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# One National Carnival in 2020

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Beginning next year the street parades staged by the Cayman Islands' two non-profits Batabano and CayMAS will take place on the same day in May 2020, instead of a week apart.

Plans developed by Government call for both adult events to take place on the second weekend in May starting in 2020, and to follow the same route. Batabano will lead off as the longest established of the two. Once at the end of the route, the processions will culminate in separate parties.

The changes are the product of a working group led by the Ministry of Health,

Environment, Culture and Housing, that included representatives from the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure and the Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport.

They reflect discussions between Government and stakeholders that have been ongoing since 2018. These aimed to address public concerns following the split in 2016 between Batabano and Swanky International (CayMAS).

Since the period of separation began Government has received several com-

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### NATIONAL TRUST PLANNING NORTH SIDE BIRD SANCTUARY

The National Trust has plans to open a new gated bird sanctuary overlooking Malportas Pond, a large shallow lake located in North Side, after purchasing 5.17 acres of shoreland bordering the pond. Malportas Pond is one of a series of landlocked saline lagoons throughout the Cayman Islands, which are vitally important feeding sites for a range of resident and migratory herons, egrets, waders, ducks and other water birds.

The pond itself is owned by the Crown and forms part of the Central Mangrove Wetland, an internationally-recognised Important Bird Area. It is considered by birders to be a hotspot for shore birds,

herons and ducks in the Cayman Islands. "Our vision is to create a gated bird sanctuary, complete with a bird hide, interpretive signage and telescopes for use

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► Several species of birds can be seen at Malportas Pond

# Rayle Roberts is new Deputy Director of DCFS



▶ Incoming Deputy Director of Department of Children and Family Services Rayle

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) has announced the appointment of Rayle Roberts as its incoming Deputy Director. Mr. Roberts takes up his post on Wednesday, 15 May 2019.

The appointee comes well-qualified to the position having a master's degree in social work and counselling with a minor in gerontology, augmented by 20 years of experience in counselling and psychotherapy.

Mr. Roberts worked in various agencies in Florida and Grand Cayman before setting up and gaining managerial experience in private practice from 2010

A motivational speaker, trainer, consultant and therapist; Mr. Roberts has combined practical casework with the delivery of professional training sessions in team-building.

"I am very pleased to have another young qualified Caymanian take up a management post in the Department of Children and Family Services," said Ministry of Community Affairs Chief Officer Teresa Echenique.

"Based on his qualifications and experience, I feel that Mr. Roberts will complement Director Mendoza-Williams and together they will continue to enhance and develop services and standards to the benefit of our community."

"I wish to welcome Mr. Roberts to the team and look forward to working with him," she concluded.

"With the appointment of Mr. Roberts as Deputy Director, the department has filled a critical role in the management structure," said DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams.

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# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

# Governor Martyn Roper marks World Press Freedom Day

### Statement from the Governor

"World Press Freedom Day is about celebrating the fundamental principles of media freedom and defending journalists and media workers as they go about their job. The work the UK is doing to push the media freedom agenda forward is one of the top Foreign and Commonwealth Office priorities. Having a global spotlight shone on these kind of issues helps raise international awareness. Here in the Cayman Islands we are fortunate to have a lively and vibrant media. The media have an important responsibility for integrity and accuracy. A free media protects our right to speak out and our right to information. It enables society to be free, fair and open and can be the foundation for economic prosperity. It is important that we continue to see the media as underpinning the values of democracy and not as an adversary."

The UK Foreign Secretary Mr Jeremy Hunt has launched an international campaign - "Defend Media Freedom" which aims to shine a spotlight on media freedom. On 10 -11 July this year the first ever global ministerial-led media freedom conference will take place in London. It will be co-hosted by the UK and Canada and will involve over 1000 participants from across the world. It will bring together a range of government ministers and officials, multilateral agencies, civil society, the diplomatic community, academics, editors, publishers and journalists to debate the issue and take meaningful action to defend



► Martyn Roper, Governor of the Cayman

media freedom. The UK has a long history of an independent media. As long ago as 1863 Britain had 1,000 newspapers. Journalism is freedom of expression and the UK is committed to ensuring that journalists are able to do their jobs without fear.

2018 was the deadliest year for journalists when according to the United Nations, at least 99 journalists and media workers were killed. This is an increase of 15% on 2017 figures. NGO statistics estimate that almost 350 journalists are currently in detention with approximately 60 held hostage. These figures aren't just for conflict zones - journalists around the world are being targeted in an effort to control their reporting. Almost 1000 journalists and media workers have been killed in the last decade with nine out of ten cases remaining unsolved. 🏵

### DCFS Coordinated Activities for Seniors May 2019

### **Invitation only events for sen**iors during Child Month:

- Saturday, 4 May Child Month Intergenerational Cook-Off, Lighthouse School, 6-8pm
- Saturday, 19 May Child Month Intergenerational Cook-Off, Cayman Academy, 2-5pm

#### **Activities for seniors in the** districts:

Bodden Town - Contact: Flavia Gardner (926-0490)

- Tuesday, 21 May Computer Ba-
- sics, Bodden Town Library, 9am-4pm • Tuesday, 28 May - Disaster Planning Preparedness by the Hazard Management, Church of God Chapel, 10am-1pm

East End - Contact: Delmira Bodden (925-5543)

• Tuesday, 14 May - Brain Games & Craft hosted by East End United Church, East End Civic Centre, 10am-2.30pm

• Tuesday, 28 May - Games & Sea Bathing Therapy, Kaibo Public Beach, 10am-2.30pm, lunch sponsored by Kaibo Restaurant, bus pick up 9am.

