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Cayman Queen Returns

After a grueling three weeks of beauty at its best, the exhausted yet exhilarated Miss Cayman Islands Universe 2018 returns to take up where she left of for the remainder of her reign as our National Queen. Caitlin Tyson returned this past weekend from Bangkok, Thailand where she competed in the Miss Universe pageant against 93 other countries around the world. All taken in stride, Miss Cayman Universe had enough time to put things in perspective and has only positive things to say about the experience. "I am so honored to have been given the opportunity to represent my country while standing shoulder to shoulder with the rest of those countries. I learned so much about myself and the world around me and will forever be grateful for that." When asked if she was disappointed that she did not place, her answer was simple. "If I felt

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▶ Traditional rope-making demonstration

Family Fun Day

It was the West Bay's sixth Old Time New Year's Family Fun Day and the Ed Bush Stadium was filled with more things than you could think of. There were not just one, but two big bouncy castles, with lots of children bouncing the day away inside each. Then there were balloon animals, happy Calypso and Soca music, courtesy of award-winning DJ Super C. Then hamburgers, hot dogs, patties, and all manner of tasty treats and all for free.

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EDITORIAL

Becoming a Hero

On Monday, January 28th, the Cayman Islands celebrates its heroes and many awardees and their families will celebrate their achievements at this annual event.

There are many heroes among us, many are mentioned but others are not. We wish to mention our greatest hero our mothers and fathers and encourage our children to be heroes in their own right.

Here are a few attributes of a hero

A) A person noted for courageous acts or nobility of character;

B) A person who, in the opinion of others, has special achievements, abil-

ities, or personal qualities and is regarded as a role model or ideal;

C) A person who demonstrates perseverance, strength and loyalty

D) A person who is proud of whom they have become and treasures their upbringing and heritage

Heroes are found in all classes of society and anyone can be a hero. One of the major responsibilities of a parent is to be a hero for their children so as we celebrate with those that were nominated and accepted by the local administration, we can all be heroes in our own right.

Be a hero today. 🌐



COMMUNITY NOTICE



Public Holidays for 2019 Listed

Public Holidays in the Cayman Islands for 2019, except the Queen's Birthday holiday, are officially confirmed by the Deputy Governor's Office.

The Governor's Office informs the Trooping of the Colour, annual ceremony held to commemorate the Queen's Official Birthday, is likely to be on Saturday, 8 June 2019. Consequently, the official Queen's Birthday public holiday in the Cayman Islands is likely to be Monday, 10 June 2019. Official confirmation is expected in early 2019.

The 2019 public holidays are:

- New Year's Day: **Tuesday, 1 January;**

- National Heroes Day: **Monday, 28 January;**

- Ash Wednesday: **Wednesday, 6 March;**

- Good Friday: **Friday, 19 April;**

- Easter Monday: **Monday, 22 April;**

- Discovery Day: **Monday, 20 May;**

- Queen's Birthday: **Monday, 10 June (UNCONFIRMED);**

- Constitution Day: **Monday, 1 July;**

- Remembrance Day: **Monday, 11 November;**

- Christmas: **Wednesday, 25 December;** and

- Boxing Day: **Thursday, 26 December.** 🌐

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Is a Lesbian Lifestyle Alright With God?

A man said: "I cannot stand to see two men kissing intimately! But two women kissing intimately is alright with me. That doesn't look too bad." That is the view of some persons - men and women alike. What is the view of our Creator, the only true God? (Genesis 1:1; John 17:3) At Romans 1:26 God states: "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." Therefore, God is saying that women who are attracted romantically to each other is doing what is not natural; they are going against the natural way God wants them to be. They are doing something vile, that is, something extremely unpleasant! The very next verse (Romans 1:27) also condemns men having romantic relationships with men. Few verses later, at Romans 1:32, God reveals that those who practise lesbianism (women with women romantic relationships) are "worthy of death." Of course, it is God through Jesus Christ, who will put to death lesbians and homosexuals who deliberately do not change their lifestyle for better before God's day of Judgment comes. No human has the right to harm or kill a lesbian or homosexual. That is God's job, not ours! Thus, lesbianism is not pleasing to God. But God is pleased when lesbians, homosexuals, and others who live immoral lifestyles, change and live a life approved by Him.

Author's name withheld. 🌐



A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE FROM PATRICIA AFFONSO-DASS, PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN HOTEL AND TOURISM ASSOCIATION (CHTA)

As we look back over 2018 and look forward to the New Year, I am reminded of the C.S. Lewis quote: "There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

Our region's rich tourism past and our many successes have served us well, providing a sound foundation for the future.

Looking ahead, I have a real sense of optimism about our opportunities if we learn from the past, stay clearly focused on the future and appreciate the critical importance of reinventing and improving our businesses, our processes and our people. We must be nimble, adaptable and innovative in this era of constant change.

This past year reminded us of how resilient our people and our industry are, as a number of the region's destinations and hotels bounced back from unparalleled destruction in 2017, rebuilding smarter, better and sometimes bigger. We got a peek into the future as over 5,000 new hotel rooms came online regionally in 2018 with over 25,000 more in the construction and planning stages. Existing hotels continue to invest in refurbishments and introducing new services and amenities. We witnessed an unprecedented surge in new airlift into the region, presenting more opportunities to entice travelers to our shores. Investor and government confidence in Caribbean tourism's future was further buoyed as hundreds of millions of dollars were spent on upgraded and expanded airport facilities.

Our glass is half full. Are we pouring or drinking? How do we continually adapt in an era of accelerated change when technology, competition, consumer expectations, economic and political uncertainty and climate change challenge us? These are all external factors over which we have little sway. Or do we?

The 'abundance of opportunity' lies within ourselves. Through our companies, destination DMOs, National Hotel and Tourism Associations, and regional

stakeholder groups like CHTA and the Caribbean Tourism Organization, owners, operators, government partners, and individuals have an even greater capacity to positively and collectively impact tourism's future and our bottom lines. How willing are we to 'give back' in order to 'get back'? Are we as individuals and companies taking 'ownership' in our industry by being engaged and supportive beyond the day-to-day challenges of operating our businesses?

It is amazing what can be achieved through a commitment to cooperation, collaboration, open communication and mutual respect - we have all of the necessary elements in our communities, businesses, governments and destinations to excel and to lead as the world's most desirable tourism region.

Let us in 2019 commit to recognizing and developing talent wherever we see it; to critically assessing our processes in both the public and private sectors to make sure that they facilitate more than restrict; to using all means possible to inform and educate our people about the value and importance of tourism to our region and the critical role that they play in its success; and most importantly, to doing whatever we can to engender a greater sense of pride and care in our people, our environment and our region as a whole. There is great power in the collective. As tourism stakeholders, let's work to better harness this.

I'm so grateful to be surrounded by a corps of volunteers regionally and locally in Barbados who lead by example ... contributing their time, expertise and financial resources to address the many challenges which our industry faces. You've taken 'ownership' and indeed, you've exemplified through your actions that CHTA and your local NHTA are 'My CHTA' and 'My NHTA'. Thank you to all of our great volunteers and supporters!

