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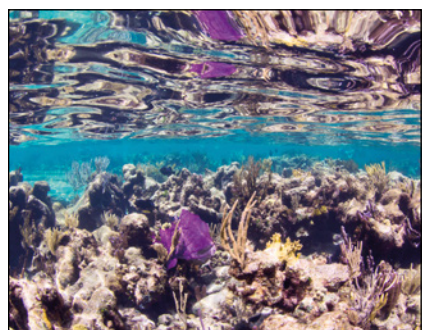
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Cayman plane-spotters had a rare treat last weekend when Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) conducted a flight with one of its 737-8 Max aircraft.

It wasn't a commercial flight though. The aircraft winged its way to Miami to undergo routine maintenance.

CAL's two Max aircraft have been in an active maintenance program and have not flown since the airline voluntarily grounded its fleet in March 2019, becoming the first airline in the world to do so.

The Boeing-manufactured Max 737's have been grounded by aviation authorities around the world following two fatal crashes in which there were no survivors.

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Cayman Islands Blacklisting Expected to be Temporary

A leading firm of corporate lawyers in the Cayman Islands has been putting into context for their clients (and the public by extension), the decision by the European Union to blacklist the British territory.

Conyers, which provides services to international clients from offices in Cayman, Bermuda and the British Virgin Islands, explained that "it appears that the listing is due to a technical breach relating to the regulation of collective investment vehicles (CIVs)."

The EU announced a few days ago that it had placed the Cayman Islands on its tax blacklist.



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EDITORIAL

CAYMAN CAN

The global debate over development and the environment is being played out in the Cayman Islands in the court of law and the court of public opinion.

On the one hand, the debate is more about striking a balance between development and the environment than conversely, development versus the environment.

The other aspect is the place of a referendum, the true voice of the people, in this debate.

It's ideally the best demonstration (note the context) of 'vox populi, vox dei'.

If God is nature, meaning the environment, then most definitely the voice of the people resonates and should be given due heed.

Striking a balance between a new cruise pier and safeguarding the pristine marine environment was never going to be easy, especially for the Cayman Islands.

It's a credit to Cayman that the airing of this crucial issue is being done in an 'environment' of openness and a non-confrontational manner.

While the territory compares admirably with the rest of the world in many respects beyond its status as a leading financial centre, its environmental vulnerabilities are also well-researched and documented.

At just 60 feet above sea level at its highest point, Cayman is fifth in the world for being vulnerable to sea level rises with the ensuing threat not only to its delicate biodiversity but its very way of life.

Shoreline erosion is a perennial concern and a threat to wildlife ecosystems.

Balancing that against the demands of development - as a previous editorial on this very issue noted - is a very delicate dance indeed.

The court ruling in favour of advocacy group Cruise Port Referendum Cayman allows a breathing space for the



government and the pressure group to take stock and determine their next steps...or strategy.

Conventional wisdom preaches a balance between development and preserving the environment. While a worthy ideal, it's easier said than done.

Striking, and maintaining, that balance takes skill, commitment and effort.

But, it's a balance that must be struck especially in Cayman's case.

It's a cold, hard fact of economics that the Cayman has to diversify its economy.

It today's world, resting on one set of laurels is no guarantee of economic sustainability, especially for maintaining standards of an accustomed way of life.

With its almost total reliance on financial services and tourism, the Cayman needs to ensure that while it might very well have limited baskets in which to place its proverbial eggs, diversification and compartmentalisation within those few baskets is paramount...if only to keep the baskets intact.

As we noted previously, it's a delicate balance and an even more delicate dance. Stepping on toes is not an option.

But when the two converge and this delicate dance is meticulously choreographed, the result is a win-win all around; win for the government, win for the investors, win for the territory, and win for the environment - which is the biggest win for the territory.

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- Sunday, 1 - **HWM Church Service**, Agape Family Worship Centre, 10 a.m.
- Friday, 6 - **HWM Dress for a Cause Photo Opportunity**, Government Administration Building front steps, 9.15 a.m.
- Sunday, 8 - **HWM International Women's Day Brunch**, Kimpton Sea-fire Resort, 11a.m. - 2 p.m. - Tickets \$125 pp/table for 10 available, email IWD@gov.ky
- Sunday, 15 - **Colour Me Purple 5K Run/Walk**, SafeHaven, 6.30 a.m. Register at www.caymanactive.com/registrations/purple
- Wednesday, 25 - **Empowering Women Through Employability**, Family Resource Centre, Apollo House West, 87 Mary Street, 5.30 p.m.



- Tuesday, 31 - **HWM Closing Reception**, Government House, 6.30 p.m. (invitation only). For further information, call the FRC at 949-0006, visit www.frc.ky or Family Resource Centre on Facebook.



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First ten UCCI students to receive new scholarship

By Christopher Tobutt

Ten students at the UCCI were the first recipients of the Peter N. Thompson Family Foundation Scholarships. In 2019 The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) received CI\$500,000 from the Peter N. Thomson Family Foundation to establish a new scholarship for UCCI students, designed to help recruit and support students who are driven to improve the Cayman Islands in areas including liberal arts, social sciences and the sciences.

UCCI President and CEO, Dr. Stacy McAfee said: "The UCCI strives to combine global achievement and ambition with serving our local community as well. We are honoured to lead and act with a sense of the place in which we are located and combine this with the limitless intellectual ambition which we all hold. Our purpose is to excel in all we do and to exceed the expectations of what our nation wants from us."

"The Peter N. Thompson family foundation recognises the importance of the impact the UCCI has on our nation, and the unique and vital role that the insti-

tution plays in creating social and economic progress in a nation that affords opportunities for so many. Today is the first installment of the promise we have to do good, and to do well, and you will realise that, through the amazing students that we will get to know here today."

Minister for Education, Hon. Juliana O' Connor Connolly said: "We are well on the way to being the top of education but we have to have legitimate civil legal consummation between tourism, financial service and education because without that third pillar of the successful education foundation you are going to have crime increasing, and financial services always having to go beyond the Cayman jurisdiction to look for that expertise, and if we are going to nation-build."

