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CMEA Night of Legends set to rock Lions Center

The Annual 'Night of Legends' concert celebrating Cayman's musical history and honoring the bands that paved the way for the Musicians of today is will be taking place at the Lion's Centre on December 6th.

As part of the Cayman Music and Entertainment Associations Annual Calendar, this year's event features the Kiemnaires and the Tornados, two bands that many Caymanians will remember from the ultra popular Galleon Beach era of live music in the Cayman Islands.

There will also be a raffle on the night, with the winning ticket levying C\$1000.00

CMEA President Mr. Jean Eric Smith noted, "We are proud to honor these musicians of yesteryear and show our appreciation for the contribution they

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Cruise sector supports stayover tourism, says Tourism Minister

Deputy Premier and Tourism Minister stressed that the cruise and stayover markets are complementary and can coexist together to benefit the country's economy.

"There are diverse job and business opportunities in our tourism sector as a whole and cruise tourism offers great value to our local economy," said Mr. Kirkconnell.

Mr. Kirkconnell says that the tourism sector offers a unique opportunity for Caymanians to establish their own small business and that it has been a key source of support for the livelihoods of thousands of Caymanians for decades.

"Once this new facility is built, the cruise lines have told us that they will need additional tour excursions. That means there are significant opportunities for Caymanians to benefit from," said Mr. Kirkconnell.

The cruise sector has always contributed directly to our stayover tourism because many persons that visit as stayover tourist first experienced and got to love our island as a cruise visitor. The sectors are complementary and have co-existed perfectly for decades," he added.

Data from the Department of Tourism supports Mr. Kirkconnell's point

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► Mr. Kirkconnell, Deputy Premier and Tourism Minister

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Christmas Meat Inspections Reminder

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) reminds slaughter men, butchers and livestock farmers of the procedure regarding arrangements for the inspection of locally slaughtered animals in the Cayman Islands during the upcoming Christmas Season.

Ante-mortem inspection, which is the examination of food animals prior to slaughter, is conducted by the Veterinary Section of the Department of Agriculture (DOA). Slaughter men are advised to contact the DoA on 947-3090 to make arrangements to have same done.

Post-mortem inspection which is the inspection undertaken immediately after slaughter to determine if the meat is fit for human consumption is the responsibility of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH). Please call the DEH on 949-6696 between 9 am and 5 pm Monday to Friday to make arrangements for inspections. All post-mortem inspections must be scheduled to be performed by a duly qualified EHO between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Residents on Grand Cayman may also contact Environmental Health Officer (EHO), Gideon

Simms on 925-4582, while those in the Sister Islands may contact EHO, Patience Eke on 916-4201 regarding arrangements for meat inspections.

The demand for meat inspection is usually at its highest during the Christmas season. As such, both departments must be notified at least 72 hours before slaughter to ensure timely meat inspections.

Additionally, meat from carcasses, whether whole or in part of locally slaughtered animals should not be offered for sale unless inspected and approved by the DEH.

The DEH also reminds consumers that the carcasses of locally slaughtered animals that have been inspected by its officers and found suitable for human consumption usually bear the DEH Stamp indicating that the meat has been passed /certified.

Consumers should avoid purchasing /consuming of meat of carcasses that have not been passed 'fit for consumption' by the DEH and immediately report any instances where local meat is sold without certification. 📍



Investigation of E. coli O157:H7 Outbreak Linked to Romaine from Salinas, California, November 2019

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) advises the public that they not consume the affected products; also retailers should not sell any romaine lettuce harvested from the Salinas, California growing region.

- Most romaine lettuce products are labelled with a harvest location showing where they were grown.

- This advice includes all types of romaine lettuce harvested from Salinas, California such as whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine, and packages of pre-cut lettuce and salad mixes which contain romaine, including baby romaine, spring mix, and Caesar salad.

- If you have romaine lettuce at home:

- * Look for a label showing where the romaine lettuce was grown. It may be printed on the package or on a sticker.

- * If the label says "Salinas" (whether alone or with the name of another location), don't eat it, throw it away.

- * If it isn't labelled with a growing region, don't eat it, and throw it away.

- * If you don't know if the lettuce is romaine or whether a salad mix contains romaine, don't eat it, and throw it away.

- * Wash and sanitize drawers or shelves in refrigerators where romaine lettuce was stored.

- If you are buying romaine lettuce at a store:

- * Look for a label showing where the romaine lettuce was grown. It may be printed on the package or on a sticker.

- * If the label says "Salinas" (whether alone or with the name of another location), don't buy it.

- * If it isn't labelled with a growing region, don't buy it.

- Restaurants and retailers should check the label on bags or boxes of romaine lettuce, or ask their suppliers about the source of their romaine lettuce.

- * Look for a label showing where the romaine lettuce was grown. It may be printed on the package or on a sticker.

- * If the label says "Salinas" (whether alone or with the name of another location), don't sell or serve it.

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- Suppliers, distributors, and others in the supply chain should not ship or sell romaine harvested in Salinas, California.

DEH Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) have contacted local wholesalers and supermarkets to ensure that they do not offer the affected products for sale to the public.

DEH urges members of the public, to refrain from using the affected products and properly dispose of them or return any unopened packages to the place of purchase.

DEH also encourages those who feel they have become ill from the consumption of any of these items, to contact their medical provider immediately.

For further information visit the FDA web site or use the link:

<https://www.fda.gov/food/outbreaks-foodborne-illness/investigation-e-coli-o157h7-outbreak-linked-romaine-salinas-california-november-2019> 📍

Notice

Tree Trimming in North Side

Old Man Bay • Rum Point • Cayman Kai

When and Where: During November and early December, CUC will be conducting aggressive tree trimming on weekdays between **9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.** in **North Side** from **Old Man Bay to The Kaibo**.

Why: Due to excessive growth, the trees and vegetation along North Side Road, Rum Point Drive and Water Cay Road have become an imminent safety hazard to power lines and must be trimmed back immediately.

CUC is obligated to and has a legal right in accordance with the *Electricity Law 2008, Rev. Section 22 (1)* to trim or remove trees for the purpose of maintaining sufficient clearance from the overhead power lines at all times. CUC is responsible for providing safe and reliable electrical service to Grand Cayman. To satisfy this responsibility, it is necessary to ensure that trees and other vegetation do not obstruct or interfere with power lines or constitute an unacceptable source of danger.

UTILITY WORK AHEAD

Who: CUC utilises two subcontractors, Utility Maintenance & Construction (UMC) and Power Services Cayman Ltd. (PSCL), to perform the necessary tree trimming. These contractors use qualified linemen who are certified arborists utilising professional tree pruning techniques to ensure safe and effective tree trimming and to promote the healthy regrowth of trees.

CUC asks for your cooperation during the upcoming weeks. Please exercise caution and due diligence when driving in these districts and be on the look out for the bright orange "Utility Work Ahead" signage as there will be temporary lane blockages and traffic management in place.

For further information, please contact our **Customer Service Team** at **949-5200** or via e-mail at service@cuc.ky.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

What does the CPR want?

