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SOLD OUT CROWD at KAABOO

By Lindsey Turnbull

The much-anticipated KAA-BOO festival finally took place last weekend and what a weekend it was, a pulsating mix of music, comedy, food and art that had a large percentage of the Cayman population on its feet dancing all weekend long. It was such a success that festival organisers are already talking about KAABOO 2020. Approximately 10,000 people attended on Friday and the same again on Saturday, making KAABOO one of the largest festivals of its kind to take place in the Caribbean.

On Friday festival-goers were treated to a wide variety of music from all different genres that pleased the old and the young. For country music lovers, there was Margo Price and Maren Morris belting out some favourites,

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Flashback 2015: 48th Agriculture show

By Christopher Tobutt

Thousands of people came to the 48th Annual Agriculture Show. Early risers beat the long lines of traffic by getting there early – and picking up the cream of the crop too! But, like most years, there was plenty for everyone, even the latecomers, and something interesting for all ages.

Of course, young children always like to see the animals, and there were cows, goats, pigs, and wonderful, fancy chickens with feathery feet. Some of the bigger animals were a bit scary for the very little children, but the goats are always a child-friendly attraction, of course, because little kids always love little kids.

Those who were looking for produce weren't disappointed either: there were plenty of healthy, good, low-tech locally grown tomatoes, lettuces, cassava, red hot, bright yellow scotch bonnet peppers, and don't forget those luscious papayas.

The Agriculture show always shows us what an important place agriculture still has in our economy. And why not? It wasn't so long ago that people here depended on produce from what they called their 'grounds' to help them stay healthy, when there was so little employment and times were tough. And although times are not as bad as they were then, sometimes we feel might feel we need all the help we can get. So if you have a little land, no matter how small, you can make a big difference by growing some of what you need. Raised beds, made with strips of wood forming a rec-



▶ Two amazing ladies from Sparkies' Amazing Farm

tangle and filled with good soil are great for growing all kinds of produce that are expensive in the stores: tomatoes and peppers for instance; and what about some lovely garden fresh herbs, such as basil or oregano or mint?

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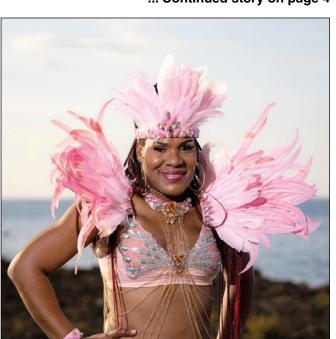
Cancer survivor shows there's life after the disease

By Lindsey Turnbull

Having undergone a double mastectomy due to breast cancer at the young age of 32 and survived serious side effects of the disease and its treatment (some of which remain with her today), Tricia Bell is about to walk the CayMAS parade in May in full costume, a leading light for women (and men) who have triumphed over this terrible

It was October 2013 when Tricia was diagnosed with stage two breast cancer which required a double mastectomy later that year. A series of intensive chemotherapy and radiotherapy treatments followed that seriously took their toll on Tricia's health, to the point where her heart now only functions at 40 per cent. But this determined lady is not allowing herself to be beaten by cancer and, at one year in remission, she is about to brave the intense, fast pace of the CayMAS parade, which takes place over

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► Tricia Bell

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EDITORIAL Food Security

The 52nd Annual Agricultural Show is scheduled for Wednesday March 6th, 2019 and promises to be the biggest one-day family fun day on the island. Today we have published our article from 2015 covering the 48th Agricultural show.

The fabulous displays at this agriculture show will not only leave many persons staring in awe, but will also stimulate the thought patterns of potential farmers.

With the cost of food supplies increasing on a regular basis individuals are seriously considering cultivating their own food supplies in their back yard gardens. This tradition has existed for many years but may have been neglected as the Cayman Islands prospered with its Banking Industry.

The freshness of these local products and the ability to grow them easily is reason enough for homeowners to start thinking about securing food supplies and also affordable price levels that must be contained.

The construction and operation of the farmers market in Georgetown is another indication that the Government supports the cultivation of local produce and we encourage readers to do the same. Buying local produce if you are not able to create your own backyard garden will increase the demand and encourage the supermarkets to purchase from local farmers thereby stimulating the local economy.

Food security is everybody's business and whether you are a consumer or farmer this task is surely yours. 🏵





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COMMUNITY NOTICES

DoE warns against wildlife mistreatment

The Department of Environment (DoE) has received a number of reports within the past month regarding various instances where local marine life has been mishandled by divers or swimmers.

These incidents include reports of a diver grabbing a sea turtle by its carapace, Stingray Sandbar visitors lifting rays out of the water and Starfish Point visitors lifting starfish out of the water for significant periods of time. All of these activities have the potential to harm the creatures. The DoE also wishes to note that any interactions with marine life happening outside of a designated Wildlife Interaction Zone (WIZ), as defined under the National Conservation Law (NCL), are not permit-

"Elasmobranchs (such as stingrays), echinoderms (such as starfish) and sea turtles are resilient creatures, but they can still

be severely injured by mishandling," said DoE Deputy Director Tim Austin. "Wildlife Interaction Zones (WIZs) were developed under the NCL specifically to permit individuals to safely interact with wildlife in our wonderful marine environment, not abuse it."

"Safety has always been one of the primary concerns for our marine environment, safety for our residents and visitors, as well as for our precious marine animals," Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister for Environment said. "We must treat these animals with care and respect if we want them to stay around."

Under the NCL, local water sports and dive shop operators who take tours to the two WIZs at the Sandbar or Stingray



Department of Environment (DoE) staffers Lauren Dombowsky (left) and Jerrica Wood demonstrate proper stingray handling procedures (Photo by Claire Fletcher (DoE))

City, must obtain an annual permit and display decals with the relevant year on both sides of their vessel. Without this permit, tour operators can be denied access to these WIZ areas.

For additional information about WIZ locations and permit requirements, please contact the DoE offices via phone at 949-8469, email Doe@gov. ky or email DoE Research Officer Bradley Johnson at bradley.johnson@gov.ky. For more information regarding marine life interactions and best practices, go to our website at www.doe.ky or contact DoE Public Education and Outreach Officer Brent Fuller via phone at 244-5984/922-5514 or email brent.fuller@ gov.ky. 😚

Celebrate Cayman District Display concludes in West Bay

Display has made its way to West Bay.

