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A Night With Legends

Music lovers from all walks of lie and of all ages enjoyed a night of festive celebration at the Cayman Music and Entertainment Association's, "A Night with Legends" event at the Lions Center on 6th.

Each year the Music Association hosts the event, which to seeks to pay homage to those who pioneered the Music scene on the Island, with this year's recipients being the Tornadoes and the Kiemanaires.

Both bands embodied the music of their time and their influence can still be felt in today's music scene, with many contemporary artists drawing from this reservoir of reference in performance and composition.

The atmosphere on the evening was electric, with performances from prominent acts such as the Regeneration Band, Local Motion 345, featuring Notch and a special appearance from Fab 5.

One of the highlights of the evening was a special impromptu serenade

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▶ Fab 5 out of Jamaica made the trip to celebrate the occasion and gave a sizzling two-hour set that had the audience dancing up a sweat

Regiment Officer Recruitment Launched

The Governor's Office has issued a call for expressions of interest from potential officer recruits for the new Cayman Regiment. The National Security Council has given the green light to seek the formation of an initial force of seven officers and 50 reserve volunteers who will be put through initial training and equipped before summer 2020.

HE The Governor Martyn Roper said: "This is excellent news for Cayman. The primary role of the Regiment will be to provide Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief support following disasters. We're now looking for a dynamic leader with UK military experience to take this exciting project forward. They will

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TALK ON THE STREET

Talk On The Street: Referendum Postponed

With the recent news that the referendum on the cruise port on December 19th has been postponed due to a judicial review, the obvious question comes to mind. Our reporter wanted to check the public's pulse on this to see what their answer would be. The specific question posed was, ***"Will this postponement affect or change what the result of the referendum would have been on December 19th?"*** Below are the responses of 15 individuals.

Jose, Caymanian, 51:
"I think that it will make less people come out to the polls."

Albert, Caymanian, 51:
"If it was held in December, I think that the port would have been stopped but I think the delay will cause more people to stay home and not vote."

Debbie, Caymanian, 39:
"If it doesn't stretch out more than about March or April, I think that it won't affect anything."

Kevin, Caymanian, 51:
"No, I don't think it will affect anything. But, if there is a new environmental impact study, I think more people will vote against the port."

William, Caymanian, 23:
"I think it will make more people vote against the port because they will get a chance to look at the environmental side of things a little more."

Lisa, Caymanian, 56:
"I hope it causes more people to see the seriousness of this issue and how it can affect our environment."

Jeana, Caymanian, 53:
"There is going to be a major shake-up of things here. The judge will order a new Environment Study done and it will show that there are real concerns about the port damaging our environment. Then the port will be stopped by the voters."

Tommy, Caymanian, 61:
"This will not change things. The voters will still vote "Yes" for the port."

George, Caymanian, 44:
"I hope everyone stays home and doesn't vote now. We need the port."

Tina, Caymanian, 33:
"I hope it doesn't change anything. Before this happened, I think most people were voting "No.""

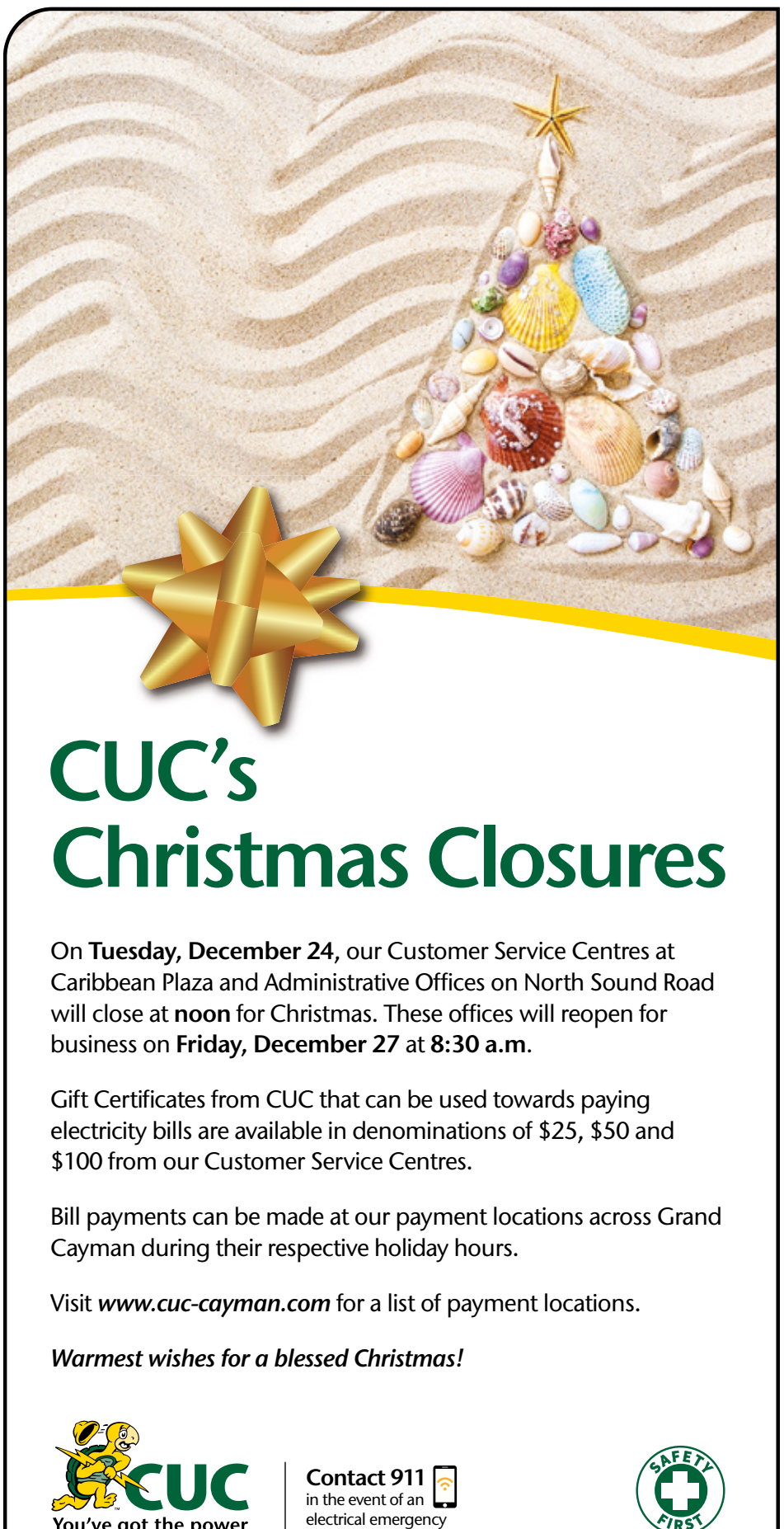
Barbara, Caymanian, 57:
"I think that it will slow down the momentum that the No side had. Now, it will seem too drawn out and make most people frustrated."

Andrew, Caymanian, 48:
"This will not change a single, solitary thing. The port will still be voted down."

Christina, Caymanian, 23:
"I am not sure. I just hope that we can still stop this port."

Leroy, Caymanian, 49:
"Not really sure. I will not change my mind. I will still vote against the port."

Linda, Caymanian, 47:
"I think it will frustrate some people for a while, but then the momentum will get going again and we will stop the port."



EDITORIAL

Financial Tips for Christmas. Part 1

Christmas will soon be here and also the urge to spend. Your pay **cheque** just arrived. You have worked hard all year and you may or may not get a bonus.

During the Christmas season many consumers tend to exceed their budget and spend too much on gifts, preparations and festivities. By following a few simple financial tips, you will be able to enjoy your Christmas without having to worry about your financial state in January.

Caymanian Times wants you to enjoy the season and have given you 7 tips each week to consider before withdrawing that cash, writing that check or handing over that credit/debit card.

1) Be honest to yourself. Create a Christmas expense budget. Make a list of items that you really need to purchase and stick with it.

2) Take advantage of real Christmas specials. Ask the store clerk for the original price to verify your savings.

3) Consider giving time instead of gifts. Remember it is the thought that counts not the value of the gift.

4) Combine Christmas dinners with family and friends.

5) Purchase items in bulk

6) Save 50% of your bonus if received

7) Avoid buying a new outfit for the New Year's Eve party. Remember simple is elegant. Try matching from your existing wardrobe.

Upgrades to Emergency Notification System (NENS) Begin

The hurricane season may have recently come to an end but Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) and the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC) continue their work to make Cayman better prepared for disasters than ever before.

"With an emergency, reaction time is everything. The government has made a significant commitment to increasing our capability to notify and mobilise the public in an emergency as quickly as possible," said the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers, JP.

"This year and next should see a leap forward in how the country responds to disasters, and how the public is informed through investments made in communication technology," she continued.

Development of Phase I of the National Emergency Notification System began in March 2018 and is now fully operational. The project established a system allowing HMCI and DPSC to interrupt radio broadcasts with warning messages across all three islands in the event of a sudden onset emergency.

"Our radio interrupt system is one of the first of its kind in the Caribbean. A lot of groundwork for the NENS was accomplished in Phase I and important lessons were learned. This will be fully leveraged as we embark on the implementation of Phase II of the NENS," said the Director of DPSC, Mr Julian Lewis.

The focus of Phase II is on broadening the number of communication channels available to disseminate emergency messages in order to reach the maximum number of individuals at once.

This involves investment in a centralised message distribution system including the creation of a new mobile alert application. Once complete, the public will be able to download the app free of charge and receive emergency notifications directly to their phones.

In addition, the new system will also enable simultaneous warning messages to be delivered via SMS, emails and social media, greatly reducing the time taken to disseminate critical messages to the public.

"We understand that more people generally have access to a mobile phone than would normally listen to the radio. However, a conscious decision was taken to implement radio interrupt capability in Phase I as it is the more robust and reliable channel," commented the Director of HMCI, Ms Danielle Coleman.

"A battery powered radio should be part of everyone's disaster kit as you can't always rely on there being power or a mobile signal during an emergency. As a result, it made sense to ensure that notification via radio was the first step of the NENS that we can now expand on," she continued.

Commenting on the added benefits of Phase II's upgrades, Ms Coleman went on to say: "With hazard management, there is always more that can be done. By expanding the NENS and streamlining communications in Phase II, we free up first responders to focus on tackling the disaster and protecting the public."

