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## CAL's New Route to Denver Colorado

It was a proud day for Cayman Airways, as the new Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft took off from Owen Roberts International Airport to Denver, Colorado, for the longest ever commercial nonstop flight in its 50-year history. But first, of course, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony, with smart Cayman Airways crew members, looking magnificent, and with David White, Councilor for Sports and Tourism present, on behalf of Minister for Tourism, the Hon. Moses Kirkconnell: "This is another historic milestone in the life of our National Airline," Mr White said, "As well as being the longest commercial flight ever offered by Cayman Airways, this new route on our brand new Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft will allow the Cayman Islands to reach further into the West Coast of the United States, opening up a whole new world of possibilities for our tourism industry."

Cayman Airways is the very first Caribbean-based airline to fly direct flights



► The beautiful new Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft

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## RCIPS strengthens Customer Service and Management Skills

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service is pleased to announce that it has partnered with the Portfolio of the Civil Service to provide learning and development opportunities to its officers and civilian staff in the areas of customer service, leadership and management.

This initiative reflects the RCIPS' commitment to the wider civil service vision of becoming world class, and to the mission of improving the lives of those it serves. As such, the RCIPS believes that providing excellent customer service is an objective for the whole organization and not just for officers on the front line. All officers and staff of all ranks and grades will be required to participate in a customer service workshop that will be offered several times over the course of the coming year, until all RCIPS employees have completed it.

"It is a known fact that providing outstanding customer service during police interactions with

the public builds trust and confidence in the police overall," said Derek Byrne, Commissioner of Police. "It also aids in the prevention, detection and reporting of crime, and in turn enables the more effective deployment of what are limited police resources."

"Therefore, providing good customer service must become an integral part of what we do as a police service, and I have made it one of the top priorities for the RCIPS."

In fact, one group of officers has already participated in this customer service workshop: The trainees of the first 2019 recruit class completed the workshop on Wednesday, 27 February, as part of their initial training. Going forward, customer service training will form part of the curriculum of the training course for all new recruits.

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## Sharon Ebanks launches Fenomenal Mas Band



There's a new band hitting the streets for Batabano this year - Fenomenal. Fenomenal is the brain child of Sharon Ebanks.

Sharon is originally from the Brac, but she has called Grand Cayman home for many years, although you can still find her kicking back, at every opportunity, by the sea in the Brac!

Sharon's love of Carnival dates back to 1983 when she participated in the very first Batabano, and fell in love with the music and the dance, she's loved Carnival ever since. She participated in Batabano usually wearing queen costumes and has a shelf full of awards for her costumes. She has also been a 'co-producer' of Mas Bands.

Between 1999 and 2006 she experienced Carnival on a much larger scale, travelling to Trinidad to enjoy steel band music, carnival fetes and parades. This gave her the opportunity to meet and make contacts with the many costume producers and the people who work hard behind the scenes to put on the spectacle.

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# EDITORIAL

## Cayman Airways: Those who fly them love them

Cayman Airways just launched its Denver route and we are sure that many travellers are taking advantage of the sales been advertised in today's publication.

Stepping onto a Cayman Airways flight whether you are travelling from Grand Cayman, Miami, Cuba, Honduras and now Denver, a special calm is evident not only amongst fellow passengers but also the writer of this editorial as travelling by air can be a little unnerving at times.

Cayman Airways is known for its unblemished record even though some may say that this is solely because of the size of the company. After all, an airline that flies 5 jets and a few small planes is statistically less likely to have a catastrophic event occur than an airline that flies dozens of jets. This is a fact. However, is this the simple explanation for Cayman Airways' record? Our writers and readers do not think so.

Cayman Airways is a company that has been in business for over 50 years in one form or another and has flown tens of thousands of individual flights. Their planes have flown to numerous cities in the western hemisphere and under a huge variety of weather con-



ditions. CAL pilots have flown new and old planes including planes that were leased from other companies that were often acquired at the last moment due to urgent need. With all this, Cayman Airways still stands out as an airline with an impeccable record of safety.

More importantly, Cayman Airways has accomplished this with an absolute majority of Caymanian Captains, First Officers and Engineers. Also, CAL continues to hire more and more Caymanians. It is truly a Caymanian company and we should all be proud.

Whether it is day or night, rain or sunlight, when I tighten my seatbelts, I say a word of prayer and relax as I know my safety is in the hands of great Cayman Airways' pilots.

Well done Cayman Airways. 🇧🇪



# COMMUNITY NOTICE

## Information on Scheduled Outage

**Area:** Randyke Gardens, Linford Pierson Highway  
**Date:** Friday, March 8, 2019  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

CUC advises customers in the Randyke Gardens area off the Linford Pierson Highway in George Town that they will experience interruptions to their electrical service on Friday, March 8th between 9:00 a.m. and 12 noon.

Areas affected include Rankin Drive, Dykewood Drive, Candlenut Close, Randyke Way and Concord Avenue.

Motorists are asked to drive with caution when utilising the Linford Pierson Highway in front of Randyke Gardens as CUC will have a number of trucks and personnel in the area.



CUC apologises for this short interruption, which is necessary to facilitate required overhead infrastructure upgrades to provide our customers with safe, reliable and efficient power.

For more information on the outage and streets affected, please contact CUC's Customer Service Team at 949-5200 or e-mail service@cuc.ky. 🇧🇪

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Ministry of Community Affairs' Bullying, Young Men at Risk Presentations

The Ministry of Community Affairs is inviting the public to the following community presentations it is hosting with the Alex Panton Foundation from next month:

### Bullying

- Thursday, 21 March - Bodden Town - 6.30-8 p.m., Webster Memorial Church Hall
- Tuesday, 9 April - West Bay - 6.30-8 p.m., John Gray Memorial Church
- Tuesday, 30 April - East End - 6.30-8 p.m., East End Civic Centre
- Wednesday, 8 May - North Side - 6.30-8 p.m., North Side Civic Centre
- Tuesday, 21 May - George Town - 6.30-8 p.m., South Sound Civic Centre



### Young Men at Risk

- Wednesday, 5 June - Bodden Town - 6:30-8p.m., Bodden Town Civic Centre
- Wednesday, 19 June - West Bay - 6:30-8p.m., John Gray Memorial Church
- Wednesday, 3 July - East End - 6:30-8p.m., East End Civic Centre
- Wednesday, 7 August - George Town - 6:30-8p.m., South Sound Civic Centre
- Wednesday, 28 August - North Side - 6:30-8p.m., North Side Civic Centre 🇧🇪

## Tenth annual St. Ignatius annual scramble will suit golfers to a tee!

The tenth annual St. Ignatius Golf Scramble is fast approaching. The popular event takes place on Friday, March 22nd at the North Sound Golf Club with a 1:00 pm shotgun start. The four-person scramble can accommodate up to 88 players in 22 teams and is open to the general public.

The event is nearly sold out, so any other golfers wishing to play in the scramble should submit a registration form and CI\$175 per player (CI\$700 per team) as soon as possible. The entry fee includes green fee, cart rental, chances to win great prizes from Kirk Freeport and Home Gas, as well as a buffet meal and awards presentations after the golf. There will also be competitions for closest to the pin, longest drive, putting champion, and best dressed team, which are all included in the registration fee! The big prize of the day is USD\$50,000 if a player scores a hole-in-one at a selected par three!

Registration/sponsorship forms are available at the golf pro shop, the church office, or via e-mail. Please

submit all forms/payments by hand to the church office or by post to St. Ignatius Golf Scramble, PO Box 2638, Grand Cayman, KY1-1102. Forms/payments can also be handed in to Andrew or John at the North Sound Golf Club. The final deadline to register is Monday, March 18th, but it is likely that all available spaces will fill up before then, so please sign up early to avoid disappointment.

St. Ignatius is appealing for additional event sponsors and hole sponsors. Donations of prizes are also welcome. All sponsorships and prizes should be received by Friday, March 15th in order to be included in advertising, programme, and signs.

Anyone wishing to donate prizes, offer sponsorship, or in need of more information, is asked to phone 949-6797 between the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Mondays to Fridays or e-mail st.ignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com. All proceeds from this event will benefit the new St. Ignatius Multi-purpose Sports Hall building fund. 🇧🇪



▶ Team Eric Cronier Ltd

## Orchid Show at Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park

The Management and staff of the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park and the Cayman Islands Orchid Society invites the public to the annual Orchid Show and fundraising plant sale set for Saturday and Sunday, April 6th and 7th from 9:00am to 4:30pm at the Botanic Park on Frank Sound Road, North Side.

The event is sponsored by Cayman Airways, Sticks and Stones, DMS Broadcasting, Vigoro Nursery, and the Tourism Attraction Board.

The Orchid Show allows the public (residents and tourist alike) another opportunity to see and enjoy the beautiful and natural flora of the Park, including orchids indigenous to the Cayman Islands.

Orchids on sale originate from the USA, Hawaii and Jamaica. There will also



be educational talks, music and food on offer throughout the day; proceeds from this year's event will go towards continued development of the orchid conservation area.

Admission is only \$5.00 per person while entry for children under 12 is free.

To learn more, email marketing@tab.ky, info@botanic-park.ky or call 947-9462. 🇧🇪



# CIAA Employee Returns from Overseas Training

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA) is pleased to announce that in support of its strategy to attract, retain and develop the careers of Caymanians in Air Traffic Control and other jobs within the Authority, Ms. Daysi Martin, Air Traffic Controller (ATC) Trainee, completed her overseas ATC training at the Trinidad & Tobago Aviation Centre in December 2018.