It's this spirit of giving that helps to remove barriers to business development;



► Patricia Affonso-Dass, President, Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA)

advocates for policies which stimulate rather than suppress our industry's growth and development; supports investments in our people through groups like the CHTA Education Foundation (please make your room donation now to The New York Times Travel Show auction fundraiser if you haven't already); and supports local and regional marketing and public relations efforts to protect and enhance the local and Caribbean brands. These are matters which affect each of us and to which we have a moral and business responsibility to support.

I can only imagine what the present and future would be like if not for the work of our industry's institutions like CHTA. This is what gives me confidence in knowing that indeed there are 'far, far better things ahead'.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Caribbean Travel Marketplace and related events later this January in Montego Bay. I encourage you to register for Marketplace today if you've not already done so.

Best wishes for a fun and prosperous 2019!

Patricia - PD

About the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA)

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) is the Caribbean's leading association representing the interests of national hotel and tourism associations. For more than 50 years, CHTA has been the backbone of the Caribbean hospitality industry. Working with some 1,000 hotel and allied members, and 32 National Hotel Associations, CHTA is shaping the Caribbean's future and helping members to grow their businesses. Whether navigating new worlds like social media, sustainability, legislative issues, emerging technologies, climate change, data and intelligence or, looking for avenues and ideas to better market and manage businesses, CHTA is helping members on issues which matter most.

For further information, visit www.caribbeanhotelandtourism.com. 🌐

Port, family unity, business development and 50-storey buildings 2019 hot topics

By Lindsey Turnbull

Cayman's political leaders released their New Year's messages to residents this week, with Speaker of the House McKeeva Bush hoping for a focus on family life in 2019, as well as calling for the introduction of 50-storey buildings. Leader of the Opposition Ezzard Miller revealed the Opposition's plans to launch a new political movement and Premier Alden McLaughlin spoke about ways in which Government had strengthened Cayman's international stance as far as business opportunities were concerned, looking ahead to the new year.

Focus on family

Capturing a sense of unity among residents was uppermost in McKeeva Bush's mind, and he talked about getting back to basics as far as this subject was concerned, in particular regarding the issue of dysfunctional family units.

"This breakdown causes critical social deficit in our society and family structure. Regardless of our schools

and churches which serve to reinforce basic values, it is within the family that these traits are formed and nurtured. It is in the family unit that behaviour is inculcated and where values of love and tolerance and respect are instilled," he said.

Mr Bush went on to say that Cayman's fortunes for 2019 and beyond would depend to a great extent on how people conducted themselves, how they lived as a community, how they avoided or resolved our disputes, and how they brought up children and took care of the most vulnerable in society.

High rise tourism

Looking to see Cayman's tourism take off even further, Mr Bush said he wanted to see buildings' heights move to 50 storeys – even if only for one building, so that tourism, residential and commercial businesses could "make a mark in the region, so that the wealthiest among the wealthy will work, shop and live there, to set us apart in the region: shopping for the wealthiest, homes and businesses for the wealthiest who want something different."

New political movement

Leader of the Opposition Ezzard Miller also called for unity and harmony among residents and announced the Opposition's plans to launch early in 2019 the Cayman Islands People's Alliance.

"The movement's aim is to sustain and promote the traditions for the harmony on which the success and prosperity



of the Cayman Islands have been built, while seeking to address the needs of all sectors and increasing participatory democracy," he said. "In particular, we are committed to facilitating opportunities for those who are being increasingly left behind or neglected."

Mr Miller also called for a focus on families, saying, "To enable wider access to opportunities and to stem the increasing tide of economic disparity, we will continue to call for greater focus on our families. We must invest boldly in our children's future. Our youth must be equipped to embrace opportunities and conquer the challenges ahead for them."

Mr Miller said this is what it took to build a strong, harmonious, vibrant and productive people, anchored in a maturing sense of national identity.

Cruise port a priority

Premier Alden McLaughlin said his government was moving forward with the delivery of the cruise and enhanced cargo port facilities that, he said, Cayman needed to help secure our economic future.

"At a time when significant economic threats are looming, we cannot and must not turn our backs on \$245 million of net economic benefit, hundreds of construction jobs, and then decades of increasing employment and business opportunities for Caymanians that the cruise berths will bring. Neither can we turn our backs on the opportunity to modernise and enlarge our now outdated cargo port," he explained.

Mr McLaughlin said that recent constitutional talks with the United Kingdom had been very positive and once

completed, they would "put our Islands in the best possible position to govern our own affairs and continue to prosper as a modern, progressive and successful democracy."

Business challenges

The Premier said that the work that government and private sector had done, and the legislation passed in December, would help Cayman avoid blacklisting by the European Union.

But he warned, "the challenges to our financial services sector will not stop here, so we are prepared to continue defending Cayman and our economic pillars wherever we need to."

With the UK going through Brexit, the Premier said in an ever-changing world it was vital to seek out new opportunities to benefit Cayman and protect its future.

"This is why we have increased the engagement done in the UK by our Government office in London over the past two years, as well as direct engagement in Brussels and London by me, my Ministers and other officials," he advised.

He also explained that this was also the reason why government was starting a new Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation, and Maritime Affairs, and would also open a government office in Hong Kong this year make business dealings with Asia easier.

"We will not sit back and hope that business will keep coming our way. We must increasingly fight for it in those markets that are important to us, and to defend Cayman wherever we need to," the Premier remarked.



► Leader of the Opposition Ezzard Miller

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Cayman's Queen Returns

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that we were judged on equal footing, then I might be disappointed, but after being in Thailand for a few days, it was clear that a country with a population of just sixty thousand people would not serve Miss Universe's purpose". But even with those odds, it was hard to deny that Cayman Islands was in the room as reflected by the daily photos and videos featuring Miss Tyson on the Miss Universe website and Facebook page. Cayman Islands made a mark every single day to represent the Cayman Islands. Miss Cayman along with

some of the most beautiful, and intelligent ladies from the Caribbean and Africa, were a force to be reckoned with. Pageant Vlogs everywhere were abuzz with Cayman's representative. Vogue Thailand featured Cayman's national costume and Cosmopolitan magazine named Tyson in the top 5 hairstyles.