The purpose of the NENS is to notify the public in the event of a sudden onset emergency which requires them to take immediate action to protect their safety. Should the system be deployed, the message will specify the nature of the emergency and what the public should do in response.

The magnitude 5 earthquake which occurred in the early morning of Monday, 9 December 2019 did not pose an immediate threat to safety, therefore the NENS was not activated.

Phase II is expected to be completed by the end of quarter two in 2020 which will enable utilisation during hurricane season.

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16 Passport 2 Success graduates shine so bright

Sixteen Passport 2 Success graduates shone very brightly at the recent Passport 2 Success graduation at the George Town Yacht Club. Passport2Success helps young people gain success in the world of work by taking them through 14 weeks of training consisting of different developmental workshops and participatory session, so that they gain the self-confidence and necessary skill sets they will need, not only to get a job but shine in it.

The 29th Cohort of Passport 2 Success began on Monday September 9, 2019 with 17 participants consisting of a mixture of single parents and young adults between the ages of 17 and 23.

Each of them got an opportunity to tell their story; the story of how the programme changed them, helping them to overcome challenges, so that they would be set on the good road called 'Success' not just for now, but for the rest of their lives. Some of them had already gained employment after impressing their employers during the work-placement internship which is part of the course. Graduate Barbie Bodden has got a job at the Westin, and T'Keyah Dreckett, who sang "Shine Bright Like a Diamond," very beautifully during the presentation, has found a job at Kirk Freeport. Cher Bailey has got a job at Camana Bay Cinema.

Graduates gained the honor of organizing their own ceremony, and Rosa Whittaker & Kaylone Warren made great masters of ceremony, as they invited each of their friends from the cohort to come forward to present reflections on what the course had done for them.

▶ Angelina Brown receives her completion certificate, and also gained a "Most Enthusiastic," award

▶ T'Keyah Dreckett received two awards: "Most Improved," and "Perfect Attendance"

Jessica Martinez-Frederick said that she had tried to join the programme before, but did not manage to get on, so she was very motivated when she finally managed to join: "When I finally started this program I made a promise to myself that when I graduated I would be proud of myself," she said. "This program has helped me in so many different ways both personally and professionally, Ms Martinez said as she thanked her tutors, Catherine Tyson and Carmella Pugh for their constant encouragement and support, adding that the cohort, "had become like a family," to her, and this really kept her going.

Cher Baily was also very proud of her achievements, and how much she had learned over the 14-week course: "Since joining this programme I have learned how to maintain a positive mindset and accept change…I have also learned the importance of first impressions, and I have learned that I can meet people for the first time in a professional environment and make a good first impression," she said. "One of the main highlights for me was attending my first professional symposium world mental health Day conference, and also my first trip to the National Gallery."

In addition to receiving their Certificate of Completion, each of the graduates received special awards too. Rosa Whittaker was Top Female Overall; Timothy McKenzie, Top Male Overall; Jessica Martinez Frederick, Most Consistent; Joseph Maitland, Most Resourceful; Cher Bailey really shone, with two special awards: Most Outstanding Growth and Perfect Attendance. Isabel McFarlane received the Most Positive Attitude, and Barbie Bodden was Rising Star, along with Jaheem Jefferson. Kaylone Warren Most Helpful and T'Keyah Dreckett received two awards: Most Improved and Perfect Attendance; while Angelina Brown was Most Enthusiastic.

▶ Passport 2 Success graduation ceremony

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Ribbon cut at DVES' new Administration Building

Hon. Joey Hew from the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, and Stephen Quinland, Director of the Department of Vehicle and Equipment Services (DVES), along with Deputy Governor, Franz Manderson, cut the ribbon on the big brand new DVES building at North Sound Road. It has been just over a year and a half since the groundbreaking for the new 2-story 8,734 square foot building which will not only provide office space for department managers and other employees, but will provide storage and inventory facilities too. DVES personnel service and maintain the Government's fleet of more than 1000 vehicles and it is hoped that the new facility will help them complete their work more efficiently and under more pleasant conditions.

Mr. Quinland said the opening prayer: "Today I stand before you; a man touched with joy. Who is unbelievably thankful that you are helping DVES reach that unreachable star."

Minister Hew said: "The main priority of this government is to provide the safe, modern and comfortable working environment, for the hard working members of the Cayman Islands Civil Service. "When I took my tour after taking office, I noticed that the working conditions were less than ideal for our staff here. So along with the Cabinet we remained committed to providing the necessary resources to ensure that this project would move forward.

▶ Mr. Manderson, Mr. Hew and Mr. Quinland all helped to cut the ribbon on the new building

"The improvements that we now witness will enhance staff productivity, and customer experience, all of which will contribute to the stable, effective and accountable government for which we strive. We will also reap the benefits of inventory management and control, and anticipate the need to reduce capital expenditure. DVES is a unique facility. It is the only facility across our islands which services every aspect of our vehicles and equipment needs; from a small weed whacker to a 40-ton truck; to a 70-ton car-crusher, and the compaction equipment at the Landfill. So it is truly remarkable, given the Government's 1000 + vehicles and equipment, that it is all managed by this relatively small department."

I had the distinct pleasure of visiting DVES and meeting with the five mechanics who are being trained, right upstairs in our new training room, in electric vehicle service and safety. This, of course is in preparation of the Government's plan to convert 30 percent of our fleet to energy-efficient vehicles by the year 2027. After completion of phase 2 of DVES redevelopment plan with construction set to start in the first quarter of next year, these competent mechanics will be able to put their training to good use in a modern, state-of-the art service bay.

"The Department will have an increased number of bay spaces, which will lead to increased turnabout in repair times and increased working stability for the larger vehicles, and it will also minimize employee exposure to the elements. Tremendous benefits will result in the work here at DVES for many years to come."

After the ribbon was cut, Minister Hew joined Mr. Manderson and Mr. Quinland on a tour of the new facility.

Fathers and Sons Bond and Build at A.L Thompsons

A.L. Thompson's in conjunction with Men's Shed hosted a workshop for fathers and sons to bond around building and making woodwork.

The event, which took place on 23rd November, 2019 was attended by dozens of fathers, who joined their sons to make special tool holders.

The Caymanian Times spoke to Retail Manager Dan Thompson of AL Thompsons, who explained more about the event:

"A. L. Thompson's has been exploring ideas on hosting various workshops for our customers for quite some time. When Men's Shed - Cayman Islands approached us about hosting the event in partnership with them, we jumped at the opportunity as it was a great cause with focus on our youth."

He added that the reality is that we have become a disposable society (globally)….

"When something breaks, we buy a new one or we call someone else in to fix it. Trade skills and craftmanship are becoming more and more scarce, so we thought this workshop was a great idea by getting the kids involved and creating an event around them.

"What is more empowering and impactful than teaching and encouraging our youth to create something tangible with their own, two hands and exposing them to a trade such as carpentry at an early age to ignite their interest and build their confidence in their own abilities…"

With over 40 children at the event and smiles on each of their faces when they held up the finished products, confirmation of workshop's goals being achieved was more than evident.

"Hopefully, the tool boxes that were built at the workshop will be around for years to come and encourage the children to fill them with their own tools and make them eager to take on projects of their own," said Mr. Murphy.

"I would like to thank Men's Shed – Cayman Islands as well as the Family Resource Centre for their efforts and look forward to hosting more of these types of events in the future," he noted.

Deputy Governor Franz Manderson was also on hand for the event and expressed joy at seeing the fathers and their sons working together on the project.

"I wanted to come and support this event; fathers and sons building tool boxes. My first job at 11 years old was in my Uncle Jimmy Powell's cabinet shop and so I am a bib supporter of this kind of bonding between parents and their children," he remarked.

Men's Shed, which is spearheaded by Mark Nicoll is an organization that seeks to empower men, many of whom struggle to put their emotions into words.

"It's an international movement that seeks to help them build social connections – and improve their quality of life – in a more hands-on way," noted Mr. Nicoll.

He added that Men's sheds began as an initiative in Australia, to bring men together in a collaborative, community setting where they could roll their sleeves up, work with their hands and, hopefully, build new friendships.

The movement has now spread across Europe, North America, and now the Cayman Islands.

The island's first men's shed is housed inside the Cayman Catboat Club on North Church Street and is a small woodworking shop that has been set up with donated tools and tables.

For more information on Men's Shed, contact Mark Nicoll at marktnicoll@gmail.com

▶ (L-R) A proud dad stands with his son next to Mark Nicoll, Deputy Governor Franz Manderson and A.L. Thompson Retail Manager Dan Thompson

▶ A young boy works on his toolbox

▶ A dad and son work together on their toolbox

▶ A young boy is assisted whilst making his woodwork

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Dec 24th:	**US$5,000**
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Jamaica crowned Miss World

Miss World Jamaica, Toni-Ann Singh has been crowned the 69th Miss World

On Saturday at ExCel London Toni-Ann Singh aged 23 was crowned the 69th Miss World by her predecessor Vanessa Ponce de Leon at the grand final hosted by Peter Andre and Megan Young.

A tearful newly crowned Miss World 2019 said: "So honored and grateful for this opportunity but most of all I'm thinking about the work that needs to be done and that I have the platform and the means to do it. I'm ready to get out there and work. I'm excited!"

Toni is a women's studies and psychology student at Florida State University who aspires to be a medical doctor. Previously she has worked as president of the Caribbean students association on campus. In her free time Toni enjoys singing, cooking, vlogging, volunteering and singing. Her special talent is that she can sing classical opera. The most important thing in Toni's life is her mother who has facilitated her dream by supporting her in every way possible.

Lulu, one of Britain's most iconic singers, with an internationally renowned voice performed a very festive 'Run Rudolph Run and closed the show performing 'Shout', The show opened with Kerry Ellis, a West End and Broadway star singing 'Rise Like A Phoenix' with other performances by Andre singing 'Mysterious Girl' and Misunderstood, an all-singing all-dancing duo from South London who performed 'Girls in London' with the final 12 contestants.

UK broadcaster and TV celebrity Piers Morgan asked the final five contestants their last question before the judges had to decide who would wear the famous blue crown. Celebrating the icon theme, Zandra Rhodes was one of the judges.

