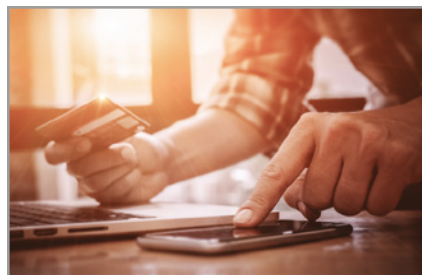


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# UCCI Graduate Receives McCormick Scholarship



► Hospitality alum Laurent Bodden (3rd from right) received McCormick Global Ingredients Limited's (MGL) first "Wendy Bullock Lifetime Achievement Bursary" from Wendy Bullock (4th from right), who dedicated 49 years of service to the flavour giant. Sharing this special moment were (L-R), School of Hospitality Studies Director Wayne Jackson, MGL Financial Controller Phil Michael, UCCI President and CEO Dr. Stacy McAfee and MGL Managing Director Donald Pratt

Laurent Bodden, a graduate of the University College of the Cayman Islands' (UCCI) hospitality programme, will be pursuing further studies in Food and Beverage Management, thanks to the generosity of the flavor giant, Mc-

Cormick & Company's McCormick Global Ingredients Limited (MGL) and its Wendy Bullock Lifetime Achievement Bursary.

"Laurent is a promising, talented young man who has maintained con-

stant focus and discipline throughout his academic career at UCCI," said Mr. Wayne Jackson, Director of the School of Hospitality Studies (SHS).

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## CRICKET CARNIVAL COMES TO CAYMAN

Cayman Cricket is holding its annual Cricket Carnival on 21 June, starting at 10am, at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex in George Town. It will be the biggest Carnival to date, with a total of 20 teams, 12 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams, all competing to win the Championship Cup.

The Carnival is strongly supported by the Department of Sport and the Department of Education, with Ms. Merta (Meita) Day of the Department of Sport, and Ms Gloria Bell of the Department of Education, getting

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## SOARING LIKE EAGLES



► Lesley Lopes-Colindres receives her Business Award

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## EDITORIAL

# The post-graduation reality awaits

It's that time of year when optimism and enthusiasm is abounding among our youth. Hundreds of youngsters in our community are preparing for a major step in their lives. High school graduates are embarking on the next steps of their respective journeys.

Some will head overseas to colleges and universities; others will embrace educational opportunities at our tertiary institutions at home. There are also others whose futures are murky with uncertainty. College acceptance letters did not come in the mail, or these communications were delivered but the financial reality is that it blocks the pathway to head off to pursue higher education.

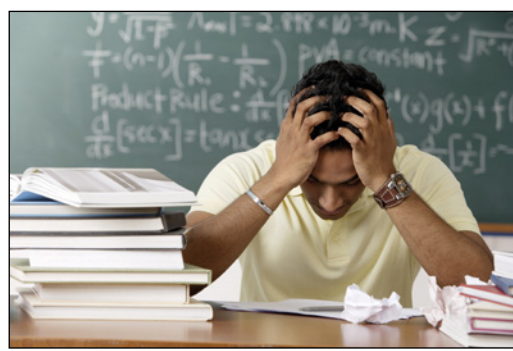
For those who are heading off, it's not just the joy of the opportunity but there are legitimate fears about whether they can handle the pressure and succeed. Those heading into the workplace will be excited to enter the "real world" and will realise the burdens of this life. Others will sit at home wondering what is next.



Lives are at crossroads for our young people. They are promised that the world is theirs, yet youth unemployment outpaces other sectors of the population. Workers are expected to stay on the job later in their lives, thereby limiting the opportunities for those entering the job market.

However, this is not all doom and gloom. It is the nature of life that some of us will be more successful than others. As parents and members of the community, we need to constantly remind the youth that where they are now or the obstacles they face are not the end of the road. Many successful entrepreneurs never set foot inside a lecture hall or dropped out of tertiary education.

The reality is that the world can be a harsh place and as a society it is not our jobs to shield the youth from this but to help make it easier for them to succeed and to provide the necessary support. In the meantime, we need to teach them that the struggles they face now can make them more battle tested to survive in the world of business.



## POLICE NEWS

# The RCIPS welcomes nine (9) Summer Interns

It is with great delight that the RCIPS Human Resources Department have confirmed the commencement of their Internship Program.

On Monday, 17 June, six (6) interns were allocated to the following departments based on their interests and career aspirations:

- Jonah Somers, from Carleton University, Canada, will join the Finance Department,
- Kendra Rankin from University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Canada, will join the Criminal Investigations Department,
- Jessica Hurlston from University of West London, England will join the Crime Scene Unit,
- Marlique Muir from University College of the Cayman Islands will join the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit,
- Morganne Forbes currently enrolled in an online EMT Programme, will join the Criminal Records Office and
- Rhomar William from Teesside University, England will join the Training and Development Unit.

A further three (3) students will be placed in the Community Policing Department and in Human Resource Department.

Ms. Marielle Hilaire, RCIPS Chief Human Resource Manager was quoted as saying that, "The Internship Program was established to generate fresh ideas and diverse perspectives to underwrite our success whilst providing practical work experiences. Further, it is our intention to continually accentuate our Corporate Social Responsibility plan by developing young Caymanians, stimulating our talent management and employer branding strategies, and improving our visibility and credibility in the community."

The RCIPS extends a warm welcome to these young Caymanian men and women who have chosen the RCIPS as their learning hub for the summer, and wish them a productive and enlightening internship. They look forward to feedback on their unique perspective and professional experience in the coming weeks.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

# Rotary Central Cayman Islands reminds community about disabled parking awareness

Twelve months after launching its Not Your Spot campaign, Rotary Central Cayman Islands is reminding the Cayman community on the proper and improper use of disabled 'blue spots' around the island.

The reminder comes on the back of the campaign winning the Community Impact of the Year award at the Cayman Islands Marketing Professionals Association's (CIMPA) annual awards event.

Ms Susie Bodden, Immediate Past President of Rotary Central Cayman Islands said she was thrilled when she heard the campaign had taken the award and hoped the win would bring the campaign into the spotlight again.

"We had really great feedback and support from across the community when we first ran the campaign," she said. "It's important for us to keep this issue top of mind and to remember that disabled parking spots and blue badges are an essential service for Cayman's disabled population, allowing ease of access to workplaces, shops, and other basic required services."

Mr William Inniss, President of Rotary Central Cayman Islands congratulated Tower, the agency behind the campaign, and thanked Susie Bodden for her vision in bringing the campaign to life.

"Not Your Spot is about bringing Cayman together to help support our disabled community," he said. "With both our Share the Road and Not Your Spot



campaigns Rotary is championing respect for each other on the roads of Cayman and we ask everyone to be patient and considerate when out and about."

Ms Magda Embury, Chairperson of the National Council for Persons with Disabilities said the Council welcomed the Not Your Spot campaign.

"Our Council fully supports Rotary's effort to bring to the public's attention the importance of persons with disabilities having accessibility to designated parking spots for office buildings, supermarkets, shops, transportation and many other public areas. This is consistent with our ongoing goals for persons with disabilities having full accessibility to all built environments, towards achieving independent living," she said.

"Illegal parking in disabled spaces is an ongoing problem for our community. With proper education, incidents of illegal parking in disabled blue spots could be significantly reduced and the day-to-day lives of our disabled community made much easier," Ms Embury said.

# Ministry Encourages Private Sector and Public to support NPOs

The Ministry of Community Affairs (MoCA) over the years has made an unwavering commitment to five non-profit organisations (NPOs) with grants totaling almost \$2.5 million annually. Recognising the important functions that these entities provide in our community, such support from the Cayman Islands Government has been consistent for more than a decade.

As the Ministry compiles its 2020/2021 budget, it again is pledging to maintain the current level of funding to the NPOs, namely: The Pines Retirement Home, National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), Cayman Islands Crisis Centre, Rehoboth After School Programme, and Meals on Wheels. In addition to the grants, extra government funding and services have also been provided through the DG's 5K Challenge, assistance with food deliveries and other fund raisers.

"Given the invaluable community services that these NPOs provide, the Ministry remains committed to supporting them through annual grants," says Chief Officer Teresa Echenique.

"These grants and the overall services of the Ministry of Community Affairs through the Department of Children and Family Services and Needs Assessment Unit reflect our commitment to supporting the Government's broad outcome of 'Stronger communities and support for the most vulnerable.' However with the need to earmark funds for various community initiatives and services, it is not always possible for the Ministry to increase funding at each budget cycle."

"As a result, we encourage the private sector and the public as a whole to partner with and support these remarkable entities by contributing financially and on a volunteer basis and extend our sincere gratitude to these NPOs," she concludes.

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# SOARING LIKE EAGLES

## Layman E, Scott Senior High School Graduation

By Shakir Khan

SOARING LIKE EAGLES was the theme for the graduating class of 2019, of the Layman E, Scott Senior High School on Cayman Brac.

As usual, the Aston Ruddy Center was packed to capacity with parents and well-wishers of the 21 graduates. (13 boys, 8 girls).

The blessings for the evening were given by Pastor Lester Gayle Woods from the Watering Place Church of God Holiness. One of the night's outstanding graduates Rajiv Roberts delivered the Salutatory address and he was followed by Dilan Tatum who introduced the Minister for Education, Hon. Mrs. Juliana O'Connor Connolly.

Beaming with pride at the presence of the graduands, she commenced her remarks with excitement.

"We are a unique bundle of joy created by God for His glory. He wants us to spread our wings and education is by far the most conducive medium for this. Graduands you are to ensure that God is the Center of your moral compass. Soaring as the eagle comes with determination and desire to reach the noble heights desired. Don't allow negative influences to disrupt your flight."

The minister then traced her own upbringing highlighting the many struggles she overcame in attaining the heights scaled. There was loud cheering when she told the gathering that the scholarship threshold was going to be increased. She concluded her remarks by saying, "We are not only great navigators but great achievers. Keep lifting your eyes to the hills from whence cometh your help."

A musical item by the high students followed these remarks.

Evan Hurlston then gave the introduction to the keynote speaker, Mrs. Chevala Burke. She commenced her address to the graduands by quoting their theme and choosing as a key, "The call to action - Perseverance."

After reflecting on the fact that she once

stood at this same podium, she then encouraged the class by saying the following:

To persevere does not mean to be a parrot in life but an eagle. As you go through life you will encounter speed bumps. How you navigate them will determine your heights of success. Own your dream. When an eagle soars, it sees things in a different light. Like the eagle, do not place limitations on yourself. Always bring your full potential to the battle. The eagle does fly below the storm but above it.

I know most of you here tonight have a great affinity to soccer. Let the life of Lionel Messi be a source of inspiration. Even though he did not have a great start in life, he soared to international heights when Barcelona gave him the opportunity. As the eagle is a symbol of wisdom, dominance and strength so to you can use these virtues to soar as high as you desire.

How can you soar then is the question.

For sure there will be struggles. But in order to persevere and soar you must train hard, develop a proper work ethic and dedicate to success. In the process make your voice heard, give a helping hand, and be the missing link. Commit fully to that which you aspire, appreciate sound criticism and I have no doubt that you will soar like the eagle. God bless you all.



The Valedictory address followed the keynote speaker.

Coy but confident, Valedictorian, **LESLEY LOPES - COLINDRES**, strode up to the podium. She began by giving thanks to God, parents and relatives and the teachers who played a vital role in making the night possible. Lesly continued, "This high school became our home away from home, but now is the time to celebrate even as we soar like eagles towards our dreams. Yes, we have been equipped to stay focused and press ahead with our dreams.

