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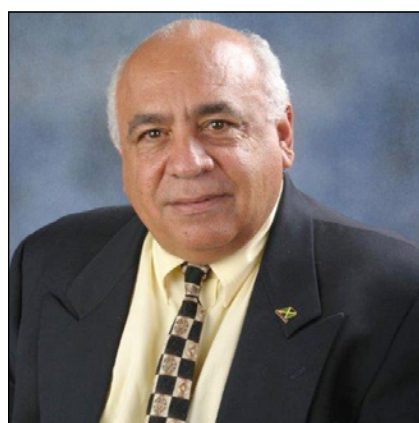
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Older Persons Month Begins

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) under the Ministry of Community Affairs is gearing up for a busy October with the advent of its observance of Older Persons Month (OPM). The theme of this year's appreciation of those aged 65 plus is "Positive Ageing."

With 29 activities planned across the three islands over 22 days, it is anticipated that if previous years are anything to go by, many of our seniors will attend several of the events.

"The theme for our 2019 Older Persons Month reflects the continuing focus of the Ministry and the Department to promote and assist our ageing population," said the Ministry's Chief Officer Teresa Echenique.

"The Older Persons Month calendar is now available in public outlets and online, and I strongly urge seniors, their families and carers of seniors to familiarise themselves with the events scheduled throughout next month and attend as many events as possible."

Older Persons Month will this year kick off on Tuesday, 1 October with an International Day of Older Persons Garden Party at Pedro St. James. The event, as well as officially launching the observance, will announce this year's Older Persons Month ambassadors. As with all OPM activities, the open air event in the historic setting is open to all seniors as well as carers.

"Studies show that persons are living longer here and throughout the globe. Having a positive mental outlook, good health and continuing interest in the world around you and assistance when needed are the hallmarks of ageing well. Both the Ministry and DCFS are heavily invested in continuing to develop world-class services and programmes for seniors that support and advance this ethos," she added.



Former neighbours Adina Seymour and Luisa Kidd (seated) reunite at last year's Older Persons Tea Party at The Pines

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OFREG WELCOMES NEW CEO MR MALIKE CUMMINGS

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office is delighted to announce that Mr. Malike Cummings has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Cummings has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area, having served as Energy and Utilities Commissioner of the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) with regulatory responsibility for energy, water and sewerage and petroleum fuels.

Mr. Cummings was instrumental in the development of a number of policies and revision of archaic regulatory frameworks where previously none existed; drafting new water and sewerage policies, a draft national energy policy

for the TCI, commissioning risk assessment for the modernization of the regulatory framework for the fuels sector as well as leading negotiations for the comprehensive reform of the energy sector.

The incoming CEO brings with him the experience of energy and utilities regulation in a small Caribbean jurisdiction. Having spent 10 years in regulation, Mr. Cummings says that the most crucial aspect of the role is to find and maintain a balance between the interests of the consumer and those of the service providers.



Mr. Malike Cummings, new OFREG Chief Executive Officer

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CPR Cayman Responds to Royal Caribbean President's comments

CPR Cayman welcomes Royal Caribbean President Mr Michael Bayley's public comments. We appreciate the respect he has communicated for our constitutional rights as a people to make the decision on this issue of significant national importance via referendum, and his efforts to reach out to the community, however we must outline our serious concerns which persist.

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Royal Caribbean President Mr Michael Bayley

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EDITORIAL

Prospective voters need to register to vote now

With the prospect of a Peoples' Initiated Referendum on whether there should be a cruise berthing facility built currently now in the pipeline for the new year, Caymanians not already registered are being reminded that they need to register with the Elections Office by 1st October this year if they want to be able to vote from 1st January 2020.

These new voters will then join the 21,217 people already on the Official Register of Electors, or registered voters, which has seen an additional 116 people join the list and 65 removed (either because they have died, have been imprisoned or are mentally unfit to vote) since July. The increase of 116 voters is more than double the 51 additional voters who were added to the list in July 2019.

If people are interested in voting in the referendum next year, but have not as yet registered, they can do so so long as they are Caymanian, are aged 18 or over, are a resident of the Cayman Islands and have resided in the Cayman islands for no less than 24 months in the last four years.

Those looking to register will find that it is a straightforward process,



by simply downloading an application form from the Elections Office website and submitting it to the Elections Office on Smith Road or to the Registering Officer for the individual's district, along with (Caymanian Status holders) their birth certificate, Caymanian Status Certificate or letter, photo ID (either passport or driver's licence) and for those who are Caymanian born and have Caymanian parent/s or grandparents: birth certificate of applicant, if born on the Islands, birth certificate of one of their parents or grandparents who were born on the Islands and a photo ID (either passport or driver's licence).

Individuals who are unsure if they are currently registered to vote are able to check their details on the Elections Office website.

For more information visit www.elections.ky.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TAB Calls for Heritage Vendors in Brac



Food and craft vendors interested in participating in the upcoming Cayman Brac Heritage Day can reserve stalls starting Monday 2nd September 2019.

The Cayman Brac Heritage Day will be held on Saturday 2nd November at the Heritage House in North East Bay (10am - 3pm) and will be the first official Heritage Day of the 2019 Pirates Week Festivities.

The event aims to showcase demonstrations of traditional arts and crafts and

offer games, traditional food and juices, as well as a venue to highlight local talent.

Vendors willing to host traditional or carnival games are encouraged to register. Registration is FREE.

All food vendors must present a valid DEH Food Handling Certificate with completed application forms.

Space is limited, please register early. *Deadline to apply is Friday 18th October.*

For more information contact the Pirates Week office at 949-5078 or info@piratesweekfestival.com

Download the vendor application form online at <https://www.piratesweekfestival.com/cayman-brac-heritage-day> or pick up application forms from the Cayman Brac Heritage House.

HSA alerts public of low-levels of contamination in ranitidine

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a statement regarding the safety of the drug ranitidine (Zantac®) after the detection of low-levels of contamination.

The FDA and several health regulatory bodies including the Health Canada and the European Medicines Agency are conducting an evaluation on this matter.

The Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA) is aware of the issue and is closely monitoring the evaluation. Once the aforementioned agencies release more information, the HSA will provide an update. In the meantime, the organization is recommending that patients continue taking their ranitidine as prescribed.

BLUE IGUANA CONSERVATION FACILITY CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands would like to inform the public that since the QEII Botanic park will be closed on Wednesday 02, October, there will be no tours available of the Blue Iguana Conservation facility located within the park.

The closure is to facilitate green iguana culling operations in the area. The Blue Iguana tours will resume as usual on Thursday, 3 October.

The National Trust apologises for any inconvenience caused.



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OFREG WELCOMES NEW CEO MR MALIKE CUMMINGS

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Commenting, Mr. Cummings said: "I am thrilled to be joining the talented team of individuals at OfReg and I hope to build on their good work and vision to provide safe, reliable and fairly priced energy and utilities for consumers in the Cayman Islands."

Chairman of the Board of OfReg, Dr Linford Pierson, said: "In Mr. Cummings, I believe that we have someone with both the vision and the understanding of the principles of regulation to successfully drive the Cayman Islands towards a more prosperous future, where everyone benefits from robust competi-

tion in the markets, investment in infrastructure and innovation and a regulatory framework that ensures the safety and wellbeing of us all."

