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Government enhances its support for small businesses

The Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure is boosting its support for small businesses through the Cayman Islands Small Business Association (CISBA).

On Monday, 11 February, Hon. Joseph Hew, Minister for Commerce and CISBA President Dawn McLean-Brady signed a memorandum of understanding, which sets the programmes CISBA will deliver in 2019 to aid small business owners, with financial support of government.

"Government is steadfast in its commitment to support small businesses," comments Minister Hew. "Small businesses are a huge driver of our economy so ensuring their continued growth and development is key. The Small

Business Association has been a champion for small business owners and I am proud to support the association in its efforts to assist small businesses."

Services set to be provided include workshops, mentoring sessions, grants and individual assistance. The agreement outlines the requirements for the quantity, quality and timeliness of those services.

"We are honoured to once again partner with the Cayman Islands Government to support small businesses," says Dawn McLean-Brady. "With government's backing we are poised to achieve our goal of advocating for the growth of small businesses and promoting an entrepreneurial spirit."



► Minister Joseph Hew and CISBA President Dawn McLean-Brady sign a MoU for small business support services

Airbnb hosts in Cayman welcomed 14,600 guests in 2018

The home sharing community in the Cayman Islands is a growing component of the local tourism industry. In 2018, Airbnb hosts in the Cayman Islands welcomed approximately 14,600 guests with an average trip length of approximately 6 days.

These travelers were welcomed by 340 hosts who opened their doors to offer locals and foreigners alike a diverse, inclusive and sustainable travel experience.

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National Gallery's first ever biennial launches

By Lindsey Turnbull

It was a full house at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands last Friday evening at the launch of the brand-new Cross Currents exhibition, a collection of works by artists from across the islands, earmarking the Gallery's first ever biennial exhibition.

The exhibition was the result of an open call for participation in this first biennial exhibition by the Gallery, resulting in 71 pieces from local artists being submitted who created a wide selection of artwork in a multitude of genres, from traditional paintings to sculpture, collage, photography, installation, video, performance art and even a recreation of the Sistine Chapel and its famous frescos.

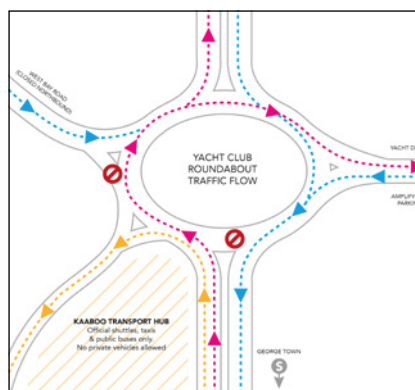
Each of the artists were asked to respond in their own way to the question "what is contemporary Caymanian art?" Featured artists for the first iteration of the Biennial include: Jawara Alleyne, Shane Aquart, John Bird, Cameron Bridgeman, David Bridgeman, John Broad, Randy Chollette, Julie Corsetti, Alan Darvill, Frans De Backer, Bryony Dixon, Al Ebanks, Davin Ebanks, Kaitlyn Elphinstone, Kathryn Elphinstone, Horacio Esteban, Jamie Hahn, Tessa Hansen, Suvi Hayden, Bendel Hydes, Tyra Iton, Paige Jordison, Jason Kennedy,



► Artist Jason Jennedy with Coconut Water, West Bay

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EDITORIAL

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The true Community Newspaper

The Journey continues. Caymanian Times is pleased to announce that effective Friday, February 15, the publication will be printed on International size 11 x 22 broadsheet paper.

"This new development is part of our overall growth strategy," says Ralph Lewis, Owner and Publisher. "The demand for this newspaper has indicated that the time is right for the upgrade which will enhance the appearance and reduce advertising costs. The length of the paper is actually 5 inches longer and gives a more complete front page appearance when folded. In addition, we are able to enlarge the pictures to give readers a better view and also to include content accordingly."

Advertisers will be pleased to note that their ads will now be larger as we maintain our pricing structure.

The new size will allow for insertions of supplements and also many new features such as Post-It notes on each paper.

The Times will remain a free publication and can also be downloaded from our website www.caymaniantimes.ky.

Readers can look forward to a bundle of Current Events, Informational, Educational articles and our specials as listed below:

- Local News
- Government Watch
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- Local Sports



► Ralph Lewis, Owner

- Death Announcements (free)
- International Sports
- Global Briefs
- World Watch
- All about Education
- Tourism
- Healthy Living
- Inspirational

"We are proud of our progress and aim to be one of the leading newspapers in the Cayman Islands," added Mr. Lewis. "Our mission is to increase the readership of local news and have coupled print media with our internet site to reach all demographics and also to place our publication in all homes."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cayman Islands Youth Ambassadors Applications Open

The Youth Services Unit (YSU) is inviting persons to apply to become Cayman Islands Youth Ambassadors.

Application forms and further information are available online on the YouthFlex Facebook page or by contacting Youth Services Coordinator James Myles via email to james.myles@gov.ky.

The pledge of the National Youth Policy Task Force is this: "Our greatest responsibility in this life is to be good ancestors," says Mr. Myles. "We are the dynamic link between the past and future. The aim is quite straightforward: to enjoy what we have inherited, and to make the Cayman Islands a better place for the youth of today and for those of generations to come."

Following this premise the YSU is inviting dynamic and community-minded

Caymanian youth, between the ages of 18 and 27, to apply for the role of Cayman Islands Youth Ambassador. The programme is intended to prepare them for present and future lead roles in the Cayman Islands.

Open to all young Caymanians, expressions of interest are sought whether individuals are just starting college on-island, starting work, just returning from college or still studying overseas. Successful candidates should be able to represent local youth when on school breaks or at weekend conferences.

The Ambassador Corp will consist of three males and three females. The application submissions deadline is **Friday, 15 February 2019**.

Submissions Open for CIMPA 2019 Marketing Awards

The Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association is delighted to announce the launch of the 2019 Marketing Awards, with submissions now open.

The awards celebrate and recognise creative efforts from the agencies, organisations and creative individuals that make up our community of marketing professionals in the Cayman Islands.

The 2019 Awards comprise of nine categories: Campaign of the Year, Brand of the Year, Website or App of the Year, Agency of the Year, Community Impact of the Year, Video of the Year, Rising Star of the Year, Marketer of the Year and Creative Professional of the Year.

Local marketing professionals, newcomers and veterans alike, are encouraged to submit their greatest marketing initiatives from 2018. The judging criteria has evolved this year with the introduction of a more detailed scoring matrix for each category that includes the organisation's contribution to the community and an individual's character. These are available as part of the submission process to serve as a reference point to ensure as much transparency as possible. A highly experienced panel of



international, creative experts, who are leaders in their respective fields, will judge submissions.

Submissions are free for CIMPA members, and non-members will be charged a nominal fee per submission.

Applications will be accepted until 15 March 2019, and full details can be found at www.cimpa.ky/awards.

Winners will be announced at a prestigious awards ceremony on Friday 7 June 2019.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Miss Cayman Universe to visit Cayman Brac

The Miss Cayman Universe committee and the reigning queen, Caitlin Tyson, will be visiting the sister island of Cayman Brac from 21-24 February, on a courtesy call.

During the short trip Caitlin, along with members of the committee, plan to visit all schools, the KCCC retirement home, host an event to recruit young ladies for the 2019 pageant and attend the West End Baptist Church.

Committee Chairperson Derri Dacres-Lee said, "We are so excited for this trip, as it presents a wonderful opportunity for the people of the Brac to meet our reigning queen and hear about her recent experiences on the Miss Universe journey. We also hope to encourage the young ladies of the Brac to participate in the 2019 pageant."

This is the first sister island trip since Caitlin was crowned in August 2019, and also signifies the beginning



of the Miss Cayman Universe recruitment campaign for this year's pageant, slated for August.

Road Closure on Printers way – Local Access Only

The National Roads Authority (NRA) will be continuing road works on Printers Way from Shedden Road to Thomas Russell Avenue, as part of the larger Elgin Avenue & Crewe Road Extension project.

Works are scheduled for Thursday February 14th and Friday February 15th between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm each day. Printers Way will be open to local access only during this time.

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



Please call 325-6004 or Email nra@nra.ky if you have any questions or comments regarding this project.

NRA thanks the public for their patience during these roadworks, and look forward to providing the benefit of these much-needed improvements.

Annual Storyboard Competition Inspires Readers

The annual Storyboard Competition is now open, and organisers are looking forward to seeing the creativity of Cayman's younger readers on display, and inviting the public to come out and support the students. An initiative spearheaded by the Cayman Islands Information Professionals (CIIP) and sponsored by the Cayman Islands Public Library Service and Rotary Sunrise, the competition gives students the opportunity to share their favourite books through a storyboard display. All storyboards must be registered and delivered to George Town Public Library by 2pm on Monday, 18 February 2019, and the exhibition, judging and prize-giving ceremony will take place at George Town Public Library on Saturday, 23 February 2019 starting at 10am.

The storyboards will be judged on guidelines that include plot summary, issues of conflict, the author's purpose, tone and mood and how that information is expressed in terms of clarity, creativity, thoroughness, interest invoked and quality. Winners will

be chosen in six age divisions ranging from five to 18-years old and awarded various prizes.

"Every year we continue to be impressed by the quality of work submitted and the creativity of our exhibitors. It is obvious that the books that they choose to do their storybooks about have impacted them on a deep level, and they are excited about sharing these works with others," said Paul Robinson, CIIP Chairman and Acting Director of the Public Library Service. "I want to encourage members of the public to come out and see these storyboard displays. They will not be disappointed and perhaps they will rediscover some literary classics or be inspired to read some of the books that are being promoted by the students."

All of the schools are invited to participate. Last year there were 49 storyboards from 65 competitors.

For more information about the 7th annual Storyboard Competition email Paul Robinson on paul.robinson@gov.ky, call 244-6108 or visit www.facebook.com/ciinformationprofessionals.



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Sunset Under 13 girls battle for bragging rights

The Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) youth leagues continued this past Saturday, February 9 with games in the Girls Under 13 and Boys Under 11 and Under 13 leagues.

In the lone Girls Under 13 game on Saturday morning, it was a Sunset FC duel as Sunset FC Fuegos took on their younger counterparts, the Sunset FC Stingrays. The Fuegos' Ashlyn Evans used her experience and speed to keep the Stingrays' defence at bay for much of the game as she scored a hat trick on the way to a comfortable 4-0 win. Rio Windsor grabbed the other goal for the Fuegos.

The Stingrays were physically out-matched but their forwards, led by Olivia Thorpe, caused more than a few concerns for the Fuegos' rear guard. A number of key saves by the Fuegos' goal keeper kept the Stingrays off the score sheet.

In the Boys Under 11 league, 345 FC I and Sunset Warriors continued their dominance in Group A and 345 FC II likewise in Group B.

Alban Jagger scored in the 3rd minute of play and added another later in the game as 345 FC I defeated George Town SC I 6-1 in Group A play (respect rule enforced). Quinn Small, Ethan Cansell, Danny Lyne and Kyan Okoli scored a goal each for 345 FC I after George Town's Azani Chambers had tied the game at 1-1 in the 11th minute.

In other Group A play, Sunset FC Warriors continued where they left off last Saturday as they beat Scholars ISC 6-1 (respect rule enforced) Two goals each from Jaxon Cover, Matthew Rees and Charlie Isbister cancelled out Scholars' Nasari Mendez's early blast, which tem-



► Action from the Sunset FC Fuegos (orange) vs. Sunset FC Stingrays Girls Under 13 game. Sunset FC Fuegos won the game 4-0

porarily put the boys from West Bay in front.