Chairman of UCCI Board of Governors, Mr. Mark Scotland said: Years from now we will be able to look back and say these are the first recipients of the Thompson foundation scholarship when they are CEOs or managers of different industries within this country or elsewhere, this will have played a big



► Recipients of the Peter N. Thompson Family Foundation Scholarship, shown with Minister for Education, Hon. Juliana O' Connor Connolly, UCCI President Stacy McAfee, and Chairman of the Board Mark Scotland, with Mr. Wayne Ross (seated, Centre)

role in getting them to that point, so thank you Mr. Ross and please convey our thanks to Mr. Thompson and the rest of the family as well."

Wayne Ross, Representative of the Peter N. Thompson Family Foundation said: "Halfway through last year we met with Dr. McAfee and we were very impressed with her and with we were very impressed with all the ideas they had and initiatives they had and we said: this is something we want to support. There's a lot of support out there. This is the first of many classes we are going to keep in touch and we are going to follow your progress and we hope that we can benefit both you and the community with these opportunities."


Scholarship recipient Melisa McKenzie said: "I'm grateful for the scholarship. I am pursuing a Bachelors of Nursing at the UCCI, and it is really going to help." Another scholarship recipient, Somali Thompson is pursuing Associates of Science programme, and her dream is to become a doctor. These are just two of the recipients, who will help build a better Cayman Islands when they are fully qualified, thanks to the scholarship.



► Michael James Mullings, who received his gift from Mr. Wayne Ross



► Melisa McKenzie, who is pursuing a Bachelors in Nursing and would like to become a midwife



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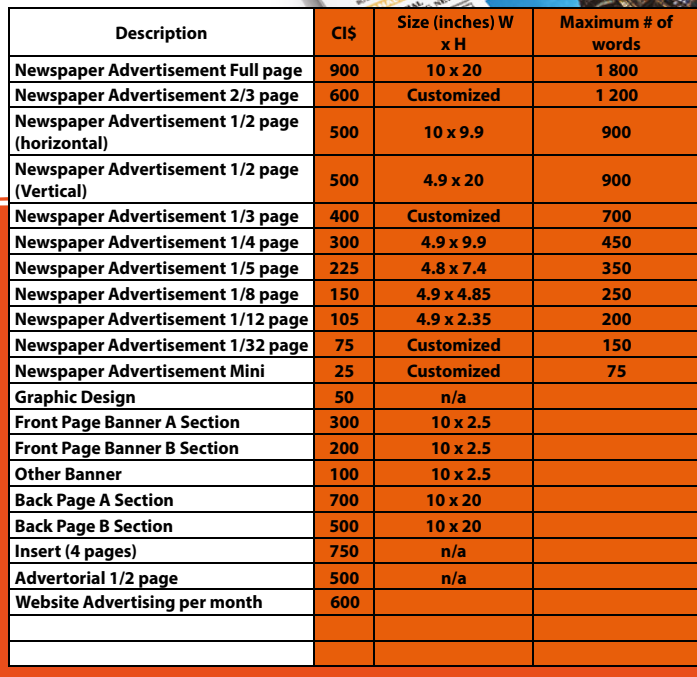
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CAL Max 8 maintenance flight last weekend



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"For almost a year, the grounded Max aircraft have been maintained under an active storage maintenance program as specified by the Manufacturer," explained CAL President and CEO, Fabian Whorms, himself a former aircraft engineer.

"Routine maintenance flights become necessary over time as part of this maintenance program and are being conducted in coordination with the CICAA and Boeing," he added.

This weekend's maintenance flight of VP-CIW, operating from Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA), will be operated by Captain Stephen Coe and Captain Perry Panton.

Joining the flight will be an observer from the Cayman Islands Civil Aviation Authority (CICAA) and a representative from the manufacturer, Boeing.

The flight is likely to be either late Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning to avoid airport congestion at ORIA.

The date for the maintenance flight of the second Max (VP-CIX) is early to be early next month.

CEO Whorms also said: "In addition to the upcoming maintenance flights, we are planning to shortly ferry VP-CIW to a US-based maintenance and storage facility to conduct some required maintenance work and to prepare the aircraft for return to service, which is generally expected to occur later this year."

He added that CAL's second Max aircraft, the new VP-CIX, which has not been in service since its March 2019 delivery, does not require the same level of maintenance at this time.

That aircraft will "remain in the current active storage maintenance program on Grand Cayman." 🌐

Money, knowledge and power needed to save reefs

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) is an informal partnership between countries and organisations which strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world, of which both the United Kingdom and the Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) are members. They recently released a report following a survey of 28 countries and organisations striving to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems, in which they found that money, political will and expertise were all needed to restore the world's coral reefs.

Most ICRI members who responded to the online survey highlighted the need for more research to understand what they needed to do, and to establish a plan of action. Most also said more funding and training was needed, the initiative stated. Almost all ICRI country-members said new reef restoration policy was needed, which should be integrated with existing policy.

Founded in 1994 by eight governments: Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States, the ICRI was first announced at the First Confer-

ence of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity in December 1994, and at the high level segment of the Intersessional Meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development in April 1995. ICRI now counts more than 60 members. Its influence is growing as it continues to highlight globally the importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems to environmental sustainability, food security and social and cultural wellbeing. Its work is also regularly acknowledged by the United Nations.

Reefs under threat

Coral reefs are some of the most beautiful, biologically-diverse and valuable ecosystems on the planet, the ICRI said, and the global economic value of coral reefs from goods and services was estimated to be worth US\$375 billion per year, supporting the livelihoods of at least 500 million people through activities such as fisheries and tourism.

"Healthy coral reef ecosystems can reduce up to 97% of wave energy, acting as barriers to storms and are the first line of defence for millions of people in coastal communities," the ICRI said. "Coral reefs are also



▶ Coral reefs are under threat (Photo credit: Julie Corsetti)

among the most threatened ecosystems on the planet."

But while coral reefs are among the most biologically-diverse and economically valuable ecosystems on the planet, the ICRI explained that they are also among the most threatened.