The display opens for public viewing at the Church of God Chapel, West Bay (on Town Hall Road) on Wednesday 20 February and continues until Saturday 23 February. Opening times are 6 p.m. -8 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, and 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday.

This is the final stop for the display, which began its journey across the Cayman Islands in September of last year. The display has visited every district in

Celebrate Cayman's Travelling District Grand Cayman as well as Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

> The mini display was curated by the Cayman Islands National Museum and features artefacts that share the story of the Coat of Arms. The expanded Coat of Arms exhibition which brings our first national symbol to life in a whole new way is open at the Cayman Islands National Museum through May 2019.

> To learn more about the Celebrate Cayman District Display you can visit www.celebratecayman.ky 😚

Section 80 Regime Offers Reduced Fees for Charities

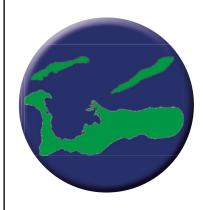
Government has passed an amendment that reduces the administrative burden on charitable entities that operate as Section 80 companies.

On Friday, 1 March 2019 The Companies (Amendment) Law, 2018, will take effect. The amendment, passed in the Legislative Assembly last November, will reduce the application fee from CI\$1,000 to \$300 for an entity applying to be a Section 80 company, while also lowering the fee for administrative changes to such entities from \$500 to \$25. In addition, the application process has been streamlined to allow General

Registry to handle filings instead of Cab-

Under the Companies Law (2018 Revision), a Section 80 company generally refers to a company established as a charitable organisation that carries out benevolent works to benefit society.

'Government has listened to the public's comments about Section 80 companies registering as charities in the Cayman Islands, and we have made steps to reduce the cost and turn-around time for processing such applications', said the Minister of Financial Services, the Hon. Tara Rivers. 🏵



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WORC Customer Care Staff Training

Staff of the newly formed Workforce Opportunities Residency Cayman (WORC) Department received customer care training in January as part of the department's effort to establish a customer centric culture.

"Early in the conceptual stages of WORC, we surveyed staff, seeking their vision of what the new WORC culture should look like. Overwhelmingly, the response was that WORC should be a customer service centric organization," says WORC Director, Sharon Roulstone.

"We are building our processes with our customers, internally and externally, at the heart of the services we will deliver at WORC. Our Customer Care staff training is a first step, a small cultural change we can achieve now ahead of the bigger customer care changes to come as WORC continues to emerge," she adds.

The training was first piloted in late 2018 with a group of about 20 staff from various levels of management and was so well received that in early January it



▶ WORC will provide continued training over the next few months.

was rolled out to 72 other staff members.

The training was conducted twice weekly by the department's Custom-

er Care Management Team. It was developed internally from existing customer service training materials, including the Customer Service prin-

> ciples of the Deputy Governor's 5 Year Strategic Plan for a World Class Civil Service, fundamentals from the Department of Tourism's PRIDE programme, as well as international best practices.

> "Customer care is the 'lifeblood' of every service organisation and with WORC being a customer centric department, it was imperative that our staff be trained in customer care to prepare us for a new culture," comments Head of Customer Care and training facilitator, Renda Cornwall.

Some of the topics covered during the sessions were: customer care principles, customer interactions and WORC's Customer Service Charter, which outlines the standards by which we will deliver customer care to our customers.

Participants took part in role play activities where they broke into small groups to review case studies and reenacted them in front of their peers for feedback and evaluations giving participants the tools and confidence needed to address any future customer service situations. Participants also completed a personal self-assessment to help evaluate their current customer care skills.

"The training was a great reminder of the responsibility we have to deliver quality service to our customers, and it provided useful strategies for us as staff members to deliver on that commitment," comments Senior Processing Officer, and participant, Krista Wood.

WORC will provide continued training over the next few months, focused on topics such as compliance, business etiquette and communications.



▶ WORC leaders hold Customer Care training sessions with staff members.

Chapmans Attorney Named Lee A. Freeman Recipient

Specialist family attorney, Hayley McCall is the Family Resource Centre's (FRC) 2018 Lee A. Freeman recipient. The award, for "selfless acts of time and dedication to the Legal Befrienders' Programme," is named after one of the service's staunchest volunteers and has been presented annually since 2011.

A Legal Befrienders' volunteer with the service since shortly after arriving on Grand Cayman in 2016, Ms McCall was presented with the accolade on Wednesday, 8 February 2019.

"I feel honoured to receive such an award," she said, following a small ceremony at the FRC's new third floor offices in Walker's House on Mary Street. "As was once famously said, we make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give. Legal Befrienders provides an incredible service to the community and I am delighted to be able to help those in need."

"I think that it's incredibly important for everyone to dedicate some of their time to volunteering, and I have always made sure to consistently volunteer in some capacity throughout my working career," the Chapmans attorney says.

Minister for Health Hon Dwayne Seymour said: "I want to congratulate Ms McCall for this recognition; it also highlights the importance of community involvement in the Family Resource Centre."



▶ Legal Befrienders volunteers with Family Resource Centre staff. (L-r): Yaroslav Pshenitsyn, Dispute Resolution (Appleby); Hayley McCall Lee A. Freeman recipient 2018, Family Law (Chapmans); Pramod Joshi Lee A. Freeman recipient 2017 (Bradys), Peter McMaster QC (Appleby Partner), FRC's Programme Coordinator Charmaine Miller, Benjamin Woolf (Appleby), Legal Befrienders' Coordinator Jessica Smith (LB coordinator) and Family Resource Centre Programmes Coordinator Charmaine Miller-Brown and Legal Befrienders' Coordinator Jessica Smith.

FRC Programme Coordinator Charmaine Miller-Brown mentions that the award is a tangible token of her agen-

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▶ L-R: Family Resource Centre Programme Coordinator Charmaine Miller-Brown, Lee A. Freeman 2018 awardee Hayley McCall and Legal Befrienders' Coordinator Jessica Smith

cy's gratitude for the important work the volunteers provide. "We appreciate that many of our volunteers like Hayley, work extremely long hours and have complex and demanding jobs. That is why it is so important for us to acknowledge the continuing dedication of those who commit wholeheartedly to the Legal Befrienders' programme."

Ms McCall's work at Legal Befrienders mainly involves giving free advice on family law matters including contact, residence, child maintenance, relocation, domestic violence and general civil litigation.