North Side - Contact: Flavia Gardner (926-0490)

- Tuesday, 7 May Advance Care Planning presented by the DCFS (Elderly Unit), North Side United Church Hall, 10am-1pm
- Thursday, 9 May Computer Basics, North Side Library, 9am-4pm
- Tuesday, 14 May Games & Craft, North Side United Church Hall, 10am-
- Tuesday, 21 May Games & Craft, North Side United Church Hall, 10am-

George Town Happy Seniors Fellowship - Contact: Dorline Welcome (925-4083)

• Monday, 27 May - Music & History, Family Life Centre, 10am-1pm 😚

## Registrar Offers Additional Support for NPOs

The Registrar for NPOs (non-profit organisations) has posted additional supporting documents for charitable organisations in the Cayman Islands on its website www.ciregistry.ky/non-profit-organisations.

Persons involved with NPOs in the Cayman Islands can find information regarding registration applications, companies falling under section 80 of The Companies Law (2018 Revision), and general queries on the website. In addition, persons can print annual return forms for NPOs and section 80 companies, along with section 80 application forms.

'We also expect to upload complaint forms this month and, in short order, there will be further guidance issued around the complaints process', said Paul Inniss, who serves as the Head of Compliance at General Registry. 'Based on the feedback we have received, we believe these initiatives help NPOs to meet their legal obligations, while supporting their ability to carry out good works within the community'.

As of 1 April, there were more than 400 churches, sports clubs, philanthropic organisations and community groups registered with Government. These entities fall within the scope of the Non-Profit Organisations Law, 2017. The law was enacted in accordance with international standards and to strengthen the Cayman Islands' regime to counter money laundering and terrorist financing.

Charities in this jurisdiction are generally considered low risk and Mr Inniss noted that based on General Registry's interim assessments, NPOs have posed little to no issues.

Mr Inniss further stated that while compliance with the law initially created unintended consequences in Cayman's banking sector, the majority of local banks continue to facilitate the opening of bank accounts and the maintenance of general banking relationships for local charities.

'We still encourage persons to use the locally regulated banking sector and maintain internal controls to protect against fraud, money laundering and the financing of terrorism', he said.

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# NATIONAL TRUST PLANS TO OPEN NORTH SIDE BIRD SANCTUARY

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by the public," said Nadia Hardie, Executive Director of the National Trust. "We hope to create a flagship attraction for the enjoyment of both visitors and locals."

Peter Davey, Chairman of the Trust's **Environmental Advisory Committee and** a founding member of the National Trust, was instrumental in identifying the site as a place of environmental importance and in acquiring the site. He added: "In recent years, the pond's importance has escalated for Grand Cayman's population of the endangered West Indian Whistling Duck, which breeds in the fringing mangroves. Snowy Egrets also utilise the mangrove island in the pond as an overnight roost. The shores of the pond are important breeding grounds for Least Terns, whose numbers in the Cayman Islands are reported to be declining due to habitat loss and predators."

Migratory visitors have included flamingos, Roseate Spoonbills and, just a few weeks ago, six Avocets. The section of environmentally-sensitive land



acquired by the National Trust is also known to be frequented annually by some 500 White-Rumped Sandpipers which visit during their 9,000-mile mi-

gration journey from southern South America to northern Canada.

The land and future bird sanctuary will forever be protected from devel-

opment under the National Trust Law (1997 Revision). The total land protected under the National Trust's environmental programme is 3,531 acres.

# **CUC** profits up

Cayman's sole power provider, CUC, recently announced earnings of \$4.5 million for the first quarter of 2019, that's an increase of \$1.8 million over than the same period last year. The power company attributed this rise to an increase in sales, lower transmission and distribution costs and lower finance charges.

This was good news for CUC investors, who saw their shares increase from \$0.08 per Class A Ordinary share to \$0.13 per Class A Ordinary share, when compared to the same period in 2018.

Usage was up in line with the Islands' overall increase in economic growth, with CUC reporting a 2 per cent increase in its total number of customers to 29,945 as at the end of March this year.

CUC ploughed \$11.9 million into improving the power sys-

tem for Cayman Islands residents during the first quarter of 2019, including the creation of the new Seven Mile Beach sub station. This project, CUC said, would increase safety, system reliability and resiliency and would accommodate an increase in users for years to come in this populated part of Grand Cayman.

They also said that they were seeing an increase in renewable energy coming on the electricity grid, in keeping with CUC's aim to have 25 per cent of renewable energy by 2025, although they still have a way to go with just 2.8 per cent of energy coming from renewable sources so far. CUC saw 4.3 million kWh come onto the grid in the first quarter of this year when compared to 3.5 million kWh during the same time frame last year. The in-

crease has occurred because more people are getting solar panels on their roofs under CUC's Customer Owned Renewable Energy programme (CORE), as well as production from the Entropy Solar Farm, CUC said.

CUC's President and CEO Richard Hew said he was pleased with the company's performance so far this year.

"The Company is off to a good start in 2019 with earnings growth, improvement in reliability of service to customers, progress on significant capital projects and an increase in the amount of renewable energy on the grid when compared to the same period last year," he confirmed.

Mr Hew went on to say that OfReg's acceptance of CUC's Integrated Resource Plan during this time was also a positive



► CUC headquarters

sign for further integration of renewable energy.

"I am also very pleased that during first quarter 2019 there were no lost-time injuries recorded. The safety of our employees, and that of the public, remains top priority and the Company continues to improve its work processes and increase employee training, safety management and leadership, to drive lost-time incidents to zero," he added.

# HSM Articled Clerk Called to Cayman Islands Bar

68 Fort Street, Grand Cayman (Thursday, 2 May 2019): Suneeta Lee has successfully completed her articles at HSM and is now a qualified attorney having been called to the Cayman Islands Bar on Wednesday 1 May.

Suneeta's admission was moved by HSM Senior Associate and Principal, Sarah-Jane Allison, who summarised her qualifications for Justice Cheryll Richards.