"My WIN was the that I stayed true to myself and rocked my natural hair and inspired beautiful girls of colour that what we have is enough and we are beautiful just as we are"! I am so proud of that! In the new year, Miss Tyson plans to work with young women on self-love and acceptance. 🌍



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CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — JANUARY 6 - 12



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Disney Wonder	Island Princess	Disney Magic	Brilliance of the Seas	Caribbean Princess	Empress of the Seas	AIDAluna
	Royal Princess (new)	Carnival Magic	Carnival Horizon	Carnival Dream	Island Princess	Norwegian Escape
	Norwegian Jade	Carnival Freedom		MSC Armonia	Carnival Miracle	
	Costa Deliziosa	Disney Fantasy		Nieuw Statendam	Celebrity Edge	
		Crystal Symphony		Norwegian Breakaway		
				Veendam		
Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers
2,400	10,778	14,104	6,436	17,188	9,553	7,255

COMMUNITY EVENTS

January National Gallery of the Cayman Islands exhibition

1 - 31 January

National Gallery of the Cayman Islands continues its ongoing exhibition of selected photographs by the late Ella Hurlston Latter - The Photographer is Present: Select photographs from the collection of Ella Latter. This showcase tells the life story of the Cayman Islands' first freelance photographer who was born in Nicaragua. The National Gallery is opened Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Call 345 945 8111 for general enquiries.

One Dog Jog - 5K Charity Fun Walk/Run

6 January

Join canine lovers and supporters of "One Dog at a Time" for this fundraising charity event. Event time is 7:00 am and starts at the entrance to Safe Haven. For more information go to info@odaat.ky.

Annual Zak Quappe Scholarship Fundraiser

11- 12 January

Sea 'n' B are back to entertain with music from the Woodstock and Disco era! 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Prospect PlayHouse.

Cooking Class: Cayman-Style Beef

January 12

The National Trust of the Cayman Islands will be holding a Teen &

Adult Cooking Class: Cayman-Style Beef at The Mission House from 10am to 12:30pm. Cost is CI\$25 per person. Contact the National Trust for more details. (345) 749-1121 or info@nationaltrust.org.ky for more details.

CUC 800m Sea Swim

12 January

@4:00pm - The Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association and CUC present the 30th Annual CUC 800m Sea Swim, and associated 400m Sea Swim for those 12 and under. Lots of prizes including 5 Cayman Airways vouchers valued at \$200 each!

Cayman Cookout

16 - 20 January

The world's most talented chefs, culinary influencers and wine and spirit experts will gather January 16 to 20, 2019 at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman for the 11th annual Cayman Cookout. The event, hosted by acclaimed chef Eric Ripert, is an interactive celebration set amid the breathtaking Seven Mile Beach and offering an exciting agenda featuring José Andrés, Emeril Lagasse and other world renowned chefs.

Cayman Carnival Batabano

20 January

Cayman Carnival Batabano welcomes new mas band Kaotic. Join them on IG/Facebook for their live Photoshoot as they launch their 2019 presentation "La Mer" - An Enchanted Island. For more information contact kaoticcayman@gmail.com or call 345 - 925 6151.

Educating Rita at the Prospect Playhouse

24 January - 2 February

See the award winning comedy written by Willy Russel. Twenty six year old Rita is looking at ways to change her social circumstances through going to University where she meets her tutor, Frank, a frustrated poet and academic-an alcoholic and not super interested in taking her on as a student. Show dates and times are January 24,25,26,31 and Feb 1 and 2 Shows at 7:30PM. Happy Hour at 6:30PM. Tickets \$25 Adults \$15 Students Email: boxoffice@cds.ky Website www.cds.ky

Taste of Cayman at Camana Bay

26 January

Cayman's largest culinary celebration. The event has over 45



restaurants, over 5,000 attendees, multiple competitions and over 18,000 portions of food to enjoy. The 2019 event promises to be bigger and better than ever before, celebrating Cayman traditions and a rich culinary heritage through Heavy Cake and Mixology competitions, plus some exciting new features!

Nationwide Stride Against Cancer

27 January

Nationwide Stride Against Cancer on Sunday 27th Jan 2019 6:00AM. The Nationwide Stride Against Cancer is a fundraising event to benefit the Cayman Islands Cancer Society takes place on the last Sunday each January. For more information: Call 345 949 7618 or jennifer@cics.ky

Hatitudo Brunch

27 January

The National Trust will hold its annual ocean-themed Hatitudo

fundraiser at Grand Old House. Look out for more details.

Heroes Day

28 January

National Heroes Day is a public holiday celebrated in the Cayman Islands on the fourth Monday in January. Awards are presented to persons who have made a significant impact to the Cayman Islands.

February

Cayman's Wear Red Day

1 February

February is Heart Month and Cayman's Wear Red Day 2019 is an initiative to help raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and its effects.

Wear Red in your school, workplace and neighborhood and please raise funds for the Cayman Heart Fund. Funds raised support fitness programs, educational sessions and health screening events. For more info: info@cayman-heartfund.com





► Hamburgers being served



► Two bouncy castles

West Bay's Old Time New Year's Family Fun Day

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There were plenty of old-time attractions too, like hopscotch and lime-and-spoon races, and that game where you try to throw a penny in a floating dish. It looked as if the kids liked the old-time things even better than the new. There were traditional arts and crafts going on, with West Bayers Marlena Anglin and Billy Banker were part of a demonstration of thatch rope weaving, using two hand driven rope twisting machines, and a stretch of rope-being-made stretched between.

Governor Martyn Roper was there to meet Elected Member, Hon. Tara Rivers, as well as lots of other West Bay residents. "It's really nice to be able to get the community together and have some fun so I am delighted to be here," he said. Mr. Roper said that some of the traditional games reminded him of

the games he had played when he was growing up.

Hon. Tara Rivers, Elected Member for West Bay South got the tradition going in 2014, and since then, through the help of the hard-working Old Time New Year's Day Organizing Committee, more and more people have come out to enjoy it and volunteer, too. "It is a great way to start the year off. This event brings the entire community together, the young, the young at heart, and everyone in between," she said. "It is important because we want to show our young people how to connect with their cultural heritage. It's also a way to help them learn the traditional arts: we have thatch rope making, we have basket weaving, and we have gig spinning, we've got carvings, we've got the full gamut of our traditional arts here. But it's also important to help the older people reconnect with yesteryear, so you'll notice that all the games are focused on the cultural traditional heritage of the Cayman Islands."

Of course, events such as this don't just organize themselves, and Minister Rivers was quick to praise the dozens of volunteers who had stepped in and given up their time to make the event such a success:

"We've got several dozen volunteers that come up leading up to the week - getting the materials and helping to transport the materials and setting up - to doing the cooking, doing the preparation, doing the servers, as you see, but we also have people at the end of the day to help with the cleanup," she said.

West Bay resident Brent Hydes said: "For me this is the best tool to use for fighting crime in the Cayman Islands. When they do these events, what they do is they bring the community together and all the love and camaraderie in the community." 🌍



► Old time kids' games were a lot of fun



► Governor Martyn Roper (Centre) takes part in the adults' Lime and Spoon race



► Children's lime-and-spoon race

TECH TIMES TODAY

Mobile phones tested and ranked

Cell phone users in the Cayman Islands know their products but being on a Caribbean island user may not know what the latest models are.

So, at the start of a new year, what are the best smartphones available right now? Read on to find out.

We know that it's not all about the high-cost, super spec phones all the time so we've made a handy list of the top smartphones that you can get on the market right now, assessing what really matters to the buyer.