Several months ago the CPR embarked on a quest to aid our democracy. They told us that given the public interest in the proposed cruise berthing facility they were fighting for the people's right to decide.

On several occasions leaders of the CPR even said that they were not necessarily against the port. All they wanted was for the people to have the right to decide the country's fate.

Immediately after securing the number of required signatures to trigger the people's initiated referendum, the CPR switched into a full 'Vote No' campaign with the significant support of special interest parties and is in full swing with the campaign against the project.

It's no wonder many are now accusing the CPR of being no more than a pre general election tactic for some of its members.

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Universal Children's Day 5K Roars into Action For Families

More than 100 people registered to participate in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) first-ever Universal Children's Day 5K last Sunday (24 November 2019) at Dragon Bay (formerly Safehaven).

Held to celebrate the United Nations observance, while fundraising on behalf of local families, the event drew participants from across the community. Government officials including the Ministry of Community Affairs Chief Officer, Teresa Echenique; families and regular racegoers took part. They were joined by civil servants, along with children and staff from the National Council of Voluntary Organisations and local children's homes.

DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams said: "Our first-ever Universal Children's Day 5K Run/Walk was a huge success, it was great to see so many children participate."

"The theme "I have a voice, hear me roar," not only acknowledged the importance of giving our children the opportunity to speak their truth and share their thoughts, but more importantly it highlights that as adults we must listen to our children," she concluded. The Director also thanked the event's sponsors who had donated



► Participants of the Department of Children and Family Services Universal Children's Day 5K at Dragon Bay last Sunday, 24 November 2019 (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)



► Young and old took part in last Sunday's (24 November) Universal Children's Day 5K organised by the Department of Children and Family Services

prizes and DCFS staff who had organised and volunteered at the department's UCD events.

Another racegoer was His Excellency the Acting Governor Franz Manderson. He not only ran the 5K but had hosted a Universal Children's Day reception at Government House last Wednesday to mark the observance.

Mr. Manderson said: "I commend the Ministry of Community Affairs and the Department of Children and Family Services for a successful celebration of

Universal Children's Day. I wish to thank the entire Ministry for all that they do to make the lives of our children better."

The reception held on Universal Children's Day showcased readings of selected short essays by local students and a performance by Dreamchasers Cayman. Compositions were read out by one of this year's Child Month awardees, by students John A. Cumber and Prospect Primary Schools and by youth from both the Frances Bodden Children's Home and the Bonaventure Boys' Home.

Written at the request of the DCFS, the essays were titled: "What makes a child happy, healthy and able to reach their full potential?"

With the conclusion of Universal Children's Day celebrations, funds raised from the 5K will go to buying local store gift cards for DCFS clients to help towards Christmas.

To see the event photos visit https://www.facebook.com/pg/departmentofchildrenandfamilyservices/photos/?ref=page_internal

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because the DOT estimates that approximately 20% of stayover visitors initially visited Cayman on a cruise.

"There are more than 300 dive sites surrounding our beautiful island and this port development will impact less than 1% of our environment. In addition, we are taking the extra steps to put measures in place to mitigate that impact. I think that is a very clear and strong demonstration that we are treating our environment as a priority. This is all about striking a balance and the approach we have taken thus far demonstrates that we are striking that balance to ensure that this development is environmentally sustainable." Mr. Kirkconnell said.

The Deputy Premier went into some detail on the economic value of the cruise sector.

"We have been advised by the experts that if we do not proceed with the new facility, our cruise tourism will suffer a decline. That decline will not be easily made up by our stayover markets because it is not possible to have the required growth in hotels, airlines and other services to support that growth," he explained.

The minister explained that with hundreds of students graduating each year, the country needs to be proactive about creating jobs for its people but he is also concerned about the loss of jobs and opportunities if the project does not proceed.

He also explained that while the number of cruise visitors will remain similar during the high season, local tour and excursion operators will see a significant increase in business during the summer months.

"During the summer months we will see more cruise visitors so there will be significantly more opportunities for new and existing businesses. More excursions will be needed and the existing excursion operators which typically experience less business during those months will also have an increase in their revenues", said the Minister.

"We need to be planning for the future, while protecting the current jobs and business opportunities," Mr. Kirkconnell added.

POLICE NEWS

Man Found Dead on Eastern Avenue, 30 November

Just before 3:40AM police and other emergency services were dispatched to Bananas Bar, Dolphins Plaza on Eastern Avenue where it was reported that there was a person in distress.

An unresponsive man was found at the location was found and transported by the ambulance to the hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Circumstances surrounding this incident are still unclear and detectives are seeking the assistance of witnesses who were present and can provide an insight as to what took place.



Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the George Town Police Station at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777 or via the Miami-based call centre of Crime Stoppers at 800-8477(TIPS).

Christmas Lighting Safety Tip



Avoid using the traditional larger Christmas light bulbs and try using LED bulbs instead. LED bulbs are more energy efficient, which reduces your energy usage. Additionally, they don't burn as hot, which reduces the chance of fire. One of the most common causes of holiday-time fires results from bulbs being too close to gutters filled with dry leaves or on trees with dry branches.



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Reception of thanks to Friends of Cayman in the UK

The Cayman Islands Government London Office hosted a Friends of Cayman dinner on Thursday evening. The event was held at the Royal Institute of British Architects in central London and was attended by a wide range of guests who are supportive of the Cayman Islands in the UK. The new Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe, Mr André Ebanks, was introduced at the event. Mr Ebanks thanked those who have assisted the Cayman Islands through their support and friendship over many years, and asked for their continued support.

The attendees list included three former Governors Mr John Owen CMG, Mr Bruce Dinwiddy CMG and Duncan Taylor CBE, former and present Repre-

sentatives of United Kingdom Overseas Territories, Members of Parliament, members of the United Kingdom Government, the core group of Friends of Cayman, private sector firms from diverse industries, Caymanian Miss Caribbean UK, Sydonie Barrett, and a sizable contingent of Caymanian students studying in the UK.

The Cayman Islands Representative to the UK and Europe, André Ebanks said of the event "It was an honour, a privilege and a joy to be introduced to so many wonderful supporters of Cayman and to be able to personally thank them for their continued friendship. I was truly touched by their affection for our country and their willingness to help us

with our endeavours and initiatives, and in particular to watch them interact with our Caymanian students."

Over 20 students attended the event, the largest contingent of Caymanian students to attend this kind of function with Cayman Islands Government, a landmark moment for the Cayman Islands Government overseas to ensure that students are involved in UK functions and are at the forefront of Cayman Islands Government activity in the UK.

Julian Menko, studying International Relations and Politics in London attended the event and commented "I was honoured to be able to attend the Friends of Cayman dinner and very happy to see so many other students there, some I had met before and some I had not, it was a pleasure to be

introduced to the new Representative and I look forward to engaging with the London Office, the Friends of Cayman and Cayman Connection UK (CCUK) more next year."

