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The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands, along with lead project partners Susan Olde, OBE, and the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, are proud to present the Bendel Hydes Retrospective catalogue to district and school libraries across the Cayman Islands.

The 200-page, full-colour publication accompanies the large-scale exhibition currently on view at the National Gallery. It aims to present the most comprehensive survey of Hydes' career to date, tracing his artistic legacy through early figurative drawing to the remarkable 'luminous' abstractions of the last decade.

Known affectionately as the 'Founding Father' of the contemporary art scene, Hydes was the first Caymanian to attend formal



▶ NGCI Senior Education Coordinator Maia Muttoo presents the catalogue to students at the Lighthouse School

art school, the first to represent the Cayman Islands at significant art events such as the Sao Paulo Biennial and multiple Caribbean groups exhibitions, and the first to receive critical acclaim inter-

nationally. "The importance of Hydes' contribution to the formal development of visual art in the Cayman Islands cannot

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Kyle McLean is Deputy Director for Business Operations



▶ Deputy Director of Business Operations, Mr. Kyle McLean in his office at WORC, Apollo House West

Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) would like to announce the appointment of Kyle McLean as the Deputy Director for Business Operations, effective 9 January 2020.

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COMMUNITY VOICE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

On behalf of all who are involved with the public interest activities and efforts of the **Concerned Citizens Group**, we would like to publicly thank most sincerely all of you who came to the Court House on Thursday, 9th January 2020 to give moral support to the cause for preserving and regaining beach accesses in the Cayman Islands. We too were disappointed that, regrettably you were not allowed to enter and attend inside the Court Room. As many of you will be aware, although we as the Applicants were given access to the third floor of the building, we were not invited into the Court Room either. The Judge's marshal informed us and the lawyers that only the lawyers were being invited to attend.

However, we were subsequently informed by our lawyers that the Judge only became aware, deep into the proceedings, that his blanket order effectively also excluded us the Applicants from being present during the hearing. As our lawyers mentioned outside the Courts House, the Judge expressed regret for the misunderstanding, and made it clear that our exclusion was inadvertent.

We have to explain for the record that weeks before the scheduled date of the hearing, we had informed the Court by email that there would be a number of people attending, and accordingly we requested a larger courtroom even though the matter was listed to be heard as a Chamber matter. Nevertheless, as it turned out, there was no intention to allow the general public in anyway.

As stated by our lawyers outside the Court House after the hearing, the Judge has ordered that the Attorney General submit their written arguments within 21 days from the 9th January 2020, and that our lawyers respond within 14 days of receiving the Attorney General's arguments. Meanwhile, the parties are working to find a convenient date for the hearing,



which is to be for one day. Although this date has not yet been agreed, our lawyers say it is unlikely to be earlier than March 2020.

Regarding public attendance at the next hearing, we believe that it is necessary for a matter of this level of importance that the public be able to attend. Accordingly, we have instructed our lawyers to formally request the Judge to have the next hearing in open court and have this settled before the date of hearing so that everyone who wants to attend can attend and hear the legal arguments. We will endeavour to inform you in advance what the Judge will order.

Our lawyers have since made us aware of the following provision from the Grand Court Rules Order 32 Rule 13, which states as follows:

"13. (1) The Judge in Chambers may direct that any summons, application or appeal shall be heard in Court or shall be adjourned into Court to be so heard if he considers that by reason of its importance or for any other reason it should be so heard.

(2) Any matter heard in Court by virtue of a direction under paragraph (1) above may be adjourned from Court into Chambers."

Accordingly, our lawyers will be making representations to the Judge on this basis so that, if he rules as we hope, the public can be allowed to attend open court proceedings.

Thank you all again for attending Court and for your continued support. We will keep you abreast of events. God Bless!

Alice Mae Coe, Annie Multon and Ezmie Smith

(the Applicants in *Alice Mae Coe et al v Governor et al* GC 66 of 2019)

2020 Cayman Islands Classic Basketball Tournament Field Announced

Caymax Sports Ltd., organisers of the Cayman Islands Classic Basketball Tournament, have announced that defending Big 12 Conference champion Kansas State, along with Ole Miss and Nevada, will headline the field for the fourth annual event which takes place 23 to 25 November 2020 at the John Gray Gym.

La Salle, Miami, Northern Iowa, Oregon State and Western Kentucky complete the 8-team line-up for the tournament. Kansas State, Ole Miss and Nevada all competed in the 2019 NCAA Tournament while Northern Iowa and Western Kentucky were co-league leaders in the Missouri Valley Conference and Conference USA, respectively, entering this week.

Kansas State is the defending Big 12 Conference regular season champion with the Wildcats appearing in the NCAA Tournament five times during Bruce Weber's eight-year tenure as head coach, including advancing to the Elite Eight in 2018. Kansas State won 25 games for the second straight season last year, posting a 25-9 mark while being ranked No. 18 in the final Associated Press poll.

"We are looking forward to playing in the Cayman Islands Classic," said head coach Bruce Weber, whose team posted an impressive 84-68 win past then No. 12 ranked West Virginia last Saturday. "We always want to challenge our team in the preseason with quality competition and each of these seven schools have tremendous programmes with great coaches. This will be great experience for our team in 2020-21."



► Bruce Weber Kansas State Head Coach (Source: KStateCollegian)

Ole Miss is coming off the school's first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2015 after first-year coach Kermit Davis guided the Rebels to a 20-13 campaign last year, including a 10-8 record in the Southeastern Conference.

Nevada is seeking its fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament. First-year head coach Steve Alford has led the Wolf Pack to an 11-8 record entering a Wednesday (22 Jan.) Mountain West Conference game against rival UNLV.