Miss World France, Ophely Mezino was the runner up, and Miss World India, Suman Rao was placed third after the culmination of a month-long Miss World Festival that saw contestants from 111 countries competing in a number of fast track challenges.

Public Consultation Opens for ICT Consumer Protection Regulations

Consumers are one step closer to having formalised consumer protection regulations in the information and communications technology (ICT) sector.

The final draft of the proposed regulations are now out for public consultation.

These proposed regulations will apply to ICT service providers and ICT network providers, and seek to ensure their services and networks are reliable, provided with due care and skill and rendered in accordance with the standards reasonably expected of a competent provider of these services.

Alee Fa'amoe, Executive Director ICT at OfReg explained the process: "Transparency and accountability are at the heart of this, and every public consultation process. Regulations are designed to protect the consumer while at the same time creating a healthy competitive environment for the industry, which then, in turn, provides the best value to consumers. With this as a background, you can see how decisions made by OfReg affect different people and organisations in different ways. The consultation process provides all those who will be affected by a regulatory decision the opportunity to provide input."

The proposed regulations address five key areas that will be of interest to consumers:

Accurate Information

They specify requirements of service providers to provide accurate descriptions of the service and other information to consumers, through advertising and any other means.

Complaints

They detail requirements on how service providers address complaints including handling, tracking and recording procedures.

Contract Terms

Terms and conditions of contracts are specified, addressing how they may be amended and in particular how roaming plans are outlined.

Billing

Bills are addressed, including what information is to be included on bills,

methods by which the consumer can make enquiries about bills and how service providers can address non-payment of an outstanding and undisputed balance on the consumer's account.

Provision and Repairs

How services and fault repair are addressed, including timeframes, the consumer's ability to report faults and the provision of notices of planned service disruptions or outages to consumers.

Responses are due to OfReg by 5:00 pm on 31 January 2020 and should be sent to consultations@ofreg.ky or delivered to the OfReg headquarters at Alissta Towers, North Sound Road.

To view the consultation paper in full, visit www.ofreg.ky/consultations.

▶ Alee Fa'amoe, Executive Director information and communications technology sector at OfReg

Cabana's Farm to Table Gives Local Produce A Platform

The Cayman Island are known as one of the top culinary destinations in the Caribbean and one of the special treats among the bevy of memorable dining experiences is the 'Farm to Table' feast that occurs every Thursday night at the Cabana seaside restaurant on the Waterfront in George Town.

Now running for over 6 years, the evening, which is popular with residents and visitors alike, has mushroomed into a full banquet, serving numbers into the hundreds of people on any given Thursday.

What adds to the night being such a special and unique experience is the intimacy and how the structure of the setting is connected; with the hosts of the evening being approachable and accessible to answer any questions, etc.

While greeting guests, Cabana Owner Luigi Moxam and his wife Christina noted, "We have seen a resurgence in the local farming industry and many of our suppliers have been able to expand their businesses as a result of the growing need for locally sourced produce," while addressing the guests.

The couple have made it a point to have the night, despite the weather or any other hinderance that could possibly derail the feast.

With delights on the menu, which vary from week to week, guests are treated to original creations such as coconut-ceviche and watermelon lemonade, along with specialty wines and more.

There is also special fish, which Luigi explains can range from the usual/traditional red snapper that has become a staple in most restaurants to more exotic catches such as Ocean Turbit or, "Whatever swims up" he joked.

The restaurant is located on the ocean front, along some of the most pristine waters in the world and all the fist served is served fresh from the sea to the plate.

Everything - from the team of servers, to the setting of the table at Farm to Table communicates an atmosphere of community and fellowship.

"It is important for people to have a relationship with their food as well. As an essential part of our lives, it is crucial for people to know where they are sourcing their food and take responsibility for what they are consuming," remarked Mrs. Moxam.

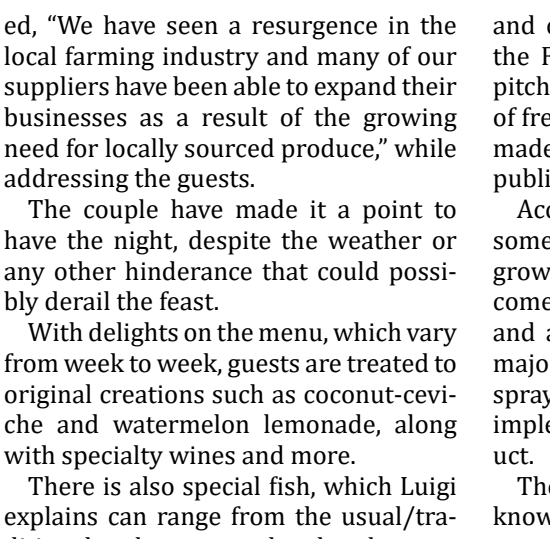
The trend of homegrown food has been catching on in the Cayman Islands and can readily be seen at placed like the Farmers Market, near the crickets pitch in George Town where purveyors of fresh produce and novelty food items made on Islands are patronized by the public at an ever-increasing frequency.

According to the Moxams, there is something extra special about the food grown in the Cayman Islands, as it comes from, 'mom and pops' operations and are in no way part of any kind of major agribusiness that might involve spraying certain fertilizers and other implements to mass produce the product.

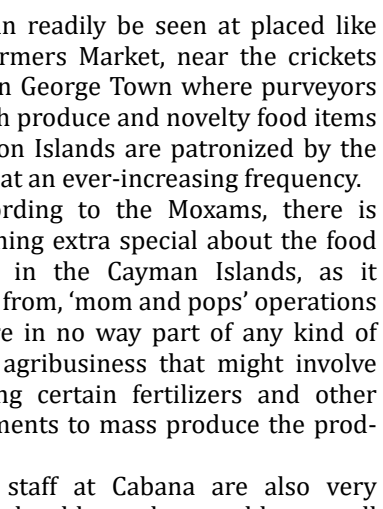
The staff at Cabana are also very knowledgeable and are able to tell guests about the different dishes and the suppliers behind some of the produce.

"Everything we do here really is a labor of love and we take a great deal of pride in being able to share the food that is grown here and hearing from our customers how different everything tastes in terms of freshness; there is a zest to food that does not have to travel vast differences to get to our tables/plates," noted Mr. Moxam.

The fact that the Cabana is in George Town means that the business has also been contributing to the revitalization of George Town by default and with music and other entertainment also happening at the ocean -front location on occasions, this is one hotspot that promises to continue to grow in the hearts and minds of the community.



▶ Luigi Moxam and his wife Christina welcome guests to Farm to Table at Cabana



▶ One of the specialty dishes at the popular restaurant on George Town's Harbor

James L. Murray

September 27, 1932 - December 11, 2019

Biology Teacher
Cayman Islands High School
1979 to 1993

" When someone asks why anyone would become a teacher, remind them why it's worth it. Every job has its ups and downs, but not every job job can change a life "

A tribute page has been set-up for anyone wishing to leave a short message:
https://james-murray-2019.muchloved.com/

POLICE NEWS

Police Renew Appeal for Witnesses in Death at Bananas Bar

▶ Dinesh, with his wife and four-year-old daughter

Police are continuing to appeal for witnesses to the incident which resulted in the death of 36-year-old Dinesh Asanka Fernando Wannukawatta-Waduge from Sri-Lanka. Dinesh died following an assault at Bananas Bar in Dolphin Plaza on Eastern Avenue early Saturday morning, 30 November.

Three men have been charged in relation to the incident and a court case is ongoing.

"Unfortunately we are still in urgent need of witnesses into this matter. Even following the appeal that was made last week by Deputy Commissioner Walton, no additional witnesses have come forward to assist us," said Detective Superintendent Pete Lansdown. "There were probably around 100 people at the location on the night of the incident and we know that about 20 persons were in a position to actually witness the incident. We've had to put in as much effort to find witnesses as we've had to in order to find and identify the suspects in this case."

After reviewing CCTV footage, RCIPS detectives have pinpointed seven potential witnesses who they would like to identify and speak to. ***Photos of these persons are included.***

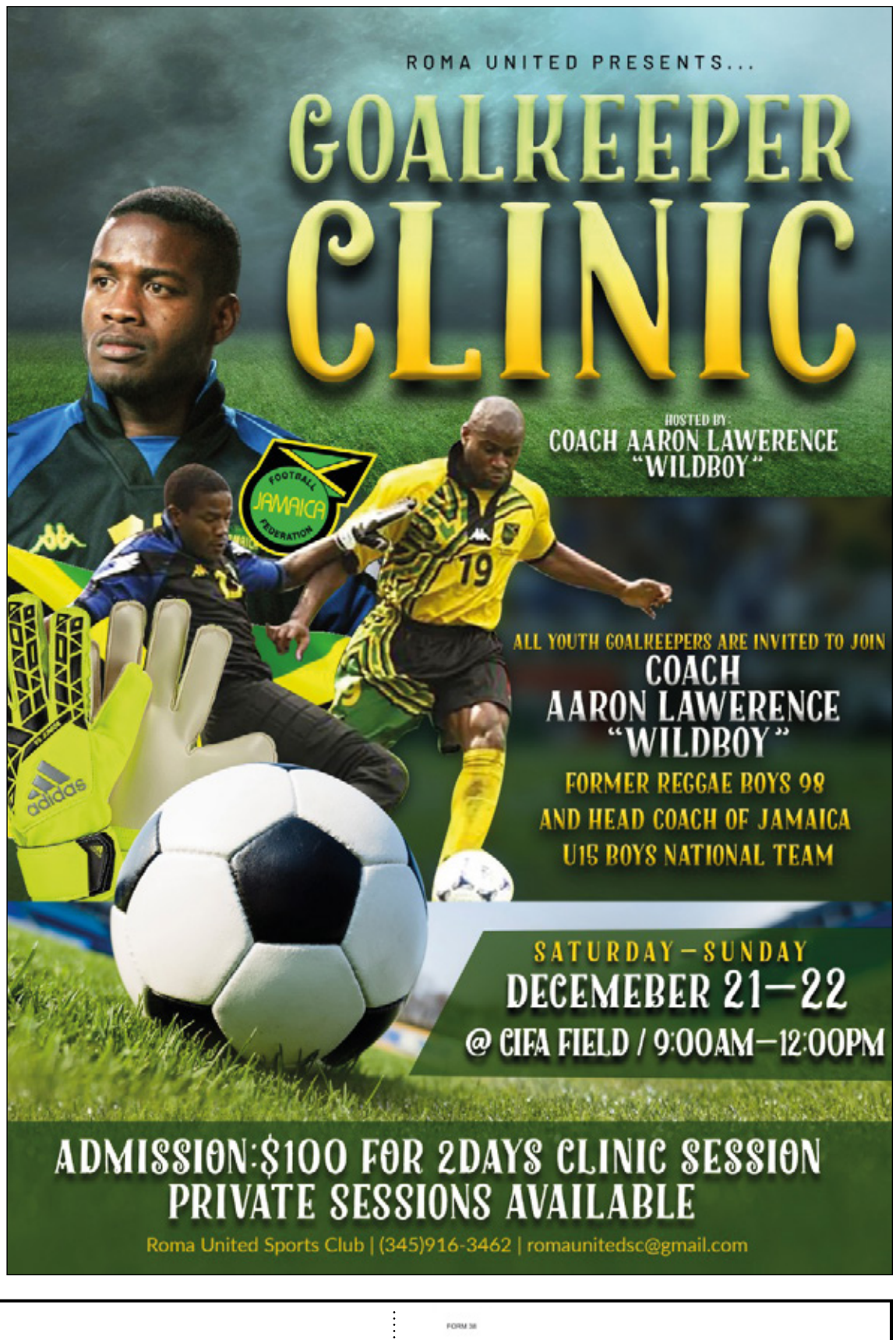
"One or two extra witnesses could make the difference between a successful conviction or an acquittal," said Superintendent Lansdown. "If you recognize yourself in one of these images, please contact us. And if you see someone who you know, please encourage them to come forward. If you have information but are concerned about coming forward for any reason, please contact us and we will take whatever steps we can to address your concerns."

