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► The Parade is in progress, in this file photo from 2018 Queen's Birthday celebrations

The tropics are alive

According to the National Weather Service, cloudiness and showers along with light to moderate easterly winds and seas will continue across the Cayman area as an upper level low lingers over the western Caribbean. Radar images show scattered showers in and around the Cayman area which are moving towards the west.

The forecast indicates that cloudy skies with an 60% - 80% chance showers and some thunder are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday. Showers may become heavy at times leading to possible flooding of low-lying areas

The forecast also warns of moderate seas with wave heights of 3 to 5 feet.

Motorists in the Cayman Islands will be forced to navigate through flooded streets for a few days and boat owners will be encouraged to keep an eye on the seas as the forecast predicts more rain and moderate seas during the next few days.

The 2019 hurricane season has begun in moderation and even though an early outlook for this season offers hope that the atmosphere will take a

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Starts June 1st

Law needs to be rewritten on gender violence



► Deputy Commissioner of Police with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Novelette Grant

By Lindsey Turnbull

Discussing the difficult subject of domestic violence among law enforcement practitioners, retired Deputy Commissioner of Police with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Novelette Grant, last week told the audience at the Association of Commissioners of Police annual conference that deep-seated mindsets within the Caribbean needed to be changed in order for women and the gay community to be properly protected from abuse.

The police were socialised to embrace the same values, norms and attitudes as their community. But the roles, responsibilities, values and laws that they were expected to live by as a sworn officer sometimes ran counter and in conflict with this upbringing, Ms Grant stated. So, while the police might find it easy to develop policies, rules and

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Delays in Commercial Garbage Collection

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) wishes to apologize to its commercial customers on Grand Cayman for the recent delays in their garbage collection services. Included in its commercial customers are all businesses and residential dwellings with 10 or more units that house DEH containers.

The delays in collection are as a result of mechanical breakdown of commercial equipment including one of its front end loaders and both its grab trucks.

The DEH assures the affected public that it will, in the interim, utilise all its available resources, to ensure that garbage is collected from each of the affected areas during the next few days.

The department once again apologises to its commercial customers for these delays and urges those who continue to experience non-collection of their garbage to make contact with our Grand Cayman office by calling 949-6696 or by emailing dehcustomerservice@gov.ky.



Application Processing Delays - Department of Planning

Staff at the Department of Planning would like to apologise to its valued customers for a delay in processing applications. This is due to network

connectivity issues. The Department is working hard to ensure prompt service will return as soon as possible.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations on Saturday, 8 June

The Queen's Birthday Parade in front of the Legislative Assembly and an after-event Garden Party on the lawns of Government House will be the customary highlights of the public celebrations for Her Majesty's the Queen's 93rd birthday this year, on Saturday, 8 June. The public holiday for the event is on the following Monday, 10 June 2019.

Chief Protocol and event organiser, Ms Meloney Syms explained that although Her Majesty the Queen was born on 21 April, "it has long been the tradition to celebrate the Sovereign's official birthday in the summer."

This year, more than 140 uniformed services personnel and youth organisations will participate in the parade, marching from Central Police Station, George Town.

Among these will be representatives from the Veterans Association, Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), the Cayman Islands Fire Service and Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS). Additionally, youth organisations such as the Girls Brigade, the Scouts and the Cadet Corps will take part, all joined by some 25 musicians from the RCIPS Band.

The programme will also include presentation of honours including to the Duke of Edinburgh programme youth recipients.

"I invite everyone to attend and watch the colourful procession and distinguished proceedings," Ms Syms said. "We have scheduled a couple of surprises this year."

The ceremony starts at 9 am, which will also include the inspection of a Guard of Honour by His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE. This will be the first time he will be attending the Queen's Birthday celebrations in the Cayman Islands.

The celebrations will also include the traditional cheers and 21-gun salute to Her Majesty.

"Since the event starts at 9 am, all attendees should be in place between 8.30 and 8.45 am," Ms Syms advised.

Water stations manned by volunteers will be set up around the parade area. Also, the Red Cross will be on hand to provide first-aid assistance as needed, she noted.

Following the celebrations in Town, at 10.15 am, the Governor will host his first official Queen's Birthday Garden Party on the lawns of Government House.

"I hope members of the public will come out and enjoy all the celebrations as we join to offer our collective wishes for Her Majesty's continued good health and longevity on her official birthday," Ms Syms added.



▶ The Parade in action, in this file photo from 2018 Queen's Birthday celebrations

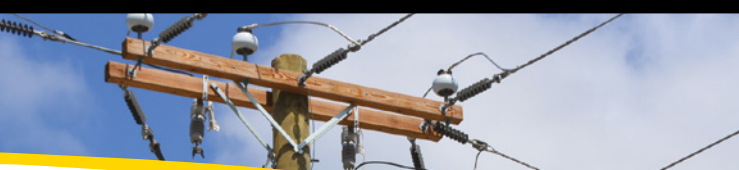
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regulations, the greater challenge was how to achieve shifts in their beliefs, attitudes and values.

Different forms of domestic violence

Ms Grant said that cultural conditioning in the Caribbean was allowing people to hold the view that domestic violence, i.e. violence that takes place in the home between people who share an intimate relationship, was just limited to physically battering. They failed to recognise the harm of emotional, verbal and sexual abuse that most people dismissed as inconsequential, especially when it occurred in the home.

Gender abuse of a sexual, psychological or emotional nature in the workplace in most cases was not treated as seriously as physical violence. Women were accused of overreacting, being too sensitive, being angry and "miserable", when subjected to this treatment, she said. Women in police organisations complained of such abuse, as well as intimidation and discrimination to get them to comply with unwanted advances.

"There is a general culture of disrespect that women face in society that is found in police organisations," Ms Grant confirmed.

When men within police organisations showed sensitivity to women and concern for feelings in these circumstances, they were mocked and their sexuality was even questioned. Ms Grant talked about the interplay between policing and masculinity as a male profession and that it encouraged and rewarded masculinity. Negative attitudes towards women, she said, were displayed at the very start of a police woman's career.

Women had to overlook, minimise, joke away or deny what was actually

offensive and demoralising to them and women said they often had to go to great lengths to avoid perpetrators who were more often than not senior officers. Their reluctance and fear of speaking up was a major challenge, allowing the perpetrators to continue to act with impunity, she said.

Thin blue line of silence

Women were entitled to a safe working environment, dignity, equal treatment and not to be discriminated against, but all of this was being breached, Ms Grant advised. The treatment of women reflected the wider cultural norm and attitude that reinforced inequalities between men and women and compromised the mental health, dignity and security of victims.

Shame and embarrassment allowed such abuse to continue, whether that was at home or in the workforce. Female police officers didn't report such abuse because they didn't trust that they would be believed or that anything would be done. They feared being negatively branded, and the damage to reputation and career, so the police workplace and intimate partner abuse continued to some extent to be hidden behind a blue wall of silence, hiding the true extent of the problem.

Each report of abuse was often seen in isolation and not as part of a systemic problem, so offenders could continue to act with impunity because of their position within the police. As a result, victims had little faith in the system. People who faced life threatening situations often formed strong bonds. This was not a problem but when things went wrong it created issues. Fellow officers quickly came to the defence of colleagues, and refused to believe that such behaviour could happen, citing that careers being in jeopardy if a victim spoke out.