Ms. Martin began her training back in September 2017 with on-the-job training in Cayman Brac, which covered Aeronautical Information Services (AIS), Airport Operations, MET and ATC procedures. She completed her local training in August 2018, and then went on to complete the overseas training in four months. Ms. Martin is currently a student Air Traffic Controller at Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA), undergoing her local on-the-job training specific to the Cayman Islands with a local instructor. Ms. Martin is designated to take up her duties at the Charles Kirk-

connell International Airport (CKIA) in Cayman Brac once she completes her on-the-job training and is certified and checked out as an Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO) by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) of the Cayman Islands.

At the CKIA Tower, she will be working under the supervision of Mr. Joshua Burke and will accompany three other Cayman Brac ATCOs. The ATC in Cayman Brac is also recruiting and training two other ATCOs in order to maintain the regulatory mandated manning levels for an ATC Tower at an international airport.

"The CIAA is very pleased with Daysi's performance to date and her successful completion of her overseas ATC training," said Chief Airport Operations Officer Mr. Wayne DaCosta. "We look forward to her successful completion of the on-the-job certification as an Air Traffic Control Officer and joining such a great team of people who work hard every day at keeping our skies safe."



▶ ATC Trainee Ms. Daysi Martin

# Vistra Announces New Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Appointments

Vistra, a leading global trust, fund administration and corporate services provider, today announced the appointment of Alan Brown as Group Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Geoff Weir as Group Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Alan and Geoff will join Vistra in April.

Based in Vistra's headquarters in Hong Kong, both Alan and Geoff will also join the company's Board. Their appointments are subject to regulatory approval. Simon Hinshelwood, who has been leading the business as the Executive Chairman, will resume his Non-Executive Chairman role on the Board.

Alan has extensive experience in leading global organisations, in particular, businesses going through significant transformations. He has worked across a number of industries and has lived and worked in the UK, Europe, and Asia - with particularly strong China experience.

He was most recently CEO of ASCO Group - an Aberdeen, Scotland headquartered global oil and gas services company. Prior to this, Alan held the CEO position at Rentokil Initial and was CFO at Imperial Chemical Industries (which was acquired by Akzo Nobel in 2007), and spent 25 years at Unilever in various roles in the UK and Europe, before heading up Unilever's operations in China and Taiwan.

Geoff has held a number of group CFO roles with global companies, including Scotts Philips Associates, Exridge, Digicel, and most recently Sinar Mas in Indonesia. He has extensive experience across strategy, planning, operations, M&A, compliance, and risk management in multiple sectors. He is passionate about delivering results and has had great success in driving



▶ Alan Brown, Vistra Group Chief Executive Officer

change, accelerating growth and delivering value in complex multinational businesses.

Commenting on the appointments, Simon Hinshelwood said, "Vistra has been on a rapid growth journey, expanding from a local company operating in five markets 10 years ago, to a truly global organisation with over 4,300 employees in 46 jurisdictions. I am confident that Alan and Geoff's strong track record and expertise will enable Vistra to achieve its continuing growth ambitions and I look forward to working with them both."

Alan Brown said, "I am delighted to be joining Vistra with the opportunity to lead the company in the next stage of its exciting growth and transformation journey. I look forward to working with Simon, the Board, and our colleagues across the globe to maximise the opportunity the organisation has for both our clients and employees."

# Seven Mile lights up for breast cancer

By Lindsey Turnbull

Hundreds of walkers took to Seven Mile Beach last Saturday night donning pink t-shirts and holding up pink balloons to raise money for a very worthy cause, Cayman's Breast Cancer Foundation (the colour pink representing breast cancer).

The event, the ninth annual Light Up the Night walk, was sponsored by a multitude of local businesses, however the lead sponsor was the Armand Hammer Foundation that is run by businessman and philanthropist Michael Armand Hammer and his wife Misty. Michael Hammer, who has a long history of ties to the Cayman Islands, is the father of Hollywood movie actor Arnie Hammer and both Michael and Misty participated in the walk. Governor Martyn Roper and his wife Elisabeth also took to Seven Mile for the walk for this important charity.

The walk began at 7pm at Royal Palms and took the 800 to a thousand or so walkers all the way up to The Ritz-Carlton, and back again. The cost to participate and receive a t-shirt and balloon was C\$25 and proceeds will all be going towards the Breast Cancer Foundation's Wellness Pro-



▶ BCF chief administrator Janette Fitzgerald, Governor Martyn Roper and his wife Elisabeth



▶ Participants Mila and Lilli Feik with mum Melanie

grammes. Businesses such as Maples and Dart had large groups of employees taking part in the walk, with Dart winning the accolade of largest group of participants, at 123 people.

Kim Lund and James Bovell, both owners and brokers at RE/MAX Cayman Islands, started the Breast Cancer Foundation ten years ago and James was at the event giving walkers a pep talk before they set off. He said that the Light Up the Night walk got bigger and better every year and that the event was

a salute to breast cancer survivors and allowed people to celebrate them and those who weren't with us any more due to this terrible disease.

Participants were entered for a raffle at the end of the walk and Royal Palms had created a special pink cocktail that included Bacardi rum and watermelon juice especially for adult participants when they needed refreshment. They were donating all the proceeds from the sale of the cocktail to Cayman's Breast Cancer Foundation.



▶ Walkers light up the night



▶ Walkers get ready



# Reception for Special Olympians at Governor's House

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper hosted an outdoor reception for all the athletes, coaches, and everyone else who has worked so hard for the Special Olympics Cayman Islands (SOCI) at Government House. The athletes were getting ready to leave for the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games at Abu Dhabi and Dubai between 14 and 21 March. The team will represent the Cayman Islands in athletics, basketball, bocce and swimming.

Everyone was excited and looking forward to it very much, as they talked about it in the Governor's back garden while drinking a cool glass of lemonade and eating little cakes. It was a special send-off for the Special Olympians.

Chelsea Frederick, 17 is the Cayman Islands' hope for the women's shot put, and she has been training very hard to be ready. "I am looking forward to going to Abu Dhabi. It will be a whole lot different than Cayman, there will be new scenery and I will meet new people," she said. Keanu 17 is a swimmer who will be competing in the 50 and 100m events: "I'm looking forward to it. I've never been to Abu Dhabi in my life," he said. "I'm going up to swim for Miss Penny," he added referring to their team's swimming coach who sadly passed away last year.

After they had all lined up for a big group photo, along with the Governor, and with their coaches and Committee members and everyone who has helped make this dream come true, the Governor said a few words: "I wanted to have an opportunity to send you my best wishes and wish you every success. It is

the first time that it's ever been held in Abu Dhabi so I am sure you are all going to have a fantastic time and I know that you are representing lots of different sports; athletics, swimming and basketball. I even had to look one up today, bocce - I didn't know what bocce was," he said.

"I hope you enjoy being in Government house and looking at this wonderful view. I also like to keep fit and do lots of exercise so I jog up and down the beach every day in the morning, before its even light and when I jog next week I'll be thinking of all of you, doing your sport in Abu Dhabi so just to wish you all the very best. I think the best societies in the world are those that value the uniqueness of each and every one of us and I think this is a fantastic thing you are doing - going off to the Special Olympics.

SOCI Chairman Adrian Lynch said: "It's the culmination of a couple of years of very hard work by these guys. We compiled a list of all the athletes and all of the sports to ESPN so you will be able to follow every single one of them. They are all going to do fantastically well and are all going to do the best isn't that right, guys? I'm so excited I just can't wait. It's going to be great."

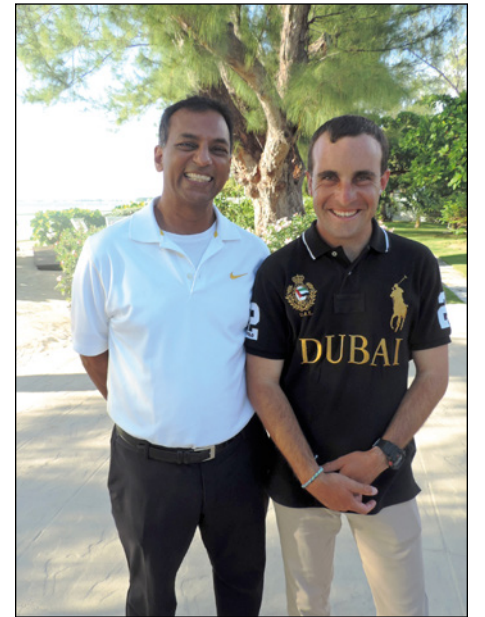
Fareed Hosein the coach for basketball team, said, "We went to L.A. Special Olympics in 2015 and won a Bronze." Ever since then, they had been practicing hard, he said, and had overcome some obstacles on their way, including the tragic loss of a team member. "But we hope to bring back a Gold this time." 🌍



► H.E The Governor, Martyn Roper and his wife, pictured with all the Special Olympians



► Chelsea Frederick who will be competing in the shot put event



► Basketball Coach, Faren Hosein (left) and team member Shaun Ebanks

# Understanding Generation K

By Lindsey Turnbull

The next generation of consumers - i.e. people between the ages of 15 and 24 - have a huge Euro150 billion in Europe and USD200 billion at their disposal and ought to be paid attention to, if businesses are to succeed in the future. This was the view of Noreena Hertz, speaker at this year's Royal Fidelity Cayman Economic Outlook Conference, held last week at the Kimpton Seafire. Ms Hertz said she had been studying this generation in detail for the past five years.

Ms Hertz, an author and commentator who, among other roles, advises world leaders on strategy, economic and geo political risk and artificial intelligence, called this generation of new consumers Generation K, after the feisty lead character Katniss Everdeen in the Hunger Games movies.

In three years this generation would be making up one third of the world's workforce and so it was important for businesses to understand how they differed from the previous generation of millennials (i.e. people who became adults in the early 21st Century).

"If you want to engage with this generation today and in the future it's essential you understand who they are, what they want and what they value," she said.

Generation K had been fundamentally shaped by technology and spent a third of their day on social media and online, but technology had not been the only thing to shape them, Ms Hertz said. They were also shaped by the worst recession in recent years, coming of age during the financial crisis of 2008.