Mr. Cummings, holds a Master of Engineering Degree in Engineering Management from the University of Wisconsin, a Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Elec-

trical Engineering and a Diploma in Technology from the University of Guyana, as well as certificates in Project Management and Financial Management. He has presented papers and spoken at energy and regulatory conferences regionally and internationally. He began his new role in September 2019. [f](#)

CPR Cayman Responds to Royal Caribbean President's Public Comments on Cruise Port

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ment does not negatively affect the quality of life of Caymanians and residents, nor harm our stay over tourism sector, which generates 76% of tourism revenue.

According to Mr Bayley, with piers, cruise passenger numbers are projected to grow to 2.5 million, as a conservative estimate, up from the current 1.9 million per year. However, according to The Department of Tourism (PWC Outline Business Case, Appendix D Pg 7) Grand Cayman's carrying capacity is approximately 2.1 million cruise passengers "to maintain the delicate equilibrium between cruise and overnight tourism".

Rather than pushing Cayman beyond its natural limits, we would welcome discussions with Royal Caribbean and other cruise lines, on how the cruise lines can work collaboratively with local stakeholders to ensure mutually beneficial sustainable development of the sector. Currently, cruise industry jobs provide an average monthly income of US\$1,662 (BREA report), which puts many people working in Cayman's cruise tourism industry below the poverty line.

2. Financing model – Cayman will pay

It is not factually correct that Cayman will not be paying for the port under the disclosed arrangements with Verdant Isle group. The USD \$2.32 per head tax concession that will be given to the cruise lines, using projected numbers of 2.5 million passengers per year, is a direct loss to government revenue of USD\$ 5.8 million per year and \$145 million over 25 years.

Overall, the Verdant Isle group will be re-paid in the region of \$450 million dollars over 25 years for a facility that costs \$197m (Information disclosed by the Government in 26 July 2019 Press Conference shows 8.05 (year round vessels) and 6.10 (seasonal vessels), if this is averaged, and multiplied by 2.5 million passengers per year by 25 years, this equates to \$442 million).

Where is the value-for-money in this?

Furthermore, required feasibility studies and public infrastructure costs remain either unassessed or publicly undisclosed, such as the George Town Revitalisation, road upgrades and other infrastructure costs including waste management, and Spotts Dock upgrades.

3. Environmental concerns

We appreciate Mr Bayley's stated commitment to environmentally responsible practices, however we must redirect him

to the 2015 EIA results which show quite plainly that the proposed facility, even with a 30% reduction in dredging, will have a devastating impact on our George Town harbour reefs, including our world-famous dive sites Eden Rock, Devil's Grotto and Soto's South.

Over 12 acres of coral reefs will be destroyed and sedimentation from dredging will smother surrounding coral reefs and permanently transform our now crystal-clear aquamarine waters to murky white. The very reefs that draw visitors to our shores and provide invaluable protection in storms, have been valued at US\$650 million over the next 25 years (The Baird Report (EIA), Appendix J.2, Page 19-21 'the estimated annual economic benefit derived from GTH reefs ranges from US\$23M-US\$26M' <http://doe.ky/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/App-J.2-Marine-Resource-Economic-Valuation-Final.pdf>). Will the promised benefits truly outweigh this enormous economic, cultural and ecological loss of our natural capital?

4. Disclosure of information in the public interest, before the referendum date

We remain deeply concerned that the Government has yet to make full disclosure of all pertinent information on the proposed cruise berthing facility despite announcing the preferred bidder and winning design over 8 weeks ago. For example, we learned only yesterday that the projected cruise passenger numbers for the cruise berthing facility are 2.5 million, from Mr Bayley's interview with the Compass.

It is imperative that the Caymanian people have the opportunity to make a fully informed decision at the polls in our first people-initiated referendum which will set a precedent not only for Cayman but for all of the Overseas Territories.

It is imperative that the following information and reports, be made public, sufficiently in advance of the referendum to allow voters the opportunity to cast an informed vote:

- the updated Environmental Impact Assessment
- the revised cruise berthing and cargo port design showing numerical data to quantify the footprint including dredge area, concrete area and location relative to the surrounding marine ecosystems
- the quantity of pilings, width of pilings and anticipated piling depth inshore and further out to shore
- the final or updated business case report and related information that is available
- full details of the proposed design build finance op-



erate maintain contract with Verdant Isle Port Partners, including all conditions of the 25-year financing arrangements

f. confirmation that the appropriate protections and standard clauses which serve to protect the interests of our government and the public purse from penalties and potential lawsuits for breach of contract including the following, are included in the proposed contract:

I. Force majeure clauses that benefit Verdant Isle Port Partners and financiers of the project

II. A decline in cruise passenger arrivals over the 25-year term of the PPP and loan facility

III. Global recession

IV. Hurricanes and Natural disasters

g. the results of the geo-technical studies

CPR Cayman welcomes the opportunity to meet with Royal

Caribbean's President and we look forward to discussing our concerns with him in the near future.

CPR Cayman is a concerned citizens group and non-profit organisation that is advocating for a democratic approach to the proposed Cruise Berthing and Cargo Facility ("CBF") in George Town harbour.

More information can be found on www.cprcayman.com. People can also contact cprcayman@gmail.com. [f](#)

YOUR DONATIONS WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THEIR DREAMS



This is the Cayman Islands National Under 16 Squad, preparing to participate in a Youth Tournament in St. Maarten, Oct 17 - 20, 2019. In addition to attending school, they train three times a week, and fundraise as often as training and school would allow them. I am asking you as the President of the Netball Association to make a contribution of C\$100 to help with the cost of the Tour. These young people have worked so hard to improve the quality and standard of Netball in the Cayman Islands. You as the contributor can make a difference in netball.

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HSA and HCCI nurses aid in Bahamas relief efforts

A team of six registered nurses from the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA) and Health City Cayman Islands (HCCI) left Grand Cayman on Friday, 20 September to join the disaster relief efforts in Bahamas providing relief support to healthcare workers in the care of persons who require medical attention in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian.

The medical team members include Maria Barnes-Campbell, Marlon Soriano, Riley Ondoy and Marian Slater of the HSA and Joseph John and Mahesha Dundumadaiah of HCCI. Over the next two weeks the group will be conducting clinics and assisting with any other necessary medical care in Marsh Harbour, Abaco Islands.

"We are happy to provide some respite time for our healthcare counterparts in the Bahamas to allow them to look after themselves and their families. As healthcare professionals we are required to provide 24 hour medical care regardless of our personal circumstances," said HSA Chief Executive Officer Lizzette Yearwood. "We have sent experienced health professionals whose areas of specialty range from critical care and operating room to maternity and emergency care."