It was Harvey Mackay who said that when you have a dream that you can't let go of, then trust your instincts. That's the way of the eagle. Real dreams take work, diligence, patience and sometimes require you to dig deep down to soar high. There will be times when things are tough but fellow graduands don't give up, just seek out different techniques. Lean on God's unfailing words at all times. It was Jeremiah who said, "For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper and not harm you. Plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE." Jeremiah 29:11.

After pausing briefly Lesley continued, "Let's ponder for a moment. Soaring takes effort so

we can't be passive spectators. This class is full of strong individuals with the potential to soar to great things in life. So, no matter where you go, what you choose to do, I wish you all the best in your future pursuits. God bless you all!"

After another musical item by the high school students, the Principal's remarks were given by the Ag. Principal Mr. Devon Bowen.

"This special occasion is the culmination of hard work," he said. "As a school, we are proud of our achievements especially in the external examinations. Our actual results far exceeded the predictors and we are even more excited about the results in relation to the SEN students.

70% received 5 or more passes. 52% received 7 or more passes and 52% obtained 5 or more passes including English and Mathematics. Our inspection report was good overall and our students continue to excel in different fields of participation.

Tonight, I commend our dedicated staff, parents and community for the role in the lives of these fine, young and talented students. An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backwards, Keep aiming for your goals. God bless you all."

The presentation of certificates and awards followed his remarks, with Valedictorian Lesley and Salutatorian Rajiv walking away with the most awards on the night. Lesly was also the recipient of Caymanian Times' award for the top student in Business category. Isaac Tibbetts gave the Vote of Thanks and this auspicious occasion concluded with the singing of the National Song.



# Opposition Members questions the verification process

The Official Opposition is concerned about the process being used to verify the signatures to the Cruise Berthing Facility petition. This concern comes from the revelation by Elections Supervisor, Mr. Wesley Howell, that it was Cabinet who requested that each person who signed the petition now needs to complete a form indicating that they signed the petition. Opposition Leader, Arden McLean stated that he now has not doubt that the Government is attempting to railroad the entire petition and that Government is actively seeking to disqualify signatures rather than verify them.

Expressing his concerns Mr. Mclean, stated, "The people of this country should be very concerned. The verification process has now become contaminated by political interference, and it is clear that the Government has invented a verification process that has no basis in statute and only serves one purpose; to disqualify legitimate signatories to the petition. While there is no Referendum Law or Regulations to outline this process, the Constitution is clear that Cabinet's only role is to set the question

and the date of the referendum. To do otherwise would be ultra virus the Constitution. Mr. McLean has also requested an urgent meeting with His Excellency Governor Roper to discuss the matter along with the other members of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Mclean further added that "Mr. Howell assured the country at a recent public meeting, that the elected Government would have no involvement in the process until it was time to frame the referendum question. Why is it that we are now learning that he has been given directions from Cabinet to implement a verification process which requires every single signatory on the petition to have to now fill out and sign a form? While verification maybe necessary, there are easier ways to do so. For instance, the majority of electors have been issued with Voter Identification Cards which contain signatures. Therefore, the need to verify everyone by house to house visits is unnecessary.

Deputy Opposition Leader Mr. Suckoo is also troubled by what has transpired and questions the motives of the PPM

led Government. Mr. Suckoo stated, "I am shocked that the now Premier, who not so long-ago fought side by side with me and others for single-member constituencies and One Person One Vote, would condone this move. It was Mr. McLaughlin who accused former Premier McKeeva Bush of railroading the OMOV referendum and manipulating the process, and now it is quite sad to see Mr. McLaughlin desperately using the same tactics he so vehemently protested a few short years ago."

Mr. Kenneth Bryan, elected Member for George Town Central also registered his disappointment in the actions taken by Cabinet. Mr. Bryan stated, "It is clear that this move by the Government, forcing persons who signed the referendum to now complete and sign an official Government form, is designed to intimidate persons and instil a fear of victimization. This is a psychological tactic being used by the Government and the Governor needs to now shut this process down. We will not stand for it."

Chris Saunders, elected member for Bodden Town West stated that he is not



► Mr Arden McLean, Leader of the Opposition

surprised by this revelation at all. Mr. Saunders stated "Considering that the Premier refused to say that this project, which has the potential of being our largest capital expenditure, is a matter of national importance as required by the Constitution so as to trigger a People Initiated Referendum, should have prepared the Caymanian people for what to expect. I wish this PPM led government would invest more time in trying to reduce the cost of living and improving the quality of life for the Caymanian people as opposed to continuing to pander to the special interest groups."

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# Finalists drawn for National Trust's 2019 Governor's Conservation Awards

A campaigning teacher, the Cruise Port Referendum Cayman, a turtle conservationist and an environmentalist and journalist are all in the running for being awarded Conservationist of the Year at the National Trust 2019 Governor's Conservation awards. The winners will be announced at a special invite-only event at Government House on Thursday 20th June. They will be recognised along with the top conservationist business, the entity that has best promoted tourism conservation, and the individual who has worked hardest at preserving Cayman's heritage.

The Governor's Conservation Awards were developed by the National Trust for the Cayman Islands and launched in 2012. They recognise persons and businesses within the local community that have demonstrated an active role in the fields of historic preservation and environmental conservation across all three Cayman Islands within the last 10 years. The awards are backed by HE The Governor Martyn Roper and, this year, is in partnership with Greenlight Re.

The Conservationist of the Year award finalists have been whittled down to secondary school teacher Bill LaMon-

na who works at Cayman International School and who helped put together the youth activist group Protect Our Future Cayman. Bill has been an active environmentalist, installing compost bins within the staff lounge, starting a recycling programme at the school, launching a Green Team among students and is a leading member of the Plastic Free Cayman community group.

The Cruise Port Referendum Cayman (CPR) advocacy group is also in the running, having been formed in response to the government's decision to pursue a cruise berthing facility in the George Town harbour. Since August 2018, CPR has taken steps to engage the public, raise awareness of environmental concerns and challenge the Environmental Impact Assessment and statements by the government in relation to the proposed facility.

Cayman Bracker Dwayne Frederick is a licenced volunteer with the Department of Environment in turtle conservation on Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. His consistent patrolling of the beaches is believed to be a major factor in the prevention of turtle nest poaching activity in the Sister Islands. Dwayne is also involved in the Sister Island Rock Igu-

na research and is a founding member of the Cayman Brac Wildlife Rescue.

The fourth finalist is journalist Joseph Avary, a former active member of the two-year-long Cayman Magic Reef Recovery project following the damage of Hog Sty Bay's coral reef caused by Carnival Magic's anchor in 2014. He's also a board member of Cayman United Lionfish League and is responsible for its overall public communications.

Corporate Conservation Award finalists include Caribbean Utilities Company which has environmental commitment as one of eight core business values, Health City Cayman Islands which has helped to conserve native flora on its property and even changed its development plans in order to conserve and protect a rare and endemic plant once thought to be extinct, and Hurley's Marketplace, the first grocery store in the Cayman Islands to eliminate the distribution of single-use plastic shopping bags.

Tourism Industry Conservation Award finalists are Jean-Michel Cousteau's Ambassadors of the Environment Programme and the Cayman Turtle Centre, while the Heritage Preservation Award finalists include Ann Stafford who has contributed greatly to preserv-



ing a historic and cultural legacy for future generations, the Bodden Town Heritage Committee, consisting of several senior citizens who volunteer their time to the preservation of our islands' historical and cultural legacy, artist Gordon Solomon who employs a common thread in his artwork that depicts Cayman's historical and cultural make-up, and architect John Doak, who is a preservationist and promoter of "things Caymanian" through his work.

The Youth Blumenthal Conservation Award will be awarded to Protect Our Future Cayman, an environmental advocacy group led by four Cayman International School students: Richard Weber, Olivia Zimmer, Jack Paolini and Mikayla Corin. The group began as a photo campaign with powerful messages which appealed to the local community to protect environmentally-sensitive land and native species that were most important. Since then, the group has organised a school "walk out" to send a message to the Cayman Islands Government - and the world at large - that their young voices matter.



## CCMI REEF LECTURE TO CONNECT PAST WITH FUTURE OF LOCAL CORAL REEFS

*Dr. Claire Dell will share her research and solicit input from the community about past experiences on the reefs and what is needed for future health of these habitats*

The Central Caribbean Marine Institute (CCMI) is hosting the next event in the 2019 Reef Lecture series on Tuesday, 25th June at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands. The topic for the evening will be

'Important Fish on the Reef: What do you Think?', presented by Dr. Claire Dell. For the past two years, Dr. Dell has been the primary researcher in a Darwin Plus Initiative funded project looking at the key herbivores on

the reef, as herbivory is a critical process in maintaining and promoting reef health.

A unique part of this lecture event is that Dr. Dell is eager to solicit feedback from the attendees, both about their experiences in the past on the reefs and what they think needs to happen to safeguard local reefs in the future.

"I'm really looking forward to hearing about the experiences residents and Caymanians have had on the reef over the past 20 years and also what the community wants to see for the reef over the next 20 years," states Dr. Dell. "My hope is that we can discuss this and together create a plan for rebuilding the reef."

Dr. Dell, who has worked as a Research Scientist with CCMI in Little Cayman since August 2017, will also continue with additional field work for her research whilst in Grand Cayman on this visit. She will be collecting samples, conducting reef surveys and meeting with the Department of Environment, one of the project partners.

The Reef Lecture on Tuesday, 25th June will begin at 5:45 pm, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is requested at: <https://donate.reefresearch.org/importantreeffish>.

The Healthy Reefs campaign, which includes all Reef Lecture events, is supported by Ogier, Foster's Food Fair IGA, Aureum Re, and the Cayman Islands Department of Tourism. The National Gallery of the Cayman Islands continues to be an amazing partner in hosting important public events such as the Reef Lecture series.

For more information about CCMI, Healthy Reefs, upcoming events and how to help protect our reefs, visit [www.reefresearch.org](http://www.reefresearch.org).



## Welcome back Odayne

CUC is pleased to welcome back 2018 scholarship recipient **Odayne Lynch** following his graduation from Conestoga College in Kitchener, Canada. Odayne holds an Advanced Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology. This was the second scholarship Odayne received from the Company.

In 2016, Odayne completed a Technical Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology from Conestoga College.

A 2006 participant in CUC's Summer Vocational and Internship Programme, Odayne joined the Company's Systems Operations Department as a Systems Operations Helper in 2011.

In 2012, he was promoted to Unit Operator Apprentice I and in 2014, Odayne transferred to the Company's Mechanical Maintenance Department as a Heavy Duty Mechanic Apprentice I. Prior to receiving this second scholarship in 2018, Odayne held the position of Engineering Technician I in the Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Operations Department. He currently holds the position of Engineering Technologist I in the T&D Operations Department.

Commenting on his second tenure at school, Odayne said, "I express my gratitude to CUC for their continued commitment to investing in people and for providing me with the opportunity to complete my studies. This achievement has been nothing short of fulfilling and I encourage other young people to continue to set goals and execute them to the best of their abilities. I believe that preparation, hard work and dedication are all key ingredients necessary to successfully accomplish anything of value."

CUC's President and CEO Richard Hew said, "The Company continues to make significant investments in our people. By providing access to a solid base education and an enabling workplace where our people can develop and grow throughout their careers, we are investing in the future success of the Company. I congratulate Odayne on the successful completion of his technologist studies and wish him a long and fulfilling career."