"At the end of the day it is up to the local community to play their part in maintaining law and order. If people do not come forward when they witness criminality, then that provides an opening for criminality to go unchecked and even increase. As police it is our job to investigate and prosecute, but we cannot do that effectively if the public doesn't play their part.

Once again I want to appeal to everyone to put yourself in the shoes of the family that Dinesh has left behind. His daughter and wife deserve to have the truth. They deserve to see justice served. But even more than that, when incidents like this occur, it is our collective responsibility to do the right thing in response."

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the **RCIPS Major Incident Room at 649-2930**.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of **Crime Stoppers at 800-8477(TIPS)**, or **online https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=187**.



FORM 38

LOST LAND CERTIFICATE

Pursuant to Section 34 (3) of the Registered Land Law, (2018 Revision), notice is hereby given of the loss of the Land Certificate issued in the

name of THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF GOD.

of George Town, Grand Cayman

in respect of the following parcel of land situated in Grand Cayman

REGISTRATION SECTION
WEST BAY NORTH WEST

BLOCK
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PARCEL Nos
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of Bodden Town, Grand Cayman

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REGISTRATION SECTION
BODDEN TOWN

BLOCK
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PARCEL No
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of Cotton Tree Bay, Grand Cayman

in respect of the following parcel of land situated in Cayman Brac

REGISTRATION SECTION
CAYMAN BRAC WEST

BLOCK
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PARCEL Nos
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REGISTRAR OF LANDS

Regiment Officer Recruitment Launched

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need to have a wide variety of skills including project management and will need to be adaptable, resilient and able to deal with the day-to-day challenges a programme like this will inevitably have. The role is part-time, for which a per diem allowance will be paid, and there will be opportunities to refresh, re-hone and improve existing skills and talents with further training with some of the best military teams in the world. And the candidate will need to be able to start work immediately."

In terms of the Junior positions, the Governor said: "We are looking for six Junior Officer recruits. We would like to employ them on one year, full-time, fixed term contracts after which they might become part-time reservists to enable them to continue their civilian careers, although there will also be some full-time positions created in future. During this year, the officers will receive basic training overseas and will also attend officer training at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst in the UK. The recruits will help the Commanding Officer set up the Regiment and recruit 50 reservists initially. Eventually this number will rise to 150. Junior Officers would need to be available to start in February."

Specific details of the roles are given below and draw on policy from UK Reserve Regiments. Expressions of interest should be emailed to staffoff@candw.ky by 1 January 2020.

Commanding Officer

This will be a part-time role. The Commanding Officer will work closely with the Governor's Office and new Defence Board to shape the new Regiment and provide strategic direction on policy, training, equipment and Regimental ethos. Requirements for this position are as follows:

- Minimum 5 years experience as an Officer in the British Armed Forces
- Aged between 23 and 50 years old
- Nationality: British Overseas Territories Citizen, British Citizen or Irish Citizen. Other Commonwealth applicants may be considered on a cases by case basis. Must be legally resident in Cayman.
- Minimum qualifications Bachelors Degree
- Experience and qualifications in project management preferred.
- Must pass medical and fitness test
- Required to start January 2020
- Part-time (hours to be agreed)
- Salary to be agreed

▶ Governor during press conference

Junior Officers

- No minimum experience required but previous service in the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps or other military experience preferred
- Aged between 18 and 50 years old
- Nationality: British Overseas Territories Citizen, British Citizen or Irish Citizen. Other Commonwealth applicants may be considered on a cases by case basis. Must be legally resident in Cayman.
- Minimum qualifications: two 'A' levels at Grade C or above, two years study at UCCI or equivalent level of education
- Must pass medical and fitness test
- Required to start February 2020
- Full-time, one year, fixed term contract
- Salary to be agreed

Attorney General Leads Cayman's CFATF Plenary Delegation

The Attorney General, the Hon. Samuel Bulgin, QC, led a 10-person delegation from the Cayman Islands to the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) plenary held the week 22 November in Antigua. During the plenary, Cayman presented our First Follow-Up Report (FFUR), which was submitted to the CFATF in September. The report outlined our progress to date in fulfilling the CFATF's 63 recommended actions for our jurisdiction.

The Attorney General delivered a presentation to almost 200 delegates from over 25 countries that outlined our significantly enhanced legislative framework; our increased effectiveness in implementing the legislative framework, as a result of additional resources, policies, training, and outreach; and our improved understanding in both the public and private sectors of our role in the global AML/CFT/ PF fight.

During the plenary sessions, delegates also discussed the mutual evaluation reports for the Turks and Caicos Islands and Bermuda, with Ms. Elisabeth Lees, National Coordinator for Cayman's Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group, acting as legal assessor during the peer review. Representatives from the United Kingdom Treasury educated delegates on the implementation of targeted financial sanctions without delay and the delegation discussed proposed changes to the CFATF mutual evaluation process.

Ms. Lees also presented to the delegation on the Cayman Islands' recently completed National Risk Assessment of Terrorist Financing. The Cayman Islands was the first country in the Caribbean to assess its jurisdictional risks for terrorist financing using the methodology issued by the Financial Action Task Force in June 2019. By being one of the first jurisdictions to use this methodology, Cayman has provided a key blueprint for other jurisdictions to follow, Ms. Lees said.

Ms. Lees, who coordinates our jurisdiction's response to the CFATF, said in relation to the Cayman Islands' own peer review process that Cayman has a 21 February 2020 deadline to demonstrate that it has made positive and tangible progress in implementing the recommendations of the report. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has to decide then whether to impose a remediation plan on the Cayman Islands and place the jurisdiction on the compliance document.

"The Cayman Islands is committed to taking proactive steps to ensure compliance with international standards. All stakeholders are doing everything they can to fulfill the 63 recommended actions, and it was good to present to Plenary on the significant progress we have made. Whatever decision is made by FATF, the Cayman Islands will continue to ensure all the recommended actions are fulfilled."

▶ The Attorney General, the Hon. Samuel Bulgin, QC

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PLASTIC FREE CAYMAN

Government-initiated single-use plastic steering committee

Plastic Free Cayman (PFC) is incredibly disappointed to notify the public that a second steering committee meeting on single-use plastics scheduled for 11th December 2019 was cancelled earlier the same day and until further notice by a Ministry of Health representative "due to insufficient numbers to make up quorum".

A list of members shows 29 representatives form the committee and 13 people had committed to attend, including three volunteers from PFC. The first of the two meetings was also cancelled and later rescheduled.

PFC has not received any minutes from the first meeting, nor was an agenda circulated for the second. As yet, no clear mission statement, goals, responsibilities or action points have been set out for the committee. Neither has any documentation been provided which indicates how the chosen stakeholders were selected, how decisions are made or what number of members are required to make up a quorum.

Nine months after the Cayman Youth Parliament passionately debated and passed a single-use plastic ban in the Legislative Assembly the acting government still fails to take on board the gravity of the well-known social, economic, environmental and health problems single-use plastics are causing worldwide, across the Caribbean and in our local three-island community.

Government's passive stance on this serious matter is extremely alarming given experts at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) (https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/Pages/AAP-Says-Some-Common-Food-Additives-May-Pose-Health-Risks-to-Children.aspx) have issued warnings that toxic chemicals used for food packaging can interfere with a child's hormones, growth and development. Lifelong health problems such as changing the time of puberty, affecting male genitalia development, decreasing fertility, affecting nervous and immune systems, increasing childhood obesity and contributing to cardiovascular disease are only some of the serious health effects of chemical exposure from food packaging highlighted by the AAP.

Not only should we be concerned about the health impacts of direct ingestion of food tainted with toxic chemicals, we cannot ignore the government's chronic failure to act on implementing an effective waste-management strategy. The lack of end-of-life stage planning for products and packaging, most of which are imported into Cayman, towers above our little island as "Trash Everest" assaulting our noses and leaching unquantified and unreported amounts of chemicals into the air, our ground water and natural environment. The neighboring school has to close because of 'dump fire days'.

Plastic litter blocks drainage and collects standing water making it a known breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of dengue fever.

Micronizing plastics (plastics breaking into smaller and smaller pieces) enter the food chain by direct ingestion such as shellfish or by accumulating in animal tissue transferring to humans in a similar way to more commonly understood risks such as heavy metals poisoning or ciguatera poisoning.

Visual and odor pollution are common complaints PFC receives from tourists expecting to relax on Cayman's white coral sand beaches instead find themselves walking across beaches littered with bright white Styrofoam food packaging while single-use plastic drinks bottles crunch under their feet.