HCCI Clinical Director and Chief Cardiac Surgeon Dr. Bino Chattuparambil stated, "We are very pleased to send medical staff to assist in the Cayman Islands' hurricane relief effort in the Bahamas, and give our thanks to the Ministry of Health and the Health Services Authority, especially the Hon Minister Seymour, CEO Lizzette Yearwood and Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee for coordinating this initiative. It is heartwarming to see our islands' Cayman-kind ethos in action from a medical perspective. All of Cayman's healthcare providers work together locally for the



► L-r: Mahesha Dundumadaiah (HCCI), Riley Ondoy (HSA), Marian Slater (HSA), Joseph John (HCCI), Maria Barnes-Campbell (HSA) and Marlon Soriano (HSA)



► HSA nurses treating a Bahamian resident

good of our patients every day, and we are extending this spirit of fraternity as we join together to assist our Bahamian neighbors in their time of need."

"As a country that has witnessed firsthand the devastating aftermath of a Category 5 storm as a result of Hurricane Ivan, our hearts go out to our Caribbean neighbours in the Bahamas," said Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon Dwayne Seymour. "The Cayman Islands will continue to do our best to provide the support needed to help the people of the Bahamas regain stability and to alleviate some of the challenges they are facing during this difficult and overwhelming time."

Earlier this month all three hospitals in Grand Cayman provided the Bahamas with over 4,000 pounds of medical supplies.

Ms Yearwood noted that, a second group will be sent in early October to give respite to the nurses who will return home. 🌐



► Cayman's medical team is welcomed in the Bahamas by other volunteers and Bahamian nurses at the Ministry of Health

Voter Registration Deadline Reminder

The Elections Office has released figures on the upcoming October 2019 Official Register of Electors (registered voters) list. As of 1 October 2019, a total of 21,217 individuals will be registered and able to vote in the Cayman Islands.

This figure takes into account 116 additional voters who have joined the list since July this year and 65 individuals who have been removed (either due to death, incarceration or mental illness).

The increase of 116 voters is more than double the 51 additional voters who were added to the list in July 2019.

The Elections Office reminds the public of the following requirements to register to vote:

- Must be a Caymanian
- Must be aged 18 years or older
- Must be a resident in the Cayman Islands
- Must have resided in the Cayman Islands for no less than a total of 24 months in the last four years

Those wishing to register to vote are reminded of the following registration process:

- Complete an application form available from the Elections Office website and submit the following required original documents to the Registering Officer for your district or to the Elections Office.
- Original documents required from **Caymanian Status Holders:**

- * Birth certificate
- * Caymanian Status Certificate or letter
- * Photo ID (either passport or driver's license)
- Original documents required from those who are **Caymanian born and have Caymanian parent/s or grandparents:**

- * Birth certificate of applicant, if born on the Islands
- * Birth certificate of one of his/her parents or grandparents that were born on the Islands
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Individuals who are unsure if they are currently registered to vote are able to check their details on the Elections Office website.

HOW TO REGISTER TO VOTE

COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM
Forms are available on the Elections Office website and submit along with the following original documents

CAYMANIAN STATUS HOLDER

- 1 Birth certificate
- 2 Caymanian Status Certificate or letter
- 3 Photo ID (either passport or driver's license)

CAYMANIAN BORN WITH CAYMANIAN PARENT/S OR GRANDPARENTS

- 1 Birth certificate of applicant, if born on the Islands
- 2 Birth certificate of one of his/her parents or grandparents that were born on the Islands
- 3 Photo ID (either passport or driver's license)

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WHO CAN REGISTER TO VOTE?

To register to vote, you must meet the following requirements

- ✓ **Be Caymanian**
- ✓ **Be aged 18 years or older**
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**Registration deadline
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deadline to register to be included on that list, and to be able to vote from 1 January 2020. For more information please visit www.elections.ky. 🌐

Then There Were Three!! Rap-Off Continues

Only Three contestants remain in an epic rap battle taking place over the radio airwaves at Hurley's Media's Z99FM.

The contestants are all vying for a highly coveted four day trip to Los Angeles, California, where they will attend a workshop hosted by the prestigious, 1500 Sound Academy.

Known as a highly accredited music program that focuses on polishing the necessary skills for today's musical market place the program is meant to be an intense and focused experience with emphasis in sound courses.

Among these are courses that inform the attendees of ways to increase their proficiency with standard recording equipment, as well as best practices and strategies, as they relate to the wider, more general aspects of music such as mixing and mastering.

Music industry insiders James Flauntleroy and Larrance Dopson have produced some of the world's most memorable Music and are credited with several Grammys each.

In addition to being the founders of a production team known as 1500 or

Nothing New; comprised of creators who have written and produced for artists such as Bruno Mars, Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, and Kanye West, the men are now heading up 1500 Sound Academy, where the winner of Cayman's Rap Off will be heading.

1500 Sound Academy is described as, "...an intimate and hands-on music production program that enables students to learn the principles of music production in a real recording studio with industry veterans as their instructors," by online publications.

The academy is about much more than making songs though and also serves as an incubator and catalyst to inspire young creatives in the overall business of sound.

Head Manager of the Sound Academy, IZ said, The Academy will be a hub for all young professionals who want to develop their skill set in the art of sound.

"Whether its film, music, gaming or even business."

According to Cayman Music and Entertainment President Jean Eric Smith:



"The National Heritage and Culture Policy exercise has uncovered that most youngsters are creating rap music. We want to encourage that creative direction, as we have done the same with regional genres."

Mr. Smith also lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Culture and Minister Dwayne Seymour's commitment to assist in the development of talent in the Cayman Islands.

Music Association Officials added that the fact that there was a song contest during Pirate's Week, which stipulated that only regional genres could participate, meant, 'it was only fair and right that the same kind of opportunity exist-

ed for those doing American Urban Music/Hip Hop or Rap'.

"The set-up and prizes are similar but juts different genres of music and different modes of performance and voting," noted Mr. Smith.

The final of the competition is slated for the end of September and is set to take place LIVE on the radio airwaves of Hurleys Media.

1500 Sound Academy which was built in the heart of Inglewood, California is still being expanded.

The Academy is truly the first of its kind and has gained the support of some of the music industries most notable stars. 🌐



▶ BritCay Corporate Wellness Nurse, Sharon Looney, Cayman Heart Fund Coordinator, Angeliqe Bodden, Britcay Health Manager, Lamar Haynes

BritCay donates funds to the Cayman Heart Fund

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) recently received a generous donation from BritCay in support of World Heart Day 2019.

On Sunday September 29th 2019 the World will be celebrating World Heart

Day. World Heart Day is a global campaign during which individuals, families, communities and governments around the world participate in activities to take

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"From the traditional island tours, Big Stage variety show and the close-out Older Persons Gala to newer events like the many Gym Days and the Movie Screening, OPM is set to be an entertaining and interactive month for our seniors," said DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams.

"DCFS staff have spent many hours planning and refining ideas for these OPM activities as part of their outreach mandate. This is on top of their already heavy caseloads and duties. They will be working full days in the month to come, and supervising the many weekend and evening events. As well as thanking them in advance, I'd like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to our many generous public and private sector sponsors and individual donors, for their support and contributions," she concluded.