Suneeta joined the firm in June 2016 as a Legal Intern and started her clerkship in October 2017. HSM is a full-service law firm and as a result, she was able to learn a wide-range



► Suneeta Lee in front of Law Courts Building

of practice areas including intellectual property, debt collection, litigation, corporate services, property, immigration and employment.

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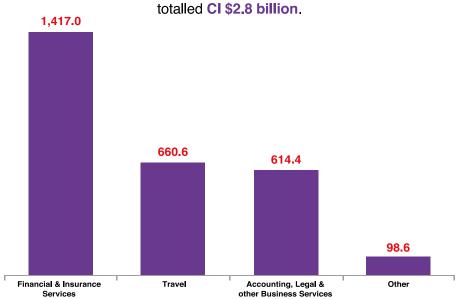
► HSM Associate, Hilary Brooks; HSM Associate, Suneeta Lee; Justice Cheryll Richards and HSM Senior Associate, Sarah-Jane Allison

# The Economies and Statistics Office

# **Business Survey 2019... Your Response Matters!**

Did the Cayman Islands revenue on export of services increase or decrease?

In 2017, total foreign exchange revenue from Cayman's export of services totalled **CI \$2.8 billion**.



Foreign Exchange Revenue from Services in 2017, CI\$Million

The annual Balance of Payments (BOP) Survey collects information necessary in recording the Cayman Islands residents' foreign transactions with the rest of the world.

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

Data collected for the BOP survey is **CONFIDENTIAL** under the Statistics Law (2016 Revision) and **EXEMPT** from Freedom of Information Law.

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## SMP GROUP SUPPORTS BIKE RIDE TO ELIMINATE CHILDHOOD HUNGER

The 2019 Feed Our Future Century Ride, supported once again by SMP Partners' Cayman Islands office, has raised vital funds for the charity.

The fifth annual charity ride took cyclists on a 100 mile route around the island, starting and ending at Ristorante Pappagallo in West Bay. All funds raised have gone directly to Feed Our Future's meal programme, which provides more than 200 free school meals to children or families in need in our community.

More than 90 participants, some solo and others in teams sharing the mileage, took part in the challenging event. The riders, sponsors and organisers then joined together in Ristorante Pappagallo for a tasty pasta brunch.

SMP Partners' Cayman Islands office was pleased to once again get involved and show its support to the important cause. Its team was there on the day manning Rum Point, a refreshment stand at the halfway stage.

CEO of SMP Partners (Caribbean Region) Stephen Turner said: 'Feed our Future is such an important local charity and we're delighted to continue our support as it works to eliminate childhood hunger in Cayman. This year's bike ride was another great community event which brought people from across the island together.

'We were very impressed with the cyclists as they tackled the 100 mile bike ride and thoroughly enjoyed providing some words of encouragement and well-needed refreshments at the halfway point!'

Stacey VanDevelde from Feed our Future said: 'Feed our Future exists to fund nutritionally balanced school meals to children in need in Cayman, with the goal of a hunger free future. This year's Century Ride was another successful event with more than 90 participants and enough funds raised to fund 500 school meals!



▶ The SMP Partners' Cayman office providing refreshments to all the Feed our Future riders at Rum Point

'This would not be possible without the generosity of local firms like SMP. We're so grateful to all of our partners,

sponsors and supporters who all play an integral role in our continued suc-

### JTC ENHANCES CAYMAN CAPABILITIES WITH TRUST LICENCE AND NEW MD APPOINTMENT

JTC has enhanced its proposition for international private clients after being granted a trust licence in the Cayman Islands.

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), the jurisdiction's regulator, approved the new licence enabling JTC to offer a broad range of trust administration services through the Cayman Islands.

JTC's new trust offering will be international in focus and form part of its global Private Client Services (PCS) Division. In regional terms, it will complement the company's existing business development offices in Miami and New York and its regulated office in South Dakota, which provides onshore US trust solutions.

JTC has had a presence in the Cayman Islands since 2013 offering global fund administration services. In 2015 it acquired GAM's Cayman Islands fund administration business in a move that significantly grew its footprint in the jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, the granting of the new licence coincides with JTC's appointment of Michael Halsey as Managing Director in the Cayman Islands.

Michael joins JTC with more than two decades of experience in the international financial services industry. Most recently, he was Managing Director of Sackville Bank & Trust Company Limited in the Cayman Islands where he oversaw the delivery of fiduciary, banking and corporate services to clients in all corners of the world. Prior to that, he was Director of Trust and Investment Services at CIBC Wealth Management.

Michael is an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators, a qualified Financial Planner, President of the Cayman Islands Bankers' Association and has earned recognition in the Citywealth Leaders List.

Nigel Le Quesne, CEO at JTC, said:

"This new trust licence increases our private client capabilities in Cayman and is part of our strategy to deliver a truly global and holistic service to clients. I am also delighted that Michael, who has impressive international experience and an in-depth understanding of the local market, has joined us to drive our growth ambitions in Cayman, a jurisdiction that continues to play an important role in our global network."

Commenting on his new role, Michael added:

"Over the past six years, JTC has earned a solid reputation in the Cayman Islands as a top tier fund service



► Michael Halsey & Nigel Le Quesne

provider. It's hugely exciting for me to come in to build on that and help lead the firm through the next stage of its journey, in particular as we look to extend our support to private clients who are demanding increasingly sophisticated cross-border wealth management solutions."

### HSM Articled Clerk Called to Cayman Islands Bar

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Suneeta graduated from the Truman Bodden Law School in 2017, attaining a Distinction in the Professional Practice Course. She was awarded the OL Panton Memorial Prize for best overall performance on the Professional Practice Course 2016/2017 and the Attorney General's

Trophy for outstanding performance in the ses and the Partners and management ed the Truman Bodden Law School from work for such an incredible firm." 2013-2016 and attained an LLB (Hons) degree from the University of Liverpool.

