choice and individual happiness, despite the reality that with many of these choices there is a high risk of danger to the individual and society at large. The dominant outlook and approach is that the autonomy of persons cannot be trumped by any other (imposed) value. Instead of religion and morality being viewed as wise masters in the school of life, they are now viewed as nuisances, or (at best) relics of a past era to be venerated, but of no current value—like yesteryear's pounds, shillings and pence.

The dominant values in western culture are clearly those of personal happiness and material prosperity. Cayman is but a microcosm of western culture, in which both multi-generational Caymanians and newly arrived residents and transient (guest) workers relentlessly scramble to fill their baskets with trophies from the fields of pleasure and prosperity, like so many children in an Easter egg hunt.

The sobering reality is that in this cultural crucible, a kind of personality disorder on a socie-



ty-wide scale is slowly burning away multi-generational values, like magma from an erupting distant volcano. This disorder manifests itself in the simultaneous embrace of social and environmental consciousness and a rejection of traditional (Christian-based) morality. We want to save the earth and feed our future, but apparently have not have seen how this is at odds with the agenda being promoted in certain quarters to sacrifice the life of the unborn for our personal comfort and convenience, or how the current emphasis on personal happiness and boundary-less sexual practices is a growing canker on the central organ of society, the human family. ☪

# CIMPA 2019 Awards Shortlist Announced

Local Marketing Agencies, Creative Professionals and In-House Teams Shortlisted for CIMPA 2019 Marketing Awards, with Winners Announced at a Prestigious Awards Ceremony to be held on June 6th, 2019.

Earlier this year, many of Cayman's marketers compiled their most successful marketing initiatives from the 2018 calendar year for submission to the Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association's ("CIMPA") 2019 Awards. Since then, over 40 submissions have been reviewed and critiqued by six independent, international judges and the top four submissions across eight awards categories have been selected.

The shortlisted nominees for the 2019 CIMPA Awards are:

- Community Impact of the Year**
  - Car City Mobile Blood Drive by Hurlley's Media
  - Enterprise Cayman by Cayman Enterprise City
  - Not Your Spot by Rotary Central & Tower
  - The Island We Love Just Got Healthier by Baptist Health
- Website or App of the Year**
  - Cayman's Safest Driver App
  - CaymanVillas.com
  - ExploreCayman.com
  - PropertyCayman.com
- Campaign of the Year**
  - Boxed
  - CayMAS Carnival 2018
  - Slow Food Day 2018 at Camana Bay

- Salute by Cayman Airways
- Video of the Year**
  - Caribbean Marine Services Informercial
  - Cayman Airways' "Salute"
  - CIIPA Awards Gala "Pioneer"
  - Slow Food Day 2018 at Camana Bay
- Brand of the Year**
  - Boxed
  - Island Naturals
  - KAABOO Cayman
  - Pink Duck Publishing
- Creative Professional of the Year**
  - Charles R. Gilman IV - Cayman Airways
  - Damien Murphy - AirVu
  - Laura Skec - Grand Cayman Marriott
  - Tracey-Ann Peharie - AA Media
- Agency of the Year**
  - Collective
  - Not Your Standard
- Marketer of the Year**
  - Amy Still - Collective
  - Eleanor Smith - Pink Duck Publishing
  - Laura Skec - Grand Cayman Marriott
  - Olivia Scott-Ramirez - Cayman Airways

The annual Awards recognise some of the best local marketing campaigns from 2018 and celebrate the creativity, innovation and talent of the Islands' marketing firms and individuals.

"The Awards is one of the highlights of the CIMPA calendar, and this year we're looking forward to celebrating some



► CIMPA Chair Catherine Healy

amazing work by our community," Catherine Healy, CIMPA Chair, said.

"We're inviting anyone who's interested in understanding more about marketing to attend and see some of the best examples that show that we create more than just pretty photos and clever content! And it'll be a good party too!"

Tickets are now on sale for the 2019 Awards celebration event, with the theme "Cultivating Creativity", taking place at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort on Thursday, June 6th. A glamorous evening showcasing the

talent, expertise and innovation of Cayman's marketing community, tickets are CI\$175 for members, \$195 for non-members or CI\$1,400 for a table of 8 and include welcome cocktails and free flowing bubbles for the first two hours, as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment.

For more information about the 2019 CIMPA Awards or to purchase tickets, visit [www.cimpa.ky/awards](http://www.cimpa.ky/awards). For sponsorship enquiries, contact Natalie Toole, Head of Events, by email at [events@cima.ky](mailto:events@cima.ky) or by telephone on +1 345 917 7480. 🌐

# USA 2020

It's early days yet but already US President Donald Trump and former vice-president Joe Biden are squaring off to go head for next year's US presidential election.

President Trump is banking on a second term. He's been campaigning for it ever since he took office.

He has tweeted that two years of his current term were "stollen" (sic) due to the investigation into his 2016 campaign by Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

Furthermore, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi thinks that Trump will refuse to leave the White House unless the Democrats win by a "big" enough margin in 2020 as he might contest the results and prolong his presidency.