Former Governor and Chair of the Friends of Cayman group in the UK John Owen commented: "Congratulations to André Ebanks and his team for a most memorable dinner for the Friends of Cayman. I'm sure the Friends will continue, with even more energy and enthusiasm, to support the Cayman Islands. I was pleased that so many Caymanian students, who are the future of Cayman, were also guests at the dinner." 🌐



► André Ebanks speaking at Reception



► André Ebanks and Former Governors Dinwiddy and Owen



► André Ebanks with Miss Caribbean UK, Sydonie Barrett



► Student group at Reception

Gear Up timepiece event raises over \$4,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters

On Thursday, November 21, KPMG held its second annual Gear Up event, raising over US\$4,000 for this year's beneficiaries, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Cayman Islands.

The event, held on the roof terrace at KPMG's SIX office, saw around 60 guests networking and enjoying drinks and canapés while viewing and purchasing luxury timepieces from local watch and jewelry vendors, including Island Jewellers, Kirk Freeport and Magnum Jewelers.

A raffle was held to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters, where one lucky guest won a diamond necklace kindly donated by Island Jewellers. Other prizes included a diamond pendant necklace from Magnum Jewelers and a Mont Blanc pen, wallet and bag from Kirk Freeport. Island Jewellers also matched 10% of the total raffle money raised for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Big Brothers Big Sisters provides a wide range of networking opportunities



► Big Brothers Big Sisters



► Gear Up timepiece event

to meet the varied needs of young people in the Cayman Islands and their families. The young people, known as 'Littles', are matched with mentors, or 'Bigs', for one-on-one mentoring, providing the 'Littles' with social, intellectual and creative growth and valuable experiences.

Niko Whittaker, Director at KPMG and organizer of the event said, "We are so thankful for everyone who attended and graciously donated at the event, as well as the vendors, who went above and beyond in their donations to the raffle and their support

this year. Gear Up is not only a great event to kick off the holiday season, but each year it helps support children's futures through different local charities, with this year's beneficiary being the brilliant Big Brothers Big Sisters." 🌐

New Qualifications Give Hope to Inmates

Prisoners will soon be able to further their education and enhance their CVs while serving their time as part of a newly introduced initiative.

Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS) is furthering its commitment to equipping inmates with skills and training to enhance their ability to secure employment upon re-entry to the community by offering opportunities to gain accredited qualifications.

Six HMCIPS prison officers have achieved globally recognised accreditation with the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) which will enable them to train inmates in five vocational courses.

The accreditation was facilitated by local training and development company, Inspire Cayman Training Ltd. This collaboration also enables HMCIPS to tap into Inspire Cayman's network of local employers to help ex-offenders with their job search.

The five courses to be offered by HMCIPS include carpentry, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and Automotive. Inmates wishing to take part in one of the vocational courses must first complete a 'Tools for Success' course which teaches essential employability skills.

Modules in the mandatory course cover getting a job, keeping your job, building strong relationships with your supervisor, teamwork, communication skills, giving and receiving criticism and conflict resolution.

Once inmates are successful with Tools for Success, they will transition to NCCER foundation course known as Core Curriculum. Core Curriculum in-



► Prison Officers Ransdale Rankin, Cesar Tilo, Wayne Greene, Marlon Watson, Oscar Owen, Ricky Carigma (left to right) receive their training accreditation certificates from Inspire Cayman's Director Michael Myles (centre in yellow) (Photos by GIS)



► The paint shop at HM Northward becomes the classroom for inmates completing the core curriculum in mechanics

roduces inmates to a wide career path in the construction industry. Modules in the mandatory course cover Basic Safety-Construction Site, Introduction to Hand Tools, Introduction to Power Tools, Introduction to Material Handling and Introduction to Construction Drawings.

The decision to offer these particular courses was made in consultation with Inspire Cayman Training and over 60 Caymanian businesses. This helped determine the skills that are most in demand and therefore provide inmates the best possible chance of employment.

Commenting on the recent addition to HMCIPS' suite of rehabilitation programmes, the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers, JP, reflected on the reason behind offering inmates this training.

"Having a job and participating in employment helps to break the cycle of re-offending," said Minister Rivers.

"Breaking the reoffending cycle does more than just empower the individual to make a positive change in their life. It

also helps to keep families together, teaches our children that we all have the ability to change for the better and ultimately, it makes our communities safer," continued the Minister.

When deciding to offer these courses, flexibility was important. As the courses are globally recognised, inmates can choose to continue their studies in the community once they have finished their sentence. Alternatively, they may decide to move overseas, where their qualifications will also be acknowledged.

"A lack of hope for the future increases the likelihood of an inmate reoffending when they leave prison. We want to present them with a range of positive opportunities which will help broaden the choices they may have as they transition back into our communities" commented Prison Director, Steven Barrett.

"There are many ways someone can get into crime and there are many ways out of it. We are keen to be flexible in our approach to engaging with those in cus-

tody to help us respond to their individual needs. We need to be open to doing things differently otherwise we should have no real expectation of either slowing down, or stopping the revolving door of recidivism" continued Mr Barrett.

Inmates are instructed to put themselves forward to enrol in a course based on careers they have the greatest desire to pursue.

"Going back to school to retrain yourself and do something different is an incredibly brave thing to do. It demonstrates the individual's humility and commitment to change, as well as their desire to better themselves and their families," said Inspire Cayman's Director, Michael Myles.

"These are our people in prison. We need to advocate for them and support them to help themselves," Mr Myles continued.

HMCIPS aims to have 70 inmates complete at least one vocational course by December 2020. 🌐

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have made to our tourism product and the social fabric of our country."

Kiemanaires members included:

- Guitarist - Bunny Myles (Musical Icon Awardee)
- Bass guitarist - Calvin Hooker
- Drummer - Billy Dean
- Drum and vocals - Lloyd Brown
- Drum and Vocals - Vivian Paddyfoot
- Alto Sax: Kenneth - (Ken) Davis
- Tenor Sax - Wesley Howell (Musical Icon Awardee)

• Keyboards : George Wilks
• Vocalists: Papie Conolly, Lloyd Hill and Larry Cayasso

The Tornadoes were initially founded by Drummer: John Burns whilst working at Sea.

The band's member included:

- 1st configuration
- Drummer - John Burns - Drummer
- Lead Guitar - McArthur Manderson
- Rhythm Guitar - Lewiston Ebanks
- Bass - Darnley Bryan
- Last configuration
- Lead Guitar: Steve Welds
- Rhythm Guitar: Ernie Bodden background vocals
- Michael Hurlston drums and Vocals
- Darnley Bryan bass
- Clifton Papie Conolly Vocals

Other scheduled performances on the evening will include acts such as the Re-

generation Band, Local Motion 345, featuring Notch and a special appearance from Fab 5.

Fab 5, formed in 1970, is Jamaica's pre-eminent popular band, whether measured by record sales at home, hits on the charts, frequency of engagements or major awards won over the years.

Their first recording, "Come Back And Stay", was number one in Jamaica, and in their first year on the road, and for the following two years, they won the only available awards, the Swing Awards for best band of 1971-72, 1972-73 and 1973-74. They also took the El Suzie Award as Joint Top Road and Dance Band for 1975-76, as well as the RJR Listeners' Award for Best Band in 1980.

The band also backed Johnny Nash on all the artist's reggae songs, comprising most of his platinum album "I Can See Clearly Now". Two singles from that album, "Guava Jelly" and "Stir It Up", established Bob Marley as a major songwriter on the international scene.

