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Swim meet builds swimmers up for CARIFTA

By Christopher Tobutt

The Lions' Pool in George Town was the scene of some serious diving and swimming, as the Stingray Swim Club, Seven Mile Swimmers and Camana Bay Aquatics Club got together for the Pete Ribbins Swim Meet, on 17, 18, and 19 January. Friday was for the ten-and-under age-group, and Saturday and Sunday were for the 11 to 18's.

The Pete Ribbins Meet is the second to last chance that a lot of senior kids have to qualify for CARIFTA," said Stingray's Vice President Lynne Walton. "it's a two-day meet for the seniors, and we spread out the sessions over two days to give them the best opportunity to recover and to swim fast. They will be doing all events, including our long distance events, the 800m and 1500m which they don't do at every meet and there are also relays which are really fun for the kids. The events include our 'distance' swims, which are 1500s 200s and 400m in all strokes, that is, breast stroke, butterfly, backstroke, and freestyle. Then we also do the IM (individual Medley) events all four strokes in one race, and the 50 meters sprints as well.



► The P. Ribbins Swim Meet at the Lions' Pool

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Lack of sufficient Criminal Defence Counsel "chronic problem"

In his report at the opening of the Courts last week, Chief Justice Anthony Smellie implored Government to make the expansion of the Courts a priority as the new decade progresses.

The Chief Justice spoke of his relief last year that the Government had bought the Scotia Bank building for the use of the Courts.

He was relieved, he said, because he had been reassured that by mid-last year, they would have commissioned two more "long overdue" courtrooms in that building, to be dedicated to criminal

trials, one of which would serve as the base for the Court of Appeal when in session.

"The clear stated priority was to tackle the backlog of criminal indictments," he advised.

However, even though the courtroom project would only have involved a simple reconfiguring and fitting out of internal space within the building, he said that had not been achieved and in the meantime the building had been partially occupied

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National Heroes Day Celebrations on Monday



Pioneers who contributed to the creation of the first written Constitution of the Cayman Islands will be honoured at the 2020 National Heroes Day celebrations on Monday, 27 January 2020.

"I look forward to this day every year when we all come together to pay tribute to those who have made these Cayman Islands great. We have so much to celebrate this year as we recognize those Vestrymen and Justices of the Peace who understood the importance of the Cayman Islands being protected by a written Constitution, as well as the women of these Islands who fought

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2020 National Heroes Day Celebrations Set

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for their right to be counted and bravely stood in the 1959 general election," said Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin.

The National Heroes Day Celebrations will be hosted by the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, JP – Minister for Culture as well as Celebrate Cayman.

Mr Samuel Rose, Cabinet Secretary added, "The celebration of these women honours the lengthy and difficult struggle women faced through-out history to obtain equal rights. Previously local history books had not accounted for the very important fact that in 1959 four courageous women ran for public office and forever changed our political and cultural landscape. We endeavor to rewrite history to include and celebrate them."

Other highlights of this year's celebrations will include pre-entertainment by Triple C School, a walk-past by primary and secondary school children in a flag procession, as well as the traditional parade which will include contingents of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, the Cayman Islands Fire Service, Her Majesty's Prison Service, Cadet Corps, Girls Brigade, Scouts and the Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders. There will be a special ceremony to honour and memorialise our National Heroes.

"National Heroes Day is the largest official event hosted by the Cayman Islands Government to pay homage to the great stewards of our heritage and culture. As Minister for Culture I am proud to be one of the hosts again this year. I look forward to this opportunity to honour and celebrate the people whose vision and hard-work 60 years ago paved the way for us today," added Honourable Dwayne Seymour, JP – Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing.

The Cayman Islands' National Heroes will be recognised, reminding the public about the multi-faceted contributions of the nine stalwarts: Hon. James



(Jim) Manoah Bodden; Hon. Sybil Ione McLaughlin, MBE, JP; Hon. Thomas William Farrington, CBE, JP; Hon. Sybil Joyce Hylton, MBE; Hon. Ormond L. Panton, OBE, Hon. Desmond V. Watler, CBE; Hon. Mary Evelyn Wood, Cert. Hon., Hon. William Warren Connolly, OBE, JP and Dr. the Hon. Roy Edison McTaggart.

Laying of wreaths and a moment of silence will also be observed to commemorate the country's deceased nation builders.

"The creation of the 1959 Constitution was a great milestone for the Cayman Islands as well as a catalyst that helped shape the country we know and love today. As we celebrate 60 years of our first written constitution I encourage everyone across our islands to attend

this patriotic event," commented Mr Alfonso Wright, Executive Chairman – Celebrate Cayman.

The celebrations are set to start promptly at 9 a.m. and attendees are asked to be seated by 8:30 a.m. The dress code is business attire; hats are optional.

In case of inclement weather the event will be hosted from inside the First Baptist Church.

Following the ceremony the public is invited to stay for live music, free local cuisine as well as to tour the exhibits at George Town Library and Constitutional Hall (formerly George Town, Town Hall).

The celebrations are organised by the Cayman Islands Protocol Office and Celebrate Cayman. For more information please contact 244-3612 or nationalevents@gov.ky.

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Updated Register of Electors Available for Review

The Elections Office has finalised figures on the Revised Register of Electors (Voter's List), which is set to become effective on 1 April 2020, subject to objections or claims raised during the revision period.

The list will be published on 21 January 2020 with a total of 21,782 registered voters. This reflects an additional 462 voters who were added to the list as well as 62 ineligible voters who were removed from the previous list, including 53 registered voters who died since the previous revision. Registration for the Revised Register of Electors closed on 2 January 2020.

