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By Christopher Tobutt

“According to the World Health Organisation, one in four of us will have mental illness at some point in our lifetime. Mental health matters because it affects us either directly, or indirectly and is one of the most serious challenges our society faces,” said His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper at the historical groundbreaking ceremony for Cayman Islands’ very first long-term residential mental health facility. “This will be a facility where care is provided to adult residents with chronic mental illnesses in a healing environment, and residents of these islands with serious and persistent mental illness will be cared for holistically, in a safe and secure environment, with the prime objective being integration back into their communities. “Family and friends will be able to visit regularly in-



► Groundbreaking for the new facility (L-r) Councillor Captain Eugene Ebanks, Premier Alden McLaughlin, Governor Martyn Roper, Minister Tara Rivers, Minister Dwayne Seymour, Deputy Premier Moses Kirkconnell, Minister Juliana O’Connor Connolly, Dr. Marc Lockhart, and Councillor Barbara Connolly

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RCIPS reports Spike in DUI Offenses

Since July 2019 police officers have made just over 70 citations for persons driving under the influence of alcohol, with the most recent figures showing that in the month of September alone, 27 citations were made for the offense.

Of the persons cited in the month of September, reports show that 8 of the intoxicated persons,

who provided breath samples, blew over .200%, or more than double the legal limit of .100%. Of the total numbers of citations for the past 3 months, 23 were discovered as a result of a motor vehicle collision.

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Cayman Regiment to be established



In a bid to strengthen this jurisdiction’s ability to deal with the impact of another hurricane, the Cayman Islands is to get its own Regiment of the UK’s Armed Forces.

The UK Minister for the Armed Forces Mark Lancaster visited Cayman last week and made the announcement jointly, with Premier Alden McLaughlin and Governor Martyn Roper.

Discussions on the subject have been taking place all year prior to the announcement, which, they said, would improve security and disaster management capabilities in the Cayman Islands and in the region.

To make this happen, a team of military and aviation experts will be deployed here from the UK later this year to see what’s needed and eventually the UK will help with training and equipment as well.

Minister Lancaster said that the UK had close and historical bonds with the Cayman Islands and through this move they were strengthening their relationship even further.

“We are committed to the safety and security of the Overseas Territories,” he said. “Having recently worked with regional partners on the response to Hurricane Dorian we have demonstrated both the depth of that commitment and value we place on our partnerships in the Caribbean. I

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COMMUNITY VOICE

Letter to Editor: Support for the Cruise Port Project



Well the date for the people-initiated referendum on the cruise berthing facility has been set. It's exciting isn't it? This whole process has been a beacon of democracy at work & the Cayman Islands has made history as the first British Overseas Territory to ever bring a people-initiated referendum. As Caymanians, we should be proud.

What I'm not so proud of, is the anger & animosity this issue has stirred up within our community. This is not who we are, we are better than this.

Newsflash: I am a Caymanian. I love the environment. I love my country. I support the cruise port project. Guess what? Those four things are NOT mutually exclusive. I can be all of those things all at once. Sadly, the group who oppose the port project have constructed this narrative that says if you are FOR the port, then you're against the environment. Even worse, they are employing bullying & intimidation tactics, both subtle & explicit, that have discouraged people from stating any opinion that is contrary to what they are promoting.

I know this for a fact because I've talked to many people who support the port project but are reluctant, even afraid, to say anything publicly because they just cannot stomach the backlash & the vitriol that is visited upon them, all because they gave their opinion, something we are ALL entitled to in this country. Some of these people are in the cruise tourism & hospitality industry while others are like me, a concerned Caymanian.

Basically, the anti-port group's message is our opinion is fact & your opinion doesn't count because it doesn't line up with ours. Furthermore, you are a bad person because your opinion about the port is different from ours. This is so disheartening.

The Support Our Tourism group recently posted a video of a young Caymanian in the cruise tourism industry saying she supports the port project. One commenter suggested she is being fed lies & that Support Our Tourism is spreading propaganda. That person said he would like to believe she was stating "an unbiased opinion" but that the source she refers to which made her change her mind might be the people directly involved with the port project. DUH! And what of it? Isn't the Cruise Port Referendum brigade doing the same thing? Aren't they talking to people who might be for the port or on the fence & persuading them to change their minds? Both groups put out their messaging to inform & persuade the community to CONSIDER it & see where they stand - the whole point of a public

education campaign & public discourse! I'm sure that commenter has had conversations with friends & family, giving his opinion on the port in the hope of convincing them over to his side. Let's not be hypocrites here. Let's not vilify people who don't think like us. It's low-brow strong arming tactics, which is simply beneath us.

Another thing: an "unbiased opinion" is an oxymoron. An opinion by its very nature is biased. Much of what the anti-cruise people are saying is opinion & speculation too. It's just as biased because it's their opinion. Some of it is also misinformation and/or misinterpretation, but I'm not about to jump into that tangarung.

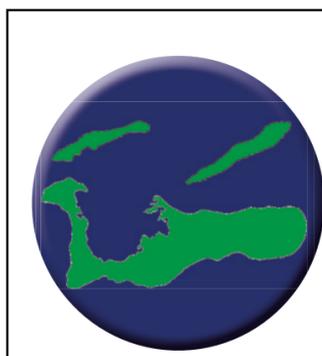
I do have some facts though. Not opinions but facts based on history. Back in 1976 when the current port was proposed by Berkeley Bush, ExCo member for Communications & Works, there was a lot of criticism about the facility, much as there is today. Bush was actually kicked out of Government because of his decision to build the port & he was ostracised by the Cayman community. Everyone said that the port would not withstand the first Nor'wester, & worse yet, it would destroy Seven Mile Beach. Here we are, 43 years, countless nor'westers & one hurricane Ivan later & the Port is still here, not necessarily operating as well as it should be, but still here. Let's stop the fear mongering.