Ashley Howard is in his second year as head coach at La Salle, which competes in the Atlantic 10 Conference. The Explorers will bring a 10-7 record into a Wednesday (22 Jan.) league game at Richmond.

Jim Larranaga is in his ninth season as head coach at Miami, having led the Hurricanes to six post-season appearances in his previous eight years including berths in the NCAA Tournament in 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Larranaga was honoured as the Associated Press as well as Naismith Award College Coach of the Year in 2013 after guiding the Hurricanes to the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season and conference tournament titles en route to a school-record 29-7 mark as well as the NCAA Sweet Sixteen.

Northern Iowa brought a 16-2 record, including a first-place mark of 5-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference into a Wednesday (22 Jan.) game at Southern Illinois. Among the Panthers' victories this season was a 76-70 upset over then No. 20 ranked Colorado Dec. 10. The Panthers are seeking their fourth trip to the NCAA Tournament under head coach Ben Jacobson.

Oregon State, which earlier claimed an impressive 82-65 home win against then No. 24 Arizona, stands 12-6 entering a Thursday (23 Jan.) home game with UCLA. Wayne Tinkle has guided the Beavers to a 2016 appearance in the NCAA Tournament during his six-year tenure as head coach.

Western Kentucky, under fourth-year coach Rick Stansbury, is seeking its third straight 20-plus victory campaign. The Hilltoppers posted a 27-11 record in 2017-18 advancing to the NIT Final Four. Western Kentucky stood 12-6, including a 5-1 first-place mark in Conference USA before a Wednesday (22 Jan.) game with Marshall.

Participating coaches are excited about playing in one of the top early season basketball tournaments during the 2020-21 campaign.

"Coaches that have been to the Cayman Islands for this tournament have said nothing besides how first class this event is," said Ole Miss coach Kermit Davis.

"We are looking forward to taking our team to the Cayman Islands Classic," Miami coach Jim Larranaga said. "It will be a great opportunity for our players to see a wonderful country and bond as a group, as well as compete against some excellent competition early in the season."

"Western Kentucky is excited to be a part of the 2020 Cayman Islands Classic," said Hilltoppers coach Rick Stansbury. "This is a great field that will provide us with quality opportunities and help prepare us for conference play. It's also a wonderful destination that will be a memorable experience for our players and fans."

Cayman Islands Classic History

- 2019 — George Mason, champion; New Mexico State, runner-up
- 2018 — Creighton, champion; Clemson, runner-up
- 2017 — Cincinnati, champion; Wyoming, runner-up

For more information about the Cayman Islands Classic visit www.caymanislandsclassic.com or email Coach Voot O'Garro at victor@caymanislandsclassic.com



Huge dump fire scares residents, sends kids home early

By Christopher Tobutt

A huge plume of thick black smoke that could be seen for miles was the sign of a fierce fire at the Vehicle Recycling plant, adjacent to the George Town Landfill on Friday 24 January. Cayman Islands Fire Service crews arrived at the site at 8.30 am where they found that a deep-seated fire had started among some of the vehicles there.

Despite their initial efforts to control the fire, it continued to grow, so that by midday ferocious flames could be seen through the tall hedge that separates the dump from the Esterley Tibbetts Highway, and sometimes loud explosions could be heard, too.

CIFS worked closely with DEH colleagues and plant operators to move surrounding vehicles not involved in the fire, so that it could be extinguished more quickly. Further assistance was given from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service helicopter, equipped and thermal imaging cameras to help crews pinpoint the hottest parts of the spreading blaze.

Residents at the nearby Lakeside condominium development were nervously watching the blaze develop, and expressed concern about the tall, black,

dense plume of smoke which rose above the complex. One of the building managers said that she had been trying to find out about the blaze and any danger that it might pose, by repeatedly phoning the fire department; but there had been little response, apart from an advisory warning to keep doors and windows shut because of the nature of the toxic fumes. "I'm not going outside to breathe that in," she said, adding that whatever she found out, she would communicate to the residents.

Shortly after midday the RCIPS blocked off the southbound lane of the Esterley Tibbetts highway (the lane nearest to the blaze) but this was reopened again by about 3pm, when the fire seemed to be under control, judging by the much smaller smoke plume.

Several schools closed early, because of safety fears arising from the blaze. George Town Primary's sports day at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex was postponed, and preschoolers at Cayman International School were also sent home after their sports day was cancelled.

"It is unfortunate that the GTPS sports day has ended earlier than expected. While we fully understand that there may be inconvenience caused as a



► Thick black smoke and fierce flames of the dump fire

result of this, student safety is our priority. Based on an advisory by the Fire Service and Department of Environmental Health, our staff took proactive measures to prevent any potential negative effects on our students and staff who may inhale the smoke fumes," commented Tammy Hopkins, Director of Education Services.

Ms. Hopkins added further, "Research has shown that the inhalation of smoke can cause irritation to children's breathing passages and can result in wheezing and other respiratory problems. While students are scheduled to be at the school's sports day, we want to ensure that no student or staff access the compound for the rest of the day."

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be understated. Through this exhibition and accompanying catalogue we aim to honour that contribution and celebrate all that Bendel has achieved," says exhibition Chief Curator Natalie Urquhart.

Drawing on multiple primary interviews with Hydes' family members, friends and prominent collectors of his work, along with extensive archival research, the publication explores Hydes' legacy through a detailed biography, essays, a career timeline and over 200 artworks. It traces the stylistic evolution of his practice from early representational watercolours and traditional maritime scenes, through his quasi-surrealist, semi-abstract and expressive paintings of the mid-1980s and early 1990s, and finally to the large-scale, all-over abstractions which the artist is synonymous with today.