The Elections Office asks individuals who registered to vote between 1 October 2019 and 2 January 2020 to review the list on the Elections Office website (www.elections.ky) or in print at post offices. Individuals who have claims in relation to applications submitted during the last registration period are asked to contact the Elections via email



(office@elections.ky) or by phone (+1 (345) 949 8047).

The Elections Office also encourages the public to review the list for invalid entries or outdated information, such as cases where a voter has moved to a different electoral district or may no longer be residing in the Cayman Islands.

The deadline for submitting claims and objections is 11 February 2020.

As per the Elections Law, once the current Revised List is finalised, the revised list will become the Official Register of Electors on 1 April 2020.

The Elections Office reminds those wanting to register to vote, that they can register at any time. The deadline to be included in the next Official Register of Electors list (which will be effective from 1 July 2020), is 1 April 2020.

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► Honour Guard Salute

Lack of Court room space an urgent issue

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to relieve space shortage for administration staff and training.

"The fact of the matter is that the Judicial Administration may not undertake the courtroom project without the permission of the Planning Department, and input of Public Works and Lands and Survey who hold title to all Government buildings," Chief Justice Smellie advised.

"We therefore call upon our colleagues from these other agencies to recognise the urgent need for these courtrooms and not to allow too much red tape to humbug progress."

It was vital that the Courts had more space because they now have the largest number of indictments ever awaiting trial, he said.

The Chief Justice stressed: "It is of utmost urgency that these two courtrooms are available no later than May

of this year. So far as the Administration can drive this initiative, we will be engaging a project manager especially to work with the other agencies to have these courtrooms installed by May."

The Summary Courts

The chronic lack of courtrooms continued to also hamper the work of the Summary Courts, the Chief Justice stated, and they were much impacted by this situation.

The Chief Justice said that the work of the Summary Courts covered several jurisdictions: The Criminal Courts; Traffic Court; Civil Court; Family Court and Coroners' Court.

"Given the large number of cases coming before the Summary Courts, they must convene every day in all their main divisions - criminal, traffic, civil, family and, at least weekly, in coroners.

"This means that our five full time Magistrates and two acting magistrates

need courtrooms on an ongoing basis. Currently, they are forced to rotate sittings throughout the day," he explained.

"Yet over the years, only one fully equipped courtroom has been regularly available to the Summary Courts, Justice Smellie added."

The Chief Justice said the disruption that this caused to an already fragile listing system ought to be obvious to everyone and could not be allowed to continue.

"After many years of explaining this problem, one is obliged to think that any lingering reservations about the need for dedicated courtrooms for the Summary Courts can only be the result of lack of understanding," he stated.

Government, he said, had committed itself to the building of a new Court-house which would address these problems and the similar needs of the Grand Court and Court of Appeal, into the foreseeable future. The project was



► Chief Justice Anthony Smellie

of crucial importance to the administration of justice in the Cayman Islands and it was imperative that it be allowed to proceed. 🌐

Theoline McCoy Primary (Bodden Town) students safe after minor motor accident with school bus

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEY-SAL) confirms that just before 7:00 am a motor accident occurred between a contracted school bus transporting students of the Theoline McCoy Primary School and a private motor vehicle just outside the Savannah Meadows area. The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and ambulatory services responded to notification of the accident. Two passengers in the private motor vehicle were attended to by the ambulatory services staff. All passengers on the school bus were assessed and reported to be injury free. The students travelling in the school bus involved in the accident were then transferred to another school bus which arrived on the scene

to continue the pre-scheduled pickups, and ultimately transport all students to the intended destination of the Theoline McCoy Primary School.

Acting Director of Education Services, Ms. Tammy Banks-DaCosta commented, "I am both relieved and happy to inform the public that our students have been cleared and deemed safe from all physical harm and injury after what was a most unfortunate incident this morning. Our staff followed proper protocol in making sure our students' safety was the utmost priority, and also ensuring that they arrived to their studies on time. We will be conducting a full investigation into the matter along with the RCIPS, and will release more details once that is complete." 🌐



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► Recognizing those who travelled far to be there



► YMCA Leaders for Youth conference

“All Aboard!” for YMCA Leaders for Youth Conference

By Christopher Tobutt

“All Aboard,” was the theme for the 5th annual YMCA Leaders for Youth Conference. There was a big get-together at St. Ignatius School on Saturday, 18 January with lots of speakers from the YMCA family all across the region, with lots of sharing and encouraging for the leaders of Cayman’s youth. “Youth” in this case also includes young children, and since 2015, the YMCA has been responsible for managing the Government-backed afterschool programmes all across Cayman, which provides a structured environment where kids can do extra school-work, as well as learn about the YMCA’S core values of respect, responsibility, honesty and caring.

The conference is the YMCA’s largest training and development event each year, with workshops including ‘Social

Emotional Learning for Teens,’ ‘Skills for Child Protection,’ ‘Enhancing Mathematics,’ and ‘Being Aware of Children’s Needs. The workshops were facilitated by a combination of local and international presenters, including: the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (M.A.S.H), National Drug Council, Special Needs Foundation, Toastmasters, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg (Florida) and the Westfield Area Y (New Jersey).

There was a true ‘family gathering’ atmosphere at St. Ignatius school hall, and many of the leaders were excited at what they could learn and experience during the conference. 20 year-old staff member Yandery Gentle said, “I deal with youth day to day; I help them especially with homework. I’m hoping to get more knowledge and learn a little bit more about the YMCA as you can always learn more about the place you’ve worked in.” Tenneshia Coley, 38, is a new YMCA youth leader. “I hope to build my knowledge on working with children and just to become a better person as well, too, personal growth,” she said.

YMCA’s Jenny Stuesser said: “This Leaders for Youth Conference serves as a training and development opportunity for our staff and volunteers. It is also an opportunity for us to really inspire the work that we do with the youth that is the primary focus of our afterschool programme. We have this conference as a way to energize and rejuvenate and face some of the challenges that we might face in our day to day work, and really encourage relationship-building amongst our team both locally and internationally.