CUC established its scholarship programme in 1989 and since then has awarded full and partial scholarships to over 45 current and past employees and high school students in a number of fields. In 2016, the Company further enhanced its scholarship programme by offering assistance for qualified students to pursue their A levels.



► Dr. Claire Dell



► Blue tangs by Claire Fletcher



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## International Day of Yoga

**21 June:** The Cayman Islands Crisis Centre and Bliss Yoga hosts International Day of Yoga on the Rooftop of Grand Cayman Beach Suites on Friday, June 21st starting at 6:00pm on the rooftop. No yoga experience necessary! Everyone is welcome. Tickets are only CI \$40 and include: Rooftop yoga class led by Cayman's top yoga instructors, complimentary valet until 5:45pm, complimentary kombucha provided by Saucha Cayman and a raffle ticket for a chance to win a weekend stay at Beach and much more. Only 50 tickets available, so space is limited! Purchase your ticket in person at Bliss Yoga. Call 949 - 9642 (YOGA).

## Art at the Strand

**21 June:** This Saturday and every Saturday, from 3pm to sunset, the Visual Arts Society local ART market at The Strand features artists displaying arts, crafts, paintings, prints, hand-crafted jewellery & ceramics for sale in front of the Lodge/Eco-Den who offer 2-4-1 drinks, healthy pub food and homemade treats, smoothies,

and speciality coffees / teas. For more information or to become a displaying artist, email [info@visualartcayman.com](mailto:info@visualartcayman.com).

## Olympic Day 5K Run/Walk

**22 June:** The 2019 Olympic Day 5k Run/Walk will be held on Saturday June 22nd, starting 7am at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex. It is completely FREE of charge, but participants do need to register. This family - oriented event is open to people of all ages and abilities. Represent your country by wearing costume and national colours or symbols. Register at [www.caymanactive.com/registrations](http://www.caymanactive.com/registrations). For more information, check the website <https://www.caymanolympic.org.ky>.

## Sweet Dreams Pajama-Cocktail Party Fundraiser

**22 June:** Bâcaro Restaurant at the Yacht Club at Governors Creek, West Bay is having a cocktail party with a twist! Come dressed up in your pajamas! This event is in support of the Alex Panton Foundation (<https://alexpantonfoundation.ky>). Tickets are CI\$100 and this includes food, drinks and live entertainment. You can party from 6:00pm to 11:59 pm! There will be auctions & raffles throughout the evening. Call Bacaro Restaurant at 749 - 48—for more details.

## Mutt Strut 3

**23 June:** One Dog at a Time presents its 3rd. Mutt Strut on Sunday 23 June from 7am. The strut which is approximately 2 miles, starts at Seven Mile Beach, Cabana Number 1 on Public Beach, goes to the Ritz Carlton and back. Registration is \$25 and includes a breakfast pastry. Funds raise will go to Cayman's One Dog at a Time rescue group. Participants will not be timed an all well - behaved and on - leash dogs are welcomed. Register at [caymanactive.com](http://caymanactive.com) or go to <http://www.odaat.ky> for more information.

## Breakfast with the Blues

**23 June:** The National Trust invites everyone to spend a morning with Grand Cayman's indigenous Blue Iguana and learn about how this majestic creature rose from near-extinction to a sustainable 1,000 Blues in the wild. Tour the facility and hear fun facts about the Blues from experts who interact with them daily, followed

by a continental breakfast. Cost is CI\$20 for adults and CI\$10 for children 5 to 12 years old. Call 749 - 1135 for more information.

## George Town Happy Seniors Fellowship

**24 June:** The Department of Children and Family Services is hosting The George Town Happy Seniors Fellowship event on Monday, 24th June from 10am to 1pm at the Family Life Centre. Contact Dorline Welcome at 925 - 4083 for more information.

## East End Seniors Event

**25 June:** In celebration of Seniors Month, the East End Seventh Day Adventists are hosting a special event for all seniors of the district at the East End Civic Centre on Tuesday, 25th June from 10am to 2:30pm.

## Seniors Games and Crafts

**25 June:** Seniors are invited to Games and Crafts on Tuesday, 25th June from 10am to 1pm at North Side United Church Hall. For more information call 926 - 0490.

## The Tales of Cayman's Seafarers

**25 June:** The International Day of the Sea Farer is celebrated on 25 June. In honour of this, the National Trust of the Cayman Islands, in conjunction with The Cayman Islands Seafarer's Association is hosting a special event on Tuesday 25 June from 6:30 to 8pm. Hear tales from Cayman's seafarers as they recount their sea adventures. Cost is CI\$30 for National Trust members, CI\$35 for non-members and CI\$15 for children. Refreshments will be served. Prepayment is required and can be made at the National Trust Office, Dart Family Park. To reserve a space, contact [historic@nationaltrust.org.ky](mailto:historic@nationaltrust.org.ky)

## Visual Arts Society offerings

**26 June:** Visual Arts Society offers Adult Open Studio. This is available to those who want to work independently in an inspiring atmosphere, from 9 am- noon at the



► Cayman's Seafarers

Water House Art Studio, Pedro's St. James. Fee: \$5/\$15 or Ceramics: \$15 pp/\$25 pp non-members. Includes use of studio, glazes, and ceramic tools. Clay available \$30 per bag/fee for kiln usage. To register email [info@visualartcayman.com](mailto:info@visualartcayman.com). 'ART' OPEN CANVAS at Karoo Restaurant located in Camana Bay: 7-11 pm, artists of all levels are welcomed. Come out and enjoy painting and socializing with other artists. NO FEE. Includes; use of easels, lights, space, complimentary beverage ticket. Email [info@visualartcayman.com](mailto:info@visualartcayman.com) or [jar.was@gmail.com](mailto:jar.was@gmail.com) for more information.

## 2019-2020 Government School Registration Closes

**28 June:** The registration for students enrolling in, or transferring to, Government schools for the 2019/2020 school year will close on Friday, 28th June, 2019. For more information, call The Department of Education Services at 945 - 1199.

## KIDFEST 2019!

**29 June:** Bring the kids out to Pedro's Castle on Saturday 29 June for the KIDFEST Family Fun Day from 2 - 6pm. This afternoon of fun and activities is in remembrance of baby Nolan Evans and all proceeds will go to the Hart for Hearts and Cayman Heart Fund organizations. Activities include face painting, bouncy castle and other lounge games. Foods and drinks will be on sale. Admission is free for kids 13 and \$25 for 14 years and older. Call 936 - 1717 or email [ailiane@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ailiane@hotmail.co.uk) for more information.



► Blue Iguana

# This ever happen to you?

That moment when you realize that it's time to do something about your weight.

It may happen when you're looking in the mirror or standing on the scale.

Your first thought is to go on a 'diet' but as quickly as that enters your mind the ghosts of a hundred diets past return...along with all the frustration.

Then you wonder, why bother?

The weight will come back, as it always has. Then you'll be back in front of the mirror as discouraged as ever.

The answer is not to go on another diet.

The answer is to change your lifestyle.

**Making the Change.** It's time to lose your 'all or nothing' mentality. Embrace simple, small changes that will add up to big improvements in your lifestyle. These are your main venues for change:

**What You Eat.** Let's face it, most of the foods you eat aren't the healthiest. Some are downright terrible (the burger and fries you had last week). While others are simply excessive (the snacks you eat while watching TV).

The solution to cleaning up your daily diet is NOT to go back on a 'diet'. In fact, I never want you to go on a 'diet' again. (Yes, you heard me right!) Instead I want you to make permanent healthy changes to your eating habits.

Here are some practical examples:

- Choose salad over chips or fries
- Don't add butter to your food
- Eat fresh produce with every meal
- Purchase fat free dairy products
- Limit desserts to one per week
- Cut out mindless snacking
- Drink water, not soda

I don't expect you to eat a perfect diet every day of the week - that'd be ludicrous. You should, however, make MORE healthy choices every day than unhealthy ones.

**How You Move.** Exercise is a huge component to a healthy lifestyle, and quite frankly you're not getting enough of it. How often does an entire week go by without you ever lacing up your tennis shoes? Don't disregard the importance and power of a good workout.



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Here are simple ways to move more:

- Watch less TV
- Stretch stiff muscles every day
- Play at the park with the kids
- Go for a jog
- Do some pushups every morning

While none of the above are meant as substitutes for a solid exercise routine, they are great ways to become more active and to improve your lifestyle.

Your lifestyle is the balance of all the choices that you make regarding your body. Swing the balance in your favor—make a majority of your choices health conscious.

So the next time you're in front of the mirror you won't worry about your weight.

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They belong to the group of foods called cruciferous vegetables which also includes broccoli, cauliflower, bok choy, cabbage, collards and kale just to name a few. Many studies have shown that these kinds of foods are some of the healthiest and nutrient dense foods. They are rich in a wide variety of antioxidants, carotenoids, B- complex vitamins, as well as, vitamins A, C and K. Here are some reasons why it should be added to your vegetable mix.

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So just for its wonderful health benefits please add Brussel sprouts to your veggie lists. You will be glad you did.





# RUBis top students showcase their talents

By Lindsey Turnbull

Having recently become finalists in the RUBis Top Student awards, this team of young people are proving to have a wealth of talent. Here's why they were chosen for special nomination.

Ten-year-old **Kai Roberts**, who attends West End Primary School in Cayman Brac, was the RUBis Top Student, winning \$5,000 to pursue his dreams and \$1,000 for a club of his choice.

Kai's dad Kevin says that Kai was very much inspired by RUBis representative Jermaine Sharpe to enter the competition to showcase his talents and receive the wonderful opportunity to further develop his passion for playing the guitar.

"He loves playing the guitar," Kevin explains. "He can sing; he plays football and is very articulate in expressing himself verbally. He is not afraid to ask questions and is a problem solver. He does well academically and is quite involved in church and community outreach activities."

Kai won gold and silver awards for the National Children's Festival of the Arts Speech category and last year won a Gold award for his very first guitar instrumental. He placed third in the Cayman Brac Talent Show in 2018 held by the Speaker of the House and won for himself a brand-new bicycle. He is also the 2019 second place winner in the Claudette Upton Keeley Public Speaking contest in the primary school division.



► RUBis winner Kai Roberts



► Allround athlete Alzavia Goulbourne

"I felt very excited to have been selected as top student because I really wanted to win that \$5,000," Kai says. "The \$5,000 was very attractive. I am a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church and most other competitions I wanted to enter are usually held on the Sabbath so I was happy for this opportunity which did not fall on the Sabbath. I want to use the money to buy my own laptop where I can compose and edit music; buy two nice guitars - an acoustic and electric; buy an amplifier and some other accessories for a little home studio. I also want to use some of the money to get some lessons so that I can learn to play even better."

Kevin says the grant of \$1,000 will be given to his school, West End Primary.

"He is still thinking about what to recommend for the use of the school grant

but is thinking that some could be used to build a greenhouse at the school as well as purchase some additional musical instruments," Kevin advises.

**Alzavia Goulbourne**, 9, attends Red Bay Primary School and was a finalist in the competition. His mum, Natoya, says Alzavia entered this competition because he saw it as a good opportunity to show cause his talent, which is track and field. An all-round athlete, Alzavia also plays basketball, football and likes to swim. He will be using the money to buy running spikes, which he always wanted, she advises. He will also purchase a laptop, some back-to-school items and then he will try and open a savings account, she says.

"I was excited about the RUBis competition as this is my first time entering," Alzavia confirms. "I had totally forgotten about the competition. My mom hadn't told me that I was selected in the 10 until my birthday, because she did not want to build up my hopes. I jumped for joy because I know I did a good job and this was my start. I am so happy and I thank my family for the motivation. I can't wait to enter next year."