Due to the generous support of the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, and NGCI Chairperson



► Accepting the catalogue from NGCI Senior Coordinator Maia Muttoo is Miss Daphne D. Ellis, Principal of Wesleyan Christian Academy

and exhibition sponsor Susan Olde, OBE, copies of the catalogue are now being donated to schools across the island as well as district and service club libraries.

Speaking on the importance of the book, Mrs. Olde, OBE, said, "This career survey of Hydes' artistic practice offers a thoughtful celebration of his remarkable legacy - bringing to life, in a definitive fashion, the singular vision of Cayman's



pre-eminent visual artist. It is perhaps impossible to overstate the significance of Bendel Hydes within the history of Caymanian art, and we are thrilled to present this catalogue to schools across the is-



► Prospect Primary students accept the Bendel Hydes Catalogue on behalf of their school

land in the hope it will inspire the next generation of artists."

The catalogue is available for general purchase at the National Gallery Gift Shop. The exhibition runs until January 30 2020, with limited school tour bookings

still available under the NGCI's Dart supported Minds Inspired programme. For further information about the catalogue or to book a tour please email education@nationalgallery.org.ky or call (345) 945 8111. 🌐

Delta Air Lines Expands Summer Service to Grand Cayman

Delta Air Lines will operate a seasonal nonstop flight between New York City, NY and Grand Cayman, starting June 20, 2020.

In a press release, the Atlanta-based carrier announced the added service between Grand Cayman's Owen Roberts International Airport (GCM) and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) on Saturdays through August 20, 2020 on its 160-seat Boeing 737-800 jets.

"We are excited to welcome increased airlift from New York City to Grand Cayman this summer, particularly with a long-time international partner like Delta Air Lines that has an extensive network of travelers in the tristate region," said Hon. Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moses Kirkconnell. "With Delta's new seasonal service and the Department of Tourism's annual, des-

ination-wide summer promotions, we are poised to provide even more New Yorkers with a memorable and easily-accessible Cayman Islands vacation this summer."

Delta already serves Grand Cayman (GCM) with year-round service from Atlanta and with seasonal, Saturday-only service from Detroit (DTW) and Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP).

"Delta is New York's No. 1 airline, and this service to the Cayman Islands joins the ranks of our more than 200 daily departures to more than 80 destinations in 30 countries," said Chuck Imhof, Delta Vice President — New York Sales. "Families and vacationers seeking escape from the big city this summer will find the perfect adventure in this culturally rich island getaway."

Flight DL 0489 with service from JFK to GCM will depart at 10:55am and ar-

rive at 1:37pm on Saturdays. Flight DL 0490 with service from GCM to JFK will depart at 2:50pm and arrive at 7:28pm on Saturdays.

"Each new flight introduced to Grand Cayman provides visitors with more options to explore our beautiful destination while creating additional tourism and business opportunities among our valued airline partners," said Ms. Rosa Harris, Director of Tourism. "We thank Delta for continuing to serve and invest in the Cayman Islands, and look forward to bringing even more travelers from the tristate area to experience our sun, sand, sea and Caymankind vibes this summer."

The Cayman Islands' 2020 "Summer Only in Cayman" promotion is valid for travel bookings from May through September 2020 and includes discounted accommodations, activities, meals, car



► Hon. Minister of Tourism, Mr. Moses Kirkconnell

rentals, attractions and more. To learn more, go to www.visitcaymanislands.com. 🌐



► Delta Air Lines plane



POLICE NEWS

Three Charged for Drug Offenses Following George Town Search

Shortly after 5:30AM on Wednesday, 22 January, officers executed a warrant at a residence off Shedden Road in George Town. During a search of the premises, quantities of ganja and cocaine were recovered and two men, ages 22 of West Bay, and 35 of George Town, and a woman, age 23 of George Town, were arrested on suspicion of drug offenses.

The 22-year-old man has been formally charged with Possession of Ganja and Possession of Ganja with Intent to Supply. The 35-year-old man has been charged with Possession of Ganja, and all three have been jointly charged with



Possession of Cocaine and Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Supply. They were scheduled to appear in court on Friday. 🌐

Statement on Arrest



Investigators from the Anti-Corruption Commission arrested an individual on Thursday morning in connection with an ongoing investigation and previous arrests made on 19 September 2018.

Responsible for investigating serious allegations of corruption the In-

vestigators arrested the 43 year old male, from the Bodden Town area, on suspicion of committing the following offences:

1. Breach of Trust – contrary to s.13 of the Anti-Corruption Law (2016 Revision); and
2. Being Concerned in an Arrangement (Money Laundering) – contrary to s.134 of the Proceeds of Crime Law (2014 Revision).

He has been detained for questioning at the Prisoner Detention Centre (Fairbanks).

The investigation continues therefore no further details will be released at this time. 🌐



Lifestyle: Why practice yoga?

An article produced by Harvard Medical School back in 2016 told of the increased popularity of yoga in the United States, with a survey in that year highlighting the number of Americans doing yoga had grown by over 50 per cent from 2012. This meant that over 36 million were practicing yoga in the States as of 2016, up from 20.4 million in 2012. More recently, in 2018 Forbes magazine reported that yoga and meditation were becoming “a lot less alternative and a lot more mainstream”. According to two studies from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, both practices have risen in prevalence from the year 2012 to 2017, the report said. In Cayman the number of entities promoting yoga is steadily on the rise. One such studio is Cayman Yoga Club, run for the past 18 months by Hally Vu.

Hally says she started practicing yoga regularly over 11 years ago as a student at university.