Underscoring the threat to the world's coral reefs, the ICRI stated that reductions in coral reef health have been recorded in all major tropical oceans since the 1980s, with an average of 30 to 50 per cent reduction in coral cover globally.

"The drivers of these declines include local and regional stressors such as pollution, overfishing and habitat destruction. Global climate change is now recognised as the key driver of coral reef declines, associated with bleaching events, disease outbreaks and ocean acidification," it said.

What can be done?

The ICRI created a Plan of Action 2018-2020 which called for the promotion of leading reef restoration practices by facilitating partnerships, investment and capacity-building among members. To get this idea off the ground, an ICRI committee on reef restoration was last year formed and issued an interim report, which recommended:

Strong action on climate change and other stressors: Coral restoration should not be viewed as a replacement for re-

ducing local, regional and global stressors acting on reefs.

Investment in research and development: Substantial research and development is required to scale up and improve all facets of restoration and adaptation.

Promoting knowledge-sharing and collaboration: There would be great benefit in global cooperation, collaboration and knowledge-sharing to ensure efficient use of resources.

Developing best practice guidelines: Science-based guidance for restoration practitioners is critically needed, and the UNEP and collaborating organisations have committed to facilitating the production of guidelines.

Developing policy and plans: New or refined policy and plans relevant to restoration and adaptation are needed.

Promote 'blue restoration': The UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration represents an opportunity to promote 'blue restoration' including restoring coral reefs. Further, the goal of large-scale restoration, to sequester carbon and reduce anthropogenic climate change, could help mitigate the main threat to coral reefs. 🌐

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► Cellist Margarita Balanas (Photo credit: Albert Cabudoy)



► Violinist Kristine Balanas (Photo credit: Albert Cabudoy)

Eclectic musical mix at Cayman Arts Festival

By Lindsey Turnbull

The Cayman Arts Festival never fails to deliver exciting talent to the Cayman Islands throughout the year and the main festival for 2020 was no exception, with jazz, classical and even Big Brass on the musical menu during the fortnight-long celebration of music.

Marius Gaina, the Executive Director of Cayman Arts Festival, said that both headlining events in the first week were sold out.

"People love it!" he stated. "We try to find emerging artists who we can afford to bring to the event and the artistic directors thought the first event, the Kristine and Margarita Balanas cello and violin recital, might be a group to experience. The sisters, who are from Latvia, said they loved it here and they stayed a few more days. The audience loved them and wanted more."

Marius said the violin and cello recital was opened by the Cayman Arts Festival's youngest cellists who learn to play this instrument throughout the year.

"We have more than 30 new cellists on the programme," Marius explained. "They performed Ode to Joy. It was their first performance for the public since they began playing together last September and they were really well received. It was great to see them all smartly dressed for the occasion, with some of the cellos bigger than them. The cellists are all aged between eight and 10 years of

age and one of the sponsors of the programme played with them, which was a nice touch."

Marius went on to say that the event they held on the following Saturday with the Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass was also sold out and went extraordinarily well, receiving a fantastic response from the audience.

"For me I thought it was a bit too loud initially, but it was perfect!" he said. "The sponsors were happy and the attendees were happy. The band will come back as we've already spoken with them. It's still in the planning stage, but they plan to come back with something new next year."

The following week saw Cayman's own brilliant pianist and also the Cayman Arts Festival's Artistic Director, Glen Inanga, performing classical music on the piano along with Cuban musicians Antonio Alvarez Sanchez on cello and Yoan Tamayo Garcia on violin. The music they performed was composed by Cuban composers. The Cayman Arts Festival's afterschool programme showcased their talents at the Jubilate concert taking place the following day and Croatian leading voice Lana Janjanin and founder of the Lana Janjanin Trio took to the stage on the final Saturday.

"Lana is from Croatia and the other members of the trio are from Slovenia and Austria, so this is a different type of jazz as it's coming with European influences," Marius said. "If we talk about jazz, it's gener-



► The Rodney Marsalis Big Brass band (Photo credit: Albert Cabudoy)

ally the style that comes from America. This time it's coming from Europe. At the opening our youngest jazz singers performed and as a surprise, the artists came back on stage to

perform with the youngsters at the end."

Marius said he was really pleased with the level of interest in this year's Cayman Arts Festival.

"I think it's another successful festival," he confirmed. "We have already got plans for 2021 as we already know who is coming. We just need to get the contracts signed." 🌐



► Cayman Arts Festival Executive Director Marius Gaina and Artistic Director Glen Inanga



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Rest in Peace with the Angels, our Precious Deanna. We LOVE you and Miss you so very much always. With caring thoughts and thankfulness for an Inspiring Legacy. Sadly missed by your Loving & Devoted Sisters – Chasteen & Aline; Brother – James; Children – Marilyn, Darcy, Craig, Perri, & Shane; Grandchildren & Great-Granddaughter; Sisters-in-Law & Brothers-in-Law; Nieces & Nephews, Special Cousins in Grand Cayman & the USA; Daughters-in-Law - Darling, Lisa & Cherrise; many Close & Special Friends; Caregiver – Janice; & her Church family at the Church of God (Universal).

Missing you always, Nana. Love Forever & Ever. Hugs & kisses, Travis, Nikita, Jace, Chris & Jaithan. XOXOXOXOX

REST IN PEACE, Nana.

THE NATIONAL TRUST'S STATEMENT ON THE CRUISE PORT REFERENDUM JUDICIAL REVIEW



The National Trust for the Cayman Islands welcomes Mr Justice Owen's ruling that the Referendum Law is incompatible with the constitution, and would like to take this opportunity to thank CPR and Shirley Roulstone for their principled campaign. We await the Judge's further ruling as to whether the law should be quashed, but we welcome the Cayman Islands Government's confirmation that there will be a general referendum law setting out clear and fair rules for referendums. We invite the Cayman Islands Government to engage with all stakeholders - including CPR

and the National Trust- when framing the general referendum law so that it is seen to be fit for purpose.