"In most cases they've witnessed their families tightening their belts relatives or family friends who have lost their homes or their jobs," Ms Hertz said.

This generation had grown up in the shadow of economic decline, job insecurity and a lack of financial optimism. They had also been shaped by existential threats forged by the Manchester and Paris terrorist attacks, the rise of Al Qaeda and Isis they had experienced terrorist attacks and school shootings in many of their home cities, whether Amsterdam, Barcelona or Birmingham.

"This cohort has had terrorism, brutality and danger piped into their smartphones in a way that has never before been experienced," she confirmed. "It's not that the world is objectively more dangerous today; it's that this generation experiences danger in a fundamentally different way, constantly, repeatedly, 24/7."

## Mental health in decline

Because this generation saw the world as unequal and harsh, the impact was being felt by them to such an extent that they were profoundly anxious. Ms Hertz pointed to the statistics that in the US more than one in five high school students had contemplated suicide, and in the UK there had been a threefold increase in the number of teenagers who self-harmed.

"Indeed, in almost every recent global study there has been a marked deterioration in the mental health of this generation, both by boys and girls, compared to a decade ago," she said.

Ms Hertz said that it wasn't that they were just worried about boyfriends/

girlfriends, etc., they were also really anxious about big global issues such as global poverty, global hunger and climate change. Eighty per cent were very concerned about climate change and there were remarkable scenes in the UK last month when an estimated 15,000 schoolchildren walked out of school to join a nationwide climate change strike, she said.

This generation was very worried about the future state of the world and they did not believe politicians were addressing their concerns.

"I cannot overstate how worried they are about their future financial security. This generation believes their economic future will be significantly worse than that of their parents," Ms Hertz stated.

This generation also didn't believe in big corporations to do the right thing, with only six per cent believing in big corporations.

"The social contract between generation K and corporations has broken down completely and this will affect who they buy from, where they work and where they put their money," she advised.

This generation campaigns more and volunteers more than any previous generation. What they care about the most was equality.

"Economic, racial and social equality, gender equality. This generation believes equality is a birthright and discrimination is a taboo," Ms Hertz said, asking the audience to think about how their organisation's actions and values resonate with this generation.

"Are you doing enough on diversity, sustainability, the community to speak



► Noreena Hertz speaking at the RFCEO (Photo credit Janet Jarchow)

to them in their terms and are you communicating it enough?" she questioned.

Generation K was also putting a premium on things that they could create. They were a generation of creators and makers. They didn't want just to buy, they wanted to experience and put their own stamp on things.

Ms Hertz said that she wanted to open up the audience's minds to these traits because they needed to be firmly on people's radars if they were going to attract and engage this generation as employees, consumers or investors over the coming years. 🌍

# EOM demonstrates a blended approach of compassion and tenacity

Royal Cayman Islands Police Services (RCIPS) Detective Inspector Collin Oremule began 2019 with a bang after receiving CI Government Employee of the Month for January 2019.

Deputy Governor Franz Manderson recognised the Detective Inspector within the Criminal Investigation Department of the RCIPS for "Developing Exceptional Leadership."

"You have been described as a tenacious investigator who works tirelessly to reduce crime within the Cayman Is-

lands," Mr Manderson said during the presentation on Wednesday afternoon at Police Headquarters in Elizabethan Square.

Mr Manderson acknowledged DI Oremule for being a part of the team that helped decrease burglaries by approximately 30 per cent, and his dedication to the job is never in question. For instance while on vacation in December 2018, DI Oremule was called in to assist with a serious incident on Christmas Day which resulted in him and his team working during the entire holiday season without a day off to apprehend and charge the offender.

"This is a testament to his dedication and leadership. You are known as an excellent DI who leads by example. The RCIPS considers you to be the 'corporate memory' for major cases, which is one of the main reasons that your services are being sought by colleagues," he added.

Ministry of Human Resources and Customs & Border Control Chief Officer Wesley Howell lauded DI Oremule for his dedicated



► Collins Oremule small group

service to the community. "By working with our communities to detect and reduce criminality, you help to make these islands a safer place to live. You do this by building trust and confidence through direct interactions with members of the community and by being victim-focused, for which we are most grateful."

Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne commended DI Oremule for exemplifying CIG Core values of passion, integrity and professionalism: "He has demonstrated excellent consistently during his service and is regarded as a highly-competent mentor and coach imparting his

knowledge, skills and experience to young and less experienced officers to improve job performance. He has significant corporate memory with a reputation for keeping victims updated. He understands community and service and he delivers. I congratulate DI Oremule on receiving this very prestigious award and thank the Deputy Governor for the recognition he has given to DI Oremule and by extension the RCIPS. Going forward, I believe that RCIPS will have several committed officers and civilian staff that can aspire to achieve what DI Oremule has achieved here today. 🌍



► Collins Oremule and Deputy Governor Franz Manderson



# Sharon Ebanks launches Fenomenal Mas Band

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Sharon said "I love carnival and I'd been talking for some time about putting in a band for Batabano and this year I was spurred on by my son Rhys and his wife Sasha. They both agreed, I was well known and lots of people would come out and support the band."

"My vision is to bring back the early Batabano spirit and offer costumes that will encourage people who used to take part to come back and play Mas. The



costumes are being designed in such a way that you can show off as little or as much skin as you feel comfortable with. We'll offer for the ladies both bikini or tankini tops as well as the option of shorts, tights or bikini pants."

"The band will have four sections that will represent the Elements - each of the sections represents a different element of nature. The Caribbean Blue our beautiful Caribbean sea, Earth Angels to represent the earth, Rise of the Phoenix representing fire and Wrath of the Storm the wind. Each section, other than Earth Angels, has male and female costumes."

"I will be setting up a Mas Camp at my home in April. The prototypes are being made in Trinidad to ensure we have costumes in time for the band launch but we will be producing costumes here. Shane James, creator of the costumes will be traveling from Trinidad to oversee production."

"The band launch is going to take place at Mango Tree on Friday, March 8th starting at 5:30p.m. It's going to be a fun night with fabulous soca music and of course we'll have models showcasing the costumes."

"You'll be able to register for the band on the night as well as by emailing your details to fenomenalmasband@gmail.com."



Sharon continued "For people who have never played Mas before, if you love to dance you have to play Mas. The freedom of dancing in the street is so much fun. It is also rewarding, seeing people on the side of the road enjoying the sounds and sights of Batabano and a lot of them shouting out to you and dancing on the sidewalks, joining in the fun."

"My band will have beautiful costumes, friendly, fun masqueraders

and good music as well as refreshments. There is already quite a bit of interest, simply by me telling people of my intention to put a band on the road. I encourage you all to come out to the band launch and see the costumes.

"Batabano 2019 is going to be quite a spectacle and I encourage you to come out and be a part of this amazing event on Saturday, May 4." 📍

# Sunset Under 11 Girls victorious

Due to the mid-term break, several games in the Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) youth leagues were postponed this past Saturday, March 2. However, parents and supporters were thoroughly entertained during the few games that were played.

In the Girls Under 11 league, Sunset Blue Iguanas and Sunset Fusion were victorious in the only two girls games played on Saturday morning.

Sunset Blue Iguanas came from behind to defeat a very spirited Scholars ISC 4-2. Cassie Dinnall opened the scoring for the young ladies from West Bay as she saw her deflected effort loop over the unsuspecting Sunset goal keeper and into the back of the net.

It didn't take long for the Sunset ladies to find the equaliser as Clara DeQuintal levelled the score just before halftime. Miss DeQuintal added three more goals in the second half before Hannah Bryan pulled one back for Scholars ISC to keep the score respectable.

In the second Girls Under 11 game, Sunset Fusion also found themselves behind in their

game with Academy SC as Millicent Hoffman scored the opener for Academy. Sunset Fusion's Olivia Thorpe (3) and Harper Nelson combined to overpower their opponents in the second half as the Fusion cruised to a 4-2 victory. Academy's Millicent Hoffman added a late consolation goal for her team.

In the only two boys games played over the weekend, Cayman Athletics SC overpowered Academy SC White 8-0 and Academy SC Blue downed Cayman Brac 2-0 in the Boys Under 15 league.

Cayman Athletics' Shameer Seymour scored four goals, Jovan Clarke added two and Tarran Ebanks and Rashaad Powery contributed a goal each in their win over Academy SC White, while in Cayman Brac, Gabrielle Dell'Oglio and Daniel Rivers secured the Academy SC Blue victory over the hosts.

With games on Saturday, March 9 postponed due to the mid-term break, CIFA youth league action will return on Saturday, March 23. 📍



► Goal scorers Clara DeQuintal (white and blue) from Sunset Blue Iguanas and Cassie Dinnall from Scholars ISC challenge for the ball during this Girls Under 11 clash. Sunset won the game 4-2

# CILLA Girls Softball – Game Report – Wednesday, February 27th

## Kirk Freeport 10, Scotiabank 6

The 2019 season of CILLA Girls Softball got underway at the Field of Dreams on Wednesday night (February 27th) as Kirk Freeport built an early lead and held on to defeat Scotiabank, 10-6.

Kirk Freeport scored five runs in the top of the first, aided by six walks and Aurora Whiteman's RBI single. In reply Scotiabank scored two runs, with Calissa Ylagan's RBI single to right field being the key hit.

Each team scored three runs in the second inning. Kirk Freeport's Sofia Watler, McKenna Knapik and Deandra Whiteman all had infield singles, then Raina Myles cleared the bases with a triple to left field. In the bottom of the inning, Scotiabank's Shayla Scott walked, Clara Ramos and Carmella Ylagan singled, bringing up Shay Windsor. She hit a line drive to left-centre, bringing home all three runs.