It's been an incessant flow of campaign stamping by the president; between golfing holidays, highly questionable forays into foreign affairs, inflammatory utterances, controversial domestic policies, personal crises, the Mueller investigation, calls for his impeachment, being seemingly obsessed with erasing any trace of achievement during the Obama presidency...and that wall.

In spite of all that, the US economy is showing considerable growth with record-level employment rates.

President Trump basks in the spotlight and takes credit for it, almost as expected.

And there's no question that the "Trump factor" has had a positive impact on the profit-pursuit in America's business boardrooms.

But some economists and many Democrats have deep reservations about the sustainability of the current trend in the US economy, and more importantly, are worried about the size of the ballooning national debt.

For the Democrats, once they figure out which one of the twenty and counting declared candidates will challenge him at the polls, they will need to brace for the onslaught of the Trump re-election juggernaut.

Former vice-president Joe Biden, who some tout as the most likely of the Democrats to wade through their field of candidates and face off with Trump, is getting in a few early blows.

In addition to calling the president 'a clown', he claims that any economic gains Trump is taking credit for are the result of a foundation laid before by the Obama-Biden administration.

President Trump, not known to shy away from a confrontation, calls 76-years-old Biden 'Sleepy Joe'.

Mr Trump who is 72 recently said he feels "young" and "vibrant", adding that "I'm so young I can't believe it" and that he could easily beat Biden (at the polls).

And that's only in the prospect of a Trump-Biden showdown.



Considering other Democrats in the line-up for the presidential bid, Trump has already labelled Senator Kamala Harris "a nasty wit" over her excoriation of his Attorney General William Barr at the Congressional hearing into the Mueller report.

She is now stepping up the pressure by calling for a probe into whether President Trump himself urged the Attorney General to investigate his opponents.

About his old nemesis 77-year-old Bernie Sanders, the 72 years-old Trump says he "talks a lot and doesn't get it done" and brushes aside young rising star Beto O'Rourke as soon to be "a thing of the past".

But it's the popular, youthful, 36 years old gay candidate Pete Buttigieg who is in a same-sex marriage, that Mr Trump seems to have a watchful eye on.

While he says that Buttigieg might not make it past the primaries, Trump has surprisingly declared that he is "rooting" for him and that he would like to run against the young mayor.

Could it be that he thinks the US might not be ready for a same-sex couple in the White House so Buttigieg might be an easy walkover?

If so, then which does fear most; opposition from a female candidate or another septuagenarian?

Mr Trump is now invoking God, claiming that his belief carried him through "the ordeal" of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

At the same time though, he was firing off tweets in support of individuals banned by Facebook for hate-speech.

The US 2020 presidential election is already shaping up to be quite a show. 🌐

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# Former T&T Attorney General and Opposition Senator Appear in Court on Corruption Charges

Former Attorney General Anand Ramlogan and United National Congress (UNC) Senator and attorney Gerald Ramdeen appeared in court this morning on corruption charges, five days after being held for questioning by police over an alleged conspiracy to financially reward themselves with fees from legal briefs from the State.

But Ramlogan says life will continue for him as normal, even as he fights the charges.

The two were charged late Friday. At that time, Ramlogan was granted TT\$1.2 million (US\$ 177,450) bail while Ramdeen was released on TT \$1.5 million (US\$ 221,812) bail.

At their first court appearance before Chief Magistrate Maria Busby Earle-Caddle in the Port of Spain Magistrates Court today, neither was required to plea as their charges are indictable.

It is alleged that they conspired with Jamaica-born 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 testify against his co-conspirators, appeared in court last Friday and was granted bail. He is set to return to court later this month.

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

While Ramdeen did not speak with the media either before or after leaving the court today, a smiling Ramlogan de-



► Former Attorney General Anand Ramlogan (left) and United National Congress (UNC) Senator and attorney Gerald Ramdeen appeared in court today on corruption charges

time and my day in court. Matters that are subject to the court, of course I can't comment. However I will be going to court myself to represent my clients. I will be back at my law firm tomorrow and I intend to live my life as normal. No weapon formed against me shall prosper," he said.

Attorney-at-law Pamela Elder who leads Ramlogan's legal team, told reporters that she had heard that Nelson, the State's star witness, was ailing and she

hoped he would receive the best medical treatment and would be able to testify.

"I hope...he keeps in good health and does not go to the hereafter before we get an opportunity to cross-examine him with respect to these allegations he has made against two senior members of the Crown," Elder said, adding that she had confidence in the Director of Public Prosecutions Roger Gaspard that he would make all necessary disclosures and do everything in his power to make sure the matter is dealt with expeditiously.

Ramlogan was arrested last Wednesday at Piarco International Airport while Ramdeen surrendered to police later that day after learning there was a warrant for his arrest. They were questioned by officers from the Anti-Corruption Investigative Bureau before being charged last Friday night. 🌐



► Gerald Ramdeen (front left) heading to court with his lawyers



► A smiling Anand Ramlogan emerging from court with his legal team

## ExxonMobil Moving into Phase Two of Oil Development Off Guyana

ExxonMobil is moving ahead with a second phase of oil development offshore Guyana.