Same sex abuse ignored

Persons who chose alternative sexual lifestyles were hardly likely to admit that if they were in the police force because they were well aware of what they would face, Ms Grant said. Gay people from the civilian population found it hard to report domestic abuse to men who displayed machismo and to women who were socialised to believe that "men should be manly".

"Our domestic abuse law in Jamaica is yet to recognise abuse in same sex relations because same sex union is not recognised in law. The trouble with that lack of recognition legally is that it does not prevent violence from happening to people in those relationships," she stated. "If we are seeking to address domestic violence, we should not have underserved communities being ignored on religious or legal grounds. The law is the law and everybody should receive equal treatment," Ms Grant confirmed.

The retired Deputy Commissioner said the challenge was complex and deep because it was backed by a mindset not easily changed. The intersection of organisational culture and violence shouldn't be underestimated, she said.

The solution

Leaders and managers needed to ensure they kept abreast of reports of domestic abuse to understand the scope of the problem which could determine the appropriate response. Underreporting of domestic violence was indicative of police's failure to accept this was a serious crime and treat it as such, she said.

It was therefore inevitable that police were unable to provide data about criminal prevalence in domestic violence and were therefore unable to develop evidence-based responses, policies and strategies at an institutional level or inform a national response.



► Deputy Commissioner of Police with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, Novelette Grant

Changes to the Domestic Violence Act would go a long way to ameliorate the problem, which needed to include the criminalisation of physical, sexual and controlling behaviours. This would allow charges to be clearly labelled as domestic violence. Recognising same sex gender violence would also standardise police response to this sector of the population who experienced violence with little or no expectation of protection under the law.

Ms Grant reminded the audience that intimate partner violence occurred between persons who shared relationships of trust and kinships. Amending the legislation could go a long way in firmly establishing domestic violence as a crime and human rights abuse and set out clear rules and responsibilities for the various agencies that must work together to provide the criminal and civil remedies. Standard guidelines would go a long way to change mindsets, she said.

JOHN GRAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OUT OF HARMS WAY IN INTRUDER INCIDENT

Male intruder jumps John Gray High School fence while school was in session. School staff's swift action to lock down school and alert RCIPS render students unharmed.

On Friday (24 May) afternoon a male intruder scaled the external fence of John Gray High School (JGHS), specifically by the Dolphin Academy area situated nearest to the Truman Bodden Sports Complex. The male intruder was spotted by a member of staff who alerted senior team colleagues and security. A decision was made to implement a lock-down of the campus, which restricts movement of all students and staff until the campus is deemed safe. No contact was made with any of the students.

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) who had been alerted to a serious assault in a nearby public area, were on site in a matter of minutes.

A thorough search was conducted.

The intruder was arrested and the RCIPS gave senior staff approval for movement to resume which was then communicated to staff and students who transitioned to their final lessons without any delay or disruption to learning.

With over twenty six years of experience mitigating school-based crisis situations in the UK, Principal of JGHS, Mr. Jon Clark adds, "Although the risk is very low in Cayman, it is important we learn from incidents in other jurisdictions and ensure there is a balance of experienced staff on the ground; and clear procedures in place to mitigate against risk in any situation. The safety of our staff and students will always be our priority. I am very pleased with the response of our school staff, security team and the RCIPS in securing the safety of all who were onsite, through excellent communication and teamwork."

The RCIPS thanked the staff of the JGHS for their professionalism and cooperation in the matter.

Minister for Education, The Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connelly concurred,

"I would like to commend the entire staff body of John Gray High school for their world class pro-

fessionalism in successfully dealing with this highly sensitive matter."



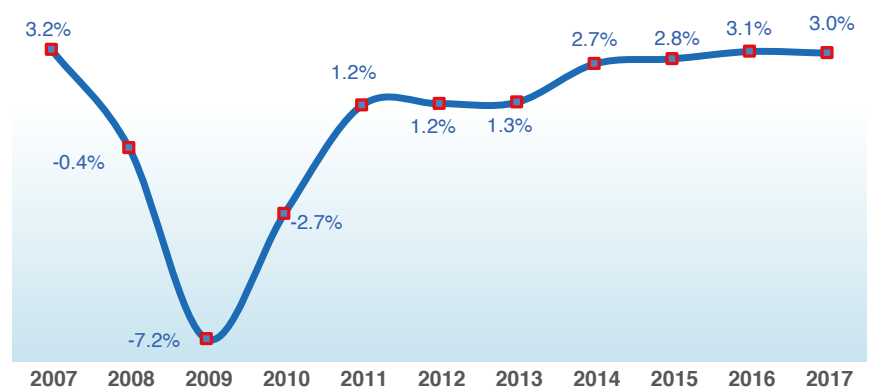
► Principal of JGHS, Mr. Jon Clark



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Cayman Islands: Growth in Real GDP 2007 - 2017



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Cayman's First Mental Health Peer Support Group for Young Adults, a Success

The Alex Panton Foundation (APF) announced this week that the Cayman Islands' first mental health peer-led support group for young adults, which was launched in April, is a success. The group welcomes young persons between the ages of 18 and 25 who are living with anxiety and depression. Sessions are being held every Saturday from 3pm – 4.30pm at the George Town town hall.

The free and confidential peer-led group has been developed to create a community for young adults living with anxiety and depression, where they can share their experiences and the impact it has had on their lives, in a safe, confidential and supportive environment.

The group is being facilitated by Shane Purcell, a seasoned facilitator and board member of the Alex Panton Foundation. Mr. Purcell is trained and experienced in mental health facilitation and previously worked with the mental health support group Aware in Ireland, as well as facilitating support and self-care groups in St. James Hospital.

Since the APF's inception in February 2018, and following its second successful annual Youth Mental Health Symposium in February this year, they have received feedback from the community indicating the need for a peer-led sup-

port group. The APF has launched the group to fulfil that need and this is just one of several initiatives the Foundation is rolling out this year.

"I am excited to be bringing my extensive experience to facilitate the group and I believe it will be really well received. If you are a young person between the ages of 18 – 25 who is suffering from depression or anxiety, or know someone who is, then we encourage you to join us, in this welcoming, non-judgmental environment" said Mr. Purcell.

Mental health peer-led support groups are widespread in many countries such as the UK and US and enable participants to share experiences as well as give and receive nonprofessional advice to and from individuals with similar conditions. They can provide benefits such as helping group members feel less lonely, isolated or judged and can enable a sense of empowerment through mutual support. They can also help with coping skills and create a safe place to talk openly and about very personal feelings, knowing that other members may be going through similar experiences and can relate. They can be an effective medium for sharing resources and information on things such as doctors, counsellors or treatment options.

APF Chairperson Jane Panton believes that the first step to overcoming one's inner struggles is to talk about them, and talking about them in a safe, confidential and secure environment with others who are facing the same issues will help raise one's confidence level to continue to find ways to heal their inner pain. She hopes that the young people between 18 and 25 struggling with anxiety and depression will take advantage of this outlet to express themselves while helping others at the same time.

For more information on the Alex Panton Foundation's peer-led support group, please email info@alexpantonfoundation.ky.