“Yoga has been a staple in my life in times of turbulence and stress as well as times of joy and health,” she advises. “When I first found a consistent practice as a young adult, I considered teaching, but it wasn’t until I entered the professional world beyond university that I truly realised the benefits of a regular yoga practice.”

Hally says it was then that she was inspired and ready to complete teacher training. After a couple of years of teaching yoga in the States, she visited Cayman and felt the calling to continue sharing the gift of yoga with people.

“This bustling island beautifully represents our human connection to Mother Nature,” she says. “Change is constant



► Hally Vu from Cayman Yoga Club



in everyone’s lives – and especially on our fast-developing island – but it’s is even more magnified by the transient qualities of island life. I aim to share the stabilising clarity and love that yoga teaches among the healing energies of our beaches and seas so that all who come and go as well as those that choose to stay here may feel a bit more loved, free, and supported.”

Everyday benefits

Yoga is beneficial in so many ways and for all aspects of life, Hally advises. From a physical perspective, yoga asana allows for a realignment of the body through a heightened sense of body awareness. Creating optimal alignment in the body allows for optimal engage-

ment of the muscles to support everyday life – from sitting and standing straight and fully supported to walking and running evenly and in a light and balanced manner.

Healthy alignment of body and soul

Practicing in a studio with a teacher and fellow yogis can be beneficial for the shared energy and consciousness of the community as well as for the gentle assists that an instructor can provide. Besides muscle strength and tone, yoga also creates space for increased flexibility and cardio and circulatory health. Breath work alone (as well as along with yoga asana) promotes blood circulation, which sends fresh oxygen throughout

the body for optimal functioning of the spine, muscles and organs, improving such things as posture, metabolism and heart-function. Yoga asana is generally low impact so it is great for everyone, young and old, to maintain health as well as to recover and rehabilitate from injury.

Along with the physical benefits, the steady practice of yoga also creates peace of mind through meditation and concentration, Hally says. Yoga often provides relief from mental illness like depression and anxiety. Through breath work, meditation, and yoga asana, one can find relaxation through clearing the mind and calming the nervous system.

Cayman Yoga Club is located at the West Shore Centre on West Bay Road. 🌐

Enjoy a tea-time tippie and save the environment

By Lindsey Turnbull

The National Trust for the Cayman Islands is hosting its much-loved Hatitude event on Saturday 1st February at the Grand Old House, the Trust’s annual fundraiser that’s now in its seventh year.

This fun event sees National Trust supporters don their finest outfits, always finished off with the glamorous addition of a hat, and enjoy a pleasant afternoon of dining, all in aid of helping to protect and preserve Cayman’s wild environments and the flora and fauna that live within.

Each event follows a particular theme, with previous years including Birds of a Feather, Brunch Upon a Time and Hatitude Gone Wild, each encouraging guests’ creativity as to the design of their outfit and, of course, the all-important hat. This year’s event is called ‘Tea by the Sea’, and guests are encouraged to wear nautical or marine-themed hats. Participants are encouraged to participate in the Best in Hat awards for female, male and child category. The National Trust promises the event will be a lovely family-friendly afternoon of tea, bubbles, sweet and savoury bites, raffle prizes, Party Photo booth and a kid’s craft corner, with

Danny Loops as their special musical guest.

“Hatitude is one of the Trust’s largest signature events that is look forward to each year by event-goers,” Laura Butz, Marketing Manager at the National Trust, said. “Each year, the Trust themes its family-friendly event to bring awareness to the importance of protecting and preserving Cayman’s unique and delicate natural environment; this year’s theme is ‘Tea by the Sea’. A fitting theme to bring awareness to Cayman’s strong connection to our spectacular sea and coral reefs that are teeming with life, our iconic sea turtles and maritime heritage.”

The National Trust undertakes many different roles within the community, so fundraisers such as Hatitude are of great importance in helping to finance the vital work they do.

Laura explained that funds raised by the event would directly support the Trust’s efforts to protect Cayman’s native flora and fauna, endemic species and natural wild environments. These environmental sites include the Mastic Reserve, Central Mangrove Wetlands, the Salina Reserve, Colliers Wilderness Reserve, the Brac Parrott Reserve, the Governor Gore Bird Sanctuary, the Boo-



by Pond in Little Cayman and our iconic Blue Iguana, she stated.

This year Mercedes-Benz are the headline sponsor and will be offering a special raffle prize. Mercedes-Benz will also be highlighting their new environmentally friendly hybrid vehicles. Attendees will also be able to enter to win raffle prizes thanks to donations from local businesses.

Attendees will enjoy a high tea menu, prepared by Grand Old House featuring sweet and savory bites, quiches, mini sandwiches, scones and a selection of desserts and the food will be complemented by Prosecco thanks to sponsor Jacques Scott. Teas from Tea Time in Cayman are sponsored by the CI Shipping Registry.

Find out more by contacting info@nationaltrust.org.ky 🌐



Cayman Brac Diabetes Health Fair 2020

On Saturday January 18th, the 5th annual Diabetes Health Fair was staged on the grounds of Faith Hospital on Cayman Brac. The theme for the event was, "DIABETES AND THE FAMILY."

Mr. Dhallchand Seeram, veteran Pharmacist at the hospital, Rotarian and co-ordinator of the event got proceedings underway, as he welcomed attendees. He began by stating "Diabetes is a major killer of people globally. This undertaking is to educate residents about how they can effectively combat this threat," he told the audience of about 100 people.

One of the excited residents in attendance Rejine said "I am happy to see

residents come out to this promotion. Diabetes awareness is crucial. The number of people affected is rising yearly. As a result this fair is exposing us to the requisite lifestyle needed to be on the healthy side. Very informative and hats off to the organizers."