Kirk Freeport did not score in the top of the third, as Scotiabank first baseman Krystal Morales-Ebanks turned an unassisted double play to end the threat. In the bottom of the inning Grace Liesman scored for Scotiabank on a groundout by Alisha Kee.

Kirk Freeport added two insurance runs in the top of the 4th, with McKenna Knapik and Raina Myles knocking them in. Scotiabank failed to score in their final chance at the plate, with Kirk Freeport turning a rare first to third double play to end the contest.

Scotiabank pitchers Clara Ramos and Carmella Ylagan and Kirk Free-

port pitchers Raina Myles and Deandra Whiteman all gave a great effort for their teams!

Both teams are to be congratulated for playing an entertaining first game of the season!

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Kirk Freeport	5	3	0	2	-	10
Scotiabank	2	3	1	-	-	6

## CILLA Girls Softball – Game Report – Saturday, March 2nd Coldwell Banker 9, Kirk Freeport 3

In Saturday's Girls Softball action Coldwell Banker defeated Kirk Freeport, 9-3, in an early season battle for first place.

For Coldwell Banker, Reyah Stewart, Jizel Powell, Madison Malice and Eowyn Hawkins scored two runs apiece in a well-balanced attack. The victors scored four runs in the first inning, aided by six walks, and a two run single to right field by Hannah Gibson. Deandra Bush pitched a great game, allowing just three hits and striking out four in her season debut. Left fielder Zhanna McDonald made a very good catch on a fly ball.

For Kirk Freeport Deandra Whiteman pitched really well in her three innings of work and she scored two runs. Hot-hitting Raina Myles had two more RBI, giving her six already in the young season. Akeyla Ebanks turned a terrific double play at 1B, by far the best play of the day by either team. Young 2B Keirst-

en McLaughlin also made a nice play on a grounder.

Based on the first week of games it looks as if all three teams will be very competitive this season!

The next game is this Wednesday, March 13th, as Coldwell Banker takes on Scotiabank. Games continue through early June on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:30 pm at the Field of Dreams.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Coldwell Banker	4	0	2	3	-	9
Scotiabank	0	1	0	2	-	3

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
Coldwell Banker	1	0	0	9	3	0
Kirk Freeport	1	1	0	13	15	0.5
Scotiabank	0	1	0	6	10	1



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# Cayman Airways celebrates longest ever commercial flight to Denver

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to Denver, and it will enable many new tourists and stay-over visitors to come here, boosting revenues. Currently, Denver ranks as the second-largest U.S. market without nonstop service to an island in the Caribbean, with demand reaching more than 700 passengers per day. Additionally, Denver is the largest U.S. market without nonstop service to Grand Cayman with more than 250 passengers a week traveling to this tropical destination. Travel demand between Denver and Grand Cayman is very strong, recording nearly 20 percent growth over the past year.

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In many ways it is just the beginning, too, because many more non-stop destinations are envisioned for the future, opening up the Cayman Islands to many more guests. Fabian Whorms, CEO of Cayman Airways, said, on an earlier occasion, that the airline would be looking at further route expansion. "There will be fur-



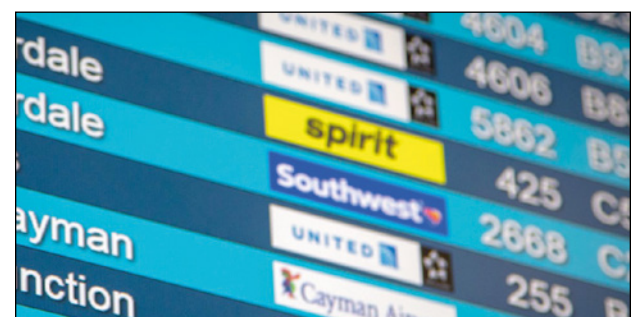
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► Councilor for Sports and Tourism David White



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ther movement towards the west. That is where the future of Cayman Airways lies," he said. "As the National Airline of the Cayman Islands, this is a momentous occasion, and we are very excited about welcoming new and returning visitors to the Cayman Islands from the Mile High City. This new Denver nonstop service will reduce the travel time to Grand Cayman from typically between nine and eleven hours using multiple flights, to less than five hours aboard a direct flight on our new state-of-the-art Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft, combined with our renowned Caymankind inflight experience."

Denver Mayor, Michael B. Hancock, said: "Denver's global reach continues to expand, and we are very ex-

cited to welcome Cayman Airways as the first Caribbean-based airline to serve the Mile High City. Each new airline or nonstop destination is a new opportunity for our residents and visitors to explore the world."

The new service will operate seasonally twice a week, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, through mid-August, and will return in the airline's Winter schedule starting in December 2019. "This is a historic day for air service in Denver," said DEN CEO Kim Day. "Nonstop access to the Caribbean on Cayman Airways is a unique offering we are proud to provide to Colorado's growing and active population." 🌐



► A proud moment for Cayman Airways, as Councilor for sports and tourism David White cuts the ribbon



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CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — MARCH 10 - 16



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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	Hamburg	MSC Seaside	Carnival Paradise	Carnival Sensation	Norwegian Pearl	
			Marella Discovery 2	Carnival Vista		
			Empress of the Seas	Nieuw Statendam		
			Liberty of the Seas	Celebrity Equinox		
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>
2,200	2,970	7,140	13,579	15,024	5,180	

# The Secret To Fitness Success

Can you remember how it felt the last time that you ate clean, exercised hard and got adequate sleep for a few consecutive days? A feeling of momentum came over you, didn't it? There was a buzzing in your cells and a rhythm in your pace. You felt alive, you felt sexy, and you felt empowered. Never mind that you weren't yet at your goal number, you were headed there!

Getting down to your goal weight, and fitting into your goal size, is the direct result of

living in that state of momentum for an extended period of time. You see, the momentum can be felt immediately, once you start eating clean, exercising hard and taking care of your health, whereas that "goal number" simply can't be felt until it is achieved, and so it's not as powerful a motivator.

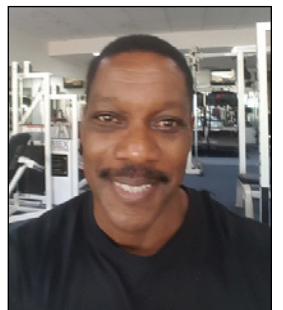
My challenge and advice to you is to find the joy of living in the momentum, and keep that momentum going until your goal number is achieved.

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# BETTER SLEEP – BETTER HEALTH

Millions of people worldwide do not get sufficient sleep nor enough sleep. Our daily routine is fast paced and very stressful. Sleep quality is important because not all sleep is created equally. Not because you get 8 hours sleep at night means you are getting a good night's sleep. There are actually 5 stages of sleep that happen during the night, restarting approximately every ninety minutes.

**Stage 1** - heart rate and breathing slows with some muscle relaxation.

**Stage 2** - Body systems continue to relax and core body temperature continues to drop.

**Stage 3 & 4** - Muscles are completely relaxed and heartbeat and breathing are at its lowest. This is the DEEP SLEEP stage.

**Stage 5** - (REM) Sleep- This happens at the end of a ninety minute cycle. About 25% of your night's sleep is spent at this stage, while the other 75% is spent in stages 1-4. In the REM sleep to start to wake up, have dreams, and return to a more wakeful state.

Stages 3 & 4 known also as, "DELTA SLEEP," are the most important sleep minutes of your night. It's during this time that memory and learning are supported by glucose metabolism and important hormones are secreted. This is really important if you trying to add lean muscle.

This is also the time when cells regenerate, tissues heal and immune functions restored. A good night's sleep can help you lose weight both directly and indirectly.

It's not an understatement when it's said, "you are playing with fire if you don't get enough good

sleep." Sleep is when your tissues heal, information from previous day is processed, and the brain prepares for another 16 hours of activity. Sleep deprivation is also a recipe for stress and anxiety, as well as bad decision making. If you are always exhaust-

ed, get sick frequently and not energized by your workouts, then you are not getting enough good sleep.

In my next article I will share with you some healthy habits to ensure you are getting enough good sleep.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## March

### A Walk In Her Shoes

**8 March:** This 4th. annual event takes place on Friday 8 March from 5pm at Camana Bay. It is put on by The Cayman Islands Crisis Centre and aims to raise funds and bring awareness to the scourge of domestic violence. The Centre is hoping to raise more \$55,000 for a purpose built facility. Participants can register at [www.cicc.ky/awalkinher shoes2019](http://www.cicc.ky/awalkinher shoes2019).

### KiwaniBike

**10 March:** The Kiwanis Club of Grand Cayman is having its 37th.

Annual KiwaniBike on Sunday 10 March at 7:00am. Join them for this 20 Mile Bike Ride from the Blow Holes in East End to Smith Cove in South Sound. For more information visit [www.kiwanis.ky](http://www.kiwanis.ky)

### Cayman Carnival Batabano Socarobics

**14 March:** Get in shape and hear all the new 2019 soca music every Thursday at the Celebration Park beginning at 5:30 pm. Cost is CI\$10 per session. Call 949 - 7121 or email [batabano-caymancarnival@gmail.com](mailto:batabano-caymancarnival@gmail.com) for more details.



► Esso 3 Mile Walk /Run

### Cayman Heart Fund International Symposium

**14 March:** The 12th. Annual Cayman Heart Fund International Symposium will be held on Thursday 14 March at the Marriott Beach. The 6 speakers will offer information on the latest research, current technology and advancements in the preventative cardiovascular medicine. For more information, go to [info@caymanheartfund.com](mailto:info@caymanheartfund.com)

### Esso 3 Mile Walk/Run

**16 March:** Walk or run 3 miles with ESSO and the Cayman Islands Diabetes Association (CIDA) to raise funds to help raise awareness, provide diabetes education and improve the lives of diabetics and their families. All proceeds will go to CIDA. The event begins at 6am and the start and finish are

at the BARCAM Esso Station. This event will not be timed and well behaved and on-leash dogs are welcomed!

