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National Trust concerned about potential damage to reef



▶ Proposed CBF with ships at berth

Following on from two previous statements it released in 2015 and 2018 on its concern for the environmental impact the cruise port development will have, the National Trust for the Cayman Islands has issued a further statement again outlining its worries about the port project, in particular the irreversible damage the construction will have

on Cayman's unique coral reefs and the marine life that feed upon them. Specifically, the Trust is concerned that people will not have all the facts in front of them when they go to vote on the future of the port project in the referendum on December 19th.

The National Trust said it met recently with the port developers, Verdant Isle,

to learn more about the revised plans for the project. Even though the port developers revealed plans a few weeks ago to try and mitigate the impact to Cayman's precious coral reef system, the information the National Trust received did not allay their fears, they said.

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TOTS: Cruise port and Local Tour Operators

With the recent announcement that the referendum for the port project will be held on December 19th, our reporter took to the streets to gauge the true feelings of some key stakeholders, taxi and tour bus operators, about this situation. The specific question posed was, "Will the new port benefit your taxi/tour operation, or will it be the same as with the existing port?" Below are the responses of 12 individuals, some of whom wished to remain anonymous. Therefore, all of

the names have been replaced with pseudonyms, but the ages and citizenship status have been kept.

Timothy, Caymanian, 46:

"I think this dock will be good. It will allow for more tourists to come here."

Jason, Caymanian, 40:

"Right now, business can get really hard sometimes. I'm hoping that

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Rundown Bubbling Over and Ready!



▶ Quiny Brown (Right) and Cast Member

Rehearsals for this year's 'Rundown' comedy show were in full-swing on Sunday, 3rd November.

Staged by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation and featuring some of Cayman's top actors and actresses, this year marks the 27th installment of the highly popular show, which makes light of politics, news and the chatter of the

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EDITORIAL

Don't let Cayman fall into the Brexit trap

The British populace has been tortured by the Brexit debate for three and a half years, the Brexit referendum having taken place on Thursday 23rd June 2016. Ever since then, British politics has been mired by the debate as to when, how and even if Britain should leave the European Union, with many people seeking a second referendum because they don't feel they

had all the facts in front of them on that fateful day when they voted.

Cayman has its own historic people-initiated referendum on 19th December 2019 to let the people decide if the new cruise berthing facility and cargo port renovation should go ahead, the first time in our history that such a referendum has been called. We hope that our voting electorate will be able to make an informed decision on this project that is so important for our country.

The National Trust has just issued a statement on the issue, in which they outline the potential damage that could be done to our precious coral reef, should the project go ahead, detailing that 60 rare and some endangered coral species that could possibly be damaged irrevocably, along with 400 species of fish that would be impacted. The National Trust states that further analysis needs to be carried out to "wholly assess the potential ramifi-



cations and determine what is truly at risk in the long term. Most of the data collection for such analysis will not commence before March 2020." That is three months after the referendum.

The National Trust calls upon port developers Verdant Isle Partners to release pertinent information as the new studies become available. But, "these reports will regretfully not be published in time for the referendum so the people of the Cayman Islands will have to make their decision without having all the facts," they state.

Without all the facts it is difficult for our voters to make an informed decision as to whether they believe the project should go ahead or not. We hope, therefore, that as much information can be provided to voters as possible going into the referendum, so they feel they have voted with a clear conscience. A fiasco along the lines of Britain's Brexit must be avoided at all

Abattoir Services CAYMAN ISLANDS DEPARTMENTO-FAGRICULTURE working together, growing together working together, growing together

The Department of Agriculture wishes to advise the public who are planning to use its abattoir services this Christmas season that during the month of November they should come to the Department's Reception Desk at the John Bothwell Building in Lower Valley to schedule the appointment(s). NO PHONE CALLS PLEASÉ.

- The last day for the delivery of livestock for slaughter will be Friday, 20th December 2019.
- The last day of slaughter will be Saturday. 21st December 2019.
- The last day to deliver carcasses/meat is Monday, 23rd December 2019.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Flu Shots Available

The 2019/2020 Seasonal Flu shots are now available.

The locations and times are listed

- The General Practice Clinic at the Cayman Islands Hospital, and all District Health Centres, from 2:00pm to 4pm Monday through Friday beginning 5 November, 2019.
- Faith Hospital in Cayman Brac -Residents of Cayman Brac should contact Faith Hospital to make arrange-
- The Little Cayman Clinic Residents of Little Cayman should contact the clinic to make arrangements.

Flu shots will also be available in the Cayman Islands Hospital Atrium (next to the pharmacy) from Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to Friday, Novem-



ber 15 (excluding weekends) 10am to

All flu shots are given on a first come first serve basis and are only available until supplies last at no cost to all res-

For further information, contact the Public Health Department on 244-2621/244-2889. 😚

Registration for NiCE Project Winter 2019

The National Community Enhancement (NiCE) Winter Project 2019 registration is on Wednesday, 13 November in the Lions Centre, at 9 a.m. Late-comers will not be allowed to register. The sign-up and orientation session ends at 12 noon. Unemployed Caymanians and spouses of Caymanians are invited to register for up to three weeks of work (Monday, 25 November to Friday, 13 December 2019).

Application forms are available at district libraries in Grand Cayman, and MLA Offices, as well as the Government Administration Building's reception area in George Town. 🏵

Remembrance Sunday Ceremony

This public holiday weekend the Cayman Islands will again join nations around the globe in celebrating Remembrance Sunday; the annual tribute to veterans who defended their countries during times of war.

Local ceremonies, centred on the theme "Lest We Forget", will take place on Sunday, 10 November on Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac and are open to the public.

The event in Grand Cayman will be held at the Cenotaph outside Elmslie Memorial United Church in George Town. The Cayman Brac ceremony will run simultaneously and will take place in front of the War Memorial Cenotaph (Administration Lawn) in Stake Bay.

The events start precisely at 10.45 a.m. and attendees and participants are asked to be assembled and seated by 10.30 a.m.

Some activities planned include the opening parade led by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Services Band, followed by contingents from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Services, the Fire Service, Her Majesty's Prison Service, Girls' Brigade, the Scouts, Cadet Corps, the Seventh Day Pathfinders, the Lions Club of Grand Cayman, and the Lions Club of Tropical Gardens. The Cayman Islands Veterans Association contingent will also join the parade.

The Cayman Islands Protocol Office also invites members of the public to join the veteran community around the world in a moment of silence on Monday, 11 November 2019 at 11 a.m.

"It is an incredibly moving moment every year, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;



► Remembrance Sunday 2018

we stop wherever we are, to stand in silence to honour all who have fallen. This weekend together, we honour Cayman's local veteran heroes who have sacrificed so much to preserve our way of life as well as those who lost their lives at sea. I look forward to another year of outstanding attendance," said Cabinet Secretary Mr Samuel Rose.

Individuals or religious organisations who wish to pay their respects by laving wreaths at the Cenotaph or the Seaman's Memorial, should contact Chief of Protocol Meloney Syms, tel. 244-3612 or email protocol@gov. ky by Wednesday, 6 November.

"Everyone attending the ceremony is encouraged to wear a poppy with pride. Poppies are symbolic of those who have served and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. They can be obtained from various locations across the three islands, from local veterans or at the lobby of the Government Administration Building," said Ms Meloney Syms, Chief of Protocol.

Donations are discretionary and funds are used to assist veterans or

their widows to ensure that they receive the help they need to live with comfort, dignity and appreciation.

For more information on Remembrance Sunday Parade and Ceremony, please contact the Protocol Office at 244-3612 or email protocol@gov.ky

Attendees are encouraged to share their special Remembrance Sunday moments by using hashtag #LestweforgetCayman 😚



▶ Deputy Governor with memebers of the Cayman Islands Veterans Association

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Nominations open for Proud of Them

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEY-SAL) invites members of the public to submit nominations for round eleven of the Proud of Them award scheme.

The initiative which honours excellence amongst youth in the Cayman Islands is accepting nominations starting today and ending on Wednesday, 20 November 2019.

"The Cayman Islands is brimming with talented young people and Proud of Them allows us to celebrate their outstanding achievements publicly," said Youth Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly. "I urge you all to acknowledge the excellence among us and nominate those who are worthy of this wonderful recognition."

All young persons between the ages of ten to twenty-five years and who have demonstrated excellence and have proven success, in the categories of academics, careers, business, sports, culture or community service, are eligible for nomination.

Nomination forms are available online at www.proudofthem. com and www.education.gov.ky. Submit completed nomination forms online or email forms, along with supporting evidence, to proudofthem@gov.ky.

A ministry appointed selection committee will review the nominations and select twelve honourees. The names of the chosen honourees will be officially announced to the public at an awards gala set to take place on Saturday, 11 January 2020.

A monetary grant will also be presented to each honouree during the awards gala.

Newly appointed Deputy Chief Officer in the Ministry of EYSAL, Joel Francis highlighted a positive change to this round of Proud of

"The Ministry of Youth will double the grant award amount from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 for each honouree this



▶ Proud of Them Round 10 honourees are photographed with Youth Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly (centre), Councillor Barbara Conolly (front 5-L), Councillor David Wight (2nd row 7-L), Chief Officer Cetonya Cacho (2nd row 8-L), Youth Services Coordinator James Myles (2nd row R), Ms Teen Cayman 2018-19 Latecia Bush (2nd row L), Deputy Chief Officer Joel Francis (back, partially hidden) and others, after an awards gala held in their honour earlier this year

vear. It is hoped that this additional incentive will not only enhance this programme but further encourage our youth to strive for excellence," Mr Francis stated.

A highlight of the award scheme is the feature of each honouree on large roadside billboards situated at key locations throughout the Cayman Islands for twelve months. (?)



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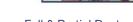
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The conversation about whether or not to build a cruise terminal has been ongoing for more than 25 years. We now stand at a pivotal point and must choose which way to go.

Come and hear officials from Government and Verdant Isle Port Partners speak about the project and have your questions answered.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 7PM.

TUESDAY 12th November Mary Miller Hall, Prospect & Red Bay

THURSDAY 14th November Family Life Centre, George Town East, South & West George Town North & Central - Venue & Date TBC

TUESDAY 19th November John A Cumber Primary School Hall, West Bay

SATURDAY 23rd November Savannah Primary School Hall, Savannah & Newlands TUESDAY 26th November Bodden Town Civic Centre, Bodden Town East & West

TUESDAY 3rd December East End Civic Centre, East End THURSDAY 5th December North Side Civic Centre, North Side



CISCO Networking Academy offers new opportunities at UCCI

By Christopher Tobutt

A new CISCO Networking Academy a large classroom in the G block of the UCCI, full of the most up-to-date information technology equipment, has opened up exciting new opportunities for students and member of the community to accredited CISCO qualifications and update their skills in the fast-moving world of IT. Gregg Prynn, Senior Directo for Corporate Affairs for CISCO, and Shari Slate, CISCO's Chief Inclusion and Collaboration Officer, met with Dr. Stacy McAfee, President of the UCCI and the UCCI's Assistant Professor, Mr. Selgin Amador, during the ceremonial opening of the new computer lab.

The new facility is accessible from everyone, from computer beginners to advanced students, whether they are full-time at the UCCI or they are already working.

"We are here today to celebrate the launching of a collaboration between UCCI and CISCO to bring to the Cayman Islands a networking academy," said Dr. McAfee. "Through this partnership we have the opportunity to deliver cutting edge technology education from students to working adults, to open up the world of possibilities for those of our students and community members to

thrive in the digital economy. This is a collaboration that resulted from a series of dreaming conversations about what is possible and how can we ensure that nobody is left behind."