As for environmental impact, every time we build any structure on the beach, there is environmental impact. Every time the Planning Department allows a developer to build a 10-story condo on Seven Mile Beach, there is environmental impact. Every time we get a cold front, there is environmental impact. Every time a cargo ship comes into port with the goods we need to live or a cruise ship with passengers we need to fortify our tourism industry, there is environmental impact. When tunnels are built on West Bay Road or the road is diverted to make way for a beachfront hotel, there is environmental impact. Every time a new car is put on the road, there is environmental impact. Even the electric ones have environmental impact. So please don't come to me with the vaguely constructed & one-sided argument about environmental impact; that ship sailed a long time ago, no pun intended.

I say all of the above to say this: dial down the rhetoric. We are all entitled to our opinion, nobody has the right to make me feel less than because of my opinion, & no one has the right to make me or you, afraid to state that opinion.

I am a Caymanian. I love the environment. I love my country. I support the cruise port project. I am all of those things all at once. Don't try to tell me otherwise.

Patrice Donalds-Morgan



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► Artists impressions of the new facility, when it is built

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stead of being separated for months or years when persons are sent to facilities overseas.”

When the new facility is finished, in the middle of 2021, it will be located in the most beautiful, quiet countryside that the Cayman Islands has to offer, in the High Rocks area of East End. “Ladies and gentlemen this is sacred land that we are standing on,” said Dr. Marc Lockhart, Chairman of the Mental Health Commission, who has pushed for such a facility for many years. “This land that we look at is going to be used to create a lot of benefits and healing. Dr. Lockhart went on to explain the significance of “home” as a psychological concept, and the problem of having to remove long-term mental health patients from their home in the Cayman Islands for treatment in Jamaica: “We can then imagine what it is like for the fourteen or fifteen Caymanians that are in Jamaica, and have been away from home and are in exile, and some of them have been there for decades. This facility is going to make our nation whole again,” he said.

Premier Alden McLaughlin praised Dr. Lockhart as well as all the other people who had worked so hard to make this special day come true, while acknowledging that it was long over-

due: “I always believe that heart and soul of a nation is measured in how it treats the most vulnerable among us. We have known, as a country as a people and as a government for years that the conditions under which we treated people with mental illness were even less than inadequate, and that the number of persons we have had to send overseas over the many years, is, I will say is nothing short of a national disgrace, that a country as wealthy as we are has waited this long to provide such a facility. I can’t tell you the sense of satisfaction and fulfilment I have as Premier, and a former Health Minister, to see us get to this point.”

Minister of Health Dwayne Seymour added a personal note: “It touches me deeply to stand here on this site, dedicated to so much change. My dad would have benefitted greatly from this facility,” he said, going on to explain that his father had to receive treatment in Jamaica, and was cured there, but didn’t want to come home again, “Because he felt that there wasn’t a facility here and felt he would go back to some bad habits,” Mr. Seymour explained. “But my goal is to ensure it is here for your fathers, mothers and children, friends and others who are most dear to us. So you can only imagine how near and dear this project is to me as Minister.”



► Premier Alden McLaughlin



► Artists impressions of the new facility, when it is built



► Dr. Marc Lockhart



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► (L-R) Head of the Civil Service, Mr. Franz Manderson and civil servants took part in the Family Resource Centre's Stood Up campaign's photo opportunity to raise awareness of all forms of bullying last Friday (Photo by Elphina Jones, GIS)

Stood Up Anti-Bullying Insists that "Change Starts With You"

Civil servants took an eye-catching stand against all forms of bullying, Friday, 4 October 2019, at this year's Stood Up photo opportunity.

The anti-bullying Dress for a Cause event, held a Pink Shirt shoot on the front steps of Government Administration Building, was attended by the Acting Governor, Mr. Franz Manderson and the Director of Counselling Services Judith Seymour.

Organised by the recently relocated Family Resource Centre (FRC), it was part of a month-long awareness-raising campaign themed "Change Starts with You."

"The FRC's Stood Up campaign is encouraging further dialogue on the is-

sue, on our streets, in the media, and in our school classrooms. This initiative is one that really resonates with families who are experiencing bullying and with teachers and students," said Mrs. Seymour.

"Our team does a tremendous amount of work in our communities and in our schools around the issue of anti-bullying awareness and programmes," said Mr. Manderson.

"They are having an anti-bullying fair at the end of this month. It's something we really want to raise awareness of. In the Civil Service, we are rolling out our anti-bullying strategy at the end of this month. Civil servants have raised concerns, so we have to make sure that we

are addressing any concerns about bullying. It is something we must never tolerate," he concluded.

FRC Programme Facilitator Renee Ebanks confirmed that bullying was a problem that not only concerns children.

"We want to get across that bullying doesn't just affect students, it affects and concerns parents, co-workers, the elderly and just about everyone in the community. Everyone has a role to play in bullying prevention, the Stood Up campaign is highlighting the importance of that," she concluded.

Ms Ebanks also outlined the campaign's schedule throughout October, including a social media campaign, talk

radio appearances and an anti-bullying workshop for parents.