The Scottish lawyer relishes her probono work, which often yields positive outcomes, like when she recently advised a domestic violence survivor. "After making my client aware of all of the options available to her to seek protection from her ex-partner, and make applications for financial support for her and her children, she left with the biggest smile on her face and looked like she could take on the world," she says.

Legal Befrienders currently has 10 attorney-volunteers and is keen to attract more. Ms McCall says the service

welcomes lawyers regardless of their specialisms, as people using the programme come with a range of issues.

"With growing numbers of people accessing the service, there's an ever-increasing need, which calls for more lawyers volunteering their time for this much-needed service," she adds.

FRC's Legal Befrienders staff, Jessica Smith, says that there are no set number of hours volunteers must work, and that even offering a couple of hours a month would make a big difference. "We have been fortunate to have a committed set of volunteers who consistently offer their time to provide legal advice. However, it would be far more beneficial to increase our number of volunteers providing the service weekly to ensure we are meeting the needs of our clients," she says.

The Legal Befrienders' service provides free legal advice to individuals with various legal concerns. The service's walk-in clinic is open Tuesdays from 5-6.30 p.m. and its phone line (945-8869) is open Tuesdays from 5-7 p.m. For more information about FRC's events and programmes, call 949-0006.

Cancer survivor shows there's life after the disease

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the weekend of the 17th to 20th May of this year. Not only is she going to walk the parade, which starts at Paradise in George Town, all the way up to Public Beach on the West Bay Road, she will be doing it in full CayMAS splendour in a beautiful costume that has been custom-made for her.

Brother-in-law Brent McLean is one of the founding members of the Cay-MAS festival, a lively celebration of all things Caymanian that encompasses not only the hugely popular parade, but also the Soca Monarch competition and an inter-school steel pan competition. This year he is the festival's director and during the early preparations for the event he decided he wanted to give back some of the proceeds of the event to the community. The CayMAS board oversee the design of all the amazing costumes people can purchase especially for the event, and each board member has their own masquerade group. Brent's group is entitled Kalabbra.

"One of the models for our Kalabbra CayMAS costumes, Megan Elizabeth, came up with the idea of donating proceeds from the sale of costumes to the Breast Cancer Foundation. I thought this was a great idea and we jumped on board straight away," Brent advised.

Brent approached Janette Fitzgerald, Chief Administrator with the Breast Cancer Foundation, and she was very keen to be a recipient of the proceeds. He then contacted his Canadian costume designer, Latoya Als, who came up with the brilliant pink costume (pink being the colour associated with breast cancer awareness).

A brave step

The next step was to find a model to wear the costume at the launch of the festival, which took place last Saturday at the Havana Club. Brent said he thought it would be fantastic to ask a breast cancer survivor if she would do the honours.

"Tricia is my wife's sister so I thought I would approach her and luckily she said yes she would do it," he said. "I'm am aware of everything that Tricia has been through and I know that even to put on the costume was a major step for her."

Tricia said that while she was very nervous at the prospect, modelling the costume was a fantastic and rewarding experience.

"I just had to do it for the cause," she confirmed. "Body image is one of the biggest issues we face as breast cancer survivors, but the designer came up with a fantastic costume that survivors can wear, with either a bra or bralette and a pocket for a prosthetic breast if need be as well. The response at the launch and via social media has been incredible. When I stepped out in the costume the crowd went wild!"

Committed to walking the parade at the event itself, Tricia is encouraging more survivors to purchase a costume and walk with her, a brave and defiant step to show that breast cancer can be

"We are taking the health of our breast cancer survivors very seriously on the day, so we will need to employ a bus to ensure that they have transportation should the heat be too much for them," Brent confirmed. "In addition, there are considerations such as providing sufficient water, shade, hats etc. At the moment we are pledging to donate \$50 per costume sold to the Breast Cancer Foundation, but if we could find some amazing sponsors to cover these costs, we would love to be in a position to donate more than 50 per cent of the proceeds from the costumes to the Breast Cancer Foundation. But we can only do that if we get some wonderful sponsors on board."

Janette confirmed that any monies donated would be wisely used.

"We have new premises at Grand Harbour and have started to create a great



► Tricia Bell models her CayMAS costume

line of bras and prosthetics for women who have had breast cancer. We would love to extend this to include swimming costumes and prosthetics designed to be used when swimming," she advised. "Swimming is a fantastic exercise that women should be able to enjoy, even if they have had breast cancer. We want to show women that life goes on after cancer and Tricia is a wonderful example of this."

If you would like to be a sponsor for this great cause contact Brent McLean on 926 4040 or email him at kalabbra@

Also, don't miss The Breast Cancer Foundation's Light Up the Night Beach walk, taking place on Saturday, 2nd March from Royal Palms to The Ritz-Carlton and back, all in aid of this great charity. 🏈

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS LAUNCHES GROUP MENTORING PROGRAMME 'GO GIRLS!' AT JOHN GRAY HIGH SCHOOL





Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of the Cayman Islands, in partnership with John Gray High School (JGHS), has launched a new group mentoring programme for young females: 'Go Girls!'.

Go Girls! is a group mentoring program for girls ages 11-13 that focuses on physical activity, balanced eating and self-esteem. The program will help young women build a positive self-image - setting them on a path to reach their full potential in life.

"We are very excited to be partnering with JGHS for this new initiative. Life for all young people is becoming more and more complex" said Jacqueline Schofield, BBBS Programme Director. "BBBS is continually looking for ways to help the youth of Cayman cope with these increasing pressures and become more resilient when faced with the challenges of growing up in today's society" she added.

Social pressures for girls to be perfect are at an all- time high. Young women face difficult statistics, including the fact that girls' self-esteem typically peaks at the age of nine and only 14% of girls in year 10 say they are self-confident*. Go Girls! helps young women overcome these pressures by building the necessary confidence and self-awareness to thrive in a media and technology-driven

Go Girls! strives to help young females:

- Learn the tools and information they need to lead and maintain a healthy
- Enhance their competence, confidence and self-esteem regarding active living and healthy eating
- Build their leadership and life skills The program is being piloted at JGHS, with the hopes of roll out to other schools in the near future. The program consists of 7 mentoring sessions,

held over a 7 week period, after school

hours within school facilities. Each 1.5

hour-long session is loosely structured



around four themes: physical activity.

staff at IGHS we are going to make a big

becoming a mentor visit the Big Brothers Big Sisters website www.bbbs.ky or contact them via email info@bbbs.ky or



JOHN GRAY

HIGH SCHOOL

George Town's U11 Boys score first win of the season

Focus resumed on the Boys and Girls Under 11 age-groups as the Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) youth leagues continued this past Saturday, February 16 with a full schedule of games at the Annex Field.