The National Trust also welcomes the Cayman Islands Government's acknowledgement that it is under a duty to have regard to environmental concerns when taking any decisions relating to the cruise port development. This commitment is in keeping with the Constitution Order 2009 which states the Cayman Islands "will be a country that respects, protects and defends its environment and natural resources as the basis of its existence" and "a Country that manages growth and maintains prosperity while protecting its social and natural environment." The National Trust looks forward to reviewing the updated Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) when published by Government and engaging in consultation on it. It is important that all essential environmental assessments are conducted and published, thus pro-

viding reliable information to the public in respect of the impact that this project will have on our endangered coral reefs, unique marine environment, and historical shipwrecks. We also ask the Cayman Islands Government to refrain from publishing further contentious "information" on the "Save our Tourism" website.

The National Trust notes with regret the Cayman Islands' Government's stated intention to appeal today's ruling. We also note that any appeal will inevitably proceed to the Privy Council, with resulting cost and delay which are not in the interests of any party, or the Cayman Islands.

The National Trust shares the dismay of all Caymanians that the debate around the cruise port development has been divisive and contentious. The National Trust hopes that all parties can now move forward in a more positive and co-operative way. To that end, we



would invite His Excellency the Governor to convene a public, independently chaired enquiry to examine all of the economic, environmental and social issues which the proposal raises.

The National Trust has been safeguarding the Cayman Islands' environment and places of historical significance for over 32 years for present and future generations of the Cayman Islands. We remain dedicated to protecting our precious and endangered coral reefs, fragile natural environment, our treasured heritage and preserving all that makes the Cayman Islands unique. 🌐

CAYMAN REGIMENT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

A brother and sister duo is part of a five-strong Caymanian contingent who started their basic training with the Royal Bermuda Regiment at the weekend.

Theodore and Shandice Kelly, who will help form the nucleus of the officer corps in the new military force, were among the six candidates picked from a field of 70 who joined more than 30 Bermudian volunteers.

Officer Cadet Kelly, 29, from Bodden Town, a property manager and assistant boxing coach, said: "I was actually relieved we were both picked because we're quite close."

The former Master Sergeant in the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps said he had considered a career as a British Army officer a decade ago, but his career took another turn.

He said: "People say second chances don't come, but I signed up for it and just did my best. It wasn't a competition as such."

His sister, 27, who also served in the Cadet Corps, added she was encouraged

to apply for the new regiment by her former Commanding Officer and jumped at the chance.

She said: "I hadn't been to Bermuda and it will put my cadet skills to good use."

The administrative assistant in civilian life added she was not nervous at the prospect of two weeks of tough training in the 55-year-old RBR, although she had some concerns about the formidable climbing wall at the Warwick Camp assault course.

She explained: "I'm not scared of heights - but I am scared of falling."

The five, along with O/Cdt Selena Sookoosingh, who will join a larger group for training in Bermuda later in the year, are all expected to go on the prestigious British Army officer training college, Sandhurst, to gain their commissions.

Fellow Officer Cadets Halston Farley and Gabe Rabess said they were happy to be in Bermuda as the camp began on Sunday.

O/Cdt Farley, 35, also from Bodden Town, said: "I'm looking forward to seeing how things are done here because we have to go back and start our regiment up."

The primary school teacher, who has some previous military experience in Barbados and was Regimental Sergeant Major in the Cadet Corps, added he would welcome the "adventurous activities



and re-familiarisation with the weapons system" in his time in Bermuda.

Gabe Rabess, 48, from George Town, said he was a police officer in the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and an ex-firefighter in London so his previous training had prepared him for the rigours of military life.

O/Cdt Rabess added: "I'm not really nervous. I'm looking forward to the weapons handling and map reading because I haven't done that for a while."

He added: "Bermuda is lovely. It's a beautiful place - clean, although it's a bit cold for us."

O/Cdt Jonassi Swaby, 26, also once a Cayman Cadet Force junior soldier, said: "This is a passion I've had and I really enjoyed the adventure and training we took part in."

"I'm happy to be in Bermuda - I love it, except for the cold. I aim to get refreshed

on my drill, become a better leader and build my confidence with my peers."

He added: "This will get us back in shape and prepare us physically and mentally for Sandhurst."

RBR Corporal Dijon Arruda, a part-time soldier who works in purchasing at the Hamilton Princess Hotel in Bermuda's capital, Hamilton, will help train the new intake of soldiers.

He said it was "a privilege" to get the opportunity to help train the Cayman contingent.

Cpl Arruda added: "At the same time, it shows what the RBR can produce, not only for our own, but from others looking for that kind of training."

"All going well, and it should, there will be other Overseas Territories looking to start a regiment and I would be happy to be a part of that package." 🌐



Opposition calls on Government to reconsider the cruise berthing project

Leader of the Opposition Hon. V. Arden McLean called on the Government to now consider abandoning the Cruise

Berthing project and to get on with other initiatives which are needed in the country. Citing the widespread oppo-

sition to the proposed project, the potential for destroying our natural resources and the Government's failure to justify their business case for the piers, Mr. McLean questioned the Governments motivation for even taking the process to this point.

Mr. McLean stated that, "It is time the Government abandon this mission to nowhere. The people have spoken and now the courts have found the Governments attempts to manipulate the referendum process unconstitutional. This is serious and the Government needs to reflect on what message they are sending to the people they claim to represent."

Mr. McLean remained confident that any attempt to go to the polls in the face of all that has occurred will result in a resounding defeat for the Unity Government, "The people have had enough of this Governments management style. We cannot get resolution on the ongoing beach access issues, we cannot get the Government to listen to the people regarding Smith Barcadere, the Government still has not properly addressed the traffic woes plaguing the country,



► Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Arden McLean, JP

yesterday's ECOFIN listing of the Cayman Islands as a non-cooperative jurisdiction now requires immediate action and there are many other high priority concerns we need to address." 🌐



Invitation for Applications for the Operation of a Restaurant and Bar at Pedro St. James

The Tourism Attraction Board (TAB) invites interested entrepreneurs to tender proposals detailing the operation of a restaurant and bar at Pedro St. James in Savannah, one of the fastest growing residential areas in Grand Cayman. The concept for the restaurant and bar should include plans to provide dining and beverage services. The current enclosed dining area is approximately 1000 sq. ft. with 600 sq. ft. kitchen/service area.