### MS Foundation – “Pretty on the Outside” fundraiser

**16 March:** This cocktail style event will be held on Saturday 16 March at the National Gallery starting at 6pm. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.eventpro.ky](http://www.eventpro.ky) and includes a welcome cocktail, a campaign t-shirt and a selection of bites. Contact [info@msfcayman.com](mailto:info@msfcayman.com) for more information.

### St. Ignatius Golf Scramble

**24 March:** St. Ignatius Golf Scramble is back on Friday 24 March at the North Sound Golf Club and open to the public! It's a four-

person scramble that can accommodate up to 22 teams. Proceeds from this event will benefit facility development at St. Ignatius School. Tee time is 1pm. Registration cost is \$175 per person and the big prize of the day is USD\$50,000 if a player scores a hole in one at a selected par three. Email [st.ignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com](mailto:st.ignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com) for more details.

### Public Holiday

**28 March:** Thursday 28 March has been declared a public holiday to mark the Royal Visit of TRHs Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall to the Cayman Islands. The Royal Couple will participate in a number of activities and the holiday will enable members of the public to better participate in this visit. 🌐



► Pink ladies reading

# The Democratic Parliament: the How and Why

In this column I advance the view that a democratic parliament, characterized by transparency, representativeness, accountability, effectiveness and accessibility, is best able to meet the needs of citizens which includes the advancement of integrity in public and private life.

Drawing from the work of Professor Manuel Balan and also David Beethan's **Parliaments and Democracy in the 21st Century**, I propose, certainly not exhaustive, specific indicators that can be used to measure the extent to which these characteristics are actually present.

There is a common myth held by some, that the fact a parliament was voted in, is a sufficient indicator of its democratic credentials. If this were so, then democracy would only be limited to the act of voting in representatives who then can govern without regard to the wishes and desires of the people.

However, the democratic idea goes far beyond the mere act of voting. There are two fundamental premises of democracy. The first is that the members of any group or association should have the determining influence and control over its rules and policies, through their participation in deliberations about the common interest.

The second is that in doing so they should treat each other, and be treated, as equals. These principles, properly applied, explain why many believe that democratic systems are superior to other forms of governments in their ability to manage and deliver on the desires and needs of the citizenry.

Beethan asserts that a democratic parliament has five key characteristics. They should be representative, transparent, accessible, accountable and effective.

Representativeness has to do with being socially and politically representative of the diversity of the people and ensuring equal opportunities and protections for all its members. Transparency means the extent to which Parliament is open to its people in the conduct of its business. Accessibility of parliament concerns the involvement of the public, including the associations and interest groups in the society- the involvement of civil society in the work of parliament.

Accountability speaks to the extent to which members of parliament are being answerable to the electorate for their performance in office and equally important, their integrity of conduct. The fifth, effectiveness, refers to the level at which parliament conducts its business in accordance with these democratic values, and the performance of the legislative and oversight functions of parliament in a manner that serves the needs of the entire population.

One of the most important characteristic of a democratic parliament is undoubtedly transparency. A government, which is open, is much less likely to be corrupt especially when citizens have access to information whether of proceedings or to documents. It is vital that as far as is possible, all of government functions be open to scrutiny.

We can tell the extent to which a parliament is transparent. A transparent parliament believes in maximum exposure and provides for freedom of information within the constitution itself. Other measurements of how open and transparent a government is include proceedings open to the public; openness to press and broadcasting personnel; facilitates journalists and other media in reporting the activities of par-

liament; encourages freedom of expression; live parliamentary debates; parliamentary websites, which are constantly updated, etcetera.

Having explored the importance of transparency, I now consider the fact of participation and representativeness. Balan explains that:

“The participation of the population is key in influencing and controlling government action, as people become increasingly involved in shaping the priorities of government and policymaking, in resource allocation, and in access to public goods and services.”

A flourishing democracy needs free and fair electoral systems and processes but it also needs its parliament to be representative. A representative democracy, explains Beethan, has mechanisms to ensure the rights of the political opposition and other political groups, and to allow all members to exercise their mandates freely and without being subjected to undue influence and pressure.

As useful as democracy is, even the Athenians who invented it had to deal with the issue of the other side. In any election, a significant portion of voters would not have voted for the government and a country can become ungovernable if it lacks representativeness.

A parliament's level of representativeness can be measured by the number of women representativeness; minority representation; use of the second chamber for greater representation and inclusion and the inclusiveness of oversight committees.

It can also be measured by the extent to which chairs for specific committees are given to the opposition or minority members; the ability of backbenchers to introduce private bills; the involvement of civil society and other people's movements in the work of parliament; pre-legislative scrutiny by the public; public right of petition, etcetera.

A third characteristic of a democratic government related to its ability to deliver and promote integrity in doing so, is accountability. Balan defines accountability as “The ability to ensure that public officials are both answerable, having to justify and inform the citizenry, as well as responsible for their behavior and having to eventually be sanctioned for violations.” He explains further that:

“Through accountability, public officials and their representatives are held to standards of conduct that are clear-



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ly in the public interest. This requires rules of conduct that are transparent, straightforward and broadly accepted in society, as well as administrative and legal processes to discipline or remove officials who do not respect such rules.’

He explains that when people know that their actions are being scrutinized, they know that they cannot get away with improper behavior. Hence, independent and thorough oversight of state actions is crucial in promoting integrity and probity in public life. This is a responsibility shared by the citizenry and government institutions, including parliament.’

The following rather lengthy quote from Balan details the importance of accountability and ways to accomplish this.

‘Parliament's oversight role includes mechanisms such as questioning ministers about their activities and priorities, to holding ministers accountable for any failures to implement the access to information law in their ministries, to maintaining the national budget. Parliament has an opportunity to play an oversight role with the independent administrative bodies and can play a leading role with respect to appointments and funding of government bodies. Oversight involves monitoring the appointment process of officials to ensure that government is conducted in a transparent and ethical manner.’ 🌐



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**POLICE NEWS**

## Man Charged with Indecent Assault on Juvenile

A man, age 34 of Cayman Brac, has been arrested and formally charged with one count of Indecent Assault, in relation to an incident involving a juvenile. He was scheduled to appear in court on March 4th.

## 31-Year-Old-Man Charged with Robbery and Damage to Property

A 31-year-old-man of George Town was arrested on suspicion of a robbery that took place on 31 December, 2018 around 12:31AM. The man has since been formally charged with Robbery as well as Damage to Property and is expected to attend court today Monday, 4 March. The incident took place on Greenwood Drive in George Town.

The suspect approached a vehicle occupied by the victim, brandished a knife and stole a phone. During the incident the suspect also damaged tires on the victim's vehicle.

Property belonging to the victim was recovered during the course of the investigation and returned to the victim.

## 1998 Honda Civic Reported Stolen

Police have received a report of a stolen white 1998 Honda Civic, registration #126 541 which was last seen at about 8:30PM on Friday, 1 March. The vehicle was parked at Sunset Cove on West Bay Road (beside Margaritaville) and was last seen being driven away by an unknown male.

**Year:** 1998  
**Make:** Honda  
**Model:** Civic  
**Colour:** White  
**Reg. #:** 126 541

The car also has a slight dent in the left rear bumper. A picture of the vehicle is attached.

Anyone with information regarding this stolen vehicle is asked to call 9-1-1 or the **George Town Police Station** at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our **Confidential Tip Line** at 949-7777, or via our web-



► Stolen 1998 White Honda Civic

site (<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>). Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of Crime Stoppers at **800-8477(TIPS)**, or online (<https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=681>).

# The RCIPS Partners with PoCs to Strengthen Customer Service and Management Skills across the Service



► The recruit class discusses an example case with presenter, Peter McLoughlin of the Office of the Ombudsman



► Customer Service Kiosk

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As part of these overall customer service improvement efforts, the RCIPS will be locating "Happy or Not" kiosks in the George Town Police Station and Bodden Town Police Station to obtain regular feedback from members of the public who visit either station, and to chart progress on the quality/professionalism of service delivered.

PoCs will also be assisting the RCIPS in strengthening the leadership and management skills of its staff, which are

also critical to the effectiveness and efficiency of the overall police service. The acquisition of a Leadership and Management Certificate has been established as a new requirement for all promotions within the RCIPS to management positions in the future. This certificate is an internationally recognized qualification awarded by the Institute of Leadership and Management. PoCs will begin workshops to obtain this certificate in March 2019 for RCIPS employees and other interested members of the wider civil service.



The Economics and Statistics Office

## Labour Force Survey 2019 Starting Sunday, 10th March 2019

The 2019 Spring Labour Force Survey (LFS) will be conducted by the Economics and Statistics Office (ESO) starting Sunday, 10th March 2019.

The LFS collects data on the employed and unemployed persons, as well as those who are not in the labour force.

Trained interviewers, with identification cards from the ESO will visit 1,500 randomly selected households in all districts.

The interviews are confidential in accordance with the Statistics Law (2016 Revision). No individual data will be published or disclosed. Survey data are exempt from Freedom of Information requests.



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# Barbados Denies Report of Measles Outbreak

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has denied a local media report that the island is experiencing a measles outbreak.

In fact, said Senior Medical Officer of Health Dr Karen Broome, Barbados has not documented a case of measles since 1990.

A local online news website last Friday quoted Director of PAREDOS, Sheila Stuart as saying that "The Ministry of Health sent four inspectors to check those green cards for immunization purposes because we have a measles outbreak in Barbados".

However, the Ministry said it is simply conducting a review of vaccination

records of children in nurseries and day care centres throughout the island to ensure they are up-to-date, in order to prevent an outbreak.

"The Ministry of Health and Wellness advises that measles can be prevented once children receive two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine which in Barbados is administered at ages 12 months and 18 months. If your child has not been vaccinated, you are advised to contact your health care provider immediately," it said.