For more information about Older Persons Month, get copies of the OPM events calendar at the Government Administration Building, public libraries, supermarkets, district clinics, community centres, churches. Alternatively, contact the DCFS at 949-0290 or view the schedule online at <http://bit.ly/2m3p-iSX> and at <http://bit.ly/2n3DjA0>

Older Persons Month 2019 Calendar

The Ministry of Community Affairs' Department of Children and Family Services is hosting this year's Older Persons Month in October. The annual observance's events, on all three islands next month, are free and open to all older persons and their carers.

- **TUESDAY, 1 OCT** - International Day of Older Persons Garden Party - Pedro St. James, 3pm-6pm
- **THURSDAY, 3 OCT** - Panel Discussion on Radio Cayman Talk Today - Constitution Hall (formerly George Town Town Hall), 10am-11:30am
- Cayman Brac Island Tour - 9am-1pm | Call to register
- **FRIDAY, 4 OCT** - Gym Day for Older Persons - Bliss Yoga, 1:30pm-2:15pm. Call to register
- **SATURDAY, 5 OCT** - Circle of Love Fellowship Brunch - Triple C School Hall, 10:00am-12:30pm
- **SUNDAY, 6 OCT** - Opening Church Service - Wesleyan Holiness Church (West Bay), 11am
- **MONDAY, 7 OCT** - Grand Cayman Island Tour. Call to register
- **TUESDAY, 8 OCT** - Bingo Night - Aston Rutty Civic Centre, Cayman Brac, 7pm-9pm
- **WEDNESDAY, 9 OCT** - Grand Cayman Island Tour. Call to register
- **THURSDAY, 10 OCT** - The Big Stage - Harquail Theatre, 6pm-8pm
- **FRIDAY, 11 OCT** - Gym Day for Older Persons - Bliss Yoga, 1:30pm-2:15pm. Call to register. Body Alive Gym and King's Sports Centre. Call to register
- Little Cayman Tour & Social. Call to register



▶ DCFS Dorline Welcome interacts with Mr. Carlton West at last year's Older Persons Month Tea Party at The Pines

- **SATURDAY, 12 OCT** - Tea Party, The Pines, 4pm-6pm
- **MONDAY, 14 OCT** - Talk Today Radio Programme, Radio Cayman, 12pm
- Cayman Brac Island Tour - 9am-1pm. Call to register
- **TUESDAY, 15 OCT** - Movie Screening - Camana Bay, 1pm
- **WEDNESDAY, 16 OCT** - For the Health of It, Radio Cayman, 7pm
- **THURSDAY, 17 OCT** - Presentation on Court Services & Legal Advice, Elmslie Memorial United Church Hall, 10am-11:30am
- **FRIDAY, 18 OCT** - Gym Day for Older Persons - Bliss Yoga, 1:30pm-2:15pm. Call to register. Body Alive Gym. Call to register.
- Body Alive Gym. Call to register
- Old Time Cooking - Youth Development Centre, Cayman Brac, 9am-1pm
- **SATURDAY, 19 OCT** - Bingo Night - Lions Community Centre, 5pm-7pm
- **SUNDAY, 20 OCT** - Special Church Service - Crossroads United Baptist Church, Cayman Brac, 11am
- **TUESDAY, 22 OCT** - Nurse Josie's Seniors Center Tour & Lunch - Bodden Town, 10am-12:30pm
- **WEDNESDAY, 23 OCT** - Cayman Brac Social, Aston Rutty Civic Centre, Cayman Brac, 10am-2pm
- **FRIDAY, 25 OCT** - Gym Day for Older Persons - Bliss Yoga, 1:30pm-2:15pm. Call to register. King's Sports Centre. Call to register
- **SATURDAY, 26 OCT** - Older Persons Gala - Margaritaville Resort, 6pm-10pm. Limited space. Call to register
- For transport & to register for events contact: **West Bay:** Vanda Powery (916-7902), **George Town:** Dorline Welcome (925-4083), **Bodden Town:** Flavia Gardener (926-0490)/Carol Bodden (924-3309), **North Side:** Flavia Gardener (926-0490), **East End:** Delmira Bodden (925-5543) and **Cayman Brac/Little Cayman:** Annie Rose Scott (925-9872/916-7310). 📍

VALERIE DEANNA MERREN

Special Birthday wishes to our Most Precious and Very Special & Beautiful Grandmother - Deanna Merren - aka, "Nana", who we LOVE so very much and MISS her terribly every single day. Nana, you were so special to all of us and we will forever KEEP YOU IN OUR HEARTS and will NEVER forget our Beautiful Smiling, Sweet Nana. XOXOX Rest in Peace, Our Guardian Angel.

HAPPY FIRST BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN, WITH ALL GOD'S ANGELS beside you!!!

Love you forever and always - Your loving Grandchildren, Travis & Nikita Phillips.

A Birthday Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Most Wonderful Grandmother & Great-Grandmother - Mrs. Hettie Bodden who celebrated her 132nd Birthday in Heaven on Sunday, 22nd September, 2019 & Our Very Special & Precious Sister, Mother, Grandmother & Great-Grandmother - Ms. Valerie Deanna Merren, Who will celebrate her 79th Birthday in Heaven today, Monday, 30th September, 2019 - Her first Birthday away from us.

Mrs. Hettie Bodden
22nd Sept. 1887 - 8th Aug. 1973

Ms. Deanna Merren
30th Sept. 1940 - 24th Feb. 2019

We know that our Heavenly Father is looking after our Most Wonderful and Precious Grandmother-Hettie/Mama, and our Beautiful, Wonderful and Precious Sister, Deanna/Nana, in Heaven, just as they both looked after all of us. Please BLESS them and give them all our love, And let them know that we wish both of them ALL the HAPPINESS they hope for us to have. Let them feel protected just as we feel protected by these two Very Special Angels we call "Grandmother-Hettie/Mama" and "Deanna/Nana". They are both deeply loved, and are greatly Missed every minute of each day and we will FOREVER hold them close In our hearts.

Have a BEAUTIFUL BIRTHDAY IN HEAVEN with all God's Angels Surrounding you, along with all other dear beloved family members!!

It is true to say of both of them that - "Surely goodness and love Followed them all the days of their lives"; and also, "A heart at peace gives life to the body." Proverbs 14:30 (NIV). Rest in Peace.

Love always and forever missed. Your loving Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren & Great-Great-Grandchildren in Grand Cayman & the USA; and, Deanna's loving & devoted Sisters - Chasteen & Aline; Loving Brother - James, & all our families; Loving Children - Marilyn, Darcy, Craig, Perry & Shane; Daughters-in-Law - Darling & Cherisse; Very Special Friends - Lisa, Michelle & Mrs. Sybil Jackson; & Mrs. Gloria Bodden in Fla.; Sweet & Loving Grandchildren & Great-Granddaughter - Amira; Loving Sisters-in-Law - Milly & Shirley Ann; Brothers-in-Law - Robert & Ceibert; Many Special & Loving Cousins; Special Nieces & Nephews; other relatives, & Deanna's Special Church Family at the Church of God (Universal); many friends & Co-workers. God Bless you. Until we meet again - Hugs & Kisses from all of us. XOXOXOX

Tribute to Our Beautiful and Precious Aunt Deanna Merren ~ 'Nana', on your first Birthday in Heaven on Monday, 30th September, 2019.