YMCA Board Member Tony Williams believes the conference is important simply because the youth are Cayman’s future: “That is one of the things that we always emphasize in the Y; that we have to pass



► YMCA leaders from all across the region came to the conference



► Tony Williams

on what we know to the youth so they can continue the tradition we have started as adults. It’s all about honesty, integrity, and being able to understand how to choose between right and wrong; how actually to make the right decisions in life as they grow up,” he said.

YMCA CEO Greg Smith said, “One of the main things we want to do here is just fellowship – spend time with others; that helps to fill our cup up. It’s a time to be inspired by others, as you realize that you are not the only one who is out to captain a ship that is out, sometimes in troubled waters, and that you have a crew and you have others around you that are pulling on the rope in the same direction with the same level of energy and momentum. The mission of the YMCA is to help people to reach their God-given potential, by putting Christian principles into practice in ways that build a healthy spirit, mind and body, for all. That’s a serious mission, and needs a lot of work.”



► YMCA CEO Greg Smith

CUC provides an update the CORE programme

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (“CUC”) has offered two programmes under which customers could interconnect renewable energy systems to the grid. The first programme called the Consumer Owned Renewable Energy (“CORE”) programme offered customers a fixed and subsidized rate at which the company purchased all of the renewable energy generated from their systems. The second programme which was introduced in January 2018 is the Distributed Energy Resource (“DER”) programme which allows for customers to consume electricity generated by their own renewable energy system without paying CUC for this energy under a type of netmetering arrangement.

Under the DER programme customers are also able to sell to CUC any excess electricity produced and exported to the grid at an avoided cost-of-generation credit rate. Incorporating the lessons learned by other jurisdictions from early net-metering programmes, DER

customers are billed with a demand rate structure. The use of demand rates aligns the fixed costs of providing a grid interconnection and standby provision to the customer with demand charges, avoiding any potential cross-subsidization between DER and non-producing customers.

CUC is advising customers that the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) approved quota for the CORE programme is now fully subscribed. That means that there will be no additional residential or commercial customers added to the programme for non-government customers.

However, there is still 1 megawatt (MW) of capacity which has been allocated to the public sector, including the central government departments, statutory authorities and government owned companies.

The CORE programme which was revised and approved by the regulator in 2012 has been very popular with both

residential and commercial customers. The programme has allowed customers to connect small scale solar systems or wind turbines to CUC’S distribution system and to reduce their monthly energy bills by generating their own electricity while remaining connected to the CUC grid. However, the programme is subsidised by the non-CORE customers as the rate paid to CORE customers for their electricity production is higher than the cost CUC would normally incur and charge to customers for the same energy. This characteristic was aligned with the policy objective to promote and incentivize early development of the local distributed renewable generation sector. To avoid significantly increasing the average cost of electricity, the CORE capacity has historically been offered in limited tranches and at successively lower rates to match the declining cost of the technology.

After the programme’s initial limit of 6 MW was reached in March 2017, the regulator approved an additional 2 MW to be released in two, 1 MW tranches. It was agreed then that customers would have access to only 1 MW at the time and that the second megawatt would be released following additional review, and possibly at revised feed-in tariff rates. In early 2019, the final 1 megawatt of capacity allocated to CUC was released.

At December 31, 2019, there were 432 customers connected with 5,611.2 kilowatts of renewable capacity. The remaining capacity has been allocated to approved applications for installations in progress.



In alignment with the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) undertaken in 2017 and the National Energy Policy, the DER programme designed for the growth of customer-owned, distributed renewable generation, was introduced in January 2018 after review and approval by OfReg.

The programme has been allocated 3 megawatts of capacity for customer participation of which 2.5 MW are available. An additional 12 MW are expected to become available on completion of the battery storage project.

The DER programme allows for the continued growth and participation of customers in the renewable energy sector, which will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the country’s carbon footprint.

CUC is currently going through the implementation phase for its Integrated Resource Plan which gives shape to the Island’s energy generation plans for the next 30 years. The implementation phase of the plan will be an exciting period for CUC and electricity consumers, with a rapid increase in renewables connected to the grid which will provide cleaner energy at competitive and more stable costs.





► Leah Alberga riding Moon Lady to wins in the .80m and .90m classes



► Rosana Stroh competing in the 50cm on Storm (Photos by Eve van den Bol)

Double Wins for Ziemniak and Alberga at National Jumping Series Show

By Eve van den Bol

Olivia Ziemniak and Leah Alberga wowed the crowd at the Equestrian Center this past Sunday by riding double-clear rounds in each of their respective classes in the third and final National Jumping Series horse show of the season. Ziemniak won the .60

meter and .70 meter classes on Teddy, a riding school pony owned by the Equestrian Center and Leah Alberga won the .80 meter and .90 meter classes on her own Cayman-bred pony, Moon Lady.

The day also saw several entrants in the beginner cross rails and .50 meter class which is not part of the National

Jumping Series. Many of these riders are expected to graduate to compete in the jumping series next year.

With the National Jumping Series wrapped up, the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (CIEF) will be starting its National Dressage Series with the first of four shows on February 9th at the Equestrian Center starting at 8am.

Valerie Swygert will be flying in from Lexington, South Carolina to judge the show.