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► Fab 5 out of Jamaica will be celebrating Caymanian bands Tornadoes and Kiemanaires from the Islands Musical heritage

FAB 5

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Since then they have been kept on top by the likes of "Yu Safe", "Ring Road Jam", "Feeling Horny", Asking for Love", "Computer Mad", "What The Police High Command Can Do", "Jamaican Woman", "Psalms", "All Night Party", "Mini", "Sweat", "Don't Wear None", "Freeze", "Good Buddy", "Mango" and their "Live" series.

Their twenty-eight albums and 1 box set have been as successful as their singles, and their multi award winning soca album "Yu Safe" was probably the most popular album produced in Jamaica in the decade of the '80s. A CD of some of their biggest hits "Fab 5 Greatest Hits" has been released along

with five of their newest CD albums - "Good Buddy," the massively successful "Fab 5 Live - The Ultimate Vintage Jamaican Party Mix ... Part 1" and the equally successful follow-ups "...Part 2"/"...Part 3, ...Part 4" as well as the Box Set which includes all four discs. Their soca smash "Shape" is still very popular and the band's versatility is proved by "Dugu-Dugu" their all-reggae release and the preceding all-ska album "Ska Time". The late noted musician and journalist Sonny Bradshaw had said of Fab 5 that they are the only Jamaican band still playing authentic ska. The 2012 release from the band, a live tribute to Jamaica 50, "50 Years of Jamaican Music 1962-2012", sold quickly and sold well. Their 2016 album "Face to Face", featuring collaborations with top Jamaican and Caribbean artists like Beres Hammond, Marcia Griffiths, Queen Ifrica and Richie Stephens is doing well on the download scene.

The busiest band in Jamaica, Fab 5 are in great demand not only for concerts and dances but also in the studio where they are leading creators of commercial jingles for radio and television, dominating the airwaves and earning a string of prestigious awards, including four golden microphones. They have their own recording studio (Stage Studio) and record label and distribution company (Stage Records). They have been the chosen band for almost every national and state occasion since the mid 1970s. In 2003 Fab 5 received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in The Performing Arts for its services to Jamaican music and in 2015 they were given an award for their contribution to Jamaican music by the Ministry of Culture. While their most recent national award was being named one of only 10 recipients of the Reggae Gold Honour award presented by the Ministry of Culture in a glittering March 2019 ceremony.

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- 4 The current Government has not successfully managed any **large capital works project** to date.
- 5 The Government does not want to produce an **updated Environmental Impact Assessment** for the new designs.
- 6 The Government has **ignored real information** from our own scientists and local institutions.
- 7 Increased **traffic** in George Town and throughout Grand Cayman.
- 8 **False job creation** for Caymanians (999, 499, 200...).
- 9 Stayover tourism generates **80% of our income** with a smaller head count vs cruise tourism accounting for only 20% of that revenue.
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► 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaigners held a dress for a cause photo opportunity on Friday, 29 November 2019. The event on the steps of the Government Administration Building was to show solidarity in working to eliminate sexual and gender-based violence while supporting victims and survivors.

Public Campaigners Make A Colourful Stand Against GBV

Supporters of the annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (GBV) wore orange at the campaign's dress for a cause event on Friday (29 November 2019). All met on the steps of the Government Administration Building to show solidarity in working to eliminate sexual and gender-based violence while supporting victims and survivors.

Key participants, who rallied to the observance's 2019's theme: "Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape," were the organisers. Members of the local organising committee were staff from the Gender Affairs Unit (GAU), Family Resource Centre and the CI Crisis Centre, Colours Cayman, and the Business and Professional Women's Club. They were joined by members of the public and civil serv-

ants, including the Deputy Governor and Head of the Civil Service, Hon. Franz Manderson.

"The Civil Service has a zero-tolerance policy on sexual and gender-based violence within the workplace," said Mr. Manderson.

"Our Workplace Anti Sexual Harassment policy has been in effect since 2016. In addition, we are now finalising an updated policy to improve the reporting and response to such violations. As a caring employer it is incumbent on us to ensure workspaces are safe, and that all persons regardless of gender are treated with respect and dignity. I encourage civil servants to be compassionate and supportive towards those who may experience sexual violence, to listen to survivors and refrain from victim blaming," he added.

Speaking on behalf of the 16 Days' organising committee, GAU's Senior Policy Analyst, Karlene Bramwell, said: "Sexual and gender-based violence refers to any act that is done against a person's will. It also includes threats and coercion. Therefore this can happen to either men/boys or women/girls. Don't laugh or remain silent at such violence. Silence and humour only normalise and justify sexual violence. Such responses are unacceptable and make it harder for victims to report or seek help."

Talking more about what the public can do, she said: "[that] as a community we all play a part in creating a certain culture. I encourage everyone to be an active bystander. This means "taking a stand", intervening to help the person being violated; asking the person if

they would like support; documenting the incident; diffusing the situation; or making a clear, firm statement to the perpetrator that such behaviour is unacceptable."

Ms Bramwell asked the public to further support this year's campaign by learning more about GBV. She advised those wanting to learn more to attend Monday, 2, panel discussion on rape at Constitution Hall, 6 p.m. Attendees were expected to get advice on the legal definition of the term, what not to do in the direct aftermath of the assault, who to report it to and what counselling is available for victims and their families. For further information about this year's campaign, finishing on 10 December, view the schedule on Cayman Islands Government Facebook page or email genderequality@gov.ky.

Work Begins in Heroes Square

Work to add new features to Heroes Square ahead of the next National Heroes Day ceremony in January 2020 began today (Saturday, 30 November 2019).

Plans to add new statuary to the site, call for the semi-circle planters currently in each corner of the square to be incorporated into the proposed monuments.

To prepare for this construction, a number of plants including some bull thatch palms, currently located within the project's footprint, are being uprooted, re-potted and will eventually be relocated around Heroes Square and elsewhere.



► Heroes Day 2019 (Photo by GIS)

Public access to Heroes Square will be closed throughout the construction, the first phase of which is expected to last for several weeks.

Appointment of Director of Public Prosecutions

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, OBE is pleased to announce the appointment of Patrick Moran as the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The Judicial and Legal Services Commission (the "JLSC") recently carried out an open recruitment process advertising the post both locally and overseas. Following a short-listing process, an interview panel interviewed a number of candidates for this post ultimately recommending Mr. Moran as the successful candidate. His Excellency subsequently accepted the recommendation.

"Mr. Moran brings to the post the necessary skills, experiences, and passion for criminal law and prosecutions generally" His Excellency said. "His tenure as Acting Director of Public Prosecutions over the last year has inspired confidence in his capacity to discharge the responsibilities of the post efficiently and effectively and to act in the public's best interest".

Mr. Moran's appointment is effective 1 December 2019 for a three year period.



► Patrick Moran, Director of Public Prosecutions



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Cayman is still very attractive for Tourists

By Ron Shillingford, London UK

The Cayman Islands continues to be one of the most attractive places in the Caribbean, with the latest tourism figures endorsing that.