Our Dearest Aunt Deanna/Nana

We wish you a Very, Very Happy Birthday in Heaven today and wish you were still here with us so that we could help you celebrate your 'Special' day, and want to let you know that we are always thinking of you, and miss you..

We believe you are in a much better place, in God's arms, surrounded by His Heavenly Angels, and also with our precious brother and uncle, 'Chad', who you loved dearly. We are comforted knowing that our Lord and Savior is taking exceptional good care of you and all our dear beloved ones for all of us.

We LOVE you very much and know how much you loved us too! We think of you always and will forever MISS your Sweet smile and making us laugh. With all our love forever and ever ~ Your Loving & Special Niece - Gina & children ~

Chris & Jaithan; and your Loving & Special Nephew ~ Ceibert & children - Jace & Skai.
Hugs & Kisses. XOXOXOXOXO

God bless you always. HAPPY BIRTHDAY again!! Rest in Peace, Our Angel in Heaven.

The Future of Human Tissue Transplantation in the Cayman Islands

The Human Tissue Transplant Council (HTTC) convened its inaugural meeting on Wednesday 18 September 2019 at the Government Administration Building.

The HTTC, appointed by Cabinet, serves to function as an advisory board to the Ministry of Health. Its functions include, inter alia, to advise the Minister of Health on policy relating to the collection and use of human tissue for medical purposes in the Islands, and to monitor the donation of tissue by living persons and the removal of tissue from deceased persons. The composition of the HTTC includes an endocrinologist, an attorney-at-law, the Commission of Police or his nominee, a faith-based individual, and a patient advocate/transplant survivor.

So far, the Council has developed a draft framework that creates criteria and guiding principles on matters relating to human tissue transplants, including the local collection and use of human tissue for medical purposes as well as monitoring donations of tissues by living and deceased persons.

The framework will also facilitate the regulation and supervision of any business carried out in respect to human tissues, and all other matters related to ensuring that all transplant centres approved by the Council adhere to the highest standards of quality and safety.



► Minister the Hon. Dwayne Seymour is flanked by, L-R (sitting) Nancy Barnard, Acting Chief Officer; Dr Diane Hislop-Chestnut, Deputy Chair; Gina Berry, Chair; Bishop Nicholas Sykes, L-R (standing) Alanis Linwood, Policy Advisor; Dr John Lee, Chief Medical Officer; Janett Flynn, Senior Policy Advisor; Police Commissioner Derek Byrne. Missing from Photo is member Robert Hamaty

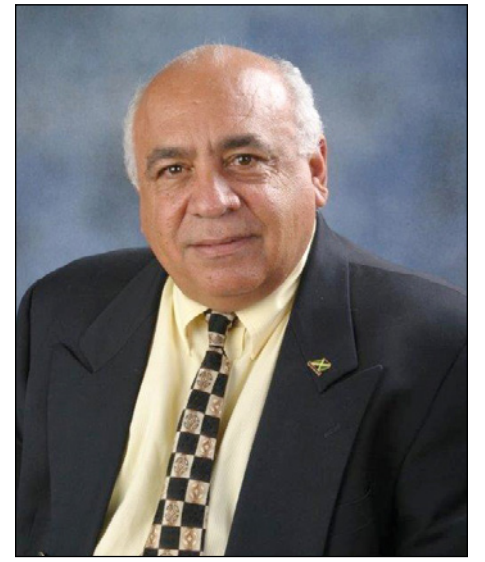
Chairperson Ms Gina Berry and Deputy Chair Dr Diane Hislop-Chestnut agreed that the next steps will include seeking input from regional experts who have already developed successful transplant centres in their jurisdictions. The Council also plans to co-opt local physicians who have expertise and knowledge in the area of tissue transplantation.

"I am pleased to chair this council. Our decisions will be guided by the Law and Regulations and international guidelines already established. Our role

is advisory and to ensure that the transplantation system is grounded in best practice," noted Ms Berry.

Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP joined the meeting and thanked the members for agreeing to serve even with their busy schedules.

"This Council comprised of volunteers, Gina Berry, Chairperson; Dr. Diane Hislop-Chestnut, Deputy Chairperson; Derek Byrne, Commissioner of Police; Bishop Sykes, and transplant recipient Robert Hamaty, cannot be thanked



► Capt. Robert Hamaty

enough. While they continue their hard work the Ministry is committed to engaging with the public to change cultural attitudes and fears towards the donation of human tissue."

"Any of us could one day be a recipient of this life-saving measure. I encourage the community to start having the conversations about tissue donations and becoming a donor," the Minister added.

The Ministry will continue to keep the public informed and advise once the forms for donor registration become available. 🌐

Incident Command Systems training for a Multi-Agency Response

Senior managers from a range of first response agencies in the Cayman Islands completed a three-day strategic level Incident Command Systems (ICS) training course this month.

ICS is a system designed to be used or applied from the time an incident occurs until the requirement for management and operations no longer exists. ICS can be used to cope with incidents of any kind or complexity.

The PAHO training was hosted by Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) and delivered by Chief Safety Officer for the Cayman Islands Airport Authority, Andrew McLaughlin and RCIPS Inspector, Ian Yearwood.

Commenting on the importance of multi-agency first responder training, the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers, JP said: "A coordinated approach to any emergency situation is a critical factor to the success of the response. Joint training such as this provides our first responders with an opportunity to engage in scenario-based problem solving and to enhance the collaborative relationships that already exists, which improves their ability to deal with emergencies as one cohesive force."

She continued, "Bringing our top class first responder teams together strengthens efforts when communities need them most."

"It was a useful course," said RCIPS Superintendent Adrian Seales. "The training provided an opportunity for senior leaders from a range of agencies to work together. An emergency response with multiple agencies can be complex, and as such, we need to ensure it is well coordinated," he continued.

Mr. Seales was one of nine first responders on the course. Other personnel included representatives from agencies such as Department of Environmental Health, Cayman Islands Fire Service, Department of Environment and the Cayman Islands Port Authority.

The training covered a variety of incidents including emergency medical situations, hazardous materials incidents, vehicle accidents, earthquake, fires, flooding and public health threats such as pandemics.

Divisional Manager for the Cayman Islands Fire Service, Dwight Rankin, who had previously attended ICS training in the United States, said this training was different.

Mr. Rankin stated that, "It was very beneficial. We revisited incidents such as the SOL Fire, Carifta Games and KAABOO. We looked at how the command, control and coordination of an emergency response could roll out, especially when multiple agencies are involved."

Deputy Director at the Department of Environment, Scott Slaybaugh, said: "For something like an oil spill or an accident at sea, it was useful to get to know the people we would be working with better and how we would come together to respond. It was also a beneficial cross training exercise for others in our department who might be called upon to assume a leadership role for a significant event at sea."

Acting Chief Inspector, Harlan Powery saw opportunities for continued refinement. "I think it is a team effort and the more we work together the better the chances we will reach our goals when we are called upon to act. We try to be as prepared as best we can, because you never know what the future will bring.