"We've been working very closely within our schools to raise awareness of not only the physical but the long-term psychological damage of cyber bullying, and aggression. We are looking forward to seeing the anti-bullying projects on Saturday, 26 October, that the students have collaborated on to find solutions to these issues."

"Our role as an agency is to work holistically both with victims and their aggressors to eliminate this form of aggression in an effective and proactive manner," she ended.

For the month-long 2019 Stood Up schedule, visit www.frc.gov.ky today.

"PIRATES AGAINST PLASTIC BEACH CLEAN UP RETURNS"

Pirates Week and Plastic Free Cayman Partner for Second Year

The Pirates Week Festival is proud to bring back its Pirates Against Plastic initiative in conjunction with Plastic Free Cayman (PFC) to once again parley with the Pirates for a beach clean-up.

Participants are being sought to assist PFC on Sunday 10th November in cleaning up the beach at Safehaven from 8:00am to 11:00am (parking available next to the North Sound Golf Club).

"We appreciate the Plastic Free Cayman team for supporting the Pirates Against Plastic initiative once again. Anyone of any age and any skill level can get involved and have fun alongside our local pirate characters in this clean-up effort," said Melanie McField, Pirates Week General Manager.

People wishing to assist in the clean-up are asked to bring gloves and a reusable water container. Some clean up tools will be supplied; ice water and snacks will be also be available.

"It's been so inspiring to see the community come and help at beach cleans. I believe when people come and clean up, they get to see plastic pollution first-hand and then are much more motivated to make some simple changes to their lifestyle," said Claire Hughes, Plastic Free Cayman founder.

"Pirates Against Plastic is an awesome way to help spread the message to our community that using single-use plastic

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► Pirates from near and far help pick up trash during the inaugural Pirates Against Plastic beach clean-up in 2018

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS Issue Safety Advisory as a result of Spike in DUI Offenses

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Superintendent Robert Graham in charge of Uniformed Operations stated "Despite our efforts in enforcement, education and high visibility patrols, we continue to see an alarming increase in the amount of persons driving whilst under the influence of alcohol. I am reminding motorists to be safe and do not drink and drive. Consider not just your own safety but the safety of other road users, pedestrians, including children, who may be affected by your actions. It is especially alarming for us to see so many persons driving with such high levels of intoxication, which makes being involved in a collision almost guaranteed."

The RCIPS would like to encourage all motorists not to drink and drive, and instead to make alternative arrangements.



Even if you are unable to secure someone you know as a designated driver, there are several alternative transportation methods available such as public transport and taxi systems.

Cayman to get own UK Armed Forces Regiment

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am delighted that the UK can help establish a Cayman Regiment."

Governor Roper said that the new initiative would help reinforce hurricane assistance and disaster relief capability in the Cayman Islands as well as the other Overseas Territories and across the region.

Both the Governor and Premier highlighted that such a move would also be beneficial to Cayman's youth looking for employment in the Armed Forces.

"It will also help bolster security more generally and help to develop skills amongst Cayman's young people and provide a further avenue for the Cadets when they reach the age of 18," the Governor stated.

Premier McLaughlin said that having a specially trained Regiment in Cayman would have a positive impact on youth development and leadership on the Islands.

"It will also give a boost to security and increase our resilience on disaster management and the support we could offer across the wider Caribbean. I am pleased

that the UK are keen to support this initiative and we welcome their expertise and involvement," he said.

Minister Lancaster thanked the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and the Air Operations Unit for their involvement during the response to Hurricane Irma and Maria in 2017 and more recently with Hurricane Dorian.

During the UK Minister's visit, discussions also took place about border security issues and development of the Cayman Coastguard and how the UK could help further with this.

"PIRATES AGAINST PLASTIC BEACH CLEAN UP RETURNS"

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is not 'cool'. We are hoping to see many volunteers at the clean up on the 10th of November to help pick up some plastic," she commented.

Learn more about the Pirates Against Plastic clean up by contacting Claire at info@plasticfreecayman.com.

About Plastic Free Cayman

Plastic Free Cayman is a team of volunteers passionate about reducing single-use plastic in the Cayman Islands.

PFC aims to raise awareness to the growing issues surrounding plastic pollution and help others on their plastic-free journey.

PFC began as a grassroots movement in 2017 with monthly clean ups and was awarded their 'Not for Profit Charitable Trust' certificate in June 2018.

Find them online at www.plasticfree-cayman.com

The Pirates Week Festival is the largest event in the Cayman Islands calendar, annually drawing over 35,000 spectators for the duration of the 11-day festival. During this time, the islands are transformed into a mass of colour and revelry, with over three dozen different events being hosted over three weekends, across all three islands!

The Pirates Week Festival is administered by the Tourism Attraction Board of the Cayman Islands.

Those looking to participate in the festival or become a sponsor in any way, can email events@piratesweekfestival.com.

If you would like more information about this topic, please email marketing@tab.ky.



► Darvin Ebanks of Bloody Bay Buccaneers Pirates Against Plastic Clean Up 2018



► PJ Balls doing his part at Pirates Against Plastic Clean Up 2018

Governor gets poppy pinned by Veterans Association

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, was joined by UK Minister for Armed Forces Rt. Hon Mark Lancaster, who is visiting the Cayman Islands, for the ceremonial poppy-pinning day. The ceremony was undertaken by Andrew McLaughlin, President of the Cayman Islands Veterans Association, and Shadden McLaughlin, who is an executive member. Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin and Deputy Governor Franz Manderson also had their poppies pinned, marking the beginning of the season when members of the Veterans Association traditionally raise funds for veterans and their families in need, by selling the poppies.