We test these phones rigorously, checking every feature - but most importantly, considering whether they've got a decent battery, great screen, strong design and a cracking camera.

On top of that, they can't be too exorbitant in price either - not everyone wants or can afford a supercar of a handset, so we've made sure there are plenty of options for you there.

1. Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus



The best smartphone around? Certainly, for android fans.

Release date: March 2018

Weight: 189g

Dimensions: 158.1 x 73.8 x 8.5mm

OS: Android 8

Screen size: 6.2-inch

Resolution: 1440 x 2960

CPU: Snapdragon 845 / Exynos 9810

RAM: 6GB

Storage: 64GB/128GB

Battery: 3,500mAh

Rear camera: Dual 12MP

Front camera: 8MP

The Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus is still the best smartphone available right now.

It's a big phone that's designed for big hands - and it takes the very best of what's on the smartphone market and puts it together in a compelling package.

Screen: The Super AMOLED 6.2-inch display has been measured as one of the best around, with super colours, great dynamic range and, essentially, the best viewing experience you can have on a mobile phone.

Battery life: The battery life on the S9 Plus is better than that seen on the smaller S9, thanks to the 3,500mAh battery in the Plus model - although it's probably the weakest part of the phone, not offering as much life as you'd expect.

Camera: The camera on the Galaxy S9 Plus is among the best on the market, and the dual-aperture capability offers some startlingly good snaps when things get a little darker.

Colours can look a tad washed out when the exposure is higher, but the power of the sensor, with memory built into it to make it smarter than most rivals, offers very low-noise shots.

Mini verdict: If you're after a bigger phone with all the features that matter on board, the Galaxy S9 Plus is that and more.

Approx price: \$840

2. Samsung Galaxy Note 9



One of the highest-spec phones on the market.

Release date: August 2018

Weight: 205g

Dimensions: 162 x 76.4 x 9mm

OS: Android 8.1

Screen size: 6.4-inch

Resolution: 2960x1440

CPU: Exynos 9810

RAM: 6/8GB

Storage: 128/512GB (up to 1TB with card)

Battery: 4,000mAh

Rear camera: 12MP + 12MP

Front camera: 8MP

The Samsung Galaxy Note 9 is one of the best phones we've ever tested - and also one of the most expensive. However, for that money you're getting an extraordinary spec list, including the first mainstream phone to offer 1TB of storage and an incredible screen.

Screen: The screen is beautiful. Yes, it's a bit narrow if you're coming from the Note 5 or similar, but the way it wraps around the frame, the smaller bezels and the impressive colour reproduction and brightness make it a real favourite.

Battery life: With 4,000mAh power, the Note 9 has one of the biggest batteries Samsung has ever thrust into a device, meaning it can easily last through the day (plus it has new cooling tech to help it last longer in gaming sessions). You can also charge over wireless easily, and fast charging boots in 17 percent battery in 15 minutes.

Camera: The cameras on Samsung phones are part of the reason they rank so highly on the list - the sheer capability and low light performance is impressive. Photos are more on the colourful side, but there are more AI smarts in the mix to help you get the right shot at the right time.

Mini verdict: It's hard because it does so much and we've not even touched on the new, camera-remote-enabled Bluetooth S Pen. The expansive, quality screen, the battery life and the camera all combine to make this a stunning smartphone... if you can afford it.

Approx price: \$720

3. Huawei Mate 20 Pro



The best Huawei phone to date.

Release date: November 2018

Weight: 189g

Dimensions: 157.8 x 72.3 x 8.6mm

OS: Android 9

Screen size: 6.39-inch

Resolution: 1440 x 3120

CPU: Kirin 980

RAM: 8GB

Storage: 256GB

Battery: 4200mAh

Rear camera: 40MP + 20MP + 8MP

Front camera: 24MP

The Huawei Mate 20 Pro is the best phone from the Chinese firm to date, offering up a heady mix of design, power and performance with a few party pieces thrown in too.

Screen: It builds on the excellent P20 and P20 Pro, offering up even more screen, enhanced triple rear cameras and an in-display fingerprint scanner. It has an extraordinary amount of space for gaming and movies, and its QHD resolution and HDR10 support ensures everything looks great. There is a wide notch at the top of the display though.

Battery life: You'll get great battery life from the Mate 20 Pro, possibly of a day and a half of usage from a single charge.

Camera: The Mate 20 Pro comes with three cameras on the rear, nabbing the excellent 40MP wide-angle and 8MP telephoto lenses from the P20 Pro - but the third sensor is new. It's an ultra-wide 16MP snapper allowing you to cram even more surroundings into each shot.

Mini verdict: The Mate 20 Pro is a full-featured phone for a full-featured price - it even has a few tricks you won't see elsewhere, and more powerful specs than most of its competitors.

Approx price: \$750

4. iPhone XS / iPhone XS Max



The best iPhones Apple has ever made.

Release date: September 2018

Weight: 177g/208g

Dimensions: 143.6 x 70.9 x 7.7mm

OS: iOS 12

Screen size: 5.8/6.5-inch

Resolution: 1125x2436/1242x2688

CPU: A12 Bionic

RAM: 4GB

Storage: 64/256/512GB

Battery: 2658/3174mAh

Rear camera: 12MP+12MP

Front camera: 7MP

Pronounced ten S (like tennis), the iPhone XS and XS Max are the incremental upgrades to Apple's game-changing iPhone X from 2017.

They build on the all-screen, notch-laden, almost bezel-free design with more power under the hood, improved cameras, a new storage option and, in the case of the XS Max, a huge screen and even huger price tag.

Screen: The 5.8-inch OLED screen on the iPhone XS is the same as the one you'll find on the iPhone X, so it's the 6.5-inch offering on the XS Max which is fantastic for video streaming and gaming.

Battery life: It has improved a little on both handsets over the iPhone X, but you'll still find yourself plugging both phones in each night to ensure you'll get through a whole day in the morning.

Camera: The dual camera setup on both the iPhone XS and iPhone XS Max is sensational. The Smart HDR mode makes images even clearer, brighter and more detailed, and Apple's famously intuitive interface makes snapping great shots a breeze.

Mini verdict: If you're after the latest and greatest iPhone, look no further. And if your hands are as big as your bank balance, the iPhone XS Max takes Apple's smartphone to a whole new level with plenty of additional screen space.

Approx price: \$1,120

5. Huawei P20 Pro



An excellent flagship smartphone with top-notch triple cameras.

Release date: April 2018

Weight: 180g

Dimensions: 155 x 73.9 x 7.8 mm

OS: Android 8.1

Screen size: 6.1-inch

Resolution: 1080 x 2240

CPU: Kirin 970

RAM: 6GB

Storage: 128GB

Battery: 4,000mAh

Rear camera: 40MP + 20MP + 8MP

Front camera: 24MP

The Huawei P20 Pro is one of the best phones the brand has ever produced. Even if you've never heard of this brand before, the P20 Pro is a phone that deserves its place among the best brands out there.