**Damoya Fearon**, 9, also attends Red Bay Primary School. She says she first decided to enter the competition when a group of people from RUBis came to her school and talked to students about the competition.

"I thought I was capable of doing the competition. I entered and, guess what, my hard work paid off because now I am in the top and I can share my story with people out there," she says. "I just want to say I am honored to be in this position and I want to inspire other children to believe in themselves and follow their

dreams, help me spread this message to children all over the world to try and never give up!"

Damoya's special talents are writing, singing, dancing, reading and art.

"Writing is my passion," she confirms.

On winning the \$1,000, Damoya confirms: "It felt divine, amazing and spectacular, those are the words to describe winning. I have good intentions for the money as I plan to write books for children to read and enjoy. I want other children to see the joy of reading because reading makes me happy, therefore, I want to share my happiness with other people."

**Kaz Conolly Basdeo**, 10, who attends Montessori By the Sea is an avid gardener and intends to put his winnings to good use by creating a garden for his community, using the funds to buy fill and growbeds for the land on which he wants to grow his plants.

"If there is any extra money over, I would love to build a greenhouse as well," Kaz says.

When Kaz is not in his garden tending to his many plants, he is a talented musician, he's a cook who loves to bake, he loves animals and he is also excited about taking up the game of squash.

"I was inspired to grow plants by my grandmother who has a lot of plants in her backyard and also my grandfather too, who also has a lot of plants" Kaz confirms.

The other finalists were Hosannia O'Connor from East End Primary School, Jeelah Maize, from George Town Primary School, Kezzia King, from Triple C School, Naima Myles, from George Town Primary School, Oral Michelin, from The Lighthouse School and Tianna Ebanks, from Prospect Primary School.



► Damoya Fearon is a keen writer



► Passionate gardener Kaz Conolly Basdeo in his garden

# Dancescape at the Harquail Theatre

By Christopher Tobutt

'Dancescape,' the name of The Cayman Islands National Dance Company & School - Dance Unlimited's latest show, was full of the fire and passion of dance; a grand showcase for tots all the way through teens and adults.

The Harquail Theatre was filled, and everyone sat expectantly as the lights dimmed and the curtain opened for the first dance, 'Beyond Thunder,' choreographed by Jessica Eden. It was a dance of high energy, from the Intermediates in the company, as the dancers inhabited the richly layered African drum beats and took them to a higher level.

Next, things got a bit more chilled, with "Mild Flavor," a gentler dance groove, choreographed by Maurice Falconer which celebrated the rhythm of life. Of course, all the moms and dads in the audience loved 'Possibilities,' where the tiny Twinkle Tots took to the stage. Life has so many possibilities and it's never too young to start believing in yourself.

It was the turn of the Juniors next, with the dance, 'Odyssey,' all about the exciting world of space exploration.

'Yes' was a bold declaration that dreams must never die; and was all about a dancer balancing her dream of

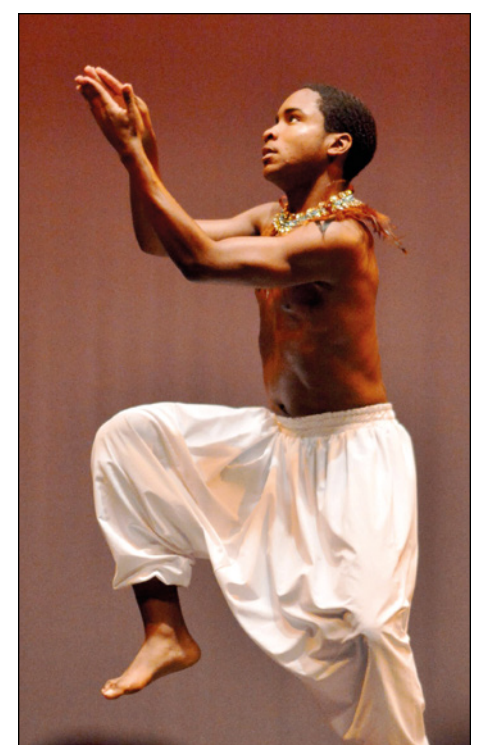


dance with her daily pressures of going to work. Jessinah Astwood was the dancer, and she danced beautifully and passionately to the songs Feeling Good and I Remember Me.

It was a time for a bit of glitz and glamor in 'Puttin on the Ritz' a showbiz-style dance act with hat and cane

and oodles of style by the Intermediate dancers First Steps dancers stepped right up with some high energy rock n roll - a racing care themed dance choreographed by Jessica Eden called route, to the song Route 66. It was great.

'Fireworks,' was next. Just the name of the dance, these dancers burst onto the



stage in a flash of brilliance. 'Tropical Kaleidoscope,' performed by the Explorers, was colorful and fun, an exploration of the warmth, vitality and vibrant colors of the Tropics.

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# CISHRP Conference Grows

The Cayman Islands Society for Human Resources Professionals (CISHRP) continues to make major waves in the HR community locally and internationally, with its recently concluded annual HR conference, sponsored by Britcay. President of CISHRP, Elisa Brown declared this year's iteration, hosted at The Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman on May 30 and 31, a massive success.

"We were really pleased with the attendance this year and believe that there are many members of the community who can gain value from this type of forum," commented Brown. "The conference, now in its 16th year, provides HR professionals with an avenue to exchange ideas, discuss challenges, share experiences and of course, is an invaluable networking opportunity for all business professionals."

This year, the event saw over 200 HR and business professionals in attendance and there was a large presence from both the private and the public sectors.



"The conference has been and continues to grow every year, and we encourage members of the HR community locally and from across the region to put this event in their calendar," stated Brown. "The landscape of HR is ever-

changing and this conference can go a long way in helping HR professionals to keep up with the market trends and adapt to the new landscape." It should be noted that one does not have to be a member to attend.

Some of the speakers at the conference included Jill Dark, the Director of Leadership and Organizational Transformation at Steelcase Inc., Tim McConnell, the Managing Partner at McConnell HR Consulting Inc. based in Ontario Canada, and Luke Murray, the Head of People and an Audit Partner at KPMG, Cayman Islands.

Participants of the conference highly enjoyed the diversity of speakers with notable local speakers such as the Honourable Deputy Governor Franz Manderson, Wesley Howell of Workforce Opportunities and Residency Cayman, Pilar Bush of Dart Enterprises Ltd. and Shomari Scott of Health City Cayman Islands. Participants also enjoyed a variety of Marketplace Vendors which brought depth and diversity to the conference.

Next year's conference is slated to take place May 2020 and the CISHRP team encourages all to follow their page on Facebook at [facebook.com/cishrp](https://facebook.com/cishrp) for updates.

# ALL THE FUN OF THE CRICKET CARNIVAL COMES TO CAYMAN

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the tournament underway with opening remarks. Cayman Cricket has been working closely with both Departments to promote cricket in Cayman, not only with schools programmes, but also with tournaments and events such as the Carnival.

This is the first year that girls' teams will be taking part in the Carnival which is, in part, due to the appointment of Sania Iqbal Khan, formerly a member of the Pakistan international women's team, as Senior Development Officer for women and girls. Her work has seen a huge increase in interest in cricket from women and girls with the new Mothers and Daughters (MAD) program.

The Carnival will be a fun-filled day with all the teams playing an even number of games to see who will take home the Championship Cup, the Intermediate Cup, and the Consolation Cup. There will be a true carnival atmosphere with music, DJ's, and entertainment throughout the day.

Peter Anderson, Technical Director of Cayman Cricket, said: "We are absolute-

ly delighted that so many teams have entered to play in the Carnival this year, and especially with the turnout of the girls' teams. We have worked hard with schools cricket programs over the years to make the game accessible to boys and girls alike and it is very encouraging to see so much interest this year from children around 11 years of age. The future of cricket in Cayman is very exciting."

"This year we are also welcoming a team from the Lighthouse School for the first time, further showing that cricket is a game for everyone of all ages and abilities - it is completely inclusive and can be enjoyed by all" he added.

Mr. Hector Robinson QC, President of Cayman Cricket said: "We would like to thank the Ministry of Sport and the Department of Education for their ongoing support, not only with the Carnival, but also in bringing cricket into the schools and to make it inclusive for everyone. We are looking forward to a great day of sport and fun, with a Caribbean carnival atmosphere and some entertaining cricket."

This season is proving extremely busy for Cayman Cricket, with the teams put-



ting the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper through his paces at the beginning of June, the Carnival on 21 June, closely followed on 06 July by the Under 19 boys team travelling to Toronto to take part in ICC Americas Under 19 Tournament, the Senior National Men's team travelling to

Bermuda to contest the next round of the ICC T20 World Cup Qualifiers.

Cayman Cricket would like to thank further sponsors of the Carnival who include Domino's Pizza, and also Winners Circle who will be providing T-shirts and trophies for the event.

# UCCI Hospitality Graduate Receives McCormick Scholarship

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The budding hospitality professional stood out among his peers, according to Mr. Jackson. "Laurent's determination and commitment was evident from the beginning, but his potential for success in the industry became even more apparent as he impressed his mentors with his work ethic and willingness to sharpen his skills."

MGIL has pledged US\$5,000 annually for ten years to support Caymanian graduates of the School of Hospitality Studies to pursue further education in Culinary and Food and Beverage. The scholars may have the opportunity to spend a week at McCormick to explore diverse career opportunities in the food industry, with the prospect of a summer internship.

Managing Director of MGIL, Donald Pratt, welcomed the decision, saying, "We congratulate Laurent on receiv-

ing the first 'Wendy Bullock Lifetime Achievement Bursary', in honor of the 49 years Wendy dedicated to McCormick. Laurent is a very worthy recipient, achieving an exceptional standard in his chosen course and we are delighted to play a part in helping him achieve his full potential. By investing in Laurent's further education, and that of future recipients, we are investing in the future of Cayman and hope to inspire the Islands' young people to consider the pursuit of a career in the food industry."

The scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit, and the scholarship committee will give special attention to scholastic, sporting, and civic attainments, as well as to candidates' character and ability to lead. Laurent, who also shines as a football star and has actively participated in on and off campus events, was deemed deserving of the opportunity.

Dr. Stacy R. McAfee, President and CEO of UCCI offered her congratulations

and said, "We are very proud of Laurent whose exemplary performance has allowed him to pursue his dreams with the generous support of McCormick, a regular contributor to the wellbeing of this community."

As Dr. McAfee leads with her vision for a student-centred, suitably resourced UCCI, she underscored the importance of such opportunities for graduates as they prepare to take their place in society. "UCCI provides a student-centred education that allows each person to develop unique gifts and talents while preparing for a meaningful life and rewarding career. Scholarships from and cooperative learning experiences with employers ensure clear pathways to employment and enhance workforce readiness for Caymanians," she said.

Laurent has been accepted into the Johnson and Wales University in Florida and plans to pursue a successful career

in the hospitality industry upon his return.

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# Dancescape at the Harquail Theatre

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'Protected' was a thoughtful dance, as dancers Liana Coggins and Nissi Vassell together explored themes of faith and doubt.

As always, alongside all these contemporary and imaginative dances, Dance Unlimited likes to remember Cayman's rich dance heritage, and 'Quadrille Enriched,' was just that, a traditional Quadrille dance, in traditional Caymanian dresses, as the Explorers celebrated the wonderful music left to us by the Caymanian band, Radley Gourzong and the Happy Boys, as played by Swanky.

After the intermission, the dance 'Matryoshk', choreographed by Nicole Durrant explored the theme of developing different selves to cope with the world around us. 'Mas explosion,' was a celebration of the Caribbean's Carnival Mas bands. "Dance like no one is watching," was the idea behind "Crazy," performed by the Intermediate dancers.