Andrew McLaughlin said: "We have very few fundraising activities; we have the Veterans Gala Benefit Dance, and that will be on 19 October at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort, and we also have the traditional poppy appeal. Today signifies the opening of the Poppy Appeal, where the Governor, the Minister of Armed Forces for the UK and the Premier, will be receiving their poppy, and that's the official opening of the poppy season; so you'll start to see poppies pop up all over Cayman, as people show their respect for the military and what they have done."

Shadden McLaughlin said: "We are now in the tenth year of officially pinning the poppy on the County's Governor, and we are delighted to advise the public that the poppy appeal season is now underway. We truly appreciate the community's continued support. We must remember that freedom isn't free, so please get your poppies and support the initiative until Remembrance Day of 11 November. One hundred percent of the money raised goes to helping our aging veterans and widows in need, in the Cayman Islands. All of the money stays on the island. The money helps support veterans with assistance such as food



► (L-r) Paul Ebanks, Shadden McLaughlin, Alden McLaughlin, Loxley Banks, Martyn Roper, Mark Lancaster, Paul McLaughlin, and Graham Walker proud in their poppies

vouchers, utility assistance, or funeral expenses.

Mr. Mark Lancaster said: "As Minister for the Armed Forces, it's good to be able to open the official poppy selling period. It's really important to remember the sacrifice that so many Caymanians have made over the years, and continue to make today.

Mr. Roper said: "It's the first year that I've been here for the poppy pinning process, and I am delighted to be here today at this incredibly important time, and it's really important that we remem-

ber all the sacrifices that those people made for us, so that we can be here today.

The Cayman Islands Veterans Association (CIVA) is a charitable, not-for-profit organization which seeks to ensure that every ex-serviceman or woman in the Cayman Islands has someone to whom they can turn for help when they need it.

CIVA is not just for war veterans, and its membership is open to all past serving members of the military forces (or merchant naval forces in war zones) of any commonwealth or allied country.

CIVA is an association of like-minded members of all ages, who share similar stories and memories of years gone by. Veterans come from all walks of life and have served in the armed forces in many different countries.

CIVA is a member of the Royal Commonwealth Ex-Services League (RCEL). The RCEL enjoys Royal Patronage; the Patron being Her Majesty the Queen. The Grand President is His Royal Highness Prince Phillip. The Cayman Islands Veterans Association also has close ties with the Royal Canadian Legion.



► H.E the Governor gets his poppy pinned by Shadden McLaughlin



► Minister for the Armed Forces Mark Lancaster gets his poppy pinned by Paul Ebanks



► Local staples



► Ms Bubbles entertains

Flashback 2018: George Town celebrates its heritage

By Lindsey Turnbull

Each of Grand Cayman's five districts have held their own individual district Heritage Day as part of the Pirate's Week celebrations this year, and on Thursday it was the turn of George Town to round off the week of heritage celebration.

Held in the heart of George Town along Cardinal Avenue, George Town's

Heritage Day welcomed alighting cruise ship visitors as well as a host of locals mainly in search of something tasty for lunch. Food was definitely the lure for most, who were searching out the source of the aromas of fried fish, fried breadfruit and curried chicken.

A group of George Town ladies had worked hard to infuse this day with some historical references to Cayman's herit-

age, along with the delicious food. Ms Deanna Look Loy had brought what seemed like the entire contents of her home and put them on display for visitors to enjoy. There was a traditional tea set, a set of beautiful plates created by the artist John Doak to commemorate Caymanian heritage and a display of the artwork usually adorning Ms Look Loy's home, all created by local artists. Centre stage was a large display of intricate crochet work created by a neighbour of Ms Look Loy who had now passed away. Ms Look Loy wanted her work to go on display as she felt it was a dying art that she wanted to showcase.



► Ms Jean Ramoon

Sisters Ms Jean and Ms Emily Ramoon had brought in a range of everyday items that would have been regular fixtures in any household in times gone by, including an indispensable grater for grating coconut, wompers (home-made sandals), and tins and pans of every description, including an old tin bath that doubled up as a container in which to wash clothes.

Ms Donna Bryant was also on hand to impart her knowledge of thatch weaving. Ms Donna said she had learnt the skill from her mother when she was about ten years old and now she delighted in passing on her skills to local school children, to ensure that this slice of Caymanian heritage was not forgotten.



► Food was a big draw

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CAYMAN COMMIT TO COMPLY ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURES

The Government of the Cayman Islands has formally announced its intention to introduce a public register of beneficial ownership.

The announcement comes as attention continues to be focused on transparency in the global offshore financial sector, especially in leading centres such as the Cayman Islands, other UK Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies.

The Cayman Islands has always been firm its stance on transparency in its internationally-recognised and lucrative financial sector, of the world's leaders.

In a statement, the government stressed "financial secrecy is not tolerated in our jurisdiction."

It said, "for many years (it) understood the importance of collecting and maintaining verified beneficial ownership information, and in fact, a further enhancement of information sharing has been achieved through the Exchange of Notes with the UK."

The Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Premier of the Cayman Islands, said: "Since 2013 my Government has committed to introducing a public register of company beneficial ownership when it becomes an international standard."

He went on to state; "I am proud that the Cayman Islands has worked so well with law enforcement and tax authorities the world over, and that the level of transparency of our regime has been recognised by key international bodies and other governments."