About the Alex Panton Foundation

The Alex Panton Foundation (APF) is a Non-Profit Organisation founded by Jane and Wayne Panton, in memory of their son Alex. The APF's mission is to improve the mental health of children and young adults in the Cayman Islands through advocacy, awareness and support. It aims to provide hope and educational resources to those suffering from anxiety, depression and other mental illnesses, as well as providing information and support to friends, family,



► Shane Purcell, a seasoned facilitator and board member of the Alex Panton Foundation

teachers, students, carers and the wider population. It also seeks to address discrimination and the widespread stigma of mental illness. 🌐

New Bus Stop Approved for Shedden Road

The National Roads Authority (NRA) has recently made road upgrades to the Shedden Road/Crewe Road area. As part of this initiative, the NRA has received approval to relocate the public bus shelter/stop to a safer and more convenient location along Shedden Road.

The existing bus stop is adjacent to the airport perimeter fence, across from Mango Tree. Following recent road improvement works, the NRA believes there is no longer sufficient space for the bus stop at this original location, due to potential safety concerns for bus-users, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.

Following a period of considered consultation, the NRA's proposed relocation site has been approved. On Sunday, 26 May 2019, the bus shelter will be constructed on the western side of the NAPA Auto Parts Store on Shedden Road (see attached map and photograph). The bus stop will measure six feet by ten feet.

The relocated bus shelter/stop will provide all road-users with myriad benefits. Firstly, the new location will minimise the need for pedestrians to cross the wider, multi-lane roads to access it. Primarily, this consideration has been taken for Foster's customers, who will no longer need to cross three lanes of traffic on Dorcy Drive to reach the bus stop. The potential risk of collisions between pedestrians and vehicles will, therefore, be reduced, improving overall road safety and ease of usage for all.

Secondly, bus access will be improved and safety for bus-users enhanced by the fact that traffic speed at the new location is reduced.



► Shows specific footprint of new Shedden Road bus stop

Thirdly, this site works alongside the established east-bound bus route.

Lastly, there are no major works needed to prepare this location. Instead, some minor work will be undertaken to optimise the site, such as spreading some crusher run material to ensure the shelter is placed on a level surface. Two of the larger trees at the location

may need to be trimmed and signage erected to promote the new location as an operational bus stop.

The NRA is grateful to Rotary Central for their assistance on this undertaking. Constructing, installing and maintaining these bus shelters is their major project; advertising revenue generated from the bus shelters is reinvested into community projects. 🌐

Proposed Relocation of Bus Shelter on Shedden Road



Base mapping data provided by the Lands & Survey Department - Map produced by Transportation & Planning Unit May 3, 2019

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► Shows new location of Shedden Road bus stop



GIRLGUIDING CAYMAN ISLANDS – DISCOVERY CAMP 2019

The Discovery Camp

Girlguiding Cayman Islands held a 'Discovery Camp' over the long weekend in May. This was the largest camp Girlguiding has ever ran, with around 100 participants taking part. Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and Leaders joined together to learn about and to celebrate the Cayman Islands.

The girls took part in many fun activities, including Guiding traditions such as learning to pitch tents, helping to prepare food and taking part in Camp entertainment.

The camp focused on Discovery and the girls had the opportunity to learn traditional folk songs, to have fun making Batabano headdresses, to find out more about the history of our Islands and be quizzed on their knowledge.

Lots of fun was had by everyone involved.

Join Us!

Girlguiding Cayman Islands (GGCI) is a branch association of the largest female organisation in the world. The organisation works towards the positive development of girls and young women in the Cayman Islands.

The purpose is to help girls acquire skills for life, by teaching leadership and values while participating in fun activities. The girls engage as they build their confidence, discover their full potential and make a positive difference in our community.

Girls can begin their Girlguiding journey from age 5 within the Rainbow section and move up through Brownies, Guides, Rangers and on to become young leaders.



Being involved in GGCI is very rewarding and we are always looking for volunteers to help us with the administration of running the organisation and for more leaders to support unit meetings.

For more information about our Guiding sections and availability in our units, or if you believe you could help make a positive impact, we would love to hear from you!

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Teen Panel Shares Underlying Causes of Stress and Anxiety

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), organisers of Teen Panel 2019, underscored this year's Child Month theme of "Be Strong! Be Bold! Be You!" by asking the forum to discuss how to cope with stress while commenting on its root causes.

Held at George Town, Town Hall, the event was an opportunity for high school students to air their views, openly and honestly, while giving personal insight and advice on "Navigating Stress and Anxiety during Adolescence." The event was marked as one where youth voices were paramount and only their opinions sought.

The eight panellists were Hope Russell (CI Further Education Centre), Kristin Jackson (Clifton Hunter), Cristin Jackson (Cayman International School), Alia Smith (Cayman International School), Alexander Heaver-Wren (Cayman Prep & High), Naja Beach (John Gray High School), Haylie Tibbitts (Layman E. Scott) and Lizhaiderine Smith (Wesleyan Christian Academy).

Listened to by around 80 parents, teachers, students, school counselors and child welfare providers, Moderator Zoe Conolly Basdeo (Alex Panton Foundation), asked a series of questions, designed to elicit genuine responses and offer up real-life solutions.

A key stressor identified in students' lives, irrespective of school, was exams stress. The majority of panellists said that the amount of subjects taught, the expectation of keeping up with extracurricular commitments, the sheer number of tests and the expectation of their parents, teachers, colleges and ultimately themselves was sometimes worryingly high.



► Ministry of Community Affairs' Chief Officer Teresa Echenique, Department of Children and Family Services Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams and DCFS' Deputy Director Rayle Roberts with Teen Panel panellists (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)



► The Teen Panel audience finds the discussion engaging

Panellists then suggested coping mechanisms for exams stress, which worked for them. These included taking part in an activity you enjoy, pacing yourself to ensure you are adequately prepared and talking to your school counsellor or parents.

Audience and panellists took part in a stress relief breathing exercise demonstrated by DCFS staff.

The moderator's follow-up questions included whether stigma plays a role in how teens deal with anxiety and/or stress, why stress and anxiety are prevalent in the youth population and the impact they have on mood/physical health.

Ms Conolly Basdeo's final question was 'what can the community and professionals do to help teenagers with stress and anxiety?' In varying ways, panellists said that they were living in very different times from those their parents had experienced growing up. Parents and even the teens' peers were asked not to be too quick to judge. Several panellists agreed when one said

that social media use locally was less about what you wanted to share with your friends than about peers looking for you to say something or look a certain way so that they could criticise you.

"Cayman is too judgey-judgey," commented one panellist. Another pointed out that the size of Cayman Brac meant that it was impossible to keep a sense of emotional privacy.

The event's lead organiser, DCFS Social Worker Sherine Barnes, said: "Youth-related services and child welfare agencies are well aware that self-harm and emotional wellbeing issues have never been more prevalent among youth. Teen Panel is a tangible way that teens themselves can address those issues and perhaps offer insights which adults may not grasp."

Impressed by the panellists' responses and insights, the Ministry of Community Affairs' Chief Officer Teresa Echenique commended the teenagers' willingness to speak up. "Our teen pan-

ellists were amazing," she said after the audience's standing ovation.

"I strongly doubt if many of us adults here tonight can remember being quite that articulate and that poised at their age."

Each panellist was given a participating certificate and enjoyed a few words of encouragement and congratulation from the Chief Officer; the Ministry's Deputy Chief Officer André Ebanks; DCFS' Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams and DCFS' Deputy Director Rayle Roberts.

Teen Panel 2019, filmed for CIGTV news, will soon be available on the CIGTV YouTube channel.