'Human,' explored some of the barriers we put up to block others from reaching our hearts with their love. 'Made for Now,' the final dance of the show, was a joyful dance all about celebrating every moment of life.





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# Tertiary Education: Critical for the Present and Future

In the US, The National Association of Colleges and Employers identified the top skills employers are looking for from recent college graduates in 2018. In order: problem-solving skills, ability to work in a team, communication skills, leadership, strong work ethic, analytic/quantitative skills, verbal communication skills, initiative, detail-oriented, flexibility/adaptability, technical skills, interpersonal skills, computer skills, creativity, friendly/outgoing personality, tactfulness, entrepreneurial skills/risk-taker and fluency in a foreign language.

The top-five are problem-solving skills, ability to work in teams, written communication, leadership and a strong work ethic.

Whereas these skills can be developed in various settings, they are best honed in the tertiary education space especially when done with appropriate workforce involvement and experiences.

The benefits of University education are well known and governments across the region must aim to dramatically increase the percentage of their citizens who study at this level. A little over half of the population of Singapore are university graduates and this must be the aim of our governments in the region.

For example, some 15% percent of the Jamaican workforce has tertiary level training and so has some way to go. Though Barbados spends six percent of its GDP on education and has attained a literacy rate of 98%, one of the highest in the world, it has some way to go, from its current 25%, to have half of its population university level trained. Some 23% of Caymanians have college degrees.

A World Bank Report on the subject says that Higher education fosters

growth, reduces poverty and boosts prosperity.

The report says that 'a highly skilled workforce, with a solid post-secondary education, is a prerequisite for innovation and growth: well-educated people are more employable, earn higher wages, and cope with economic shocks better.' It continues- 'Higher education benefits not just the individual, but society as well. Graduates of higher education are more environmentally conscious, have healthier habits, and have a higher level of civic participation.'

Also, increased tax revenues from higher earnings, healthier children, and reduced family size all build stronger nations. In short, higher education institutions prepare individuals not only by providing them with adequate and relevant job skills, but also by preparing them to be active members of their communities and societies.'

In addition to these benefits is the fact that tertiary education, more than any other level, must teach and develop the skills of critical thinking. These skills are vital for the sustenance of our democratic practices and for the further evolution and maturity of our societies. The examined life, to borrow from Socrates, is thus a requirement for national development.

## Critical Thinking Skills

Writing on the subject in the **European Journal of Educational Practice**, Vol. 1, No. 2, Sunday Adeyemi, outlines the nature of these skills and why they are needed by society. She rightly explains that 'One, who cannot think, may not be able to solve even the minutest problem. We now live in a world of problems - social problem, economic

problem, political problem, ethnic problem, religious problem, educational problem, Science and technologically related problems to mention a few. It only takes a sound mind, a mind imbued with reflective thinking, which can engage in deep analysis, to come up with causes of the problem at hand and generate possible solutions or options to arrive at a decision; to solve a or get out of the problem.'

She explains further that critical thinking involves 'delving into context, asking for and examining the evidence, the context of judgement, and the relevant criteria for making the judgment well and so on. It employs not only logic but broad intellectual criteria such as clarity, credibility, accuracy, precision, relevance, depth, breath, fairness and significance.'

It is the critical thinker who is more likely to live rationally, reasonably and empathically because, as Adeyemi points out 'they are keenly aware of the inherent flawed nature of human thinking when left unguided. They work diligently to develop the intellectual virtues of intellectual integrity, intellectual humility, intellectual civility, intellectual empathy, intellectual sense of justice and confidence in reason. They realized that no matter how skilled they are as thinkers, they can always improve their reasoning abilities and that they can at times fall prey to mistakes in reasoning, human irrationality, prejudices, biases, distortions, uncritical accepted social rules and taboos, self-interest and vested-interest.'

Again, Adeyemi has it all right when she says that 'People who think critically strive to improve the world in whatever ways they can and contribute to a



► Dr. Livingston Smith is the Vice President and Provost of UCCI

more rational and civilized society. Even at that, they recognize the complexities that are inherent in doing so.'

She concludes that 'Most of our thinking if left to itself is biased, distorted, partial, uninformed or downright prejudiced. Yet the quality of our lives and that of what we produce, make or build depends precisely on the quality of our thought. Shoddy thinking is costly, both in money and in quality of life. This fact underpins the importance of critical thinking in the life of a nation and that of the individual.'

These are fundamentally important points and requires every stage of our education system, especially at the University level, to rise to this challenge. 🌐

## KPMG runs series of eco-friendly initiatives this Environmental Month

To celebrate Environmental Month in June, KPMG is running a series of initiatives, encouraging employees to become more environmentally conscious.

Partnering with local experts and organizations for a series of talks, KPMG is hosting the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation (GHOF), Refuel Cayman Islands, the Department of Environment and the Department of Environmental Health throughout June to present to employees on topics ranging from in-office recycling efforts to local wildlife censuses, such as shark tagging.

Employees are getting involved in a series of environmentally-friendly activities in June and throughout the year. The initiatives include regular beach clean-ups around the island, taking part in local efforts to clean Cayman's damaged coral and diving in lionfish culls. KPMG also sponsored the recently screened 'Stingray Chronicles Part 2' documentary in partnership with GHOF, which focuses on Cayman's stingray population and conservation efforts.

To drive awareness across the firm, KPMG is holding a sustainable eating challenge, where participants are encouraged to eat as sustainably as possible for a week, as well as limiting the use of single-use plastics and non-biodegradable cutlery and cups.

Sustainability and eco-friendly ways of working have been at the forefront of both the design and functionality of the new KPMG office since its inception. KPMG's new home has numerous environmentally conscious features, including solar panels, compostable cutlery and cups, an in-house recycling system and the 'Follow-Me' printing software, which helps to reduce users carbon footprint by only printing when physically prompted at the machine.

Employees received a 'Give Me Tap' water bottle and signed a pledge to limit their use of single-use plastics, instead using a Vivreau filtered water system to fill their water bottles. 'Give Me Tap' is a global initiative dispelling the use of plastic water bottles, while raising funds



► Ane Wessels, Corporate Citizenship Committee Member at KPMG, Janice Blumenthal, Research Officer at Department of Environment, Samantha Hennings and Lou-Anne McMillan, Corporate Citizenship Committee Members at KPMG

for clean water projects in Africa. Each bottle purchased provides clean drinking water to someone living in Africa for five years.

The office also does not provide any plastic cups or cutlery, uses stationary made from recyclable material and is looking to continue with further positive change in the future.

"Environmental Month is a great reminder of the importance of implementing a more sustainable way of living and working," said Samantha Hennings,

Manager in Advisory and Head of Community Impact at KPMG.

"From the outset of the new office project, there was a commitment to ensure that the building was constructed to the highest energy and environmental design standards, with a focus on reduced water usage and energy saving features."

"KPMG firms around the world are implementing change, with some offices completely removing single-use plastics. There is no reason why it should be

any different in Cayman, especially with our delicate eco-system," said Ms. Hennings.

"We are proud to work closely with local partners and Government Departments in order to spread the word and implement change. It's great to see colleagues getting involved both with the local initiatives and day-to-day efforts in office. We're looking forward to continuing these combined efforts throughout Environmental Month and into the future." 🌐

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► Michael Gourzong in action as a goalkeeper



► Michael Gourzong

# Michael Gourzong Memorial Classic Returns for Second Year

The Michael Gourzong Memorial Classic will take place on Saturday, 22 June at the CIFA Field near Prospect Primary School starting at 10am. This is the second year for the event, which features adult and youth flag football and football games, food and refreshments and other family activities. The Memorial Classic is organised by the family and friends of Gourzong who tragically drowned in a snorkelling incident at Spotts Beach in June 2016 at the age of 24. The young Cayma-

nian was an avid sportsman and gifted football goalkeeper who played for Bodden Town Sports Club and Savannah United Church. He worked as a mechanic at Car City.

"Michael was very involved in sports so having this Memorial Classic in his memory is one of the many ways I as his mother, and we, as a family, cope with his loss and honour his memory," said Mrs. Olga Gourzong. "We are so thankful for the support that we received from

the community last year and we are looking forward to another day of fun and exciting action on the field."

Mrs. Gourzong said the 2018 Memorial Classic drew six flag football co-ed teams, two football teams and two men's flag football teams and that she is hoping for the same participation or more this year. She also thanked Car City who has sponsored the team prizes both years.

Admission for the event and team registration is free. To register a team, call 917.9676. 📍

# Youth FA Cup finals take centre stage

In a day of unprecedented 'doubles', the 345 FC and Sunset FC clubs celebrated winning the Boys Under 11 FA Cup and the Girls Under 13 FA Cup respectively. With the victories, 345 FC I secured the 2019 CIFA Boys Under 11 league and FA Cup and likewise, Sunset FC Fuego won the CIFA Girls Under 13 league and FA Cup.

In the Boys Under 11 FA Cup final, 345 FC I defeated their rivals Sunset FC Warriors 6-1 in a rematch of the Boys Under 11 league final. Scorers for 345 FC I included Tomas Isabel and Danny Lyne (3) with the Warriors contributing to the score line with two unfortunate own goals. Jaxon Cover scored the Warriors' lone goal.

In the Girls Under 13 FA Cup final, Sunset FC Fuego concluded their undefeated 'dream' season with a hard-fought 6-5 penalty shootout victory over Academy SC. After scoring her club's first goal in the 16th minute, Sunset's Ashlyn Evans grabbed a second in the 47th minute to cancel out an Eva Bothwell 27th minute strike and a Taegan Williams goal in the 33rd minute to take the game into penalties.

With the score level at 2-2 following regular time, it would be penalties that would decide the 2019 Girls Under 13 FA Cup winner. Both goal keepers were in excellent form but the Fuegos emerged victorious scoring four of their five allotted penalties while Academy SC scored only three of their five penalties.

In the Boys Under 13 FA Cup quarter final games, 345 FC I, 345 FC III, Future



► 2019 Boys Under 15 FA Cup champions Cayman Athletic SC

SC and Sunset FC secured their places in the semi finals.

345 FC I were awarded the game with Cayman Brac FC (the Brac were unable to travel) while 345 FC I defeated Academy SC Stingrays 1-0 thanks to a Myron Cruz strike. Future SC got past Academy SC Jaguars 1-0 with Tyler Beckford getting his name on the score sheet and Sunset FC defeated 345 FC II thanks to goals from Jaxon Cover (2) and Jovi Tar-

takin. Culainn Lynch scored 345 FC I's only goal.

In the Boys Under 15 FA Cup final, Cayman Athletic SC defeated Academy SC Blue 2-0 thanks to two goals either side of half time from Shamir Seymour.

In the Boys Under 17 FA Cup semi final, Future SC defeated Bodden Town FC.

The semi finals of the Boys Under 13 FA Cup will be played on Wednesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 20 with the final

scheduled for Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ed Bush Field in West Bay.

The Boys Under 17 FA Cup final between Future SC and Academy SC will take place this Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the Ed Bush Field.