The timeline we have announced today recognizes the work necessary to create a register that is sufficiently robust, capable of suitable levels of interoperability and that will avoid the redesigns that the UK now has to undertake."

According to the government, "while undue focus is often placed on our jurisdiction, we fully appreciate the need to ensure coherent and efficient registration and exchange of beneficial ownership information to facilitate the transparent flow of legitimate capital."

This falls under what is known in UK legislation as the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act of which the public register of beneficial ownership is a key component.

While no exact date for implementation was given, the government of Premier Alden McLaughlin said its decision was "in line with evolving standards and international obligations such as those reflected in the principles of the EU 5th Anti Money Laundering Directive."

It also pointed out that its commitment to enact the relevant legislation "follows the announcement of the same made earlier this year by the British Crown Dependencies."

"The commitment to introduce publicly accessible registers on a timeline that reflects the development and evolution of public registers in the UK and EU, confirms our ongoing commitment to meeting international standards, and to adapting proactively as global best practice evolves," the government emphasised.

The Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies have been under pressure by London to allow public disclosure of company beneficial ownership.

An inquiry into the future of relations between the UK and its overseas territories by the UK's parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) recommended that it be instituted without delay,

even going as far as calling it "a matter of (UK) national urgency". But there has consistently been vigorous pushback from OTs, especially the Cayman Islands, arguing that current local provisions meet international standards - and exceeded them in some instances.



► Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Premier of the Cayman Islands

The long-standing contentious issue was a focal point of the 2017-2018 review of relations between the UK Overseas Territories by the FAC.

In its response to the FAC's report, the British government had said it would "prepare an Order in Council by the end of December 2020, with the Territories expected to have fully functioning publicly accessible registers as soon as possible, and no later than the end of 2023."

But in its announcement confirming that it was committed to instituting the system in keeping with global trends, the Cayman Islands defends its reputation as having "a long history of upholding international standards and working cooperatively with tax and law enforcement authorities in other jurisdictions."

Minister of Financial Services, the Hon. Tara Rivers said: "The plans announced today reinforce our standing as a leading International Financial Centre and our commitment to global best practice."

"It is appropriate that other jurisdictions with developed financial services industries follow suit, and we will make every effort to support the global development and implementation of evolving international standards in this area."

Minister Rivers also declared that the Cayman Islands "stand ready to work collaboratively with other jurisdictions as a common approach emerges in the design and maintenance of verified beneficial ownership registers."

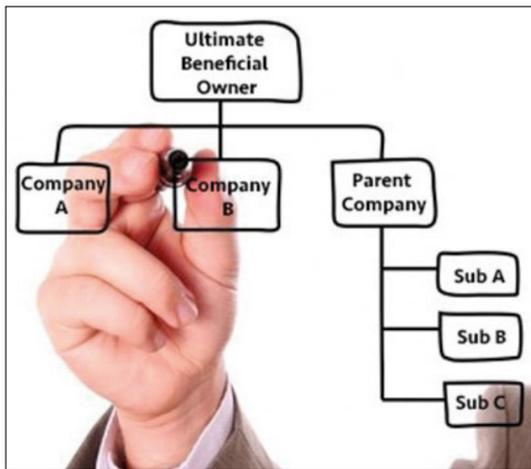
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Estera Launches Legal Services in Bermuda and Cayman

Estera, a global leader in corporate, funds and trust services, has announced the launch of legal services in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands. Estera Law will provide legal services in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands which are aligned to clients' individual objectives and preferences. Estera's legal services will cover a number of practice areas such as corporate and commercial, regulatory, insurance and investment funds.

The provision of legal services is in response to demands by clients for tailored solutions to support their strategic and operational priorities in the face of rapidly evolving regulatory, jurisdictional and market environments. This important, strategic development gives clients the option of a one-stop-shop for legal, corporate and fiduciary services.

Providing legal services will enable Estera to broaden and deepen relationships with clients in the Americas, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong.

"We are extremely pleased to announce the launch of legal services in Bermuda and the Cayman Islands", said James Maitland, Regional Head of Americas, Bermuda and Caribbean at Estera. "We are resolutely focussed on enhancing our services and providing our clients flexible, expert solutions. We also remain dedicated to strengthening our collaborative relationships with our existing partners and intermediaries in the Americas, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong. This expansion further demonstrates our commitment not only to Bermuda and the Cayman Islands, but to our clients within the region."



► Richard Gordon, Managing Director of Estera in the Cayman Islands

Estera already has impressive legal credentials with key members of the team having many decades of legal experience. In Bermuda, Alison Dyer-Fagundo will lead the legal team as Managing Partner of Estera Law (Bermuda) Limited. Alison was a former partner of a global offshore law firm and has extensive experience in private equity transactions, derivatives, public and private company M&A activity, equity and debt markets, corporate governance, and partnerships in relation to both their formation and on-going transactions. Alison was recommended by IFLR1000 and Legal 500 Caribbean where she was commended for being 'extremely responsive and practical.' Chambers Global named Alison a 'Leader in her Field', noting 'her significant experience in debt and equity financings and securities offerings and listings'.

In the Cayman Islands, Estera has entered into a business affiliation relationship with U Law Limited which has been renamed as Estera Law (Cayman) Limited. Kendra Foster will be leading the legal team as Managing Partner. Kendra has extensive experience in the Cayman Islands financial services industry and was the founding principal of U Law Limited. Prior to founding the firm, Kendra worked for a prominent offshore law firm in the Cayman Islands and served as the Deputy Compliance Director of a multi-national corporate service provider. Kendra has expertise in financial services, investment funds, and general corporate commercial practice areas and specialises in regulatory, licensing, risk management and information disclosure matters.