Whether it's on Seven Mile Beach, in the hotels, in the streets of George Town, by day and by night, the magic of Grand Cayman and the Sister Islands is magnetic. Considering it is only 14 years since the devastation of Hurricane Ivan, Cayman has bounced back incredibly well.

It's because the Cayman Islands is one of the most dynamic destinations in the Caribbean with a tourism product that's as fresh, sophisticated and diverse as anywhere in the region.

There are so many reasons for this. Being a Caribbean culinary capital is one. There's quality and quantity in every genre, from Seven Mile Beach's breath-taking Blue by Eric Ripert to Cayman Kai's funky, splendid Kaibo to the taste bud-tingling delights at Rankin's Jerk Pit in Bodden Town. It simply overflows with great places to eat, with a general emphasis on ultra-fresh seafood and sophisticated but relaxed eateries like Grand Old House, Catch, Agua, Lobster Pot and Casanova's. With the Cayman Cookout approaching next month, there will be another influx of foodies.

Camana Bay is another great reason to visit for its food, culture, sport and nightlife. Seven Mile Beach is one of the most famous stretches of sand globally. It's intoxicatingly beautiful, with jaw-droppingly clear water, soft sand and miles of tropical splendour. Other fantastic beaches include Bodden Town's, those in East End and North Side and the unspoilt stretches in Little Cayman and Cayman Brac.

Little Cayman and Cayman Brac have their own unique personalities and particular charms. Little Cayman is the place for the far-off island fantasy. And Cayman Brac is equally fascinating, from its bluffs to its seafood to its remarkable natural environment.

When it comes to culture, The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands impresses with its exhibits throughout the



► Seven Mile Beach

year, while no visit to Cayman is complete without a stop at Mission House, Bodden Town the centuries-old historic home on the site of one of the first settlements in the Cayman Islands.

For adventure there are walks, caves, numerous sports facilities, including golf and an array of water sports. Stingray City's allure continues to pull in the crowds as well. Other crowd pleasers include the Kittiwake Shipwreck, Mastic Trail, Bloody Bay Marine Park in Little Cayman, Rum Point, Cayman Motor Museum and Pedro St James Castle.

All these enticements mean the Cayman Islands has seen 386,290 stayover visitors through the first three quarters of 2019, representing a 10.3 percent increase over the same period in 2018.

That number is among the fastest growth rates of any destination in the Caribbean, according to data from the Caribbean Tourism Organisation's most recent report.

Last month, in what is typically a slow month for the region, Cayman posted a 5.76 percent increase compared to October 2018. Overall, the growth has been led by a 10.5 percent increase from the all-important United States market, which sent Cayman 325,696 visitors.

"It is reaffirming to hear first-hand the positive impact our stayover strategy is having on stimulating tourism businesses' profit margin during what we consider traditional shoulder season," said Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell.

"The Ministry has been steadfast in its commitment to our sector and the community at large to create more opportunities for entrepreneurship, training and development for those interested in tourism related endeavours, endeavours that largely rely on air arrivals to maintain a successful business model."

The visitors are spending heavily too. Stayover visitors have spent more than \$560.9 million so far this year, an 11.3 percent or \$57.1m increase over the first nine months of 2018.

The numbers come as the Cayman Islands recently announced that it had topped the vital 7,000 total accommodation units, a significant milestone.

The tourism improvement has been buoyed by several factors, from a continued, robust marketing push to a rapid expansion in airlift in recent years.

The official opening of the Owen Roberts International Airport terminal during a visit to the island by Prince Charles was another milestone.

And the improvements have not gone unnoticed by investors. Indeed, Cayman has become a leading destination for luxury hotel brands.

That means new hotels on the way ranging from a Curio Collection by Hilton on the edge of George Town to the highly-anticipated Mandarin Oriental project to a new Grand Hyatt-branded residential resort on the island's world-famous Seven Mile Beach.

"It is reaffirming to hear first-hand the positive impact our stayover strategy is having on stimulating tourism businesses' profit margin during what we consider traditional shoulder season," said Minister Kirkconnell. "My government strongly supports the dedicated work of the Department of Tourism to increase visitation to, and awareness of, the Cayman Islands around the globe to ensure that we maximize opportunities that create positive impacts to our sector and the businesses with in this market." 🌐



► Cayman Cookout



► Cayman Motor Museum



► Pedro St. James



► The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands

Enterprising & resilient

Portfolio of the Civil Service (PoCS) Human Resource Executive Charlene Howell-Litchmore is the Cayman Islands Government Employee of the Month for October 2019.

Deputy Governor Franz Manderson presented Ms Howell-Litchmore with the Employee of the Month (EOM) certificate at a Thanksgiving function where Chief Officer Gloria McField-Nixon and colleagues also celebrated the win.

Mr Manderson awarded the HR Executive with the top Employee Award for delivering an Outstanding Customer Experience.

He opened by saying, "You have been described as a one-person 'HR Machine'. You are the epitome of professionalism."

Mr Manderson described Mrs Howell-Litchmore as someone who "consistently delivers work on time and to a high degree of accuracy and takes full ownership of assignments."

He continued to praise the October EOM by saying, "You juggle a tremendous amount of work, including delivering HR services on behalf of the Governor, the Office the Deputy Governor, Chief Officers and Heads of Departments within the PoCS, and support other clients across the wider Public Service. You are also a mentor to many in the HR Com-



munity. Despite your regular juggling act, you are always smiling, and there is never any indication that you are overwhelmed," Mr Manderson said.

Mr Manderson also noted Mrs Howell-Litchmore's role as the driving force behind the Second Chances Programme, which was designed to assist Caymanians with a prior conviction to reintegrate into the workforce and contribute to society.

"While the creation of this Programme was not anywhere in your job description, this did not stop you from moving this worthwhile initiative forward. As a result of your hard work, five Caymanians who were unemployed have meaningful full-time employment," Mr Manderson said.

Mrs McField-Nixon, who supported the nomination of Mrs Howell-Litchmore in the Deputy Governor's Award programme, noted her delight at the Deputy's Governor's selection.

"It is common to be an inspiration by sharing stories of triumph. However, what is telling about Charlene is that even on her worst day, she is willing to share her lessons of resilience," Mrs McField-Nixon said.

"When Mrs Howell-Litchmore suffered a medical setback in September 2017, she shared her most intimate experiences of what that was like and the road to recovery on a Civil Service blog



as a way to encourage colleagues to be heart-healthy and not to ignore warning signs," Mrs McField-Nixon said.

"The fact that she shared what could have been one of the worst days of her life and turned it into something positive for her fellow civil servants speaks to the caliber of the individual."

Mrs McField-Nixon added, "We are fortunate to have her as a member of our POCS team and a member of our wider civil service family." 🌐



UK ELECTION: OTs ON THE SIDELINES

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

It takes quite a bit probing through the dense thicket of information in the ongoing UK election campaign to find specific references to the Overseas Territories (OTs).

But on close examination of several manifestos, there are a few mentions, albeit largely echoing previous Brexit-related commitments made by former prime minister Theresa May.