It said it has funded the Liza Phase 2 development after receiving government and regulatory approvals.

The company said the Phase 2 startup, which is expected in mid-2022, will produce up to 220,000 barrels of oil per day and further capitalize on the development potential of the Stabroek Block, where ExxonMobil estimates it could produce more than 750,000 barrels of oil per day by 2025.

A total of six drill centres are planned, as well as approximately 30 wells, including 15 production, nine water injection and six gas injection wells. Liza Phase 2 is expected to cost US\$6 billion.

Exxon said a final investment decision is expected later this year for a third phase of development, Payara, which is expected to produce between 180,000 and 220,000 barrels per day with startup as early as 2023.

Liza Phase 1, meantime, remains on track to achieve first oil by the first quarter of 2020. It will produce up to 120,000 barrels of oil per day at peak rates.

ExxonMobil says it is also evaluating additional development potential in other areas of the Stabroek Block, including at the Turbot area and Hammerhead.

The Stabroek Block is 26,800 square kilometres. The current discovered recoverable resources are



estimated at more than 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent. The 13 discoveries on the block to date have established the potential for at least five floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessels producing more than 750,000 barrels of oil per day by 2025.

ExxonMobil's affiliate, Esso Exploration and Production Guyana Limited is the operator and holds 45 per cent interest in the Stabroek Block. Hess Guyana Exploration Ltd. holds 30 per cent interest and CNOOC Petroleum Guyana Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CNOOC Limited, holds 25 per cent interest. 🌐

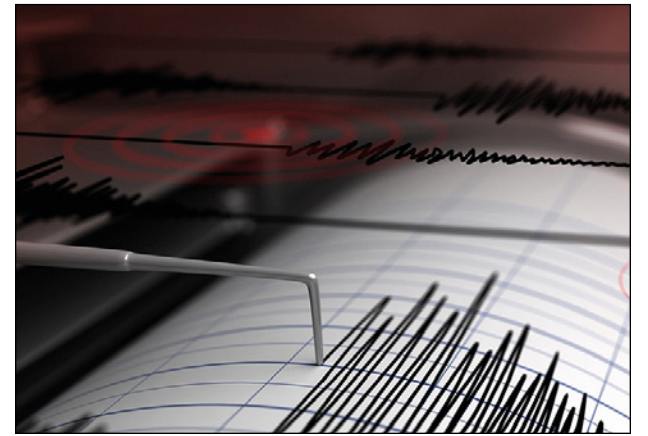
## Small Earthquake Recorded off Trinidad

A 3.8 magnitude tremor was felt in parts of Trinidad in the early hours of this morning.

The University of the West Indies (UWI) Seismic Research Centre at the St Augustine Campus said it occurred west of Trinidad around 2:09 a.m.

It was located at 10.88 degrees north and 61.94 degrees west at a depth of four kilometres.

No damage was reported. 🌐



## Virgin Atlantic Boss Expresses Interest in Investing in LIAT

Business magnate Sir Richard Branson is reported to be interested in investing in cash-strapped regional airline LIAT.

Chief of Staff within the Office of the Prime Minister in Antigua and Barbuda, Lionel Hurst, told reporters following a Cabinet meeting that discussions had been held with the British business magnate, investor and philanthropist. He said the talks involved helping the Antigua-based LIAT out of its struggling financial situation to become a profit-making enterprise.

"The entrepreneur has proposed investing several million dollars. He would wet lease several aircraft - jets - and 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 said, explaining that this would allow the air carrier to fly to destinations outside the region.

He added that the Virgin Group founder would put his resources into a smaller LIAT that would not be able to achieve a profitable status.

"There just is not [enough] passengers and other kinds of possibilities to make LIAT profitable within the Caribbean," Hurst said.

Meanwhile, according to the Antigua Observer newspaper, the Antigua and Barbuda is having discussions with Barbados - LIAT's largest shareholder - to purchase its shares in the regional carrier.

The newspaper quoted Hurst as saying that Barbados has indicated its shares in LIAT have been a burden on the country.

However, he said the value of Barbados' shares in LIAT has not yet been determined.

LIAT shareholders met in Antigua last week and agreed to further examine a proposal by host Prime Minister Gaston Browne regarding the future direction of the airline. 🌐



► Founder of the Virgin Group, Sir Richard Branson is said to have some interest in LIAT

GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

# Canada has money laundering problem

Canada has become a magnet for money laundering because of its lax monitoring of dirty finance, according to a new report.

The report by the C.D. Howe Institute, a Canadian think-tank, claims 99.9 percent of money launderers in the country are never caught.

And as British Columbia begins to crack down on the washing of dirty money, the author of the new report, retired corporate lawyer Kevin Comeau, says failure to change national laws just means the crime will go elsewhere in the country.

"It's highly unfair to law enforcement agencies to say that they've been ignoring it," said r Comeau, a member of Transparency International Canada's working group on beneficial ownership transparency. "The problem is that they don't have the tools to address it."