Richard Gordon, Managing Director of Estera in the Cayman Islands said "This is an incredibly positive move for us as we can now provide clients with the option of instructing us for both their legal, corporate and fiduciary services. We always respond to client demand and will continue to work with a wide range of other advisers to provide our clients with the services that best suit their requirements."

Kendra Foster commented "I am thrilled that U Law Limited is joining forces with the Estera Group and looking forward to partnering with Managing Director, Richard Gordon and the whole Estera team to devel-



► Kendra Foster will be leading the Estera legal team as Managing Partner

op Estera's Cayman Islands legal services offering by delivering a quality experience for clients focused on adding value."

In Bermuda, Estera is one of the largest providers of corporate fiduciary services and a key player in Bermuda's thriving Insurance market as a registered listing sponsor for the Bermuda Stock Exchange (BSX). In the Cayman Islands, Estera is a tier 1 CLO player and has an enviable reputation for delivering a full range of corporate, fund and fiduciary services.

On 19 July it was announced that Inflexion Private Equity will acquire Estera, subject to regulatory approval. Following completion, Estera will be merged with Inflexion's existing portfolio company, Ocorian, to form a global corporate service and fund administration leader of significant scale. The combined business will be a major global player with offices in 18 key offshore and onshore jurisdictions, over 1,250 employees and serve over 8,000 clients.

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Barbados fears child sex tourism rise

Barbados is in danger of becoming a magnet for sex tourism in the Caribbean for paedophiles, an industry official has warned.

Charlie Spice, the head of the Adult Industry Association has also warned the Mia Mottley administration that Barbados is becoming infamous as the country with the highest rate of underage sex in schools.

He also revealed that child prostitution and sex trafficking is growing exponentially across the country.

Spice noted that in recent years, countless numbers of videos have been circulating via WhatsApp and other social media platforms, depicting school girls in Barbados performing sex acts.

"What is even more alarming is that some of these kids are having sex in their school uniforms, which is

highly disgraceful and disrespectful to their schools, their teachers and their parents," he said.

Spice said that he knows more than most people about the level of sexual activities among children and other young people because they confide in him as head of the adult industry thinking he would condone their behaviour.

"It really upsets me what is going on in this country. So many of these videos are coming to me.

"I delete them right away because I more so than anyone else know it is illegal to store child pornography and it is also illegal to transmit it to other people."

Spice declared he is tired of school teachers and parents ignoring it because it is not their child or student in the video.

"Or perhaps it is just one kid from a school and the headmaster or headmistress will deal with that as an



► Barbados has a growing sex tourism problem

isolated case not realizing the gravitas of the situation," he said.

School bus drivers are notorious for being involved in sexual activity with teenage school girls which has been reported repeatedly in the Barbados media.

Jamaica stock exchange praised

Jamaica's stock exchange has caught the attention of the international daily newspaper the Financial Times. In a feature published this week the newspaper gives a glowing review of the Jamaica stock exchange and the growing economy.

The article cites Jamaica's strict adherence to the IMF programme that helped turn the economy around and Jamaica's early exit from the programme with "flying colours". There is also mention of Jamaica's record-low unemployment, job creation, and new optimism. These are some of the key factors that have led to the Jamaican stock exchange gains.

According to Bloomberg, Jamaica's stock exchange has gained 35 percent in the past 12 months and is the world's best performing of all 94 exchanges they track. The Financial



► Jamaica's economy is improving dramatically

Times also states that the Jamaican stock exchange gained over 600 percent in the past five years which is also a world's best.

Jamaica's world-leading stock exchange was featured by Bloomberg a year ago where they raved about the gains.

Antigua ploughs \$40m to save LIAT

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister has squashed plans to purchase Barbados shares in cash strapped LIAT but is prepared to make a substantial capital injection.

Instead, Gatson Browne said that he has told Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley that Antigua and Barbuda have found EC\$40 million (KY\$12.3 million) to pump into LIAT and no longer wants to buy Barbados' shares.

According to Browne, the money is to come from a loan from the Venezuela-based ALBA Bank.

"I have indicated that the Antigua and Barbuda government has \$40 million that could be made available to capitalise LIAT and that there should be a fresh capital call in which we will have the existing shareholders and possibly new shareholders recapitalise LIAT," he said.



► LIAT is being bailed out again, this time by Antigua

He said this will be followed by a restructuring of LIAT to ensure that it becomes leaner and to ensure that it can at least make an operating profit going forward.

He said while there will have further discussions the idea that Antigua will purchase Barbados's shares is no longer an option.

He said however that this would have to be approved by LIAT's other shareholders.

Trinidad 'church' resembles prison

A Trinidadian pastor was among three people detained by police on Tuesday, following the discovery of 69 people being held at a facility in Arouca, described as a "church" but resembling a prison.

Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith described the case as "virtual modern-day slavery".

He said the scene was barbaric and there were reports that some of the 65 men and four women were being tortured.

He said Taser guns and batons were seized.

Griffith said each case would be thoroughly investigated as it appeared that some family members were deliberately sending their loved ones to gain profit.

The "slaves" would also undergo thorough medical examinations as some claimed to have been there for years.