On 7th December, 25 volunteers attended PFC's Monthly Beach Clean-up removing 500lbs of trash from Collier's Beach in East End in under 2 hours, with most of it in the form of plastic bottles and Styrofoam. On-island visitors passing the group clean-up effort Saturday morning were quick to thank the volunteers but did not hesitate to share their horror at the unsightly litter covering Cayman's beaches.

According to United Nations Caribbean Environment Programme 21 countries in the Wider Caribbean Region with bans already in place are:

- Anguilla
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Aruba
- Barbados
- Belize
- Colombia
- Dominica
- France (Guadeloupe)
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Jamaica
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Panama
- Puerto Rico
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Turks and Caicos
- United States
- Virgin Islands

Some countries like Jamaica which have already banned single-use plastic 'scandal' bags and are phasing in strengthened regulations. As of January 1, 2020, Jamaica's ban will extend to locally manufactured and distributed polystyrene foam food and beverage containers.

Cayman government is clearly falling behind the region in policy implementation on singleuse plastics down to lack of government will.

▶ Map of Styrofoam and Plastic bag bans in the Caribbean

A multitude of international organisations provide readily available online resource tools to assist policymakers. Global agencies, such as the United Nations (UN) have made publicly available reports, recommendations, guidelines and resources to assist local governments tackle this planet-wide plastic-crisis. Caribbean region action plans such as the Land-Based Sources of Marine Pollution (LBS) Protocol (signed in 1999 and adopted in 2010) and the Caribbean Regional Action Plan for Marine Litter (RAPMaLI) (developed in 2008 and updated in 2010) are platforms facilitating communication and action in the Caribbean for the benefit of all countries. Earlier in 2019 the World Bank Group published a 104 page report titled "Marine Pollution in the Caribbean: not a minute to Waste" (http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/482391554225185720/pdf/Marine-Pollution-in-the-Caribbean-Not-a-Minute-to-Waste.pdf)

In Europe the Strategy for Plastics (https://ec.europa.eu/environment/marine/good-environmental-status/descriptor-10/index_en.htm) requires member states to act by 2020 on regulating the 10 most common single-use plastics found on beach cleans to reduce ocean plastic pollution.

The forward-thinking UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) should be embedded in all government agencies and encouraged for local businesses to guide our islands into a future of prosperity for all. Particularly relevant is SDG 14, Life Below Water which tackles marine pollution monitoring and action and provides a framework for governments, business and citizens to collaborate effectively to work towards the goals.

We applaud businesses, schools and individuals who have joined us in action by taking the Plastic Free Cayman 345 Pledge in committing to take steps to reduce their own single-use plastic consumption and be more mindful about their choices.

While we continue to advocate for government regulation, we encourage everyone to visit www.plasticfreecayman.com, take the 345 pledge and start your journey towards eliminating unnecessary single-use plastics.

We are extremely supportive of the youth of Cayman speaking up for their future, yet we continue to wait for any tangible action from the government which will protect them.

"There are a multitude of reasons for why we, Protect Our Future and the youth of Cayman, believe Cayman must ban single use plastics. First off there is the obvious reason that they are detrimental to the environmental health and prosperity of the Cayman Islands. Single use plastics are thrown into the landfill or littered and end up being ingested by marine and land-based species. These species inevitably die. This constant cycle is leading to a decrease in multiple crucial species populations. In order to protect its pristine environment Cayman must ban these harmful plastics. Another reason is the perception people have of Cayman. With the world moving towards being more environmentally friendly and sustainability being at the forefront of almost all decisions made, the fact Cayman has not begun to do this yet looks poorly upon us. The world will begin to see our island as underdeveloped and not environmentally friendly. Is this what we want? Other Caribbean Islands have already completed this process. Banning single use plastics will protect our environment, look better for our island, and could even become a source of income. If fines are implemented onto people that bring single use plastics onto our island, this money could then be invested back into our communities. The banning of single use plastics will only benefit us." - Ben Somerville, Protect Our Future

"With research and technology advancing at unprecedented rates, why are we failing to move on from single use plastics? As a member of the youth of Cayman, I strongly believe that it is imperative that Cayman bans single use plastics. Not only to benefit our environment but those of our neighbouring Caribbean islands also. Of whom 7 have already placed plastic bans which will come to act in 2020." - Matt Gilmour, Protect Our Future

"I understand that single use plastic is cheap, durable, and easily produced, however it doesn't support a circular economy, takes thousands of years to degrade, and harms ecosystems and human health (specifically our endocrine systems). Being surrounded by water and already struggling with waste management systems, I think moving towards a ban on single use plastics would be beneficial to the Cayman Islands." - Isabela Walter, Protect Our Future

'A Night With Legends' Takes Patrons Down Memory Lane

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from Cayman's own "Papie Connolly" who set the tone of the evening with his well known song, "My Caymanian Girl".

Other notable attendees at the award ceremony for Cayman's legendary acts included Politician McKeeva Bush and other high ranking officials who danced the night away and enjoyed the sweet sounds of classics throughout the evening.

Kiemaniares members, who contributed to the band's genesis included:

- Guitarist - Bunny Myles (Musical Icon Awardee)
- Bass guitarist - Calvin Hooker
- Drummmer - 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:

<u>1st configuration</u>

- Drummer - John Burns - Drummer
- Lead Guitar - McArthur Manderson
- Rhythm Guitar - Lewiston Ebanks
- Bass - Darnley Bryan

<u>Last configuration</u>

- Lead Guitar: Steve Welds
- Rhythm Guitar: Ernie Bodden background vocals
- Michael Hurlston drums and Vocals
- Darnley Bryan bass
- Clifton Papie Conolly Vocals

▶ Cayman Music & Entertainment President Jean Eric Smith with Caymanian Musical Legend Pappie Conolly

▶ Edlyn Myles and the Regeneration Band brought the house down with the energetic performance

▶ Awardees and family members representing their loved ones on the evening receive their awards

▶ Prominent members of the community danced the night away in solidarity with the musical fraternity

Jamaica's 'worsening crime crisis'

Jamaica's opposition shadow minister is worried about the rising crime levels on the island after decades of increasing criminality.

The People's National Party's Shadow Minister of National Security, Fitz Jackson, says more needs to be done to halt the country's "worsening crime crisis." Jackson's comments were triggered by the recent murder of a Westmoreland businessman and his wife in the tourist destination, Negril.

Jackson said the "gruesome and barefaced murders" have heightened the crime crisis and brought with it a new fear into a community which depends on tourism.

Osbourne Richards and his wife Patrizia Richards were murdered two weeks ago, during an apparent burglary and robbery at their West End home in Negril.

Police reported that the hands of both victims were bound with an electrical cord and fabric. The police said that a refrigerator was missing.

"It is indeed a sad moment for the people of Westmoreland and the entire country that as we approach the end of yet another year, the government continues to dispense a steady stream of excuses for not being able to resolve those issues that continue to fuel the crime wave across several communities," said Jackson.

▶ Negril is picturesque but had a double murder recently

The opposition spokesperson also said that the killings further highlight the ineffectual use of states of emergency on which the government has relied to solve the crime wave which has taken the lives of more than 1,200 Jamaicans since the start of the year, an average of 22 a week.

He said the overuse of state of emergencies has nullified the "shock and awe" effect that was intended to stop criminals in their tracks and allow normal policing and other security operations to proceed successfully.

Dominica calm again after elections

Dominica is peaceful once more with no civil disorder following its general elections on Dec. 6.

Leading up to the elections, the Dominican government reported incidents of civil disobedience, primarily in the villages of Marigot in the northeast, and Salisbury in the west. These disturbances resulted in road blockages, which caused delays for visitors travelling to the airport. Cruise calls into Dominica were also cancelled until Dec. 8.

After the citizens of Dominica went to the polls, the Dominica Labour Party won a resounding victory over the opposition. The elections were conducted peacefully and without any disturbance.

The DLP led by Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit won an unprecedented fifth term in general elections following weeks of protest and court battles which ended on the eve of the elections with the court of appeal upholding the decision of the high court judge not to grant an injunction to stop the elections.

The DLP won 18 of the 21 seats in the island's parliament with the wife of the Prime Minister Melissia Skerrit comfortably winning the Roseau Central seat which has been a stronghold of the United Workers Party.

▶ Dominica Labour Party supporters have plenty to cheer about

Joseph Isaac previously held that seat for the UWP but crossed the floor to the DLP and was made a government minister. He contested the Roseau North seat for the DLP but lost.

Among the casualties for the opposition UWP was its deputy leader Joshua Francis who lost his Roseau South seat to newcomer Cherika Lockhart Hypolite. The UWP held six seats before the last general elections and the DLP 15.

Supporters of the DLP took to the streets in jubilation as they celebrated their party's victory.

Guyana oil wealth will be billions

Guyana's consistent oil exploration success will be a plus even in a challenging oil price environment and will generate billions of dollars in additional revenue. When the oil revenue comes in it will raise the quality of every citizen's life.

Since 2015, ExxonMobil and its partners have made 14 discoveries, totalling more than six billion recoverable barrels of oil equivalent. The Liza field, the first discovered by ExxonMobil, is expected to start producing by year-end.

▶ Guyana is about to become very rich from its oil finds

Antigua PM gets yes from Harvard over slavery

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne has announced that the President of Harvard University, Dr Lawrence Bacow has agreed to a programme of cooperation between Harvard and the Five Islands Campus of the University of the West Indies in Antigua over slavery issues.

Browne said that Dr Bacow has indicated the willingness of Harvard to cooperate the Five Islands Campus, in acknowledging Harvard's historical relationship with slavery, particularly confronting past injustices and their legacies.

Preliminary discussions to establish cooperation will be held next month. The Harvard Law School was founded on an endowment in 1815 that was funded from slavery on the Royall's plantation on Antigua. Browne is seeking reparations.

▶ Harvard University was founded on slavery money

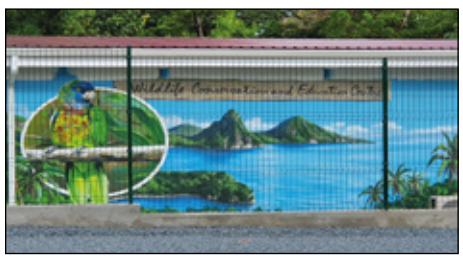
St Lucia's parrot sanctuary opens soon

St Lucia expects the Union Zoo redevelopment project will be completed and operational in time for the island's 41st anniversary of independence on Feb. 22. That's according to Ezechiel Joseph, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Natural Resources.