After opening the season with two losses in the Boys Under 11 league, George Town SC I secured their first win in Group A with a 1-0 victory over Sunset Makos. It was a very competitive game as both defences showed their strength in neutralising their opponents' attackers. With the attacks limited, both goal keepers enjoyed a relatively non-eventful day but when called upon, they showed their worth between

the posts. The winning goal was an opportunistic effort from an unlikely source as George Town's central defender K'Jannie Watler was first to pounce on a loose ball from a corner. Young Mr. Watler made sure his one chance in the opposition's penalty area was not wasted as he blasted in the game's only goal during the first half of play.

In other Group A play, 345 FC I won the day's '345 FC derby' as they slipped by their compatriots 345 FC II 3-0 thanks to Christo Durrant's two goals and a solitary strike from Danny Lyne.

Academy SC Wanderers downed Cayman Brac 3-1 as Joshua Bryce, Calum Whiteside and Oliver Cooke made it a not so 'welcome' occasion for the boys and girls from across the water. The Brac's Jairon McCoy got his name on the score sheet as he notched a consolation goal for his team.

In Group B of the Boys Under 11 league, 345 FC III continued their unbeaten streak as they defeated George Town SC II 3-0 with Levi Jack grabbing two goals and Omari Douglas rounding off the scoring.

Also in Group B, Sunset Warriors eased past East End United FC 4-1 as Jaxon Cover continued his rich goal-scoring form with two goals and Tommy Isbister adding a fourth after East End United FC conceded an own goal. East End's Kymani Parsons did bring some joy to the East End supporters as claimed his team's

In the Girls Under 11 league, Academy SC got past Sunset Blue Iguanas 5-1 with goals from Emily Hosban (2), Milicent Hoffman, Zariyah Durran and Lea Dos Santos-Smith. Sunset's Reese Batson scored her team's lone goal.

Sunset Stingrays scored a 1-0 win over Scholars ISC thanks to a strike from Kaija Danter and Sunset Fusion downed



▶ George Town SC I (red), here in action against Latinos FC earlier in the season, scored their first win in the Boys Under 11 League as they defeated Sunset Makos 1-0

George Town SC 7-0 with goals from Olivia Thorpe (4), Coco Windsor, Harper Nelson and Milanna Lamontagne.

In the Boys Under 13 league, Academy SC Jaguars defeated George Town SC 4-1 thanks to goals from Jayden Wright (2), Joshua Campbell and Alexander Bodden. George Town's Joshua Haden scored a consolation penalty for the boys from the capital.

In the Boys Under 15 league, Cayman Brac enjoyed a 3-0 win over Sunset FC at the CIFA Centre of Excellence as John Gayle bagged two goals and Jovian Thompson added a third.

In the other Boys Under 15 game played on Saturday, Academy SC Blue defeated 345 FC I 3-0.

The 2019 CIFA Youth Leagues continue this Saturday, February 23. 😚





KAABOO festival wows Cayman

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while Maxi Priest showed some reggae and R&B love to the audience and Flo Rida and his team upped the party tempo to fever pitch. Sir Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin Group, came onto the stage during Flo Rida's performance to huge cheers from the crowd. Trans Violet brought their inimitable style to the show and Bryan Adams and his band were also extremely well received by the enthusiastic crowd. The fantastic Chain Smokers closed the evening. On Saturday festival goers were treated to a whole new set of brilliant musical performances. Shaggy was a crowd-pleaser, as was Jason Derulo and the futuristic ZEDD. This time it was UK veteran pop band Duran Duran's time to close the festival, which was, in the end, a completely sold out

Organisers said the event gave the Cayman economy an important boost, as, during the month of February, the event, with all its ancillary workers such as bartenders, site workers, cleaners, electricians and so on, was actually Cayman's fifth-largest employer. In addition, Cayman's hotels over the weekend were at capacity.

"KAABOO Cayman has proven that a luxury destination festival in the Caribbean is achievable with thoughtful strategy and execution," its organisers stated.

With the ill-fated Fyre Festival on everyone's minds as the last music festival to be publicised in the region (although, of course, never actually taking place), KAABOO's organisers took a special delight in the tremendous success of

"As you look over our purpose-built site, you can see we did not cut one corner in designing KAABOO here in the Cayman Islands. And I challenge anyone to find a cheese sandwich," said Jason Felts, KAABOO Partner and Chief Brand Officer (a reference to the paltry food offering at Fyre).



▶ KAABOO Cayman on Seven Mile Beach (Photos by Blue Dot Studios c/o KAABOO)

Mr Felts attributed the success of the event in part to the excellent infrastructure in Cayman and said:

"Our transportation hub is extensive. Cayman has an international airport a few miles down the road, three hospitals, and enough accommodations to host every attendee. We have worldclass partners in DART Enterprises, the Department of Tourism and the Cayman Islands Government."

For KAABOO lovers, the next event is to be held in the US, as KAABOO Texas is to be held at the state-of-the-art AT&T Stadium in Arlington, TX. Tickets to the May 10-12, 2019 festival in partnership with the Jerry Jones Family are on sale now at kaabootexas.com. ③



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▶ Richard Branson and Flo Rida at KAABOO Cayman





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Flashback 2015: 48th Agriculture show

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Pumpkins often grow very well in the rocky soil we have on Grand Cayman but often need 'babying' in the early growth stages. And is your soil poor? Don't be too quick to apply expensive artificial fertilizers: A compost bin can easily be made by screwing four old wooden pallets together, and then you've got somewhere to put all your grass-cuttings and fallen leaves. Just wait a few months, and you'll have lovely compost for free.