Children and teenagers suffering from overwhelming stress and anxiety can reach out to parents, and other trusted adults (e.g. school counsellors). Alternatively, they should contact the Kids Helpline (649-KIDS (5437) for free and confidential advice or the Department of Children and Family Services on 949-0902. 📍



► Panellist, Naja Beach voices her opinion on stress and anxiety during Teen Panel



► Teen Panel's audience and panellists are instructed in relaxation techniques



► Panellists Hope Russell (CI Further Education Centre), Kristin Jackson (Clifton Hunter), Cristin Jackson (Cayman International School) and Alia Smith (Cayman International School)

POLICE NEWS

Two (2) RCIPS Officers Awarded as Finalists in the Regional Recognition Awards Programme

This year the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service hosted the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police (ACCP) conference. During each conference, a Gala is held in honor of the Amalgamated Security Services Limited (ASSL) and the Regional Recognition Awards Programme's winners are chosen. The nominees for these awards are all police officers who were put forward by their respective forces and services across the Caribbean and are sponsored by the ASSL in collaboration with the ACCP.

There are three categories that officers can be nominated into:

- Top Caribbean Career Move
- Top Caribbean Community Policing Officer
- Top Caribbean Crime Fighter

In previous years the RCIPS has had several officers nominated, some of whom have won in the category of Top Caribbean Community Police Officer, such as Sergeant Cornelius Pompey in 2015 who is currently in charge of Sector 2, Acting Sergeant Jonathan Kern in 2017 who is currently in charge of Sector 3, amongst others, and Acting Sergeant Odale Mulgrave in 2016 who was second runner up and is currently a part of the RCIPS Strategic Planning Team.

This year the RCIPS nominated 2 officers to be considered, both of whom

were finalists in their respective categories. Acting Chief Inspector Everton Spence was nominated for Top Caribbean Career Move after being recognized for his exceptional leadership and management skills. Shortly after being promoted to Inspector of Police, A/CI Spence was asked to act as chief inspector in charge of the Community Policing Department as well as the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, all while pursuing a Law Degree. On Wednesday evening, 22 May, A/CI Spence placed 3rd in the Region for the category of Top Caribbean Career Move.

Also nominated is Acting Police Sergeant Kenval Bryan who was nominated for the category of Top Crime Fighter. A/PS Bryan has been a police officer for the past 11 years and during that time he has been a Detective Constable for 8 years. He has shown exceptional leadership and commitment to being an investigator and has recently been asked to be the deputy Area Commander for the Eastern Districts. There he will be in charge of the development of the new police probationers that will be joining his team. A/PS Kenval Bryan placed second in his category of Top Caribbean Crime Fighter.

Commissioner of Police Mr. Derek Byrne states "I am very proud of the



work that goes on in the service and the dedication of our officers to developing professionally and working hard towards ensuring justice and safety for everyone we serve. Seeing two of our officers in the finals for this prestigious award just reaffirms our contin-

ued progress as a service and gives me even greater hope for the future of the RCIPS. Most of all, I extend my warmest congratulations to both officers on their achievement. It is no mean feat to be nominated from among so many of their peers in the region." 📍

RCIPS Officers Respond to Assault on Olympic Way, 1 Male Arrested

Shortly after 1:00PM on Friday, 24 May, officers responded to a report of an assault incident in the vicinity of Olympic Way, George Town, just outside of the UCCI and CIFEC campuses. An adult female had been assaulted by a male known to her and sustained minor scrapes and lacerations reported to

have been caused by a knife. The female left the location in private vehicle and was subsequently spoken to by police and other relevant agencies.

Officers located the male suspect shortly afterwards on Olympic Way. He attempted to evade police by scaling a fence onto the John Gray cam-

pus. Officers entered the campus and began searching for the suspect, while staff assisted in ensuring students remained inside their classes. It was soon determined that the suspect had left the location and the all-clear was given. The suspect was tracked and located at an address off Walkers

Road and was arrested on suspicion of Assault ABH. He is currently in police custody as investigations continue.

The RCIPS would like to thank the staff of the John Gray High School for their professionalism and cooperation in this matter. 📍

Cayman's first ever Billfish Rundown awards over \$260,000 in cash prizes

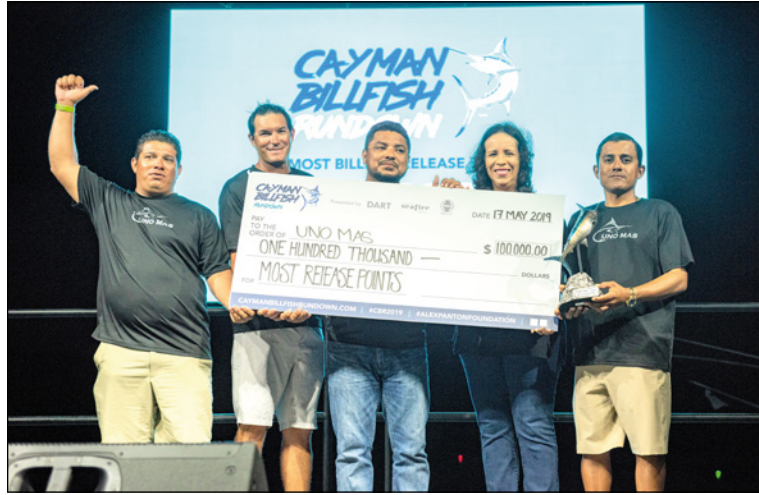
The Cayman Islands' first-ever Cayman Billfish Rundown awarded more than US\$260,000 in cash prizes to 14 teams hailing from both local and international shores. Held May 14-17 on Grand Cayman, 41 teams registered in the sportfishing tournament, presented by Hurley's Media Ltd., Dart Enterprises and The Residences at Seafire.

Managing Director of Hurley's Media Ltd. Randy Merren said he was pleased with the outcome of the tournament. "It's incredible to see Cayman Billfish Rundown come to life after a year of planning and preparations. We are grateful for the support from the local and international participants, and based on the feedback received, we expect even higher numbers next year," Mr. Merren said.

Carey Chen brought his experience and expertise as the Official Artist and Tournament Ambassador, taking news of the tournament to global waters. "I've been fishing the Cayman Islands since Million Dollar month in the 80s. The offshore fishing is less than a mile from land in the clearest water you can imagine," Mr. Chen said. "Cayman Billfish Rundown in its debut is one of the most organized tournaments I have been to and this will only get better," he said.

The winning team, 'Uno Mas' from Florida, captained by Brooks Smith, released three billfish to win the top prize of US\$100,000 for the Most Billfish Release Points and the Captain's Award of US\$10,000 presented to the Captain of the Boat with the Most Release Points. The team also entered seven additional categories that flexed its billfish skills and rewarded Uno Mas with additional payouts of more than US\$16,000, making its total winnings for the tournament close to US\$130,000.

In second place, 'Happy Days' from the Cayman Islands, took home US\$35,000 for the second most billfish releases, as well as an additional US\$2,250 for the



► Uno Mas and Pilar Bush



► Weigh Station

smallest boat with the most billfish releases. Small boats were considered under 36 feet Length Over All (LOA).

Third place for most billfish release was tied, with seven teams earning equal points through catching and releasing a Blue Marlin. Down to time stamps, 'Suntide' took home third place and US\$20,000, inching ahead of 'Lazy Lady' and 'Trading Time' by releasing their Marlin 10 and 20 minutes earlier respectively.