The project will be the state-of-the-art Wildlife Conservation and Education Centre which will generate significant revenue from tourism.

The St Lucia government received grant funding of around US$1.8 million for the project from the Association for the Conservation of Threatened Parrots. In 2018, controversy surrounded the project when it was reported in British daily newspaper 'The Guardian' that the head of the ACTP had multiple criminal convictions, including a five-year jail sentence for hostage taking, extortion and attempted fraud in 1996.

The article stated that in 2009 the head of the ACTP was sentenced to 20 months in prison for seven cases of fraud. In one incident, he kidnapped two men and threatened to cut their fingers off unless they paid a large sum of money. When the story broke, Joseph gave assurances that St Lucia has one of the most rigorous vetting processes for investors.



▶ St Lucia's conservation centre will generate huge revenue

The ACTP has agreements with St Vincent, Dominica, Brazil and Australia besides St Lucia to import parrots. Joseph said once the project is completed, it will be a unique site in the region. "It is going to have an aviary where we will have animals live, not in captivity but live; so that will be the first of its kind in the region and ACTP is the one funding it," he said.

The facility which replaces the union zoo will also include a coffee shop and a gift shop that will sell handcraft products produced by locals.

Caribbean invests in energy projects

Energy projects across the Caribbean are taking shape with a keen focus on incorporating more renewables into the electricity network, a critical need for the gas-starved region but one that faces persistent challenges from hurricanes.

Adam Carter, managing director at CIBC First Caribbean, said every island in the Caribbean suffers from the high cost of fuel imports, with the exception of gas-rich Trinidad.

"Solar has hit grid parity," he said, a key threshold for investors and consumers alike as solar-generated electricity is no longer more expensive than fuel-generated power.

Jamaica, for instance, welcomed activation of the 51MW Paradise Park PV solar project in October.

Paradise Park was built by Paris-based renewables firm Neoen, with financial backing from London-based Rekamniar Frontier Ventures and Hamburg's MPC Capital.

Investors are increasingly attracted to renewables projects in the region, with one critical factor being ambitious green goals set by Caribbean governments.

▶ Jamaica's Solar Park is a great example of sustainability

Jamaica, which is currently finalising an Integrated Resource Plan, has set a goal of generating 50 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2030. Barbados is eyeing 100 percent of electricity from renewables by the same year.

A major hindrance to any project in the Caribbean, though, is the threat of hurricanes. Hurricane Dorian that wiped out two Bahamian islands in late August, posed the risk of complete destruction of major solar farms. But, a secondary risk was the lack of suitable insurance.

Grenada replaces nurse exodus with Cubans

Grenada is looking to recruit nurses from Cuba as a stop-gap to stem the flow of Grenadian nurses leaving for better opportunities abroad, mostly in the UK.

Health Minister Nickolas Steele said a delegation from the Ministry interviewed 100 individuals in Cuba, with the government seeking 20 to 40 nurses in various specialties.

He said it is unfortunate that Grenada is losing some of its nurses for better opportunities, however, the government must ensure a proper complement of nurses is still present to serve the Grenadian citizens. Meanwhile, Grenadian police have launched an investigation into reports that passports are being sold illegally. Acting Police Commissioner Edvin Martin said that the allegations warrant a probe. International Business Minister Nickolas Steele has denied the reports. Grenada is among several Caribbean islands that promote the Citizenship by Investment Programme through which foreign investors, who make a substantial financial contribution to their socio-economic development, are granted citizenship.

▶ Grenada is recruiting Cuban nurses there

A-list Barbados compound for $40m

A luxury Barbados compound which has reportedly hosted everyone from Prince Harry to Rihanna and Tom Cruise is for sale for around US$40 million. Elton John, Hugh Grant, Bruce Willis, Mark Wahlberg, Nicole Kidman, Rod Stewart and Sting have all visited the ultra-glam retreat.

Cove Spring House is gated on an exclusive estate with just three other properties on the west coast of the island – which would explain its appeal for privacy seeking celebs. And the villa, set on the cliffs above its own secluded beach surrounded by tropical gardens, was also used as Simon Cowell's X-Factor judges' house in 2010.

The property listing promises the services of 19 full-time staff, including a property manager, butlers, chefs, maids, gardeners and security. There are seven-bedroom suites spread over 20,000sq ft of living space, as well as a further three in a separate guest cottage. The master suite boasts a dressing room and a Jacuzzi, while there's a swimming pool and Jacuzzi spa with a waterfall outside. There's also a media room and fitness centre on site as well as a commercial grade kitchen.

▶ Cove Spring House is a magnet for the rich and famous

"This is about as close as you can get to seeing how Hollywood royalty and actual royalty live away from the cameras," said Rightmove's Miles Shipside.

ST MARTIN MAYHEM

The French government is deploying reinforcements to French St Martin to quell a disturbance which erupted over the past week.

Groups of people have resorted to setting up roadblocks with rubble and setting vehicles alight.

They are protesting against the imposition of state regulations stipulating strict controls now taking effect on rebuilding following devastating Hurricane Irma in 2017.

There have been clashes with Gendarmes in which teargas was used to disperse crowds of protesters.

The disturbance has disrupted traffic and commerce between the two sides of the island shared by France and Holland.

A request by French officials based in Guadeloupe, the regional headquarters for the French north-east Caribbean, to use the large port in Philipsburg, the capital of Dutch Sint Maarten to land reinforcements was denied by the St Maarten local government.

They were redirected to the smaller port in Galisbay on the French side.

French president, Emmanuel Macron was due to issue a statement on the crisis in the collectivite' or commune - the constitutional status of French St Martin in the French Republic.

The intensifying protests which mimic the gilets jaunes (yellow jackets) of mainland France - but without the yellow jackets - are in opposition to the imposition of new local building regulations instituted by the French state.

In some instances, property owners are barred from rebuilding on land in families for generations but now declared unsafe, or 'red zones', due to environmental and storm risks.

The handling of the process has infuriated locals especially who have been on the lands for generations, much of it on the seafront, and now regarded of high commercial potential.

The issue has pit residents against the locally-elected government, and the local government against the French state represented by a Sous Prefect (the Paris-appointed equivalent of a governor).

Another contentious issue thrown up in the dispute is the question of land title with many residents not able to prove ownership; property having been loosely passed down through families over generations.

The crisis is already giving vent to other underlying long-standing unresolved issues in French St Martin, especially those with have been festering since the 2017 hurricane.

One of them is the quality of drinking water with some residents have been complaining of abnormally high volumes of bromate chemicals in the water.

The local government has now assured residents that the water quality issue has now been brought under control.

Although the French state was praised for its initial rapid response following Hurricane Irma, there's been growing concern over the dragging effect of emergency measures put in place.

There were worrying scenes of videos posted online showing a vessel being pelted with objects thrown from a bridge and elsewhere running classes with police.

There are no reports serious injuries, deaths or arrests.

However, concerns have been expressed by local officials of some persons exploiting the unrest for commercial gain.

There are reports extortion, with drivers traversing the border between the Dutch and French sides of the island being demanded to pay an illegal toll.

The open European border between French St Martin and Dutch Sint Maarten is a critical artery for one of the most prosperous tourist economies in the Caribbean.

The Dutch side of the island is the main air and sea entry point, but in recent years French St Martin has seen considerable investment in its port and other vital infrastructure.

Residents of both sides of the island tend to live and work across the borders of the shared island which has a thriving and critical cross-border economy.

Jamaican Authorities Moving to Make Export of Goods And Services Easier

State Minister for Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries Floyd Green says Government is working to make the export of local goods and services easier, by reducing the associated costs and processes.

"We are already in the process of removing licences and fees and steps where we see no value. Last week, we dealt with 26 of those [steps] that we are planning to get out of the system… and reduce the time it takes for us to get our products out of the country," he said.

Green was speaking at a signing ceremony for memoranda of understanding (MOUs) to facilitate the third instalment of the Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO) export development programme, Export Max III on Tuesday.

"We have over-bureaucratized our processes around trade for far too long in our country," he lamented, as he explained that Government was intensifying efforts to rectify this hindrance to trade.

He noted, for example, that it now takes 58 border control hours and costs about US$876 to export goods from Jamaica, adding that this is a "big disparity" compared to the rest of the Caribbean and Latin America where the average border control hours are about 61.9, and an average cost of US$529.

Green stressed that it "doesn't serve anybody's interest if our exporters cannot afford the cost at the port to move their goods".

"As a Government, we are going to still work on the border control hours, and we believe that the proposed Jamaica Single Window For Trade (JSWIFT) will reduce those border control hours significantly," he said.

JSWIFT, which is currently being piloted in some industry entities, is a one-stop-shop electronic system that allows traders to submit information at a single point to fulfil all import and export regulatory requirements.

"The idea is to create a paperless environment for permits, inspections [and] release of goods through JSWIFT," Green said.

Turning to Export Max III, the Minister noted that the continued success of the programme demonstrates what can be achieved when silos are removed and focus placed on a singular mission, and "that mission is to drive exports solely".

▶ State Minister for Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries, Floyd Green, (left), enjoys a light moment with President, Jamaica Promotions Corporation (JAMPRO), Diane Edwards. *(Credit: JIS)*

This year, 48 companies from the food, non-food, creative and services sectors are benefiting from capacity building and export promotion support under the programme.

The three-year initiative, which will run until 2022, is geared towards providing focused capacity, advocacy and market penetration support to exporters and export-ready firms.

The programme, which also includes mentorship, business development, sales training and export promotion components, will identify specific needs of the target companies and design and implement customized enterprise development initiatives to improve business performance and competitiveness.

To this end, JAMPRO is partnering with the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters' Association (JMEA), and Jamaica Business Development Corporation (JBDC) to deliver the programme, for which MOUs were signed.

Other partners are the Bureau of Standards, the Development Bank of Jamaica (DBJ), HEART Trust/NTA, Bank of Nova Scotia; Jamaica Productivity Centre; Foundation for Competitiveness Growth Project; and Jamaica National.

Standard & Poor's Lifts Barbados' Credit Rating

Rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) has lifted Barbados' credit worthiness out of default territory, significantly raising its foreign currency ratings.