CISCO is one of the world's leading IT training institutions, operating in 180 countries. "What we do is provide the foundation for people to learn how to work in the digital economy," Mr. Prynn said, after handing over a giant-size cheque for 60,000 dollars, representing a grant from CISCO, to the university. "We wanted to start off with that which would be most relevant for the Cayman Islands, so we looked at outside of the public sector what areas need to be served, and you can see that finance is a huge player here and hospitality is a huge player here, and these are technologies that are using more and more things connected to the internet. Each time you connect something to the internet, if it's not secure then it becomes an opportunity for somebody to break

While teaching these courses, CISCO instructor Mr. Amador will have access to the community of educators and ongoing professional development facilities, to ensure that what is being taught is current. "It's accessible for anyone. You could start from the basics of com-



▶ Left to Right: Dr. McAfee UCCI President, Gregg Prynn, Senior Director for CISCO Corporate Affairs, Selgin Amador, UCCI Assistant Professor, and Shari Slate, CISCO Inclusion and Collaboration Officer

puter literacy and then move on to advanced. I believe this is for everybody, because now we live in an age where information technology you need to be

familiar you need to make it your own. If not you are left out and that is why this initiative comes at the right time to the Cayman Islands to help," he said.

Cayman Islands People's Party

By Christopher Tobutt

"Empowering the People," is the theme and slogan of the Cayman Island People's Party, which was announced North Side Elected Member Hon. Ezzard Miller, at a press conference given at the Legislative Assembly on 6 November. The brand new party has just received its certificate from the Cayman Islands Elections Office. Donovan Ebanks, Gilbert Connolly, and Levon Bodden are all the party's initial members, and joined Mr. Miller at the conference, where some of the ideas behind the new party as well as the structure of its constitution were discussed.

"The key aim of the party," Mr. Miller said, "is the strengthening of participatory democracy in the Cayman Islands by means of an involved and empowered electorate."

Introducing Donovan Ebanks, MBE, Party Chairman, Mr. Miller said that with his considerable experience in the past as head of Public Works, among other roles, "Brings a level of credibility and seriousness as to what we are going to do." The next member of the new party, Gilbert, Connolly, has also extensive experience, first as a seaman, in Customs, and also financial arm of the insurance industry, as well as CEO of the Tourism Attractions Board, Mr Miller said. The fourth member of the new party, Levon Bodden, represented an opportunity for young Caymanians to be involved in the political process, Mr. Miller said. Mr. Bodden had considerable experience in areas concerning social welfare and concerns such as mental health. "What we have here today is the result of six months of work with a huge cross section of the



► (L-r) Donovan Ebanks, Ezzard Miller, Gilbert Connolly, and Levon Bodden announce the new party at the Legislative Assembly

community," Mr. Miller said. "We



have a whole spectrum of people involved in this process. As you know my mantra for many years has been participation and I believe that the people I represent have an inherent right to be involved in the political process," Mr. Miller said. "So the way we have tried to structure the people's party is for the empowerment of the people,"

The theme of grass-roots participation is reflected throughout the structure of the constitution for the new party, which will involve 62 party officials spread between each of the 19 electoral districts. Mr. Miller said that the constitution has been worked out to include various safeguards in the constitution in order to prevent the kind of situation he had seen before, he said, where one leader dominated the activities of the party. The constitution would also allow for a greater number of young people to participate in the party, so that transition from generation to generation can be ensured. "When I talk to the young people one of their concerns is, 'how do I get involved? How do I get my view heard.'?" He said, adding that the new party will help ensure that their voice is heard.

Mr. Bodden said: "Give God the thanks for putting things

in place I think as a part of this team here I represent a demographic that has been neglected." There is still a lot of work to do, but Mr. Miller expects that the new party will spend around the first six months of next year establishing the Electoral District Committees, but assured everyone that the party should be all ready for the 2021 election campaign, with 19 candidates for the election.

Mr. Miller said that the constitution of the People's Party is structured to achieve a dynamic, so that every member at all levels becomes an integral partner in the process of governance, and would be a way that the famous front-porch discussions known so well all over their Cayman Islands would find their voice in real participation. The party would rest on a foundation of small neighbourhood groups that will share information across communities and upwards to the electoral district committees, a press-release document said.

The electoral district committees would in turn be represented in a national steering committees that will ensure that the people's needs are understood and actioned.







▶ The Cayman delegation included the Hon. Min of Tourism Moses Kirkconnell (centre); along with senior civil servants, industry partners and representatives of the Department of Tourism

Cayman Contingency Attends the Annual Florida Caribbean Cruise Association conference

A Cayman Islands delegation took part in the 26th Annual Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) Cruise Conference and trade show held in Puerto Rico, Oct 21-25.

The FCCA conference is a four-day event designed to foster a better understanding of the inner workings of the cruise industry and help attendees improve their cruise tourism business. Through specialized forums, meetings

and workshops, attendees had opportunities to hold strategic conversations with the 18 member cruise lines who decide where ships call, what is sold and used onboard, and how to invest in destinations and infrastructure.

The UCCI Curriculum: Extracts from its Academic Standards Document

As I wrote in the last column, academic standards are the benchmark of excellence and quality and the assurance to various stakeholders of the basis of accountability.

At the very beginning of her presidency, Dr. Stacy MacAfee outlined the three pillars of strategic focus: student centeredness, a university that is suitably resourced, and an institution that becomes an engine for the economic growth and sustainability of the Cayman Islands.

The local university, UCCI, correctly believes that student centredness is the linchpin, the connecting principle, the common core around which all activities, plans and ideas cohere. In this respect, one of the things it has done is explicitly state the standards to which it aspires.

These standards cover the gamut of student achievement and learning outcomes, institutional integrity, faculty, institutional planning and effectiveness and policies, procedures and practices as they affect the academic enterprise.

In this article, I share extracts of Part Two of this document which relates to the UCCI curriculum.

'The standards in this section deal with matters such as the number of credits which ideally should constitute UCCI degrees, timelines for course revisions, and critically, the involvement of industry in the academic enterprise. The standards that must guide the teaching of Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) are also outlined, as are the principles of stackable credentials to which the University is firmly committed.

"The development of curriculum at UCCI should not be restricted to the content of the academic subject but must consider the totality of the experiences that make for a holistic educational journey and be considerate of the changing needs of the society. Curriculum development must also consider instructional methodologies grounded in high impact teaching strategies.

Education Programme Structure and Content

'UCCI's collegiate-level educational programs will emphasize both breadth and depth of student learning. The structure and content of a program challenges students to integrate knowledge and develop skills of analysis and inquiry.

'General education is an integral component of an undergraduate degree program through which students encounter the basic content and methodology of the principal areas of knowledge.

UCCI will offer degree programs based on 60 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the associate level; 120 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the baccalaureate level; or at least

30 semester credit hours or the equivalent at the post-baccalaureate, graduate, or professional level. Deviations from this norm will be acceptable if they are done to accommodate professional expectations of programme accreditations. UCCI will provide an explanation of equivalencies when using units other than semester credit hours.

'For degree completion in associate programmes, the component constitutes a minimum of 15 semester hours or the equivalent; for baccalaureate programs, a minimum of 30 semester hours or the equivalent. To ensure breadth of knowledge these credit hours include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/ fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/ mathematics. These courses do not narrowly focus on those skills, techniques, and procedures specific to a particular occupation or profession.

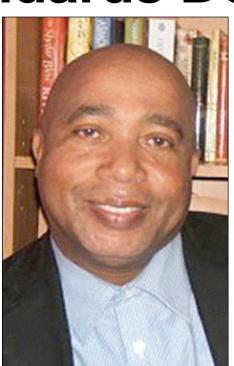
'Foundational to our academic planning and curriculum committee standards, is that within departments, certificates and degrees must be designed so that to the extent possible, learning at UCCI is transferrable from one level of credential to another. This allows credentials to be stackable providing users with knowledge that can be applied to the next level of study in whole or in part through articulation of credits previously earned.

Industry / University Collaboration in Course Development / External Advising Group

'At UCCI, programmes of study must be revised every three years. Where possible, every course or programme that is developed, redesigned or adjusted, must have the input of a wide cross-section of appropriate industry persons. Each department, in developing or revising courses, should have the input of an external advising group that is organized by the department and other academic institutions. The feedback from these sources can be invaluable in informing the final output.

'Every academic department will utilize industry experts in their classrooms as guest lecturers and will intentionally incorporate this as part of their course syllabi where possible. Department Chairs, in their meetings with industry experts, will ascertain from them, ideally in focused groups, the work readiness, the strengths and weaknesses of UCCI graduates employed in their organizations. This information must be used to inform course modifications, and, where necessary, teaching strategies.

'Leaders of business and industry are increasingly investing in education and workforce preparedness to better support current and future economic needs as well as improve job opportunities for university graduates. As trends and in-



▶ Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CXC Education Volunteer programme

novations continue to evolve, university students will need on-going education and training to keep pace with economic demands. Because of this increased focus on job readiness, professionals looking to acquire new, tangible skills will need to have sufficient workforce development options from which to choose.

'Collaboration between the university and industry is critical for skills development, the generation, acquisition, and adoption of knowledge and the promotion of entrepreneurship. The benefits of university-industry linkages are wide-reaching: they can help coordinate research and development agendas and avoid duplications, stimulate additional private research and development investment, and exploit synergies and complementarities of scientific and technological capabilities. University-industry collaboration can also expand the relevance of research carried out in public institutions, foster the commercialization of public research and development outcomes, and increase the mobility of labor between public and private sectors.

'Academic departments, in collaboration with the University administration, will deliberately seek and develop these opportunities, which will add to the currency and relevance of the University.

The teaching of TVET Courses at UCCI

'The University has correctly decided that it must be accessible to students of a wide variety of interests and aptitudes. This includes those who desire to pursue careers in more practical, skill-based areas.

'The teaching of TVET (Technical, Vocational Education and Training) cours-

es at UCCI will be based on the strategy of competence defined as:

The individual's ability to use, apply and demonstrate a group of related awareness, knowledge, skills, and attitudes in order to perform tasks and duties successfully and which can be measured against well-accepted standards (levels) required in employment as well as assessed against provided evidences at work location.

Source: Competence Standards for Technical and Vocational Education and Training TVET, Eng. Moustafa Wahba; https://unevoc.unesco.org/e-eforum/CompetenceStandardsforTVET.pdf

'Consequently, each instructor in the UCCI TVET programme will be conversant with the standards expected from the industry to which their students will graduate and will permeate their instruction with ample opportunities of real or simulated practical demonstrations enough to allow students to master their various crafts.

Stackable Credentials at UCCI

'Stackable credentials are career-focused credentials that create a coherent academic and career pathway with multiple entry and exit points. Stacking credentials can strengthen the connections and clearly show students and employers how programs build as career

'Many UCCI students have goals to receive a bachelor's degree, for example, but circumstances in many instances will permit them to begin at the certificate level; there must be clear pathways that can take them to associate and bachelor degrees.

"The benefits of stackable credentials are well known. They make for better career investment and flexibility, especially for young persons who have not settled on a chosen career. For example, earning a certificate is a good way to figure out if a career is right for a student without having to invest a large amount of time and resources.

'A student could choose to earn a certificate, get started on a career, and continue toward earning a related associate degree. For adult learners, earning a certificate is a way to engage in the educational process, enhance employability skills, and validate knowledge. Stackable credentials can also benefit career choices and increase employment opportunities.

'It is the responsibility of academic leaders at UCCI to map out the various paths in their academic programmes and to give the appropriate academic advice so that students can begin at various levels and seamlessly move up the academic ladder in line with the UCCI standard and focus on stackable credentials.'

In the next article, I will continue with extracts from this important document. •

National Trust fears for the reef if port project proceeds

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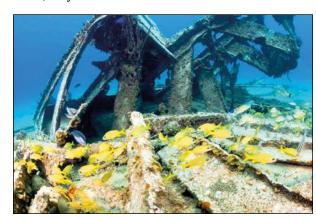
Their statement read: "...the National Trust remains concerned about the potential damage to our unique marine environment by the proposed facility, as well as the potential loss of two historical ship wrecks which have themselves become artificial reefs," they said. "The National Trust is disappointed that its recommendation that an independent Environmental Impact Assessment be carried out based on the new plans, is being ignored."