Screen: The 6.1-inch display is only Full HD, but that does help with battery life. This is probably one of the weakest parts of the phone, as it lacks the colour reproduction of its rivals, but it does come with a screen protector pre-fitted, which is a nice touch.

Battery life: The Huawei P20 Pro gives a day and half of light to moderate use - it goes down after a full month's effort, filling it with apps.

Camera: The camera is the standout feature on the Huawei P20 Pro, offering three lenses... and they're useful. The resolution is pin sharp thanks to brilliant image stabilisation, the software photo optimisation is excellent and having that 40MP sensor has been boosted well by Leica for good low light performance.

Mini verdict: The main issue you must overcome with the P20 Pro is you might not be familiar with the brand, but not only is Huawei a worthy competitor to Apple and Samsung, but it's the most likely to get the bigger price drops first.

Approx price: \$850

21 reasons to take Action

Today I'm writing to motivate you to take action.

I understand the frustrations that you have when it comes to your body. I know all about your insecurities over the size of your thighs and how hopeless that can feel.

The answer to your body frustrations is to get you up off the couch and into the gym, day after day. So here's my pep talk in bullet form—21 rewards that you will gain from regular exercise.

Do yourself a favor and print this list and post it where you'll see it every day. When you need motivation or encouragement, simply read over this list and take action.

Remember that action alleviates anxiety. So whenever you're feeling anxious over the current shape of your body, take that as a reminder to jump into action. And then begin to reap these 21 rewards of exercise...

1. You'll reset your body: Exercise has been described as a giant reset button. A good workout will block appetite swings, improve your mood and even help you sleep.

2. Your clothes will fit better: Consistent exercise will tone and tighten your body, causing your clothes to not only fit better but to also look nicer. Also exercise ensures that soon you'll be trading your clothes in for smaller sizes.

3. You'll be less stressed: You have enough stress in your life—it's time for a break. A good workout invigorates your muscles, leaving you relaxed and less stressed.

4. You'll have more energy: WebMD tallied research studies and concluded that 90% prove exercise increases energy levels in sedentary patients. Next time you feel fatigued, fight it with the most powerful tool available: exercise.

5. You'll be stronger: Exercise improves muscle strength and endurance, two things that you use throughout each day. When you exercise consistently you'll be pleasantly surprised when difficult tasks begin to seem easy.

6. You'll be less likely to binge: Exercise has a powerful anti-binge effect on the body. This is due in

part by an increase in sensitivity to leptin, a protein hormone, which has an appetite-taming effect.

7. You'll burn calories: You know that excess body fat is made up of stored and unused calories. Fight back by burning loads of calories with fat-blasting workouts.

8. You'll be more confident: Who doesn't wish they walked and talked with more confidence? A consistent exercise program will do just that. As your body becomes more fit, watch as your confidence sky-rockets.

9. You'll have fun: Believe it or not, exercise can be extremely enjoyable. Remember how fun it was to run around as a child? Tap into your inner child as you find a mode of exercise that gets you excited.

10. You'll reduce your blood pressure: Exercise has been proven more effective than medication in reducing blood pressure to normal levels. A single workout has been shown to reduce blood pressure for the day and regular exercise reduces overall blood pressure in the long run.

11. You'll lose the jiggles: Regular exercise tightens flabby arms, legs and waistlines. So wave goodbye to the jiggles with a solid exercise program.

12. You'll increase insulin sensitivity: Researchers at Laval University in Quebec discovered that exercise improved insulin sensitivity dramatically. Peak after-meal insulin levels dropped by more than 20 percent after as little as 3 weeks of consistent exercise.

13. You'll sleep better: Do you toss and turn for hours before falling asleep? Exercise is a powerful sleep aid. Your tired muscles encourage your body to quickly fall asleep so they can get their overnight repair work done.

14. You'll lower your risk of heart disease: Regular exercise strengthens your heart and makes it more resilient against disease. A sedentary lifestyle is a major risk factor for heart disease, so rest assured that consistent exercise is your ally against disease.

15. You'll feel great: Vigorous exercise releases natural endorphins (happy hormones) into your blood stream that dissolve pain and anxiety. You've probably heard of 'runner's high', this can be achieved by any great workout.

16. You'll lower your risk of diabetes: Studies show that exercising as little as half an hour each day can dramatically reduce your risk of diabetes. If you are at risk of diabetes, or already have diabetes, regular exercise is the most effective treatment for reversing the disease.

17. You'll meet cool people: You could benefit from a group of new, energetic friends, right? Gyms, bootcamps, workout centers and even the jogging trail are all great places to connect with fun new friends.

18. You'll improve your BMI: You know that maintaining a healthy BMI is key in disease prevention. Exercise is the best way to keep your BMI under control.

19. You'll increase your endurance: Do you ever get out of breath when walking up stairs or through the mall? Regular exercise builds your endurance for everyday activities.

20. Your doctor will be impressed: How many times has your doctor given you the lecture about losing weight and exercising more? Exercise regularly and get your MD off your back!

21. You'll look amazing: Are you happy with the shape and size of your body? Regular exercise works wonders on your physique. Within a few weeks you'll see shape and tone in all the right places.

Are you ready to alleviate your anxiety by taking action? Good!

Simply pick up the phone and call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com, and let me know that you're ready to get started. I have a fitness plan that's just right for you and together we will get you into the best shape of your life.

Let's do this :) 🌍

YOUR BODY IS SCREAMING

Well the season has come and gone. We have indulged in eating seemingly unrestrained. Many of us have packed on the pounds. Now comes the time for us to reset. DETOX. This has become a modern day phenomenon because we are all on that hectic aspect of life to be healthy.



Detoxification is the process whereby the body removes excess toxins from it. This has been proven to increase energy levels so that you can be upbeat and energized all day. The process is proven to aid long-term weight loss. This occurs when the process removes toxins that are currently interfering with proper metabolic functions. Detoxifying is an extremely healthy habit that should be done at least twice a year, with emphasis on detoxing the liver and colon.

SO HOW DOES THIS PROCESS HELP ME?

BOOSTS ENERGY LEVELS - We can all attest to the fact that we have those regular, sluggish, daily feelings. We feel burnt out and lethargic. Your body is screaming- DETOX! When you do a detox you are reenergizing your cells and therefore you become less sluggish.

REDUCES INFLAMMATION - Diet is an important aspect of the detoxification process. A diet rich in whole foods and packed with phytonutrients will help reduce inflammation from the body which would otherwise lead to a host of health issues.

HEALTHY SKIN - Diet and environmental toxins do impact the health of our skin negatively. Detoxing, therefore, supports the body by removing free radicals and heavy metals from your system. When this happens, you will see the vibrancy of your skin and become the admiration of many.

IMMUNE SYSTEM ENHANCER - After you have completed your process of detoxification, your body would have a better functioning digestive and lymphatic systems. The vibrancy of these two are key to a powerful, balanced and fully enhanced immune system.