In addition, the Boys Under 11 league consolation game between Latinos FC and Cayman Brac FC is scheduled for this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the Annex Field. 📍










► 2019 Boys Under 11 FA Cup champions 345 FC I



► 2019 Girls Under 13 FA Cup champions Sunset FC Fuego



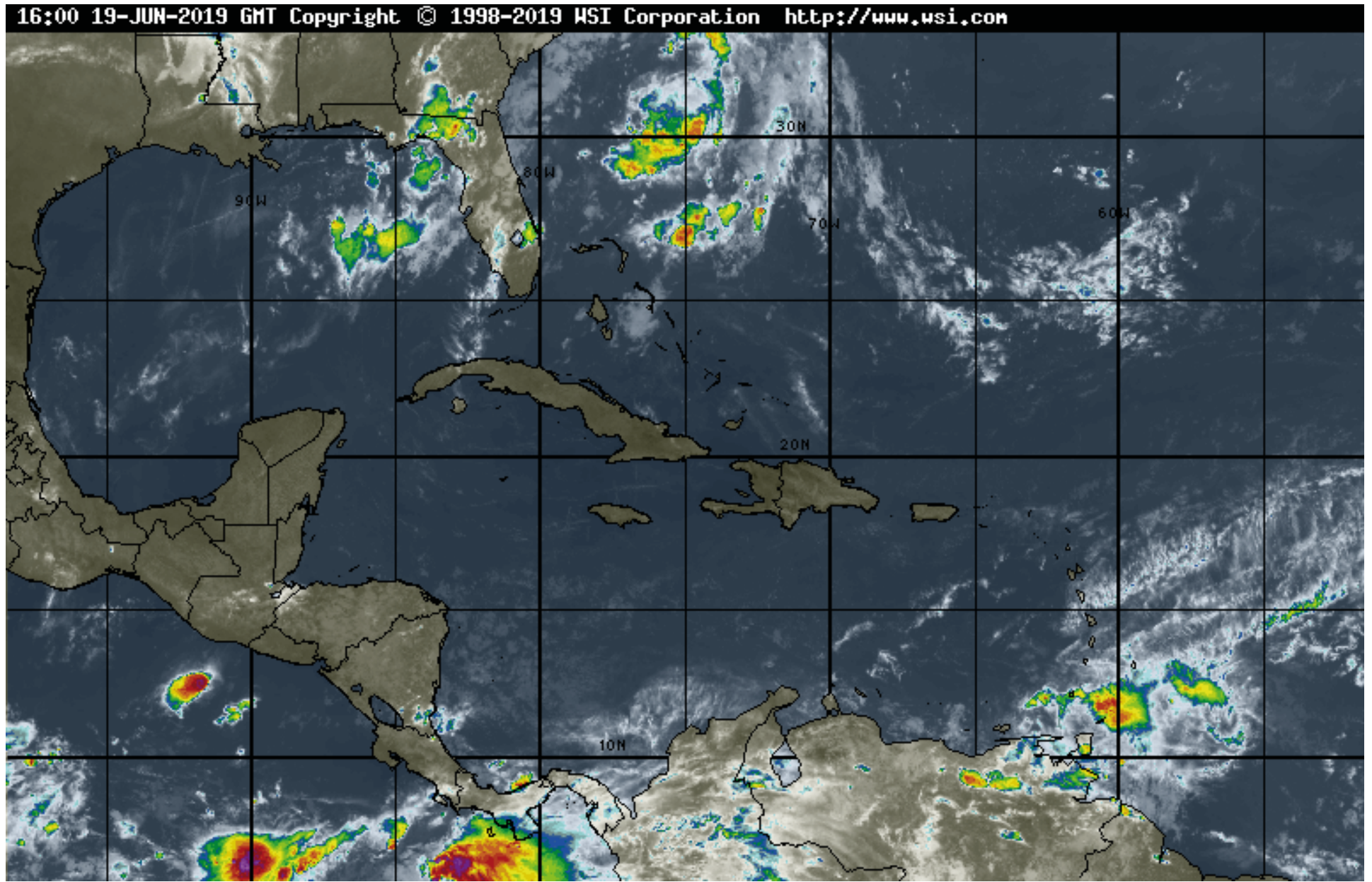
**WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
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Clouds and sun, a shower	Sunshine; breezy, pleasant	Mostly sunny; pleasant	A thunderstorm in spots	Partly sunny	Partly sunny, a stray t-storm	Cloudy, a thunderstorm

**TROPICAL UPDATE**

**Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances**

*Tropical Cyclone activity is not expected during the next 48 hours. NOAA Jun 19*



**MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION**

**How Will You be Remembered?**

**The Rev'd Christopher Pierce**  
 St Alban's Church, George Town  
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How will you be remembered? What do I mean? I mean, when your eyes close in death, how will those you've known remember you? Will it be with a warm smile of joy at just the way you touched their life or a "glad it's over" expression because you are no longer causing trouble?

Some might say, "That's pretty direct" and that would true, but it is a question worth your earnest consideration. Why? Because we all die. There is a perfect ratio regarding this matter, every human life conceived ends at some point. Some day it will be your turn and mine.

Many will respond to such a question like Margaret Mitchell's character, Scar-

lett O'Hara in the book and film, "Gone with the Wind" and put it off for, "after all, tomorrow is another day." Are you sure you want to do that?

The bible is full of memorable characters. The Old Testament recalls the lives and events of many people who are worthy of emulation but also those who no one should ever wish to be compared. King David, despite his many sins is still the only person in the bible to whom God refers to as "a man after mine own heart." Acts 13:14

You see, David could be impetuous and lustful, as well as a murderer. He tried his best to cover up his sin, but God had observed it all and sent the Prophet Nathan to confront him. When his sin was exposed, David did not respond haughtily in defiance, but rather in humility and repentance. You can

read all about it 2nd Samuel chapters 11 and 12.

He was so deeply affected by his sin and the forgiveness shown to him by God that he penned, Psalm 51. He wrote, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness..." David is thus remembered as a man, like us, who sinned but unlike many, as a penitent sinner rather than a proud one. How about you?

All of Jesus' disciples loved him, save one. His name was Judas. You remember Judas, he's the one who betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. Judas put on a show of being a true disciple but thought he knew Jesus' business better than Jesus did. He then demonstrated his heart's real attitude, not by obedience, but with a traitor's kiss. And that is how Judas is remembered.

People today get awfully concerned about how much Google and Facebook remember about them but of far greater concern should be the way that God will remember them. Jesus said, "For the Son of Man will come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will repay each one according to what he has done." Mt 16:27 Being remembered is therefore not an issue, we will all be remembered, but the most important question is this; how will God will remember us?

How will God remember you? Will it be as a faithful servant in whom he delights; or, will he remember you as one who lived, like Judas, a life of outward show without repentance and faith? Either way, we will be remembered but will it be through Jesus' blood of forgiveness or the factual findings of the righteous judge of all? 🌐

**OBITUARIES**

**Churchill's** Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Osmond Osbourne Mayhew, who passed away on Tuesday, June 04, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Cayman Islands Baptist Church, 163, Pedro Castle Rd, Savannah on Saturday June 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing will be from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Interment at Prospect Cemetery.



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**Churchill's** Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Cleveland R. Ferguson, who passed away on Thursday, June 13, 2019. A Graveside Service will be held at Prospect Cemetery, Grand Cayman on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. Viewing: 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.



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We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. George Leo Kelly, who passed away on Monday, June 03, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Ninety Nine & Nine Church, Powell-Smith Drive, West Bay, Grand Cayman on Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Interment at: Boatswain Bay Cemetery



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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Bernie Eugene Manderson, who passed away on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of God Chapel, Bodden Town on Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment will be confirmed at a later date.



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# Jamaica Government Announces Investigation into Detention and Abuse of Fishermen by US Coast Guard

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade says it is investigating the matter in which four Jamaican fishermen have brought a case against the United States Coast Guard for alleged mistreatment, following their arrest and detention in 2017 in Haitian waters.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the law firm Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP last week filed a lawsuit against the US Coast Guard, seeking damages on behalf of the fishermen – Robert Dexter Weir, Patrick Wayne Ferguson, Luther Fian Patterson, and David Roderick Williams – who were secretly detained without due process at sea in inhumane conditions on four Coast Guard ships for over a month.

The lawyers said the men were held under the Coast Guard's unlawful detention and mistreatment policy that ramped up in 2012 as part of the United States' "war on drugs". Under this policy, the Coast Guard stops boats in international waters, searches them and their crew for drugs, destroys boats, and detains crewmembers for prolonged periods of time in inhumane conditions, regardless of whether any drugs are found aboard.

According to the ACLU, the fishermen set out on September 13, 2017 for a fishing trip to Morant Cays, expecting to be gone just one day. But the US Coast Guard stopped their boat and arrested them before riddling the vessel with bullets and setting it on fire. The organization said the Coast Guard held the men in secret for more than a month, chaining them to the exposed decks of four different Coast Guard ships, while denying them access to shelter, basic sanitation, proper food, and medical care.

Jamaica's Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister Senator Kamina Johnson Smith said her ministry became aware of the matter last Thursday, through media reports, and also saw the video in which the fishermen cite experiences of shocking treatment during their extended period of detention, that would amount to human rights abuse.

"We are investigating the situation with our consulate in Miami and other relevant Government agencies as we seek to learn more about the case, but to date

have not discovered any record of a complaint having been reported to the Consulate or headquarters in Kingston," she said.

Johnson Smith stressed that the allegations are of serious concern to the Ministry, as the rights of Jamaicans at home and aboard are always of paramount importance to the Government of Jamaica.

She expressed the hope that justice would be delivered in the matter now before the US court.

According to the lawsuit filed by the ACLU, for most of the fishermen's detention, the Coast Guard kept them outdoors on the decks of the ships and exposed to the elements, even as one of the ships sailed into a hurricane. The men's skin burned and blistered in the sun and they were drenched and chilled by rain and sea water. Throughout the ordeal, the Coast Guard denied the men a phone call, refusing their repeated pleas to contact their families in Jamaica to let them know they were alive or even to contact their families on their behalf. On each of the four ships, Coast Guard officers told the men that it was against policy to allow them to make such a call.

After making stops in Guantanamo Bay, St Thomas, and Puerto Rico, the Coast Guard delivered the men to the US Drug Enforcement Administration in Miami, Florida, in October 2017. The men were initially charged with conspiracy to possess and distribute marijuana. They pleaded not guilty and were detained pending trial.

When the men were finally permitted to call their families and loved ones back home — the first time in over a month — they learned that they had been presumed dead after they failed to return home from their fishing trip.

The US ultimately charged the men with providing "false information" to the Coast Guard about the boat's destination. They claimed their destination was the waters near the coast of Jamaica when they were actually destined for Haiti. However, the ACLU said the men had not lied to the Coast Guard officers but pleaded guilty because they were told that it was the quickest and surest way to get back to their



► The Jamaican fishermen who say they were detained illegally and abused by the US Coast Guard

homes and families in Jamaica and to put an end to their nightmare.

A federal court sentenced them each to 10 months' imprisonment, and after serving their sentences and spending a further two months in federal immigration detention due to delays caused by the US government, the US deported the men to Jamaica in August 2018, nearly a year after they had left Jamaica.

The ACLU said that as a result of the Coast Guard's secret detention and inhumane treatment of the four men, they have suffered and continue to suffer physical and psychological trauma. They also returned to their families financially ruined.

"The men would like to return to fishing as they once did, but fear that if they do so, they will again be subjected to the Coast Guard's unlawful detention, property-destruction, and mistreatment policy. That policy and its enforcement [are] well-documented, and without changes to it, these fishermen and others like them continue to be at risk of being subjected to it," the ACLU stated.

This lawsuit seeks to recover damages for the physical, psychological, and emotional trauma resulting from the men's over-month-long inhumane treatment and secret detention by the Coast Guard and for the Coast Guard's destruction of their fishing boat and other property. It also seeks declaratory and injunctive relief against the Coast Guard, "so that the men can once again freely ply their trade as fishermen in international waters near Jamaica without exposure to the Coast Guard's unlawful policy and practice".