The 2018 Joint Ministerial Council (JMC) plenary between the UK and OTs conducted under the aegis of then-prime minister May, "reaffirmed the British government's commitment to taking the Territories' priorities into account as the UK prepares to leave the EU, including in relation to funding, trade, the environment and education."

It spoke of "assurances given by the UK Government that, in the unlikely scenario that we leave the EU without a deal, existing projects under certain EU funding streams will be guaranteed by Her Majesty's Treasury for the lifetime of those projects."

Before heading to the polls with his EU-approved Brexit deal, current British Prime Minister Boris Johnson had published a 'no-deal-readiness' paper which sought to give some comfort to the OTs.

It largely echoed what his predecessor as Conservative prime minister had pledged.

"The Government has in place a comprehensive plan for engaging with the Overseas Territories. This includes regular ministerial teleconferences, and official level meetings with their London Representatives. The HMG Guarantee for EU-funded programmes also applies to the British Overseas Territories. A technical notice detailing the scope of the Guarantee as it applies to the Overseas Territories was published in October 2018," it stated.

It had also advised the OTs to "continue to engage closely with the FCO (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and other UK Government departments to prepare for Brexit and identify opportunities as they arise," adding that, "the Government will provide technical assistance to Overseas Territories so that businesses are prepared to trade with the EU as non-EU Associated Territories."

However, the prospects of a no-deal Brexit have been ruled out by legislation

forced through in the British parliament that Prime Minister Johnson has been forced to accept.

At a meeting in the Cayman Islands in June this year in preparation for the what would have been this month's JMC, an agenda was drawn up to underpin the previous commitment made by the British government.

Issues highlighted included: trade, environmental issues and funding, banking, oceans policy and frozen pensions as well as the February report by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee on the future of relations between the UK and the OTs.

But since then, political developments in the UK have overtaken much of what might have been planned.

There's been a change of leadership in the ruling Conservative Party, there's a new prime minister, the Brexit process has gone through a series of bewildering twists and turns, and a general election is set for December 12th.

Suffice it to say that the OT's have not fully dropped off the agenda...although they might have been sidelined by the sheer pace and intensity of political developments in the 'mother country' over the past few months.

In the Conservatives manifesto issues pertaining to the OTs are buried amongst priority UK 'four-nation' concerns principally addressing England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and are tucked in between other issues which impact them either directly or just obliquely

The Conservatives say: "We will also forge stronger links with the Commonwealth (of which the OTs are a part), which boasts some of the world's most dynamic economies such as India."

A commitment to push through the much-debated Companies Beneficial Ownership disclosure system is echoed in other areas on taxes where the party vows to "create a single, beefed-up Anti-Tax Evasion unit in HMRC that covers all duties and taxes, from individual errors to deliberate non-compliance - which is put on a legislative footing... to avoid profit-shifting by multinational companies to avoid paying taxes."

The Labour Party also comes down hard on tax matters that could have consequences for the OTs.

Its leader Jeremy Corbyn has already spoken of a Labour government taking a



tough line on tax transparency, going as far as imposing direct rule if the territories don't comply.

Elsewhere in its manifest, Labour also promises to have:

- a standalone Department for International Development (DfID), with an aid budget of at least 0.7% of gross national income. We will introduce the reduction of inequality as a goal for all aid spending alongside existing poverty reduction and gender equality goals.

- continued participation in EU agencies and funding programmes, including in such vital areas of co-operation as the environment, scientific research and culture.

- allow the people of the Chagos Islands and their descendants the right to return to the lands from which they should never have been removed.

- and conduct an audit of the impact of Britain's colonial legacy to understand our contribution to the dynamics of violence and insecurity across regions previously under British colonial rule."

For those UK citizens who have relocated abroad, including to the OTs, Labour says it "will ensure that the pensions of UK citizens living overseas rise in line with pensions in Britain." This was one of the issues raised during June's pre-JMC meeting in the Cayman Islands.

For their part, the Liberal Democrats say they will: "champion global anti-corruption initiatives and ensure the UK and British Overseas Territories have publicly-accessible registers of benefi-

cial ownership of companies registered in their jurisdictions."

The LibDems also pledge to "remain firmly committed to spending 0.7 per cent of Gross National Income on aid."

On the contrary, the Brexit Party of Nigel Farage is proposing to slash foreign aid on the basis that those funds are better spent in the UK.

But while matters affecting the OTs are largely on the periphery of the election campaigning in the UK and dwell heavily on tax-related matters, it is nevertheless clear that regardless of the outcome there could be some policy impact...although in the main it might just be business as usual for relations between the territories and the mother country.

That is except for the specific case of Gibraltar.

Due to the Brexit implications of its shared EU border with Spain over a long-standing territorial dispute with the UK, all the major parties have flagged that up in their manifestos.

Gibraltar, the only OT which voted in the 2016 referendum (it lobbied for it), is also the only one to have its own representative Member of the European Parliament (MEP).

It's now seeking representation in Westminster in at least the House of Lords where it will have a direct voice.

That could set a template for other OTs which may wish to consider that route...although in the Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry that was not a preferred option of many Gibraltar's sister territories. 🌐

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Dominica accused on TV over sale of passports

Dominica goes to the polls on Dec. 6 but the build up to general elections has been fraught with controversy stemming from a TV expose.

Lawyer David Bruneau has explained his role in the controversy which has arisen over the alleged sale of Dominican diplomatic passports in a documentary aired on international TV news network Al Jazeera.

The first 49 minutes of the 53-minute-long documentary was spent exposing alleged corrupt practices by Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerit, leader of the Dominica Labour Party, in relation to the sale of diplomatic passports and in what the presenter described as a dramatic twist to the programme, the last few minutes focused on Opposition Leader, Lennox Linton.



► Dominica's PM Roosevelt Skerit

Bruneau was featured in the programme, along with the former Dominican prime minister, Oliver "OJ" Seraphin, allegedly trying to secure campaign funds on behalf of the United Workers Party through the sale of diplomatic passports.

Bruneau seems to be supporting a statement made by Seraphin in the programme which suggested that the UWP would be prepared to appoint an ambassador based on the offer of a campaign contribution if the party won the election.

The topic of Caribbean islands giving citizenship and even diplomatic status to rich foreigners has become a sensitive issue because some buying their dual nationality have criminal records and appear to have acquired their wealth by dubious means.

BVI tourism bounces back from storms

The British Virgin Islands is seeing a major tourism rebound so far this year, according to the latest data from the Caribbean Tourism Organisation.

The British Virgin Islands reported 172,776 stayover tourist arrivals in the first half of 2019, representing a 93.5 percent increase over the same period in 2018.

That amounts to a strong recovery for the destination in the last two years since the impacts of Hurricanes Irma and Maria on the BVI.

Cruise tourism is also surging, with a total of 352,768 cruise passengers reported in the first half of this year.

That represented a nearly 900 percent jump in the same period, the highest increase in cruise



► BVI's sailing industry has recovered

tourism of any Caribbean destination in the first half.

Indeed, the BVI's tourism product has seen a significant renaissance over the last two years, as more and more hotels have reopened and charter sailing and yachting operations continue to strengthen.