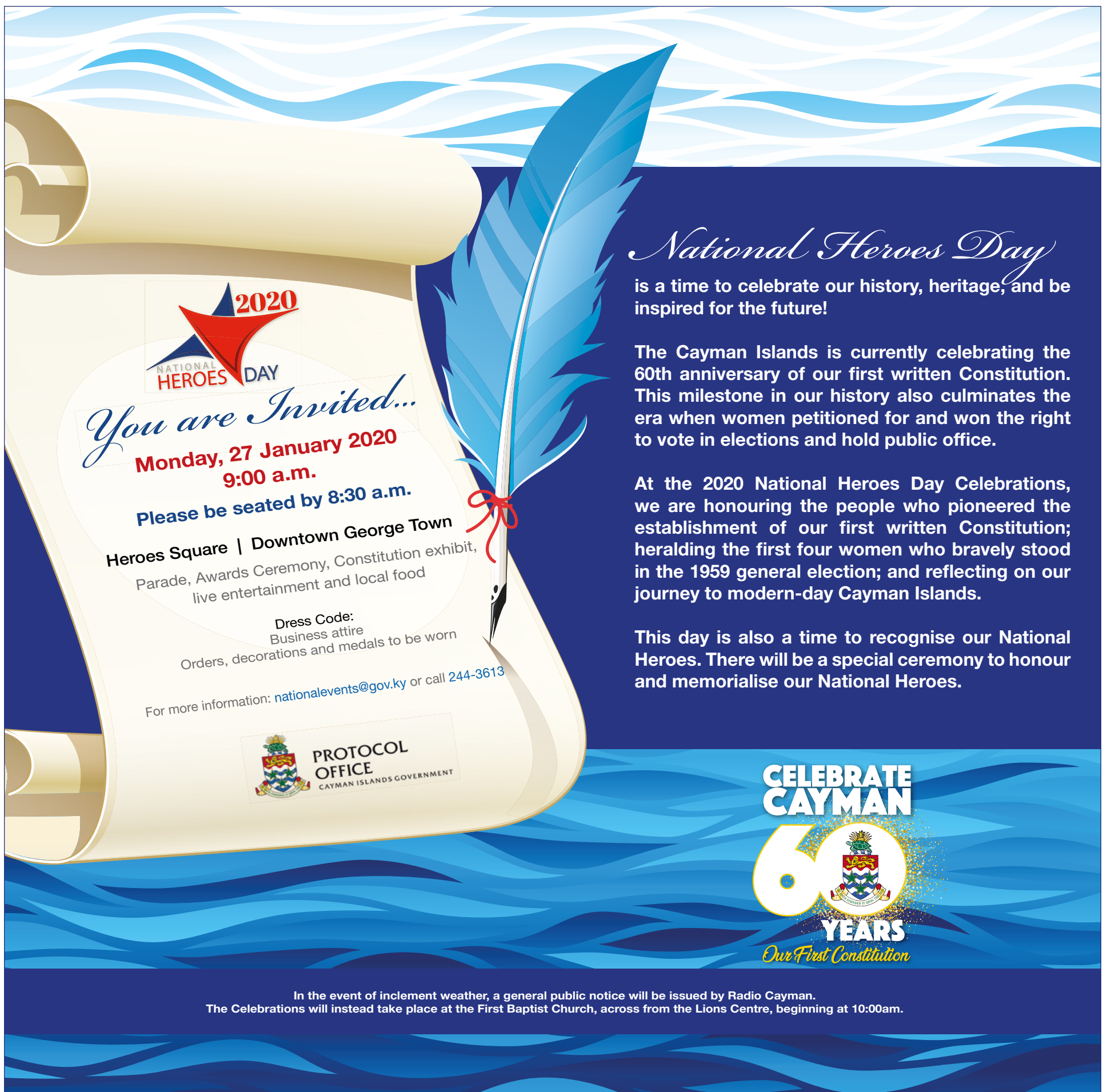
Following the completion of the National Dressage Series, the CIEF will be naming Champion and Reserve Champions for both the show jumping and dressage season at its annual awards dinner which will take place in June.



► Olivia Ziemniak won the .60m and .70m on Teddy



► Entrants in the beginners cross rails



National Heroes Day


is a time to celebrate our history, heritage, and be inspired for the future!

The Cayman Islands is currently celebrating the 60th anniversary of our first written Constitution. This milestone in our history also culminates the era when women petitioned for and won the right to vote in elections and hold public office.

At the 2020 National Heroes Day Celebrations, we are honouring the people who pioneered the establishment of our first written Constitution; heralding the first four women who bravely stood in the 1959 general election; and reflecting on our journey to modern-day Cayman Islands.

This day is also a time to recognise our National Heroes. There will be a special ceremony to honour and memorialise our National Heroes.

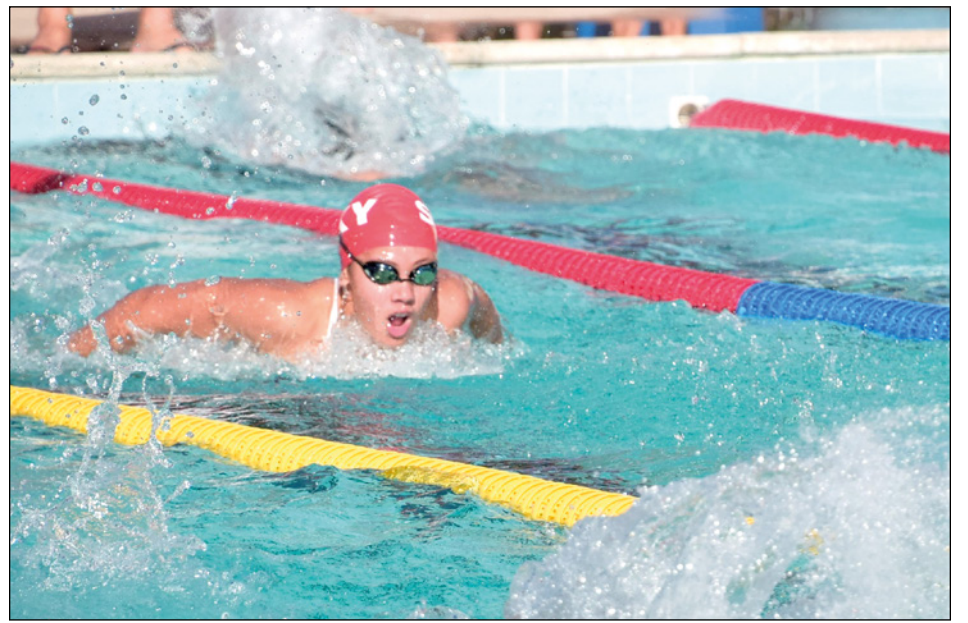
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In the event of inclement weather, a general public notice will be issued by Radio Cayman. The Celebrations will instead take place at the First Baptist Church, across from the Lions Centre, beginning at 10:00am.