Outbreaks of measles continue to be reported in North America, the United Kingdom, Europe and the Americas. 🌐



► The Health Ministry says it has only been checking to ensure young children have received the MMR vaccine to prevent a measles outbreak

# No Illegal Connections to Jamaica Oil Refinery's Underwater Pipelines

Minister of Science, Energy and Technology Fayval Williams says a recent dive mission conducted by members of the Jamaica Defence Force (JDF) Coast Guard has identified no illegal attachments to Petrojam's underwater petroleum pipelines.

The mission was requested by Prime Minister Andrew Holness.

Speaking at a press conference at the State-owned oil refinery's premises on Marcus Garvey Drive in Kingston today, Williams said the Ministry is in receipt of a letter dated February 22, indicating the dates of the dive mission and the other technical aspects of their dive.

"The letter indicated that there were no illegal attachments identified on any of the 23 pipelines surveyed," she noted.

Acting Commanding Officer, JDF Coast Guard, Lt. Commander Aceion Prescott said that the extensive diving operation

was conducted over a five-day period to assess the status of the pipelines.

He said the operation was conducted with approximately 14 divers and took place on a daily basis, "because the Kingston Harbour is not the (simplest) place to dive, and we needed to ensure that we did a very comprehensive job".

"So, all the pipelines were surveyed visually and by hand, where the divers basically felt along the pipeline to detect any anomaly or any attachment. At the end of the period, they were assessed as having no illegal attachments or any indication of any such attachment during the period of our investigation," Prescott noted.

In the meantime, Minister Williams said investigations are being carried out by the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) to clamp down on illicit petroleum operations. 🌐



► Minister of Science, Energy and Technology, Hon. Fayval Williams (right), listens as Acting Commanding Officer, JDF Coast Guard, Lt. Commander Aceion Prescott (centre), addresses a press conference at the State-owned oil refinery, Petrojam. At left is Chairman of Petrojam, Paul Hoo. (Credit: JIS)

# PAHO Calls on Regional Countries to Prepare for Possible Dengue Outbreaks

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has called for countries

in Latin America and the Caribbean to prepare for a timely response to possi-

ble outbreaks of dengue. The disease is endemic in the region and, since its reintroduction in the 1980s, has caused cyclical outbreaks and epidemics every three to five years. The first dengue epidemic with over one million cases occurred in the Americas in 2010. Three years later, in 2013, the first epidemic with more than two million cases occurred. At the beginning of 2019, there was an increase in cases compared to the same period of 2018, PAHO said.

"Dengue is a viral infection transmitted by mosquitoes that is widespread in the Americas," said Dr Marcos Espinal, Director of the Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health. "Its complexity has been increasing over the years due to several factors such as unplanned urban growth, water and sanitation problems, climate change, and, in some countries, the simultaneous circulation of all four types of dengue, which increases the risk of serious cases and outbreaks."

According to PAHO's latest epidemiological update on dengue, published on February 22, 560,586 cases of dengue were reported in the Americas last year, including 3535 severe cases of dengue and 336 deaths. During the first six weeks of 2019, almost 100,000 cases of dengue were reported, including 632 cases of severe dengue and 28 deaths.

The main recommendations from PAHO focus on countries intensifying disease surveillance, as well as vector control measures to reduce mosquito populations that transmit the disease. Currently, the only way to control or prevent the transmission of the virus is

the fight against *Aedes aegypti*, the main mosquito vector.

PAHO also recommends continuing to educate the population, as well as community involvement initiatives. PAHO also requests that countries ensure that health professionals are trained in the diagnosis of dengue and other arboviruses, as well as in the adequate management of patients with these diseases. PAHO provides technical cooperation to prevent and control the disease.

Dr Espinal explained that the timely diagnosis of the disease has become more complex with the arrival of two new arboviruses: the Chikungunya virus in 2013 and the Zika virus in 2015, which present similar symptomatology. However, despite the introduction of these new arboviruses, dengue is the one that presents the highest number of diseases.

Dengue is also a more lethal arbovirus than chikungunya and Zika, but its treatment is relatively simple, inexpensive and very effective in saving lives, PAHO noted.

"The key is recognizing the warning signs early and providing the care required to prevent it progressing to more serious forms," said José Luis San Martín, PAHO's regional advisor on dengue.

If a physician is not sure whether a patient is presenting with dengue, Chikungunya or Zika, PAHO recommends that the clinical management and treatment of dengue begin immediately, without waiting for a laboratory diagnosis. PAHO also recommends that the patient be monitored daily or at least every 48 hours in order to pick up on any serious warning signs, particularly during the critical phase of the disease. 🌐



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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

# Trudeau under pressure over scandal

Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's chances of another term looks bleak when the general elections are held later this year look in serious jeopardy after a second minister resigned from his cabinet over a scandal about alleged corruption at a major Canadian company.



► Justin Trudeau's tenancy as PM is in doubt

Jane Philpott quit as Treasury Board president on Monday, telling the Mr Trudeau she had "lost confidence in how the government has dealt with this matter".

Ministers and government officials are accused of having pressured Ms Philpott's friend, former attorney general and justice minister Jody Wilson-Raybould, not to prosecute engineering firm SNC-Lavalin.

Ms Wilson-Raybould, who stepped down last month, told Canada's parliament that the director of public prosecutions urged her to negotiate a financial settlement with SNC-Lavalin.

The company is accused of having paid C\$48 million (KY\$30m) to the Gaddafi family between 2001 and 2011 to win Libyan government contracts.

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SNC-Lavalin employs 9,000 people in Canada and about 50,000 worldwide.

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When Mr Trudeau led the Liberals to victory in the election in October 2015, he called himself a feminist, promised to improve Canada's troubled relations with indigenous peoples and pledged to conduct an open and transparent government. These promises look empty after Ms Wilson-Raybould, an indigenous politician, told the parliamentary justice committee investigating the affair on Feb 27 that the prime minister and his officials had tried to strong-arm her. The most senior bureaucrat in Ottawa issued "veiled threats" of what would happen if she did not change her mind, she testified.

# Measles kills Filipino kids

The Philippines is enduring a deadly measles epidemic which has infected almost 15,000 people and recorded hundreds of deaths.

Philippines Health Department Undersecretary Eric Domingo said 14,938 cases have been recorded and 238 deaths reported a week ago, but the number of cases is still rising.

"We are continuing with our intensive campaign to vaccinate the vulnerable unprotected children," Mr Domingo said.

The Philippines declared a measles outbreak in Manila in early February.

Infections had spiked by more than 1,000 percent in January compared to infections last year, officials said.

By mid-February there were 8,400 cases and 136 deaths. About half of those deaths were children aged 1 to 4 and many of those who died hadn't been vaccinated.

The outbreak is blamed, in part, on public distrust of the government's immunisation programme, which was tarnished in 2017 over an anti-dengue vaccine that was linked to the deaths of at least three children. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus which can be spread through sneezing, coughing and close personal contact.



► Measles is devastating young Filipino lives

Complications include diarrhoea, ear infections, pneumonia and encephalitis, or the swelling of the brain, which may lead to death.

The drug Dengvaxia was banned by the Food and Drug Administration of the Philippines last month. The programme was halted after a study found that the vaccine might increase the risks of severe dengue infection. By then more than 830,000 children had already been given the vaccine.

Another immunisation drive to fight the measles was started in Manila two weeks ago in the hopes of containing the outbreak by April, Philippines Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said at the time.

In a one-week period, 130,000 of 450,000 people targeted for anti-measles vaccinations were immunised, Mr Duque said.

# Honduran officials accused in Caceres killing

Prosecutors in Honduras say government officials and representatives of a controversial hydroelectric project conspired to get the dam approved.

Honduran prosecutors working with an anti-corruption mission from the Organisation of American States say that 16 former government officials and ex-representatives of the dam's developer Desarrollos Energeticos, DESA, could face fraud-related charges.

Investigators said Monday they worked from legal complaints filed by environmental and indigenous rights activist Berta Caceres, who was murdered in 2016. She had led the fight against the dam.

In November, a court found seven people guilty of participating in Ms Caceres' murder.

Last month, prosecutors announced charges against former DESA executive Roberto David Castillo Mejia as an alleged mastermind of the killing. Mr Castillo was also named in Monday's announced case.

DESA has denied any connection to Ms Caceres' slaying. Sunday, March 3 was the third anniversary of her murder.



► Berta Caceres was an award-winning protester

der. She was shot by a group of gunmen in her home in the town of Esperanza. The year before she was killed, Ms Caceres won the Goldman Environmental Prize for her grassroots campaign to pressure the world's largest dam builder to pull out of the Agua Zarca dam. A criminal court in Honduras convicted eight men for having participated in the murder. Some had ties to the military and to the notorious US military training school that went by the name School of the Americas. The trial, however, took place under a cloud of suspicion of coverups and irregularities.

# Cuba's solar energy surge

Cuba is using solar energy to significantly reduce its reliance on fossil fuel. Cuba is committed to reducing its fossil fuel use by turning year-round sunshine into an abundance of clean energy.

The island is already home to some 60 solar farms and the government plans to build more in the country where solar irradiance - the power per unit area received from the sun - reaches 1,825 kilowatt hours per square meter, above the world average.

Cuba is manufacturing solar panels at the Electronic Components Company in westernmost Pinar del Rio province.

In Cuba, "producing a kilowatt (of electricity) from the sun costs from six to seven US cents, cheaper than with conventional fuel, which costs between 15 and 20 cents," said solar power expert Daniel Stolik, a professor at the University of Havana.

Converting the nation's energy production into renewable sources is one of the pillars of the government's economic reform programme, which aims to cut costly fuel imports.

Cuba's existing renewable energy sources together with newly built facil-



► Cuba is progressing rapidly with solar energy

ities are expected to generate more than 1,100 gigawatts this year.