Coastal environment engineering specialists Baird was retained by the Government to undertake a comprehensive environmental and social impact assessment study for the proposed project. But the National Trust said that while they were a reputable company, they were now part of the consortium to create the port and were "therefore not independent and thus cannot address questions of conflict," they said.

Coral reef impact

The National Trust said that even though Verdant Isle has said they would limit the amount of coral reef that would be impacted by the building of the new cruise port down to 12 acres, of which 10 acres would be relocated, the area that would be affected was still "alive and thriving".

There were 60 species of corals, some rare and endangered, which were currently protected under the National Conservation Law and over 400 species of fish, and hundreds of species of marine organisms that produce shells and skeletons (for sand) had been recorded there, they said.



"This incredible biodiversity in the reefs and surrounding areas will be impacted," the National Trust confirmed. "Cayman's coral cover has reduced from 21 per cent to 15 per cent over the last 20 years owing to stress from rising sea temperatures and ocean acidification associated with climate change, coastal development and overuse. Adding a further human-made stressor to the equation makes our reefs less resilient to natural changes beyond our control."

Verdant Isle had said they would try and relocate this thriving coral elsewhere, but such a move was unlikely to keep this coral alive, the Trust pointed out, saying that there was a great deal of debate as to whether coral relocation actually worked.

"Displaced coral will be trying to recover and thrive in an unfamiliar area and mortality rates of relocated versus reattached coral based on recent studies in the Caribbean, are high," the National Trust said. "Even Verdant Isle Partners do not dispute that relocation and cultivation will not fully mitigate the amount of coral and biodiversity that will be lost. The coral reefs in our harbour have taken thousands of years to form and cannot be so easily replicated."

The Trust said it was misleading to suggest otherwise.

Sediment was also of grave concern to the National Trust, the unpredictability of which was the main source of worry.

"It is impossible to fully identify the effects of the sediment that will, once displaced, be continually resuspended by vessels using the facility, and by the maintenance dredging that will possibly be required over the years," the statement read. "How far and in what direc-

> tion will this sediment travel on our currents, and how will coral and other marine life be impacted in its wake, remain grave concerns."

> The Trust said that further analysis needed to be carried out to properly understand the potential ramifications and determine what is truly at risk in the long term. But most of the data collection for such analysis would not be-



gin before March 2020, it pointed out, a good three months after the referendum to decide whether the port project should go ahead.

Balboa and Cali wrecks under threat

Scuba diving has always been a key tourist attraction for Cayman's visitors, and ship wrecks have been an integral part of that attraction. However, two historical shipwrecks - the Balboa and the Cali - will be impacted by the port

The National Trust said it understood that the port developers intended to relocate the Balboa to an unconfirmed site 1 km away from its current location. Relocating the Wreck of the Cali was not previously considered and remained uncertain, so the effects of the project on this site were as yet unknown, the National Trust stated.

"While relocation may preserve certain aspects of these shipwrecks, the cultural and historic significance of the Balboa and Cali are inherently linked with their physical locations. Moving either wreck will result in the loss of this historical significance in addition to the loss of marine life which has reclaimed these ships as artificial reefs over the years. As with the relocation of substantive coral reefs, successful relocation of shipwrecks is dependent upon the integrity of the structure and the feasibility to move and reposition sections relatively intact," the National Trust advised.

What may be lost if the cruise port project goes ahead:

- 10 acres of displaced coral that's currently thriving is at risk of dying, which includes:
 - 60 species of corals, some rare and endangered
 - * 400 species of fish
 - * hundreds of species of marine organisms
- the historical significance of the Balboa and Cali, along with their marine life.

The Trust ended by stating that local and international media were following this situation closely and the National Trust sought to do its part for the benefit of its membership and for the entire community of the Cayman Islands.

With echoes of the UK's infamous Brexit referendum, where many who voted "Leave" now regret their vote because they did not have all the facts at the time of voting, the National Trust said:

"As a sign of good faith, the National Trust calls on Verdant Isle Partners to release pertinent information as the new studies become available. These reports will regretfully not be published in time for the referendum so the people of the Cayman Islands will have to make their decision without having all the facts."

How to vote if you are off-island

If you are eligible to vote in the 19th December people-initiated referendum on the cruise berthing and cargo port project but are living off-island (if you are a student, for example), you can still vote by means of a postal ballot. Postal ballots are set to be sent out now by commercial courier to those people who have requested them.

You qualify for a postal ballot if you are a voter who is already registered on the Official Register of Electors and you are living off-island, such as students or people off-island for medical care. These overseas postal ballots will be sent via express courier as soon as the Referendum Law is gazetted, i.e. the week of 5th to 8th November 2019. Note: the 220 new voters who registered to vote between 3rd July and 1st October 2019 will now be included in the Electoral Register but will not be eligible to vote until 1st January 2020, so they will not be able to vote in the 19th December referendum.

Voters on the Official Register of Electors who are living in the Cayman Islands but who will be travelling off-island or will be off-island on referendum day 19th December can apply for a postal ballot as soon as they have purchased airline tickets showing that they will be away

on referendum day. These ballot papers will be delivered by local courier and should arrive within two to three business days. In the case of ballots being delivered to voters who are on-island, the completed ballots can be sealed and returned to the Returning Officer of the Elections Office by hand or local courier.

Postal ballot applications are now being accepted by the Elections Office. The deadline for postal ballot applications is 7th December 2019.



If you want to apply for a postal ballot, make sure you provide the Elections Office with the following information:

- A completed Form B (available at www.elections.ky or at the Elections Office at 150 Smith Road Centre):
- Photo identification (e.g. voter ID card or passport).

If you are resident on the islands but will be away for referendum day, you need to provide a copy of a purchased airline tickets showing the individual

will be travelling or off-island on referendum day. Reservations for airline tickets that have not been paid for in full do not qualify. The Elections Office need you to clearly print the local street address for ballots to be delivered locally.

Students and other people currently away and who will be away for referendum day need to clearly print the full overseas address for their postal ballot to be sent to.

Application forms for postal voting (Form B) and mobile voting (Form C) are available online from http://www. elections.ky or can also be collected in person from the Elections Office at 150 Smith Road Centre.

There are currently 21,217 eligible voters as at the last electors list (1st October). With 50 per cent of the electorate plus one needed to stop the cruise berthing and upgraded cargo port project, this equates to 10,609 'no' votes.

Talk On The Street: Is the New Cruise Port Good For Local Tour Operators?

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the new port will make it more even throughout the year. At least that's what the government is telling us will hap-

Mitzi, Caymanian, 39:

"This port will make a huge difference. It is exactly what we need."

Lisa, Caymanian, 42:

Christopher, Caymanian, 43:

"There are a million reasons why we should not build this port. It won't help."

"Minister Kirkconnell says that the new dock will allow for more high quali-

ty passengers to visit on the mega ships. That will mean that they will spend more money on island, and that means more for us."

Nicola, Caymanian, 33:

"I am afraid that when there are more tourists coming to Cayman that more people will be allowed to have taxi licenses and there will be the same amount of business for each taxi driver as it is now. I think the number of licenses issued needs to be frozen for the first three years after the port is built."

Marlene, Caymanian, 26:

"I think it will help our situation, but I don't know how much it will help."

David, Caymanian, 44:

"If we build the dock, it will bring more people at first, but I think it might cause a lot of people to not come back because the whole place will be too crowded."

Esther, Caymanian, 31:

"Now I don't much about a lot, but I know a little about a little. What I know is that it makes sense to build the piers so that the biggest ships can come here. More passengers mean more tours sold."

Joshua, Caymanian, 31:

"I am conflicted right now. On one hand, I would like to have more people come to visit on cruise ships. On the other hand, though, I worry about that there

is no guarantee that they will come, and come consistently."

Joanna, Caymanian, 48:

"We need the dock, but make no mistake, we don't need any more taxi drivers or tour bus operators. What we have now can handle whatever total of passengers that the big ships will bring. Government, please don't go allowing too many new taxi licenses."

Frank Caymanian, 35:

"I wholeheartedly believe that, in three-years-time, after the dock is built the people who are against it now will see they were wrong. They will admit it is a good thing."

Rundown Bubbling Over and Ready!

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day in the Cayman Islands. Along this backdrop of social commentary, as well as song and dance; all manner of theatrical expression abound.

One special treat for 2019 is the return of comedic genius Quincy Brown,

whose appearance comes after a six year hiatus.

In speaking with the Caymanian Times, 'Quincy' noted, "This year is more color, more dancing, more carnival! It's my first time back in some years now and so the play-wright has given me quite a significant role, which will consist of singing,

acting and playing four different characters - from politicians to broadcaster."

Sunday's rehearsals took place under the keen eye of CNCF Artistic Director Henry Muttoo and gave a glimpse into a Rundown production that promises to be one of the most well produced and well presented yet; with over 14 cast members, as well as a amazing staging and a backdrop akin to a West End or Broadway Musical.Shows for Rundown 2019 start on 14th November and run for three consecutive weekends:

- Friday 15th November 8pm
- Saturday 16th November 8pm
- Sunday 17th November 6pm
- Friday 22nd November 8pm
- Saturday 23rd November 8pm
- Sunday 24th November 6pm
- Friday 29th November 8pm
- Saturday 30th November 8pm

• Sunday – 1st December 6pm

Tickets for Rundown can be purchased at: CNCF Office, Harquail Theatre (9:00 AM – 4:00 PM), Funky Tangs, Health Care Pharmacy (Grand Harbour), Fosters Food Fair (Airport & Camana Bay) or Online at Event Pro.

Ticket Prices are as follows: Adults \$30, Children (12 & under) and Seniors (65 & over) \$20...





CNCF Brings Back Gimistory International Storytelling Festival

Some of Cayman's favourite performers will return to beaches and parks on all three islands this November and December to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the very popular Cayman Islands International Storytelling Festival, Gimistory. After a year's hiatus, the events will take place from 29 November until 7 December 2019, helping to usher in the Christmas holiday season by reminding attendees of some of the simpler things in life such as sitting in Granny's backyard listening to stories. Gimistory is a free event presented by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) which brings together over 2,500 people from virtually every sector of Cayman's multi-generational and multi-national community, in addition to visitors from abroad, who return time and again.

Scheduled to appear this year is story-teller Amina Blackwood-Meeks from Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago Extempo performer Philip Murray aka Black Sage and calypso band David Bereaux & Friends, The Storycrafters from the US and local storytellers Matt Brown, Quincy Brown and Virginia Foster. More names will be confirmed closer to the event.

Past Gimistory audiences will be familiar with some of this year's international storyteller lineup, who have been regaling Festival attendees with stories and music for years.

Amina Blackwood Meeks describes herself as a "Jamaican-born, Caribbean national honafide Citizen of the World" She is a writer, director, performer, and custodian of the oral tradition as well as a lecturer-researcher-farmer, widely acknowledged for her instrumental contribution to the recent renaissance of the art-form of traditional Caribbean storytelling. A teller of traditional and contemporary tales, her deep, rich, dramatic and deliberate voice brings stories from the heads of the ancestors, connecting ancient wit and wisdom with modern needs. (Source: http://aminablackwoodmeeks.com/index.php)

David Bereaux is a Vintage Calypso Artiste who began his professional per-



Storyteller - Virginia Auntie V Foster



▶ David Bereaux

forming career in 1991 in the calypso musical play entitled "Sing the Chorus." Since then, he has done numerous theatrical productions before his career as a Vintage Calypso Singer took off in 1995. The David Bereaux and Friends Vintage Calypso Ensemble is now a well-established Vintage Calypso Band doing performances all over the Caribbean. David himself has toured numerous times across North America and Europe.