S&P has moved up the long- and short-term foreign currency ratings to 'B-/B' from 'SD/SD' – and upward movement on the ratings scale of six notches – and assigned its 'B-' foreign currency issue rating to foreign currency debt delivered in the exchange.

It also affirmed its 'B-/B' long- and short-term local currency sovereign credit ratings and 'B-' issue-level rating on Barbados' long-term local currency debt.

S&P also issued a stable outlook, saying this "balances the administration's strong mandate to implement broad fiscal and macroeconomic reforms with the political and economic challenges of doing so".

The ratings agency said it expected multilateral lending institutions would continue to commit and disburse financial and technical assistance to Barbados, which would also support Government's mandate.

"We expect over the next 12-18 months the Government will continue to implement policies that achieve fiscal consolidation and instill institutional safeguards, while strengthening macroeconomic stability," it said.

S&P stressed, however, that failure to meet fiscal and debt targets over the next year could weaken investor confidence and result in a loss of official capital inflows, adding that this outcome could place renewed pressure on the country's foreign exchange reserves and reduce funding sources.

"Under this scenario of diminished liquidity, we could lower the ratings," the US-based rating agency warned.

But S&P said it could raise the ratings over the next year should the Government adhere to its ambitious fiscal targets and reform agenda, which could strengthen investor confidence and contribute to improved gross domestic product growth prospects.

"Higher economic growth would facilitate a reduced debt burden, which, together with an expectation of continued access to official funding, could lead us to raise the rating," it said.

In response to the upgrade, Prime Minister Mia Mottley said it demonstrated that her administration was "certainly moving in the right direction".

"I want to congratulate the Barbadian people for pulling together and making the necessary adjustments and sacrifice to put us all on the right path to sustainability. We are not yet where we need to be but if we stay the course and if we focus on adding value in all that we do and on growth, I have every confidence we will make it and reverse the impact of the lost decade. We can return the country to investment grade and continue to build people's confidence in all that we are doing," she said.

And Government's IMF senior advisor, Dr Kevin Greenidge said moving up six notches on the ratings scale is "quite an achievement for Barbados", given that the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) programme is only a year old.

The news from S&P came on the same day that government announced

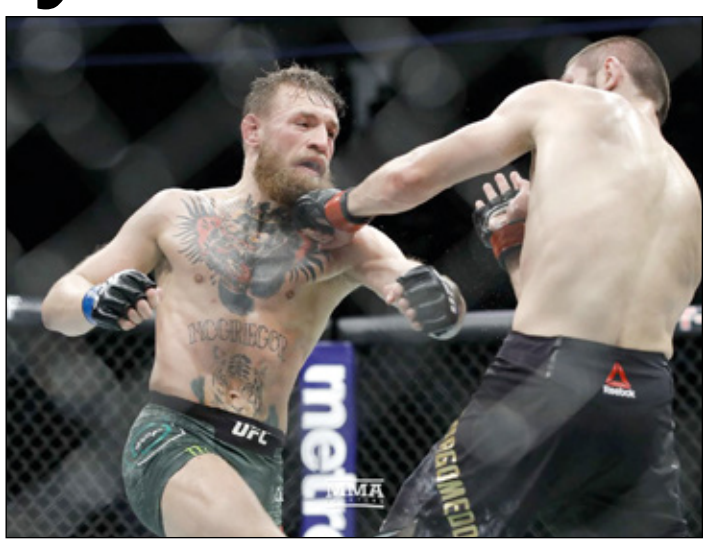
the conclusion of external debt restructuring, which was finalized with Barbados exchanging just over $1 billion in new bonds (with a 26 per cent haircut).

And Greenidge noted the upgrade was due, in large part, to that.

"The upgrade sends a strong statement that BERT is working and speaks to the strength of the adjustment program and reforms being undertaken. The report from S&P speaks to the outlook being 'stable' as opposed to 'negative' a year ago, and is indicative of the government's commitment to continue to implement policies that achieve fiscal sustainability," he said.

Usman makes rival pay for taunts

▶ Kamaru Usman pulverised Covington



▶ Conor McGregor returns next month

UFC welterweight champion Kamaru Usman promised to live up to his fight name of "Nigerian Nightmare" and did so emphatically.

Usman produced a dramatic late stoppage to defeat trash-talking challenger Colby Covington in the final minute of their main-event bout at UFC 245 in Las Vegas.

After unremitting action, Usman finally broke Covington down in the last round, dropping him twice with two huge punches before referee Marc Goddard halted the contest as he unloaded a barrage of ground strikes.

The build-up to the bout was ill-tempered, with Covington goading and insulting Usman for the past year. And while the pair scuffled in the Palms Casino in Las Vegas back in March, Usman maintained a composed exterior throughout fight week.

The 32-year-old champion battled toe-to-toe with his American rival through four hugely entertaining rounds at the T-Mobile Arena, breaking Covington's jaw with a huge punch in the third round.

Nevertheless, Covington was still competitive as the bout approached a thrilling climax that saw Usman won by TKO with 50 seconds remaining in the fifth round.

"I wasn't worried about hitting him in specific spots, I just wanted to hit him over and over wherever I could," said Usman. "He talked a lot going into this, so this was a respect thing. I had a responsibility to go in there and teach him a lesson."

There was a title change in the co-main event, as Australian former rugby league player Alexander Volkanovski produced a superb performance to dethrone long-reigning UFC featherweight champion Max Holloway.

Volkanovski, 31, pushed a relentless pace on Holloway, chopping at the Hawaiian's legs with punishing kicks while threatening with powerful hooks from close range.

Despite Holloway's reputation as one of the best-conditioned athletes in the division, Volkanovski's work rate proved decisive as he outpaced and out struck the world champion en route to a unanimous decision victory, with two judges scoring it 48-47 and the third 50-45.

Meanwhile, former two-weight UFC champion Conor McGregor is set to return to the octagon on Jan. 18 January against veteran American Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone in a welterweight bout at UFC 246. If he wins, McGregor will want a crack at Usman for his title.

"Conor has signed and 'Cowboy' is ready to go," Dana White, the UFC president said, giving the green light for the return of one of MMA's most bankable stars.

McGregor, who has 21 professional wins and four losses in MMA and a single defeat to Floyd Mayweather on his professional boxing record, has not fought since losing his lightweight title to Khabib Nurmagomedov via submission in October 2018.

The 31-year-old Irishman has previously fought twice at 170 pounds against Nate Diaz, losing the first fight to a second-round submission but winning an epic rematch on points.

Since losing to Nurmagomedov, McGregor has had several brushes with the law, and, in a court hearing on Nov. 1, pleaded guilty to assaulting a man in a pub in Dublin earlier in the year.

Woods captains US to Presidents Cup

▶ Tiger Woods led the Americans to victory

Tiger Woods' United States team dominated Sunday's singles as they beat the International team 16-14 in Melbourne to win an eighth successive Presidents Cup.

The visitors had trailed 10-8 going into the final day, but Woods led by example as he beat Abraham Ancer 3&2 in the first match.

The US won eight of the 12 points with Matt Kuchar sealing victory.

"We did it together," said Woods, who recorded a 27th win in the tournament, beating Phil Mickelson's record of 26. "We came here as a team. My team-mates and my boys all played well, the captains did an amazing job.

"It's been one of the more amazing challenges, but all the guys believed in one another and relied on one another."

It is the US' 11th win in the 13th edition of the biennial tournament, with one draw.

Kipchoge aims for fifth London triumph

▶ Eliud Kipchoge is the greatest marathon runner

Kenyan legend Eliud Kipchoge will return to racing for the first time since his historic sub-two-hour marathon, in April's London Marathon.

Kipchoge, 35, will be bidding to become the first athlete to win the elite men's race five times on April 26.

"I love running in London where the crowd support is always wonderful," he said.

The world record holder has won on all four of his previous visits to London, setting a course record this year.

His ground-breaking time of one hour 59 minutes 40 seconds in Austria in October was the first time a human had covered the marathon distance in less than two hours.

However, it is not classed as a world record because various aspects of the specially designed challenge - such as rotating pacemakers and bike-delivered drinks - ruled his time ineligible.

He has been has been voted BBC Sports Personality's World Sport Star of the Year for 2019. Kipchoge, who also won marathon gold at Rio 2016, is the first name to be announced for the elite race.

Clippers could eclipse Lakers at last

▶ Paul George and Kawhi Leonard are brilliant for the Clippers

The Los Angeles Clippers were hopeful of a successful season after their big summer arrivals and those expectations are proving not to be misplaced. After years in the doldrums and always being overshadowed by neighbours LA Lakers, the Clippers could finally emerge as the city's best.

With Lou Williams out, LA Clippers coach Doc Rivers wanted Kawhi Leonard and Paul George to be even more aggressive in their staggered minutes last week.

What Rivers got in return was the first pair of teammates in franchise history to score at least 40 points each in the same game. George had 46 points and seven assists, and Leonard added 42 points and 11 rebounds to help the Clippers to a 124-117 win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

If this was what Leonard and George envisioned when they talked about joining forces early in free agency, the Clippers' All-Star duo joined some elite company with their Friday the 13th performance. They became the 21st pair in NBA history to each score 40 or more in a game, regular season or playoffs.

"It's great to have somebody else out there help scoring the ball, making the game easier for myself," said Leonard, who hit 10-of-24 shots and went 19-for-19 from the line. "We are still trying to build our chemistry out there. We didn't close that third quarter too great. We still got to improve."

"I didn't think that coming into the season," Leonard added about how explosive he and George could be together. "We just want to win a basketball game. If it's me having 10 and him having 40 or vice-versa, or Lou Will is going or Trezz (Montrez Harrell) or somebody else having a great game, that is what I envision. I just want to envision winning games."

With Williams ruled out earlier in the day with a sore right calf and Patrick Beverley (concussion), Landry Shamet (ankle sprain) and JaMychal Green (tailbone) already out, Leonard and George carried the load.

The Clippers were second in the Western Conference after a fourth straight win. This has been a remarkable season for scoring, witnessed by James Harden's latest brilliant game. He bagged 50 or more points for a second game - his 54 contained 10 three pointers as the Houston Rockets beat the Orlando Magic 130-107.

Crawford dominates in title defence

Unbeaten American Terence Crawford retained his WBO welterweight title with a ninth-round knockout of Egidijus Kavaliauskas at Madison Square Garden.