Tender proposal must include:

- Culinary concept
- Restaurant design, using current dining facility or expansion
- Staffing and maintenance requirements
- Financial structure, including proposed lease payments and profit sharing-plan
- Identification of private funding sources and amount of anticipated capital investment
- Marketing strategy
- Implementation timetable
- Plans to integrate with Pedro St. James public mission of providing an authentic Caymanian experience

Deadline for submission is Friday, 6th March 2020, before 5pm.

Applications should be returned in a sealed envelope to:
Tourism Attraction Board, Pedro Castle Road
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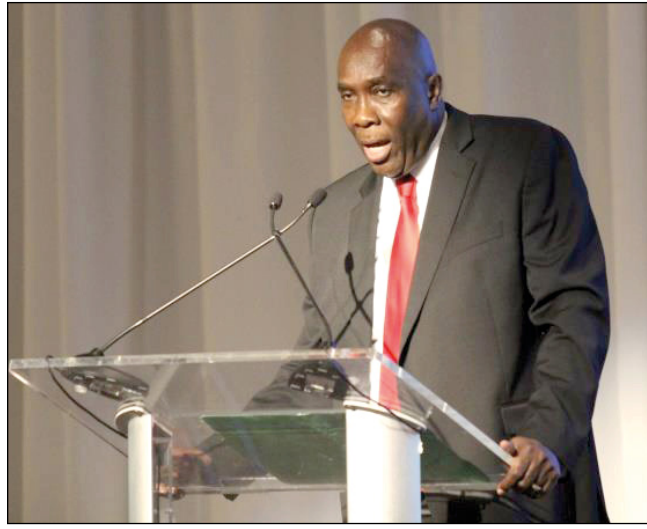
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Cayman's Business Community Hears about AML Risk Assessments

The business community in the Cayman Islands recently learned more about local risk factors for anti-money laundering, countering of terrorist financing and the countering of proliferation financing (AML/CTF/CPF), with the intention that they use the risk assessments to further strengthen and refine their AML/CTF policies and controls.

Government officials addressed more than 200 persons at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman on Friday, 14 February. The event was organised by the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group (AMLSG), with assistance from the Ministry of Financial Services. The Hon. Tara Rivers, the Minister of Financial Services, was in attendance along with the Ministry's Chief Officer, Dr Dax Basdeo.

The event was opened by the Attorney General, the Hon. Samuel Bulgin, QC, who said the assessments will help the



► Attorney General, the Hon. Samuel Bulgin, provided opening remarks



► Over 200 hundred members of Cayman's business community were in attendance

private sector to understand Cayman's risks, in order to implement mitigating measures to reduce them.

Head of the Anti-Money Laundering Unit (AMLU), Francis Arana, laid the base for the current risk assessments by providing background from Cayman's overall National Risk Assessment, published in 2017. Presentations on the current specific risk assessments followed, as National Coordinator with the AMLSG, Elisabeth Lees, spoke about Cayman's terrorism financing risk assessment; and General Registry's Head of Compliance Paul Inniss talked about non-profit organisations.

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority's Head of Investments Supervision Division, Heather Smith, presented on Cayman's new registered persons regime; and the AMLSG Deputy National Coordinator, Justine Plenkiewicz, spoke about the Special Economic Zone.

However, in addition to the risk assessments, the Financial Reporting Authority's Sanctions Coordinator, Kim France, talked about identifying transactions that facilitate the financing of proliferation (also known as weapons of mass destruction). The AMLU's Senior Legal and Policy Analyst Duwayne Lawrence then provided an overview of recent amendments to the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations relating to country risk assessments.

The event was part of the work Government is undertaking to strengthen Cayman's regime, and to meet the recommendations made in the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force's March 2019 report on Cayman's jurisdictional effectiveness implementing AML/CTF/CPF international standards.



► Government experts answered questions, from left: Justine Plenkiewicz, Elisabeth Lees, Kim France, Francis Arana, Duwayne Lawrence, Heather Smith, and Paul Inniss

Cayman Islands Completes National Assessment of Terrorism Financing Risk



The Cayman Islands has achieved another milestone in improving its understanding of how the jurisdiction can be misused for possible illicit purposes.

In response to recommendations made by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) in the Mutual Evaluation Report of the Cayman Islands, published in March 2019, the Cayman Islands undertook and completed a National Assessment on Terrorism Financing Risk.