So, let this become a routine for your health in the new year.

One of the best DETOX combination available is GREEN DETOX from Sixpackabs for whom I am a distributor. Users are getting fabulous results. If you are interested call me Anthony @3459246837. 🌍

Renewing the focus On Education in 2019: Some Empowering Notes for Teachers

A speech given recently by Mrs. Felicia Robinson, of UWI Open Campus, to the volunteer teachers of the CXC Education Volunteer Programme, places in sharp focus the importance of teachers, at whatever level, and the crucial nature of the educational enterprise.

As we begin the New Year and turn the spotlight more on education, those who teach must be constantly reminded that what they do is priceless and the better they do it, even more so.

What follows is taken verbatim from this excellent speech.

In the capacity as educators you are enriching not just the individual but also indirectly touching and reshaping your community. Through education, you are empowering and propelling students into new heights. Your work with the students enables them to create a new narrative; to vision and reach forward into new possibilities. It creates room for them to sit at

tables where a seat is guaranteed based on academic or professional achievement only. Education opens doors for them to imagine, to tell and rewrite their story, to set goals for new successes, to meet social expectations, to practice reasoning skills, to think logically, listen carefully and expand their participation in society. All of this is what your giving facilitates. It helps the student to step into pathways that will lead towards improved social status and life circumstances.

The aim of an educator is not to clone or reproduce him or herself. Rather, it is to challenge and inspire the student to become their best. The mentoring and teaching of students is intended to support their individual and collective successes. This is the responsibility that you undertake when you sign on to give and invest in the education of others.

I see education is an extraordinary gift that brings limitless possibilities for

personal and professional success. As a three times graduate of the University of the West Indies and graduate from two other Universities in the United Kingdom, I am very much aware of the power and value of an education. Education helps us to advance but education also humbles us. It is true that the more we learn, the more we recognize that there is so much more that we do not know.

Let us be grateful for the privilege of access to a quality education. When I pause and reflect upon the breadth of opportunities that are available to educated individuals, I conclude gracefully that we all have a moral imperative to teach and bring others along with us into the knowledge world. The truth is, the exact outcomes of what our students will become are often unknown to us at the beginning of their education



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

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Davis looks set for Lakers

Anthony Davis looks unlikely to be traded to the Los Angeles Lakers this season as the New Orleans Pelicans want to make a move of their own to strengthen their team.

The Pelicans will be aiming to make a move of their own to help Davis this season.

Davis has been strongly linked with the Lakers this season and changing agents to Rich Paul, the same representation as LeBron James, only added more fuel to the rumours.

Recent weeks have seen speculation rise about the Lakers possibly looking to make a trade before the Feb. 7 deadline.

The Pelicans are at the lower end of the Western Conference. It's way too soon to write them out, but it's more than possible they'll miss the playoff cut for the fifth time in seven seasons. And

missing the playoffs would be the most crushing.

Last season, Davis got the first glimpse of playoff hope he'd ever received when his team made a major move to swing DeMarcus Cousins to New Orleans. Then, just when things started to click, Cousins tore his Achilles, missing the rest of the season and leaving Davis to drag his team to the conference semis and fall short. Cousins moved to the Warriors instead.

In his place, the Pelicans made moves to acquire Nikola Mirotic, a sharp-shooting big, and Julius Randle, an undersized low-post muscle, but it hasn't been enough. Neither match Cousins' star power, and the group is in danger of missing the postseason cut.

At 25 years old, while he's regularly considered a top-5 talent in the league, would falling out of playoff relevancy be enough to make Davis snap?

Maybe he just needs to be strongly recruited.

Should New Orleans make the playoffs, they are unlikely to advance further than they did a year ago. There's too much talent in the West, and AD is aware of that.

LeBron James repeated last week that he wants Davis to join the Lakers but the rumour



► Anthony Davis looks set to join the Lakers next season

mill has been spitting out plenty of interesting tidbits about the Golden State Warriors in recent weeks. However, all of it pales in comparison to the latest news that suggests Davis may actually become a trade target for the two-time defending champions.

The Warriors also have a particular interest in a potential deal for Davis. The tricky part is figuring out compensation, which would make a swap extremely difficult — if not impossible.

The Warriors have been publicly linked to Davis before but it's hard to find a realistic path ahead of next season. They aren't trading Curry or Durant for him; Durant is a free agent anyway. Draymond Green probably isn't enticing enough as a centrepiece considering what little else the Warriors have in draft picks and young players. Klay Thompson is a free agent too, and it

seems unlikely he would agree to a sign-and-trade sending him to New Orleans.

Now on the surface, it's easy to start imagining what Davis could look like in a Warriors jersey. He would give them the dynamic front-court presence they haven't had in years, making the Golden State offense all the more dangerous with elite playmakers across the board.

Making a deal is difficult though. The Pelicans aren't going to accept peanuts for one of the game's best big men, and there will be plenty of suitors willing to throw more pieces into the pot.

Realistically, the Warriors would have to find a third party willing to part with a package of rising youngsters and draft assets in order to swing a deal. Even then, it would likely include parting ways with Green, who doesn't carry as much value now as he did even a few months ago.



► LeBron James repeated his call for Davis to join him

Mayweather beats kickboxer

Floyd Mayweather came out of retirement briefly to score a lucrative victory in an exhibition boxing match in Japan over a kickboxer that will do more for his bank balance than it did for the reputation of combat sports.

Tenshin Nasukawa, 20, who is unbeaten in professional kickboxing and mixed martial arts, was sent crashing to the canvas three times in the first round by Mayweather, leading the Japanese fighter's corner to throw in the towel.

The fight topped the bill for the prestigious New Year's Eve event promoted by Rizin, one of Asia's fast-growing mixed martial arts organisations, at the Saitama Super Arena, and though it has drawn international attention, it was little more than a shrewd branding move for all concerned. But for Mayweather, it was about more than just entertainment — the 41-year-old American intimated on Instagram that he would be paid \$9m for the exhibi-



► Floyd Mayweather boosted his net worth by \$9m

tion, which was scheduled for three rounds.

Set at a weight limit of 147 pounds, there were no judges in attendance and it did not count toward the professional record of either fighter.

Mayweather's August 2017 knockout victory in a boxing match against Irish mixed martial artist Conor McGregor ignited speculation that he would cross over into the world of MMA, but the Rizin bout was strictly limited to punches.

Pybus is new Windies coach

West Indies have agreed that Richard Pybus, their high performance director, has agreed to take up the role of head coach full-time, replacing the interim coach Nic Pothas. But the news has not pleased many in West Indies cricket circles, unhappy with Pybus from his tie as director of cricket.

Pybus' contra will effectively run until the 2019 Test series against India, which follows the one-day international World Cup in England.