► Members from multiple agencies take part in a three day Incident Command System training course (Photo by GIS)

Training like this helps us to anticipate and plan," Mr. Powery commented.

"Span of control is what interested me," said Divisional Manager for the Cayman Islands Fire Service, Whitman Tatum. "It means how many people you can reasonably expect to provide input and impact the decision-making process in the Incident Command Centre."

HMCI Director, Danielle Coleman explained, "First responder's knowledge of protocols and Incident Command procedures is critical to ensure an effective multi-agency response. For instance, how we work together when the normal mechanisms are overwhelmed. You need a concerted national perspective. I think the course achieved that and I'm grateful to our trainers and participants for making it a success". 🌐

International Maritime Organization Delegation to Give Important Updates at Cayman Conference

Several representatives from the International Maritime Organization (IMO) will be giving important updates on its work to support maritime development and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals, when the 2019 Women's International Shipping & Trading Association (WISTA) AGM & Conference convenes on Tuesday, 29 October. The four-day event is being hosted by WISTA Cayman Islands and is expected to bring over 200 maritime experts from 30-plus countries.

The IMO is the United Nations specialised agency with regulatory responsibility for the safety and security of shipping and the prevention of marine and atmospheric pollution by ships. Representatives from the Organization will be discussing ways to collaborate more with entities such as WISTA to further advance the role of women in the industry.

"We are pleased to have officials from the IMO participating in the programme for the WISTA International AGM and Conference. The support they continue to provide to WISTA International and their willingness to work with the organisation to advance our vision for the

industry is invaluable and necessary," said Nanalie Cover, Chair of the WISTA Cayman Islands Conference Organising Committee.

This year's event is an especially significant one as the World Maritime Day theme for 2019 is "Empowering Women in the Maritime Community". The day is celebrated on

26 September and having the AGM and Conference just weeks after marking the occasion presents an ideal opportunity to further raise awareness of the importance of gender equality, and to highlight the important - yet under-utilized and under-recognized - contribution of women within the maritime sector. WISTA Cayman Islands is excited to be a part of the conversation."

Helen Buni, IMO Focal Point for Women in Maritime, agrees.

"This year's World Maritime Day theme is dedicated to women in our industry. It is a perfect time to discuss diversity and inclusion in the maritime industries and lay the groundwork for discussions on how a diverse workforce will provide a sustainable future for our industry. Participation in the 2019 WISTA International AGM is important, as it provides opportunities to showcase the varied technical skills and leadership that women can and do bring to the industry," said Ms. Buni.

Juvenal Shiundu, Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division, who will be talking on the issue of cross-collaboration, believes that WISTA International's lobby is a powerful one.

"WISTA's efforts support the overarching principles in the IMO's Strategic Plan, especially the promotion of gender

equality and the empowerment of women. The organization plays an important role in helping IMO reach out to women in the maritime industry," said Mr. Shiundu.

Colin Young, IMO Regional Maritime Adviser, Caribbean, Technical Cooperation Division will also be presenting at the event. He will be updating attendees on the latest developments in the region to improve relations between WISTA International through its Cayman Islands chapter and the Women in Maritime Association, Caribbean (WiMAC) as well as promote better collaboration between IMO and WISTA in the region.

Delegates will also hear from Lilia Khodjet El Khil, IMO Project Technical Manager for the GEF-UNDP-IMO Glo-



► Juvenal Shiundu, Director of the IMO Technical Cooperation Division



► Lilia Khodjet El Khil, IMO Project Technical Manager for the GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships



► Carleen Lyden Walker, IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



► Colin Young, IMO Regional Maritime Adviser, Caribbean, Technical Cooperation Division



► Helen Buni, IMO Focal Point for Women in Maritime

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CIGO-UK Activity and LABOUR Party Conference

The Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe André Ebanks attended the Labour Party Conference in Brighton this week accompanied by Jude Scott, Chief Executive Officer of Cayman Finance and a team from the Government Office in London.

This is the first year that the Cayman Islands Government has participated directly in the conference by organising a fringe event to discuss the Cayman Islands with the Labour Party. Moderated by Prospect Magazine, the event involved a chaired discussion between Catherine West MP and Mr Scott, discussing methods of taxation including the responsible tax neutral regime in the Cayman Islands.

Events, engagement and attendance at party conferences form part of the ongoing political engagement efforts by the Cayman Islands Government to interact with as many British parliamentarians as possible in order to create and maintain positive working relationships and are intended to better inform parliamentarians and UK Public of Cayman's history, heritage, culture, financial services, successful conserva-



► Andre Ebanks and High Commissioner Ellison Greenslade



► Andre Ebanks, Jude Scott and Catherine West MP

tion work, healthcare and as a thriving British Overseas Territory.

Mr Scott utilised the opportunity to share with the audience of interested Labour supporters and media the facts about tax neutrality. Mr Scott was also able to clarify details about Cayman's process for verifying and sharing ownership information versus self-reporting public registers. Both the Labour MP

and Mr Scott welcomed the opportunity to discuss and engage on these topics.

Mr Scott commented: "I was very pleased that the Cayman Islands Government Office in the UK presented the opportunity to engage with such a well-respected MP in this forum, a lot of good even-handed dialogue and discussion took place today. We were able to reinforce the great track record and the benefits of our tax neutral regime globally to a traditionally doubtful audience. The conversation today was balanced and informed, and I was pleased to be able to neutralise some of the historic scepticism. We are sending a strong positive message that we are available and willing to continue to engage and be a part of this conversation."

At the conference Mr Ebanks also met with Gibraltar and Falkland Islands Representatives and discussed mental health issues with Mental Health First Aid England. In addition, Mr Ebanks met Jonathan Reynolds MP, Shadow Economic Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr Ebanks commented "My first month in the post is off to a spirited start. Attendance at the Labour party conference has been invaluable this year, combined with our first ever fringe event in conjunction with Cayman Finance, we are ensuring that we have a much greater presence and are at the forefront of political discussions concerning our financial services. We are delighted to have had the support from Cayman Finance and that Catherine West MP was willing to engage and discuss these important topics in a constructive and open manner. We very much look forward to further types of engagement like this to continue this conversation." Mr Ebanks went on to say, "it has been a very busy month so far, including strategy meetings with my team, meetings with The High Commission of Bahamas regarding hurricane relief, meeting and briefing Cayman Islands Councillor David Wight and engaging with various public and private sector stakeholders. I am looking forward to continuing this level of productivity for the Cayman Islands in the UK and Europe."



► L-R Chris Wight, David Wight, Tamara Bostock, Andre Ebanks, Adrian Wight, Philippa Knights, Charles Parchment, Rahat Siddiqi

Maples Associate a "Rising Star" in Trusts & Private Client Industry

Legal Week has identified Cayman Islands Trusts & Private Client lawyer, Maxine Bodden, as a "Rising Star" in its Private Client Global Elite Directory 2019. An associate at Maples and Calder, the Maples Group's law firm, Maxine specialises in advising leading banks, trust companies and private individuals on the establishment and ongoing administration of Cayman Islands trusts, including unit trusts, pension and employee benefit trusts and charitable trusts.