Latinos FC secured their first point of the young season with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Cayman Brac FC thanks to a strike from Devonte Cranston. The boys and girls from the Sister Islands performed admirably as they never gave up in search of the equaliser.

In Group B of the Boys Under 11 league, 345 FC II kept their unbeaten record intact as they downed Sunset FC

Makos thanks to goals from Ben Lyne, Jhairye Willis, Mark Honchard and Ajani Carnegie.

Academy SC Saints beat George Town SC I 3-0 with goals from Ashton Salavari, Patrick Roberts and David Stroth, and East End United FC grabbed their first point of the season after a 1-1 draw with 345 FC III. 345s Omari Douglas opened the scoring only for Ryn Rankin to grab the all-important equaliser for his East End team mates.

In a 345 battle in the Boys Under 13 league, 345 FC I defeated 345 FC III 8-0 with goals from Jaden Verhoeven (3), Myron Cruz (2), David Arch Jr., Danny Lyne and Toby Johns.

Academy SC were awarded three goals and the three points as Bodden Town FC failed to show for their game, and Sunset FC downed 345 FC I 3-0 thanks to goals from Jaxon Cover (2) and Ben Croucher.

The 2019 CIFA Youth Leagues continue this coming Saturday, February 16.

Airbnb hosts in the Cayman Islands welcomed 14,600 guests in 2018

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Home sharing democratizes the tourism industry, providing the opportunity for hundreds of Caymanians to share their country with guests from all over the world, and benefit directly from it.

Caymanian hosts are a diverse group; sixty-five percent of hosts are female. The average host age is 48, with seventy-three percent of hosts in the Cayman Islands between the ages of 30 and 59.

"Undoubtedly, the Cayman Islands is an important destination in the Caribbean and thanks to Airbnb, and

a strong partnership with Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell and Director of Tourism Rosa Harris, more and more local travelers, and travelers from the rest of the world, are able to visit the Cayman Islands and travel in an authentic way. This sustainable way of traveling generates a positive and significant impact within the country, and helps to economically empower our Caymanian hosts and their communities," said Carlos Munoz, Airbnb Campaign Manager, Public Policy and Communications for The Caribbean and Central America.

In the Cayman Islands, Airbnb is able to connect travelers to more than 620 places to stay throughout the islands. For sharing their home, a typical host* in the Cayman Islands earned revenues of up to \$16,500 USD in the last 12 months, a 131% increase since 2017. This figure is a sample of how Airbnb allows hosts to become hospitality entrepreneurs by earning extra income, which in many cases allows homeowners to offset expenses and stay in their home.

At the same time, Caymanians also choose Airbnb when traveling. In 2018, there were 9,500 Caymanian guests who stayed at Airbnb listings both in the Cayman Islands and abroad, eager to experience what it is like to live like a local wherever they travel.

In this way, "Airbnb contributes to the development of the Caymanian tourism

sector, which shows great potential for growth in 2019," Munoz concluded.

Airbnb looks forward to building its relationship with the Cayman Islands to help grow the tourism sector. With its

strong partnership with the CTO, Airbnb is steadily working to drive tourism in the region and grow economic opportunity by promoting authentic travel throughout the Caribbean.

2018 Airbnb figures

- Total Airbnb Guests Arrivals in Cayman Islands: 14,600.
- Number of hosts: 340
- Percentage of female hosts: 65%
- Money received per year by a typical host: USD \$16,500.
- Total listings on the platform: 620.
- Total Departures of Guests through Airbnb: 9,500.

* Typical host earnings represents the median income of the hosts in the Cayman Islands during the period between January 1 and December 31, 2018



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For details and to book, call Cayman Airways Reservations on 345-949-2311, contact a local travel agent, or book online at caymanairways.com



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

February Fresh Carnival Band Launch

15 February: Fresh Carnival is having the long-awaited band launch of their 2019 presentation, "The Arcade", for Cayman Carnival Batabano Parade at Pedro's Castle at 9:30pm. For more information go to www.freshcarnival.info.

Trunk/Garage Sale

16 February: Grace Christian Academy in West Bay will be having a trunk/garage sale on Feb 16. The sale is taking place at the school in the parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All money raised will go towards the school for the PTA. There will be lot of items so everyone is encouraged to come early before it's all gone! Come out and support the kids!

Free Wellness and Family Forum

16 February: The local mothers' union of St. Georges Anglican Church will be hosting a free wellness and family forum titled 'Balancing the Budget' on Saturday 16 February from 6pm - 8pm.

Prospect Playhouse Theatre

17 - 18 February: Auditions for "Into the Woods", Prospect Playhouse's next production will be held on Sunday 17 February at 3pm and Monday 18 February at

7pm. There are 20 roles available and if you are planning to audition, prepare a full song or at least 16 bars of music from "Into the Woods." Email directors at barriequappe@yahoo.com or quappe.teri@hotmail.com or call 916 - 9800 or 926 - 9933.

Community Chess

19 February: Community Chess at The West Indies Wine Company, Camana Bay - Join the Cayman Chess Club for a complimentary chess class and open challenges weekly. Anyone can learn play and enjoy chess; even complete beginners. Start time is 5:00pm. Call 640 - 4000 for more information.

Smoking Cessation Classes: 'I Can Quit'

20 February: The Public Health Department advises smokers who wish to quit that there are some spaces left in an upcoming smoking cessation class. The sessions will run every Wednesday from 5.15 p.m. to 6.45 pm, beginning on 6 February 2019. The venue for classes is the new Public Health Administration office located at the Smith Road Centre on the second floor. For more information or to sign up contact the Public Health Department on 244-2889 or 244-2621. Interested persons may also email sarah.hetley@hsa.ky or nola.sanderson@hsa.ky



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► Fresh Carnival Band Launch

Girl Guiding 5K/10K Family Fun Walk/Run

23 February: Girl Guiding Cayman Islands is hosting a 5K/10K Family Fun Walk/Run on Saturday, 23 February, 2019 starting at 6:30a.m. for walkers and 6:45a.m. for runners. Location is Safe Haven in the back by Holiday Inn All participants will be entered into a drawing for prizes. Register on day at 6:00a.m. or pre-register at Cayman Active at www.caymanactive.com/guiding or return the form to guide leaders. Come out and join the fun! No dogs please.

2nd Annual Alex Panton Foundation Symposium

23 February: Join us for the second annual Alex Panton Foundation Youth Mental Health Symposium, which will take place in the Orchid Ballroom at The Marriott. The symposium will feature several speakers with subject matter, expertise and mental health service providers showcasing various forms of treatment for Cayman's youth and young adults. This event runs from 9am to 3pm. Register at www.alexpantonfoundation.ky

Children's Story time

23 February: The George Town Public Library is hosting Children's StoryTime for children ages 0 to 5 years old starting at 10:30 am. No registration is required and a parent /guardian must be present at all times. No drop-offs are allowed. Reading is done by the Pink Ladies Volunteer Corps. For more information, call the library at 949 - 5159.

Off The Beaten Track

24 February: This will be the tenth OTBT annual charitable 50KM ultra-marathon which is designed to emulate the world's toughest race, the Marathon des Sables. The exciting route provides participants an opportunity to explore Grand Cayman's greatest hidden treasures, with a variety of terrains to test the skills of every level of runner. The race begins at 6am. See caymanactiv.com for more details.

Chamber of Commerce

26 February: The Chamber of Commerce is presenting a two

hour course on Pensions on Tuesday 26 February from 9am to 11am at its headquarters Unit 4-107, Governors Square 23 Lime Tree Bay Avenue, West Bay. This event will focus on a basic understanding of the Pension Law as well as cover types of pension plans, eligibility, retirement, early retirement, contributions and penalties for non-compliance. Call 345-949-8090 for more information.

Rotary Olympics

28 February: Fundraiser for the Cayman Islands Olympics Team from 5:50pm - 9pm. This event consists of a number of fun activities like blindfolded mini golf and giant Connect Four. Ticket includes a plate of jerk and a signature cocktail. Additional food and drinks will be available for purchase. All funds raised on the night will go directly to the C. I. Special Olympics Team. Individual tickets are \$35 and \$120 for a team of four. Event venue is Sea Alissa #702 South Church Street South Sound. 📍

Do THIS for Faster results

The time that you spend on exercise can be used even more effectively for faster results.

When you decide which exercises to include in your routine, it is important to consider the type of movement involved. The simpler the movement, the fewer calories you'll burn and the fewer muscles you will strengthen. On the other hand, the more complex the movement, the more calories you will burn and the more muscles you will strengthen.

To put it simply, exercises that use complex movements will deliver better results than exercises that use only simple movements. Complex movements recruit multiple muscles, some to stabilize and others to perform the movement. This process keeps your heart rate higher than a simple exercise would, giving you a more intense workout.

What is a complex movement?

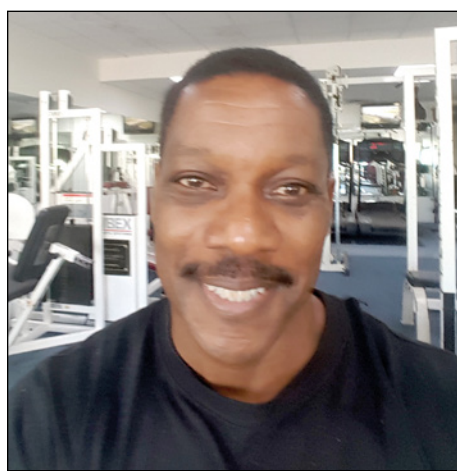
A complex movement is a multi-joint movement that recruits large portions of the body to complete the exercise. Let's compare a simple movement leg exercise with a complex movement leg exercise:

The leg extension machine uses a simple, isolated movement to work the quadriceps. You're in a seated position moving only your knee joint. There isn't much involvement, if any, from other muscles and it doesn't burn very many calories.

Now let's look at a free weight walking lunge. You start by standing with your feet together and a dumbbell in each hand at your sides (or a barbell across your shoulders, or a medicine ball held at your chest, or even with no weight at all). You take a large step forward and lower your back knee, keeping your front knee at a 90-degree angle. Now you push off your front foot and pull your back leg forward, repeating the movement.

How many muscles did you utilize while performing the lunge? Probably too many to count.

You certainly worked your quadriceps, gluteus, hamstrings, calves, abdominals, supporting muscles in your shoulders, arms and back—just to name a few. You



► Ernest Ebanks

also raised your heart rate and really kicked your metabolism into high gear. That's what I call a great exercise.

Other ways to increase intensity

Using complex movements are just one of many ways to kick your workout intensity up a notch. Try incorporating a Super Set into your routine. To do so simply perform two or more exercises in a row and then take a short rest.

Or how about a Compound Set? Perform one exercise, rest, then perform an exercise with opposing body parts. To find exercises that compliment one another, choose ones that have similar but opposite motions such as a chest press and a row.

The key to finding the best exercise is to find the ones that bring your workout intensity to a whole new level.

These methods will help you to burn more calories, increase your metabolic rate, and will stimulate the production of more fat burning and muscle toning hormones. Of course, there is more involved to achieving your fitness goals.

You need to incorporate fat burning into your routine.

You need to consistently challenge yourself during workouts.

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Burns calories - here you are weight watchers. Your ability to burn calories increases as your strength and endurance increase as well. With this increase comes and upward burning of calories. Your metabolism also increases and you will be wiping out calories even in a resting position. I love this don't you?