Eating locally means eating healthy produce. You know it hasn't spent weeks on a big ship, or hasn't been picked long before it was ripe and then force-ripened with chemicals or sprayed, over and over again with toxic pesticides. Another difference you'll enjoy – really enjoy- is the flavor. If all you're used to is produce from the supermarket, just taste the difference when you pop a home-grown slice of tomato into your mouth. If you can't grow at home, don't

worry – all the supermarkets in Cayman support local farmers by having locally grown produce sections. Soon, too, there will be a new farmers market next to the cricket pitch in George Town, to compliment the regular Saturday morning Market at the Grounds (in the Stacey Watler Pavilion) or Camama Bay's Wednesday afternoon traditional town market.

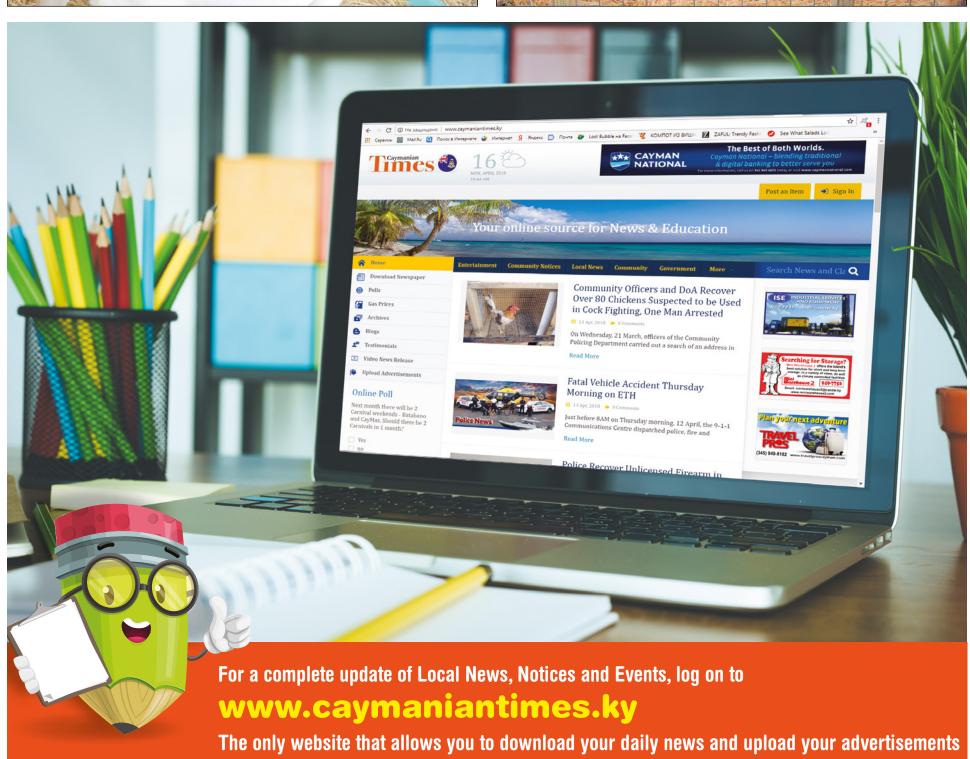
As always, there were plenty of crafts to be seen. Rose May Ebanks had a stall of the most exceptional and exquisite Silver Thatch bags, hats and baskets – made well enough to last a lifetime. And Cayman Brac's Coleen Gibson was displaying all the wonderful things her talented hands have made – from beautiful Caymanite jewelry to bright, cheerful knitted bags and purses. But perhaps the real star of the show was musician Allan ("Bunny") Myles' electric guitar – with a body made from local hardwood, and carved into the shape of Grand Cayman.



▶ Joel Walton's stand is full of organically-good goodness. He should know – all the produce is grown in his beautiful garden, in Lower Valley







TECH TIMES

Intruder alert! Spot the burglar

The Cayman Islands is no longer a virtually crime-free zone, sadly. Burglaries are on the increase and the good old days of leaving your home unlocked are long gone. The times of alarms and floodlights being the only choice for home security are outdated with the growing availability of more intelligent and flexible options, such as smart cameras.

Placed outside or within the home, these internet-connected cameras offer a live view of what's happening from practically anywhere, send alerts when they detect motion – and some can even recognise friend from foe. They promise full control and peace of mind through your smartphone, tablet or smart display.

If something suspicious is happening, you can fire off an alarm, alert the police or even shout at the intruder straight through the camera, all while recording their every move.

1. Ring Floodlight Cam



The Ring Floodlight Cam combines, as the name might suggest, two articulated LED floodlights and a camera in one device, which make it perfect for replacement of traditional security lights in the back garden.

Larger and more capable than its battery-driven siblings, the Floodlight Cam comes in black or white but requires wiring into the mains, most probably by an electrician. Once that hurdle is overcome, setup is straightforward using the Ring app on a smartphone or tablet.

You can activate a live stream at any time through the app, but it's the motion-activated smart alerts that are the main draw. You can set motion zones, filter alerts by size of object or just people, the time of day or day of the week.

You can also configure whether to trigger the floodlights, and there's a loud siren built into it for good measure. The camera is weatherproof and comes with two-year theft protection, in case someone is brazen enough to unscrew it from your wall. The lights can be turned on manually too.

The camera records up to 1080p video and has a wide 270-degree field of view, digital zoom and night vision, and you can talk through the camera via the app. You get live view and alerts for free, but cloud recording costs roughly \$3 a month for 60 days of event recording.

Verdict: The Ring Floodlight Cam has bright lights, a good super wide-angle camera and a siren making for a good deterrent but wiring it in requires a bit more than DIY.

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The smartest camera here is also one of the most expensive. Google's Nest Cam IQ is a wired camera available in both indoor and outdoor variants. Both versions need plugging into the mains, which limits where you can put them compared to battery-powered products. But it also means you get the best-in-class camera, which captures up to 1080p video in HDR, a good 130-degree field-of-view and night vision.

The indoor Nest Cam IQ is a relatively attractive lollipop-style camera with wifi built in, which can be wall or ceiling mounted, but most will probably just put it on a bookshelf or something similar. The outdoor version is shaped like a large spotlight and is screwed into the wall on a rotating, angled bracket. An indoor plug comes with it, meant to be threaded through the wall into the back of the camera, but a weatherproof alternative is available to buy for a modest amount.

Without a Nest Aware subscription, you get live video feeds, motion alerts and three hours of image snapshots of events in the Nest app on your smartphone or tablet.

Things get a lot smarter with a monthly 5-day Nest Aware subscription, adding continuous cloud recording, not just motion events, which makes it the best for capturing everything that happens indoors or outside.