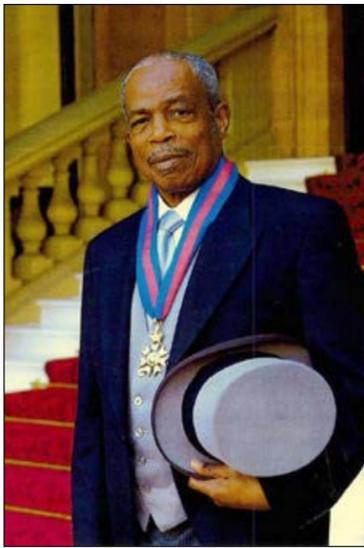
In January, the BVI's signature hotel, Rosewood Little Dix Bay, will be reopening its doors as well.

St Kitts former PM publishes memoirs

Former St Kitts and Nevis Prime Minister and National Hero, Sir Kennedy Alphonse Simmonds, has released an autobiography chronicling his life.

It charts his life as a child growing up in Basseterre through his primary and grammar school days, before going on to become a medical doctor and then the last Premier and first Prime Minister of St Kitts and Nevis.

Simmonds, 83, who is now retired from politics and medicine, says the book, 'The Making of a National Hero', covers many topics that affected his life and characterised his tenure in government. It also shares some of his passions, including football, cricket and tennis. He represented St Kitts in cricket and football, while also racking up various awards in tennis, a sport in which he is still involved. He is married to lady Mary Simmonds and has five children.



► Sir Kennedy Alphonse Simmonds is a National Hero

Antigua sacks police chief

The Antigua and Barbuda Police Service Commission has sacked Wendell Robinson as Commissioner of Police after 32 years' service with immediate effect. He will not receive his pension either.

PSC chairman Kelvin John wrote to Robinson informing him that he was being removed in the public's interest.

The PSC also alleges that Robinson does not possess the suitable temperament for the post and his ability to perform his job is severely compromised by his strained relationship with the Minister of Public Safety.

Robinson asked to be transferred to another department within the public service two weeks ago. He was suspended nearly two years ago over allegations of misconduct in office, but the court ordered that he be reinstated. Instead of following the order of the court, the PSC suspended him again.



► Wendell Robinson was sacked after 32 years' service

Prime Minister Gaston Browne called on Robinson to accept a negotiated settlement. There is some hope for Robinson's pension though. The Governor-General may, if he thinks fit, grant pension, gratuity or other allowance "as he thinks just and proper", not exceeding the amount that Robinson would receive had he retired from the public service.

Jamaica increases north coast arrivals

Jamaica is getting a wave of new airlift for the upcoming winter tourist season, particularly on the north coast.

The island has secured almost 80,000 new air seats for the period to meet increased demand from travellers. Most of those seats are coming from the north-eastern United States, with more than 64,000 additional seats, largely out of New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia.

That includes United Airlines' increased frequency from Newark to Montego Bay, along with American Airlines' increase in service to Montego Bay from Philadelphia, among others.

Jamaica has been seeing a surge in tourism arrivals so far this year, with more than two million stayover visitors up to the end of September.

That represents a 9.1 percent increase over the same period in 2018, Jamaica's highest arrival growth rate in years.



► Montego Bay is seeing more arrivals than ever

That's been buoyed by strong growth out of the US source market, which has sent 13.5 percent more travellers to Jamaica in the period.

"We're pleased with the growing demand for travel options to Jamaica, and the increased airlift makes the destination even more accessible for winter travellers," said Donovan White, Jamaica's director of tourism.

Trinidad will legalise marijuana soon

Trinidad and Tobago is moving closer to legalising marijuana use.

Attorney General Faris Al Rawi introduced the Cannabis Control Bill and the Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill last Friday. Following Jamaica's example and the establishment of a CARICOM Commission on Marijuana Regulation, the goal of the legislation is to reduce penalties for possession and consumption and fire up a legal industry.

The Dangerous Drugs (Amendment) Bill would allow people to possess up to 30 grams of cannabis or five grams of cannabis resin without facing legal actions. Possession of up to 60 grams or 10 grams of resin would mean a fixed fine without arrest, conviction or imprisonment.



► Trinidad will soon allow small use of cannabis

The Cannabis Control Bill would establish a national Cannabis Authority that can grant licenses for cultivators, laboratories, processors, retail distributors, importers and transporters.

Trinidad and Tobago expect to save millions of dollars by ending cannabis prohibition, saving the unnecessary costs of cannabis-related incarceration and judicial hours.

St Lucia beefs up police resources

St Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet is promising to reduce its alarming serious crime figures by the end of 2020.

He said there will be a focus on better policing, great efficiency in the legal system and the rehabilitation of offenders.

After meeting with senior security officials for a weekly security briefing, Chastanet said there will be an increase on police patrols.

"Crime prevention and detection will benefit from a stronger police presence in 'hotspot' areas," he stated. "We will be increasing foot and mobile patrols on the frontline where they are needed most."

Chastanet said greater surveillance "is being made available to the police with the rolling out of the \$1.8 million Safe City CCTV Project in Castries."

He added his government doesn't believe in only incarcerating offenders but also rehabilitating them.



► St Lucia police will be better resourced

He also noted that since assuming power, his administration has made several interventions to improve justice and security in St Lucia, including appointment of a Director of Public Prosecution, reopening of the Forensic Laboratory, installation of high definition CCTV cameras in the city, repairs to police stations and recruitment of over 150 new police officers with better resources once they are qualified.

New resort will attract celebs

The rich and famous already love to holiday in Antigua, but the likes of Gwyneth Paltrow, Oprah Winfrey, Mariah Carey and Giorgio Armani have yet another reason to visit now a resort with its own rum sommelier opened over the weekend.

Located near Devil's Bridge, on the north east of Antigua, the five star Hammock Cove Resort and Spa is part of the Elite Island Resorts brand of hotels.

In addition to featuring 42 bay-view villas with plunge pools, a multi-tier main swimming pool and a private beach, the resort has its own in-house rum selector.

Guests visiting the resort will be able to choose from a selection of neat rums and cocktails that have been specially curated by the sommelier.

The rum drinks are available in all the resort's bars - from Nobody Knows, which overlooks the photogenic natural rock arch at Devil's Bridge, to Chairman's Lounge, an indoor space where



► Hammock Cove Resort will attract the rich and famous

visitors can play retro games and play vinyl records.

The creation of a rum sommelier role is part of the new resort's wider pledge to put gastronomy "centre stage" when it comes to the guest experience.

The resort also features two restaurants with Michelin-trained chef Marco Festini at the helm. Lighthouse offers locally sourced dishes in the evenings while Irina's will be open throughout the day for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner and high-brow snacks like caviar.