Addressing the Court, Suneeta shares, "I recognise and accept the responsibility that comes with being an officer of the Court. I would like to thank Huw Mo-

Qualifying Examination. She also attend- of HSM for giving me the opportunity to

Since HSM opened their doors in 2012, this is the second articled clerk to be called to the Cayman Islands Bar. Majdi Beji was the first and remains at the firm.

Suneeta will be joining HSM as an Associate in their property division,

assisting with development transactions, acquisitions and disposals as well as landlord/tenant matters across residential and commercial

Managing Partner, Huw Moses, OBE notes, "Our firm continues to grow with a qualified local attorney and we couldn't be more proud of Suneeta. I look forward to working with her in serving our valued clients."

# CPR Cayman Letter to Hon Premier McLaughlin

Dear Hon. Premier McLaughlin,

We write to notify you and all parties copied, that the petition for the people initiated referendum on the proposed cruise berthing facility, in accordance with Section 70 of the Cayman Islands Constitution 2009, has now exceeded 90% of the requirement to trigger the referendum.

The grassroots community group Cruise Port Referendum Cayman ('CPR Cayman') have now collected and internally verified 4,760 signatures of Cayman Islands registered voters.

In accordance with Section 70 of the Constitution, the '25% of the electorate' threshold is to ensure that referendums are not called for spurious reasons or those with interest to only a small number of people, which is evidently not the case in this instance. We fully expect the petition to exceed the number required, 5,288 verified signatures, in a matter of weeks. Volunteers remain dedicated to the collection of signatures on the class 2 petition and giving the opportunity for the public to make an informed decision in accordance with their constitutional rights.

The Cavman Islands Government should not sign any binding contracts or contracts with penalty, until after the referendum result so as to prevent misrepresentation to international corporations as well as avoiding paying contract breach penalties with public

Once the 25% petition threshold has been met, the Government must hold the referendum. We reference the Cayman Compass article dated February 7th, 2019, where Mr. Andrew Woodcock of Hampson and Company stated:

"The effect of Section 70 is that, where a petition signed by 25 percent of the electorate is submitted to Cabinet, there is no discretion. A referendum must be called," he said.

"It is for this reason that it is a highly democratic provision. This is particularly so in a smaller jurisdiction such as ours, where the number of signatures required is relatively small."

Once the petition for the people's referendum numbers are reached, we will submit the petition to Cabinet. We look forward to the disclosure of all details



related to the proposed project in their most current form to ensure that our people shall have the right to make an informed decision on this issue of significant national importance at the time of the vote.

Yours sincerely, Gabriella Hernandez Michelle Lockwood

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POLICE NEWS

# RCIPS to Host 34th Annual ACCP General Meeting & Conference, 21 – 24 May

The Cayman Islands will be hosting the 34th Annual General Meeting & Conference of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police (ACCP) at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort from **21-24 May 2019**.

The overall goal of the ACCP is to facilitate regional law enforcement cooperation and exchange of expertise, and the Annual General Meeting & Conference is one aspect of this.

The theme of this year's conference is: "Improving Regional Policing Effectiveness in a Changing World" and the objective is to bring together commissioners of police, senior law enforcement policy-makers, security professionals, government officials, industry partners and practitioners to

discuss regional and global crime and security challenges.

The conference will provide a shared understanding of the challenges and problems faced by the law enforcement and security agencies attending and will also build collaboration and co-operation with regional counterparts and international law enforcement agencies in the fight against serious crime and security-related issues impacting communities across the region.

"We are happy to announce that the Cayman Islands, and by extension, the RCIPS, have been chosen to host this years' conference," said Commissioner of Police, Derek Byrne, "The annual ACCP conference is always a very val-



uable and informative event and having the conference here in the Cayman Islands means that many more of our officers have the opportunity to benefit from the workshops and exhibitions which will be happening as part of the conference."

For background details on the ACCP, you may visit their website at http://accpolice.org.

# Miller Calls on Government: Write off of Unpaid Medical Bill

Following his calling out of the Government on its wholesale amnesty for owners of unlicensed vehicles, Mr. Ezzard Miller, in his capacity as an Elected Member for the North Side Electoral District, has called upon Government to continue its generosity by writing off outstanding medical bills for categories of Caymanians over 60 years of age.

"I invite Government to write off all medical bills owed to the government by Caymanians over 60 years of age and who are subsisting on incomes below the minimum wage, are on government poor relief, or who do not have adequate health insurance coverage, Mr. Miller said.

In some instances, elderly parents have died leaving their dependants, some of whom are in dire financial circumstances, to pay the inherited bills, he said.

"Government, with its \$100 million surplus, is in a financial position to help these, the neediest in our community, especially when we consider the critical ramifications of ill health and the vital nature of access to health care," Mr. Miller said.

In conjunction with his appeal to Government to come to the aid of these categories of persons burdened with bills they cannot handle, Mr. Miller said he is calling on government to terminate the contract with the law firm that is threat-

ening people with court action, in some cases in pursuit of a few hundred dollars.

Further, Mr. Miller says, according to reports, in some instances the claimed outstanding billing cannot be authenticated and people are being unnecessarily harassed.

"This includes persons who had already paid the bills but are being pursued because of poor recording-keeping or oversights at the HSA, including failure to bill insurance companies within the six-month statutorily required period," Mr. Miller said.

"I am therefore calling on Government to comprehensively write off these medical bills for Caymanians over 60 in the categories identified.



► Ezzard Miller, Leader of the Opposition

"As such, I hope that this will absolutely avoid the favouritism practised by successive governments in forgiving hand-picked individuals' bills while others in the same position are pursed mercilessly," the MLA said.