## Appointment of Guyana Election Body's Chairman Deemed Unconstitutional

The Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) today ruled that the process through which Justice (retired) James Patterson was appointed Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) by President David Granger almost two years ago was flawed and in breach of the Constitution.

The Court emphasized, however, that nothing in its judgment was intended "in the slightest degree" to cast aspersions on Justice Patterson's competence and suitability for the position of GECOM Chairman; nor was there any suggestion that President Granger had not acted in good faith.

The Constitution states that the Chairman is to be appointed by the President from a list of six persons, not unaccept-

able to the President, submitted by the Leader of the Opposition. Three lists, with a total of 18 nominees for the post, were submitted for consideration by Opposition Leader Bharrat Jagdeo. President Granger rejected the names on all three lists.

The first list was rejected as, in the President's view, the qualifications and experience of the nominees did not seem to conform to the requirements outlined in the Constitution. The second list was rejected by the President, as he found it to be unacceptable within the meaning of the Constitution and the criteria he had set out in a 'Statement of Qualities of the Chairman of the GECOM' submitted to the Leader of the Opposition. Prior to the submission of the third

list, the Government and the Opposition met and consulted on the "way forward on the selection and appointment of the Chairman". After that meeting, the third list was submitted to the President and rejected as being unacceptable.

After disapproving the third list, the President advised Jagdeo that he would select a Chairman himself, and he did so in October 2017. This course of action is provided for by the Constitution if the Leader of the Opposition failed to present a suitable nominee. Granger had justified his decision to appoint a Chairman himself, in part on the ground that it would not serve the public's best interest to further delay the appointment.

In determining the main issue in the case, the CCJ looked first at the proper meaning of Article 161(2) of Guyana's Constitution. That Article sets out the requirements to be satisfied for a person to be eligible for appointment as GECOM Chairman. It also sets out the general process for selecting the Chairman. To determine the meaning, the Court looked at the drafting history of Article 161(2), observing that changes had been made to it to promote consensus and inclusiveness by involving the Leader of the Opposition in the selection process. The CCJ also stressed that "an onus is placed on the President not to find a nominee unacceptable merely because the nominee is not a choice the President would have himself made. The President should only find a nominee unacceptable for some good reason on objective grounds".

It was also found that the President could not, as a precondition to considering a nominee, include eligibility require-



► Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission, Justice (retired) James Patterson

ments that were additional, or different, from those stated in the Constitution. In the judgment delivered by CCJ President Justice Adrian Saunders, the Court said it found that the process was flawed and in breach of the Constitution.

In a concurring judgment, Justice Maureen Rajnauth-Lee stated that by giving reasons why nominees are rejected, the President will engender greater public trust and confidence in the Elections Commission. Justice Winston Anderson, also in a concurring judgment, agreed that the process was flawed but did not think that, at the consultative stage, it was necessary for reasons to be given.

The Court concluded that the most sensible approach to the process of appointing the Chairman of GECOM is for the Leader of the Opposition and the President to communicate with each other in good faith and, perhaps, even meet to discuss eligible candidates for the position of Chairman before a list is submitted formally.

Having concluded that the appointment was in breach of the Constitution, the CCJ has invited both sides to present further arguments on how the issue should be rectified.



► Justice (retired) James Patterson taking the Oath of Office before President David Granger on October 19, 2017

## University of the West Indies to Train Ghanaian Doctors

The University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill campus in Barbados has entered into an agreement with the University of Ghana (UG), for students to study medicine in the Caribbean.

Vice Chancellor of UWI, Sir Hilary Beckles made the announcement at a breakfast meeting held at UWI's Regional Headquarters, Mona, on Sunday to welcome members of a delegation from Ghana.

"The government of Barbados has just broken ground to build a 250-room dormitory specifically to accommodate these Ghanaian students who will be coming into the Medical faculty," Sir Hilary said, noting that under the project, Ghanaians will come to the Caribbean and engage in the preclinical years of the medical programme.

He pointed out that in their training, the students will be able to study closely conditions such as hypertension and type 2 diabetes, which are major health challenges being faced by the Caribbean region.

"These are issues that are now facing the West African middle class and the Ghanaian middle class in particular. Students will be exposed to all of this and then return for their clinical training," Sir Hilary said.

"They will be better equipped to become African doctors because they will now know the Diaspora experience, which they can now connect with the home experience to make them into national and universal doctors."

Underscoring the benefits to be received by UWI's medical programme, the Vice Chancellor said, "our students in the Caribbean will have an opportunity to train alongside African students, cross-fertilizing ideas and creating in themselves a notion of global Africa."

The project is among a number of initiatives being explored between both universities.

Meanwhile, Ghana's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Creative Arts, Barbara Oteng Gyasi, is encouraging cultural and economic exchanges with Ghana.



► UWI Vice Chancellor Sir Hilary Beckles (left), speaks with Ghana's Minister of Culture, Tourism and Creative Arts, Barbara Oteng Gyasi, who was part of a Ghanaian delegation in Jamaica for a two-day working visit. The group was led by Ghana's President Nana Addo Danko Akufo-Addo. (Credit: JIS)

"We know that the University of the West Indies can play a critical role in this because you are training the youth of the Caribbean. You have direct access in impacting their outlook on life. And we will encourage you to get some of your youth to come to Ghana to participate in the various activities that we have," she said.



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Canada may approve unpopular pipeline

The Canadian government is set to approve the highly controversial Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project soon.

The project, which would boost the current capacity of the Trans Mountain pipeline from Alberta to the coast of British Columbia three times, to 890,000 barrels per day, pitted against each other Canada's oil heartland Alberta and neighbour British Columbia whose government is strongly opposed to new oil projects.

Trans Mountain was the only new oil pipeline project the Liberal government of Justin Trudeau has approved, using the argument that Alberta's rising oil production needs a bigger outlet to international markets. However, this support and the purchase of the project are unlikely to do the government any favours in the upcoming parliamentary vote later this year.

Mr Trudeau came to power on the environmental wave, and except for the



► The Trans Mountain pipeline is controversial

Trans Mountain affair, he has been generally consistent in this respect. Now, if the government indeed approves the project, the energy lobby will be happy - but an important group of voters will not be, the green lobby.

Unfortunately, Mr Trudeau does not have a winning move. If the government for some reason rejects the project, the energy lobby would be alienated. If the election results in Alberta are any indication of popular sentiment, this decision could contribute to the Liberals losing the election in October. 🌐

## Philippines harvests too many mangoes

The Philippines is struggling under the weight of a sweet but troublesome burden - a glut of two million mangoes.

The agriculture secretary, Emmanuel Pinol, said mango farmers had reported an "unusual increase" in the harvest, which they had attributed to El Nino, the climate phenomenon that has led to unusually hot, dry weather this year.

One the Philippine island of Luzon alone there is a surplus of about 2m kg of mangoes, according to Mr Pinol, an oversupply that has led the price to drop from 58 pesos (80c) to as low as 25 pesos (35c) per kilogram.

Mr Pinol stressed the urgency of dealing with the glut before the fruit went to waste and sent the price of mangoes crashing further, hurting farmers. "We need to do something about this in the next two weeks," he added.

The agriculture department has launched a marketing campaign,



► Philippines has a huge mango surplus

dubbed "Metro Mango", to try to shift a million kilograms of the fruit in Metro Manila. The fresh mangoes will be sold at 25 pesos (35c) to 50 pesos (70c) a kilogram to entice buyers, who will get the low prices only if they buy in bulk.

The department has also launched cooking classes to teach people how to cook with mangoes and will hold a mango festival this week to drum up excitement and demand for the fruit.

Foreign interest in the cheap mangoes is helping ease the burden. They hope to increase daily mango imports to Hong Kong and Dubai. 🌐

## Venezuelans rush to Peru in late bid

Venezuelans in their thousands have rushed to cross into Peru in a bid to beat the introduction of tougher migration laws.

Under new laws introduced on Saturday, Venezuelans need to have a passport and visa to enter Peru.

Authorities say about 6,000 Venezuelans crossed from neighbouring Ecuador alone on Thursday, three times the daily average.

Some four million people have fled Venezuela since 2015, according to the United Nations.

The country's imploding economy has resulted in high unemployment and shortages of food and medicine, and hundreds of thousands of people need humanitarian aid.

Previously, Venezuelan citizens wanting to enter Peru only required a national ID card.

Peru's President Martin Vizcarra defended the tougher migration restrictions. "Our country has opened its arms to more than 800,000 Venezue-



► Venezuelans flocked to Peru before the deadline

lans," he said. "I think it's completely logical and justified to ask them to bring visas to ensure better control of who enters."

Latin American countries host most Venezuelan migrants and refugees. Colombia has the most at 1.3 million, followed by Peru with 768,000, according to UN figures.

Under the government of Nicolás Maduro, the economy has collapsed, and shortages of food and medicines have become widespread.

In parts of the oil-rich country, fuel has become scarce and drivers queue for days at gas stations. There are also frequent blackouts. 🌐

## UK children paid \$1k to stab rivals

British children are being paid over \$1,000 by gang bosses to stab rival teens as the UK's knife crime epidemic rages on.

The baby-faced bounty hunters are given cash by "elders", so they can avoid carrying out the gruesome attacks themselves.

Youth workers said the gangland bosses "don't want to get their hands dirty" and know there is a "continuous stream" of teens to exploit.

The attacks in Merseyside in Liverpool have been linked to at least one stabbing - with teens willing to use a blade on a rival to gain "more respect" from elders.

One teen said "young kids are getting money put on their heads" as he revealed his pal ended up in hospital after becoming the target of a \$1,000 bounty.

He revealed some people would go to watch "straighteners" - a planned fight to resolve a dispute - where people were "getting stabbed".

Merseyside Police saw one of the biggest surges in knife crime last year with a 35 percent rise.



► The UK's knife crime problem is out of control

Britain is continuing to battle a knife crime epidemic with an unprecedented wave of bloodshed related to knives has been unleashed in the UK in recent years.

In 2018, the number of fatal stabbings in England and Wales was the highest it has ever been since records began in 1946.

The total number of recorded police incidents involving a blade was an astonishing 44,443.

And in 2019, the nightmare has continued to blight the nation - with four people killed in London this weekend. 🌐

## Unhappy Cubans migrate to US

Cubans are flocking to leave the island because its economy is in such a poor state - and the United States is ironically an extremely popular destination.

The economic difficulties of Venezuela have greatly reduced the supply of discounted crude oil shipments to Cuba and all but eliminated lucrative business deals.

The impact is seen in the shortage of fuel and food, even for those residents who hold convertible pesos, the Cuban currency substitute for the dollar.

The US has also restricted American visitors and banned cruise ship stops on the island, greatly reducing another major source of foreign exchange. Cubans are recalling the infamous "special period" after the collapse of the Soviet Union when the cut off in Soviet aid caused a severe contraction in the Cuban economy. Visitors perceive a rising concern about the future, an impatience with economic stress, and



► Cubans still risk their lives to leave the island

an inflexible communist bureaucracy. Many Cubans, especially the young, believe that the only way to improve their lives is to emigrate away from the island. Some even make their attempts in make shift boats.

There is a steady trickle of Cubans to Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, joining larger streams in Central America and Mexico, making their way to the southern border. After Hondurans, Guatemalans, and El Salvadorans, Cubans form the next largest group of those seeking asylum in the United States. 🌐

## Honduras gripped by dengue cases

The Honduras Health Department has declared a state of emergency in 12 provinces due to the rise of dengue cases, a disease that is affecting over 10,000 Hondurans with an increasing death toll.