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► The P. Ribbins Swim Meet at the Lions' Pool

P. Ribbins Memorial swim builds swimmers up for CARIFTA

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"It is a chance for them to work up to a plateau, where it will be the strongest and the fastest in the season, and that's building up to CARIFTA which is over the Easter Weeked in Barbados. If they swim fast enough to meet a qualifying time, then certainly this will count; If

they don't then they will still have one more opportunity at the National championships which is in February, and they are held once at the Camana Bay Pool once a year."

The Stingray Swim Club has been helping young people with their dream of taking part in competitive swimming since 1996, and has turned out

many champions over the years, through its comprehensive swimming programme for people of all ages. The aim of the club is also to build lifetime swimmers, but can also provide specialized training, and of course, a friendly atmosphere where swimmers are encouraged.

Stingray is a 'not-for-profit' organization that relies on its membership to fund the Club's activities such as paying for coaches and providing swimmers with good facilities and opportunities to advance.

Seven Mile Swimmers is also a not-for-profit organization based at the Lions Pool of Grand Cayman. It is a multifaceted swimming organisation, dedicated to the sport of swimming; emphasizing personal achievement; and just plain old having fun. Their Head Coach, Darren Mew is a two time Olympic finalist and former world number two, and has held Commonwealth, British and English records as well as setting the fourth



fastest 100m breaststroke time in world history, in April 2004.

Camana Bay Aquatic Club (CBAC) is a competitive swim team for swimmers aged from 5 to 18 years old, and offers its members coaching instruction and a fun, inclusive club atmosphere. The Pete Ribbins Memorial Meet honours the former General Manager of Cayman Water, who passed away in 2010, and was remembered as a triathlete.



Youth Volleyball Hits the Beach for Their BIG-little Tournament

On Saturday, January 18th the Cayman Islands Volleyball Federation kicked off its youth beach season with a BIG-little tournament which pairs an adult player with a junior player. This tournament was played king/queen of the court style where teams rotated and each BIG played with each little.

Ailey Finch, 12, had this to say about the event, "I liked being with older people because they could help me and they were all so much fun. It made me feel like a good volleyball player. I can't wait for the next tournament!"

Players played seven games and accumulated points for each game won. Andrea Tognazzo went undefeated and was crowned Prince while Megan McCoombs won five of her matches and was crowned Princess. Alex McLaughlin and Alicia Proud took home King and Queen honours respectively.

The next youth beach tournament takes place on February 15th at public beach. For more information or to register please visit our website www.civf.ky. If you have any further questions or concerns please contact youth@civf.ky.



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The changing face of South Sound

By Lindsey Turnbull

In 1976 an article was published in the July edition of the *Nor'Wester* magazine entitled 'Into the green heart of Grand Cayman' written by Clem Thomas. In it, the author describes the area bound by Smith Road, Crewe Road and South Sound as the "green heart of Grand Cayman". He describes his journey into this green and almost untouched land as follows:

"Drive along South Church Street, which continues as South Sound Road. After about seven minutes you will start seeing the canals on your left just as you are leaving South Sound village. Here, the sea and South Sound lagoon are to the south while the road itself winds through a pleasant young pine forest with occasional patches of mangrove."

While this description of South Sound might not be recognisable to readers only familiar with present-day South Sound, now home to huge condominium developments interspersed with a dwindling few Caymanian cottages the length of South Sound Road, there is one landmark that was as much a stand-out feature 40 years ago as it is today:

"Continue past the rugby pitch – again on your left and with its unmistakable H-shaped goal posts – until you reach the next canal and track exiting left; in all about ten minutes from the centre of George Town."

Forty years ago, South Sound appeared to be a haven for wildlife, as the author notes wild pineapple, a Louisiana heron, a higgat, water lilies, a 'Donkey's Eye' butterfly, aerial roots and mangrove along his South Sound journey.

A special place

Just a few years later, Mary Lawrence wrote a comprehensive piece on South Sound in her walk down memory lane, published in the February 1979 edition of the magazine. In it, she also describes



► Luxury properties are a feature on South Sound now

how, leaving the road into George Town at Red Bay, "one is quickly swept into an entirely different atmosphere". She describes how the road "twists and winds quite near to the water in places through a veritable forest of Australian pines which vie with the hardy sea grape, almond and a host of other local vegetation for supremacy."

She adds: "Sandy beach areas shaded by the stately pine and carpeted with its fallen needles, offer ideal picnic spots or places just to pull off for a while and take in the surrounding beauty."

In her article, Ms Lawrence says that building is sparse and strictly on the water side for the first mile or so.

She mentions just a few developments along her journey down South Sound, including "gaps hewn out of the young pine forest in the area known as Pirates Cove to accommodate the block of new tennis courts owned by the Cayman Islands Tennis Association and the popular rugby pitch and clubhouse." She also mentions Caribbean Paradise, which she describes as "a string of ultra-modern villas with commanding views of the coastline", the newest development in the area. Heading into town, she describes how the "old homes strung out along the road have had many of their gaps filled in, in recent years, as newer homes and developments crowd the area."