# Leader of the Opposition Resigns

Statement from the Hon. Ezzard Miller

In recent communication with the public via the press, I had indicated that I would apprise the public at the point at which I felt it was in the best interest of the people of the Cayman Islands to lay down the mantle as Leader of the Opposition.

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.

Therefore, in accordance with section 68 subsection 4 (d) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2019, I have written to HE the Governor Mr. Martyn Roper formally resigning from the post of Leader of the Opposition, effective May 31, 2019.

I have chosen to remain in office until May 31 to give the Governor and the other members of the Legislative Assembly enough time to comply with the constitutional mandate to appoint a new Leader of the Opposition.

My resignation complies with section 68 subsection 2 (b) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2019, which states that the person appointed to the post should "be acceptable as Leader of the Opposition to a majority of the members of the Assembly in opposition to the Government...."

Resigning from the post is an opportunity to refresh and renew my energy, and to focus more fully on the future of the Cayman Islands and on the needs and goals of the Caymanian people and my constituents, and of the population as a whole.

I now have an opportunity to place my energies where they will be much more able to blossom and bear fruit to the greater advantage of Cayman, Caymanians, and all those who call these islands home

> Nevertheless, as I indicated in my letter to the Governor, "As the elected representative for North Side I will remain firmly committed to the concepts of participatory democracy and robust, constructive opposition as integral to the democratic functioning of government. I intend to continue to honour these ideals and to work towards their strengthening.

At the time of my appointment, I pledged in

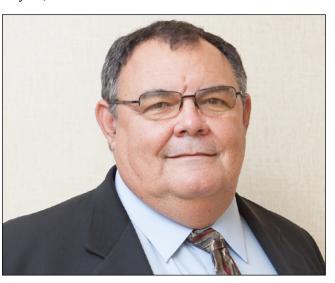
the Legislature to work similarly with the Government, headed by the Premier, "to deliver good government, such that all Caymanians can be justly proud, while receiving the services they need and participating to their fullest potential in the Cayman economy."

As a legislator, on behalf of my North Side constituents, I will continue to hold to that position by supporting the government when it puts forward proposals that are of benefit to the people. I will equally, however, also continue to offer constructive criticisms and alternate solutions in response to proposals that are detrimental to the wellbeing of Caymanians and the country as a whole.

Reflecting on my service as the Leader of the Opposition: Following the 2017 General Elections when I agreed to take on the role, I had committed, to quote my remarks made at the time in the Legislature, "to leadership by example, with a consultative and consensus-based decision-making process".

I am therefore proud, despite the challenges, of the accomplishments of the Official Opposition under my leadership locally and internationally.

So, as I concluded in my letter to the Governor, I leave the post with a sense of pride. I have sought to do all in my power "to represent Cayman and Caymanians with all the necessary energy, dedication and integrity."



► Hon. Ezzard Miller, Leader of the Opposition



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# The first annual Calico Jack's charity golf tournament raises funds for the Cayman Heart Fund

Inspired by his niece, Luna in New Zealand, Devon Clark of Calico Jacks along with Marty Francis and TJ Hucker organized the first annual charity golf tournament to raise awareness and funds for the Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) on April 1st, 2019.

With just over 72 golfers and various supporters the organizers raised KYD \$4,575.00 and the event was hailed a massive success. Golfers gathered applauded staff at Calico Jacks for hosting the event. "We hope this event raises important awareness about Congenital Heart Defect (CHD), Heart Disease and Stroke". The golfers were also informed about the importance of helping those families in Cayman that have suffered a cardiac event or have a child born with CHD.

Devon's niece, Luna, was born in 2016 with H.L.H.S. (Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome) and he is in constant contact with his brother and wife and especially with Luna. "Luna is an inspiration to me, and I am so proud of this little girl's courage as she battles this very serious illness, she's a little warrior" said Devon.

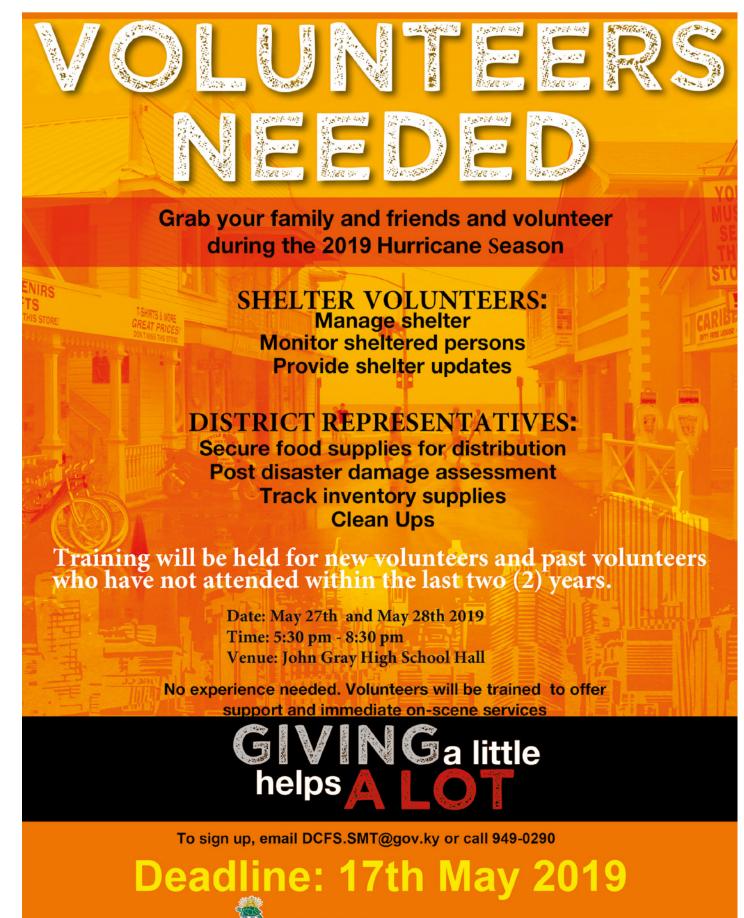
Calico Iack's staff and friends attended the first annual CHD Aware-

ness Beach Walk, Sunday, February 10th which raised public awareness and funds to assist families in Cayman when their child is born with CHD, assisting them with the expenses associated with urgent pediatric cardiology healthcare.