Currently under construction are two solar farms, La Herradura 1 and La Herradura 2 in eastern Las Tunas province.

Another four solar farms have been completed in the provinces of Villa Clara, Holguin and Granma, all connected to the national grid, and 19 more are planned.

According to the government's plan to expand renewable energy capacity, by 2030, clean energy should represent 24 percent of power generated in Cuba.

The solar irradiance Cuba's land surface receives is equal to the amount of energy produced by 50 million tons of fuel.

# UK patient with HIV 'cured'

A UK patient's HIV has become "undetectable" following a stem cell transplant - in only the second case of its kind, doctors report. It raises hopes that a cure for HIV could soon be available.

The London patient, who was being treated for cancer, has now been in remission from HIV for 18 months and is no longer taking HIV drugs.

The researchers say it is too early to say the patient is "cured" of HIV.

Experts say the approach is not practical for treating most people with HIV but may one day help find a cure.

The male London patient, who has not been named, was diagnosed with HIV in 2003 and advanced Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2012.

He had chemotherapy to treat the Hodgkin's cancer and, in addition, stem cells were implanted into the patient from a donor resistant to HIV, leading to both his cancer and HIV going into remission.

Researchers from University College London, Imperial College London, Cambridge and Oxford Universities were all involved in the case.

This is the second time a patient treated this way has ended up in remission from HIV.

Ten years ago, another patient in Berlin received a bone-marrow transplant



► HIV treatment is evolving fast

from a donor with natural immunity to the virus.

Timothy Brown, said to be the first person to "beat" HIV/Aids, was given two transplants and total body irradiation (radiotherapy) for leukaemia - a much more aggressive treatment.

"By achieving remission in a second patient using a similar approach, we have shown that the Berlin patient was not an anomaly and that it really was the treatment approaches that eliminated HIV in these two people," said lead study author Prof Ravindra Gupta, from UCL.

Although the finding is exciting, it is not offering up a new treatment for the millions of people around the world living with HIV.

The aggressive therapy was primarily used to treat the patient's cancer, not his HIV.

# Guaidó poised to be president

Venezuela's self-declared interim leader Juan Guaidó is rallying his supporters in the capital, Caracas, to attend a rally on Saturday as he campaigns to become president.

Although he faces arrest after defying a Supreme Court-imposed travel ban to leave the country and lobby for international help, he has returned in defiance.

"They threatened us and here we are, putting forward our face for Venezuela," he told a huge rally on his arrival.

Mr Guaidó has called on President Nicolás Maduro to resign. The two men have been at loggerheads for weeks.

Mr Guaidó - who heads the opposition-led National Assembly and proclaimed himself Venezuela's acting president after the legislature declared Mr Maduro's May 2018 re-election illegitimate - has been recognised by more than 50 countries. Mr Maduro, who is backed by China, Russia and Cuba, insists he is the only legitimate president.

Venezuela's political crisis has been sparked by an economic meltdown in which hyperinflation has hit salaries and savings, leading many to flee the country.



► Guaido returns to become president

Mr Guaidó was received at the Simón Bolívar International airport by diplomats from the US and EU nations and a crowd of supporters who chanted "Guaidó, Guaidó" and "Yes we can".

After saying that he had been threatened with "jail, death" before his return, Mr Guaidó said he had been treated well on his arrival at the airport. He said immigration officers even greeted him at the airport with the words "welcome, president".

He called for nationwide protests on Saturday.

"On Saturday we'll continue in the streets, all of Venezuela will return to the streets, decided and determined to mobilise in search of their freedom. We will not rest one second until freedom is achieved."





# CDS' On Golden Pond will have a wide appeal

By Lindsey Turnbull

Many people will remember the 1981 movie 'On Golden Pond' that featured Jane Fonda alongside her father Henry Fonda, as well as Katherine Hepburn, for which Henry Fonda and Katherine Hepburn both won Oscars. It was a brilliant portrayal of family relationships and was nominated for a best movie Oscar. Cayman Drama Society will be bringing that story to life with their next show, On Golden Pond, to open at the Prospect Playhouse on 14th March and which will run for three weeks.

The movie was actually adapted from an award-winning Broadway play and focuses on ageing couple Ethel and Norman Thayer, who spend each summer at their home on a lake called Golden Pond. During the year the story takes place, they are visited by their daughter Chelsea with her fiancé and his son in tow. The play explores, with both humour and pathos, the often-turbulent relationship the young woman shared with her father growing up, and the difficulties faced by a couple in the twilight years of a long marriage. For the CDS production, they have enlisted the acting talents of Peter and Mary Anne Kosa in the lead roles, supported by Agata Kalicki as their daughter Chelsea, Martin Campion as her fiancé Bill, and also features Michael McLaughlin and Tyson

Line. The play is directed by Malcolm Ellis and produced by Beverly Edgington.

Director Malcom Ellis said Peter and Mary Anne Kosa were so wonderful together performing the play 'Love Letters' in 2016 that they wanted to find another opportunity for them to work together on stage.

"We considered several different scripts, but none had the appeal of On Golden Pond as a great fit for them," he confirmed. "The more we read it and especially when we started rehearsals, we realised a number of parallels in their on-stage and off-stage personalities and relationships. This proved to be both fun and challenging at the same time!"

Malcolm said that the play is quite distinct from the movie.

"While the movie is very entertaining, it did add a number of scenes that did not exist in the original. The playwright, Ernest Thompson, wrote a very good script, and the stage version has all of the elements of the film, but distilled into the interior of summer home in the woods. It has a slightly sharper edge to it also, and while satisfying, is not purely sentimental," he stated.



He believed the play would appeal to a wide-ranging audience because it is about familiar themes that affect everyone in our family and social relationships.

"There are three generations of characters, from the aging Norman and Ethel, their daughter Chelsea with her fiancé Bill, and his 13-year-old son Billy. The humour is solid with plenty of laughs, but the more serious moments are heartfelt and moving. Ultimately, it's a love story," Malcolm said.

Cayman Drama Society would encourage everyone to purchase tickets early as CDS show tickets sell quickly.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see an awarding winning play, performed by very talented actors," Malcolm said.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and are now on sale on the CDS website [www.cds.ky](http://www.cds.ky). The show opens on 14th March, 2019 and runs for three weeks. 🌐

## MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



# FRET-FREE LIVING - PSALM 37: 1-11

Does it bother you that much attention is given to people who stand for all things? Perhaps it is entertainment stars who get the headlines while espousing immoral philosophies in their music, movies, or programmes. Or it could be leaders who openly thumb their noses at right- standard of living.

It would be easy to fret about this and wring our hands in despair, but this Psalm suggests a better way. Listen to David's advice, "Do not fret because of evil doers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity." While it is right to be, "salt and light," in this tasteless world- attempting to conquer sin by re-

flecting Jesus' light wherever possible, we cannot let negative forces cause us to live in anger and wrath. We may not like what we see and hear from some aspects of society, but remember this always: **GOD IS IN CONTROL.** Trust Him to do what is right, and **DON'T FRET.** 🌐

## OBITUARIES

Churchill's

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We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Gleda Eulean McLaughlin, who passed away on Monday, February 25, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at East End Church of God, Grand Cayman on Saturday, March 09, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Old Man Bay Cemetery.



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Linda Dornell Whittaker, who passed away on Tuesday, February 26, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at North Side Civic Center, Grand Cayman on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Old Man Bay Cemetery



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# Harden is defenders' headache

Limiting James Harden's prodigious offensive output is the biggest defensive challenge in the NBA today. He is a gifted scorer, outstanding passer, creative shot-maker and playmaker, master of the step back 3-pointer and a great finisher at the rim. He is also unorthodox with his moves and adept at maximising the rules to his benefit, especially drawing fouls.

"Well, it's not very fun," Golden State's Klay Thompson said of the challenge.

"You're in a lose, lose, lose situation with him," Washington's Bradley Beal said.



► Klay Thompson does not relish playing Harden

At 36.6 points per game in 2018-19, Harden can boast that only Wilt Chamberlain and Michael Jordan have averaged more.

He's doing things Jordan and Kobe Bryant never did and rivalling what Chamberlain did. Harden's streak of 32 consecutive games with at least 30 points, which has just ended, is second to Chamberlain.

He has loads more scoring records too.

So, how do you stop, or rather, limit Harden? For Paul George, who is a Defensive Player of the Year candidate, it is a paradox.

The very thing necessary to defend him is the very thing you can't do.

"The difficulty is guarding him without fouling. He gets a lot of foul calls," George said. "It's hard to bring physicality and be a defender in this league when he's so good at drawing those fouls. Try to be physical and guard him without fouling. Which is hard. The same reason it's tough to guard him is the same reason how you have to guard him."

Be physical. And don't, under any circumstance, put him on the foul line.

"If you foul him, he's going to make his free throws," Beal said.

Those are the difficult keys to defending Harden, who is physical himself



► James Harden is almost unstoppable now

and can absorb and initiate contact and shoots 11.5 free throws per game, making 87.1 percent.

"You have to guard him differently because of how he's officiated and how talented a player he is," Los Angeles Laker Kyle Kuzma said. "It's really unorthodox defending him."

In a Lakers-Rockets game earlier this season, the Lakers used unorthodox methods to defend Harden. Josh Hart held his hands behind his back while guarding Harden to show referees he wasn't using his hands.

"For us, we went to the extreme, putting our hands behind our backs like they were tied, but he's a tough guard," Kuzma said.

Not only is guarding Harden difficult, so is officiating him. He has a penchant for putting defenders in compromising positions and has tricks up his sleeve to draw fouls. It requires a discerning whistle to officiate Harden.

Playing in the Eastern Conference, Beal must face Harden just twice a season.