Grand Old House

While many old buildings had been replaced by new in the late Seventies, Ms Lawrence noted that the Grand Old House, which was the former Petra Plantation, "still offers to visitors a touch of old-time grandeur", a building which is still going strong today. Originally designed as a stately Caribbean Great House, Grand Old House was built by Boston businessman William Henry Law in 1908. An important building for the location, it served as a Sunday school, a hospital for soldiers wounded in World War II, a beauty parlour and a shelter for island residents during

storms. In 1969 it was placed into the hands of new owners who turned it into a restaurant when South Sound was no more than a dirt track. Today it's one of the most popular fine dining establishments in Cayman.

Another landmark that is still very much part of the fabric of South Sound is the South Sound Community Centre. Ms Lawrence describes how, in the late Seventies, the community came together to build a new hall fit for purpose. Nowadays the "new" hall still plays an integral part as a meeting place for local residents to assemble and celebrate.

South Sound is still home to a handful of historically-important dwellings along with Grand Old House, such as the pink, blue and white traditional Cayman home known as McCoy's Villa that is located on the waterfront on South Church Street, built by Edgar Samuel McCoy around 1870. Original features of this beautiful cabin style home, include hardwood floors, a delicate lacework etched glass panel and wrap around porch (which had been extended over the years.)

21st Century development

Fast forward to the 21st Century and South Sound's appeal has grown massively, observed by real estate professionals as making an excellent alternative to the most sought-after area of Cayman, that of Seven Mile Beach. It's now known as the new "Seven Mile", as inventory in that location has dwindled hugely in the past few years. Now, as Cayman transitions into a new phase of its life with population numbers moving to the mid-60,000s and beyond, developers have seized upon South Sound as one of the quickest developing areas of Grand Cayman.

Luxury developments, such as the 24-unit oceanfront Tides property and the 36-unit, five-storey Fin condominium development on South Church Street, have begun to punctuate the landscape, with many new developments sporting ultra-modern fixtures and fittings, clean lines and contemporary designs.

But while the natural vegetation has made way for construction and development, and the peace and stillness gives way to traffic jams twice a day, the location still manages to hold on to the same community feel of yesteryear, no doubt anchored by the great sporting bastions of the rugby club, the tennis club and the squash club, all of which encourage a feeling of togetherness and unity. South Sound remains a special place in the hearts of many that no amount of development should ever quell. 🌐



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Antigua's Agriculture Minister Fired Over Bad Decisions and Toxic Relationships

Prime Minister Gaston Browne has kicked Agriculture Minister Dean Jonas from his Cabinet but has given him a chance to return in six months, once he can make some changes, including improving the "toxic" relationships he has had with staff and farmers.

Browne, who said he had been impressing on Jonas the need to do better

since about mid-2019, wrote a letter to the embattled minister yesterday, informing him that his termination would take effect that same day.

Giving the reasons for his decision, the Prime Minister wrote to Jonas: "For more than six months, I have tried to dissuade you from taking decisions inimical to good governance, and to my Government's policy. My attempts have been in vain.

"Your relationship with your staff in the Ministry is toxic, and a continuous decline is evident from the reports that have reached me. The relationship with the farmers is also toxic and deteriorating further."

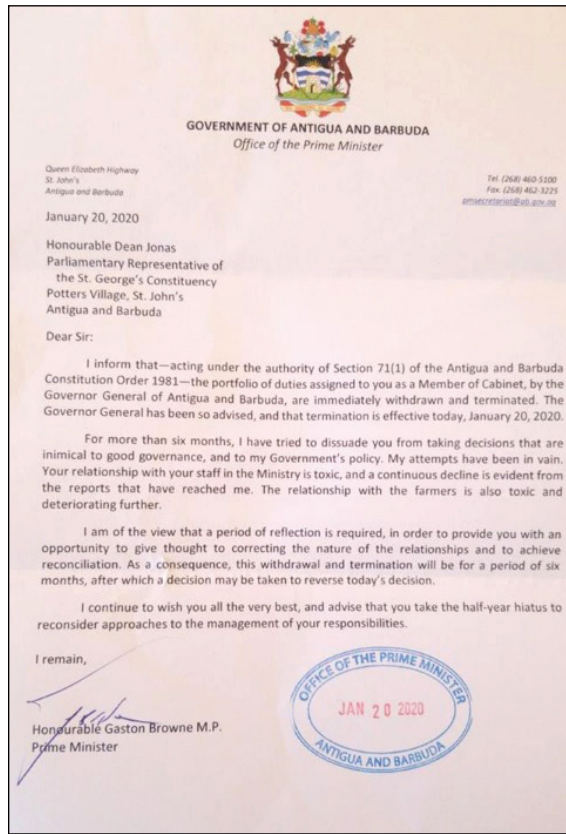
But Browne gave some indication that Jonas, who is Member of Parliament for the St George's constituency, could return to the ministerial position he held for a year and a half.

He said he would give Jonas a six-month "period of reflection" to "give thought to correcting the nature of the relationships and to reconciliation". Once that period is over, the Prime Minister said, yesterday's decision could be reversed.

"I continue to wish you all the very best, and advise that you take the half-year hiatus to reconsider approaches to the management of your respon-



► Dean Jonas was fired as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs because of Prime Minister Gaston Browne's dissatisfaction with his performance and his toxic relationships with staff and farmers



► The termination letter written to Agriculture Minister Dean Jonas

sibilities," Browne's correspondence ended.

The termination came on the heels of reported complaints about Jonas, and Browne saying on local radio just last weekend that the minister had not met the goals set for his ministry.