Handel Whittaker, owner of Calico Jack's immediately supported the golf day fundraiser and is proud of his entire team for raising important awareness about CHD, Heart and Stroke disease.

Coordinator for the Cayman Heart Fund, Colleen Mellott, thanked the entire group gathered and especially applauded their hard work and dedication in organizing such a big event. The money raised will go towards our mission to improve the cardiovascular health of all in the Cayman Islands and certainly those families with children born with CHD.

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to the reduction of heart and circulatory disease in the Cayman Islands. Heart and circulatory disease, known as cardiovascular disease (CVD), is the number one health problem in the Cayman Islands. (?)



# **DCFS Appoints** New **Deputy** Director

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"Mr. Roberts' skills and expertise are definitely assets to the organisation and we highly anticipate his contributions to the ongoing development of social work practice in the Cayman Islands," she ended.

Speaking ahead of joining the 155-strong department, Mr. Roberts talked about his motivation for taking up the senior Civil Service position. "The one thing I have always known I'd like to do with my life is to help others,"

"I pursued a calling in social work because making a difference in people's lives is the most important aspect of a career to me. By taking on this exciting challenge as the new Deputy Director of the Department of Children and Family Services, I know I will accomplish this. I have been gifted with the ability to bring people together and I am looking forward to using this gift to help develop and lead this dynamic, multi-faceted

"Since obtaining my master's degree, I have had the opportunity to provide therapy and training to individuals and businesses in the United States, St. Maarten, Jamaica, and most importantly, right here at home. I look forward to working with the talented and competent members of the department as we work together to achieve its overall goals, through our direct impact on the most vulnerable members of our community," he concluded.

An active member of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman, Mr. Roberts is Deputy Chair of the National Drug Council, and is affiliated to several on-island sports bodies. 🏵



► Academy U12 team win gold cup

# Success for Academy at the 2019 Miami Cup

Academy Sports Club took three of its youth football teams to the 2019 Miami Cup and showcase last weekend and returned with two cups. The Club's U12 team won the Gold Cup and its U15 were Gold cup runners up. The tournament offers 4 levels of competition; Showcase for 15U-19U, and Gold, Silver, and Bronze per 9U-19U.

"It was a great experience for all three teams," said Paul Byles, Academy's Head of Youth Development and U15 Coach. "We were very pleased with how well they performed at the Gold level."

"We work very hard with parents and volunteers to obtain international football experience for all our players. It's a key component of their football development.

"We are very grateful to our coaches and team managers for making this past weekend another fun and successful trip."

The club will soon turn its attention to preparing teams to participate in the Schwan USA Cup in July in Minnesota.

Academy is planning to enter a record number of 7 teams in the Schwan Cup this summer which will include 5 boy's and 2 girl's teams.

Coach Virgil Seymour, Technical Director of the Club said, "We are very proud of the performance of all the players. We are very grateful for the support from local sponsors to help us to run a successful youth football program. It's a great investment into Cayman's youth and we have no doubt that they will continue to support us."



► Academy U14 team



# Equestrian Federation Announce Show Season Champions



 Kayla Mannisto was named Champion in Dressage at both the Training and Preliminary Levels for Juniors

The Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (CIEF) held its sixth annual awards celebration on Sunday, April 28th.

Over the horse show season in the Cayman Islands, which runs from September to March, the CIEF holds three National Dressage Shows and three National Jumping Series Shows that lead up to the Annual Awards Dinner. Based upon the results that equestrians achieve in these shows in their respective categories, a



 Megan Swartz was named Champion of the .6m Pony Show Jumping category

Champion and Reserve Champion is named.

CIEF President, Eve van den Bol, congratulated all of the award winners and noted that "we also owe a big thank you to all of our parent volunteers, without whom we could not hold our many events."

The CIEF is pleased to announce the riders who were named National Champions and Reserve Champions in the following categories for Dressage and Show Jumping:

DRESSAGE								
Category	Rider	Horse	Award					
Introductory Level – Junior	Marley Trench Olivia Ziemniak	Storm Zeus	Champion Reserve Champion					
Introductory Level – Adult	Tami Maines	Partenon	Champion					
Training Level – Junior	Kayla Mannisto Leah Alberga	Pony Up Moon Lady	Champion Reserve Champion					
Training Level – Adult	Abbey Swartz Cathy Osborne	Calidad Joey	Champion Reserve Champion					
Preliminary Level - Junior	Kayla Mannisto	Pony Up	Champion					
Preliminary Level – Adult	Gina Lomas Abbey Swartz	Sunday's Edition Calidad	Champion Reserve Champion					
Prix St. Georges Level	Jessica McTaggart	Loris 7	Champion					

SHOW JUMPING								
Category	Rider	Placing						
.60m Ponies	Megan Swartz Olivia Ziemniak	Champion Reserve Champion						
.70m Ponies	Olivia Ziemniak Megan Swartz	Champion Reserve Champion						
.70m Horses	Gina Lomas	Champion						
.80m Ponies	Abbey Swartz Leah Alberga	Champion Reserve Champion						
.80m Horses	Jessica McTaggart	Champion						

The Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (CIEF), a registered non-profit all-volunteer organization that is the national governing body for equestrian sport in the Cayman Islands. The CIEF hosts seven competition events throughout the year, arranges for an equine veterinarian to come to the island regularly, organizes visiting clinicians and show judges, supports equestrian athletes who are repre-

senting the Cayman Islands overseas, and works to improve the welfare of horses on the island.