Crawford, 32, recovered from an apparent knockdown in round three to overwhelm the Lithuanian, dropping him in the seventh and twice more in the ninth, a right hook ending the fight.

"When I let my hands go that's when I started landing more favourable shots," said Crawford after his 36th win. "He's a strong fighter, durable."

Crawford started tentatively and although Kavaliauskas appeared to knock him down cleanly in the third round, the referee ruled the champion had slipped.

By the seventh round in New York, Crawford had found his rhythm and knocked down his 31-year-old challenger, with the former Olympian then somehow clinging on through the eighth.

And it was a thunderous uppercut at the start of the ninth that sparked the beginning of the end, with Crawford landing the decisive blow after 44 seconds.

Crawford added: "After I dropped him with my uppercut I was like, I am going to face his jab, and come out with my right hook."

The normally elusive Crawford (36-0, 27 KOs) took more shots than usual. He said: "I thought I had to entertain you all for a little bit. He's a strong fighter, durable, and I thought I'd give the crowd something to cheer for."

Kavaliauskas (21-1-1), who was the mandatory challenger for Crawford's WBO belt, had some good moments in the first few rounds before Crawford took control.

▶ Terence Crawford is still WBO welterweight champ

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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12 Radiate
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16 Makeup buy
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20 Church sch.
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24 Hindu hero
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28 Sailing hazard
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31 Simone's summer
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39 Clumsy one
40 Even a little
41 Hack-neyed
43 Theater boxes
44 Part of a sheik's household
45 Wear down
46 Mt. Olympus group

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3 Play groups
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5 Plays the ponies
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7 Deli order
8 Speech
9 Bagel choice
11 Vulcan's lookalike
17 Fitting
19 Scenery chewer
22 Here
24 Shoulder muscle
25 Way back when
27 Spots on TV
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30 Aussie bird
33 City on the Nile
34 Made a choice
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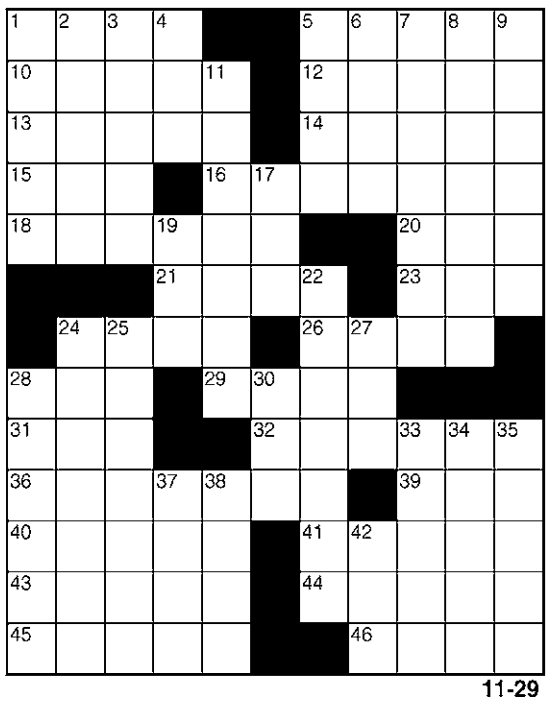

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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 10/14

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 12/13

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Word Search

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Bearing	Quest	Trip
Compass	Road	Venture
Direction	Route	Voyage
East	South	Wander
Fare	Track	Way
Forth	Trail	Wend
Journey	Travel	West

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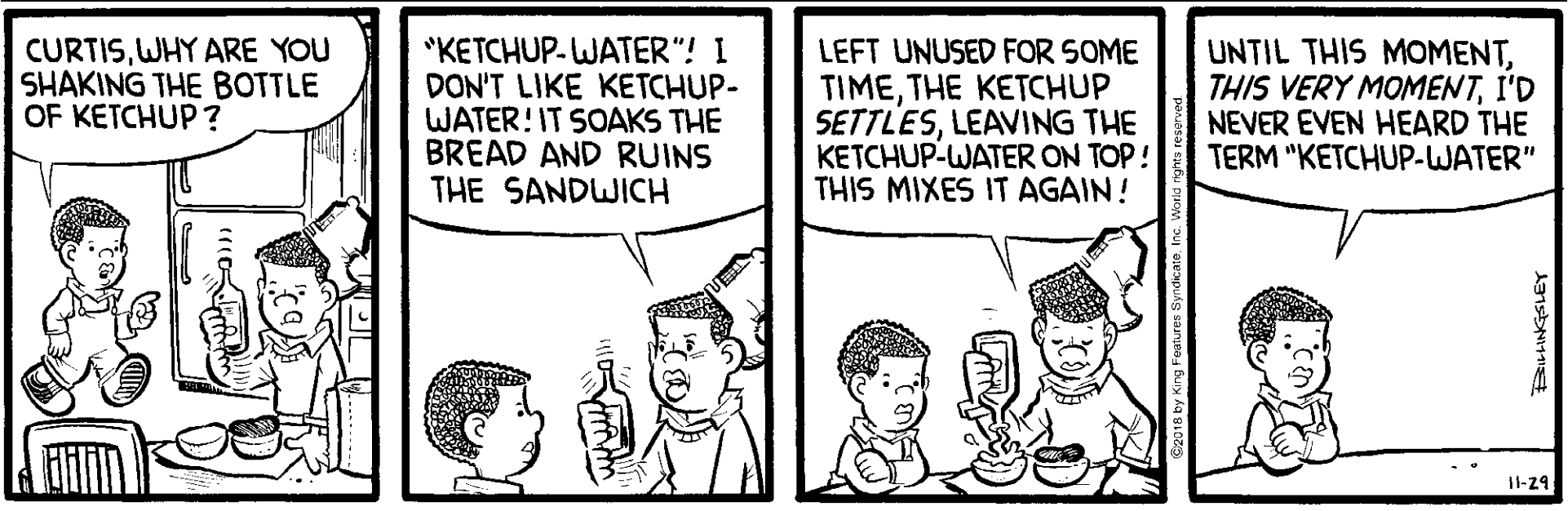

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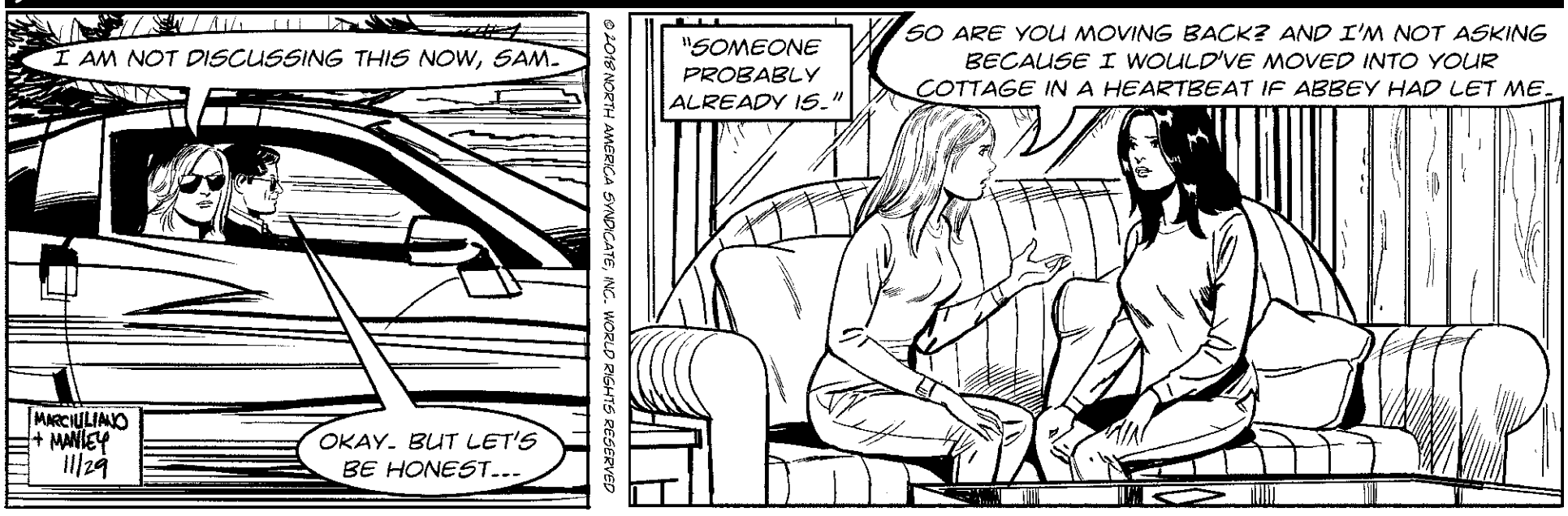

GOVERNMENT REVENUE WILL **NOT BE NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY THE PORT PROJECT.**

Passenger head tax collected by cruise lines

GOVERNMENT REVENUE

PACI

Port Authority Cayman Islands

The dollar amount received remains unchanged but **more passengers** mean r**evenue increases** annually

Government Environmental Fund

The dollar amount received remains unchanged but **more passengers** means **revenue increases** annually

Cayman Islands Government

The dollar amount per person reduces slightly, but **more passengers** means **revenue increases** annually

CURRENT: 1.9 million passengers

	PACI		GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FUND		CI GOVERNMENT		
Per person	$3	+	$1.95	+	$7.32	=	$12.27
Annual Total	$5.7M	+	$3.7M	+	$13.9M	=	$23.2M

2023 WITH CRUISE BERTHING FACILITY: 2.5 million passengers

	PACI		GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FUND		CI GOVERNMENT		
Per person	$3	+	$1.95	+	$5	=	$9.95
Annual Total	$7.5M	+	$4.9M	+	$12.5M	=	$24.9M

There is **NO FINANCIAL RISK** to the Cayman Islands Government. They will provide **NO** loans, bonds or guarantees.

The current fee paid to the tender boat company together with the passenger fee deduction of $2.32* will be redirected to Verdant Isle Port Partners to repay the project loan, and cover maintenance and insurance over 25 years.

Verdant Isle pays **all insurance and maintenance costs** for the facility over the 25 year agreement

After the 25 years, the **Cayman people** own the cruise berthing and cargo port facility which will be valued at $450 million.

**The $2.32 deduction is the maximum possible, and may decrease when negotiations are complete.*

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