► Trinidad police commissioner Gary Griffith

The sting operation coordinated by Griffith and executed by the Special Operation Response Team (SORT) went to the church at around 11pm.

"We have now cracked what is the biggest situations pertaining to human trafficking in this country," he said.

Families had been taking their drug addicted relatives to the facility for help.

At the end of the treatment period, the managers would often advise

that the addicts be kept for an additional period, at an additional cost.

The 'inmates' were not allowed to leave the location and security guards on duty were not allowed to take cell phones beyond the walls. One security guard was fired when he raised issue with the treatment of the inmates.

It is alleged that the 'inmates' were underfed, beaten, and caged. Some are mentally challenged.

Guyana oil boost by next year

Guyana is about to become a major oil producer.

In August the Liza Destiny floating, production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessel reached the Exxon Mobil-operated Stabroek Block offshore Guyana. The FPSO will mine eight wells and yield up to 120,000 gross barrels of oil per day starting next year.

After Liza Destiny, Exxon-Mobil may deploy four more FPSOs to Stabroek and produce more than 750,000 barrels per day of crude by 2025. Besides ExxonMobil, international firms that are also active offshore Guyana include Tullow Oil plc, Total S.A., Hess Corp and Qatar Petroleum.

Revenues from oil production should dramatically enhance Guyana's economic fortunes and the lives of its 800,000 people. The World Bank reports that the country's annual gross domestic product growth rate is expected to rise from 4.6 percent this year to 34 percent in 2020.

"Well managed oil revenues can have a transformative and sustainable



► Guyana's oil fields will soon boost the economy

impact on a country's development," Tahseen Sayed, World Bank Country Director for the Caribbean, said. "Guyana today has an extraordinary opportunity to reduce poverty and bring long-term benefits to its people."

Through its Guyana Petroleum Resources Governance and Management Project, the World Bank is providing technical assistance to help Guyana's government develop a legal and regulatory framework to properly manage the pending influx of oil revenues. In effect, the initiative is aimed at helping Guyana to avoid the "resource curse."

Montserrat has new Leader for the PDM

When Montserrat's ruling People's Democratic Party seeks a second term in office in next month's general elections, it will be without Premier Donaldson Romeo at its helm.

Romeo, who formed the PDM ahead of the 2014 elections, has announced that he has been replaced as party leader by Paul Lewis, Minister of Communications, Works, Energy and Labour.

"Having participated in a democratic process, I will respect the outcome. This means that up until the day of the election, I will continue to perform my constitutional duties as premier and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Montserrat for their support, prayers and encouragement over the past five years," Romeo said.

The development came after Romeo announced Nov. 18 as Election Day. Lewis accepted his new role "with the utmost humility and an overwhelming sense of duty and responsibility" to the people of Montserrat.



► Paul Lewis is Montserrat's PDM Leader

He thanked PDM members "for deciding to place their confidence in me to lead our party into this upcoming general election" and expressed profound thanks to Romeo whom he said had navigated his way through the challenges the PDM met when it took office in 2014.

The PDM will face the Montserrat United Labour Party, The Movement for Change and Prosperity, Montserrat National Congress, and several independent candidates at the elections.

Grenada tourism rising rapidly

Grenada enjoyed its best visitor arrivals from neighbouring Caribbean islands in the first eight months of this year.

From January to August visitors from neighbouring Caribbean islands accounted for 18 percent of the market share for Grenada's tourist arrivals. To continue to promote Pure Grenada's tourism offerings throughout the region, the Grenada Tourism Authority has launched the 'Something for Everyone' campaign. As the destination's first exclusive regional multi-platform campaign, the initiative will showcase the diverse experiences neighbouring travellers can enjoy in Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique.

"Grenada has so much to offer to our neighbours from the Caribbean. A quick flight over allows travellers from the region to experience a variety of offerings such as culinary tours, hiking expeditions, diving excursions and more," said Patricia Maher, CEO of the GTA. Known



► Grenada is more than just the 'Spice Island'

as the "Spice Islands", Grenada offers far more than the nutmeg and other spices it is world renowned for.

Pure Grenada's campaign focuses on many of the destination's niche offerings such as culinary, soft adventure, romance, leisure and sailing experiences targeting a diverse audience including solo travellers, couples and families. The campaign will include several promotional videos launched across the destination's social media accounts as well as billboard campaigns, television and print advertising.