Ironically, it is Canada's reliable rule of law system that attracts the money launderers. Dirty money can come from crime anywhere in the world, including Canada. But much of it is funnelled out of poor countries and autocratic regimes.



► Canada's housing market is affected by money laundering

But whether the source is drug crimes or political bribery and theft, the people with the money claim they don't want to keep it in those autocratic countries because a more powerful leader could simply take it.

Not so in liberal democracies like Canada where, once you have the legal right of ownership, the law firmly protects that right.

For that reason, laundered money in Canada is much more valuable than dirty money elsewhere. And that is why money launderers are pleased to pay well over asking for high-priced real estate, where multimillion-dollar blocks of cash can be cleansed in a single deal. 🌐

# Honduras suspends reforms after riots

The Honduran Congress has suspended ratification of new health and education reforms that critics say would lead to privatization and job losses, after mass protests the policies left three people wounded and several buildings aflame.

Marches and roadblocks continued in Honduras' capital city last week with some schools and hospitals halting classes and some services after teachers and medical unions called for opposition to two health and education reforms approved in Congress that they said would encourage privatization and job dismissals.

Officials from the government of President Juan Orlando Hernandez denied that the bills, which must still be ratified in Congress, would lead to such outcomes.

"We have decided to suspend and archive those laws and to invite dialogue with the leaders of the health and teaching associations, with the aim of bringing peace," Mauricio Oliva, president of Congress, who leads Mr Hernandez's National Party in the chamber, said.



► Honduras parliament is in limbo

Leaders of the teachers and medical unions said they accepted the invitation for dialogue.

But they said they will maintain pressure on the government with roadblocks across the country and in Tegucigalpa's commercial centre, where supporters including high school and university students were taking to the streets.

Anti-riot police clashed with protesters, some of them hooded and armed with stones, sticks and Molotov cocktails last week.

At least three people were injured in the historic centre of the capital and three public and one private building were partially burned down, according to the Fire Department and the Ministry of Security. 🌐

# Cuba visitors rise, despite Trump ban

Despite the Trump administration's pressure on Cuba and threats to impose a "full and complete embargo", US tourists have been flocking to the country in record numbers, according to data provided by Cuban authorities.

Washington is working hard to portray Cuba as an opponent to the ascent of democracy in Venezuela by keeping the crisis-hit country under "occupation." However, that doesn't seem to do much to discourage US tourists from swarming the island's world-famous white sand beaches.

Michel Bernal, commercial director at Cuba's tourism ministry, said that there has been an almost twofold increase in visitors from the US in the first four months of the year. He said 93.5 percent more US citizens visited Cuba from January to April than during the same period of last year.

That has made the US one of the top two countries that supply tourists to Cuba. The US only trails behind its northern neighbour, Canada.

Cuba saw a seven percent increase in total tourist arrivals compared to the previous year. Mr Bernal noted that,



► Cuba is seeing Americans still flocking to the island

while choosing their holiday destination, visitors apparently paid no heed to Washington's hostile rhetoric.

"Despite defamatory campaigns against Cuba, 13.5 percent of tourists that visit us say they chose the island for its safety," he said.

A total of 1.93 million foreign visitors visited the country in the first quarter of 2019 although European visitors have dropped slightly. The number of visitors from Germany, Italy, Spain and Britain decreased on average by 10-13 percent, while the number of tourists from Russia grew.

As its quest to oust Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro from power stalls, the Trump administration has been piling pressure on Cuba and Russia, the main allies of Caracas. 🌐

# Whistle blower accuses Duterte of drugs

An anonymous whistle-blower who appeared shrouded by darkness in videos accusing Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's family of taking millions from a drug syndicate has stunned the nation by revealing his identity.

The hooded figure known as Bikoy on Monday unveiled himself as a bald, round-faced man with glasses, after claiming in the clips that he used to keep financial records for a drug syndicate called the "Quadrangle Group" which included members of the president's family and a close aide.

Peter Joemel Advincula said he was the man seen in five YouTube videos implicating the president's son and former aide as "principal" operators in the country's drug trade.

Reaction was swift from Malacanang Palace, the president's official residence. Spokesman Salvador Panelo said: "As far as we are concerned, the video is black propaganda against the government."

Mr Advincula, who appears to be in his 30s or 40s, said he decided to surface so he could take legal action after



► Peter Joemel Advincula is the Philippines whistle blower

he received death threats, and because his conscience weighed on him. "I saw how families have been shattered because of drugs," he said.

He denied any links with the country's political opposition, but the accusations come at the height of midterm election campaigning.

On Monday, up to 61.8 million voters are set to cast ballots for thousands of local government representatives, 303 congressmen and 12 senators.

Eight of Mr Duterte's candidates, including his former presidential aide Christopher Go, who is among those accused of being a drug operator by Mr Advincula, are likely to emerge winners. 🌐

# Maduro still has military's backing

One week after Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó's calls for mass protests failed to incite a military uprising and force Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro out of office, Mr Guaidó has suggested that he is open to a US military intervention in his country.