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CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — FEBRUARY 17 - 23



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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Caribbean Princess	Carnival Magic	Celebrity Reflection	Carnival Dream	Rotterdam VI	Empress of the Seas
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PROUD OF THEM ROUND 10

Dominic Owens – Academics

Dominic Owens is a 2017 honours graduate of St. Ignatius School where he obtained 10 I/GCSE passes consisting of A*, A's and two B's in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Accounting, ICT, English Language, French, Religious Studies, and English Literature. At his High School graduation, he received awards for Highest Attainment in Mathematics and Accounting as well as the Dart Award for Excellence in STEM and the KPMG award for Excellence in Accounting.

The 17-year old George Town native is currently pursuing A-levels in Mathematics, Physics, Accounting and Computer Science with a goal to study Accounting or Finance at the London School of Economics and ultimately embark on a career in Accounting and/or Finance.

Dominic is consistently described by his teachers as conscientious, helpful, polite, enthusiastic, hardworking, engaging and punctual. As a prefect he takes an active role in school life, and is a role model, setting a positive example for both his peers and the younger students in the school.

Dominic not only excels academically but is also involved in various extra-curricular activities, which makes him an attractive university candidate. He has been the captain of his football team, Academy Sports Club, at the U12, U13, U15 and U17 levels locally and overseas as well as the vice-captain and captain of the St. Ignatius U18 team for the past two years. Additionally, he captained the U13 and U15 Cayman national football teams with the latter touring Guadeloupe, and was selected for trials at UK football clubs in 2015. He has also been a member of the U17 Cayman national football team. He has also been a member of the School Council, Chess Club, Builders Club and Art Club over his school career and participated in the KPMG Brain Bowl Tournament, as well as the Dart Minds Inspired Math Challenge which he won at the age of 13.

His interest in STEM-related subjects have resulted in him becoming a mentor



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Dominic Owens

to his peers and taking part each year in the annual SeaPerch Challenge, an innovative underwater robotics programme hosted by the DART Minds Inspired initiative.

As a participant in the Junior Achievement Company Programme, Dominic had an opportunity to experience the ins and outs of running a business as Vice President of Finance of Tropical Transformations Ltd., a company that sold mason jar lanterns. His main responsibility was to prepare financial statements based on the purchases and sales made on the product and the expenses incurred throughout the programme.

He is a second degree black-belt (Nidan) and previously instructed younger students of the CASK programme. In his free time, he likes to coach younger children in football and also enjoys reading. 🌐

Jillian Crooks – Sports

12-year old Jillian Crooks from George Town is making waves in the sport of swimming. Although she has participated in several sports, including synchronized swimming, open water swimming, netball and karate, it is in competitive swimming that she has displayed exceptional talent.

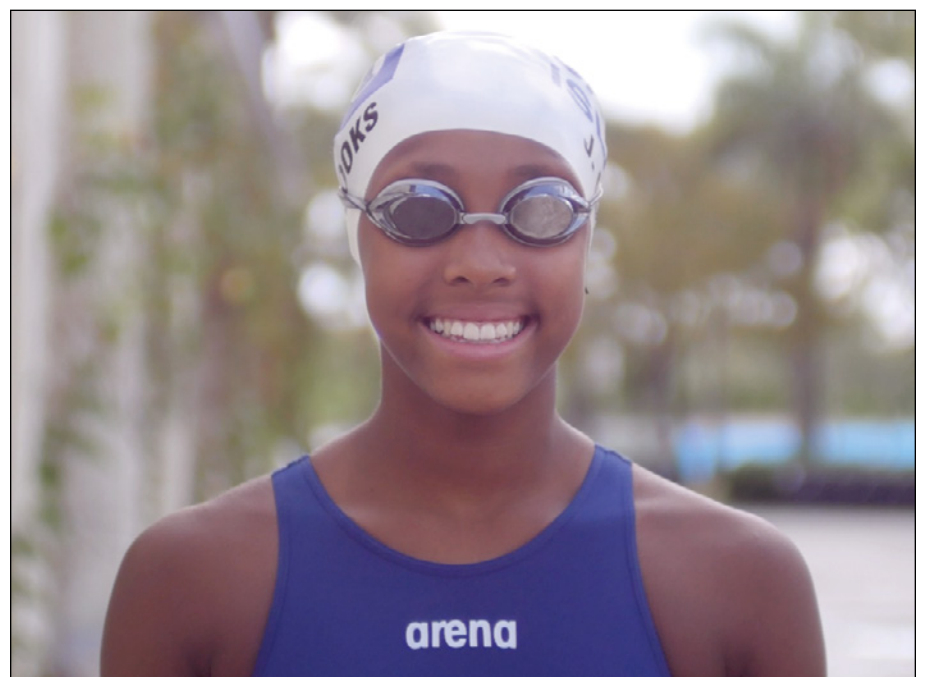
Jillian started swimming at the age of three with classes provided by mobile swim instructors. However, her breakthrough came when she joined the "Learn to Swim" programme at the Camana Bay Aquatic Club. She was coached by Mr. Caleb Miller who ensured that her technical training was strong, and on 15 March 2014 at age eight, she participated in her first competitive swim meet. It was at age 10 that she began to discover the level of hard work and discipline that competitive swimming required and started to swim some personal best times.

Jillian has competed in several local and overseas meets and is gaining the experience while enjoying the sport. She has achieved several Age Group High Point Awards, Cayman Islands

Amateur Swimming Association and Cayman National Records. In January 2018, she represented the Cayman Islands at the 2018 UANA Swimming Cup in Coral Springs, Florida. This meet provided the opportunity for her to learn more about the ins and outs of international swim competitions which featured some of the best in region.

Jillian was also a member of the 2018 CARIFTA Swim Team and represented the Cayman Islands in Jamaica where she won five individual medals – four bronze and one silver medal. She also represented the Cayman Islands at the 2018 Central American and Caribbean Swimming Championships (CCCAN) in Aruba in July 2018, where she won nine individual medals and one with the Cayman Islands mixed relay team in the 11 to 12-year-old division. For her stellar performance she was recognised as CNB's Athlete of the Week by Cayman 27.

As she grows both physically and in the sport of swimming, Jillian is expected to continue to make the Cayman Islands proud. 🌐



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Jillian Crooks

Tertiary Education and the Development of Critical Thinking Skills

The benefits of University education are well known and governments across the region must aim to dramatically increase the percentage of their citizens who study at this level. A little over half of the population of Singapore are university graduates and this must be the aim of our governments in the region.

For example, some 15% percent of the Jamaican workforce has tertiary level training and so has some way to go. Though Barbados spends six percent of its GDP on education and has attained a literacy rate of 98%, one of the highest in the world, it has some way to go, from its current 25%, to have half of its population university level trained. Some 23% of Caymanians have college degrees.

A World Bank Report on the subject says that Higher education fosters growth, reduces poverty and boosts prosperity.

The report says that 'a highly skilled workforce, with a solid post-secondary education, is a prerequisite for innovation and growth: well- educated people are more employable, earn higher wages, and cope with economic shocks better.' It continues- 'Higher education benefits not just the individual, but society as well. Graduates of higher education are more environmentally conscious, have healthier habits, and have a higher level of civic participation.'

'Also, increased tax revenues from higher earnings, healthier children, and reduced family size all build stronger

nations. In short, higher education institutions prepare individuals not only by providing them with adequate and relevant job skills, but also by preparing them to be active members of their communities and societies.'

In addition to these benefits is the fact that tertiary education, more than any other level, must teach and develop the skills of critical thinking. These skills are vital for the sustenance of our democratic practices and for the further evolution and maturity of our societies. The examined life, to borrow from Socrates, is thus a requirement for national development.

Critical Thinking Skills

Writing on the subject in the **European Journal of Educational Practice**, Vol. 1, No. 2, Sunday Adeyemi, outlines the nature of these skills and why they are needed by society. She rightly explains that 'One, who cannot think, may not be able to solve even the minutest problem. We now live in a world of problems – social problem, economic problem, political problem, ethnic problem, religious problem, educational problem, Science and technologically related problems to mention a few. It only takes a sound mind, a mind imbued with reflective thinking, which can engage in deep analysis, to come up with causes of the problem at hand and generate possible solutions or options to arrive at a decision; to solve a or get out of the problem.'

She explains further that critical thinking involves 'delving into context, asking for and examining the evidence, the context of judgement, and the relevant criteria for making the judgment well and so on. It employs not only logic but broad intellectual criteria such as clarity, credibility, accuracy, precision, relevance, depth, breath, fairness and significance.'

It is the critical thinker who is more likely to live rationally, reasonably and empathically because, as Adeyemi points out 'they are keenly aware of the inherent flawed nature of human thinking when left unguided. They work diligently to develop the intellectual virtues of intellectual integrity, intellectual humility, intellectual civility, intellectual empathy, intellectual sense of justice and confidence in reason. They realized that no matter how skilled they are as thinkers, they can always improve their reasoning abilities and that they can at times fall prey to mistakes in reasoning, human irrationality, prejudices, biases, distortions, uncritical accepted social rules and taboos, self-interest and vested-interest.'

Again, Adeyemi has it all right when she says that 'People who think critically strive to improve the world in whatever ways they can and contribute to a more rational and civilized society. Even at that, they recognize the complexities that are inherent in doing so.'

She concludes that 'Most of our thinking if left to itself is biased, distorted,



► Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CXC Education Volunteer programme

partial, uninformed or downright prejudiced. Yet the quality of our lives and that of what we produce, make or build depends precisely on the quality of our thought. Shoddy thinking is costly, both in money and in quality of life. This fact underpins the importance of critical thinking in the life of a nation and that of the individual.'

These are fundamentally important points and requires stage of our education system, especially at the University level, to rise to this challenge. 🌐

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KAABOO Traffic Guide

The RCIPS has been coordinating the policing response and facilitation of the KAABOO Festival for several weeks in consultation with the organizers and other partners, including the NRA.

There are two main aspects to the police's role in this event, one is **ensuring the security and safety** of those attending, while **enforcing the law**, and the second is **traffic coordination and management**.

There will be a **noticeable police presence outside and inside the event**, in addition to the private security personnel that have been hired for the event. Police at the event will be responsible for enforcing the law and addressing breaches of the peace.

While we will be deploying significant police resources to Festival, and are being **reimbursed for these extra police resources**, this will **not impact on normal policing elsewhere on the islands**. Our regular shifts are normally staffed, and those deployed to the event are being brought in on overtime.