Black Sage, a title holder on the Trinindad & Tobago carnival Extempo stage, is also a regular Gimistory performer. Extempo is a lyrically improvised form of calypso in which performers take turns at ad-libbing in song on a theme randomly chosen by their audience. They often engage in a humourous "war of words" with other calypsonians adept at the artform. This type of storytelling is always a hit with Gimistory attendees.

Barry Marshall and Jeri Burns, PhD have been working together as The Storycrafters since 1991. They are the 2018 recipients of the National Storytelling Network's "Circle of Excellence" Award. The Storycrafters have produced twelve award-winning CD recordings. Their 2018 book, "Storytwisting", published by Parkhurst Brothers Publishers, was the winner of the 2019 'Storytelling World' Award.

In addition to their work as performers, Jeri and Barry are healing storytellers at the Stamford CT Hospital psychiatric unit and were adjunct college faculty at Southern CT State University. They perform and teach their art form in schools, libraries, and other venues all over the US and internationally in the Caribbean and the British Isles. They have been featured performers at storytelling and folk festivals nationally and internationally.

Jeri and Barry believe in the time-tested wisdom of traditional stories and share that wisdom with today's audiences. They strive to honour world cultures by telling the old stories in respectful ways, often integrating the musical instruments, songs or dances indigenous to that region.



► Matt Brown

Caymanian Matt Brown is a gifted public speaker and talented performer. He utilises his degree in Professional Recording Arts and Social Studies to write and perform his own music, but is equally gifted on stage, receiving accolades for his work in Gimistory and Rundown. In 2017, he was chosen to represent the Cayman Islands at CARIFESTA 13 in Barbados, acting in the lead role of the drama, "Playground" by Frank McField.

He developed his own media company and brand, Geezum TV, which has produced an animated children's show, Bobo & Teedee, a comedy sketch variety show which is now carried by Tempo networks and is seen in over five million households internationally.

Brown is excited about the Festival's return. "Gimistory is coming back with all the audience's favourites! It's really several shows in one. Your eyes and ears will be glued to the stage. No holding back this time. I'm bringing out some new ideas for you and I can't wait!"

Born on Cayman Brac, Quincy Brown started singing solos in church at age six and performing Louise Bennett pieces at age 12 on the Harquail Theatre stage for National Children's Festival of the Arts. He has won many awards in the performing arts over the years in theatre, drama, speech and singing. In 2017 he marked his 25th anniversary on stage. A CARI-MAC trained radio broadcaster, he has worked for Radio Cayman, Vibe 98.9FM and Rooster 101.9FM as an announcer, DJ and News Reporter. This year will be Quincy's "COME BACK" to the Rundown Production after seven years of absence. He is a Cultural Tourism Ambassador at The Owen Roberts International Airport and hosts his own show on the internet called "Brac Caribe Gardens." He is often invited into schools as a Storyteller sharing Caymanian stories and Caymanian folksongs with students. His voice can be heard on many commercials on radio and he's often asked to be The Master of Ceremonies for various shows.

Better known as "Auntie V" at CNCF's annual Gimistory Festival and on "Cay-



▶ Quincy Brown

manian Stories" aired on Radio Cayman on Saturday mornings, local storyteller Virginia Foster's other creative outlets include ceramic art, fashion designing, conducting storytelling workshops, and mounting culture and heritage exhibits of her many private collections in schools and other venues. Ms. Foster received an Emerging Pioneer Certificate at the Heroes Day Award Ceremony in January 2014 and is a 2012 recipient of the CNCF Gold Star for Creativity in the Arts.

"Cayman's audiences look forward to the entertainment CNCF has been bringing to their doorsteps every year, as we tour through the districts with stories and music to kick off the holiday season," said Marcia Muttoo, CNCF Managing Director. "The purpose of the Festival is to provide family entertainment for locals and visitors in a relaxed setting; pass on the tradition of storytelling; build the local population of storytellers; encourage reading, writing and performing; share a variety of stories (and stories through music) from Cayman and the world; celebrate local food culture and encourage and celebrate community involvement in arts and culture. We look forward to getting back on the road and engaging with the community."

Dates for Gimistory 2019

- Friday, 29 November Agriculture Grounds, Cayman Brac
- Monday, 2 December Gerald Smith Park, North Side
- Tuesday, 3 December Coe-Wood Beach, Bodden Town
- Wednesday, 4 December East End Public Beach, East End
- Thursday, 5 December Little Cayman Beach Resort, Little Cayman
- Friday, 6 December Jefferson Beach, West Bay
- Saturday, 7 December Smith Barcadere, George Town

All shows begin at 7:00pm. Fried fish and fritters will be on sale.

For more information about Gimistory call 949.5477 or email cncf@artscayman.org

DISTRICT HERITAGE AMBASSADOR COSTUME COMPETITION SET FOR HOLIDAY MONDAY

The Tourism Attraction Board and the Pirates Week Festival Office are pleased to announce the annual District Heritage Ambassador Costume Competition (DHACC) will take place at 'Culture Shop' on Monday 11th November. The competition starts at 5:00 pm on the main stage on Harbour Drive.

"The Pirates Week Festival is pleased to present its annual costume competition where four districts of Grand Cayman will compete for the honour of best national costume! The community is encouraged to support the ambassadors presenting their district's annual costume," said Melanie McField, Pirates Week General Manager.

Contending for the title are Brandi Ebanks representing West Bay; East End's Dea Ramoon, Erickah Bodden from George Town and Kevie- Ann Pierre representing Bodden Town.

The District Heritage Ambassador Costume Competition replaced the Pirates Week 'Miss Festival Queen' in 2018 as an effort to broaden the entrant pool and encourage creativity in this unique way of

showcasing Caymanian culture through costume designs.

Sponsored by the Ministry of Culture and AI Rentals, the DHACC is a wholesome, family-friendly competition between the district committees and is open to male or female participants aged 16 and older. Each district elects an ambassador as its representative and everyone works together to design a costume.

"This year's Pirates Week theme is "Shipwrecked" all costumes presented for the competition will be judged on their design as it relates to this theme. Other areas of adjudication include authenticity, stage presentation, use of Caymanian products and design detail," commented Monique Burton, lead volunteer for the DHACC.

Jesica Ebanks the 2018 District Heritage Ambassador will present the winner with a prize package including CI\$500 and a trophy. The winner will also lead the Pirates Week Illumination Parade, showing off the district's winning costume to the public.

"This years' competition will be one for the books. All district ambassadors are excited to hit the main



▶ L-R: Kevie-Ann Pierre - Bodden Town, Erickah Bodden-George Town, Jesica Ebanks (2018 District Heritage Ambassador), Dea Ramoon-East End and Brandi Connolly-West Bay (Photo Credit: Gary Franklin of Buddha's Photography)

stage to showcase their interpretations of this year's theme," added Ms. Burton.

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Venues and Events: 2019 Holiday Party Trends

Halloween has come and gone. And, while many still have visions of pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin beer, pumpkin pies... dancing in their heads - the average restaurant Event Manager or Party Planner already have two seasonal words dancing in their heads: Holiday Parties.

I know, I know – it seems as if we've barely past the height of summer, and the idea of booking holiday parties seems impossibly far away. But even though 'tisn't the season quite yet, holiday parties represent a significant business opportunity for restaurants, venues, and catering services. And, it's never too early to start planning and strategizing. Here is a list of 2019 holiday event trends to consider.

Don't Limit Yourself (or Clients)

Party planners (and goers) are looking for interesting and out-of-the-box venues. Remember a space is only limited by imagination; hide walls with drapes, bring in greenery to liven up a space, add color with vibrant poinsettias and hang twinkle-y lights for ambiance. There are a ton of cost-efficient ways to add holiday cheer to venue space. In addition, Fridays and Saturdays are obviously popular picks when it comes to days of the week for party-throwing. But don't limit your venue to offering only weekend event dates. Weekday mornings, afternoons, or evenings are sometimes an option too.

Offer Themed Party Options

Themed parties enhance a company or organization's team spirit – and are trending in the event planning world across all party types. A holiday party theme can be as simple as a classy cocktail party or as extravagant as a Winter

Wonderland with faux snow! During routine workdays, employees generally only interact on a business level. In an informal, casual setting, however, coworkers get to know each other better and bond on a personal level. Partygoers are encouraged to dress to the theme, so a buzz is created before the party even begins.

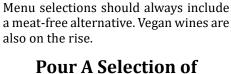
The Partygoers

Some companies are choosing to open their holiday party guest list to more than just employees and spouses; they're inviting some of their clients to celebrate as well. This is an opportunity for key staff members to network with clients, building an even greater rapport with the included clients. What an amazing way for the company to show those individuals how important they are by including them in company activities, and for the venue and its services to showcase their talents to so many other potential future clients all at the same time and place. Shine brightly.

Offer Creative, Festive Food

Traditional Christmas based menus still carry significant weight when clients are making decisions. However, exciting new options are making their way into holiday party expectations: Offering substantial canapés or shrunken versions of proper meals, sharing platters, guest-created courses and street food stations being amongst the most popular. The days of tailing the tray-bearing waiter are gone – partygoers want to feel full, not famished. They

are seeking a flavorful menu too; Afro-Caribbean cuisine, with its rich and vibrant flavors, is trending as a favorite to many. Ocean-inspired flavors are also trending -and while, this concept is nothing new to our venues, enhancing menus with techniques such as infusing butter with seaweed, crisping salmon skins and folding ice-cream with lobster meat are just a few ways to bring the fresh taste of the sea to the plate in a unique way. Interestingly enough, bitter flavors are also trending. As we've seen bitter cocktails like Aperol Spritz and Negroni gaining in popularity, the 'bitter' fad is starting to set into the general food market too. For Christmas meals



Cocktails or Mocktails

think notes of black coffee, dark choco-

late, char-grilled meats and craft beers.

Likely, not a surprise - Rum is the next big thing in the world of alcoholic drinks, especially small-batch craft rums and those made on home soil. So how about a rum and ginger cocktail to kick off the Christmas celebrations? Or fancy a mocktail, instead? Move over Shirley Temple, designer non-alcoholic cocktails with exotic ingredients and amazing garnishes are always a win! Instead of your standard mixes with grenadine and fruit juice, get creative with house-made syrups and tonics, and non-alcoholic spirits such as Ceder's, a non-alcoholic spirit with vibrant spice and wood notes and Seedlip. Serve up a 'Minosa', made with non-alcoholic Seedlip Grove 42 (a complex blend of citrus and spice), clementine juice and club soda. When serving alcoholic beverages, it's ideal to provide the client with walkable overnight guest accommodation or transportation company options for after-party transport.



After-dinner dancing remains a popular fixture to parties so finding a good



band or DJ that can deliver remains important. Partygoers are looking for authentic experiences they can connect to so start the evening with melodic background music and finish with a band that gets everyone on the dance floor. Engaging local musicians is a great way to support the local artistic community. Also, trending is experiential entertaining - perhaps as a result of the popularity of event theming and how this lends itself to a more immersive experience. Magic and mystery acts lend themselves to the festive season and remain popular. Spectacular visual acts such as fire and acrobatics are popular for engaging the crowds. Of course, these choices are always subject to venue selection and may not always be appropriate.

A Sustainable Party

Sustainable party practices are at the forefront of party planner and partygoers' minds. According to trends, party planner's will likely seek to add a charitable or Corporate Social Responsibility element to their party. This can be as simple as asking partygoers to bring a gift or food item to be donated to local shelters or families in need - truly an act of Christmas spirit in a modern age. Have a few charitable organizations in mind should your client need a referral. Use of recyclable decorations, digital invitations, locally sourced foods, crafts instead of favor bags, and cloth napkins with 'real' plates have been making a big comeback. Everyone wants to reduce their carbon footprints and celebrate more ethically.

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Island Taste Patty

In 1975 Island Taste began making delicious patties at what is now the Hard Rock Café building on the Waterfront in George Town.