You also get smarter detection of events, activity zones, clips and time lapses in the app, brilliant motion gif alerts, and face recognition.

By tagging faces with names as they're detected you can get the camera to recognise whether a friend or family member has shown up rather than a stranger.

You can talk through the camera via the app, or even access Google Assistant by saying "Hey, Google" to the indoor version of the camera like one of Google's smart speakers.

Verdict: It's expensive, but if you need high-quality continuous monitoring, the Nest Cam IQ is the smartest of smart cameras.

3. Logitech Circle 2



The Logitech Circle 2 series of cameras that start at around \$200 for wired, or \$220 for battery-powered, prove that feature packed flexibility needn't be complicated.

The little globe-shaped camera is simple to set up and use. Open the Logitech Circle app on your phone, connect the camera to wi-fi, place the camera somewhere and you're good to go – no need for another box or subscription.

You get 24 hours of cloud storage with video downloads and smart alerts free, plus a good 30-second summary of the day's action in the app. If you want more there is a small fee a month for 14-day cloud storage.

The Circle 2 is flexible too. Being weatherproof, it can be used indoors or out, has night vision, a 180-degree field of view and streams up to 1080p video. The camera bit unscrews from the back making swapping between mains and battery easy, while a variety of mounts mean you can stick it just about anywhere, including on the inside of a window looking out. It even proved durable enough to survive a couple of falls from my bannister, knocked off in the bluster of Christmas preparations.

The battery lasts around a month when placed in a hallway, or longer if there are fewer events to record, and you can talk through it to whoever comes calling using the app on your smartphone.

Verdict: The Logitech Circle 2 is simple, flexible and adaptable, making it great for those who don't want to mess around with more advanced and costly systems.

4. Arlo Pro 2



The Arlo Pro 2 consists of a battery-powered camera, which can also be plugged in, and a base station with a siren and local recording capability that connects to your router via ethernet.

At first the requirement for a base station was irritating, but the ear-splitting siren makes for a much better alarm system. The cameras are small and weatherproof and can be stuck just about anywhere, with various mounts available.

What they can do depends if they're on battery power or not. Plugged in, they offer up to three activity zones capturing a rolling three seconds before any event, sound detection and continuous recording. On battery power you're limited to motion-triggered recording and alerts, but the battery lasts around two months in medium-activity zones such as a hall-way or much longer in a backyard alley.

The cameras capture up to 1080p video with a 130-degree field of view and night vision. You also get three seven-day cloud event recordings for up to five cameras. The Arlo app is not quite as good as the Ring or Nest app, but still gets the basics right, handling setup easily, alerts and live streams.

Verdict: They aren't cheap, but if you need compact cameras all over your house and garden, even in awkward positions, then the Arlo Pro 2 is for you.







CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay on **Saturday, March 2, 2019** for a fun run and walk as we raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Course: Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay

Start Time: 6:30 a.m. (Walkers) and 7:00 a.m. (Runners). Check-in time is 5:30 a.m. (to receive numbers (all participants) and race chips (for runners)

Fee: CI\$15 Adults and CI\$10 Youth (Under 17)

Registration: 1) Register online at www.caymanactive.com

Download the PDF form from CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com (click on "Events" under the "About Us" tab on the Home Page). Complete, scan and e-mail the form to communications@cuc.ky

3) Forms can be dropped-off and payments made by cash or cheque (payable to CUC) at CUC's Administration Building on North Sound Road on Wednesday, February 20; Thursday, February 21 and Friday, February 22 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Participants who register online can also collect their t-shirts from CUC on those three days in February. There will be no registration on the day of the event.



Amenities: First 250 participants will receive a t-shirt (sizes are not guaranteed) and all participants will receive a participation medal, bag, cap and water bottle following the event. Light refreshments will be provided at the end of the event

Coordinators: CUC's Pat Bynoe-Clarke (914-1107), Patrick Barnes (914-1136) and Neil Murray (914-1110) or communications@cuc.ky



Gayle's power will be missed

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle's retirement from one-day international cricket after this summer's World Cup will leave a huge void in the game.

The 39-year-old Jamaican has scored 9,727 ODI runs - second only to the legendary Brian Lara among West Indians in 284 matches since his debut in 1999.

Gayle said: "I'm looking to draw the line - or should I say cut the string - let the youngsters have some fun and I can sit back in the party stand."

The World Cup will be held in England and Wales from 30 May to 14 July.

Left-handed opener Gayle is in the

West Indies squad to face England in a

► Shai Hope expects Windies to win the series

five-match one-day series starting on Wednesday in Barbados.

Asked if he might also end his ODI career as a World Cup winner, he said: "Absolutely, the youngsters owe it to me. They have to do that for me and try and get me the trophy. But I'll be looking to put my input in as well."

"It is a big year for me. I hope 2019 can finish for me on a great note."

Gayle has made 23 ODI centuries, and his 215 against Zimbabwe in 2015 is the fourth-highest score in history. He is one of only six men to have scored an ODI double hundred.

A part-time off-spinner, he has also

taken 165 ODI wickets at 35.33 apiece. He was part of the West Indies team that won the Champions Trophy in England in 2004.

Gayle has played 103 Tests for West Indies, but in recent years has focused on limited-overs matches, both internationally and in domestic Twenty20 competitions.

He will continue to be available for T20s, and he said he is keen to play in the England and Wales Cricket Board's inaugural 100-ball competition in 2020.

"I guess England should invite me over. Then I'll explode the tournament and say 'thank you guys; bring in a youngster now'," he said.

"I'll set the trend for you like I did in all tournaments around the world. Fingers crossed, we'll see what happens."

With the odds yet again firmly stacked against West Indies in the one-day series, marquee batsman Shai Hope says they are bracing for a strong challenge from England but also plan to counter with firepower of their own.

West Indies are ranked ninth in the ICC one-day rankings and face a number-one ranked England side, already pencilled in as firm favourites to win the World Cup.

However, Hope said while the Windies were cognisant of the challenge. they were not intimidated and would be looking to spring a surprise like what occurred in the preceding three-Test series.

"We're an international team. we've come here to play cricket and we just view it as a challenge. We know they're going to come at us hard and we've got to do the same - fight fire with fire," Hope said.