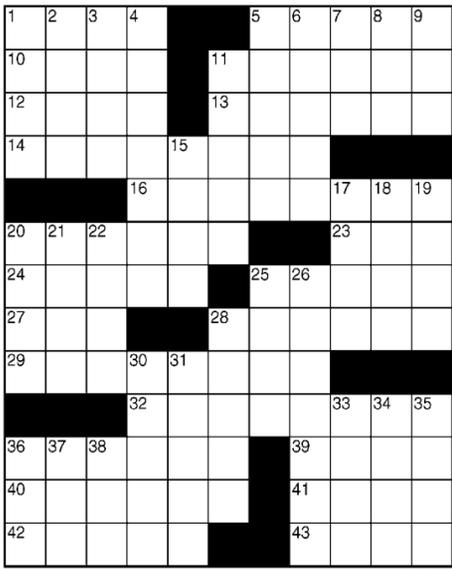
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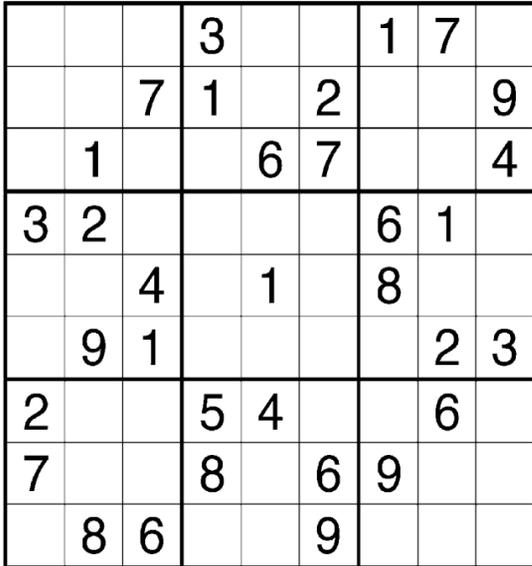
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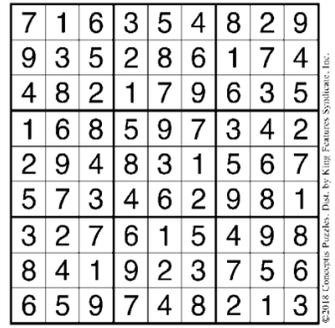
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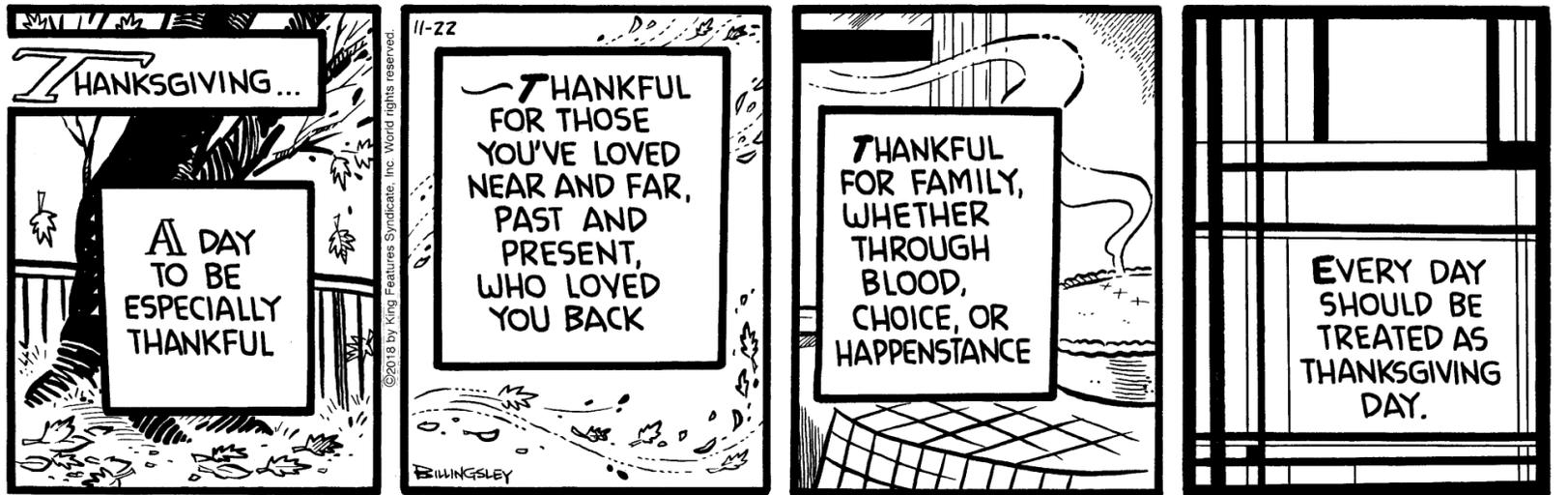
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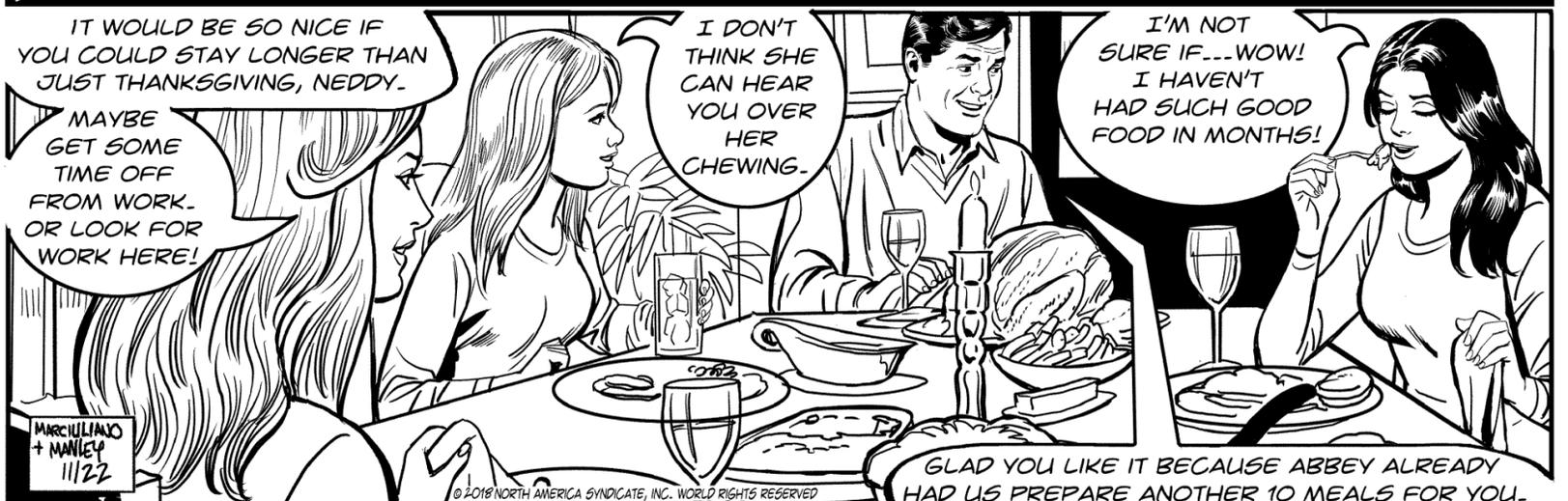
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Continuing a tradition that started decades ago, the Cayman Turtle Centre, held its annual turtle release on Sunday, November 10th. It was a fun, family-friendly event with meaning. Everyone there seemed to have great time and there were moments of inspirati...

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"Be Informed" theme for series of port meetings

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