The CIEF is a member of the Federation Equestre Internationale (FEI), the global governing body for equestrian sport, and the CIEF President serves on the FEI's Solidarity Committee.

For more information about the CIEF, please visit its website at www. ciefcay.com. •



▶ 2018-9 Group shot of many of the Show Season Award winners (3 winners not pictured)

# St Kitts to Provide EC\$1 Million in **Emergency Funding for LIAT**

provide emergency funding support of over EC\$1 million (US\$370,031) to the cash-strapped regional airline LIAT, even as shareholder governments are reported to be considering a proposal for financing the carrier.

The Government said in a statement this week that the decision to help the Antigua-based airline followed a presentation to the Cabinet by a three-member LIAT delegation on March 11. An advisory committee had been established to review the delegation's proposals and make recommendations on the way forward.

The LIAT high-level representatives - including LI-AT's General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Diane Shurland along with LIAT's Chief Financial Officer, Rojer Inglis and Chief Commercial Officer, Audra Walker - had also proposed for the Government to enter into

a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) arrangement with the airline.

"The Government of St. Kitts and Nevis agrees in principle with the idea of participating in an MRG arrangement on the basis of further discussions and negotiations with high-level representatives of LIAT," the statement said.

The announcement on Tuesday came on the same day LIAT shareholders met in Antigua to discuss the future of the airline, amid concerns that it would be near closure without financial assistance from regional governments.

Host Prime Minister Gaston Browne put forward a proposal at that meeting. He is expected to have the proposal, which he made orally, in writing for the stakeholders to consider.



LIAT's largest shareholders are the governments of Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica and St Vincent and the Grenadines. ③

## World Bank Impressed with Jamaica's **Macroeconomic Achievements**

Newly appointed World Bank Vice resilience risks associat-President for Latin America and the Caribbean, Axel van Trostenburg, says Jamaica's macroeconomic achievements, to date, have been "extremely impressive".

"I don't know any country that has achieved, over a sustained period of time, the fiscal adjustments and reforms as Jamaica has done, and produced a most spectacular reduction of its debt level that reached almost 150 per cent, to fall, this year, below 100 per cent.

"It's certainly a world achievement... that probably would be number one, in terms of that success," he said. "I can only congratulate the country for this. I think this is very good news. I can only [urge] you to continue this, because many countries could start learning from [this] miracle in Jamaica, that despite the many challenges, the country has made this enormous progress."

He was speaking at a media briefing to announce an additional US\$140 million World Bank loan provision for Jamaica.

The funds will bolster the Government's efforts to strengthen Jamaica's

ed with natural disasters, as well as support human capital development and enhance the social safety net for the society's most vulnerable citizens.

The World Bank official, who was making his first visit to the island since his appointment, said Jamaica's achievements are worthy of being highlight-

"I certainly mentioned to the Finance Minister [Dr Nigel Clarke] that we may need to actually high-

light it a little bit more in the [Bank's] membership, so that other countries can also learn what are the factors behind this," he said.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness said the provision of the US\$140 million, resulting from discussions that Dr Clarke had during the Bank's recent series of spring meetings, "comes as a result of good management of the economy".



"It shows that the World Bank and other International Development Partners are willing to place their loan portfolios with us because we are managing our economy the right way," he added.

Holness said the Government intends to stick to its current macroeconomic policy in order to protect and build on the gains attained to date, saying that any reversal or diversion from the policy could jeopardize prospects for the nation's economic security and independence.

"We are seeing growth emerging...and I think we can safely say that we have entrenched good fiscal management [and] the Government is set on this course," he said.

"But the gains that we have made can easily be reversed if we were ever to tinker with or try to, in any way, change what the people of Jamaica, the trade unions, the banks,

the private sector, the public sector have worked so hard to [achieve]," he said, stressing that it is more practical to "stick with what we have seen work".

"Let us not start this conversation about trying to change policy. Let us cement it in and...move on to other things, such as becoming a resilient country, to protect the gains that we have," the Jamaican Prime Minister added. 🏵

# Regional Trade Ministers Recommend Measures to Make Rum Industry More Competitive

CARICOM Trade Ministers have approved a range of recommendations aimed at positioning the region's rum industry to better take advantage of the global market.

The measures address a host of domestic and international issues that affect the competitiveness of the industry, which is considered the region's premier export sector and its largest foreign exchange earner, after mineral exports.

The strategies and measures were agreed on by a special working group set up by trade ministers and chaired by Guyana Foreign Affairs Minister Carl Greenidge to address constraints facing the industry, as producers seek to take advantage of a fast-growing international market for their premium products. The recommendations encompassed a broad set of initiatives, ranging from international trade strategies, measures to improve the domestic regulatory environment, strengthening of linkages with the agriculture and tourism sectors, as well as a regional initiative by the industry to address the impact of harmful alcohol consumption.

Speaking on behalf of the industry, Komal Samaroo, Chairman of the West Indies Rum & Spirits Producers' Association (WIRSPA) and head of the regional conglomerate Demerara Distillers, expressed the gratitude of the grouping for the support provided by governments, as the industry sought to capture a share of the global market in an extremely competitive international marketplace.

"As the home of rum and an industry well known for quality products competing at the top of the premium and super-premium market segments, the measures will provide the basis on which the industry is poised to grow from strength to strength," he said.