The Prime Minister said he had "a real stern discussion" with Jonas and had cautioned him to "set up" his performance. But Jonas subsequently defend-

ed himself, saying that the information used to assess his performance was "flawed".

Jonas has been replaced as Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Barbuda Affairs by Samantha Marshall who will also continue to carry out her substantive duties as Minister of Social Transformation and Human Resource Development. She was sworn in the same day of Jonas' firing.

Barbados Immigration Officials Deny Claims it Mistreated Jamaican Detainee

Immigration officials in Barbados have insisted that the human rights of a Jamaican awaiting deportation after being convicted of drug importation were not violated, as his attorney has claimed.

The allegations of mistreatment had come from Asante Brathwaite, the attorney of Kivesi Andrae McPherson who paid a BDS\$8,000 (US\$4,000) fine for importing cannabis on December 30, 2019, and was handed over to the Immigration Department to be sent back to Jamaica.

According to Brathwaite, her client was detained for a week at the Grantley Adams International Airport. He was eventually able to get a flight back home last Thursday, but Brathwaite told the Barbados Today online newspaper that his family was considering pursuing legal action.

But in a statement, the Immigration Department sought to clear the air about why McPherson remained in custody so long before getting a flight to Jamaica.

It explained that Caribbean Airlines requires 48 hours advance notice for deportees to travel on its aircraft, and permission was granted on January 13 for McPherson to travel to Kingston - three days after a request was made.

The Jamaican was ready to leave on a 6 a.m. flight the next day, but when he was escorted to the departure gate by an immigration official, the plane's captain refused to accept him on the aircraft because he was not being escorted by an immigration officer to Jamaica - a practice the Immigration Department said was not customary in the circumstances.

"The general manager of the airline was contacted and he subsequently advised that he would have to get additional clearance from the security manager in Trinidad, and the department would be informed when permission was given to travel," statement explained.

"That permission was granted on the evening of January 15, 2020. The follow-



ing day, Mr McPherson boarded a Caribbean Airlines flight, which departed for Jamaica via Trinidad at 4:58 a.m. His attorney was informed of his departure."

Regarding claims by the attorney that her client had to purchase his own meals

while in custody, the statement said that except for January 10 when McPherson declined the meal offered by the Immigration Department and bought food from Chefette instead, he was provided with three meals daily.

Guyana's First Shipment of Crude Oil off to United States

A Marshall Islands-registered oil tanker, MV Yannis has successfully lifted Guyana's first shipment of crude, setting sail for the United States with 1 million barrels of light crude.

The Guyana National Bureau of Standards (GNBS), which is responsible for independently ensuring the accurate measurement of Guyana's oil from the Stabroek Block, reported that the first offloading of crude oil on the floating production storage and offloading (FPSO) commenced last Saturday morning and all activities were executed as planned.

Lifts are expected approximately every 10 to 12 days from henceforth.

"This first lift, due to the record set from discovery to production by the operator, sets Guyana firmly on its way to becoming one of the wealthiest countries on the globe per capita, according to many industry specialists," a state-

ment from the Department of Energy said.

Already, the sector has witnessed foreign direct investment (FDI) in excess of US\$500 million, the creation of over 1,700 direct jobs, over 600 service providers, and the establishment of over 70 joint ventures, alliances and partnerships which continue to increase.

"Oil revenues from this venture alone are projected to realize approximately US\$300 million in this first year and more than tripling over the next five years. This is expected to directly benefit every Guyanese during this Decade of Development through the provision of revenues to develop other important sectors such as agriculture, energy and manufacturing, as well as vastly improved social and educational services, world class infrastructure, increased wages, job opportunities and an overall better quality of life over the long term," the Department of Energy added.



Production in Guyana commenced on December 20, 2019, less than five years after the first-ever commercial discovery at the 6.6 million acres Stabroek

Block. It is expected that up to 120,000 barrels of oil per day will be produced.

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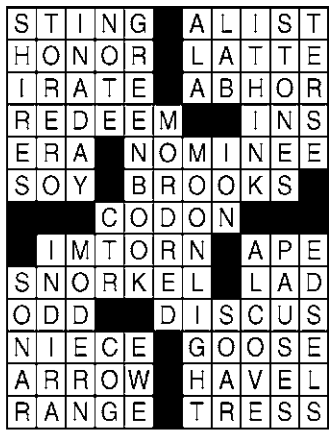
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ACROSS

- 1 Clumps of grass
- 6 New parents' choices
- 11 Mosque faith
- 12 Rust compound
- 13 Perhaps
- 14 Brink
- 15 Take it easy
- 17 Mouse-spotting cry
- 18 Nevertheless
- 22 "Carpe —"
- 23 Blood component
- 27 Ryan of "Paper Moon"
- 29 Dogpatch fellow
- 30 Submitted
- 32 Sunrise site
- 33 Women's workplace right
- 35 Mouth part
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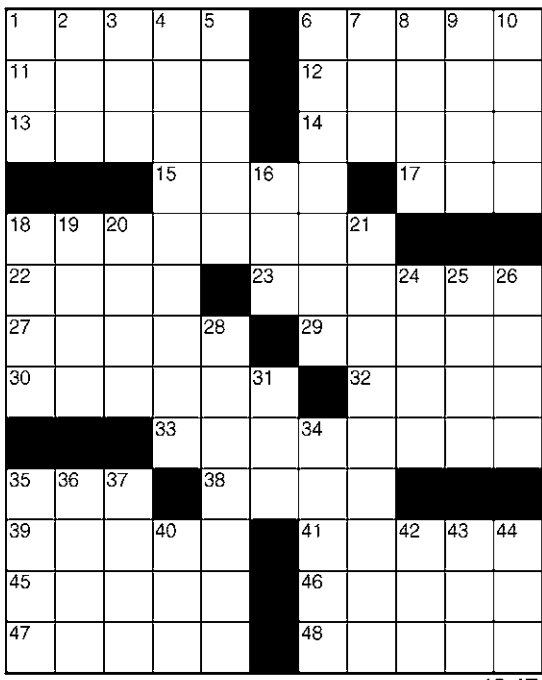
DOWN