Road Closures and Traffic Diversions for KAABOO Festival

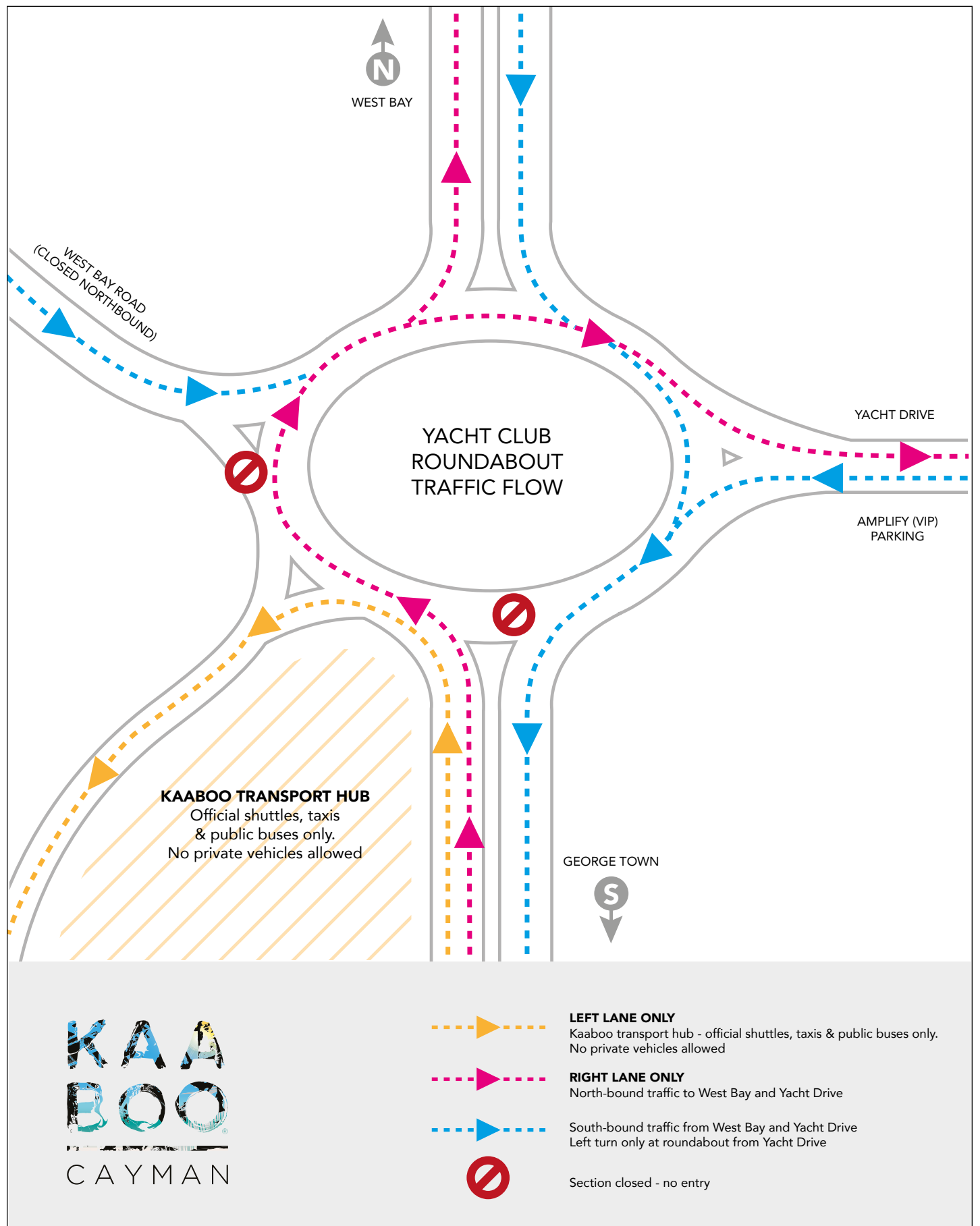
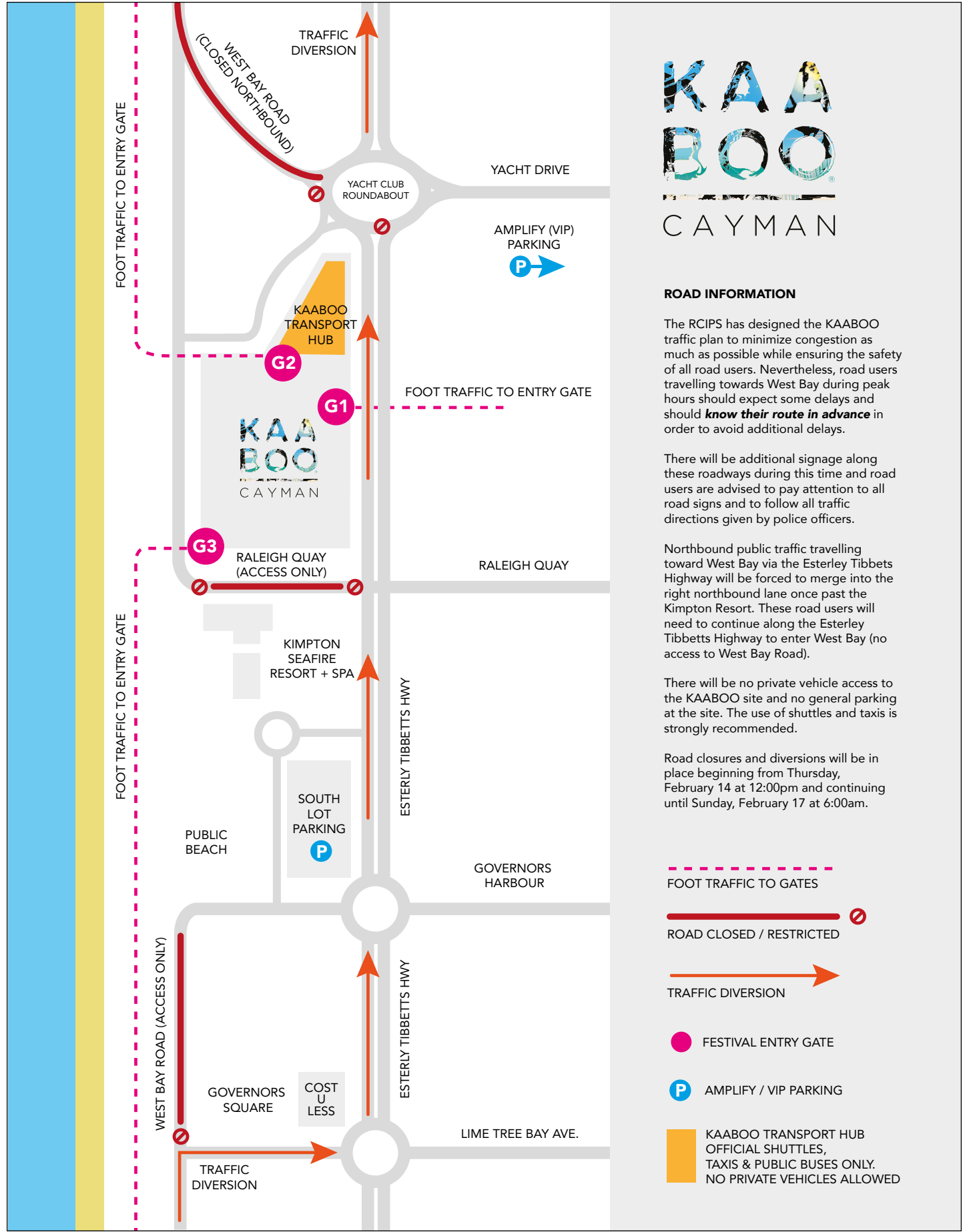
The following road closures and traffic diversions will be in place along West Bay Road and the Esterley Tibbetts Highway in order to facilitate the KAABOO Music & Arts Festival. The closures will be in place **from 12:00PM on Thursday, 14 February, to 6:00AM on Sunday, 17 February**.

Members of the public should **plan their route in advance** in order to avoid additional delays.

There will be additional signage along these roadways during this time and road users travelling on West Bay Road and the Esterley Tibbetts Highway are advised to pay attention to all road signs and to follow all traffic directions given by police officers.

Parking

There will be no parking for KAABOO guests on the site. KAABOO guests will have to park off-site and walk to one of the main entrances on site, or take available public transportation at one of three pickup points.



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Cayman Representative in London to Head New Ministry

Deputy Governor Franz Manderson recently appointed Eric Bush to lead the soon to be operational Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs.

While Mr Bush's appointment took effect on Monday, 4 February, 2019, he will continue to perform his duties as the Cayman Islands' Representative in the UK and Europe, returning home in late July.

Of his new role he says: "The Ministry will focus on capitalising on our current successes whilst identifying new opportunities to secure the future of the Cayman Islands. We will aim to broaden and enhance our international image and to ensure that Government's interactions across the globe, in areas like financial services, tourism or our aviation and maritime registries, are conducted with one voice."

Achievements during his time in London thus far include coordinating the recent constitutional discussions, as well as the Celebrate Cayman launch event in May 2018.

Early in his tenure he revived the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Cayman Islands, a group of legislators across the United Kingdom (UK) political spectrum. He has also travelled

frequently throughout the UK, in places like Cornwall and Wales, to promote the Cayman Islands.

Currently the Chairperson of the United Kingdom Overseas Territories Association (UKOTA), he has served as the Cayman Islands liaison to the European Union, attending meetings of the Overseas Countries and Territories in Brussels.

Explaining the importance of the appointment Mr. Manderson remarks, 'It was vital that the new Ministry have a Chief Officer as soon as possible, to finalise its development, appoint staff and arrange a budget. I congratulate Mr Bush on this new role and look forward to his return to the Civil Service leadership team.'

The Deputy Governor adds that Mr. Bush was the only current Chief Officer to express interest in a transfer to the Ministry. Mr Manderson made the transfer following consultation with Premier Alden McLaughlin, who will serve as Minister for the new ministry.

The Premier says Mr. Bush's past experience as a Chief Officer and the diplomatic skills that he displayed during his time in the UK make him the perfect choice for the new role.

"Over the last few years Eric has helped to raise Cayman's profile in the political, private and other sectors of United Kingdom society. This new Ministry will give his skills even wider scope and help the Cayman Islands stand strong in the world as we move forward into the 21st Century.

Priorities for the new ministry include the opening of the Cayman Islands Government Office for Asia in Hong Kong, as well as recruiting a small core team, and creating strategic plans in global communication and international trade and investment.

At the moment Government has no plans to recruit staff outside of the civil service. Secondment opportunities will be available to existing civil servants until the needs of the new Ministry are better defined.

Mr. Bush was seconded as the Cayman Islands Representative for the UK and Europe for three years in July 2016. He was previously responsible for strategic policy and oversight of the office from 2013-2015, during his time as Chief Officer with responsibility for the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Prior to 2012 he served as Deputy Chief Officer responsible for the Prison, Police and Immigration, in what was



► Newly appointed Chief Officer Eric Bush will head the Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs. Mr Bush also continues to serve as the Cayman Islands' Representative in the UK and Europe, returning home in late July

then known as the Portfolio of Internal and External Affairs.

He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Lynn University in Florida and has worked in the both the public and private sectors. 🌐

SMP GROUP ANNOUNCES MBO WITH APPOINTMENT OF NEW GROUP CEO

On the 07 February 2019 SMP Group Limited announced a management buyout, as part of a planned leadership succession process. The MBO is subject to regulatory approval.

The corporate, trust, and professional services provider was created in 2007 through a management buyout from Fortis Intertrust. Under new management it grew into an international provider with over 200 staff spanning seven global offices with an unbroken record of financial success. During 2018, a plan was established to ensure continuity for the business, its employees, and clients. The culmination of that plan is a secondary MBO and the appointment of a new group CEO, David Hudson.

Formerly the Group Business Development Director, David has been on the board since 2011 and has been one of the driving forces behind the business' impressive annual growth.

He commented: "This next step in the story of SMP is about two things: continuity and opportunity. In the many areas in which we excel, our clients, employees, and suppliers can expect continuity from board members who have been pivotal to our past successes. In the areas where we can still break new ground, we will continue to create and seize opportunities with the professional energy and creativity for which we have long been known. The backing we have secured gives us the opportunity to further invest in our people, culture and brand and will facilitate a more aggressive growth strategy that harnesses the inherent skills and capabilities of our highly talented team."

Other additions to the group board following regulatory approval include Anne Baggesen, Ian Begley, Daniel Cadamy and Ted Pepper. Steve McGowan will remain as a Non-Executive Director and Stephen Turner continues as CEO of the Caribbean Region, who along with David represent continuity from the previous generation.