Angler Shaun Bodden from 'Cool Change' hooked the heaviest yellowfin tuna, weighing 77.2 lbs., which awarded his team US\$10,000 from the guaranteed payout and an additional US\$10,000 for entering and winning the 'Tuna Doubler' category.

The heaviest wahoo was caught by Baron Jacob from 'Ecks-Change' weighing 39.2 lbs. The heaviest dolphinfish was caught by Nathan Ebanks from 'Reeladdiction'. Both teams won US\$10,000 and each team kindly donated US\$1,500 to the Alex Panton Foundation, the charity the tournament chose to support. Anglers were encouraged to donate a portion of their winnings to the Alex Panton Foundation.

The foundation's mission is to improve the mental health of the Cayman Islands' children and young adults. Forty-one boats entered the tournament with 230 registered anglers, including 41 international anglers and 28 females. Between them, they released twelve Blue Marlins, one White Marlin and one sailfish. A total of 14 yellowfin tuna, five wahoo and six dolphinfish were brought to the scale.

"The Cayman Islands as a jurisdiction of choice has so much to offer, and this tournament is no different as it highlights the high professional standard of sport fishing," said Mr. Merren. "Billfish in particular hold a special place in Cayman Islands sportfishing and for me personally, it was great to bring the action so close to our shores," he continued. The tournament also supports responsible



► Cool Change Heaviest Tuna



► Carey Chen and Warren Sapp

fishing and teamed up with Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, the School of Marine Sciences at University of Maine, and The Gulf of Maine Research Institute in a Tag and Release Program. Mr. Chen said, "Of all the islands I have travelled to, Cayman takes the most pride in its reefs and ocean by protecting it from pollution and overfishing." The tag and release programme encourages participants to tag and release undersized dolphinfish, yellowfin tuna, skipjack and bigeye tuna, and ocean whitetip sharks. 'Conched Out', captained by Colin Wilson earned the most release points and were awarded with an Ulysse Nardin CI Limited Edition Watch valued at US\$10,000. The awards dinner and closing ceremony took place on Friday evening at The Crescent in Camana Bay and included a live performance and an impressive display of fireworks. Sponsors, including: Dart Enterprises, Esso, Ulysse Nardin and Island Heritage handed out trophies and checks to winning teams. During the closing ceremony other sponsors were also thanked for their involvement in the tournament

including: Chivas Regal; Michelob Ultra; Parkers; Automotive Art; Suzuki; Mikes Ice; Ogier; Shipping Registry and Pro Yacht. Helping with the presentation of awards, Nicole Spenc, a sportfishing icon from Florida, also thanked sponsors and tournament organisers for welcoming her to the Cayman Islands. "The people, the island, everything is so welcoming and I am just blown away! I can't wait to come back!" she said. Nicole writes an adventure blog and is popular across YouTube and Instagram.

Reflecting on the tournament, Mr. Merren expressed gratitude to participants and sponsors. "Thank you to those who participated and to the team at Hurley's Media, Dart Enterprises and The Residences at Seafire for a successful inaugural event. My hope is that next year we have even more participants, increase the prize pools, and perhaps even can break the Blue Marlin record," he said.

Mr. Chen also said he's excited for next year's event. "Looking forward to next year with more boats and even bigger jackpots. I am proud to call Cayman my second home." 🌊



► Nicole Spenc

CILLA Girls Softball - Game Report

Coldwell Banker 10, Scotiabank 10

CILLA Girls Softball concluded the regular season on May 22th, as Coldwell Banker and Scotiabank played a see-saw game that ended in a 10-10 tie.

Coldwell Banker scored three in the first inning as Annie Hawkins, Aydis Rostran and Madison Malice all crossed home. The runs scored on a grounder by Kenia Rostran and a throwing error by Scotiabank.

The first five batters reached and scored for Scotiabank in the bottom of the inning. Martina Watler, Clara Ramos, Carmella Ylagan and Stephanie Menko all walked and Shay Windsor followed with a grand slam homer to left field.

Neither team scored in the second inning as both pitchers settled down, while both teams played solid defense.

Coldwell Banker scored six runs in the third. Deandra Bush doubled and scored, while Reyah Stewart and Eowyn Hawkins walked and scored. Chadene Brooks had an RBI on a fielder's choice and she and Annie scored on a three run homer by Aydis to cap the inning.

Scotiabank scored once the third inning as Shay doubled and scored on a single by Calissa Ylagan.

Coldwell Banker scored their tenth run in the top of the fourth on a single by Reyah Stewart and Chadene's RBI grounder.

Scotiabank rallied for four runs in the fourth to tie the score at 10-10. Martina, Carmella and Stephanie all walked and Clara reached base after being hit by a pitch. All four runners scored with singles by Calissa and Kris-Maxine Aleria being the key hits.

Kris-Maxine also made a great defensive play, scooping up a fair ball just in front of home plate and firing a perfect throw to first base to put out the runner. Chadene made a good play for Coldwell Banker, stopping a ball in right field and throwing to second base in time for a force play on the runner.

Both teams used the game as a good way to prepare for their rematch to kick off the end-of-season mini-tournament.

Scoring by inning:

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

Scotiabank 13, Coldwell Banker 8

Carmella Ylagan pitched five strong innings and Stephanie Menko drove in



► Scotiabank Girls

four runs, including a bases loaded triple, as Scotiabank defeated Coldwell Banker, 13-8, in the opening game of the Girls Softball mini-tournament.

Scotiabank scored five runs in the first inning, as Clara Ramos, Carmella, Stephanie, Shay Windsor and Calissa Ylagan all scored. The big hits were consecutive RBI singles by Shay, Calissa, and Krystal Morales-Ebanks. Scotiabank added another run in the second inning as Martina Watler walked and scored on an RBI single by Stephanie.

Coldwell Banker got on the board with two runs in the bottom of the inning as Eowyn Hawkins and Chadene Brooks both walked and scored, with Hannah Gibson delivering an RBI single.

After Scotiabank failed to score in the top of the third Coldwell Banker came back with another run on an RBI double by Deandra Bush, scoring Madison Malice.

In the top of the fourth Scotiabank plated three more runs as Carmella singled and scored, while Stephanie and Calissa both walked and scored. Calissa, Krystal, and Kris-Maxine Aleria all came through with clutch hits.

Scotiabank added four insurance runs in the top of the fifth. Martina, Clara, and Carmella all scored on Stephanie's 3 RBI triple deep to the fence in left centre.

Stephanie scored the final run on a single by Shay.

Coldwell battled back with five runs in the bottom of the fifth. Deandra led off the inning with an inside-the-park homer and Kenia Rostran followed with a triple. She scored on a single by Zhan-na McDonald. Chadene walked and both runners scored on an RBI hit by Reyah Stewart. Lili Aleria had an RBI single to bring home Reyah for the final run.

Calissa and Martina both made good catches in the outfield for Scotiabank, who also turned an excellent double play in the first inning. Carmella and Stephanie each scored three runs for the victors. Deandra singled, doubled and homered to lead Coldwell Banker.