"We are open to options that offer a low social cost and that will grant us the ability and the stability to hold a truly free election," Mr Guaidó said. "We want the best exit out of this conflict, and if there are options we have to consider and alternatives, then we will."

But it seems the United States isn't Mr Guaidó's only option. A member of his team said that they are in touch with Russian officials, which Mr Guaidó confirmed. He said those talks were happening in an unofficial capacity, with various officials from high to low levels in the Moscow government.

The US and Russia accuse each other of interfering in the Venezuelan crisis. On Monday, speaking from Moscow, Venezuela's foreign minister said his country may expand the amount of Russian specialists there.



► President Nicolas Maduro is clinging on to power

President Trump's top aides say all options - including military action - remain an option.

Mr Guaidó said: "I want a free election now, no dictatorship, for kids in Venezuela not to starve to death."

Vice President Mike Pence is expected to announce new incentives this week to try and convince Venezuelan military commanders to abandon Mr Maduro.

Mr Maduro has called Guaidó a puppet of the American government. But even with Venezuela's crippling economic crisis, and inflation at more than one million percent, most armed forces have remained loyal to Mr Maduro. Mr Guaidó insists that will change. 🌐

# US marvels at royal baby

News of the British royal baby has delighted many people around the world - and been prominently covered by media outlets from the US, the birthplace of the Duchess of Sussex. Americans have always been known to be obsessed with British Royals - but the fact that Meghan is now one of them has particularly boosted their enthusiasm.

US media have been keen to explain all the possible facts about the baby - from the fact he is a dual UK-US citizen, to the likelihood that he will have red hair.

Broadcaster ABC published close to 20 online reports about the royal baby on Monday, with headlines including: "Prince Harry, Meghan Markle's son is a Taurus: Here's what that means" and "#ParentGoals: Looking back at Harry and Meghan's cutest moments with kids".

Many US websites appeared to approve of how the Duke and Duchess of Sussex chose to "break with tradition" by demanding more privacy during the birth of their child.

They echoed TV host Oprah Winfrey, who recently said she was "so proud"



► Meghan Markle had a baby boy on Monday

of Meghan's decision to "say 'this is what I really want for my baby and my family.'"

US news outlets also reacted warmly to Prince Harry's words with the media following the birth.

The Washington Post wrote: "Harry endeared himself to mums everywhere when he gushed: 'It's been the most amazing experience I could ever have possibly imagined. How any woman does what they do is beyond comprehension.'"

"Harry's wonder at the miracle of birth - and the great effort involved - stood in contrast to how Prince William and Catherine, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, have played it." 🌐



## SPORT



# Tucker humbled by NBA failure

PJ Tucker has been the outstanding Houston Rockets player in the second-round playoff series against the Golden State Warriors, which is remarkable considering the uncertain start of his NBA career. Although Tucker is a 12-year NBA veteran, with over 600 games played, he approaches each game as if making his debut – and it is his last.

When Tucker first entered the NBA, he was waived as a rookie in Toronto in 2007.

"Right now, while I'm in the playoffs, I don't try to look back at it," Tucker said on Tuesday. "I remember it. It keeps me ticking. It keeps me going. It keeps me strong. But it makes me super humble to be here with every game, every moment. People ask me why I play so hard. I say, 'I'm happy to be here.' For real."

The former University of Texas star was the 35th overall pick in the second round of the 2006 NBA draft by the Toronto Raptors. But the 2006 Big 12 Conference Player of the Year averaged only 1.8 points and 1.4 rebounds in 4.9 minutes per game during the 2006-07 season. He also had four stints that season playing in the NBA Development League with the now-defunct Colorado 14ers. Tucker was stunned when he was waived by the Raptors for a roster spot.

Tucker admitted he did "everything wrong" in his rookie year and his ego caused him to believe he was destined for instant NBA stardom.

"That was one of the worst years of my life," Tucker said. "You come from the college, you're the man. I was sec-



► PJ Tucker learnt humility after NBA rejection

ond-team All-American. I got drafted by Toronto, but they just took me because I was the best man on the board. They didn't need me. I didn't get a whole lot of help or guidance.

"I wasn't playing. I couldn't get reps in practice. And it's big-boy basketball. Grown men. You had guys feeding their families. I'm thinking I'm all-world, and that is how every college guy thinks that coming in. You feel like you're better than anybody. But I didn't know what it meant to be a pro."

Tucker played for the Cleveland Cavaliers' summer league team in 2007, but no NBA contract offers followed. So the Raleigh, North Carolina resident went on an international odyssey over the

next five years, playing in Israel, Ukraine, Italy, Greece, Montenegro, Puerto Rico, Germany and Russia.

In 2012, he led Brose Baskets Bamberg to a Basketball Bundesliga championship in Germany after averaging 16.2 points and 7.1 rebounds and earned Finals MVP honours.

"It was tough being away from home," Tucker said. "You have to learn how to play over there. Over there, it ain't dropping 30 every night and being the man. Most of the guys who think like that don't last over there. They care about winning over there. If you're a winner, you can play forever over there."