"As many tough shots as he's going to make, sometimes you just have to pat him on the butt and keep moving," Beal said.

"You just have to make it difficult for him."

What does that mean?

Be physical, but not too physical. Don't give him too much space, but don't crowd him either. It's beneficial to have strong help defense from a big man at the rim and to be able to double-team and get the ball out of his hands.

"You really can't get close to him because he's quick enough and strong enough to get by you," Washington's Trevor Ariza said. "You can't give him too much space because he can shoot. There's no secret. You just have to do what you can and live (with) the results."

Understanding his game is one thing. Stopping it is another. 🌐

## Harper's \$330m looks ludicrous

Bryce Harper has just set the bar for sports contracts in North America - \$330 million. That's how much the 26-year-old outfielder will get from the Philadelphia Phillies in a 13-year deal, making it not just the biggest contract in Major League Baseball but on the continent as well. His annual salary will be \$25.4 million.

Harper leaves the Washington Nationals, the team that brought him to the majors in 2012 as a teenager. Harper has a .279 career average with 184 homers and 521 RBIs. His deal surpasses the \$325 million received by Giancarlo Stanton of the Miami Marlins in 2015, also over 13 years.

It's not surprising that the Phillies were the team to land Harper. In a

move surely regretted in later negotiations, Phillies owner John Middleton clearly stated the team's intent to acquire top level talent in the offseason, no matter the cost. "We're going into this expecting to spend money, Middleton said in November, "and maybe even be a little bit stupid about it."

But, for baseball, the concern hasn't been over paying stupid money, but rather for paying stupid money for a stupid amount of time. Risk averse teams are increasingly reluctant to hand out large sums of money to players they don't believe will deliver on the goods years down the line. Why? Well, 13 years is a long-time and life happens, namely injuries. Recent free agent history is full of such cautionary tales. 🌐



► Bryce Harper will be on vast contract until he is 39



► Jerome Taylor is still a force at 34

## Taylor mentors young guns

Jerome Taylor, now considered a cricket veteran, says he enjoys the role of mentoring younger players around the region.

The 34-year-old fast bowler, who last played for the West Indies in January 2018 in a Twenty20 match away to New Zealand, has been impressive in this season's regional four-day tournament for Jamaica Scorpions.

He claimed 7-50 to help the Scorpions to an eight-wicket victory over four-time defending champions Guyana Jaguars in the recent eighth-round contest at Sabina Park. He has taken 23 wickets in four matches at an average of 10.96 and strike rate of 24.3.

Regarded as one of the most skilful bowlers in modern cricket, Taylor constantly provides guidance to his teammates, and only recently was spotted

giving tips to the 27-year-old Jaguars pace bowler Keon Joseph at the end of the match at Sabina Park.

Taylor, getting the ball to move both ways and generating deceptive pace from a relatively short delivery run-up, was a handful for the Jaguars' batsman, albeit on a surface that favoured bowlers.

His performance caught the attention of watchers, including Joseph, who was performing 12th-man duties for the visitors.

"I'm a servant of the game, and we are all West Indians so my take on it is to give back to the younger players or any player at all around the region who is willing and keen to learn from players who have represented West Indies. I see myself as a senior player who contributes to West Indies cricket, so people would approach me [for advice]." 🌐

## Man Utd eyeing stunning £120m transfer for Juventus star Dybala if Lukaku goes in summer

Manchester United are eyeing a stunning swoop for Juventus star Paulo Dybala this summer if Romelu Lukaku leaves.

The Argentine superstar has impressed Old Trafford scouts over the past couple of seasons.

The 25-year-old has been earmarked by the United hierarchy as the man to take Old Gunnar Solskjaer's men to the next step and challenge for the Premier League title.

It is understood the club have already enquired about how much it would cost to land Dybala when the summer transfer window opens.

Juventus are reluctant to lose a prized asset who has helped steer them towards what looks to be another Serie A title.

But is it thought the Old Lady would be willing to sell if the right offer came in at around the \$130 million mark.

Juventus have also shown as interest in Lukaku, and rumours of a potential cash plus player deal have been mentioned.

The Belgium striker would prefer to move to Juventus if he was forced out of Manchester United this summer.

He is thought to be a huge fan of Cristiano Ronaldo and wants to play with the Portuguese superstar before he retires.

Lukaku has been in fine form of late, netting a second-half double in Saturday's dramatic 3-2 win over Southampton.

But Old Trafford insiders have indicated the club feel he is not the man to take them to the next level in the Champions League.

The 25-year-old, who would cost around the \$80m United paid Everton for him, is also wanted by Inter Milan. 🌐



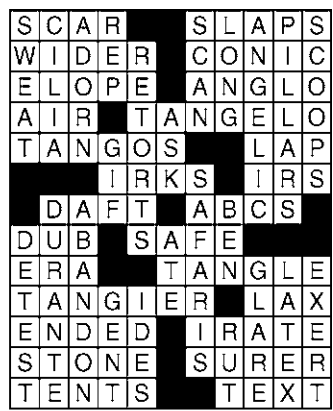
► Paulo Dybala could be on his way to Old Trafford



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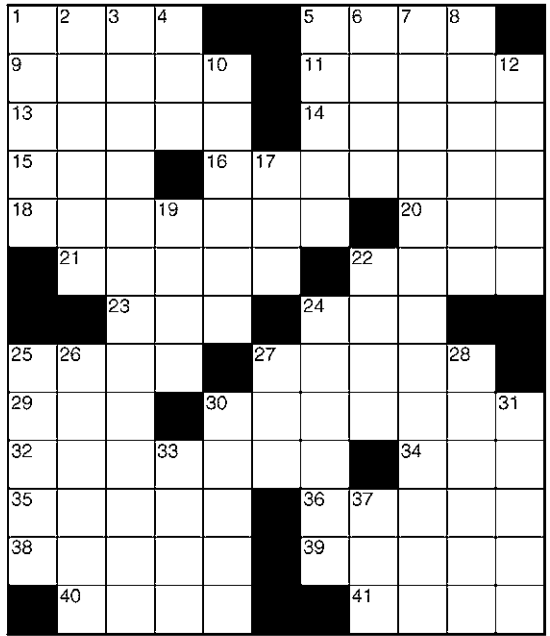
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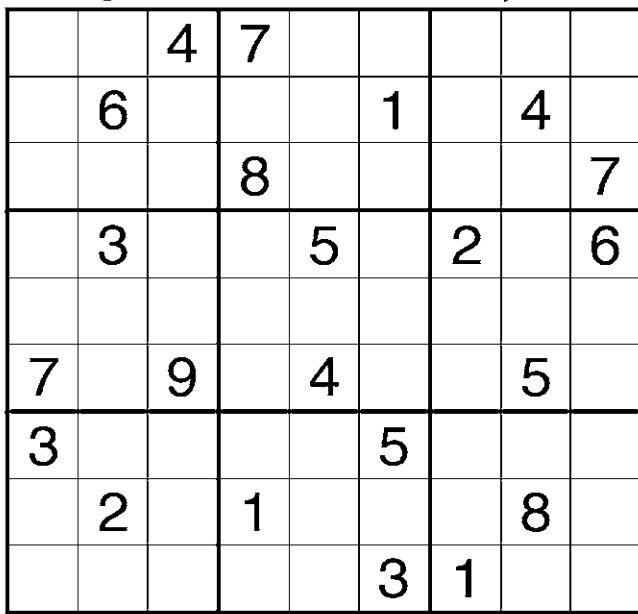


**SUDOKU**

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

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green



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

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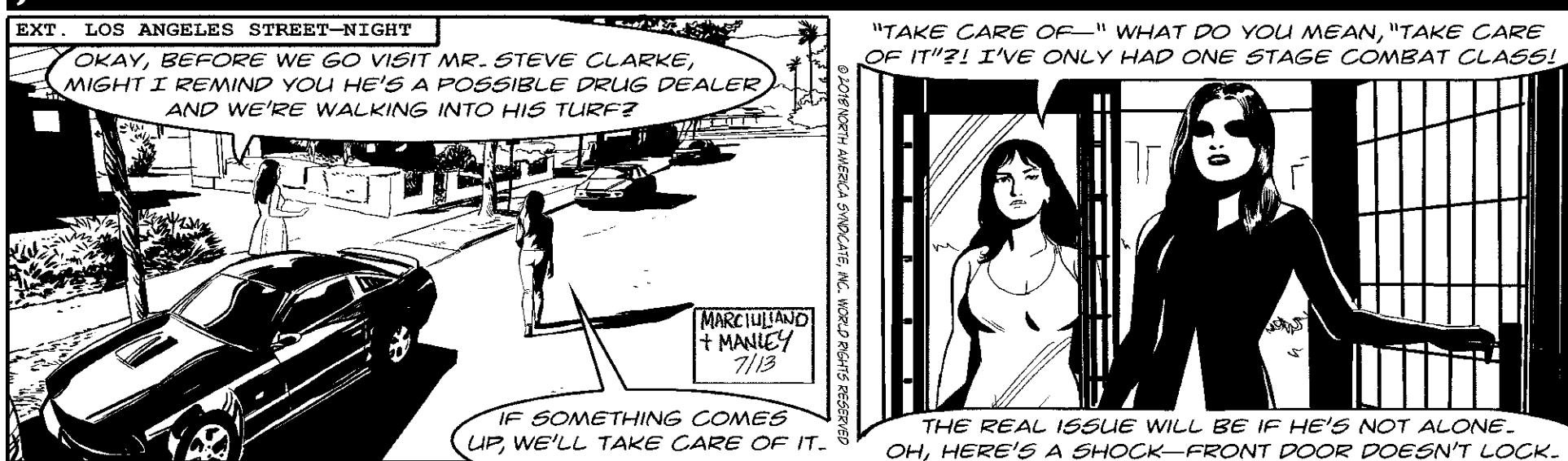
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