Mrs. Annie Rose Scott of the Rotary Club led in the singing of the National Song, while Mrs. Maria Reid presented a heart-warming devotion which was followed by the song, "WALK, WALK, THE SPIRIT LIVES TO SET US FREE."

Mr. Jonathan Tibbetts, Chairman of the Health Services Authority then gave his remarks. "I am so pleased to see everyone this morning. We need to know that Cayman Brac is seriously affected by Diabetes. In the past it was the adults who were severely affected, but now young and middle aged individuals have to grapple with it. That is serious for me. We should seek every opportunity to lend a helping hand to those affected. Always be there for someone you know is going through a rough time with it. My main suggestion is to stay active and there's no harm in walking at least 15 minutes a day. God bless you all," he concluded.

Mr. Seeram then presented to the attendees a fact sheet concerning this dangerous disease.



"Simply put, Diabetes is when there's too much sugar in the blood stream. At Faith hospital we have a Diabetes Clinic every two weeks with all personnel involved. The number of people affected rose from 108million in 1980 to over 200 million by 2014. The condition is now a serious threat to low and middle income countries whose diet is made up mainly of rice and flour. Diabetes is the major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attack, amputations, bone and tooth loss, and death. **In order to prevent the disease you must undertake a healthy diet, regular exercise, maintain a normal body weight, take regular screenings and very importantly take your meds**" he concluded.

Attendees were then invited to check out the various booths:

- PUBLIC HEALTH SCREENING - Weight and height, blood sugar, blood pressure and blood cholesterol.
 - BAPTIST HEALTH - Services provided by this institution.
 - DENATL SCREENING - By Dr. George and staff.
 - ART - By Ms. Simone.
 - CIDA - Cayman Islands Diabetes Association.
- The closing remarks and vote of thanks were given by Mrs. Dana Scott who is the Infection Control/ Quality Assurance Co-ordinator at Faith Hospital. She gave high credence to the following sponsors:
- Cayman Islands Diabetes Association.
 - Health Services Authority- Faith Hospital.
 - Rotary Club of Cayman Brac.
 - Lions Club of Cayman Brac.

CIFA Referee assaulted

The Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) has informed the Caymanian football community that Bodden Town FC players assaulted the central referee of the Cayman Premier League match Academy SC vs. Bodden Town FC played at The Annex Field 23 January 2020, causing injuries to the match official.

CIFA would like to inform that this incident is considered an outrageous offense and will take all necessary actions to the extent of the disciplinary measures in the Cayman Islands.

The players involved in the incident will be preventively suspended with immediate effect for all football activities organized or sanctioned by CIFA including but not limited to attending matches and any other football related events as player, club member or supporter until the case is heard and deliberated by the CIFA Disciplinary Committee.

Moreover, the matches of the Cayman Premier League involving Bodden Town FC have been suspended until the CIFA

Disciplinary Committee makes a decision.

The Cayman Islands Football Association would like to emphasize to all football stakeholders that acts of violence will not be tolerated and one of the prime objectives of the national football body is to protect the safety and integrity of the game, match officials, participants, and public in general. The CIFA can guarantee that all disciplinary actions will be taken at its full extent.



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BABY NOLAN - THE INSPIRATION OF CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE AWARENESS IN THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

After a very successful 2019 event Team Nolan the Pediatric Program of the Cayman Heart Fund is organizing their second annual HEART WARRIORS & ANGELS BEACH WALK during and in honour of February 2020 Congenital Heart Defects (CHD) Awareness Week and in memory of their son Nolan who passed away on January 25, 2018 from a complex CHD. The event will take place on Sunday February 9th at 7:00 am Location: Public Beach Cabana #5, #6 Registration fee: CI\$25 (event t-shirt included).

Warriors and Angels costumes for all ages are welcome.

Additionally, the event will include complementary light refreshments, face painting great raffle prizes and much more.

This is a fun, family friendly, pet friendly walk that will raise awareness for the #1 birth defect, CHD. There is no cure for CHD, but your contribution

will be long lasting in our efforts to fund the support of local families with CHD babies. Your support would truly be an investment in our community. For registration please email teamnolanevans@outlook.com or ailianeans@hotmail.co.uk or call 9361717

Team Nolan's mission is to champion their goals of raising local CHD awareness and financially assisting local families with CHD babies; through fund raising efforts during their initiatives such as their annual HEART WARRIORS & ANGELS BEACH WALK and KIDFEST events. In February 2019 Team Nolan donated the Nolan Evans Memorial Bench to Health City's main lobby, which illustrates CHD awareness messages for all to see when passing through the hospital's lobby. In October of 2019 Team Nolan was able to cover the full cost of the purchase of a critically needed infant transport incubator for the Health Ser-

vices Authority's - neonatal intensive care unit.

Ms. Evans expressed her gratitude for His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper's continued support of Team Nolan's initiatives. This year's beach walk is proudly sponsored by Logic, Davenport Development, Walkers, Vistra, Saxon, Hurley's Media. ISE-Ltd., The Lund Team, Reed Engineers and Baraud Development.

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If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at: (345) 916-6324 or please email: info@caymanheartfund.com



▶ Heart Hero baby Nolan Evans



▶ His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper receiving his HEART WARRIORS & ANGELS BEACH WALK T-shirt from Team Nolan's Ailian Evans

Harneys continues support of the Youth Parliament program

For the fourth consecutive year, Harneys is the title sponsor of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Youth Parliament program.

Harneys is committed to supporting youth endeavours in the local community. By sponsoring this program, Harneys is able to guarantee that the students have the resources they need to make the most of this opportunity and be able to focus on learning new skills to help develop them into future leaders.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Youth Parliament program is aimed at students between the ages of 14 to 19 years, from both government and private high schools. Participants gain insight into parliament and are given the opportunity to learn public speaking while associating with peers from other schools. The programme allows the students to engage in debates on topics that affect their lives and provides them

with a platform to voice their opinions.