A Patty is a flaky pastry with a distinct golden appearance, having various fillings with Beef being most popularly used. The fillings are seasoned and marinated before they are put into a flaky pastry and baked, which then becomes the mouthwatering, rich tasting Patties that many have come to know and love from Island Taste. Our Beef & Chicken patties are a must have for any visitor or new Expats to the island. The cocktail version is also a big hit on the menu for Corporate and personal events.

We produce a Full Line of Patties:

- Beef
- Beef & CheeseChicken Vegetable
- Vegetables
- Sixteen Bean
- Shrimp
- Spicy Sausage Rolls (Spicy Sausage wrapped in a Patty crust)

Did You Know?

The Patty is a spin off from the Cornish pasty of The United Kingdom brought to the Caribbean during Colonialism and migration. The Patty that we now know is a rich combination of ingredients from the Africans slaves

who brought Cayenne and Scotch Bonnet pepper and the Indians with their Cumin & Curry. While Patties are a baked flaky pastry, there are variations made around the world and have different names such as Meat Pies, Empana-

das, Chebureki etc.
Patties are baked fresh daily and enjoyed as a warm or hot snack by many or a full meal when sandwiched inside a Coco Bread. Patties have been one of the most economically stable foods found in

the Caribbean since the 1800's and enjoyed by all ages.

The Island Taste Beef & Chicken patties are the most popular of our line and are available at Island Taste Outlet, Gas stations, convenient stores and Supermarkets in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac. Additionally, our patties are available frozen and can currently be purchased at our Island Taste outlet store on North Sound Way in George Town and soon in the frozen sections of the Grocery stores.



▶ Island Taste Beef Patty and Island Taste Chicken vegetable Patty



► Serving Suggestion

Primary school football resumes following the mid-term break

fifth round of games in the 2019 CUC Primary Football League (PFL) and the Girls' Primary School Football League (GPFL) were played this past Saturday, November 2nd at venues across Grand Cavman.

With the strong 'smell' of impending rain in the air, Cayman Prep's boys B teams and the girl's Blue team navigated the Esterly Tibbetts Highway to the West Bay Town Hall Field in West Bay to face Sir John A. Cumber Primary in a Group A clash.

Searching for their first win of the season, Sir John A. Cumber's Under 9 boys felt confident against the unbeaten visitors from Cayman Prep 9B and competed very well throughout the course of the game. Cayman Prep B had much of the play and were superior in the shots at goal category, testing the home goal keeper on a number of occasions.

Finally, the Prep boys got the break they wanted as captain Matthew Bonikowski found the back of the net in the 33rd minute to take all three points with a deserved 1-0 victory.

In the Girl's Under 11 game, Cayman Prep Blue continued their winning ways with a 4-0 victory over the young ladies from Sir John A. Cumber Primary. It was an 'Olivia' day as Olivia Ridley opened the scoring in the 9th minute for the visitors while Olivia Thorpe added the final

three goals in the 15th, 30th and 40th minutes to secure the win.

In the Boy's Under 11 contest, Sir John A. Cumber's undefeated senior team found the going tough against a smaller but very competitive Cayman Prep 11B

The smallest and without a doubt, most skilful player on the field, Xavi Tibbetts, opened the scoring for Sir John A. Cumber in the 5th minute as he was first to a loose ball that had rebounded off the Prep crossbar from an initial shot from his strike partner Dru Myles.

On the stroke of halftime, Xander Lee from Cayman Prep B pulled his team back into the game with a fine finish in the 26th minute to level the score at 1-1.

During the second half, both teams were very disciplined in defence so a majority of play occurred in the centre of the field as both sets of midfielders and forwards were searching for that one 'defence-splitting pass' that could settle the game.

With two minutes to go, Sir John A. Cumber's Brian Ebanks finally secured the 2-1 win and the three points for his school as he found the corner of the Cayman Prep B net from a tight angle in the 50th minute.

In other CUC PFL Group A games, it was George Town Primary 2 vs. Cayman International 9White 1 (Under 9), George Town Primary 3 vs. Cay-



▶ St. Ignatius Catholic (purple) defeated Bodden Town Primary 2-0 in the CUC Girls' Under 11 league this past Saturday

man International 11White 1 (Under 11), Savannah Primary 4 vs. Wesleyan Christian 0 (Under 11 - respect rule enforced) and St. Ignatius Catholic 4 vs. Truth For Youth 0 (Under 11 – respect rule enforced).

In CUC GPFL Group B games, it was NorthEast Schools 2 vs. Prospect Primary 0 (Under 9), NorthEast Schools 2 vs. Prospect Primary 6 (Under 11), Cayman International 9Blue 4 vs. Red Bay Primary 0 (Under 9 - respect rule enforced), Cayman International 11White 5 vs. Red Bay Primary 3 (Under 11), Triple C 0 vs. Cayman Prep 9A 4 (Under 9), Triple C 0 vs. Cayman Prep 11A 4 (Under 11 - respect rule enforced), Bodden Town Primary 0 vs. South Sound Schools 3 (Under 9) and Bodden Town Primary 1 vs. Cayman Brac 0 (Under 11).

In other CUC GPFL Under 11 games, it was Triple C 3 vs. Cayman Prep Red 0, Savannah Primary 4 vs. Prospect Primary 0, George Town Primary 0 vs. Cayman International School 4 and Bodden Town Primary 0 vs. St. Ignatius Catholic 2.

The CUC PFL and GPFL leagues continue this Saturday, November 9th with games at the Ronald Forbes Field, Dart Field, Annex Field, Prospect Primary and St. Ignatius Catholic School. ③

POLICE NEWS

Off-Duty Officer Arrested on Suspicion of DUI

Shortly before 2:00AM this morning, officers responded to a single-vehicle collision on the Linford Pierson Highway in George Town. The driver, a man age 63 of George Town, was arrested on suspicion of DUI.

The man was an off-duty police officer with the RCIPS. The matter is currently under investigation and a file

will be submitted to the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for le-

Road Closures for Pirates Week, 7-12 November



The RCIPS is informing the public of the following road closures taking place this week in order to facilitate Pirates Week festivities:

Wednesday, 6 November - 7:00pm to 6:00am on Thursday, 7 November:

• Harbour Drive will be closed between the entrance to the Shedden Road and Fort Street (Port Authority staff will have access).

Thursday, 7 November - 7:00pm to 6:00am on Friday, 8 November:

• Harbour Drive will be closed between the entrance to the Port Authority and Shedden Road.

Friday, 8 November - 10:00am to 5:00am on Sunday, 10 November:

Set-up and Pirates Week Street Dance

• Harbour Drive will be closed between the entrance to the Port Authority and Shedden Road (and will remain closed until 5:00am on Sunday, 10 November)

Friday, 8 November - 3:00pm to 5:00am on Sunday, 10 November:

Pirates Week 5K

• Warwick Drive will be closed at the intersection with Harbour Drive and Boilers Road will be closed at the intersection with Walkers Road.

Goring Avenue will be closed.

Friday, 8 November - 6:00pm to 5:00am on Sunday, 10 November:

Pirates Week Street Dance

· Harbour Drive will be closed at Fort Street (and remains closed up to Shedden Road).

Saturday, 9 November - 8:00am to 5:00am on Sunday, 10 November:

Harbour Drive Festival Events

- Harbour Drive remains closed between Fort Street and Shedden Road &
- · South Church Street will be closed between Boilers Road and Shedden Road.
- Shedden Road will be closed at the intersection of
- · Boilers Road will be closed between Walkers Road and South Church Street.
- Goring Avenue remains closed.

Saturday, 9 November - 2:00pm to 6:00pm:

Float Parade

- North Church Street will be closed at Mary Street.
- Edward Street will be closed. • Fort Street will be closed at the intersection with
- Edward Street. • Dr. Roy's Drive will be closed after the entrance to
- the Village Plaza. Shedden Road will be closed between Harbour
- Goring Avenue will be closed between South Church Street and Louise Llewellyn Way.
- Drive and Main Street.

• Memorial Avenue will be closed at the intersection with South Church Street

Sunday, 10 November - 9:00am to 1:00pm:

Governors Beach Turtle Release

 Motorists should exercise caution travelling northbound on West Bay Road in the vicinity of Governor's Beach.

Sunday, 10 November – 5:00pm to 6:00am on Monday, 12 November:

Soaked Wet Fete

• Harbour Drive will be closed between Goring Ave-

nue and Boilers Road. Monday, 11 November - 6:00am to

4:00am on Tuesday, 13 November: Culture Shop

- Harbour Drive will be closed between the entrance to the Port Authority and Shedden Road.
- Albert Panton Street will be closed between the Margaritaville entrance and Cardinal Avenue.

Monday, 11 November - 6:00pm to

9:00pm: Illumination Float Parade

- · North Church Street will be closed at Mary
- · Edward Street will be closed.
- Fort Street will be closed between Edward Street
- and Fort Street. • Dr. Roy's Drive will be closed after the entrance to
- the Village Plaza.
- Shedden Road will be closed between Harbour Drive and Main Street.
- Goring Avenue will be closed between South Church Street and Louise Llewellyn Way.
- Memorial Avenue will be closed at the intersection with South Church Street (?)



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Civil Service Leaders in Development

Deputy Governor and Head of the Civil Service, Hon Franz Manderson, MBE, JP presented several senior civil servant leaders with certificates at a small gathering last Wednesday October 30, 2019.

The ceremony was held for leaders and managers in the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing (HECH), who achieved their ILM City & Guilds Level 3 Certification in Leadership Management through the Civil Service College (CSC). The qualification was undertaken over a 6 month period and included elements of self-study, independent research and workshops, and was assessed to international standards to ensure that the individual skills could successfully be applied in the workplace.

"I truly believe that in order for us to meet our vision of becoming a worldclass civil service, we must support our leaders and managers in accessing continuous professional development that sharpens our skills and enhance our internal and public value. I commend this group for successfully completing this programme and know that their skills are already being applied in their day-to-day operations," said Mr. Manderson.

The Ministry's Human Resources Manager, Marcia Murray who undertook the programme said "Being able to access an internationally accredited programme without having to leave the island was fantastic. This was a challenging programme but I am already applying, and have seen other leaders applying, the techniques and skills within the Ministry teams. The opportunity to undertake this programme has strengthened the relationships across the various departments that make up the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing portfolio. This effort is already leading to more unified thinking and ultimately will deliver better outcomes for the health and wellbeing of our citizens".

The Programme Facilitator, Graeme Jackson said "Following the continued success of the Civil Service College, there are plans to expand its capacity over the next 2 years with the aim of providing a greater number of opportunities for all civil servants who are on the journey to becoming a world class civil service".



▶ Left to Right: Graeme Jackson, Management Support Advisor, Portfolio of Civil Service (PoCS), Dr Jim McNelly, Director Mosquito Research and Control Unit (MRCU), Nancy Barnard, Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry HECH, Judith Seymour, Director, Department of Counselling Services (DCS), Esther Taylor, Clinical Supervisor, Caribbean Haven Residential Centre (CHRC), Hon Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor, Marcia Murray, Human Resources Manager, Alan Wheeler, Assistant Director Research & Development MRCU, Mervyn Conolly, Director, Health Regulatory Services (HRS) & Superintendent of Insurance, Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Director, Department of Environment, Jennifer Ahearn, Strategic Operations Officer (Former Chief Officer Ministry HECH)



► Group photo of conference delegates and speakers (Photos by GIS)

NRA Conference Shines Spotlight on Road Safety

The National Roads Authority (NRA) placed road safety at the forefront of the agenda during their recent Road Safety Week conference, held on 29 October – 1 November at the Ritz-Carlton.

The conference opened with a welcome from NRA (Acting) Managing Director Edward Howard. He told the assembled delegates that "road safety is everyone's concern," especially given the 149 deaths that have occurred as

a result of road traffic collisions in the Cayman Islands since 2000.

The Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Joey Hew then offered his own opening remarks, highlighting some of the significant strides the NRA has already made to improve safety on the roads.