"It's a lot to look forward to, very exciting times especially leading up to the World Cup, so I'm sure the guys are ready and raring to go. We're just coming off a Test series win so it's important for us to continue in that vein and try to get the series win as well."

He added: "We can use this as a good gauge for us going into the World Cup. We're still looking at some plans [in terms of what is the best fit and [team]

► Chris Gayle has scored nearly 10,000 one-day runs

combination, but it's a good challenge for us and we've got some work to do."

The hosts are seeking their first series win over England in 12 years. They will be motivated by their performance in the Test series, however, where they tore up the form books to crush the English in the opening two Tests and regain the Wisden Trophy for the first time in

"We will use it as a motivator," said Hope, who has emerged as the side's leading ODI batsman in recent times with an average of 47.

Hope was outstanding in the last ODI series in Bangladesh last December, accumulating 297 runs and only being dismissed once. 🏵

Joshua backed by rival Fury

Anthony Joshua has received rare encouragement from bitter rival Tyson Fury.

Joshua announced last week that his next fight will be against unheralded American Jarrell 'Big Baby' Miller in New York on June 1 and received a mixed reception from boxing fans as a result who wanted to see a tougher oppo-

Most wanted to see the unified off with either Fury or Deontay Wilder instead, however he had to look elsewhere as the pair are set to rematch.

Acknowledging this, Fury has now surprisingly come out in de-

fence of Joshua. "I think it's a good fight," the 'Gypsy King' declared in front of a room of his supporters. "Two undefeated fighters and may the best man win.

"I'm not gonna sit here and slag it off, it's a great boxing fight."

The 30-year-old Brit previously sparred the American but is firmly in Joshua's corner and backing his compatriot for a comprehensive victory.

"He's a nice fella," Fury said of Miller, "I've known him a long time. I wish him all the very best in the fight, but at the end of the day I hope Anthony Joshua knocks him into next week. He's the British man and I hope he wins." 😚



► Anthony Joshua fights on June 1

Kaepernick set to join team

Colin Kaepernick's lawyer says his client still wants to play in the NFL, and believes he would fit in well at the Super Bowl champion New England

On Friday, Kaepernick and his former teammate Eric Reid settled a complaint of collusion against the NFL. Reid and Kaepernick claimed the league's owners blackballed them because they had protested social injustice by kneeling during the national anthem. The terms of the agreement are confidential although it is widely reported Kaepernick received \$80

Kaepernick has not played in the league since he left the San Francisco 49ers at the end of the 2016 season. In an interview with CNN on Saturday his lawyer, Mark Geragos, said the 31-year-old "absolutely wants to play" and said Kaepernick continues to stay in shape and is game fit.

Geragos said the Carolina Panthers would be a "natural place" for Kaepernick. They signed Reid last season, and their starting quarterback, Cam Newton, will have shoulder surgery this offseason. There was no signifi-

cant backlash from Panthers fans when they signed Reid, who was a teammate of Kaepernick at the 49ers.

The Patriots are not an obvious fit for Kaepernick though. The team's coach, Bill Belichick, and star quarterback, Tom Brady, both have ties with Donald Trump, who has consistently attacked NFL players' anthem protests. Although Brady is now 41, he has said he wants to play until he is 45 and has a trusted back-up in Brian Hoyer, one of his



► Colin Kaepernick can resume his career

closest friends. However, Kraft is known as a conciliatory voice within the NFL and has been an advocate of social justice, an interest that he shares with Kaepernick.

Kaepernick will turn 32 in November but with quarterbacks such as Brady, Drew Brees and Philip Rivers playing into their late 30s and beyond he is still in his prime years. "This is not someone who is over the hill," Geragos said of Kaepernick. "You get smarter at that position, and he is wise beyond his years."

NBA launches African league

The NBA is launching a professional basketball league in Africa that will feature 12 teams from several countries across the continent.

The league will debut next year and called the Basketball Africa League. It will include teams from several African countries, including Angola, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa and Tunisia.

The NBA announced its plan along with International Basketball Federation and will conduct qualification tournaments later this year. While there are several basketball teams across Africa, a pro league will unify them under one umbrella and provide resources and visibility.

"The Basketball Africa League is an important next step in our continued development of the game of basketball in Africa," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said. "Combined with our other programs on the continent, we are committed to using basketball as an economic engine to create new opportunities in sports, media and technology across Af-

Former President Barack Obama applauded the announcement on Twitter.

"I've always loved basketball because it's about building a team that's equal to more than the sum of its parts," he tweeted. "Glad to see this expansion into Africa because for a rising continent, this can be about a lot more than what happens on the court."

The NBA's ties to Africa go a long way. Toronto Raptors forward OG Anunoby, whose parents are from Nigeria, and Hornets centre Bismack Biyombo of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, were among the players who attended the NBA All-Star Africa luncheon Saturday, where the announcement was made.

Other players with ties to Africa include Joel Hans Embiid, a Cameroonian who plays for the Philadelphia 76ers. NBA global ambassador Dikembe Mutombo, who played for several teams,



OG Anunoby has Nigerian parentage

including the Atlanta Hawks, is from the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Raptors President Masai Ujiri is from

Nigeria. 🌎

Jamaica Gov't Lobbying International Support for Cannabis Industry Development

Government plans to lobby the support of the international community, particularly the United States, for the Jamaican cannabis industry's develop-

Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Audley Shaw, says this partly stems from reluctance by local banks to fund the industry's growth, due to fear of international de-risking, citing this as a major impediment with serious economic implications for Jamaica.

De-risking involves measures taken to make an engagement less risky, or less likely to involve a financial loss.

"We will be using all available diplomatic resources, including our Ambassador in Washington DC, to mount a lobbying effort to the Government of the United States, primarily through its Treasury Department, to address this very important matter," Shaw said.

He was speaking with journalists following the official opening of Caribbean Producers Jamaica Limited's (CPJ) distribution centre at the Montego Bay Freeport on Tuesday.

The Minister noted the Government's cannabis licensing arrangement, inclusive of an established Authority, to ensure that "we are operating at global standards".

"This simply means that we are, therefore, in a position where we can convince the United States and other global economies that we are prepared to operate at the standards that are expected of us," Shaw added.

However, he said, local financial institutions' fear of de-risking remains a challenge, and places Jamaica and other Caribbean countries at a disadvantage, especially as their entities are not in a position to act independently of their American counterparts.