Zena Merren-Chin, Honorary Secretary of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association said: "The Legislative Assembly Youth Parliament is extremely grateful to Harneys for once again sponsoring the Youth Parliament programme. The programme was developed to provide our youth with firsthand knowledge of parliamentary practices and procedures. It also provides them with a

glimpse of the some of the responsibilities of their elected members as well afford them the opportunity to voice their views on topical issues."

Nick Hoffman, Partner at Harneys said: "We are delighted to be actively involved with the young, intelligent students who take part in this program. It is always a wonderful experience meeting the new cohort that joins each year and we wish them all the best in the course of their journey."



WORC announces the appointment of Kyle McLean as Deputy Director for Business Operations

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Mr. McLean has over 19 years' experiences as a civil servant, beginning in 2000 when he served as a Budget Liaison Officer with the Budget & Management Unit. In 2003 he advanced to be Financial Administrator in the Department of Tourism and then in 2005, he became Deputy Chief Financial Officer within the Ministry of District Administration, Works & Gender Affairs. In 2011 he served as the Assistant Director of Tourism, Finance & Administration until this current appointment as Deputy Director of Business Operations for WORC.

As Deputy Director, he will offer support to the Director in providing leadership through the development and

implementation of strategic plans, while managing and supporting teams in the departments of Finance, Human Resources & Administration and Customer Services. His responsibilities include ensuring a strong customer service experience both internally and externally, providing financial analysis and guidance on all activities, plans and specified targets and he has responsibility for the overall talent management process. He will also play a strategic role in managing the workplace culture and environment.

Mr McLean holds a Bachelor of Administration in Accounting with a minor in Information Technology from Stetson University in Florida, as well as a Masters of Business Administration with an emphasis in Management

from the International College of the Cayman Islands. He will complete a Masters of Theological Studies in May 2020 and is currently undertaking The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply Level 4 Certification. Having completed various other training workshops and courses, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this position.

"We are delighted to welcome Kyle McLean to the WORC Team. Mr. McLean is a Caymanian with many years of management level experience in the civil service. His leadership skills are already enhancing the WORC organization and we look forward to progressing our strategies, particularly in the area of Human Resources, under Mr. McLean's lead-

ership". WORC Director Sharon Roulstone explains.

Mr. McLean said about his new appointment "I am excited to be a part of the dynamic team at WORC and look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead, as we continue the vision of "Leading the pursuit of full Caymanian employment and economic prosperity for all through service excellence." "My goal is to build a highly efficient and capable Operations Team that enables WORC to operate at its optimum level."

Mr. McLean also enjoys fishing, cycling, reading, working with young people and working on cars. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church and is passionate about working with the youth, teaching Sunday School and singing in the choir. 🌐

Civil Servants Earn Certification in Anti-Money Laundering

Civil servants representing the Ministry of Employment and Border Control, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Customs and Border Control, Financial Reporting Authority and Department of Commerce and Investment recently completed a five-day professional certification course on anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT).

"This training again demonstrates Government's commitment to AML/CFT, by continuing to support civil servants' abilities to interdict, disrupt and dismantle transactional organisations," said the Ministry's Deputy Chief Officer Michael Ebanks. "Ultimately, our goal is to help ensure that the Cayman Islands remains at the forefront of compliance with global standards aimed at preventing and detecting money laundering and terrorist financing."

Organised by the Ministry of Employment & Border Control through the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), the training can lead to a Chartered Management Institute (CMI) qualification should civil servants want pursue. Facilitated by Dr. Colin King, Reader in Law from the University of London, participants were able to explore different aspects and developments of AML/CTF in a casual and engaging environment.

May Muhtadi, Senior International Programmes and Strategy Manager said that the International Centre for Parliamentary Studies (ICPS) exists to promote effective policy-making and good governance



► Centre left: Facilitator Dr. Colin King, centre right: Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Employment & Border Control Mr. Michael Ebanks with the civil servants who completed the course

through enhanced interaction between Parliaments, governments and other stakeholders in society. By providing a clear analysis of the strategies that can be employed to combat money laundering and the financing of terrorism, we believe it can equip participants with the appropriate tools and methods to implement effective policies and action.

Dr. King's vast knowledge and experience in anti-mon-

ey laundering and countering financial terrorism has afforded him the ability to deliver this training on behalf of ICPS over the past 3 years in London, but it was his first time to Cayman.

"The training went really well," Dr. King said, noting that the group's discussion included how Cayman's law operates in practice.

Senior Compliance Officer in the Department of Commerce

& Investment, Celia Paz Gomez was one of the 14 persons who earned a certificate.

"The discussions we had as a group were based on actual scenarios and challenges in combatting them. I most enjoyed the topic on the different modus operandi of launderers and terrorists to solicit manage and use funds, and how to detect this," she said.

Kenval Bryan, an Investigative Analyst with Customs and Bor-

der Control who also completed the training, said, "Having a keen understanding of the AML/CFT challenges affecting our jurisdiction forms a crucial component of my responsibilities.