He was making a comfortable living overseas and signed a two-year contract

paying at least \$2 million with BC Spartak St. Petersburg of Russia. While his agent Andre Buck put an NBA out clause in the deal, Tucker was content being a star abroad.

"Coming back? I'd rather be the man in Europe and win that respect. I'd rather be here than be the last man on the bench in the NBA and never have a chance. That was a decision I had made."

When he got his second NBA chance, this time, a more mature, humbled and rounded player did not take things for granted. He joined the Phoenix Suns and played with distinction until briefly re-joining Toronto before moving to the Rockets two years ago.

Tucker's influence has been extraordinary against the Warriors. After trailing 2-0 to open the Western Conference semi-finals, Houston came roaring back, tying the series.

Tucker may be 34 but this is his breakout year in the eyes of casual observers. His game has never garnered such appreciation as it is right now.

And if his play doesn't fully enthrall, his personal life passions will. A pancake aficionado, Tucker's also become a cult hero whose investment in shoes, clothes, and the high-starch breakfast food has been broadcasted to the masses. The pictures of the pancakes he ate pregame were appointment viewing, his cowboy-style fits were taken to mainstream Instagram accounts, and his endless sneaker closet was revealed. 🌐

## Campbell steps up as World Cup nears

West Indies have found another fantastic batsman, just a few weeks ahead of their World Cup bid.

Left-hander John Campbell with opening partner Shai Hope posted a world-record stand in the opening One-Day International of the Tri-Nations Series against Ireland in Dublin.



► John Campbell set a world ODI record

Campbell lashed 179 — his maiden ODI hundred — while Hope carved out 170, as they posted a record 365 for the first wicket and the second highest partnership ever in ODIs.

"I think it was difficult to hit big shots right throughout," Campbell said after West Indies completed a 196-run victory at Castle Avenue.

"I think both Shai and I, we played really well. It was tough at the beginning. We really couldn't get the ball away but both of us just said let's hang in as long as possible to see how far we could get it because we knew that the guys coming in would have to start [again] and then that would take up a lot more balls, so we just wanted to see how far we could take it," he Campbell said.

The 25-year-old Jamaican, in only his sixth ODI, blasted 15 fours and half-dozen sixes off 137 balls, while Hope stroked 22 fours and two sixes off 152 deliveries, en route to his fifth hundred in the format. 🌐



► Zlatan Ibrahimovic is the MLS leading scorer

## Ibrahimovic still potent at 37

Zlatan Ibrahimovic, true to his word, has been breaking records in Major League Soccer. This time, the goal and assist he had in the 3-2 loss against New York Red Bulls, made him the top scorer and assist-maker since his debut in the regular season.

The LA Galaxy forward arrived in the United States in March 2018. In his first season, he scored 22 goals and had 10 assists, while in the current tournament, he has a total of nine goals, which puts him in the running for the top scorer of the season award.

Not bad for a 37-year-old who many wrote off because of his history of serious injuries. 🌐

## Williams returns after injury

Serena Williams will be back in action next week at the Italian Open in Rome.

The tournament director claimed that Williams "has already reserved her rooms and should be here a few days early" for the event.

Williams hasn't played since she withdrew from the Miami Open in March with a knee injury.

The 37-year-old American, currently ranked 11th in the world, has won the Italian Open four times, most recently in 2016. That's also the last time she played in the event.

This year's Italian Open runs May 13-19 and serves as a clay-court warm-up for the French Open, which begins May 26.

Williams has not won a tournament since 2017, when she won the Australian Open. Shortly afterward, she announced she was pregnant and took the rest of the year off from competitive tennis.

While she did not win a tournament in 2018, she did reach the final of both

Wimbledon and the US Open. She lost in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open this year.

She has 23 grand-slam titles to her name but as an entrepreneur, Williams is only just getting started. Not only is she the founder and chief executive of her own fashion and lifestyle brand, she sits on the boards of Survey Monkey and Poshmark and has headed up her own venture capital firm to primarily invest in women and small businesses.

Serena Ventures, which has been operating under the radar since 2014, now supports some 30-plus businesses including feminine hygiene brand Lola and online learning platform, Masterclass. Much like her style of tennis-playing, she wanted to come out "with a bang" by developing her portfolio before announcing the company.