These include: island-wide implementation of fluorescent yellow-green lighted pedestrian crossings at schools

and at crossings, installation of 20,000 ft. of new highway safety guardrail, anti-skid surfacing on selected sections of roadway and the use of transverse thermoplastic striping at high traffic intersections like roundabouts, which alert motorists on approach.

Minister Hew also referenced future projects which are geared towards promoting road safety, such as the upcoming installation of speed check radar signs on West Bay Road and in other locations where excessive speeding is prevalent

He cited studies which have demonstrated drivers will slow down 80% of the time, when encountering a radar sign that alerts them to their excessive speed.

With tangible ways of improving road safety across the Cayman Islands at the nucleus of the conference, the event boasted a wide array of both local and international speakers from the public and private sectors. Michael Dreznes of the International Road Federation (IRF) reprised his role as keynote speaker.

The IRF is a global not-for-profit organisation that assists member countries in moving towards better, safer and smarter road systems. Mr Dreznes began his first session by drilling down into statistics referenced by Minister Hew, which indicate that 1,350,000 people die on the roads internationally every year.

He issued a call to action and asked attendees to address the complacent attitude that dismisses deaths from road traffic collisions as "inevitable." He told the audience that, at the current rate of mortality, 15,000 people will have died in road traffic collisions globally over the four-day conference period.

Mr Dreznes deduced that this number of deaths means road traffic collisions represent the second worst epidemic in mankind's history. He called upon governments across the world to step up to their moral responsibility to "vaccinate," against the problem, regardless of the cost.

Other highlights of the conference included a session led by Inspector Dwayne Jones of the RCIPS. Interim Chief Fire Office Paul Walker and the Director of the Department of Public Safety and Communications Julian Lewis both spoke of their agencies' capabilities when responding to road traffic collisions.

The conference agenda also focused on the four "Es" of road safety: engineering, education, enforcement and emergency services.

The conference is set to return in 2020.



▶ Interim Chief Fire Office Paul Walker and the Director of the Department of Public Safety and Communications Julian Lewis lead panel with Acting NRA Managing Director Edward Howard at the Conference on Thursday, 31 October



Acting NRA Managing Director Edward Howard opens Road Safety Week Conference at the Ritz-Carlton on Tuesday, 29 October



► Michael Dreznes of the International Road Federation (IRF) presents attendees with road safety strategies



► Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Joey Hew addresses conference delegates

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Pirates are Coming to **Grand Cayman**

7 - 11 November - A series of parades and fireworks displays, street dances, costume contests, sporting competitions, happy hours, traditional foods, music and much more will herald the 42nd. Pirates Weekend in Grand Cayman. Go to www.piratesweekfestival.com for all the details.

Remembrance Day -**Public Holiday**

11 November - Remembrance Day is observed to honour all veterans who fought in World War 1. On Remembrance Day in the Cayman Islands, there will be an official wreath-laying ceremony presided over by government officials, in public recognition of military veterans both living and dead. This will take place at the Cenotaph outside Elmslie Memorial United Church in George Town, and the War Memorial Cenotaph in Stake Bay, Cayman Brac. Both events start precisely at 10:45am; attendees and participants asked to be assembled and seated by 10:30am.

Matilda - the Musical

14 -16 November - St. Ignatius Catholic School Musical, 'Matilda' will be performed from November 14th-16th with shows at 7:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, with an additional 2:00 pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are on sale at the school office. Phone 949-9250 for further details.

Rundown 2019

14 November - 1 December - The popular comedy Rundown returns to the Harquail Theatre from 14 November to 1st. December. There will be 10 shows only! Tickets are adults \$30; kids (12 and under) and seniors \$20. Call the Harquail Theatre at 949 – 5477 for opening weekend group specials.

Camana Bay's Annual

Christmas Tree Lighting 16 November - Camana Bay's Christmas Tree Lighting begins at 4pm and goes until 11pm. There will be musical performances from The Cayman National Choir and Orchestra, Cayman International School Elementary Choir and the Cayman Islands Folk Singers. You can enjoy the Christmas craft market and a special visit from Santa Claus. Call 640 - 4000 for more information.

Tennis for the Cure

16 November - First Caribbean International Bank is inviting 16 teams to participate in Tennis for the Cure on Saturday 16, November at the Courts at the Ritz Carlton Grand Cayman. Registration is \$425. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the Cayman Islands Cancer Society. For tour-



SDA Conference International Annual 10K Run/Walk

17 November - Join the Seventh Day Adventist's Cayman Islands Conference for their 30th. International 10k Walk / Run. Participate with other runners from Bahamas, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, England, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Scotland and the USA. Entry CI\$25 Adults & CI\$15 Children (Under 13). Free T-Shirt with entry. The event begins at 6am and there will be children's races. Water will be available on the course and at the finish. Regretfully, no dogs are allowed. For more information, go to caymanactiv.com or call 949 2647 or 640 2647.

Movember - Prostate & Colon Cancer Awareness Education Event

21 November - The Lions Club of Grand Cayman in collaboration with The Cayman Islands Cancer Society and Movember Committee will be having a Prostate & Colon Cancer Awareness Education Event at the Lions Centre on Thursday 21 November from 7 -9 pm. There will be free PSA testing for eligible men. Light refreshments will be served. Call the Cancer Society at 949 - 7618 for more information.

NY Cabaret Music Night

23 November - The Cayman Arts Festival is bringing back their hit music event at the Westin Hotel Ballroom on 2 November beginning at 7pm. Enjoy performances by KT Sullivan, Natalie Douglas, Nicholas King and Matt Baker. Doors open at 6pm ad the cost is USD\$50 for adults - this includes a glass of wine and USD\$15 for those up to 18 years old. Email equiries@caymanartsfestival.com or call 922 - 5550 for more information.

Night at the Museum 29 November - The National Gallery of Cayman Islands invites you to attend the annual fundraising

artificial

gala on Friday, 29 November 2019 from 6:30 pm until 1:00 am. There will be a Welcome Reception followed by Haute Festival Style Dining, Live Entertainment and Auction, and dancing until the early hours. Single tickets are CI\$225 and ten tickets are CI\$2,025. The dress code is Couture inspired by Classic artworks or Black Tie and attendees are advised to choose footwear accordingly due to multiple terrains in the gardens. Valet service is provided. Proceeds benefit NGCI annual education programmes and provides free admission for all to the National Gallery. For more information, email events@nationalgallery.org.ky or

▶ Remembrance Day

Turkey Trot Walk/Run

call 945 8111.

30 November - Cayman Islands Meals on Wheels 5K and 10K walk/run fundraiser will begin at 6:30am at the Holiday Inn Resort by Safehaven. Register online at www.caymanactive.com/ turkeytrot or starting at 6am on the day. Registration is adults (18 and over) - \$25; juniors (11-17) -\$15; and children (4-10) - \$10. For more information, call 769-1974; email info@mealsonwheels.ky or go to http://www.mealsonwheels.

Northward Road Park Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

1 December - The Northward Road Park Annual Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for Sunday, December 1st at 5:30 pm at the Northward Road Park.

2019 Milo Kids Fun Run

8 December - The 2019 Kids Fun Run takes place on Sunday, 8 December at 10:30am. This event is sponsored by Milo and the Cayman Islands Government's Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands, and is open to all kids ages 5 to 11 years old. Registration for students in the Cayman Islands is FREE, and students can register through their schools or online. Registration includes a t-shirt, runner bib and a medal at the finish line. The Kids Fun Run starts at the NEW Government Administration Building on Elgin Avenue and ends on Harbour Drive. Laura Ribbins from Fitness Connection will be doing a fun WARM UP SESSION with the kids before they start their Fun Run so make sure your kids are there for all the excitement! For more information, check out our website: https://www.caymanislandsmarathon.com/kids-fun



Rundown

Liver Detoxification

When was the last time you thought about your liver? If you are like most people, this amazing organ does not command much of your attention. But if you are interested in living as healthily as possible, attending to your liver can have big pavoffs.

Named after the Old English word for "life," the liver is a critically important part of your body. The array of functions it performs is staggering. These include:

- · Controlling blood sugar
- Regulating fat storage • Producing proteins
- · Cleansing the blood
- Metabolizing fat
- · Producing energy

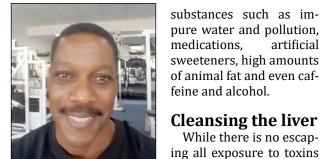
However, if toxins clog and overwhelm the liver, it will cease to perform its functions correctly. If the liver cannot cleanse the toxins from the body effectively, those toxins can trigger an immune response which not only can burden the immune system but possibly lead to autoimmune diseases such as arthritis.

You may also find that weight control becomes much more difficult as a result of a backed-up liver. Blood sugar control, fat storage and metabolism are all critical factors in weight management, and your liver is a key player in this delicate balance. A toxic liver cannot keep up with its metabolic functions if it is unhealthy.

Other symptoms of liver overload are food allergies, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, skin conditions and digestive problems such as heartburn and bloating.

What causes a toxic liver?

Every day our bodies are bombarded by many different toxins, and it is primarily the job of the liver to handle this toxic load. These toxins can come from pesticides and chemicals used in the production of our food, environmental



► Ernest Ebanks

on our liver but also to cleanse and detoxify it. • Exercise: When your circulation is enhanced, all of your organs perform better, including your liver. Moderate exercise and deep breathing will stimulate your circulation and blood flow, and this in turn will deliver nutrients and oxygen

to all parts of your body. Aim for at least

and poisons, there are

some things we can do to

not only lighten the load

30 minutes of exercise each day. • Diet: Cleansing the liver involves avoiding the offenders such as artificial sweeteners, overly processed foods, chemical additives, pesticides, excess animal fat and medication (if possible). It also involves adding in foods that are believed to help to cleanse the liver such as garlic, grapefruit, beets, carrots, green tea, filtered water, leafy green vegetables and olive oil.

• Environment: Try to reduce your exposure to environmental toxins whenever possible. Moderating your use of strong cleaning chemicals, avoiding tap water and getting plenty of fresh air may help. Using natural personal care products will also reduce the toxic load on your liver, as these tend to be absorbed through the skin into the blood

Any effort you make towards cleansing your liver and taking better care of this vital organ will bring big payoffs in terms of your overall health, both short term and long term.

Call Ernest Ebanks at Body Shapers Fitness 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today and together we will get you started on your healthier lifestyle. 🌎

FLOUR

The Almond needs no introduction. Humans have enjoyed eating this nutritious nuts for thousands of years. However, the popularity around almond flour is as vintage as it gets. The driving force for many years over the health benefits of almond flour is fuelled by the increase of Celiac disease and gluten dominance.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME BRAINIER? - In each cupful of this flour you get 3 grams of polyunsaturated fats. This leads to a significant increase in Omega 3 fatty acids in the blood stream. The chief beneficiary is the brain as these aid the development of the brain cells.

FIGHTS FATIGUE - What! A flour. You heard me right. It fights off fatigue. Unlike other types of flour, this one is filled with healthy carbohydrates. Packing 5.2 grams of protein per cup, the flour supplies the body with a welcome amount of energy.

SIUTABLE FOR GLUTEN ALLERGIC **REACTION** - The wide availability of gluten-free almond flour, ensures that those allergic to gluten products don't have to forego the pleasure and enjoyment of baked foods. Due to its great adaptability, it makes a fitting substitute for wheat.

SENSIBLE LOSE WEIGHT CHOICE - Since so many [people are engaged in making weight-loss plans, I recommend that you add almond flour to the top of your list. I mean pancakes, cakes, bread and other treats made from almond flour are simply delicious and packing great nourishment. Since it enables you to less it means you stay fuller longer.

IMPROVES DEFENSES AGAINST CELL DAMAGE - Substances found in almond flour increase the amount of antioxidant. These are in the front lines of the depredations of the free radicals. It makes sense, therefore, that the stronger the body's defense system, the lower the risk of disease.

So, it's time to steer clear from all those unhealthy flour types and instead go for ALMOND FLOUR. Your body would thank you for doing so.