► Group CEO David Hudson with Chairman Steve McGowan

Steve McGowan, Group Chairman, commented: "We have built a business we can be extremely proud of, so I am beyond pleased to see it pass to talented leaders within the company who have been with us for a significant part of our journey. This will allow SMP to retain its distinctive character and offering in the marketplace. David is the ideal person to keep us moving along our unique path of success; we couldn't be leaving the business in better hands."

The buyout was undertaken with the support of Palatine Private Equity LLP, a UK mid-market private equity house, based in Manchester, United Kingdom.

Partner, Andy Lees commented: "SMP is a business with a visionary leadership team, an entrepreneurial culture, and really strong fundamentals. We believe it has huge potential both in its traditional markets and its emerging service offerings. We are looking forward to partnering with the team at this exciting stage in the company's growth." 🌐

Artex Promotion

Artex Risk Solutions Cayman Limited is pleased to announce the promotion of Laura Hurlston (nee McLaughlin) to the role of Client Services Manager effective 1st January, 2019.

Laura joined the current team in January, 2009. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting Control Systems in 2007, a Master of Science degree in Managerial Accounting in 2008, and then gained the qualification as a Certified Public Accountant in 2011. Laura takes personal development seriously and never shirks from taking on a new challenge. She recently earned the Associate in Captive Insurance (ACI) designation through the International Center for Captive Insurance Education (ICCE), after studying for one year only while working full time.

Artex congratulates Laura on this milestone in her career!

Laura is very excited about her promotion. In her words, "It has been a privilege to contribute to the success of Cayman's Captive Insurance industry. It is an honour to work with the talented members of the Artex team and I look forward to adding more value to the team in my new position."

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► Laura Hurlston

ALL EYES ON GUYANA

Guyana is on the threshold of a major economic transformation as new oil discoveries continue to be made in its waters with startling regularity.

Explorations led by the American conglomerate ExxonMobil are projecting Guyana as a potential major player in the global oil industry given the vast quantities of oil deposits being located in its coastal waters.

Already its projected that in the coming years Guyana could become second

to neighbouring Brazil in oil production in Latin America, displacing its other neighbour Venezuela with whom it has a contentious relationship.

Venezuela, irrespective of which government is in power in Caracas, has had a long-standing claim to almost two-thirds of Guyana including some of the areas now being explored as lucrative oil fields.

The dispute is being arbitrated at the International Court of Justice via the United Nations.

Venezuela which has the world's largest oil reserves has been unable to reap the economic benefits due to internal political strife which has just about crippled its economy.

Guyana would be mindful of that.

While its oil reserves are estimated in the region of 13 million barrels and Venezuela's at 300 million barrels, Guyana's reserves still put it in the top 20 and just about tied with Brazil ranked at 14th.

But as seen with Venezuela and some other countries with considerable oil reserves, converting that into actual lucrative production and then reaping the economic



and social benefits, sometimes tend not to go hand in hand.

That is the big challenge for Guyana. Regarded in the 1960s as the 'breadbasket of the Caribbean' due to its then buoyant agriculture sector, Guyana saw that industry, its economy and regional status decline due to a combination of internal ideological shifts, poor economic management - and meddling by external powers.

At present, the country is navigating through a political turmoil that is putting its democratic organs to the test. A controversial motion of no-confidence

against the government of President David Granger has been upheld by an appeals court ruling.

Elections expected to be held in March due to the outcome of the no-confidence motion, are now being rescheduled to allow more time for preparation.

The handling of this political crisis up to this point shows that Guyana's democracy is intact and quite capable to respond to such challenges.

But bigger challenges loom.





► Programme coordinator Annette Murphy welcomes students and participants to the programme



► Student teams meet and get to know the business owners for the first time



► Marilyn Conolly, Executive Director of LIFE and programme participants, gives a vote of encouragement and thanks to the students

Small Businesses Receive Free Advice

Owners of small business will receive free and confidential advice to solve a business problem thanks to the Student Consulting Programme.

The Student Consulting Programme, which kicked off its 11th year on Wednesday, 6 February, partners small businesses with upper-level business students of the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI). It is a joint partnership between the Ministry of Commerce, UCCI and Cayman National Bank (CNB).

A total of eighteen students, including one student in Cayman Brac, and five small businesses will participate in this year's programme. Students will work to provide advice to business owner with the aim of helping the business solve a particular problem or reach a specific goal.

"Small business are a vital part of our local economy and ensuring small business owners receive the support they need is one of the most important priorities for my Ministry," notes Minister for Commerce, Hon. Joseph Hew.

Mr Hew adds "This programme is just one way in which the ministry is working to encourage and develop businesses."

UCCI Programme Coordinator, Annette Murphy, says the programme is a benefit to all parties "The reason this programme is so successful is that it everyone involves takes away something valuable. Business owners gain free consultation and are able to move



► Students, business owners, programme coordinator and programme sponsors gather together for a group photo

their company forward, and students get to put their knowledge to practice."

This year marks a new milestone for the programme, as a non-profit organisation, Literacy is for Everyone (LIFE), participates for the first time.

"The civil society sector provides community enhancement that helps us become a well-rounded society and help grow the economy. By helping a charity grow, these students are helping issues that impact our community," notes Marilyn Conolly, Executive Director of LIFE.

"Our charity is ready to grow to be a bigger more vibrant charity that can

solve this problem of illiteracy, and we hope that by participating in the programme we can become a lot more efficient in how we deliver our services," she adds.

Gueva Richards, a student participating in this year's programme says she is excited to get started. "I hope to gain more insight into what it takes holistically to form and operator a business to be prosperous. This programme is beneficial because it helps take what we are learning and translate into the working world."

The lessons learned and progress made by both students and business

owners is what drives CNB to continue to support the programme.

"At CNB we value the opportunity to help our community grow. We are particularly fond of this programme because it's supporting small businesses and is focused on our young people's education. We're happy to see the programme reach its 11th year and excited to see the future successes it will bring to all the participants," comments Lisha Ferguson, CNB Marketing Assistant.

The Student Consulting Programme will run for 10 weeks.

Hundreds turnout to help raise thousands for Cuban Victims

Thanks to the generosity of the Cayman Islands community, an independent group of concerned Cuban-Caymansians as well as people with Cuban ties, will be able to bolster on going recovery efforts of some families across affected municipalities of Havana City, Cuba. These families were left homeless, after an F4 tornado ripped through the Cuban Capital on January 28, killing 4, injuring 197 and wreaking havoc on the city's infrastructure.

On Saturday a garage sale was held at the main Tortuga Rum Company compound in industrial park, to raise funds to help these victims. They sold a wide assortment of items including clothing and shoes for men, women and children, furniture and appliances, paintings and many more items; all of which we received in donations form the community during the 7 days leading up to the sale.

"Our team was in place before the crack of dawn and so were eagle eyed customers looking to score a deal which in-turn meant helping the Cuban families," said organizers of the event. "We opened at 7:00 AM and by 2:00 PM when we packed up, almost 80 percent of the items were sold," they added. The unsold items will now be donated to the Cayman Islands Red Cross.

Passers-by who could not stop to browse our selection were still keen to show support, from pennies to hundred-dollar banknotes and every bill in between, we collected more than a thousand dollars in donations that day.

"Everyone loves a happy ending," said one of the organisers, "but for us the



story behind the success is what's really heart-warming. Tortuga Rum Company opened their warehouses for us to store donations, provided trucks to collect and transport the donations and a place to host the garage sale, free of cost. They then made a financial donation as well. Saxon Motor Insurance stepped up as well and donated CI \$500.

Including the road side collections, a total of USD 6,669.75 was raised during the garage sale. That money will now go towards, assisting victims focusing on elder with no family assistance, single mothers with no alternative resources and the physically or mentally impaired.

"We knew we could count on the generosity of the Cayman Islands community. We put the call out on behalf of our Cuban brothers and sisters in need of help and the true Caymankind spirit of the people who live here rose above and



beyond as they all ways do," said a co-organiser.

We would like to express our most sincere gratitude to the following sponsors:

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- Moreover, all the organizers of the event that work so hard to make this happen.

While their part in Cayman has almost come to an end the road to recovery for our Caribbean brethren is far from over, now through brethure means they will distribute the funds to help rebuild the homes and lives of those afflicted by the deadly twister.





▶ Artist Randy Suckoo Chollette sits under his Amen painting



▶ Artist Al Ebanks with his Nature Rule triptych



▶ Artwork by Al Ebanks



▶ Artist Renate Seffer with Calm and the Chaos

National Gallery's first ever biennial launches

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Marc Laurenson, Maureen Lazarus, Chris Mann, Rory Mann, Sarah McDougall, Claire Musser, Pascal Pernix, Pippa Ridley, Brandon Saunders, Renate Seffer, Gordon Solomon, Nasaria Suckoo Chollette, Scott Swing, Marianna Szekeley, Jeremy Walton, Avril Ward and Marcie Wood.

National Gallery Director and Chief Curator Natalie Urquhart said the event created an exciting new platform for contemporary art in the Cayman Islands.

"In launching this Biennial, the National Gallery seeks to encourage artists to challenge the boundaries of art and to critically engage with their surroundings. Every other year, NGCI will, through this recurring exhibition, endeavour to showcase the high-calibre of work currently practiced in the Cayman Islands and recognise the very best of Cayman's artistic talent through a competitive awards process," she explained.



▶ Artist John Broad and Leaf Blower in Paradise



▶ Artist Nasaria Suckoo with her Becoming Again installation

As well as featuring in the Biennial, the artists were also competing for an award, named the Bendel Hydes Award, in honour of Caymanian artist Bendel Hydes in recognition of his distinguished 45-year career. This award will be presented to the artist whose work a jury of local art specialists considers the most accomplished in this year's exhibition in terms of technical and conceptual strength, and originality. The prize is \$5,000 and an opportunity to develop a solo exhibition at the Gallery. In addition, there will be an Emerging Artist Award presented to an artist under 30, which will provide them with a developmental grant towards a residency pro-

gramme or related training. The panel of judges will be examining all the artwork over the next few weeks to make their final judgement in these two prestigious awards.

"These awards have both been developed to provide much needed grant support for artists at both the established and emerging level," Natalie said. "We hope to see it inspire more such opportunities moving forward."

For a brilliant insight into the creative minds of some of Cayman's most accomplished contemporary artists, this exhibition is well worth a view. Cross Currents runs until 4th May, 2019. 🌐



▶ Artist Chris Mann with his Soul Cage piece



▶ National Gallery Director Natalie Urquhart

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



ONE WISH- PROVERBS 8:11

If you asked about 100 people what they would choose if they had one wish, there's no doubt that most would pick worldly things. The answers would probably be huge sums of money, unbelievably expensive cars, and massive dream homes. Would anyone ever choose WISDOM? Yet this verse is clear that wisdom is what we should seek, not anything this world has

to offer. The individual who seeks the wisdom of God and applies it to his life has infinitely more than the person who gains wealth.

King Solomon wrote that having wisdom is better than the world's most precious jewels. He even went so far as to say that nothing that can be desired on this earth can compare to Godly wisdom. Which path will you choose? 🌐

CHOOSE GOD- PROVERBS 8:36

It would be an understatement to say that God takes sin very seriously. He takes it so seriously that He went to extreme measures to provide a way out of it. But He is loving and gracious and does not force us to follow Him or His ways. He allows us to make our own choices, whether good or bad.