Williams' clothing line, S by Serena, has also been a long time in the making. From adapting her on-court "mental toughness" to taking inspiration



► Serena Williams wants to add to her 23 grand slams

from the likes of DTC brands Casper and Glossier, to navigating her existing sportswear deal with Nike, S has

become a full-on brand with plans to expand into other lifestyle verticals, including an imminent jewellery line. 🌐

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

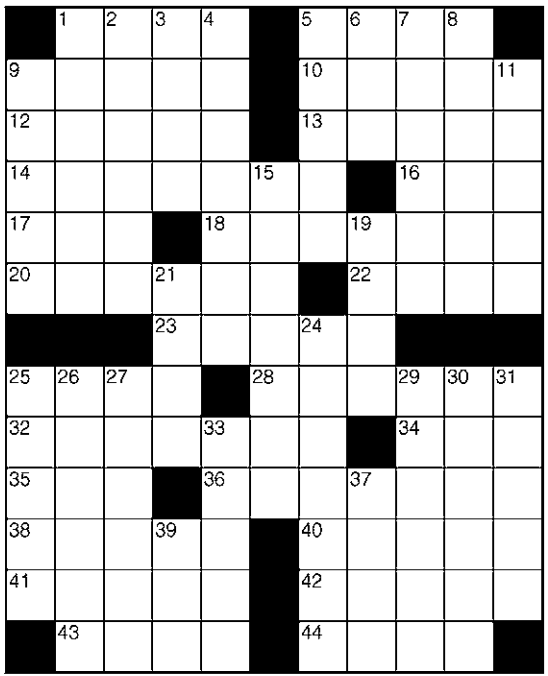
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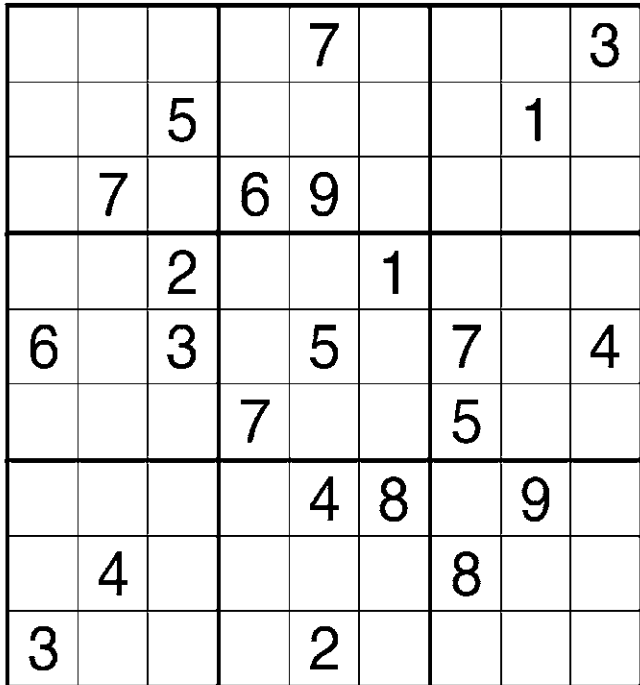
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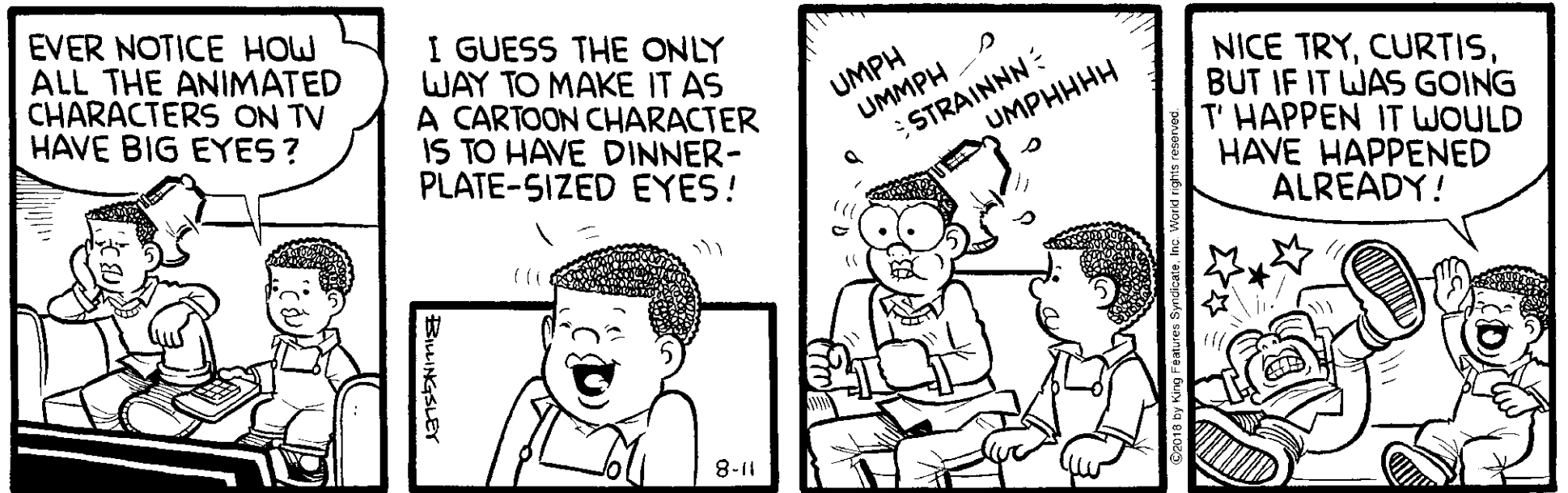
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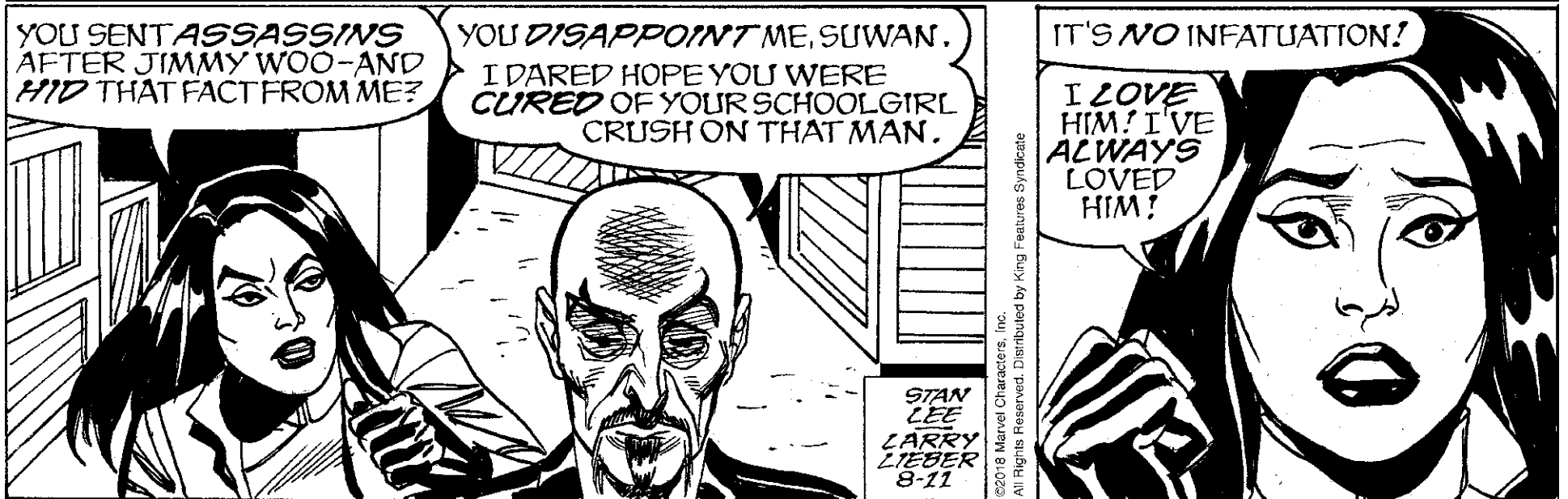
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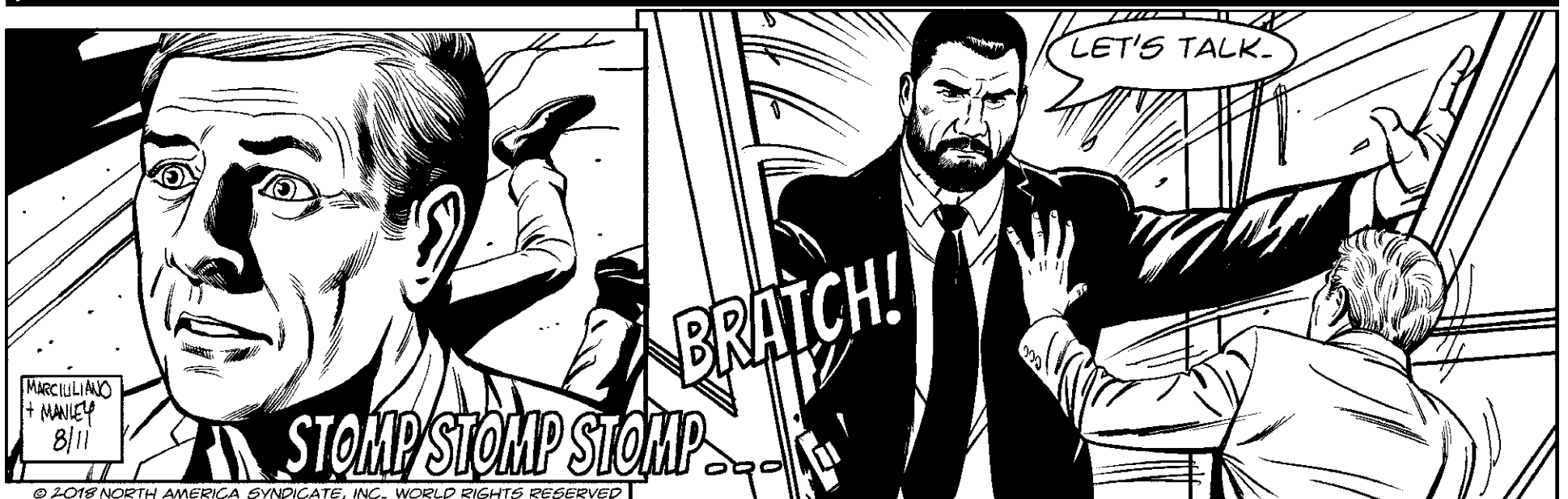
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