The prestigious directory identifies the premier trusts and private client

lawyers around the world and has recognised members of the Maples Group since the directory re-launched in 2017, including partner and head of the law firm's Trusts & Private Client team, Morven McMillan, who was honoured in 2017, 2018 and 2019. This continued inclusion endorses the Group's ability to provide unmatched legal advice within the industry.

"I am delighted to have been included in such an esteemed publication that recognises some of the world's highly regarded trusts and private client professionals," commented Maxine Bodden.

"I want to extend congratulations to all nominees on this great achievement."

Maxine is the Chair of the STEP Council and a member of the Legislative Sub-Committee of STEP in the Cayman Islands and of the Caribbean and Latin America Regional Committee of STEP. She is also Chair of the Public Policy Committee of the Caribbean and Latin America Regional Committee of STEP.

Maxine's inclusion in Private Client Global Elite also follows closely behind her recent recognition as an "Associate to Watch" in Chambers High Net Worth Guide.



► Cayman Islands Trusts and Private Client lawyer, Maxine Bodden

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charge of their heart health and that of others. Cayman Heart Fund is running two separate campaigns for World Heart Day 2019 as we understand the importance of spreading awareness to our community.

Wear Red campaign is about wearing RED on Friday September 27th 2019. It's no longer just about wearing red; it's no longer just about sharing heart health facts. It's about making a commitment to stand together with CHF and Wear Red, taking charge of their own heart health as well as the health of those they can't bear to live without. Making a commitment to your health isn't something you have to do alone either, so grab a friend or a family member and make a Cayman Heart Fund commitment today.

Take pictures and email us at info@caymanheartfund.com or tag us on facebook or Instagram @caymanheartfund.

Light the Sky Red is an event will be held on World Heart Day, Sunday September 29th 2019 from 6pm - 9pm. This event is another day where we encourage the community to come out wearing red and watch the sky light red in honour of the Heart Warriors and

Heart Heroes. It will be a great night of awareness and raffle prizes by Cayman Crossfit, Eclipse Hair Design & Day Spa, Bon Vivant and more. Do not miss it.

Lamar Haynes BritCay Health Manager, said The Cayman Heart Fund is one of the local non-profits who we applaud for their efforts to save lives simply by educating the local population about heart and circulatory diseases, and by providing access to life-saving cardiac equipment. Heart disease is a major health challenge in the Cayman Islands, so we hope that others in the community will see the value of partnership with the CHF and join us in supporting their various endeavours.

Dr. Bella Beraha, CHF Chairperson, said we are thrilled and thankful for the support shown by the community ahead of World Heart Day. Britcay is strong supporter of the preventative medicine and we thank them for their generous donation. The Cayman Heart Fund strives to educate the public about Cardiovascular Disease; Donations such as these help us to get closer to achieving the goal of eradicating heart disease in the Cayman Islands.

Angelique Bodden, Coordinator of Cayman Heart Fund said, World Heart

Day is a fantastic way to remind everyone to focus on their hearts and encourage them to get their families, friends and communities involved. Make a promise to us:

- A promise to our families to cook and eat more healthily
- A promise to our children to exercise more help them to be more active, to say no to smoking and help our loved ones stop
- A promise as an employee to invest in heart-healthy workplaces
- A simple promise for My Heart, for Your Heart and for All Our Hearts

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to the reduction of heart and circulatory disease in the Cayman Islands. Heart and circulatory disease, known as cardiovascular disease (CVD), is the number one health problem in the Cayman Islands. Cayman Heart Fund is dedicated to educating the public, influencing policy and supporting access to high quality healthcare through various programs and initiatives.

For more information contact: 345-916-6324 or info@caymanheartfund.com.

POLICE NEWS

Robbery on Shedden Road

Shortly after 9:00PM on Wednesday, 25 September, officers were dispatched to a report of a robbery on Shedden Road, just west of the intersection with Liberty Lane. Two women were outside of a business at the location when they were approached by an unknown man who brandished a handgun and demanded one of the women hand over her handbag. The man then fled on foot via Liberty Lane with the handbag, which contained personal items and a quantity of cash.

The suspect is described as being tall, of light complexion, with brown eyes, and was wearing a black hoodie with the lower half of his face also covered. He is said to have walked with a limp.

The matter is currently under police investigation and anyone with any information or who may have witnessed the incident is asked to contact **George Town CID** at 949-4222.



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Girls Softball Fall Ball Training Underway

The Girls Softball division of the Cayman Islands Little League is running a Fall Ball programme now through the end of November. Training sessions will take place every Wednesday from 5:00-6:45 pm, with arrival and warm-up time from 4:30-5:00 pm. The location is at the Field of Dreams, field 1.

These practices will include developing skills (throwing, fielding,

catching, batting), building confidence, working on fitness, and making new friends. Some of the sessions will conclude with a fun game.

All girls ages (11-18) are welcome to attend, even those who may have never played softball before. There is no charge for this programme.

Please e-mail cilla.girls.softball@gmail.com for further details. [📧](#)



► Girls Softball Teams

Cayman Equestrians Named IEA Dressage Team Champions in Georgia

By Eve van den Bol

Five Cayman dressage riders returned home Monday with lots of first place ribbons won at the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Dressage Team show held at Epiphany Farms located about 1.5 hours north of Atlanta, GA. The Cayman riders participated alongside their three American teammates as members of the High Point Farm IEA Dressage Team.

High Point Farm, located just south of Athens, Georgia, is run by Cindy Thaxton and her family. Thaxton is a leading dressage coach who is invited regularly to Grand Cayman by the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (CIEF) to train local dressage riders.

Assistant Trainer Claire Coman runs the farm's IEA Dressage team, which is in only in its second year. She explains that "IEA is an excellent program as it really tests the kids riding ability and adaptability. To do well, the riders have to be effective and clear with their aids."

Four Caymanian riders make up the entire High Point Farm Middle School team, which was named Champion in their division at the Epiphany show:

Kayla Mannisto, Marley Trench, Rosana Stroh and Jenna Superfine. Abbey Swartz is the sole Caymanian on the farm's four-person High School Team, which finished up as the Reserve Champion in their division. Seven teams competed at both the middle and high school levels.

Other highlights include wins by Marley Trench in both her future novice test and dressage seat equitation class, a win by Kayla Mannisto in Future Intermediate Dressage Seat Equitation and a win by Rosanna Stroh in Beginner Dressage Seat Equitation.

The idea to recruit team members from the Cayman Islands came about after the trainers at High Point observed the horsemanship skills of the Cayman riders competing at the Combined Training Test Event they held last Spring. The idea resonated with local riders and their parents, and now the majority of the High Point IEA Dressage Team consist of riders from Cayman.

Founded in 2002, IEA currently has over 13,500 members in 42 states and operates in three disciplines: Hunt Seat, Western and Dressage. IEA Dressage is open to riders in middle and high school

who have a minimum of one year of riding experience. Riders compete as both individuals and on teams in dressage test classes and dressage seat equitation classes, and at one of four levels: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Open. The regular competition year for IEA starts in September and runs through February. Each rider is limited to competing in a maximum of five IEA shows per season, and if that rider earns enough points during the season, they can qualify for Regional and National Championships.