The position of West Indies head coach had been vacant since Stuart Law resigned from the position less than two years into his job. He left to take up a four-year contract with the English county team Middlesex. Originally the fielding coach, Pothas was made interim head coach for the recent tour of Bangladesh that followed Law's exit. West Indies lost the Test and ODI series 2-0 and 2-1 respectively and won the T20Is 2-1.

Pybus took over as high performance director in February, his role requiring him to work alongside selectors and coaches across all levels of the game in the Caribbean. He had previously served as West Indies' director of cricket from 2013 for three years, when he chose not to renew his contract.

Pybus' return to West Indies cricket wasn't welcomed by everyone. The former West Indies opener Desmond Haynes questioned the process of appointing him — "It would be great to ask the [CWI] president [Dave Cameron] about this appointment and when was this position advertised," he wrote in a Facebook post.

Darren Sammy, who captained West Indies when Pybus was director of cricket, expressed disbelief at his return. "Lies lies lies... Must be fake news," Sammy tweeted, and a day later, in re-



► Richard Pybus is the new West Indies coach

sponse to a reply: "Well I'm still hoping that nightmare is not true #fakenews he's not coming back at CWI."

Pybus' stint as director of cricket was controversial; he was responsible for the policy that made participation in West Indies' domestic competitions mandatory for international selection across formats. This was in part responsible for several senior players choosing to focus solely on playing T20 leagues around the world.

Before his stints with West Indies, Pybus coached Pakistan — taking them to the final of the 1999 World Cup — and Bangladesh apart from a number of domestic teams around the world, working extensively in South Africa at the franchise level.

His last stint with an international team, Bangladesh, ended up lasting only five months after a disagreement over the terms of his contract in 2012. Last year, he was also shortlisted and interviewed for the role of India coach.

West Indies are host to England for the three Tests. The first Test starts on Jan. 23, the second on Jan. 31 and the third on Feb. 9.



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CARICOM Aiming to Make 2019 the Year of Difference in the Fight Against NCDs

The Prime Minister who will take up the chairmanship of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) wants 2019 to be the year the region make a difference in the fight chronic non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

In his New Year's message, St Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister Dr Timothy Harris said that at the core of CARICOM's thrust for growth and development is a well-educated and healthy workforce.

"Our Community's commitment to battle against the ravages caused by chronic non-communicable diseases is unrelenting," he said, pointing to CARICOM Ministers of Health agreeing on a Caribbean Moves programme which seeks to create a culture of regular physical activity and healthy eating through exciting, fun and supportive programmes where people live, work, study and play.

"It is a whole society approach that we must embrace to tackle this continuing threat to our greatest resource – our people."

"Let us make 2019, the year that made the difference in combatting chronic non-communicable diseases in our Community," added the incoming CARICOM

chairman who takes over from his Jamaican counterpart, Andrew Holness.

Harris said CARICOM is entering 2019 with renewed vigour and determination to maintain the momentum on which it is ending 2018.

He pointed out that this is the final year of the first five-year Strategic Plan and preparations have already begun for the second plan which will build on the accomplishments of its predecessor.

Noting that the CARICOM Single Market and Economy is the linchpin of efforts at sustainable growth and development, Harris said that in the coming year, "we will be looking to further advance its implementation from what has been achieved in 2018".

He added that when the 30th Thirtieth Inter-Sessional Meeting is held in his country in February, leaders will conduct a special session on air and maritime transportation to focus on that aspect of integration as a whole and the CSME in particular.

"An efficient and affordable transportation system would be a tremendous stimulus to trade and intra-regional tourism thereby strengthening two



► Incoming CARICOM Chairman Dr Timothy Harris

critical aspects of integration," Harris said.

Additionally, he said, CARICOM will also be making strides in implementing the Human Resource Development Strategy 2030 as it moves to draft the new school curriculum with particular

emphasis on Science Technology Engineering Arts and Mathematics (STEAM).

CARIFESTA XIV will also be held August 16-25 in Trinidad and Tobago.

"2019 therefore promises to be a year full of action for CARICOM," Harris said. 🌐

Over 100 Illegal Haitians Apprehended in The Bahamas

A total of 124 Haitian migrants were apprehended early yesterday morning by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) after they were discovered in Bahamian waters.

The Haitians – 107 males and 24 females – were in a 40-foot sail sloop which was intercepted around 3 a.m., approximately eight miles south of New Providence. The migrants were all handed over to im-

migration officials for further questioning.

The RBDF has apprehended or assisted in apprehending over 400 Haitian migrants in 2018. Those migrants have since been charged before the courts for illegal landing.

The Royal Bahamas Defence Force said it remains committed to protecting the territorial integrity of The Bahamas and keeping borders secured. 🌐



► Some of the 124 Haitian migrants boarding a bus to be transported to a detention centre

Renewing the focus On Education in 2019: Some Empowering Notes for Teachers

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journey. This uncertainty of outcome should never be a discouraging factor. It is because of our education that we can believe and hope that many others will be socially transformed.

Today, education is still counted as a powerful vehicle for social justice. However, I caution that education alone will not put all wrongs right. While it will not substitute for integrity or character, education can position the individual into the space where he or she can contribute to the process of redress, redirect trajectories and make changes. Someone has aptly described education as the great leveler of social class and inequalities. This truth is very evident throughout our Caribbean societies. It is because of educational achievements that many of us here have experienced improvements in our family and personal economic circumstances. Without any doubt, our education has impacted the quality and definition our social status and our family life.

Education also has the potential to bring changes into our employment settings and to engineer the transformation of the moral, socio-cultural, political and economic aspects of our communities. When we participate in the creating of a more highly educated population, we do so with the hope that our investment will contribute to the formation of a community of thinkers, dynamic, knowledgeable and



ethical leaders. As educators is a moral imperative for us to be involved in the teaching and championing of transparency, honesty and accountability in public life and in influencing the definition and adoption of good governance models in our societies.

Education is not a passive engagement. Arguably, education has always had at its core a reforming agenda. As educators we are involved in what could be described as a political process of teaching, influencing and changing minds. As educators, we facilitate access to knowledge and information. We promote a voice when encourage individuals to speak up (opinion) and to engage in debating matters important to them. As teachers, we can shape the context of the social, political and economic discourse. We can influence the voice, tone, the volume and tenacity with which the community speak on issues. By encouraging careful thought, respectful debate and exchange of ideas we instill in our students an appreciation of not simply rights but also their responsibilities. As educators, we are also involved in developing informed advocates who will challenge and seek to correct social injustice.








I would like to suggest these are some of reasons why we choose to engage in the transfer of knowledge and in supporting the education of others. As educators we are simply opening a pathway for persons to enter and experience knowledge, greater freedom, and self-actualization. 🌐



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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



The Search for Wisdom

**The Rev'd Christopher D. Pierce
Rector, St Alban's
(www.churchofenglandcayman.org)**

It isn't uncommon for people to search for wisdom and it seems to my mind that these days, people equate relevance and unconsidered information with wisdom. The problem with such reasoning is that relevance is an unmoored boat on the sea of ideas. It moves around a lot. The winds and waves toss it to and fro. Its only consistency is its inconsistency. Information apart from perspective is likewise.