- 1 Bob Cratchit's son
- 2 Much of N. Amer.
- 3 Go by air
- 4 Neighbor in the cafeteria
- 5 Lipstick slip
- 6 Short book
- 7 Chopping tool
- 8 Deep mud
- 9 Border
- 10 Look for
- 16 Ray-gun sound
- 18 Commotions
- 19 Of high quality



Saturday's answer

- 20 New driver, often
- 21 Artist for the same recording company
- 24 Ginger cookie
- 25 Butte's kin
- 26 Showily pretentious
- 28 Water and wine, for two
- 31 Convent resident
- 34 Mystiques
- 35 Face card "Argo"
- 36 Arkin of
- 37 Hidden mike
- 40 Hive resident
- 42 Coffee, in slang
- 43 Linking word
- 44 "You there!"

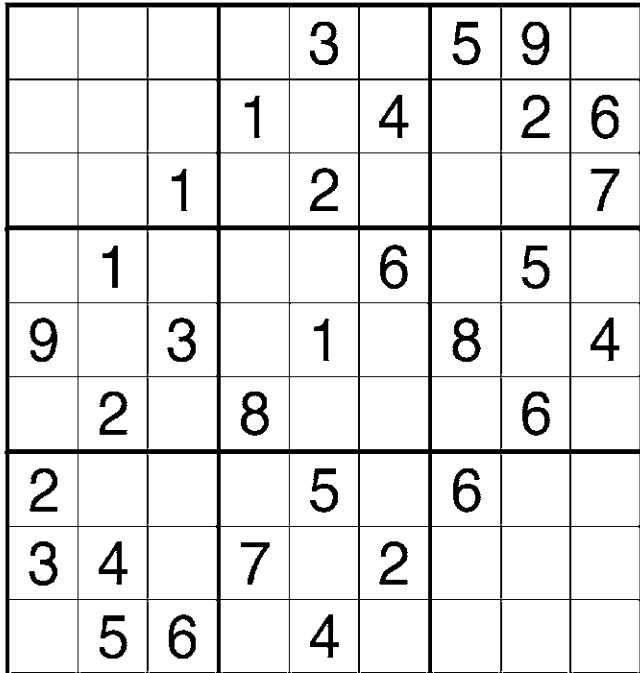


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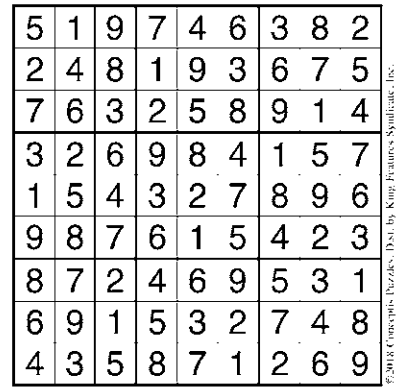
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- Cheops
- Cleopatra
- Delta Desert
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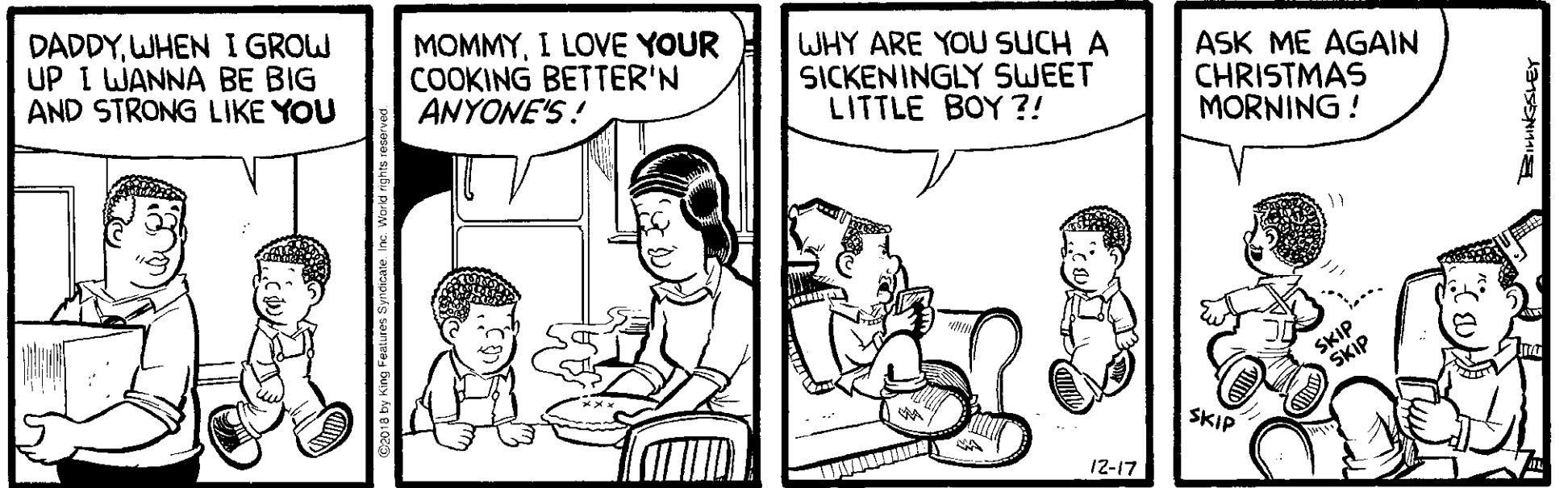


Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.



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