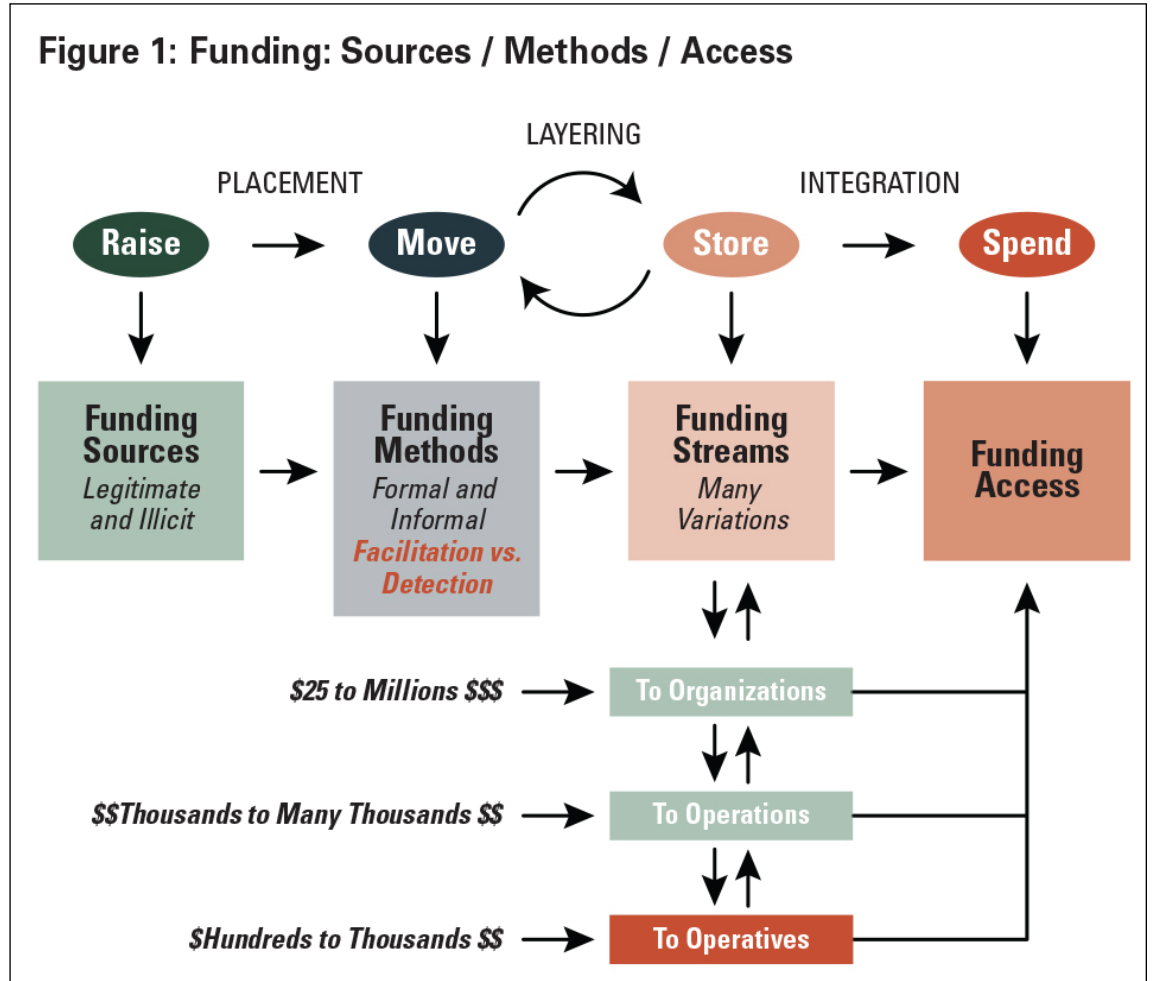
When geography and demographics are taken into consideration, the risk of funds for terrorist financing purposes being collected or used in the jurisdiction was judged to be low. At the same time, given the size and prominence of the Cayman Islands' financial sector, the likelihood of funds connected to terrorist purposes moving through the juris-

isdiction was found to be a mere medium risk.

Indeed, prosecution and intelligence reports from foreign agencies relating to potential movement of funds through the Cayman Islands are limited. Yet, because of the challenges involved in detecting terrorist financing it must be assumed that the jurisdiction, like many others, is potentially vulnerable to misuse for terrorist financing.

The Cayman Islands had previously assessed the risks of terrorist financing in the jurisdiction as low in 2015. Using the new FATF Terrorist Financing Risk Assessment Guidance, the terrorist financing threats and vulnerabilities to the Cayman Islands as an International Financial Centre were again assessed. The slightly revised rating in the 2019 National Risk Assessment of Terrorism Financing, therefore, comes as a result of the new methodology and more precise data on the flows of funds.

This Risk Assessment was prepared by the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group with input from several government agencies that have roles in combatting terrorist financing. These assessments



enable the government agencies to better understand their risks and they can prioritise resources according to the level of risk. It will help the public

and private sector understand the methods that can be used in the Cayman Islands, the threats and vulnerabilities and the risks that these activities

can pose to the security of the Cayman Islands' financial system. It will also help the private sector to better mitigate their terrorism financing risks.

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Cayman Islands Blacklisting Expected to be Temporary

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The news has been picked up by the international media given the status of the British territory as a leading global financial centre.

According to the EU, the inclusion of Cayman on its infamous 'blacklist' of what it terms 'non-cooperative jurisdictions' was that the territory had not implemented 'appropriate measures' within a set deadline to prevent tax abuse.

Chairman and director of Conyers, Christian R. Luthi, and Partner and Head of the Cayman office, Kevin C Butler, assure their clients that while they "will naturally wish to understand the potential implications", there are in fact no targeted or direct sanctions as a consequence of Cayman Islands being blacklisted by the EU.

"Our assessment indicates that the jurisdiction's inclusion on the list has limited potential impacts at this time," the Conyers officials say in the statement.

The EU had previously placed the Cayman Islands on a "grey list" with a time-frame to put measures in place to address the issues of concern.

It would appear that the dispute between the Cayman Islands and the EU revolves mainly around that time-frame to enact specific legislation.

The Conyers statement notes that: "The Cayman Islands Government has stated that the EU's concerns over CIVs were addressed by the passing of The Private Funds Law and The Mutual Funds (Amendment) Law on 31 January 2020, of which the EU was duly notified.



"Both laws were enacted on 7 February 2020. However, the EU's Code of Conduct Group met on 4 February to advise the EU Finance Ministers on preparation of the list. According to the EU, the jurisdiction 'did not deliver on their commitment on time'."

The Cayman Islands Government has stated that it has "already contacted EU officials to begin the process of being re-

moved from the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions as soon as possible, which is understood to be October this year."

Conyers quotes the government as affirming that over the past two years it has cooperated with the EU to deliver on its commitments to enhance good tax governance and has adopted more than 15 legislative changes in line with the EU's criteria.

Premier Alden McLaughlin has said the jurisdiction "remains fully committed to cooperating with the EU, and will continue to constructively engage with them with the view to be de-listed as soon as possible."

In its statement, Conyers say they "will continue to monitor the position closely and will assist you to manage and respond to the situation as necessary."

Premier to promote Cayman in the UK

Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin travels to London today for a series of meetings including an introductory visit with Baroness Sugg, the United Kingdom's new Minister with responsibility for the Overseas Territories and Sustainable

Development in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

He will also meet with HRH the Prince of Wales, UK Ministers and Parliamentarians and senior officials with the City of London Cooperation.

Mr. McLaughlin will also attend a meeting with Sir Edward Lister, Chief of Staff to the UK Prime Minister at 10 Downing Street to discuss on-going matters as well as the recent decision by the European Union to place the Cayman Islands on a blacklist.