"This course has been of tremendous benefit to me. What I enjoyed the most was the shared experience of my colleagues, explaining how they navigated the challenges of AML/CFT in our jurisdiction." 🌐

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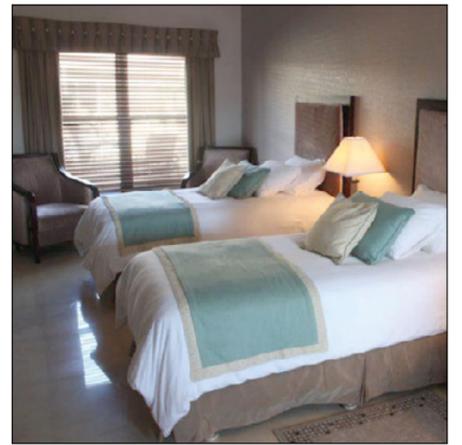
The Government will be holding a series of public meetings in its ongoing effort to inform the public about the proposed cruise berthing facility and enhanced cargo port project (CBF).

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Inside The Alexander Hotel



"It is going to be a tremendous thing for Cayman Brac. The Alexander will be opening its doors officially next month."

They are pleased to announce there will be a hosting capacity of 60 guests in 30 rooms each with kitchenettes.

It has a variety room types available, including two-bedroom suites. The bar and restaurant would also be coming on stream soon with some surprises to look forward to.

Reservations are being set up via on-line booking services such as Airbnb, Vrbo, Homeaway, Expedia and The Alexander's official site www.Alexanderhotelcayman.com.

The property passed the government's pre-opening inspection with flying colours.

"All government inspectors were professional and detailed and we are pleased to have had an 'excellent' rating," they said adding that, "We look forward to welcoming our first guests."

"Already, we know that the next few months would be busy with some large groups already booking for functions and group getaways."

Two staff will initially run the day to day operations, maintenance, and guest services. 🌐



Unemployment in Jamaica Dips to New Low

The Statistical Institute of Jamaica (STATIN) has reported that the country's unemployment rate has fallen to a new record low of 7.2 per cent, based on the October 2019 Labour Force Survey.

Director General, Carol Coy, says this is 1.5 percentage points lower than the 8.7 per cent out-turn for the corresponding period in 2018. It is also 0.6 per cent below the 7.8 per cent recorded in the April 2019 survey.

Additionally, she said the total number of persons in jobs as at October rose by 2.4 per cent, compared to the corresponding period in 2018.

Coy said a breakdown of the data shows that the total number of unemployed persons as at October 2019 stood at 96,700, representing a 16.4 per cent decline over the previous year.

She noted that female unemployment fell by 16,000 persons to 53,400, while the total number of unemployed males decreased by 3,000 individuals to 43,300.

The Director General said the outturn for females represented a 2.6 percentage point decline to 8.6 per cent, while the rate for the males dipped from 6.4 per cent to six per cent.

Additionally, she said the unemployment rate for youth aged 14 to 24 fell from 24.9 per cent in October 2018 to 21.1 per cent last year.

"The unemployment rate for male youth decreased by 3.6 percentage points to 18.2 per cent in October 2019 [while] the unemployment rate for female youth declined by 3.9 percentage points to 24.7 per cent," she added.

Coy said the number of persons in jobs as at October rose by 29,200 persons (2.4 per cent) to 1,248,400, relative to the corresponding period in 2018. The overall labour force increased by 10,200 persons to 1,345,100.

She informed that increased female employment, which rose by 18,600 persons to 565,600, was nearly twice that of males, which went up 10,600 to 682,800.



The number of persons classified as being outside the labour force, as at October 2019, totalled 741,500, which was 10,800 (1.4 per cent) fewer than the 752,300 recorded the previous year.

US Tells Caribbean to be Wary of Chinese Investment and Choose Western Firms Instead

A senior United States (US) official has advised countries in the Caribbean to be wary of accepting investment from China. In fact, he said doing business with companies in the West may be a better option.

US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, speaking at a policy discussion session on US-Caribbean relations during a two-day visit to Jamaica, said there are better alternatives to accepting money from China, with which his country is engaged in a trade war.

"It's tempting to accept easy money from places like China. But what good is it if it feeds corruption and undermines your rule of law? What good are those investments if in fact they ruin your environment and don't create jobs for your people?" he questioned.

"There's a better alternative. We all know it and we can all achieve it together. Western firms, American firms operate according to values proven to produce good deals and quality work, the work that we do in democracies, things like transparent contracts, the respect for the rule of law, honest straightforward accounting practices. That's why I'm proud to be America's Secretary of State and advocate for American companies to come and want to participate and invest in places like Jamaica and the region."

Responding to questions about why he had singled out China, which has been visible in the region in offering aid and bringing investment, Pompeo said countries in the region should "evenly" and "thoroughly" examine investments from anywhere.

However, he added: "The Chinese Communist Party does present a particular challenge and we've made no bones about saying to nations, 'Just make sure that this is a transaction that is on the up and up, that it is square, that

this investment is being made for economic purposes."

Declaring that the US "love[s] the Chinese people", he acknowledged that his country has enormous investment from China, and there are also American companies that invest in the East Asian nation. He noted that the US had just completed the first phase of a significant trade deal with China.

"But," he added, "here's what America is doing: We are making sure that when Chinese companies come invest in America, they are doing what President Trump said. It's going to be fair; it's going to be reciprocal. That is, American businesses that invest in China should be permitted to do so on the same basis that Chinese companies that invest in America. The same thing for trade. If there's going to be a tariff in one place, well, it ought to be reciprocal. We simply want to compete on a fair and level basis."

Pompeo also stressed the need for transparency when accepting investment.

"You owe it - we all owe it - to the people of our nations to make sure that when foreign direct investment is taking place, that it's coming truly for the right reasons - that it's not coming for a national security reason to put at risk the privacy of the citizens of Jamaica, right; it's not coming to have a political outcome; that it's truly an economically based - it is a risk-adjusted return on investment being sought by that capital provider.