Hmm!!!! SUMPTUOUS INDEED ③



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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
- <u>×</u> 86°/81°	- <u>×</u> 85°/81°	- <u>×</u> 84°/81°	-× 84°/81°	-× 85°/80°	-× 84°/81°	- \ 84°/81°
Partly sunny	Partly sunny with a shower	Partly sunny	Partly sunny with a shower	Partly sunny, a shower or two	Partly sunny, showers around	A morning shower or two

CARIBBEAN BRANDED FARES MORE CHOICE, **GREATER FLEXIBILITY**

Piarco, Trinidad and Tobago, W.I. November 06, 2019 - Caribbean Airlines is improving the travel experience for its customers by offering more choice and greater flexibility with a range of Caribbean branded fares.

The enhanced products will take effect from Thursday, November 07, 2019, and include a variety of brand options

Caribbean Fares at a glance:

namely: LITE, CLASSIC, FLEX, BIZ and BIZ FLEX all with different features, to cater to the specific needs of travellers.

The airline is maintaining its classic brand, which gives customers one free bag and 100% miles. Persons who travel light, with no checked bag, can take advantage of the LITE brand. Passengers who prefer two checked bags can

BIZ FLEX

use the Flex economy, which also gives a free same day change and 125% miles. Business travellers can use BIZ or BIZ Flex, which offers exclusive perks, additional flexibility and easier ticket changes. BIZ Flex is also fully refundable and customers earn 175% miles. All branded options have free seat selection and will always be available, even if travel is at the last minute or spontaneous.

Commenting on the new product choices, CEO Garvin Medera stated: "Our motivation is to offer more choice and greater flexibility, which is becoming the industry standard. These branded

options combine the best fares with our award winning hospitality and in-flight entertainment, tailored to meet the customers' unique travel needs. These dynamic products can be easily accessed through all sales channels including the Caribbean Airlines Mobile app which has revolutionized how interact with our customers."

For more information please, visit www.caribbean-airlines.com, call any Caribbean Airlines Sales and Service Centres or download the Caribbean Airlines Mobile App, which is available for free at the Apple Store and Google Play. ③

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***Availability varies by flight and aircraft type.

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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

What is Remembrance Day About?

By the Rev'd Christopher Pierce Rector St Alban's Anglican Church, George Town www.churchofenglandcayman.org

To some extent, our memories define us as a people. We remember our "firsts" in life...our first car, our first girlfriend, our first job, our first child...etc., etc. But each Sunday closest to the 11th of November, we remember the human sacrifice that was made during the Great War (1914-1918) to defend freedom from unwarranted aggression and the totalitarianism that would have ensued if the Central Powers had been the victors.

According to the online version of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, British Imperial Forces which included some from these isles, numbered 8,904,467. Of that almost 9 million, 908,371 were killed in combat. There were an additional 2,090,212 wounded and 191,562

were taken prisoners. The total casualty rate was 35.8%, which was just over $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total 3,190,235 soldiers and sailors in uniform. Those numbers are staggering but when you look at the other Allies you see that Russia alone mobilised 12,000,000 men and that their casualty rate was 76.3% or 9,150,000.

Aren't those numbers staggering? The British Imperial Forces' casualties alone equal 14.6 times the entire population of the Cayman Islands.

So what about Remembrance Day? On that day we pause and give thanks to God the Father through Jesus the Son, for allowing the military forces of the British Empire and its allies to prevail against the evil intentions of the Central Powers. No matter what your views are in regards to how the war was waged, those men and women died in the cause of freedom and by so doing proved again that freedom isn't free. Freedom is costly. It is costly in wealth, costly in materiel, and most importantly, costly in human blood.

On Sunday, many on the island will gather in a public act of remembrance for those that perished during the Great War and other armed conflicts. It is right and proper that it is done. This Remembrance Day is but once a year but you know, there is another that is celebrated each week.

Each Sunday (some Saturday) Christians gather to remember not only the sacrifice of Jesus' body and his blood shed upon the cross but the eternal victory he won for his people through his resurrection from the grave. It too, is right and proper that we should mark the day and render our sacrifice, not of blood, but a sacrifice of praise and thanks-

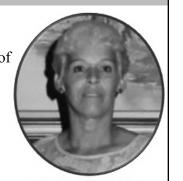
If you call yourself a follower of Christ, a Christian, then remember the time to give thanks doesn't come just once per year. It comes each week...if you own Jesus as your master, you should remember him by being bodily present in worship. 📀

OBITUARIES

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Gladwin Yates, who died on Saturday, October 30, 2019.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Annie Zelma Ebanks, who passed away on Friday, October 25, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at West Bay Assembly of God, Finch Drive, Birch Tree Hill, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket

Please wear bright colours. Interment at: Boatswain Bay Cemetery

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Canada drinking water 'unsafe'

Canadians in their hundreds of thousands have been unwittingly exposed to high levels of lead in their drinking water.

According to a yearlong investigation conducted by more than 120 journalists, contamination in several cities was consistently higher than it ever was in Flint, Michigan, where lead-contaminated water sparked a public health crisis. No specific cities were named in the report.

The media consortium that conducted the investigation, which included reporters from

The Associated Press and the Institute for Investigative Journalism at Concordia University in Montreal, measured lead exposure in 11 cities across Canada. Out of 12,000 tests conducted since 2014, the group found that 33 percent exceeded Canada's national safety guideline of 5 parts per billion; 18 percent exceeded the US limit of 15 ppb.

"I'm surprised," leading Canadian water safety researcher Bruce Lanphear said. "These are quite high given the kind of attention that has been given to Flint, Michigan, as having such extreme problems."

Canada is one of the only developed countries in the world that does



► Canada's water is not entirely safe to drink

not have a nationwide drinking water standard. Even countries that struggle to provide safe drinking water have established acceptable lead levels: India's is 10 ppb and Mexico and Egypt's are 5 ppb, according to those nations' government websites.

Sarah Rana, 18, was one of tens of thousands of students who weren't alerted when her high school found lead levels above national guidelines in dozens of water samples, the highest at 140 ppb. She found out on her own after looking at reports online.

"I was getting poisoned for four years and did not know about it," she said. "As a student, I think I should be told."

Honduras soldiers break criminal activity

Honduran and Nicaraguan soldiers successfully completed a twelfth staging of Operation Morazán-Sandino to clamp down on rampant criminal activity between their border.

It resulted in more than 70 criminals arrested, 12,000 marijuana plants destroyed, a narco-lab dismantled, and \$130,000 seized. The operation, led by both countries' armed forces, aims to neutralise

transnational crime linked to drug, arms, and human trafficking, cattle rustling, and smuggling goods.

These operations began in 2014, as part of the Central American Armed Forces Conference, and it activates a joint task force consisting of units of the Honduran and Nicaraguan armies, who conduct land and maritime patrol on their 584 miles of common border. Honduran Operation Morazán-Sandino is planned every three months and executed in periods of up to two weeks.

"There are many illegal border crossings or blind spots where crimes are committed on both sides of the border, so strategies are executed to



close routes toward the interior [of both countries]," said Honduran Army Colonel Iván Rolando Cano Mejía, commander of the 101th Infantry Brigade, which leads the operation on the Honduran side.

Nicaragua and Honduras have important land, maritime, and air routes used for narcotrafficking. Transnational criminal groups leverage the porous border and less-populated areas in both countries to conduct their activities. The report also shows an increase of narcotrafficking via Nicaraguan maritime and air routes since the first half of 2018, due to political instability and to roadblocks neighbouring countries have imposed. ③

More earthquakes kill Filipinos

The Philippines has been rocked by three lethal earthquakes in recent weeks across the island of Mindanao in the south, killing 17, injuring hundreds and dislocating over 140,000.

That may be just the tip of a bigger disaster, Philippine seismologists say, amid official warnings that temblors will continue to jolt

the Christmas season. The scientists say the region is now in the grip of an "earthquake swarm" that could last for months.

Indeed, fears are rising that the worst is yet to come, with some seismologists drawing parallels to the country's deadliest ever earthquake in 1976 in Mindanao, a 7.9 Richter scale temblor that caused a tsunami that killed 8,000 across a 450 mile stretch in Mindanao.

A dramatic shift of the Cotabato trench triggered that disastrous quake. Scientists have now recorded



▶ The Philippines has been badly hit by earthquakes

the southern Philippines until at least new shifting movements in the trench while stressing there is no fail-proof way to predict when earthquakes will strike.

> Following the October 31 6.5 quake that jolted large parts of Mindanao, state seismologists have also been closely monitoring the Makilala-Malungon fault that they warned could potentially cause a disastrous 7.2 magnitude quake.

> The Philippines lies in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire, an arc of intense seismic activity around the Pacific Ocean where most of the world's earthquakes are recorded. 🏵

Cubans in US can't easily fly home

Cubans are going to have more difficulty travelling internationally after the Trump administration's latest restrictions on flights to and from Cuba.

Cuban Americans are worried that travel will become complicated, leaving their families and local businesses in incredibly difficult situations.

Since President Barack Obama restored commercial flights to Cuba in 2016, more Cuban Americans have been visiting relatives in provinces far from

the country's capital of Havana on direct reducing the flow of funds, the US aims flights. That option will be ending soon; to limit the foreign currency the Cuban last week, the Trump administration government gets. America hate Cuba's announced that flights to all airports ex-

cept Havana will end on Dec. 9. The flights to airports outside Havana are used mostly by Cuban Americans to visit relatives and take goods that are in short supply in the island. From Miami, it's common to take short trips — from Friday to Sunday — so people only miss one day of work.

The end of direct flights to these farther destinations makes those popular weekend trips nearly impossible.

The new travel restrictions aim to hit the Cuban government through one of its highest earning sectors; hospitality. By



► Havana's Jose Marti International Airport is going to be busier

support of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro as well as what the State Department called the Cuban government's "repression against its own people.'

Underground courier services known as "mulas," which fly back and forth between Miami and different destinations in Cuba delivering hard-to-get products that include anything from Advil and antibiotics to walkers and comforters, will take a hit.

Demand for flights to Havana will increase, but the number of flights arriving at Havana's José Martí International Airport are likely to stay the same. ③

Venezuela oil surpluses find market

Venezuela's glut of oil inventory appears to be finally draining as the crisis-stricken country managed to send off 800,000 barrels per day of oil for a second month in a row.

But Venezuela's troubles are far from over. Its list of oil buyers has shrunk to a handful of loyal takers who are unwilling to kowtow to US pressure in the form of sanctions. The list includes China, Russia,

and Cuba for the most part, although India's Reliance has recently resumed Venezuela oil imports as well.

For now, it seems, this has been enough to lift the Latin America's oil exports to 812,775 barrels per day, and enough to drain some of its excess inventory that have filled its storage to the brim and caused a blending unit, Petrosinovensa, to shutter as it had nowhere to put more product.

Venezuela's October exports were still 3.7 percent below September's, and well

below June's exports of 1.13 million bpd. Still, the US sanctions on Venezuela have restricted Venezuela's output sig-



▶ Venezuela's oil industry has been decimated

nificantly, and many of its customers and tankers hired to move the project have been unwilling to move product, not just because they fear they may find themselves in trouble with the US, but because the banks they rely on are unlikely to continue doing business with anyone even remotely tied to Petrosinovensa or Venezuela.

Petrosinovensa announced plans last month to boost its production in 2020 to 1.2 million bpd, although it did not disclose any details of the plan, other than to suggest it would implement an "austerity campaign" on Petrosinovensa employee expenses. 🏵

Religious groups bribed to expose immigrants

Religious community organisations in the UK have been paid thousands of pounds by the Home Office to assist immigration enforcement teams in removing people from the UK, in most cases rough sleep-

There is mounting concern about Home Office tactics to deport migrant rough sleepers from the UK and its use of

payments to assist with these removals, with the department facing accusations of racial profiling.