"These meetings are important because Cayman continues to stand strong in the world and we need to continue to champion good relations with the UK," said Mr. McLaughlin. "I am also looking forward to meeting Baroness Sugg to ensure we have a close working relationship and continued cooperation with the United Kingdom. Too, I believe it is important that the Cayman Islands and the UK work more closely on trade issues."

The meetings, which were organised by the Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs, are part of the on-going engagement strategy and partnership with the UK Government and the Com-

monwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.

The Premier will be joined in London by Ministry Chief Officer Eric Bush and his Senior Political Adviser Roy Tatum. He will also be accompanied by senior members of the Financial Services Industry including Dan Scott, Alasdair Robertson and Kevin Lloyd.



► Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin

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Antigua appoints new police chief

Acting Commissioner of the Royal Police Force of Antigua and Barbuda, Atlee Patrick Rodney, has been confirmed to the post by the Police Service Commission. Rodney had been acting as Commissioner, for almost two years.

His predecessor Wendel Robinson was terminated after a series of blunders that included improper conduct allegations. Robinson, who was born in St Vincent and the Grenadines, was on suspension since April 2018, when the Police Service Commission in Antigua began an internal investigation into complaints of sexual misconduct by male colleagues under the commissioner's care.

The investigation later led to charges being brought against him and Rodney was acting in the commissioner role ever since.

Rodney's appointment was made effective from Nov. 25 last year. Dominica-born Rodney has 38 years of service in the police force. Rodney is



► Atlee Patrick Rodney is the new Antigua and Barbuda police chief

originally from the northern village of Savanne Paille near Tan Tan.

A statement from the police force said: "The newly appointed commissioner used the opportunity to encourage the men and women under his command to remain committed and united in their efforts to make Antigua and Barbuda a safer nation."

Acting Deputy Commissioner of Police, Albert Wade was also confirmed as Deputy Commissioner of Police. 🌐

Montserrat cruise numbers hits new high

Strong cruise growth has helped the tiny island of Montserrat to reach a significant tourism milestone.

For the first time since the eruption of Montserrat's Soufriere Hills Volcano in 1995, Montserrat welcomed more than 20,000 cruise and stayover visitors last year, according to Montserrat tourism officials.

That number was driven by a 59 percent increase in cruise visits; stayover arrivals grew by two percent in the same period.

"We're thrilled that we've been able to surpass the threshold of 20,000 visitors," said Montserrat Director of Tourism, Warren Solomon. "It tells us that we're on the right track with our marketing initiatives and that if we are able to be consistent in our delivery, we could continue the growth trend."

Montserrat's Tourism Division said it was confident that its product development initiatives, some of which include enhancements to the trail network and beach facilities, service training in the



► Montserrat's cruise visitors are increasing

tourism sector and the construction of a Volcano Interpretive Centre, would stimulate increased activity and spending by visitors to the island.

"We recently launched a new survey tool that will capture both the sentiments of our visitors, as well as more accurate estimates of their expenditure," said Product Development Officer, Rosetta West-Gerald, "This will allow us to better understand both the positive or negative impacts of our product offerings and make adjustments where necessary." 🌐

Kool & the Gang at latest music festival

The Caribbean's newest music event is back again in the summer with the second edition of the Grenada Music Festival and feature superstars including Kool & the Gang, Shabba Ranks and Marcia Griffiths.

"Find your Caribbean rhythm and come to our Grenada Music Festival early June for a one love musical experience with Grenadians and you will have the time of your life," said Patricia Maher, CEO of the Grenada Tourism Authority. "We had a marvellous time last year at the beautifully located Quarantine Park and while you are here, you can explore

and immerse yourself in everything Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique has to offer."

This year's event will be held from June 5-7 in Quarantine Festival Park. It will kick off with a mix of jazz and reggae on June 5; the following day will see Shabba Ranks, Marcia Griffiths and reggae stars Romain Virgo and Cocoa Tea.

The final day of the event will see a fusion of regional and local soca acts, including Nadia Batson and her band, SASS, along with local artists like Lavaman, Lil Natty and Thunda, Dash and Jab King. 🌐



► Kool & the Gang will be at the Grenada Festival

Dominica plane wreck found

Rescue teams have found wreckage of the single engine aircraft that crashed into the sea on leaving Dominica's Douglas Charles Airport last Sunday night, but have so far been unsuccessful in locating the bodies of any of the four people who were on board the ill-fated flight.

Local fishermen, who are assisting in the rescue operations, showed reporters the landing gear of the Piper F-OGKO aircraft that was carrying the unidentified people, including the two pilots, when it plunged into the sea at around 6:43pm local time.

Earlier, the chief executive officer of the Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority, Benoit Bardouille, speaking on the state-owned DBS radio, said a bag and a passport had been found and that the rescue teams had intensified their search in the waters in Marigot.

He said: "Four souls are on that aircraft. What we are doing earnestly is to try to see how we can find the aircraft



► The plane took off from Douglas Charles Airport

and the four souls that were on board. We are hopeful that's of something since the aircraft may not have gone too far away from the airport.

French authorities reported that the aircraft had carried the people to Dominica for a day long visit organised by the Ailes de Guadeloupe club and that the weather conditions were excellent at the time of the incident. 🌐

St Lucia wins awards as romantic place

St Lucia's prominence amongst Caribbean destinations within the romance niche continues to be undisputable, having captured gold honours for 'Best Wedding Destination and Best Honeymoon Destination -Caribbean/Bahamas' at the 2020 Travvy Awards in New York.

Travvy Awards, now in its sixth year, have quickly earned their reputation as one of the travel industry's leaders. The Travvys recognize the top suppliers, destinations, technology providers and attractions, as selected by those who know them best - travel agents.

"It is an honour that brand St Lucia is consistently recognised amongst the best within the travel industry and the vote of confidence from the trade is invaluable," said Senior Sales Manager-



► St Lucia is renowned as a wedding destination

USA, Richard Moss. "This award adds to St Lucia's reputation for bespoke and inspiring experiences." 🌐

CARICOM moves closer to free movement

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) leaders ended their two-day intersessional summit in Bridgetown, Barbados agreeing on several initiatives.