Kirk Freeport and Scotiabank play in the mini-tournament final on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Scotiabank	5	1	0	3	4	13
Coldwell Banker	0	2	1	0	5	8

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
Kirk Freeport	8	3	1	109	93	0
Coldwell Banker	5	5	2	84	84	2.5
Scotiabank	3	8	1	100	116	5



► Janey Veilleux

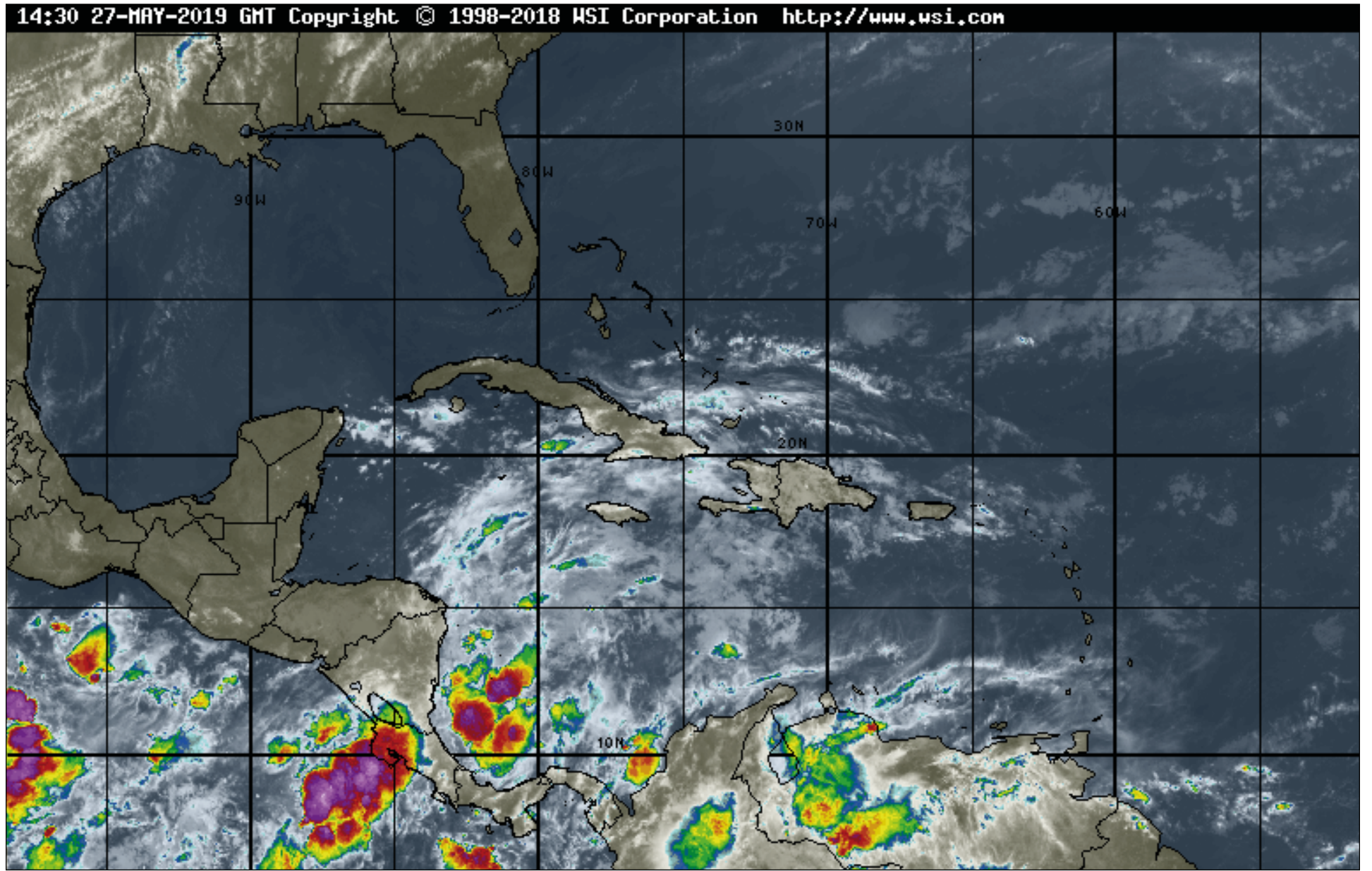


► Kris-Maxine Aleria



► Martina Watler

TROPICAL UPDATE



The Tropics are alive

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break following two punishing years of tropical cyclone activity we should remember that during the month of June tropical cyclonic activity tends to develop in the vicinity of the Western Caribbean.

According to the Weather Channel, on average, there's one June named storm in the Atlantic, Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico everyone to two years. The last couple of years, however, have been an outlier from that statistic.

In June 2016, Bonnie, Colin and Danielle spun through the Atlantic basin as tropical storms. In June 2017, there were two tropical storms: Bret and Cindy.

Hurricanes are even rarer in June, with just 33 of them since 1851. That's an average of about one hurricane every five years in June.

Many years can go by without a single June hurricane. In 2010, Alex became the first June hurricane in 15 years, since Allison in 1995. Chris in 2012 is the most recent June hurricane.

There have been two major (Category 3 or stronger) June hurricanes since 1950: Category 4 Hurricane Audrey in 1957 and Category 3 Hurricane Alma in 1966.

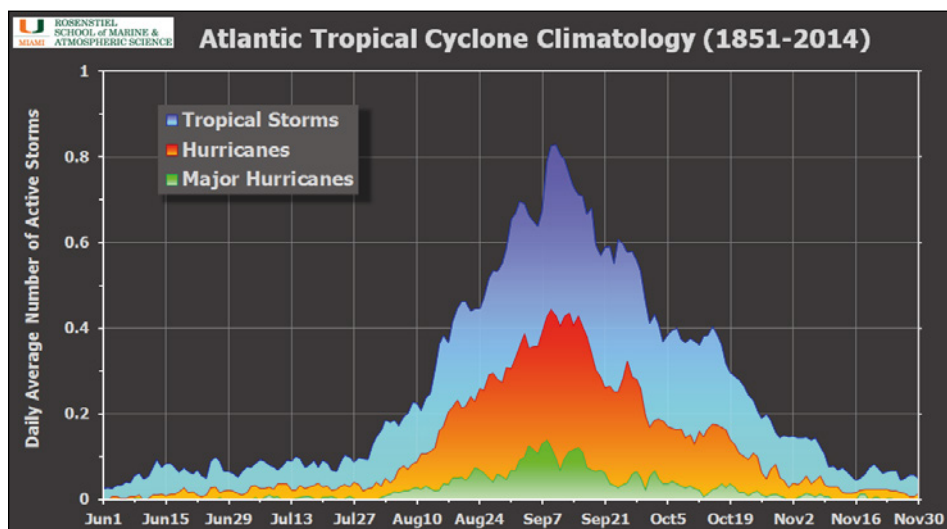
It doesn't take a hurricane in June to cause significant impacts.

Take Tropical Storm Allison in June 2001. Allison made landfall as a low-end 50 mph tropical storm near Freeport, Texas, and quickly weakened to a tropical depression. The remnants of Allison meandered and lingered for days and then a slow-moving rain band associated with it flared up and unleashed epic

amounts of rainfall in the Houston metro area resulting in severe flooding.

In June 1972, Hurricane Agnes made landfall in Florida, but its legacy is linked to its second wind as a tropical storm when it curled northward toward New York City, and stalled over the Northeast producing flooding rainfall in the interior Northeast.

Residents are always reminded to complete their hurricane preparations and pay close attention the local weather advisories as we prepare to ride-out the 2019 hurricane season. 🌪️



► Flooding in Smith Road area in 2015

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Hurricane Checklist – Food Supplies

Non-perishable Food and related supplies:

- Maintain at least 3-7 days of food for each member of the family. Small, preferably single serving cans that should not require cooking or refrigeration.
- Dried fruit, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, soft drinks and pet foods.
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables.
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).
- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper in water proof containers.
- High energy foods like crackers, granola bars, trail mix.
- Raw vegetables that do not need refrigeration.
- Fresh bread.
- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, and tea bags.