A list obtained by the Manchester-based human rights charity Refugee and Asylum Seeker Participatory Action Research, reveals that 21 Home Office immigration surgeries are embedded in community centres and places of worship across London and in Birmingham, Slough and Manchester. It shows that Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs are being targeted for removal, along with Brazilians, Albanians and Chinese people.



▶ Black rough sleepers in the UK are racially profiled

Fizza Qureshi, the co-chief executive officer of the Migrants' Rights Network, condemned the practice of faith and community organisations assisting the Home Office with removals.

"The extent to which the Home Office is infiltrating our communities by co-opting community and faith organisations is extremely shocking," she said. "These kinds of practices destroy trust within and between communities. It will also leave many marginalised people wondering who they can turn to and trust in their time of need." 😚

Jackson's form belies his youth

Lamar Jackson has been the quarterback sensation for the Baltimore Ravens this season which is why he is an early favourite for the Most Valuable Player

Following back-to-back victories over the Seahawks and Patriots, the Ravens (6-2) are picking up steam. Led by an improving defence, superb coaching staff and high-powered rushing attack, Baltimore are looking good for the playoffs.

Jackson is the main reason for that. In just his second season in NFL and first year as the Ravens full-time starting quarterback, the 22-year-old Floridian is at the forefront of the MVP discussion through Week 10.

Jackson makes everything tick for the Ravens offense, which paces all teams in rushing yards by a wide margin and ranks No. 2 in the league in total yards per game. Baltimore also leads the league in points per game with 31.4. Simply put, the team's offense is at or near the top of the NFL in several major categories. Without Jackson's abilities and skill set, that would not be the case.

Jackson's improvement as a passer has been significant. His technique and consistency compared to last year is significant, as is his ball placement and accuracy.

Jackson leads the entire league in yards per carry (6.4), is 10th in rushing yards with 647 and had five rushing touchdowns to his name. He is well on pace to break Michael Vick's record for the most rushing yards by a quarterback in a single season, which would be an impressive feat. Jackson has played well enough to take care of business against inferior opponents and was the key catalyst in recent victories against shoe-in playoff opponents in the Seahawks and Patriots, the latter of which boasted the league's No. 1 defence in the league entering their Week 9 matchup.

He's done so with a rather lacklustre receiving core around him, especially considering rookie wide receiver Marquise "Hollywood" Brown has essentially missed 2.5 games this season. While the Ravens offensive line has been solid this season, Jackson often makes them look better than they are in terms of



► Lamar Jackson is the most impressive QB now

pass protection. There's been numerous times this year where Jackson escapes multiple sacks and picks up first downs on the ground. He may very well be the most athletic offensive player in the league when considering his combination of speed and elusiveness in the open field.

Also in the MVP stakes, Russell Wilson has been on a tear this season, throwing 22 touchdowns to just one interception. His lone turnover came against the Ravens in Week 7 and proved costly, as CB Marcus Peters returned the interception for a 67-yard touchdown. Other than that, Wilson has played mistake-free football and has been incredibly efficient. The veteran signal-caller leads the league in passing touchdowns, passer rating and ranks third in passing yards with 2,505. He's been the driving force behind the Seahawks 7-2 start and has helped Seattle compensate for inconsistent play from the offensive line and defence.

Christian McCaffrey is the only running back garnering MVP buzz, and it's not hard to see why that is. McCaffrey has taken his game to another level in his third career season and has been electric this season. The Stanford product is 13 yards short of leading the NFL in rushing this season, as he's totalled 881 yards on the ground with a yards per carry clip of 5.3. McCaffery is averaging 110.1 rushing yards per game while also making an impact as a receiver, which is truly where his value stems from - versatility.

Deshaun Watson and the Texans will travel to Baltimore in Week 11. Watson has once again carried Houston and seems to make several remarkable plays each game that inspire awe. The third-year quarterback has taken his game to another level this season. He ranks sixth in the NFL in passing yards with 2,432. Watson is incredible and deserves the buzz he's getting for this award.



► Christian McCaffrey is an outstanding running back

Alvarez, is king of lightheavies now

Mexican boxing legend Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez became a four-weight champion when he rallied back to knock out Sergey Kovalev in stunning fashion at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas on Saturday.

Holding belts in multiple divisions and only three bouts into his \$365mn, 11 fight deal with DAZN, here are some possible options as to what could be next for the 29-year-old Mexican icon.

Demetrius Andrade is the WBO middleweight champ. Holding the unified WBA (Super), WBC and The Ring straps at 160lbs, Canelo could look to take the WBO belt from "Boo Boo". Gennady Golovkin holds the IBF and IBO middleweight titles. Relieved of the IBF crown by the commission in August, which as revealed this week caused tension in his relationship with promoter Oscar De La Hoya, it has since reached old foe Golovkin, who also holds the IBO equivalent. Canelo initially seemed to rule out completing the trilogy between two modern-day greats but as both have contracts with DAZN then it might still happen.

Artur Beterbiev holds the IBF, WBC and lineal light heavyweight titles. He is considered the most dangerous fight out there for Cane-



► Saul Alvarez did not disappoint his fans

lo in his new, partly-conquered weight class, however in comments made by trainer Eddy Reynoso, it seems the Alvarez camp would have no problem in facing the 15-0 Russian.

Andre Ward is the former unbeaten light heavyweight champ now retired. It has been talked about and would be highly profitable if Ward came out of retirement to prove a point.

Hanging the gloves up on a 32-0 career shortly after triumphing over Kovalev himself, the now-respected pundit's trainer Virgil Hunter believes a hefty fee to rival Canelo's numbers with DAZN would be required for his former charge to even consider a return to the ring.

Whatever he decides is best for him, Mexico's current pride and joy has vowed to continue making history for an expectant public.

Mané is up for Ballon d'Or, but Messi looks set

Sadio Mané has been outstanding again this season, despite a break of only a couple of weeks in the summer. Last season he was one of the biggest reasons for Liverpool winning the Champions League and getting so close to pipping Manchester City for the covet-

ed Premiership title. No wonder the 27-year-old Senegalese is on the shortlist for the Ballon d'Or award for the world's greatest player.

While Barcelona's Lionel Messi remains favourite, Mané's performances this year have certainly warranted his nomination.

However, he doesn't think he stands a chance against the likes of Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo,



► Sadio Mane is one of the world's best players

who have won ten Ballon d'Or awards between them. "These players are monsters. I

think that I am still far away from them," Mané said. "As I have said, I am going to do everything I can to come a little closer to them." He does acknowledge though,

that his current circumstances are nothing short of a dream.

Messi is favoured to win his sixth Ballon D'Or.

Hachimura could be Japan's superstar

NBA forward Rui Hachimura has made a rousing start for the Washington Wizards in his first six games. His 15 points and six rebounds per game both rank among the top rookies to start the season. But as impressive as Hachimura's play looks, his off-court game is even stronger.

The Japan-born 21-year-old has signed endorsement deals with a half-dozen partners so far, with another four or five expected by February's All-Star break. It's an unprecedented haul for an NBA rookie. He's done global deals with Nike's Jordan Brand, NEC, NBA 2K and Nissin Foods, as well as Japan-specific agreements with SoftBank and banking giant SMBC.

On top of his \$4.5 million playing salary this season, Forbes estimates Hachimura's off-court earnings could reach \$10 million this season, second to Zion Williamson among rookies and within the top 12 of all NBA players. The rest of the rookie class is not in the same zip code as Zion and Rui.

It is a massive haul for a player picked ninth overall in the 2019 NBA draft

and largely a function of Hachimura's trailblazing path to the NBA. Born to a Japanese mother and Beninese father in Toyama, Japan, Hachimura is only the third Japanese-born player in the league, but he's the first to arrive in the NBA with the high expectations of a first-round draft pick.

More than 100 Japanese media outlets attended his first post-draft press conference with the Wizards. "I'm used to it at this point. People have been following me since high school," he says after a Wizards practice last week. "It's getting crazy, but I expected it."

Every major shoe brand was in on the bidding for Hachimura. "It speaks to the global appeal and the power he has to help these businesses expand their consumer base and represent their brand," says Jason Ranne, Hachimura's co-agent at Wasserman along with Darren Matsubara. Wasserman has a long history of working with Japanese baseball players who came to the US to play and has inked more than \$1 billion worth of shoe deals for its clients.



▶ Rui Hachimura will become huge in Japan

Hachimura signed with Nike's Jordan Brand in June under a multi-year deal. He says he's worn the brand's high-tops since he was a kid and is excited to be the first Japanese Jordan athlete. The plan is for Nike to use the former Gonzaga star in marketing in both Japan and the US. A signature shoe is a strong possibility down the road if Hachimura lives up to expectations on the court.

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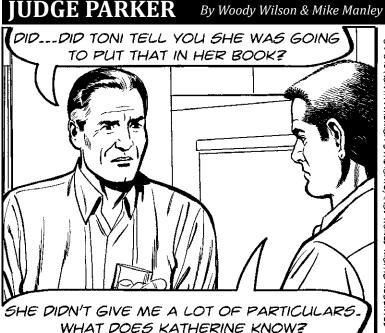


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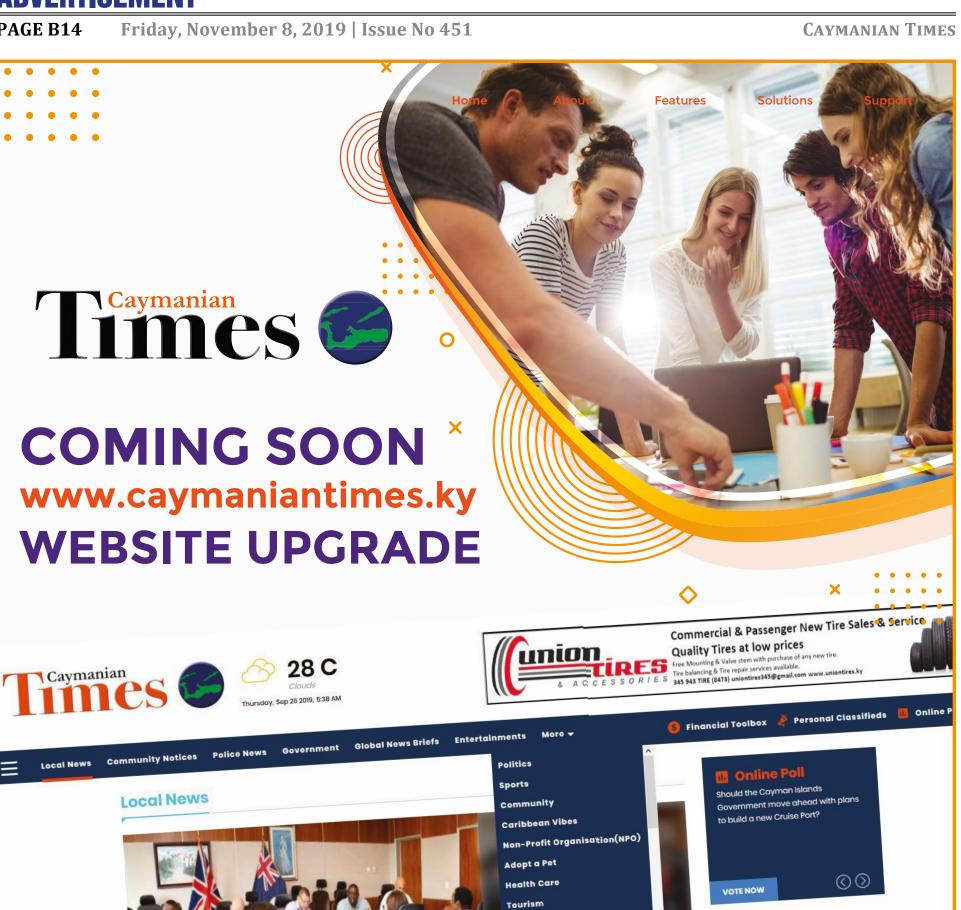














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