The wisdom of Proverbs tells us here that those who sin against God are in reality choosing to harm their own souls. Yes! And those who choose to hate God by

disobeying His ways and call to holy living are inevitably choosing to love death. When we take these choices to their logical conclusion, these are harsh words, and yet they are absolutely true.

There's an argument that many cultural Christians fell they can live the way they want and still love God. Nope! Impossible! Can't have it both ways. You see how we live truly demonstrates whether we are choosing God or not. 🌐

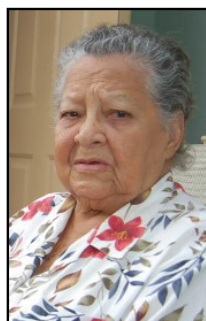
OBITUARIES

The Family of the Late **Cynthia Luella Ebanks** regrets to announce her passing on Sunday, 10 February, 2019.

A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. Sunday, 17 February, 2019 at George Town Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Interment will follow in Prospect Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at www.boddenfuneralservices.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Desmond Oleiston McLaughlin, who passed away on Thursday January 24, 2019.

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at William Allen McLaughlin Civic Centre, East End, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Viewing: 1:00-1:45p.m.

Interment at: East End Cemetery.

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Another Stalwart of Jamaica's Opposition Party is Murdered

The opposition People's National Party (PNP) is grieving the loss of a second member in just a week after a former councillor was killed in her house yesterday, only eight days after one of its Members of Parliament was found dead, also at home.

Marjorie 'Madge' Morris was fatally shot at her residence on Albion Boulevard in Yallahs, St Thomas. Police said neighbours reported hearing explosions around 6:30 a.m., and when lawmen responded to the call, the 67-year-old PNP stalwart was found with multiple gunshot wounds, on her kitchen floor.

Morris, who previously served as councillor for the White Horses Division in the St Thomas Municipal Corporation, was murdered as the PNP still tries to come to grips with the brutal killing of MP for East Portland Dr Lynvale Bloom-

field, whose body was found with multiple stab wounds on February 2.

In a statement issued after Morris' killing, PNP General Secretary Julian Robinson said the murder had shocked and saddened the party.

He said it had "compounded the dampened spirit and sorrow among the entire membership of the organization who are preoccupied with the burial arrangement of Dr Bloomfield".

"The killing of the former Councillor and PNP activist continues a catalogue of wanton acts of criminality across the country that leave too many individuals and families in mourning and rob the community and the nation of its best talents," Robinson said.

"The PNP continues to maintain that no Jamaican should have to face this

viciousness in their own country. We, therefore, urge the security forces to do what is necessary to bring the perpetrators to justice. However, more importantly, we call upon anyone with information who can assist the police within the investigation, to provide whatever information known so that those responsible for Madge's murder can be apprehended and brought to swift justice."

The PNP also expressed concern that that the Andrew Holness administration has cut back on security assigned to former ministers of government.

"It is particularly troubling that while we are experiencing vicious attacks on our elected or former elected officials, and heightened level of threats, the government has proposed to withdraw or



► Marjorie 'Madge' Morris was found at her residence with multiple gunshot wounds yesterday. (Photo: Facebook)

minimize the security details of former ministers of government," it said.

The PNP has partnered with Crime Stop to offer a J\$500,000 (US\$3,667) award for information leading to the arrest of his killer(s). [📍](#)

Barbados PM: More Public Sector Layoffs Coming

Workers at state-owned enterprises are being put on notice that there are still more layoffs to come as Government seeks to manage a huge wage bill.

"We've sent home so far just about 1,000 [people]," Prime Minister Mia Mottley said yesterday on a radio call-in programme on Starcom Network.

"There are still a few more layoffs, what I call the peak structural layoffs, to come in one or two state-owned enterprises."

The Prime Minister said the additional layoffs will come during Phase three of the Government's restructuring programme for the Barbados economy.

"Phase three starts in April this year and goes to December 2020 to deal with some of those State-owned enterprises that require a greater amount of time

and process to go in and do what has to be done so that you don't end up without the services that have to be delivered," Mottley said.

Noting that Government's entire wage bill was BDS\$780 million (US\$390 million), she said about 10,000 people would have been placed on the bread-line if her administration had not undertaken the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation Plan (BERT).

"No wonder you heard the former Governor of the Central Bank talking about sending home about 5,000 or 6,000 people... But imagine what would have happened if we'd sent home five times that [1,000], if you have the kind of crying and dislocation that we've seen, legitimately so, from what we sent home," Mottley said. (Barbados Today) [📍](#)



Declining Birth Rate Worrying Health Authorities in Barbados

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has expressed concern about the declining birth rate in Barbados over the last decade.

Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr Kenneth George says that since 2007 Barba-

dos has recorded a 15 per cent decline in births, with a drop from 3,258 births in 2007 to 2,346 births in 2017.

Describing the situation as "worrying", he said: "Declining birth rates, coupled with an ageing population, will have a significant impact on our ability to project for the future requirements of national development."

Because of this, Dr George said, the Ministry of Health and Wellness would be starting a national dialogue on the issue.

The pursuit of a national solution, he explained, would involve a multi-sectoral approach, including ministries and agencies

such as the Ministries of Youth and Community Empowerment, Finance and Economic Affairs, and People Empowerment and Elder Affairs, and the National Insurance and Welfare Departments.

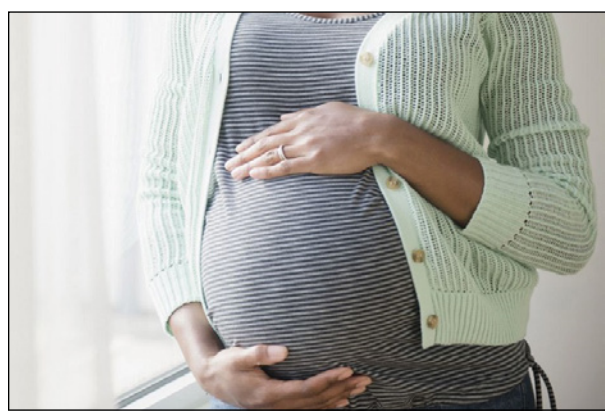
The Chief Medical Officer also revealed that funds had been allocated for the implementation of a national plan of action on neonatal health in Barbados. He said that plan would provide for strengthening and investment in antenatal care, support for safe and incident-free childbirth and quality medical care in the first four weeks of an infant's life.

"The way forward in improving perinatal and neonatal care in Barbados and the rest of the Caribbean seems to lie in



► Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr Kenneth George says there will be national dialogue on the issue.

improving the quality of care, which can be achieved by providing training for staff in neonatal intensive care methods," Dr George said. [📍](#)



POLICE NEWS

George Town Man Arrested on Drug Offenses Following Search in Prospect Last Friday

On Friday, 8 February, Joint Task Force officers from the RCIPS and Customs and Border Control conducted a search at an address on Mahogany Way in Prospect under the Misuse of Drugs Law. During the search, a quantity of suspected ganja in plastic

bags, drug paraphernalia, and over \$3000 cash were seized. A man, age 37 of George Town, was arrested on suspicion of possession of ganja and possession of criminal property. He is currently on Police bail as investigations continue. [📍](#)

Woman Charged For Drug Offenses Following Search in East End

On Thursday, 7 February, RCIPS officers executed a search at an address off Sea View Road in East End under the Misuse of Drugs Law. During the search a significant number of parcels of suspected ganja (over 100) were recovered, along with a quantity of cash

and drug paraphernalia. A woman, age 24 of East End was taken into custody at the location.

She has now been formally charged with Possession of Ganja with Intent to Supply and Possession of Criminal Property. [📍](#)

Robbery in George Town This Morning

Shortly after 12:30 on Tuesday morning, 12 February, officers responded to a report of a robbery at an address on Greenwood Drive in George Town. It was reported that a man had been outside his home when he was approached by a masked male who appeared to be carrying a gun, and who demanded his phone. The man threw a bag at the culprit and quickly entered his residence. The culprit attempted to follow but was

unable to gain access. When the man looked outside again, the culprit had left the location. The bag, which contained personal items, was also missing.

The suspect was wearing a dark, long-sleeved shirt, dark pants, and a mask.

The matter is currently under investigation and anyone with any information is asked to contact George Town CID at 949-4222. [📍](#)

Joint Police and DoA Operation Last Friday Yields Arrest in Connection with Cockfighting

On Friday 8 February, police and animal welfare and control officers from the Department of Agriculture conducted an operation at an address on Brushwood Way in Bodden Town in response to concerns from the community about disturbances and illegal activities being carried out there.

During the operation, six roosters that appeared to be used for cock fighting were seized by officers from the Department of Agriculture, as well as implements used for cockfighting.

A 44-year-old-man of Bodden Town was arrested on suspicion of Animal Cruelty and subsequently bailed pending further investigations into the matter.



► Roosters suspected to have been used in cockfighting were removed by DoA during the operation

The investigation is being carried out by the RCIPS with the assistance of the DOA. [📍](#)

George Town Man Charged with 12 Offenses Including Arson and Assaulting Police

A man, age 21 of George Town, has been formally charged with 12 offenses including:

- Two counts of Causing Fear or Provocation of Violence, in relation to incidents on 5 and 13 October, 2018;
- Dangerous Driving, Driving Without Being Qualified, Driving Without Insurance, and other traffic offenses, in relation to an incident on 13 October, where he attempted to evade police in an unlicensed and unregis-

tered vehicle;

- Arson, in relation to an incident on 13 October where the above-mentioned vehicle was set on fire;
- And Resisting an Arrest, Escaping Lawful Custody, and Assaulting Police, in relation to an incident on 2 February, where he fled from officers attempting to arrest him, and assaulted an officer in the process.

He was scheduled to appear in court on Monday 11th February. [📍](#)

GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Canada to take Libyan refugees

Canada has announced it will take in 750 refugees from Libya, some rescued from migrant detention centres.

Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen said that Canada has already resettled more than 150 people, with another 600 anticipated to arrive in the next two years.

Two years ago, CNN revealed video footage that showed migrants being sold into slavery in Libya, some for as little as \$400 each. It caused an international outcry, with the UN Security Council condemning the sale of migrants as "heinous abuses of human rights."

Announcing Canada's move, Mr Hussen said: "In 2017, the world was shocked to see the harrowing images of people being sold into slavery in Libya."

"In response to the situation, Canada was one of the few countries to step up to work with the UNHCR (the UN refugee agency) to resettle these refugees directly from Libya and offer them a new home in Canada."

He added that Canada would also resettle 100 refugees from Niger, rescued from Libyan migrant detention centres, including victims of human smuggling.

Libya is a major transit point for migrants from Africa on their way to Europe. But they are vulnerable to exploitation, and as well as being sold into



▶ Canada has welcomed some Libyan slaves

slavery some have been abducted and tortured to extort a payment for their release.

There are an estimated 4,900 refugees and migrants still held in Libyan detention centres, including 3,600 in need of international protection, according to UNHCR.

"They're enduring nightmarish conditions," a spokesman for the agency said.

"The use of detention is routine for people intercepted and rescued at sea, but there have been widespread reports of human rights violations, detainees being given insufficient food, insufficient access to healthcare, as well as allegations from former detainees of torture and sexual assault taking place." 🌐

Even oil workers fleeing Venezuela

Venezuela's economy is in such a dire state that even workers in its oil-rich industry are emigrating to find a better life.

Venezuela was once one of the world's top five oil exporters, pumping 3.5 million barrels a day in 1998 when President Hugo Chavez was elected and launched Venezuela's Bolivarian revolution. Today, the state-run oil company PDVSA produces less than a third of that. Critics blame corruption and years of mismanagement by the socialist government.