- Sterno for cooking.
- Vitamins
- Food for infants
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic storage containers
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)
- Pedialyte (to restore hydration if needed)

Tip: Purchase only items that you like to eat and would eat even without a storm. Rotate these items by using them Dec-May each year and purchasing new items Jan-May. This allows you to reduce the cost of buying items for a hurricane kit at one time and keeps the items fresh. Yes even canned goods have a shelf life! 🌪️

Remember - Be Prepared



Another Trinidad Opposition Member on Corruption Charges

An opposition United National Congress (UNC) councillor has been charged with corruption, three weeks after two senior members of the party faced the court on similar charges.

Chairman of the UNC-control Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation, Glen Ram was granted TT\$100,000 (US\$14,760) bail when he appeared in court yesterday on charges of accepting a bribe and corruptly soliciting a TT\$1,500 (US\$221) bribe in June last year.

He returns to court on June 18.

Ram, the local government councillor for Biche/Charuma, was arrested on Wednesday morning at the corporation in Rio Claro by officers of the Anti-Corruption Investigations Bureau.

While the UNC said in a statement following the arrest that it “does not stand for any wrongdoing”, it contended that the move was a distraction by the ruling Peoples National Movement (PNM) to “deflect attention from their incompetence”.

“It cannot be denied that this has been an ongoing narrative by the PNM – that they were going to ‘lock somebody up’. This has been their consistent talking point in and out of Parliament. It would also be the height of naivety to ignore the fact that this is an election year.

“In recent months, the [Dr Keith] Rowley-led PNM has attempted distraction after distraction to deflect attention from their incompetence, and we would not be surprised if they use every tool at their disposal to continue these attempts,” it said, recalling that before the 2002 elections seven UNC members were charged.

Earlier this month, former Attorney General Anand Ramlogan and former Senator Gerald Ramdeen, were granted bail on corruption-related offences stemming from an alleged conspiracy to financially reward themselves with fees from legal briefs from the State. 🌐



Sandals Denies Tax Fraud As it Faces a Multi-Million-Dollar Lawsuit

As Jamaican hotel chain Sandals Resorts International (SRI) faces a US\$5 million lawsuit alleging that it has pocketed monies it collected from guests as government taxes, it has strongly denied the allegations, saying they are “downright false”.

The class action lawsuit filed this week in Florida, United States by Miami-based law firm Lipcon, Margulies, Alsina & Winkleman, alleges that the Butch Stewart-owned SRI has engaged in a decades-long tax fraud scheme.

It claims that all-inclusive Sandals properties throughout the Caribbean charged guests fees that they said were local government taxes, but the money was either all or in part being “secretly retained” by the company for its own “use, benefit and profit”.

The law firm said it was therefore “aggressively pursuing litigation” against the hotel chain. It is seeking a jury trial.

“Deceptive charges are used to generate extra profit at the expense of

[guests], who are deceived into believing the fees are legitimate charges directly related to Sandals’ taxes to the government,” the lawyers alleged in the court filing.

But denying any wrongdoing, SRI said it “intends to vigorously defend these claims”.

“Our customers are our top priority, and under no circumstances would we exploit their faith in us. Our valued guests have never – and will never – be unlawfully charged for taxes, and allegations to the contrary are simply false,” it said in a statement.

“Not only do we conduct our business with transparency, we meet all our tax obligations in each of the islands where we call home. We take great pride in being the gold standard in the islands where we operate and have spent close to four decades providing guests with the most comprehensive vacation experience bar none.” 🌐



► Chairman of the UNC-control Mayaro/Rio Claro Regional Corporation, Glen Ram, is accused of soliciting a bribe and accepting a bribe

Guyana Parliament Approves Money for Election Preparation

The Guyana Parliament has approved GUY\$3.4 billion (US\$16.2 million) for the electoral commission to prepare for the polls, even as a ruling from the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) is pending on whether a no-confidence vote against the coalition government was valid and fresh elections are needed.

But Finance Minister Winston Jordan said the provision was “not in anticipation of anything that the CCJ may or may not say or decide on”.

He told the House that the provision of funding to the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) was in keeping with a commitment made by President David Granger to the elections’ management body.

Elections are constitutionally due in Guyana in 2020.

GECOM has started plans to conduct a house-to-house registration process to create a new voters’ list, which it said is necessary ahead of any elections. And it has already said it cannot be prepared to hold the polls before the end of November.

The Opposition People’s Progressive Party (PPP) has appealed to the CCJ,

asking it to reverse a Guyana Court of Appeal decision that the no-confidence motion passed against the government last December was not valid.

By a 2-1 majority ruling, the Court of Appeal ruled that 34 votes were needed for the no-confidence motion to succeed. The government had turned to that court after Acting Chief Justice Roxane George ruled in the High Court, on January 31, that the motion was valid and that regional and general elections should be held, in keeping with the Constitution, within 90 days of the vote in which then government backbencher Charrandass Persaud sided with the opposition.

The Court of Appeal said that 34 represents an absolute majority in the 65-seat National Assembly which means that contrary to the ruling of Speaker of the House, Dr Barton Scotland and the Acting Chief Justice, the no-confidence motion was not properly carried – a position which the David Granger administration, which was elected for a five-year term on May 11, 2015, had taken.

But in the appeal filed before the CCJ, the opposition is seeking a declaration



► Finance Minister Winston Jordan

that 33 votes/members constitute a majority of all the elected members of the National Assembly within the meaning of Article 106 (6) of the Constitution.

In addition to filing the appeal, the PPP previously said it would boycott

any sitting of the National Assembly while the appeal is pending at the CCJ.

It has continued to do so, and all opposition MPs were absent for yesterday’s vote on funds for GECOM. 🌐

Barbados Military Man Charged with Communicating with the Enemy

A member of the Barbados Defence Force (BDF) is facing several charges, including “communicating with the enemy” and will be court martialled next week.

Exactly what Lieutenant David Harewood of the Barbados Coast Guard – the maritime division of the BDF – allegedly did and when he allegedly did it have not been disclosed. But the BDF said in a brief statement that he faces two counts of communicating with the enemy contrary to Section 36 (2) of the Defence Act.

He also faces one count of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline contrary to Section 75 of the Defence Act; and one count of neglect to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, contrary to Section 75 of the Defence Act.

The court martial will be convened next Monday. It will be open to the media and members of the public.

The internal military court is convened to hear offences under the Defence Act or any civil offence in Barbados or elsewhere, committed by a person who is subject to military law in Barbados. 🌐



Raptors can't rely solely on Leonard

The Toronto Raptors may be in the NBA Finals for the first time in their history but against the mighty Golden State Warriors, the bookmakers give the Canadians virtually no chance of glory.

Despite snatching thrilling win after thrilling win, seemingly all of them led by franchise saviour Kawhi Leonard, to beat the reigning champs would be a huge upset. Nevertheless, the excitement for a possible Raptors victory is palpable in Canada, although Las Vegas bookies don't have as much faith.

Immediately after the Raptors wrapped their Game 6 comeback win to take the Eastern Conference finals over the Milwaukee Bucks, Vegas was giving the Warriors a 73 percent chance to win their third straight title and fourth in five years. Early bettors apparently thought those odds were too low. Despite those long odds, the Warriors are only favoured by a single point in Game 1 on the road. Must be faith in that Toronto crowd.