"All of our commercial banks in Jamaica are obliged, right now, to go through the New York system in terms of the movement of money internationally," Shaw pointed out.

The Minister argued that "we have the irony of a Jamaican scientist who gets an approval to develop a cannabis-based drug to fight leukaemia, and from no less an authority than the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA)... [but] who had to watch as our local banks close his accounts because of this

de-risking arrangement. This is why I am going to put a lot of energy into this lobbying effort".

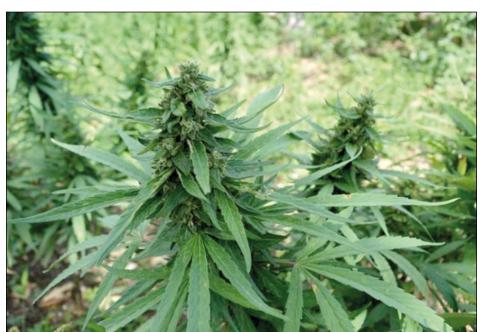
He noted that while de-risking mainly affects smaller developing countries, like Caribbean states, the bigger developed nations "have managed to figure out a way" around the issue.

But Minister Shaw said positive signals are emanating "at the highest level" out of the United States, pointing out that key officials "are suggesting that they would be open to take a more careful look at the benefits associated with medicinal cannabis".

"We are also seeing where one of the Democratic frontrunners for next year's US Presidential contest...[is] advocating for the legalisation of marijuana at a federal level," he added. 😯



▶ Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Audley Shaw (Credit: JIS)



Turks and Caicos Encouraged to Develop Cyber Security Strategy

By Gerard Best

The Turks and Caicos Islands has been urged to strengthen its cyber security systems, in light of the country's plans to invest more in the digital economy.

The call came from Bevil Wooding, Caribbean Outreach Liaison for the American Registry for Internet Numbers (ARIN), as he addressed at event hosted by the Turks and Caicos Islands Telecommunications Commission, which was attended by more than 50 representatives from the government, private sector and the country's Internet service providers.

"Cyber security is a major challenge for computer network operators across the Caribbean," Wooding said, as he underscored the susceptibility of regional countries to cyber attacks.

'The increasingly frequent headlines about data breaches, network attacks and computer viruses are not restricted to developed countries. Wherever you have computers, businesses or individuals connected to the Internet, there is a risk of attack. The Caribbean is not immune; in fact, the region is often considered a soft target by hackers."

Wooding explained that limited technical capacity, outdated legislation and the absence of compliance and disclosure polices left many organizations vulnerable to cyber attacks. He advised government agencies,

companies and Internet users in the Turks and Caicos to take steps to ensure their safety online.

"The onus is on individuals, organisations and companies to educate themselves and take practical steps to secure their data, devices and networks. A cyber breach is more than an inconvenience. It can bring down a company or destroy someone's reputation," he cautioned.

Acting Director General of the TCI Telecommunications Commission, Kenva Williams, said developing Turks and Caicos' cyber security capacity is a top priority.

"Having speakers of Mr Wooding's calibre address this important issue is one step in our efforts to foster greater national awareness of this important issue," he added.

Williams shared that the deeper partnerships being developed with Internet organizations like ARIN, the Internet Society and the Caribbean Network Operators Group (CaribNOG) will be important to future efforts to build local capacity. In 2018, ARIN established the ARIN Caribbean Forum in collaboration with Carib-



▶ Bevil Wooding, Caribbean Outreach Manager, American Registry for Internet Numbers

NOG, to support efforts to strengthen regional capacity to deal with a broad range of Internet development issues including cyber security. Both non-profit organizations have agreed to collaborate with Turks and Caicos to continue education and outreach initiatives throughout 2019. 🈚

Trinidad & Tobago's Animators to Tap into Billion-Dollar Industry

Government is supporting the growth of animation to allow nationals to tap into a US\$259 billion industry.

Highlighting the potential earning power of the sector, which is among the fastest growing given the digital economy, Minister of Trade and Industry Senator Paula Gopee-Scoon said the global trend offers myriad opportunities for young, innovative and talented local animators.

'Trinidad and Tobago will take the necessary steps to successfully capture market share. The Government is committed to supporting new and emerging sectors to achieve global competitiveness," the Minister said.

Citing various incentives and capacity building opportunities created by the state, Gopee-Scoon expressed confidence that great prospects lie ahead once stakeholders actively participate.

While we do possess some advantages, it is up to you the young, intelligent animators and entrepreneurs to capitalize on these opportunities and grow the local industry," she said, as she also recognized the contribution of state agencies exporTT and FilmTT for the provision of financial, capacity building and other resources.

Dionne Mc Nicol Stephenson, Chairman of FilmTT which is responsible for developing and growing the local film Industry, emphasized the importance of the collaboration and highlighted social, cultural and economic benefits for Trinidad and Tobago which could be leveraged through that area of creativity and intellectual property.

Referencing support being provided by the Government to the four animators to attend the Kidscreen Summit in the United States - considered the children entertainment industry's most important annual event - and other successful sector specific initiatives which are also expanding the sector, she said: "We feel sure that the export of these products will redound to the benefit of not only our creatives, but the entire nation. As we continue to plant, and water the seeds that have been planted, we will contribute to our economy from the trade and export of our fruits."

Coordinator of the mission and Animae Caribe founder, Camille Selvon Abrahams said this year's Animation Summit created an opportunity to not



Minister of Trade and Industry Senator Paula Gopee-Scoon (centre, in black) at a press conference focused on participation by local animators in the 2019 Kidscreen Animation

only create local and Caribbean content but to also apply local talent and knowledge and exploit outsourcing.

Her organization, Animae Caribe, has outlined a three-phased plan to increase Trinidad and Tobago's share in the growing global animation market, by creating animated content for global distribution. The first phase includes the participation of local animators at the four-day Kidscreen Summit which ends today. 😚

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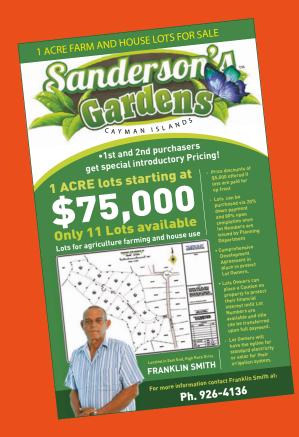
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