The mosquito-spread illness is mainly affecting children, according to reports and 70 people have died due to the disease. Of them, 23 are children under 10 years of age.

The president of Honduras Medical College, Suyapa Figueroa, hit out at the government for having not declared the emergency last year and for holding doctors responsible instead of having done its duty.

Since Sunday, Health Minister Alba Consuelo Flores, placed the districts of Atlantida, Colon, Comayagua, Copán, Cortes, Francisco Morazan, Intibuca, La Paz, Lempira, Olancho, Santa Barbara and Yoro under sanitation alert.

According to representative of the Pan American Health Organization in Honduras, Rodolfo Pena, this Central American country has 77 percent of all serious dengue cases in the region.

Of every 10 dengue cases in the continent, seven are in Honduras, which means it is at an alarming scale at international level, he said. 🌐



► Honduras is fighting to control dengue fever cases



# Nigerians defy sexism to kick it

The Women's World Cup in France is in full force with Jamaica's Reggae Girlz making their debut. Just by reaching the Finals, Jamaica are making a statement for women's football in the Caribbean.

For Nigeria's players, the tournament is about far more than just football. The nine-time African champions remain the only nation from that continent to have qualified for every tournament since its introduction in 1991, and yet their players still face barriers at home.

For some in Nigeria, football is not seen as an acceptable occupation for women. "This view is not just in Nigeria but in Africa as a whole," said striker Asisat Oshoala, 24, who plays for Barcelona and is one of the game's most exciting talents. "The women are supposed to be housewives. They are supposed to be in the kitchen - that is the problem. We are trying to change their mentality."

Nigeria, with three points from their opening three games against Norway and South Korea and a 1-0 loss to France, are ranked 38th in the world and have certainly made their mark.

But had Oshoala's parents had their way, she would not have been involved. "I would stay with them and not get any money for food," says Oshoala, who

scored in her club's 4-1 Champions League final defeat by Lyon last month.

"I would have to walk to training because they didn't want to give me the money to do it.

"Sometimes I would leave school to train, then rush back home. Sometimes I had to lie to them and go to my friend's houses before playing football. If I saw my dad, I would have to run away so he didn't see me."

Nigeria's best run came in 1999, when they reached the quarter-finals in the United States, but they have failed to progress beyond the group stages in the past four competitions.

From carrying the hopes of a continent to battling against personal challenges, the Nigerian team have overcome a lot.

Women's football in Africa is not as popular as it is in Europe, says Oshoala, who adds "the mentality is really, really down".

"In Africa, you only have a few people interested in female football," she says. "Most parents don't want their kids to play. They want them to go to school. That almost affected my own career, but I was lucky because I pulled through."

And Shanghai Shengli forward Francisca Ordega, a team-mate in the nation-



► Nigeria's women are Africa's most successful team

al side, thinks Nigeria has a "long way to go" to change these perceptions of women's football.

"A lot of the time, people don't even know anything is happening," Ordega said. "They are not even covering this World Cup, which I think is bad. If it were the men's team, something would definitely have been done."

Ordega, 25, has played football in Russia, Sweden, America, Australia, Spain and China, and was once told by her mother she would never get married if she decided to stick with football.

"People around me would say 'you will never get married because nobody wants to marry a career woman'," says Ordega. "They asked if it bothers me and I said 'no' but deep down it does because you're not supported by your loved ones.

"There are a lot of challenges like that every day. My mum was so against it but now she is happy. She never wanted me to play football for those reasons. I was stubborn. I decided to do what I loved. I am glad because my stubbornness took me somewhere."

Nigeria are joined by Cameroon in the group stages, as well as South Africa, who are competing in their first World Cup.

As well as changing people's opinions of women's football, Ordega is pushing for better pay for players in Nigeria.

"The pay level is so low behind the men," said Ordega. "If we could get just 30-40 percent of what they get, it would be really nice. Now we don't even get 10 percent of that.

"We do the same thing that they do. We play 90 minutes; we play in the World Cup and at the Olympics."

But pay is not at the forefront of Ordega's mind when she's representing Nigeria. To her, "being successful is not about money" and she gains more fulfilment by inspiring the younger generation.

Nigeria's women are earning a pittance compared to England's women who stand to earn more than \$55,000 each in bonuses if they win the World Cup. The reward would be more than some of the players would usually earn in a whole year from football.

The 2019 World Cup championship team will win \$4 million, and the total prize money awarded to all 24 teams is roughly \$30 million. Both figures are double what the women's World Cup paid out to teams during the 2015 tournament in Canada. Hosts France are the firm favourites to win the cup. 🌐



► France are the World Cup favourites

## Tyson puffed up over weed resort

Mike Tyson is planning to build a gigantic "weed resort" in the middle of the California desert.

Ever since Tyson officially retired from boxing, news about the boxing legend has usually been about something bizarre. In fact, the latest Tyson sighting is not far from what is expected as the former "baddest man in the planet" was spotted in public holding a joint, which was believed to be weed.

According to Celebrity Cover News, the former boxing champ was seen holding and smoking a joint at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport in Virginia.

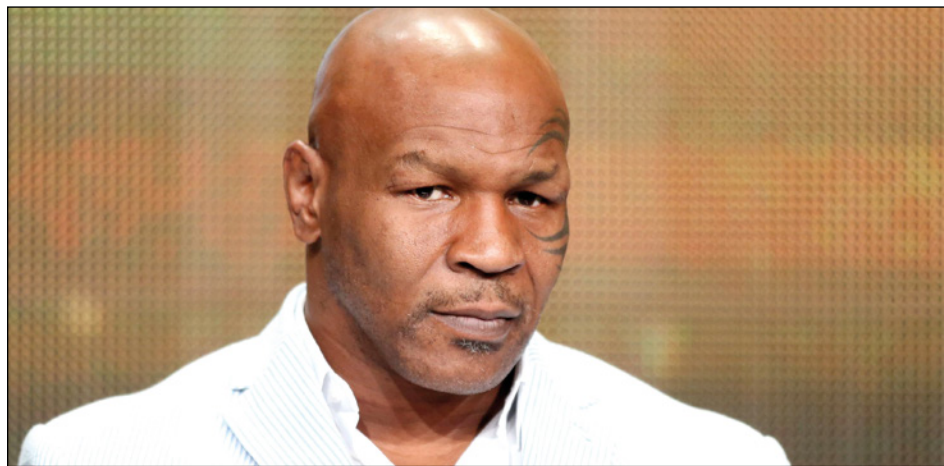
Prior to this sighting, Tyson was also seen smoking a foot-long spliff during a marijuana festival in Los Angeles back in February. The 52-year-old former world

heavyweight champ earned the title "heavy-weed champion of the world" following the event.

Tyson revealed his cannabis resort will reportedly include a luxury hotel, camping facilities, an amphitheatre for concerts, a Tyson University to educate future farmers about cannabis-cultivation techniques and the head-turning longest water park-style lazy river in the world.

The resort will allow selling and smoking of cannabis anywhere inside the ranch.

Although the idea sounds crazy, Tyson seems to be serious about his endeavour and even funded a website called TysonRanch.com. The website showcases future events and different Tyson Ranch merchandise, as well as locations of stores. 🌐



► Mike Tyson is planning to open a cannabis resort

## Holder calls for better results

Jason Holder says the West Indies face a tough task to reach the World Cup semi-finals after their dismal seven-wicket defeat against Bangladesh on Monday.

Holder's side fell victim to the second highest run chase in World Cup history as Bangladesh reached 322 for three with 8.3 overs to spare at Taunton.

It was disappointing for Holder after they had posted a solid 321 for eight, only to implode with a combination of woeful fielding and sloppy bowling.

The West Indies have lost three of their five matches and, with four games left, captain Holder conceded there is only a slim chance they can make the semis in the 10-team tournament.

"It's looking tough at this present moment, but it's not impossible. We have to play every game here now as a final," Holder said. "We've got to win every game left to give ourselves a really good chance."

New Zealand and India, both in fine form, are the West Indies' next two opponents.



► Jason Holder wants West Indies to improve

"If we want to go through into the semi-finals we've got to beat the best teams," Holder said. "We've got to back ourselves and be more clinical with the ball. A few top edges didn't go our way, but we didn't help ourselves as well."

West Indies play New Zealand at the Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester on Saturday. 🌐

# Creaky James still a major pull for Lakers

The Los Angeles Lakers have had a tumultuous time in recent months, which is why pulling off the trade for Anthony Davis gives them some reason for optimism.

The bizarre departure of Magic Johnson and all its aftermath, LeBron James not making the playoffs for the first time in years and other troubling episodes.

And so the news Saturday that the Lakers had finally landed AD in a trade with the New Orleans Pelicans, was more than a coup. It was a necessity. Even before the catastrophic injuries suffered by Golden State Warriors stars Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson during the NBA Finals, the Lakers' hopes for a big free-agent score were dwindling.

To attract a big-name star was always going to be difficult for the Lakers who only won 37 regular season games. Johnson so awkwardly stepping down from his job as team president—and then criticising almost everyone in his wake—did nothing to dispel prospec-

tive free agents' fears about the lack of leadership and organisational stability in the purple-and-gold recesses of Staples Center.

But a trip to the draft lottery and organisational dysfunction weren't the biggest factors resonating with stars who might otherwise consider the Lakers. The biggest factor was, of course, LeBron.

James will turn 35 in December of his 17th NBA season, and he's coming off a year in which he played a career-low 55 games because of injury. Everything about his career to this point has defied belief, especially when it comes to his durability. But he's at the stage when decline happens fast.

Even before Durant and Thompson went down with injuries that are expected to cost them all or most of the 2019-20 season, the Lakers were not on their short list of teams to consider this summer. So getting Davis was a surprise. 🌐



► LeBron James may be in decline at 34



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Some agents
  - 1 Mangle
  - 5 California player
  - 10 Like excited fans
  - 12 Kitchen come-on
  - 13 Ham's need
  - 14 Make broader
  - 15 Numerical prefix
  - 16 Fourth-yr. students
  - 18 Tick off
  - 19 New York player
  - 21 Luggage
  - 22 Pitching need
  - 24 Playful mammal
  - 25 Frank
  - 29 Takes in
  - 30 "He did not just say that!"
  - 32 Crunch targets
  - 33 Common bill
  - 34 Go astray
  - 35 Bar buy
  - 37 Tybalt's killer
  - 39 Yawning, perhaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Best Picture of 1955
  - 2 Turkish peak
  - 3 Salt additive
  - 4 Avril follower
  - 5 Statutes
  - 6 "Exodus" hero
  - 7 Alaskan island
  - 8 Appear
  - 9 Puts in order
  - 11 Floral ornament
  - 17 Uses for support
  - 20 Drawer pulls
  - 21 Uncovers
  - 23 Ties down
  - 25 In addition
  - 26 Hesitant
  - 27 Lack of vitality
  - 28 Magic teammate, once
  - 29 No-no on some diets
  - 31 Most writing
  - 33 Betting info
  - 36 Fresh
  - 38 Make a choice

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Yesterday's answer

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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

1	2		4		3		5	8
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		6	2		4	7		
	1						6	
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Difficulty Level ★

7/30

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Word Search

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

- Adderley
- Armstrong
- Baker
- Basie
- Bechet
- Beiderbecke
- Blakey
- Brubeck
- Byrd
- Calloway
- Coltrane
- Corea
- Dorsey
- Ellington
- Evans
- Getz
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- Krupa
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