Chair of the CARICOM Council of Ministers for Trade and Economic Development (COTED), Barbados Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Trade Sandra Hus-



▶ The Council of Trade Ministers meeting in Guyana

bands, speaking on behalf of the Council, welcomed the report from the working group and its recommendations, and

called on the industry and governments to continue working together to realize the full potential of the industry. ③



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## **Government Moves to One National Carnival**

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plaints ranging from perception of the 'unnecessary' separation of carnivals in a small island, to West Bay Road and Seven Mile Beach vendors and hotels protesting disruptions to business caused by road closures on consecutive weekends.

Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joseph Hew, explains that a team from his Ministry, including the George Town Manager and a National Roads Authority staffer, helped to finalise the route. Officials also sought input from the Port Authority.

As a result Minister Hew says the proposed route should cause the least amount of disruption to the flow of traffic and minimal complications to the Port's heavy equipment drivers. In addition it will avoid inconvenience to businesses along the route caused by repeat-

 $\mbox{ed}$  road closures in a short space of time.

The new plan will also diminish the impact of competing events on attendance at smaller events. As an example CayMAS previously took place on the third weekend in May (Discovery Day weekend) at the same time as Braccanal, the Batabano-endorsed event on Cayman Brac. Moving forward, Braccanal will continue to be celebrated over the Discovery Day weekend.

Calling the carnivals well organised and popular additions to the Cayman Islands tourism calendar, and noting they take place at a time when no other major events occur, Deputy Premier and Minister for District Administration, Transport and Tourism, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, comments that the new approach will help optimise the experience for locals and visitors on both Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac.

Leading up to the adult street parade, officials say, Batabano and CayMAS will still host separate parties, J'ouverts, song competitions, etc.

In addition the Batabano-organised Junior Carnival on Grand Cayman will take place on the first weekend in May.

Another key change to the administration of carnivals is set for the start of the 2020 fiscal year. At this point responsibility for all public sector financial contributions/grants to carnivals will move from the Ministry and Department of Tourism to the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture.

Plans are for Government to contribute to both Batabano and CayMAS through comparable annual grants and purchase agreements.

Minister for Culture, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, explains that CNCF's scope of activities includes the distribution of grants to support the development of local talent, including by means of festivals, exhibitions, pageants, parades, etc.

"Working through CNCF, which has technical expertise in the field, the ministry responsible for culture is pleased to take this opportunity to embed the role of carnivals in local culture. The ministry and its statutory authorities will continue to liaise with our tourism-focused colleagues on carnivals and other aspects of cultural tourism".

On Thursday, 2 May 2019, the Deputy Premier, Minister Seymour, and Councillor Wight met with representatives from Batabano and CayMAS to share the proposal for a national carnival plan. Officials say they are committed to continuing dialogue with stakeholders until plans for carnival season 2020 are finalised.







► Everyone had masked fun

# Masquerade Ball at Pedro St. James

It looked like a scene from a movie all about a grand Caribbean plantation in the 18th Century, as elegant ladies and gentlemen walked sedately up the path to the Pedro St James grounds. Beautiful dresses for the ladies, and although there were no top hats to be seen, the gentlemen looked handsomely dressed too. But of course, a masquerade ball is nothing without masks. Shimmering turquoise and alluring azure; iridescent

emerald echoing the colors of Cayman's beautiful sea, contrasted with bright orange and crimsons and scarlet, just like Cayman's setting sun; and told of a mystery that would unfurl like a fan as the night progressed. It's the signature event that traditionally heralds the beginning of Batabano, Cayman's biggest and longest-running street carnival.

And a masquerade ball is nothing without music. The sound of Steel Pan

rhelped you know that you were in the Caribbean, as Earl La Pierre Jr. graced the stage. Of course, Trinidad is not only the home of Steel Pan, it is also the true home of Caribbean street carnival, too.

DJ Ginetta M, the lead trumpet player and vocalist from Ginetta's Vendetta came next, and the guests just loved her oh-so-cool trumpet playing. Strains of James Brown, Miles Davies mingled with Ginetta's own, unique compositions.

Starting off with 'My Funky Valentine,' Ginetta kept the guests spellbound as she sang and played so beautifully.

DJ Silverfox kept the coolest soca sounds rolling out between sets, and it was time for the guests to chill and enjoy some good company and good food. And some plain old-fashioned fun. Everyone was loving the evening. Batabano founder, Carnival Queen Donna Myrie came onstage to thank everyone for supporting the event. Next year, she said, Batabano would go back to being Cayman's

only street carnival.

Finally it was time for the moment everyone had heard so much about. Mapy, a young French violinist, took to the stage and stole everyone's heart with her wonderful, joyful mix of Jazz and hip-hop style, mixed up in a hot, sugarcane-sweet Caribbean gumbo of melody. She grew up in a Parisian suburb, mixing with kids who were from the Caribbean, and also from Reunion, a little island in the Indian Ocean, and learned the violin at the age of six, going on to study classical playing, but later branching out to her own music.

"In my borough, most of us were first-generation immigrant children, so I grew up with people from different countries and cultures. The majority of us were from Africa and the Caribbean. And because we were all going to the same school and went through a lot of difficulties of life together, not only we were neighbors, we were a big family. Hip-hop was our music, street art was decorating our walls, sneakers on our feet, dancers in the streets, boys and girls playing soccer in the parking lot... This is the wonderful multicultural cocktail that influenced me to be the artist I am today," she said in an online interview.

Everyone was dancing, and getting into the Carnival spirit. And most important of all, just having fun.



► Earl La Pierre Jr.

▶ Dancing!



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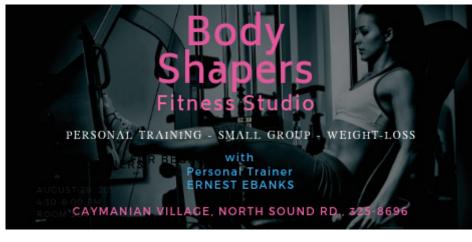
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