Even worse, production is about to sink even further due to fresh sanctions by the Trump administration targeting PDVSA that have essentially cut off Venezuela from its Houston-based cash-cow, Citgo, with the aim of depriving President Nicolas Maduro of more than \$11 billion in exports this year.

Nieves Ribullen, a Venezuelan oil worker sick of struggling to get by as his country falls apart, is betting it all on Iraq's far-away Kurdish region to give his family a better life.



▶ Venezuelan oil workers are fleeing the country too

Over the years he's watched dozens of co-workers abandon poverty wages and dangerous working conditions at the rundown complex of refineries in Punto Fijo on Venezuela's Caribbean coast for jobs in far-flung places like Kuwait, Angola and Chile.

Now it's his turn. Leaving his wife and three children behind, he'll soon ship out to Iraq's semi-autonomous northern Kurdish region, where he expects to earn more than \$3,500 a month — a fortune compared to the less than \$20 he brings home monthly in increasingly unstable Venezuela.

"I only earn enough to buy a kilo of meat and one chicken each month," Ribullen said. "We're in chaos." 🌐

Former Honduras president 'diverted \$1m'

The latest in a series of investigations involving former Honduras President Porfirio Lobo, his family and associates for corruption and drug trafficking pits the Attorney General's Office directly against Lobo as it investigates him for diverting public funds.

On February 4, the National Anti-Corruption Council submitted accusations against Mr Lobo to the Special Prosecution Unit Against Impunity for Corruption which is part of the Attorney General's Office. He is accused of misappropriating as much as \$1 million in government funds.

The funding was supposed to be used for implementing social programs

managed by the board of directors of the National Children's Trust. However, the former president and former first lady, Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo — who is currently in pretrial detention — allegedly diverted the money in a series of withdrawals in June 2013 to pay for "presidential security".

In response, Mr Lobo held a press conference during which he said a journalist friend of his had already informed him of the investigation shortly before the anti-corruption council went public with it. He added that the accusations came from "pressure from above" and that he "would never take a cent from the poor." 🌐



▶ Former Honduras President Porfirio Lobo

Cuba to host British Royals

Cuba is to receive a visit from members of the British Royal Family for the first time in its history.

The Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall are to make a historic visit to Cuba within the next two months.

The couple will visit the Communist state as part of their tour to the Caribbean although it has not been officially confirmed by Prince Charles' office.

Baroness Hale, the President of the Supreme Court, said that she had been speaking to Camilla about the trip.

Lady Hale said: "They are not only going to the Anglo Caribbean, they are going to Cuba as well. She is very much looking forward to going to Cuba. It will be quite an event for members of the Royal Family to visit Cuba."

The forthcoming visit which would have been unthinkable just a few years ago. No British Royal has been to the Communist state before, as it has been considered too politically sensitive.



▶ Prince Charles and Camilla will visit Cuba soon

In 2016, Barack Obama became the first US president to visit Cuba since 1928 - ending the official hostility that was US-Cuba relations for more than half a century.

Mr Obama spent three days in the capital Havana, but to date, no British prime minister has ever been there.

Cuba, just 90 miles south of the American coastline in Florida, was run as a dictatorship under the rule of Fidel Castro for nearly five decades.

Castro led a rebel army to victory in 1959 and stood down only in 2008 in favour of his younger brother Raul. 🌐

Architect wants black UK museum

Celebrated UK architect Sir David Adjaye has called for a "long overdue" museum celebrating black culture in Britain.

He believes it would help generations of black children to feel part of "the language, DNA and roots" of the UK.

He explained that the contribution of black people to the British Isles was an important talking point.

The British-Ghanaian achieved global fame as the architect of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture in Washington DC.

Sir David said that most people believe black Britain began with the Windrush generation, but it actually started much earlier. The Windrush generation refers to those people who moved to the UK from Caribbean countries between 1948 and 1971.

Records suggest that the reign of Queen Elizabeth I from 1558 to 1603 saw the beginning of Britain's first black community, with black people in Britain as far back as the Roman empire.

The museum that Sir David is proposing would aim to make generations of black children feel like they have a place in the nation's future.

He said: "It is really amazingly important for the representation of people in the sort of cultural tropes of the nation."



▶ Sir David Adjaye wants a black British museum

Sir David, who found it difficult to get commissions at the beginning of his career, started out designing spaces for old art school friends before coming to public attention with the Idea Store library in east London.

He is currently designing a national Holocaust memorial and learning centre next to the Houses of Parliament in Westminster.

Individual museums around the UK have celebrated black British history and culture over the years with exhibitions of their own. 🌐

Philippines remittances drop drastically

The Philippines stands to lose as much as \$1.5 billion worth of remittances due to the decrease in the deployment of overseas Filipino workers, particularly to the Middle East due to declining global oil prices.

Emmanuel Geslani, a labour and migration expert, said the administrative order issued by the Department of Labour and Employment to the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration would reduce the number of job orders for household service workers for the Middle East starting this quarter.

Labour Secretary Silvestre Bello last month directed the POEA to reduce by 10 percent the accreditation of foreign recruitment agencies as well as the number of employment contracts especially in Saudi Arabia and Middle East countries.

Mr Geslani said the directive would have a severe impact on the deployment of household service workers to the Middle East by 30,000 workers as recruitment agencies deploy around 300,000 workers annually.



▶ Filipino workers in Saudi Arabia are finding less work

"Around 80,000 to 100,000 jobs for OFWs will be lost due to the precarious financial situation of Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries due to lower crude oil prices that includes the reduction of household service workers to that country," he said.

Latest data from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas showed personal remittances consisting of cash and non-cash items that flow through both formal or via electronic wire and informal channels such as money or goods carried across borders rose 2.9 percent to \$29.06 billion from January to November last year. But that figure is expected to decrease drastically in coming months. 🌐

Gabriel taints Windies glory

West Indies may have won the Test series 2-1 against England but the biggest talking point is why fast bowler Shannon Gabriel has been charged by the International Cricket Council following an incident with England captain Joe Root.

Gabriel was warned by the umpires for the language he used on day three of the third Test in St Lucia.

Root responded to a comment from the 30-year-old Trinidadian by saying: "Don't use it as an insult. There's nothing wrong with being gay." At least they shook hands after the game.



► Shannon Gabriel is being charged by the ICC.

Former England captain Nasser Hussain and football pundit Ian Wright have led praise for Root. On Tuesday, as he ran in to bowl his first spell, some in the crowd jeered. Now pundits and fans have taken to social media to praise his forward-thinking actions, with Hussain describing Root as a role model.

Hussain said: "I don't know who said what to whom... but boy do I applaud Joe Root's reaction here. For me his twelve words as a role model will be in the end more important than a Test hundred or possible victory."

Former footballer and current BBC pundit Ian Wright said simply: "Joe Root. Well played and well said sir."

Cricket fans also praised Root for his inclusive response, with one calling him a 'top man' and another a 'hero'.

Root has been praised by Stonewall, a leading UK equality charity, for challenging Gabriel.

Kirsty Clarke, director of sport at Stonewall - which campaigns for lesbian, gay, bi and trans equality - said: "Language is really influential and it's great if Joe Root was willing to challenge potentially abusive comments.

"The more players, fans, clubs and organisations that stand up for

equality in sport, the sooner we kick discrimination out and make sport everyone's game.

"Stonewall research shows more than half of British people (58 per cent) believe it's important anti-LGBT language is challenged at live sporting events."

Meanwhile, another talking point was how few supporters were at the Gros Islet ground to watch the West Indies.

"They don't like losers. If you're not winning they're not going to support you." That was the verdict of Lance Gibbs when asked about the lack of local support.

The answer is that West Indies are winning, and came into the third Test with the chance of a whitewash. But the local turnout in St Lucia has probably been the lowest of the series with no more than a few hundred on each day.

Instead, it has felt like a county match with polite ripples of applause greeting the players on the field before the Barmy Army's painful rendition of Jerusalem and the ground DJ spinning cheesy hits to get the Brits singing along. West Indian flavour was confined to the jerk pork.

This England tour does not visit famous venues such as Trinidad, Guyana and Jamaica with their long histories of cricketing excellence. Instead, it is



► Joe Root is being lauded for his response

confined to the tourist holiday islands because the governments of St Lucia, Barbados and Antigua, the three Test venues, helped with staging fees recognising an England tour is worth an estimated \$6 million per day to the local economy.

Guyana, Trinidad and Jamaica opted instead to host matches with India later this year, partly because of their local Indian communities but also because they aim to attract the Indian diaspora in the United States with flights cheaper from America than for British tourists visiting from the UK. 🌐

Westbrook is triple-double king

Oklahoma City Thunder's Russell Westbrook braking a 51-year-old NBA record when he achieved a triple-double in 10 consecutive games puts him in the legendary bracket.

Westbrook registered his 10th straight triple-double on Monday. No other human had ever had more than seven straight triple-doubles in the NBA — Michael Jordan did that once. Westbrook now has 23 triple-doubles on the season, with an outside shot at matching his record 42 triple-doubles from 2016-17. After averaging a triple-double in each of the last two seasons, his figures are even better this campaign.

He tied Wilt Chamberlain's run of nine triple-doubles in a row, set in 1968, on Sunday against Houston Rockets.

The 30-year-old point guard broke the record in Thunders' 120-111 win over Portland Trail Blazers with 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists. 🌐



► Russell Westbrook is in fantastic form

'Spider' is no longer deadly

UFC legend Anderson "Spider" Silva is still fighting at 43 but is now merely a stepping stone for the young guns to notch his name on their records. A decade ago Silva was peerless in the sport, virtually unbeatable and lauded as the UFC's poster boy. But no longer.

That was evident on Saturday as undefeated middleweight Israel Adesanya stepped into the main event spotlight and claimed the biggest scalp of his mixed martial arts career with a unanimous decision victory over Silva at UFC 234.

Nigeria-born Kiwi Adesanya, 29, and the Brazilian legend were originally scheduled to face off in the night's co-main event contest in Melbourne.

They were promoted to the main event of the show after Australian UFC middleweight champion Robert Whittaker withdrew from his fight.

Whittaker was taken to hospital and had emergency surgery on what UFC officials called a "severe abdominal injury".

It forced the cancellation of Whittaker's scheduled world title defence against American Kelvin Gastelum.

Undefeated former kickboxing star Adesanya's fight against the former middleweight champion Silva, who was returning from a two-year hiatus - which included a one-year doping ban, had already been billed as a world title eliminator.

And the pair delivered a thrilling contest at the Rod Laver Arena as they showcased their spectacular martial arts striking techniques.



► Anderson Silva is still competitive at 43

After three rounds of gripping action, Adesanya was unanimously declared the victor with scores of 29-28, 30-27 and 30-27, taking his career record to 16-0.

Adesanya said it was a surreal experience sharing the octagon with one of his idols.

"This is crazy. This is like, for a kid, just to play... If I'm playing basketball, to play against Michael Jordan. This is it for me," he said.

"You guys all play EA Sports. I do this for real - and I do it against the best."

Silva hinted that he may fight one more time in the octagon, if he can get himself onto the fight card for UFC 237 in his home town of Curitiba, Brazil, on 11 May. 🌐

NFL hypocrisy is lamentable

The NFL is being accused of rank hypocrisy for its treatment of Colin Kaepernick compared to players who have been exposed for domestic violence.