"When that's the case, if it's a European company, great; if it's a company from Africa, fantastic; if it's a company from the Caribbean, so much the better. But every nation has an obligation to make sure that the money that's coming to the country is doing so for the betterment of its people and not for some political or national security purpose," he said.



► US Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, speaking at a policy discussion session on US-Caribbean relations during a two-day visit to Jamaica

Outlining how the US was helping business in the region, Pompeo said a Growth in Americas initiative, of which Jamaica is a charter member, was launched last December with the aim of helping countries catalyze private investment in infrastructure.

"We've created a new Development Finance Corporation (DFC) that works inside of our State Department. It can help your private sector stand on its own.... We look forward to working

with Haiti to identify how the DFC financing can help its economy," he added.

Regarding the energy sector, the Secretary of State said the US is gaining steam in the sector and expanding collaboration.

Taking a dig at the oil arrangement which Venezuela has with some Caribbean countries, Pompeo added: "Petro-Caribe is fading into the sunset, as the Maduro regime itself will do."

Jamaicans to Buy Shares in Toll Road Company in Potentially Largest IPO in Country's History

As the Andrew Holness-led administration continues to divest ownership of some state assets, Jamaicans will soon get an opportunity to buy some of Government's shares in toll road company TransJamaican Highway Limited (TJH).

Prime Minister Holness says TJH's initial public offering (IPO) could commence as early as next month.

"We are hoping sometime in early February or thereabouts," he said at the start of a recent Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Regional Conference on Investments and Capital Markets.

NCB Capital Markets Limited is the lead arranger for the undertaking. Chief Executive Officer Steven Gooden said the IPO is poised to be the largest in Jamaica's history.

Holness said TJH's divestment represents "another opportunity for Jamaicans to invest in a business [and] in a piece of Jamaica" and follows the successful Wigton Windfarm Limited IPO last April, which saw some 31,000 Jamaicans purchasing 11 billion shares offered by the Government at a cost of 50 cents each.

The IPO, which was oversubscribed by J\$9 billion (US\$67 million), resulted in approximately 12,000 new investors joining the stock market.

"That created a massive opportunity [for] Jamaicans to own shares, and we did it in a way to promote wealth for the average Jamaican.... I termed it the socialization of wealth," Prime Minister Holness said.

He noted that the East-West highway which TJH operates has "good traffic flow and a good revenue stream", and so people contemplating purchasing shares when the IPO opens can rest assured that "you can own a piece of Jamaica that is generating income that you can accumulate to [grow your] wealth".

"Owning a piece of Jamaica is not just [about] a piece of the rock... it's not just [about] a house or motor vehicle. You need to be owning the companies and the infrastructure that generate positive streams of revenues... that you can save, accumulate and build wealth, That is what we have been doing, as a Government... trying to create wealth for the average Jamaican," Holness underscored.



► Prime Minister Andrew Holness (right), greets Jamaica Stock Exchange (JSE) Chairman, Julian Mair (Photo:JIS)

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Go across
- 5 Arrive
- 10 Metric mass
- 11 Spanish fleet
- 12 Dope
- 13 Maze runner
- 14 Reporter's concern
- 16 Star's part
- 20 Baltimore team
- 23 Joke
- 24 Hollywood's elite
- 25 Racer
- 27 Distress call
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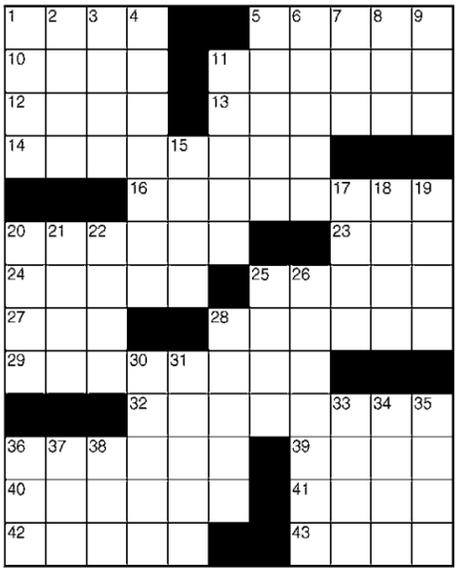
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- 18 Den
- 19 They may clash
- 20 Reckless
- 21 Lotion
- 22 Travel document
- 25 Intellect
- 26 Neighbor of Spain
- 28 Personal log
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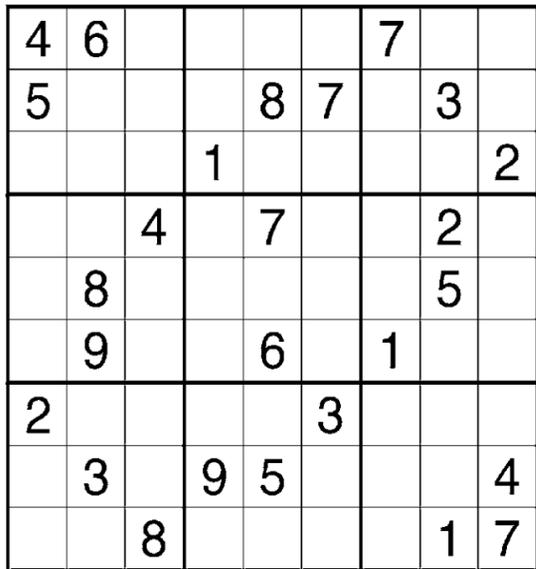
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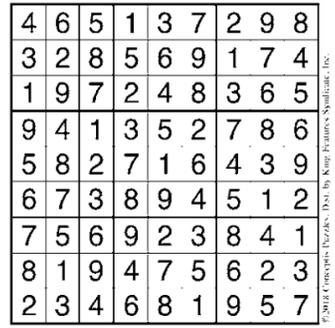
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