True wisdom is that which does not change despite the change of circumstances. It is always the same. It has stood the test of time and I would posit that all true wisdom fits that category because it has a common source, God.

Why do I believe such? Simply put... God's wisdom revealed in the Bible is consistent. It is utterly logical and does not vary. Like the Bible describes God, his wisdom is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

In the first parish I served, there was an elderly couple...both almost 90 when I arrived in 1991. Ethel was physically still ramrod straight and with never a harsh word, but her memory was slipping, and she knew it. Oscar, her husband was bent with age with a shock of the whitest hair you've ever seen. I've never heard the voice of God, but I used to think I might've when Oscar spoke. It was articulate, deep, clear, and resonant. He never answered quickly but always out of a lifetime's reservoir of a mind steeped in the scriptures.

On my first visit to their home, he looked at me very sternly and said, "I don't have much of an education but what I got, I got from just that one book." I smiled at him and asked in re-



► The Rev'd Christopher D. Pierce Rector, St Alban's

turn, "Which one would that be?" He actually raised his voice when he answered, "Why the Bible! Which other book would it be?" I sat quietly smiling at him...and he could tell I was pulling his chain. We became fast friends.

Oscar was the "go to" man in that small rural community. Christians and non-Christians alike sought him out if they found themselves in a moral or mental quandary. Why was his advice so worth taking? Because it was so biblical.

He actually had a stack of worn-out bibles...full of notes in the margins. His eyesight might have not been very good anymore, but his memory would have given the Great Google a run for its money when it came to the Word of God.

One day he was quizzing me on my seminary studies. I've forgotten the topic, but he said, "Now, I remember studying about that very point years ago. If you will get me that third bible from the top (of the stack of worn-out bibles) I made some notes on it." I fetched the bible as he instructed, and quick as a flash, he'd found the page and his notes from all those years before. It was just as he'd said. His wisdom and memory were consistent.

In Psalm 90:12, we find the best advice available about wisdom. "So, teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom." Note that it does not say relevance or that which is trendy. Wisdom is different.

If we really believe that God has founded these islands upon the seas, wouldn't it be wise to order our society in light of his wisdom? Wouldn't it be wise to believe that God's standards on morality are superior to anyone else's or have we arrived at the point where the pot knows the business of the potter far better than He? 🌐

OBITUARIES

The family of the Late

Joanna Faith Clarke

regret to announce her passing on Monday, 24 December, 2018.



A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, 5 January 2019 at Red Bay Church of God (Holiness).

Viewing will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday, 4 January 2019 at Bodden Funeral Service, 117 Walkers Rd.

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



The family of the Late

Andrew Jackson

regret to announce his passing on Friday, 21st December 2018 in Miami, Florida.



A service of thanksgiving for his life will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 19th January 2019 at Christ Church, 6 Antrim Road, Vineyard Town, Kingston, Jamaica.

Internment will follow at St. Mark's Anglican Church Southfield, St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. Condolences can be registered at www.boddenfuneralservices.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page





SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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8	5	6	4	2	1	3	9	7
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9	8	1	2	7	5	4	3	6
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 20 Glossy fabric
- 23 Despised
- 27 Resting on
- 28 Binary digit
- 29 Doctrine
- 31 Film category
- 32 Chops up
- 34 Try the tea
- 37 Bonbon center
- 38 Debt reminder
- 41 First home of the Mets
- 44 Even a little
- 45 Loosen, as laces
- 46 Lustful
- 47 Animated characters

DOWN

- 1 Choir member
- 2 In a frenzy
- 3 Easter flower
- 4 Sense of self
- 5 Tone down
- 6 Draw back
- 7 Lumber unit
- 8 Dull pain
- 9 Deck worker
- 10 Different
- 14 Tell tales
- 18 Human, for one
- 19 Misty states
- 20 Used a couch

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Yesterday's answer

- 21 Had breakfast
- 22 Great weight
- 24 Decimal base
- 25 Make mistakes
- 26 Buck's mate
- 30 Like pins and needles
- 31 "Scram!"
- 33 Nasty dog
- 34 Rigging support
- 35 Tiny amount
- 36 Scheme
- 38 A fan of
- 39 Valhalla VIP
- 40 Calls on
- 42 Outmoded
- 43 One, for Juan

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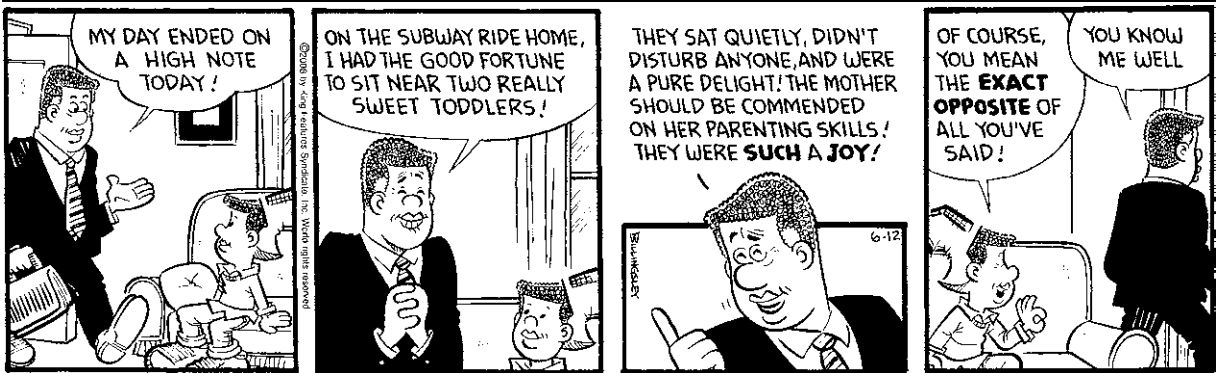
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

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| Basil | Cloves | Lovage | Rosemary |
| Bay | Coriander | Mace | Sage |
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| Caraway | Dill | Mustard | Sorrel |
| Cayenne | Fennel | Nutmeg | Tarragon |
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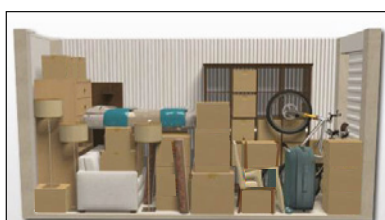
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- Small desks
- Filing cabinets
- Files
- Bookcases
- A few boxes

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- Lamps
- A few boxes

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- Sofas
- Chest of drawers
- Bookcases
- Desks

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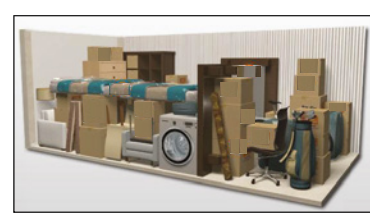
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- Sofas
- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
- Multiple boxes

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- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
- Chest of drawers

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