IEA competition is unique in that no rider needs to own a horse. Instead, the host team provides horses for the competition and riders are assigned to horses based on a random draw. Each rider riding a test has only three minutes to get to know their assigned horse before entering the competition arena. In dressage seat equitation, no warm up time is allowed and the riders compete without any knowledge of the horse. The format of IEA is designed to equalize competition variables and test the horsemanship of the contestants. Said Coman, "the Cayman riders all had a correct concept of dressage position and were able to sit on any horse and adjust to its needs and



► Jenna Superfine riding a test

perform. Big credit has to go to Jessica McTaggart, their coach in Cayman, for their fabulous results this weekend."

The next IEA Dressage show for the Cayman riders on the High Point team will take place in mid-December. For more information about the IEA program, please visit www.rideiea.org. For more information about the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation, please visit www.ciefcay.com. [📧](#)



► Team members Jenna Superfine, Abbey Swartz and Rosana Stroh



► The High Point IEA Team - in white shirts only. (L-R) Coach Claire Coman and Cayman riders Rosana Stroh, Abbey Swartz, Jenna Superfine, Kayla Mannisto and Marley Trench



► Rosanna Stroh starting her 3 minute warm up

International Maritime Organization Delegation to Give Important Updates at Cayman Conference

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Fouling Partnerships, a five-year project to help protect marine biodiversity. The first globally coordinated effort to address biofouling, the GloFouling Partnerships project is a collaboration between the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and IMO. WISTA International is a strategic partner of the project and the organisation's president has officially endorsed the project, particularly its component on diversity and empowering women in the maritime sector.

Carleen Lyden Walker, IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador, will be moderating a session on the topic of how IMO-established Women in Maritime Associations (WIMAs) can work together with WISTA to challenge gender bias.

"There are many opportunities for change and action in today's maritime world. One area is the improvement of women's access to contributing in the maritime industry from entering to excelling," said Ms. Walker. "Fostering a woman's pathway to success is the role of both WISTA and the IMO-established WIMAs. In our discussion, we will be reviewing the activities of both associations and searching for areas of collaboration."

This is the first time that Cayman is hosting the AGM and Conference. The conference theme this year is "Founded Upon the Seas", a nod to Cayman's maritime heritage.

The 2019 WISTA International AGM & Conference is sponsored by Maples Group, Port Authority of the Cayman Islands, Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, NetClues, TotoTheo Maritime, Cayman Islands Shipping Registry, Fiorenti Holdings, Jones Walker LLP, Marshall Islands Registry, BlankRome Maritime, Cricket Square Ltd., Total Marine Solutions, Hyde Agencies Ltd., Cayman Management, MF Shipping Group, Waterfront Shipping Company Limited and Seaboard Cayman, AL Thompson's and Bina Motor Yacht.

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Bahamas Government and Carnival Corporation Sign Agreement for Multi-Million-Dollar Cruise Port in Hurricane-Battered Island

The Government has signed an agreement with Carnival for the \$100 million-dollar development of a cruise port in Freeport in hurricane-hit Grand Bahama.

And Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis said the signing was significant in the restoration and recovery of Grand Bahama following Hurricane Dorian's devastation of that island along with Abaco earlier this month.

"A major part of reconstruction, which has become even more urgent, is the ongoing economic recovery and revitalization of Grand Bahama," he said yesterday.

"The Government expected to sign a Heads of Agreement with Carnival Grand Bahama Investment Limited and the Carnival Corporation for a new cruise port a few weeks ago. Because of Hurricane Dorian the initial date for signing had to be postponed. I am pleased that we are able to have today's signing to help in the restoration and recovery of Grand Bahama."

Carnival Corporation has agreed to develop a new island destination on Grand Bahama on 329 acres of land in Sharp Rock in Freeport, which is the second largest city in The Bahamas. The cruise port will be the largest Carnival cruise port in the world.

The new cruise port will lead to significant job creation in the construction phase as well as long-term, said Prime Minister Minnis.

"There will be significant opportunities for business development and entrepreneurship by Baha-



► Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis (left) and Giora Israel, Carnival Corporation's Senior Vice-President/Global Port and Destination Development, with signed Heads of Agreements for Freeport Cruise Port and Half Moon Cay (expansion) developments. (Photo Credit: Yontalay Bowe)

mians. The new port will result in greater Bahamian ownership in terms of a range of business opportunities," he added.

When completed, the new port is expected to bring millions more tourists to Grand Bahama each year. It will include aquatic facilities, food and beverage pavilions, restaurants and nightclubs, a shopping plaza, zip lines and sports facilities, miniature golf course, park areas, open air concert facilities and a transportation hub.

The Government also signed an agreement with Carnival for the further development of Half Moon Cay (Little San Salvador), a private island owned by Holland America Line which uses it as a port of call for the cruise ships it operates in the region. The expansion includes the construction of a cruise pier on the north end of Half Moon Cay, as well as supporting landside facilities at the pier site.

The capital investment will total \$80 million, and will include the construction of aquatic facilities, beach restoration, restaurants and nightclubs, a shopping plaza, sports and entertainment facilities, nature trails and the development of park and/or natural reserve areas.

Both heads of agreements will be tabled in the House of Assembly.

"In order to rebuild Abaco and Grand Bahama, we have to spur economic development throughout the country," said Prime Minister Minnis. "We must also accelerate economic projects on Grand Bahama and begin rebuilding on Abaco as soon as is possible." [📧](#)

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

- ACROSS**
- 39 Seoul setting
 - 1 Convoy trucks
 - 6 Kick off
 - 11 Carroll heroine
 - 12 Make blank
 - 13 "Olympia" painter
 - 14 Directional sign
 - 15 Squelches
 - 17 Crunch targets
 - 18 Low digit
 - 19 Batch of flowers
 - 22 Composer Rorem
 - 23 Tentative inquiry
 - 24 Pointers
 - 25 Around
 - 27 Back at sea
 - 30 Torch's kin
 - 31 Shop tool
 - 32 Trickery
 - 33 Seuss title character
 - 35 Chelsea chip
 - 38 Wild card, at times
- DOWN**
- 1 Strong fellow
 - 2 Jerry's friend
 - 3 Made money
 - 4 Frozen treats
 - 5 Light
 - 6 Arthur of TV
 - 7 Blunder
 - 8 Mechanic's place
 - 9 Weather map line
 - 10 Informative
 - 16 "Stay out" sign
 - 20 Irritate
 - 21 High trains
 - 24 Derby, e.g.
 - 8 Mechanic's place
 - 25 Constricted
 - 26 Whole
 - 27 Crafty
 - 28 Bird of prey
 - 29 Eleven-year-olds, e.g.
 - 30 Is missing
 - 34 Clarinet part
 - 36 Visit
 - 37 Contrived

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Yesterday's answer

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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★

9/10

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Word Search

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- Acrylic
- Aquarelle
- Brush
- Canvas
- Charcoal
- Collage
- Crayon
- Easel
- Gouache
- Model
- Oils
- Paint
- Palette
- Pastel
- Sketch Studio
- Tempera
- Tint
- Tone
- Varnish
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