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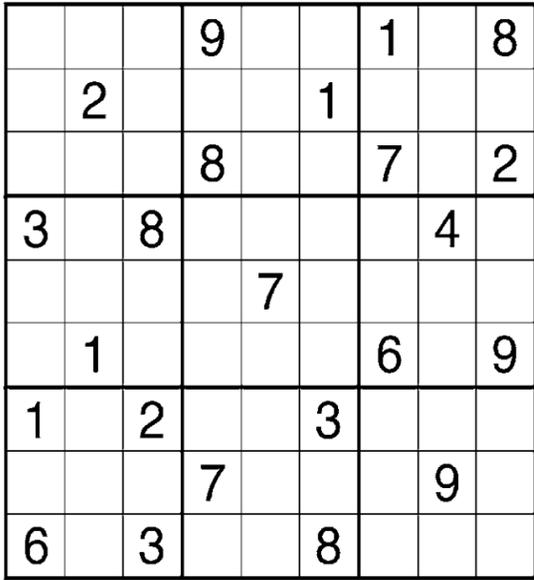
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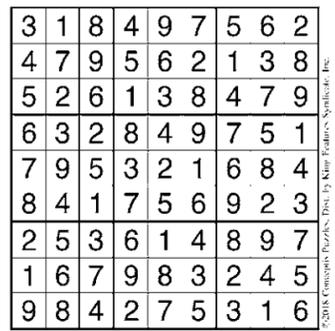
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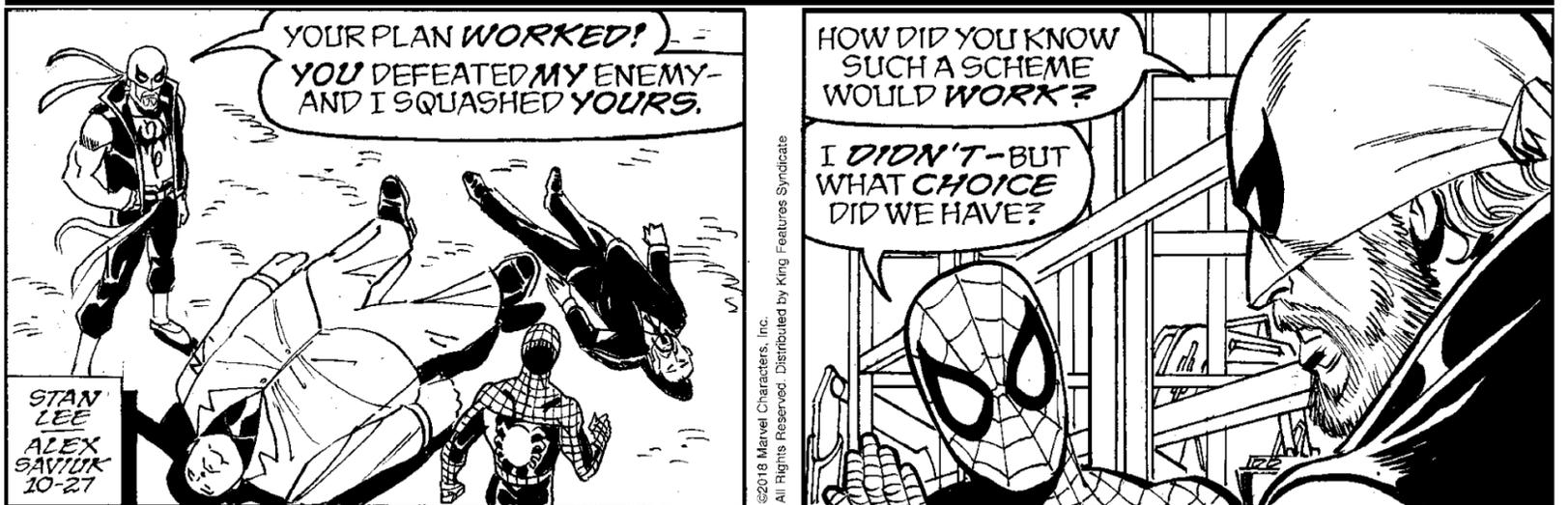
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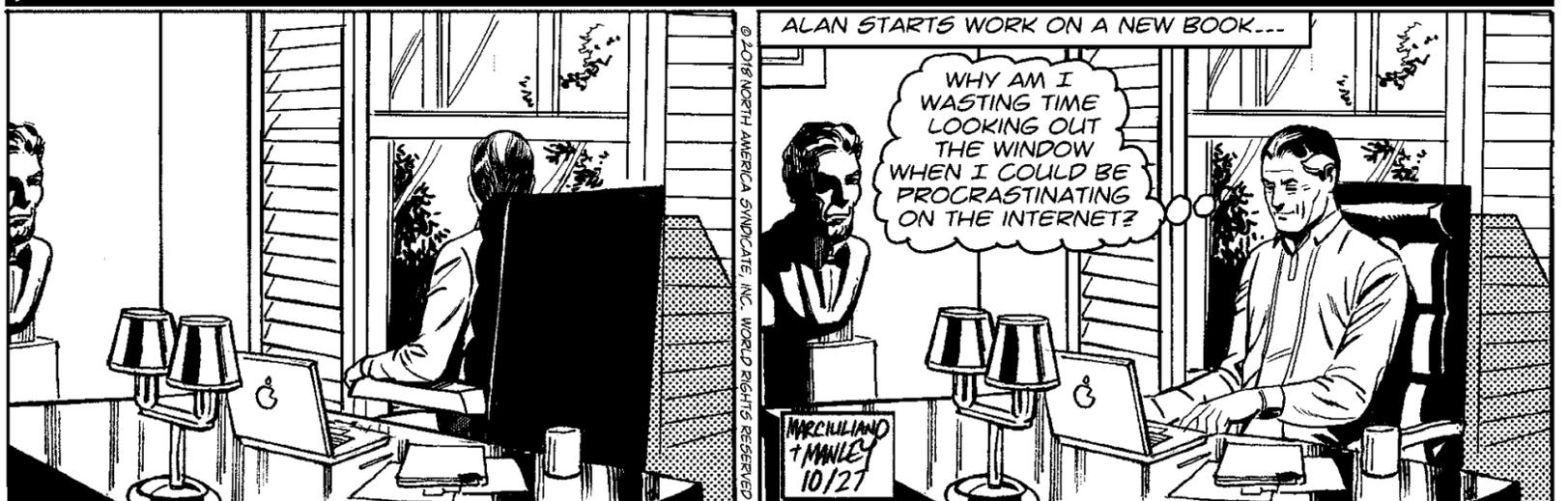
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