They included holding a conference on crime in Trinidad and Tobago and pushing forward the CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME) that allows for the free movement of people across the 15-member regional grouping.

Host prime minister and CARICOM chair Mia Mottley told the end of summit news conference that the leaders had been able, during their deliberations, to "continue to advance the work of the region to the benefit of Caribbean people."

"This conference will come to be remembered as one in which we laid the footsteps for a number of key decisions," she said, emphasising that many of these decisions "must have relevance to our people".

She said she regards as one of the most significant initiatives benefiting Caribbean people is the work undertaken by Grenada's prime minister regarding roaming charges across the region.

"The conference has agreed that Prime Minister Dr Keith Mitchell's



► Barbados PM Mia Mottley chaired the summit

technical committee will now meet with the telecommunication companies and we will await the final implementation of the regime, as well as the other areas of digital governance for which Prime Minister Mitchell has responsibility."

Mottley said, as a result of the CSME, the regional leaders had discussed several issues, adding, "we are firm of the view that we need to enhance the governance mechanisms."

She said, as a result, St Vincent and the Grenadines Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves has been tasked to pull on the technical working groups whose recommendations may have to be revisited again "because of the need for us to guarantee implementation across all the member states." 🌐

Grenadian fashion designer wows New York

A fashion designer born in Grenada made a huge impression at New York Fashion Week.

Billed as one of the seven designers to watch at this year's New York Fashion Week by 'Elle' magazine, designer Fe Noel brought her new collection to life at New York's Spring Studios Gallery last Wednesday.

Grenadian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Keisha McGuire, celebrity publicist, Yvette Noel-Shure and many other Grenadian dignitaries were there to support Fe Noel.

Ambassador McGuire emphasised "the importance of supporting Grenadians on the rise in the international arena as they help shine a light on the country to promote the tri-island destination of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique and fuel the nation's success."

To a packed house of fans, well-wishers and industry influencers, the collection began with a two-and-a-half-minute video presentation featuring striking images of Grenada's cultural character, Jab Jab, people who walk and dance through the streets wearing a horned headpiece covered in black oil



► Fe Noel is now a world-renowned designer

and a prologue by her Grenadian grandmother outlining the journey of the 'daughter of the soil'.

From sleek and draped nutmeg prints, an ode to Grenada being considered one of the world's top producers of the spice, to elegantly flowing silhouettes in various patterns and shades of red, yellow and green—the colours of Grenada's national flag, the eclectic collection received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Fe Noel (born Felisha Noel) is based in Brooklyn. She entered the industry at 19, opening a boutique for vintage lovers and trendsetters.

Since then her designs have been worn by the likes of Michelle Obama and Beyoncé and this runway show was sponsored by Estée Lauder. 🌐

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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

1			8	3	2			
		3	1	2	9			
2	9					6		
	6					1		
7			3					4
	2						3	
	4						2	9
		2	6	5	8			
8	7	1						5

Difficulty Level ★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	6	8	7	3	1	4	5
1	4	7	6	5	9	3	2	8
8	5	3	1	2	4	9	6	7
6	3	8	5	4	1	7	9	2
5	7	1	2	9	8	4	3	6
2	9	4	7	3	6	8	5	1
4	1	5	3	6	7	2	8	9
3	8	2	9	1	5	6	7	4
7	6	9	4	8	2	5	1	3

Difficulty Level ★

Word Search

A	I	N	A	T	I	R	U	A	M	V	A	A	S	H
A	I	B	M	A	Z	D	W	V	C	O	N	N	D	E
D	H	E	Y	W	D	I	C	A	Y	Y	G	A	T	N
E	A	M	F	G	O	C	M	O	N	C	O	W	B	C
G	C	H	G	H	W	H	S	B	N	D	L	S	A	U
Y	O	P	C	A	B	F	T	U	A	G	A	T	I	F
P	C	I	U	N	R	H	D	O	Y	B	O	O	N	B
T	C	W	L	A	G	E	N	S	V	W	B	A	W	
N	O	A	B	U	R	U	N	D	I	E	E	E	Z	T
F	R	L	A	D	N	A	G	U	D	N	L	N	N	U
T	O	A	C	P	M	E	T	H	I	O	P	I	A	N
O	M	M	S	U	D	A	N	N	O	B	A	G	T	I
R	I	S	V	T	A	I	R	E	G	L	A	P	C	S
S	O	M	A	L	I	A	N	I	G	E	R	I	A	I
O	G	O	T	Y	A	I	R	E	B	I	L	T	F	A

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

- Algeria
- Angola
- Benin
- Botswana
- Burundi
- Chad
- Congo
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Tunisia
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

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with
**CAYMANIAN
TIMES**

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

OH! OF ALL THE DIRTY TRICKS!!

A SURPRISE QUIZ! OL' LADY NELSON IS A RATTLESNAKE!!

I KNOW I FAILED IT! I JUST **KNOW** IT!! I WASN'T PREPARED AT ALL! MY FOLKS ARE GONNA FREAK WHEN THEY FIND OUT!

YOU HAVE THE CUTEST PUPPY-DOG BROWN EYES.

GET AWAY, YOU CRAZY GIRL YOU!!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

WHAT TIME'S YOUR HUSBAND GET HOME?

HIS SCHEDULE'S A BIT...ERRATIC!

SO, YOU GOT ANY IDEA HOW TO FIND SPIDER-MAN AND THAT PURPLE DUDE—

—BEFORE HE LANDS THE WEB-MAN ON THE "MOST WANTED" LIST?

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE!

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

IN HER MEMOIR, TONI MENTIONS THAT YOUR HUSBAND—A FORMER JUDGE—HELPED A KNOWN ARMS DEALER FAKE HIS OWN DEATH. IS...IS THAT TRUE?

I...

THIS IS GOING TO RAISE A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

AND A LOT OF INTEREST IN THE BOOK.

AND PUT A LOT OF HEAT ON YOUR FAMILY.

I...I CAN'T HAVE THIS CONVERSATION RIGHT NOW, BRIAN.



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