Kaepernick can't get an NFL job after exercising his constitutional right three seasons ago to protest social injustice and police brutality by kneeling during the national anthem, but Kareem Hunt hasn't a problem finding employment within a couple of months despite videos capturing his showing and kicking a woman on the floor of a hotel hallway.

The NFL's treatment of Kaepernick and Hunt exposes itself again as a benevolent league to those it believes can advance its bottom line.

Take Eric Reid, for instance. The Pro Bowl safety joined Kaepernick during their days with the San Francisco 49ers in 2016 as the original national anthem protestors. While Kaepernick remains jobless, Reid signed a three-year contract Monday with the Carolina Panthers for \$22 million after struggling to find employment.

Reid told the truth when he informed reporters

that his new deal strengthened the collusion grievance he filed against the NFL last May in conjunction with the players association. According to the grievance, league bosses and owners worked to keep Reid jobless after he was not signed by the 49ers following the 2017 season. He only joined the desperate Panthers in late September when they needed somebody as an injury replacement, but the most ironic fact is that although Reid continues to kneel, Panthers officials decided to concentrate more on his brilliant play in the secondary than his protesting. Just win, baby. The NFL is content to tolerate domes-



► Colin Kaepernick remains ostracised

tic abuse, it seems. No problem if you're Hunt, and you're 23, and you remain a highly productive running back. That's opposed to Ray Rice, whose skills in an NFL backfield were declining in 2014 when a video surfaced of him punching his then-fiancée in a hotel elevator before he dragged her out to the hallway. The NFL chose not to suspend Rice indefinitely until seven months after the incident, but he was reinstated by the federal courts.

It didn't matter, because Rice was already a physical mess along the way to an early retirement. This league makes about \$14 billion per year not to care. How else can you explain the audacity of the Cleveland Browns signing Hunt Monday to a one-year deal with the option of bringing him back the following season as a restricted free agent? 🌐

ALL EYES ON GUYANA

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Venezuela, despite its own problems at home, recently challenged the presence of Exxon Mobil oil research vessels assigned to Guyana, which it claimed were operating within its territorial boundaries.

Guyana rejected that assertion and was adamant that the vessels were in its waters.

The United States chided Venezuela for behaving aggressively, Venezuela in turn accused the US of plotting to destabilise it.

Meanwhile, Venezuela's claim to a large chunk of Guyana - just about the

only thing the opposing political sides in Venezuela seem to agree on - remains unresolved.

Venezuela's domestic political crisis has attracted international attention - and the likelihood of involvement - with major global powers sitting on opposite sides of that country's political divide.

Coincidentally, there is a recent suggestion by the British Defence Minister for Guyana to be considered as the location of a possible post-Brexit UK naval base in the Caribbean. The other suggested location was the British overseas territory, Montserrat.

To what extent that is likely to materialise, remains to be seen. Naval bases

are not built overnight, nor is oil extraction an overnight process, although oil production could start in Guyana possibly within the next year or two by some schedules.

In addition to ExxonMobil, several other major global players in the oil industry are either already in Guyana, or are planning their entry with the hope of cashing in on the petroleum version of the American gold rush.

Among them are the UK's BP, the American Chevron, France's TOTAL, ENI of Italy, and Exxon's partners Hess Oil and Nexen of China.

With so much at stake, diplomatic and commercial interests must be delicately managed to the benefit of not only the investors but also to the national interest of the government and people of Guyana.

As stated recently by Guyana's Director of Energy, Dr Mark Bynoe:

"The real substance of these finds will come when all Guyanese are able to benefit from these discoveries, whether directly and/or indirectly."

The former breadbasket of the Caribbean seems on its way to reinventing itself as the petrol station of the Caribbean with all which that implies...barring any oil slicks.

Curiously Guyana was one of the Caribbean countries which was a beneficiary of the Venezuelan Chavez-era PetroCaribe oil concessions, a diplomatic outreach oiled by, well...oil.

But with Venezuela tottering precariously on the brink of bankruptcy, PetroCaribe has quite literally run out of gas. Might Guyana take up the slack? 🌐

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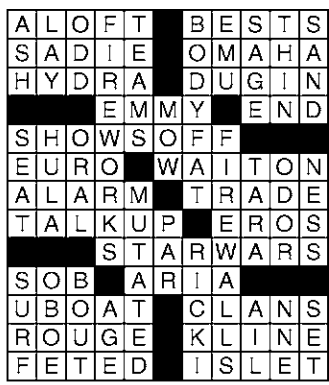
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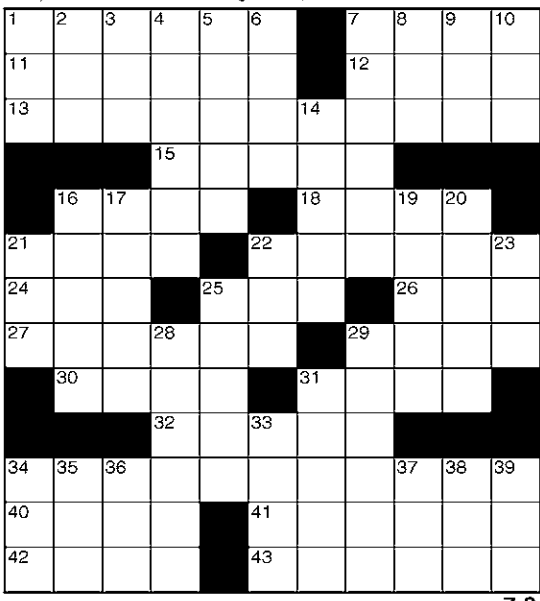
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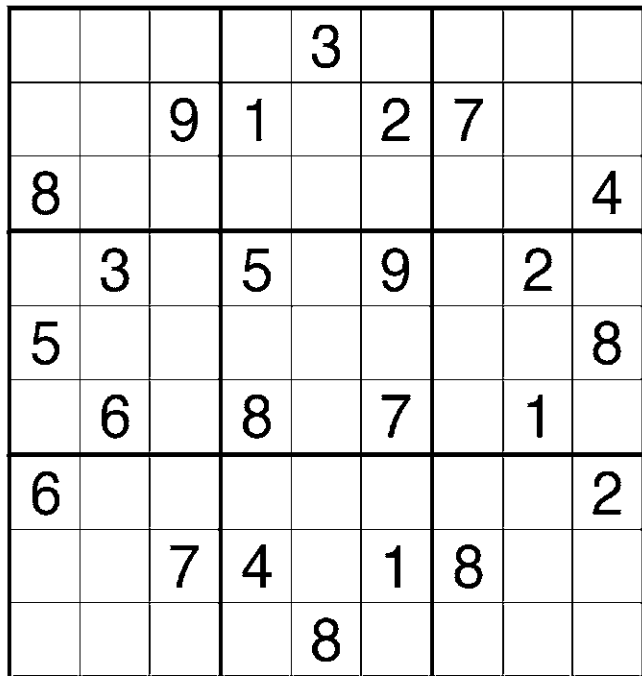


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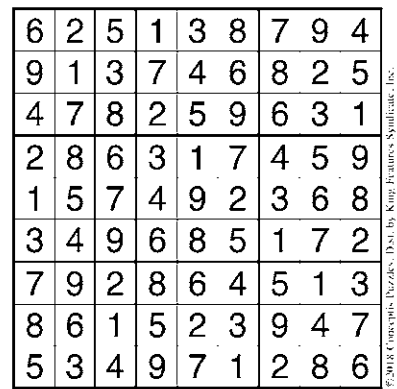
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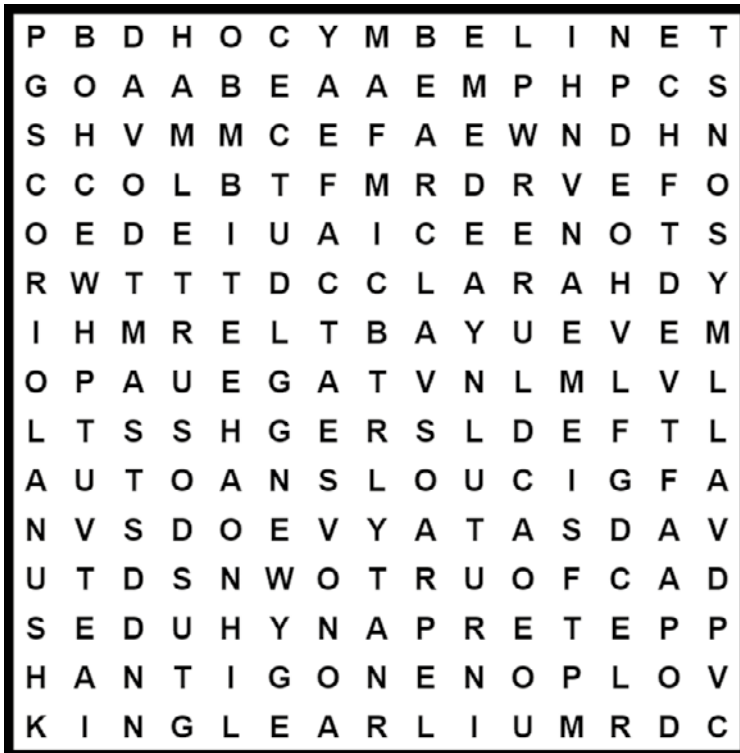
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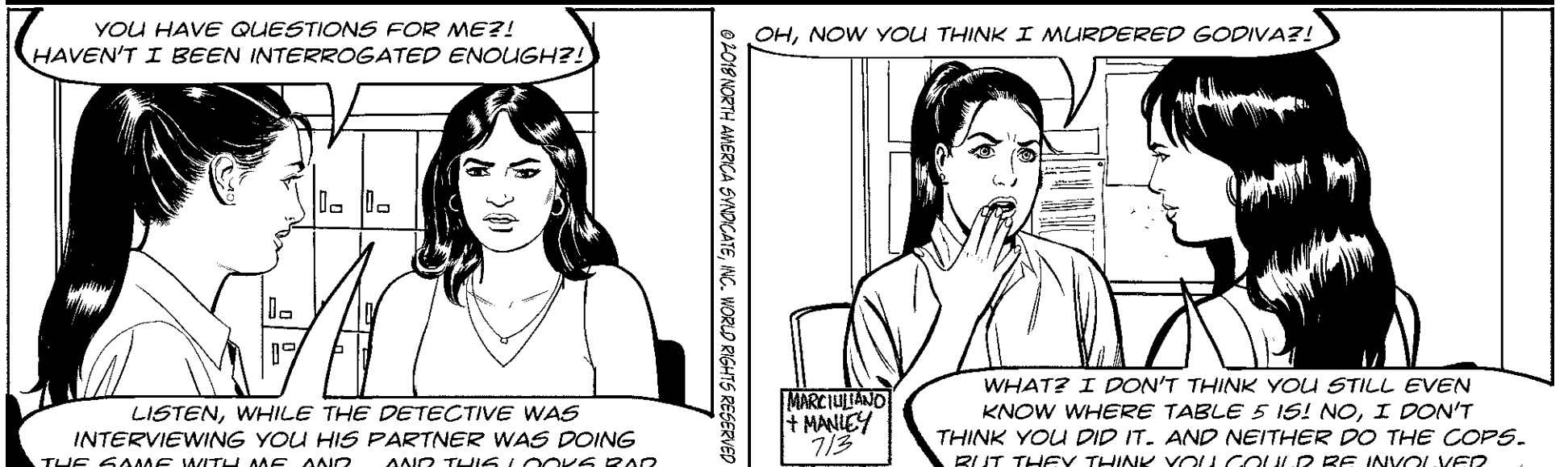
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