► Kevin Durant may yet play in the Finals

The Warriors are overwhelming favourites for many reasons. Despite missing one of the most gifted scorers in the sport's history in Kevin Durant, they swept Portland. They are facing their first Finals opponent in that span to not feature LeBron James.

Game 1 will be played Thursday in Toronto at the Scotiabank Arena. The Raptors earned everything that came their way in these playoffs, topped by Saturday night's 100-94 Game 6 clincher against Milwaukee.

They have played NBA basketball in Toronto since 1995, always with a disheartening conclusion. Their previous three appearances found the team rudely dispatched by James' Cleveland Cavaliers, and it wasn't just the sight of LeBron in vintage, intimidating form. The Raptors always seemed to choke at vital moments. Meltdowns were the order of the day.

Nobody's dwelling on any of that now. It's all about a single transaction — acquiring Leonard in a trade with San Antonio — that made this franchise a more powerful unit. Perhaps most striking, through the ongoing tension of the Eastern Conference finals, was how Leonard so thoroughly outplayed Giannis Antetokounmpo, an MVP candidate.

Leonard consistently held that edge through the last four games, all Raptors victories. He had a lot of help defensively, but Leonard was a threat from anywhere



► Kawhi Leonard is usually the Raptors saviour

on the floor, punctuating Saturday's win with a thunderous, left-handed dunk over Antetokounmpo with 6:46 remaining, giving Toronto an 87-79 lead. For the youthful, still-developing Antetokounmpo, severe limitations were exposed. So upset was Antetokounmpo, at the post-game press conference, when asked a question he walked out, overcome with emotion.

The Warriors, with a squad packed with star names like Steph Curry, Klay Thompson and Daymond Green, can still win easily despite the absence of injured duo DeMarcus Cousins and Kevin Durant, although both might yet make the bench. It would be sensational to watch Durant and Leonard pit their skills against each other. A feast for two nations. 🌐

Powell still wants Jamaican spot

Former world record holder Asafa Powell will be using this season as a gauge to decide if he will hang up his spikes or push on for another year in competition.

Powell, who has more sub-10-second timings than anyone else in history, has been low-key in recent times, but is currently working his way back to his optimum form at the month's fourth edition of the Racers Adidas Grand Prix meet.

The 36-year-old Jamaican, who boasts a personal best of 9.72, which ranks fourth on the all-time list of male 100 metre athletes, has already signalled a gradual return to form with 10.35 and 10.31 clockings so far this year.

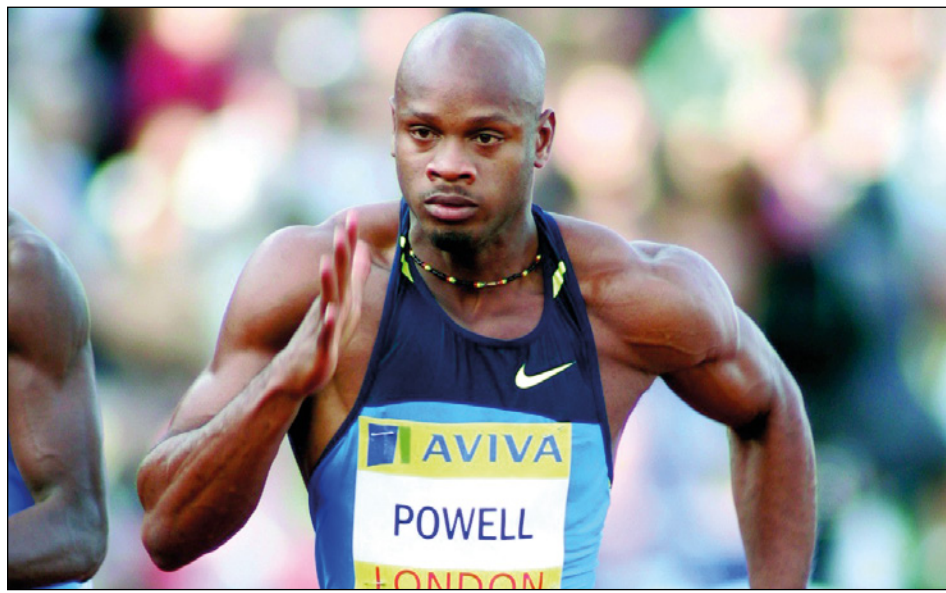
"This year I'm focusing on staying healthy, so I can train properly. I've had a few injury problems and just been working to overcome them. My last performance was really training to see if my calf was fully healed.

"So my plan is to push myself this year and that will determine if I do another year," Powell said. He has for over a decade been one of Jamaica's most popular athletes and seeing him retire will be sad for his legions of fans.

At the Racers Adidas Grand Prix at the National Stadium, Kingston on June 8, Powell is set to line up alongside compatriots Yohan Blake, Nesta Carter and Kemar Bailey-Cole, as well as Great Britain's Zharnel Hughes and American Trayvon Bromell.

A total of 130 athletes from 15 countries have confirmed competing in 19 events.

For Powell, it will be his final run ahead of Jamaica's National Championships two weeks later, where he will challenge for a spot for the IAAF World Championship in Doha, Qatar, in September. 🌐



► Asafa Powell is a former 100m world record holder



► Onome Ebi is going to her fifth World Cup

Ebi picked for fifth World Cup

The eighth FIFA Women's World Cup will take place in France from June 7 to July 7.

Recent times have seen a lot of progress such as record attendance at league matches, more professional teams created and Adidas is set to have equal pay bonuses for the World Cup winners.

However there is still a long way to go: the US team's battle for equal pay, the controversy in the FIFA Women's World Cup Canada 2015 over artificial turf, the difference in media treatment of male and female players, highlighted at the Ballon D'Or award.

At least women players are getting far more exposure and earning a more than even a couple of years ago.

One deserving player for props is veteran defender Onome Ebi who is

set to become the first African to play in five FIFA global tournaments after being named in Nigeria's World Cup squad.

Ebi, 36, who has been part of the Super Falcons set-up since making her debut in 2003, played at the 2003, 2007, 2011 and 2015 World Cups.

Her inclusion and the omission of Ini-Abasi Umotong were the two main talking points after Nigeria coach Thomas Dennerby named his players for France 2019.

Ebi, the 2018 Nigerian footballer of the year and four-time winner of the African Women's Cup of Nations, believes playing in France will complete her football story.

"To play in five World Cups will feel like I've achieved everything there is in football," she said. 🌐

Jones opponent disses his behaviour

UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones could go down as the best fighter in the history of mixed martial arts and he will soon get another chance to enforce that.

Jones features in the main event in UFC 239 at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas on July 7 against Thiago Santos, who acknowledges that. But Santos also thinks that Jones' skills inside the octagon will only be a part of his legacy.

"He will be remembered as a dooper, he will be remembered as someone who drives intoxicated. These are his things. I have to worry about not being remembered for that," Santos said. "It's his life, if that's how he wants to live it... It doesn't bother me. Like I said, inside the octagon, his talent is undeniable. Outside of it, unfortunately, he's not a good example. It's what I think."

Jones has accumulated a lengthy list of outside the cage indiscretions. Those issues include a 2015 hit-and-run accident that resulted in the UFC stripping him of the UFC light heavyweight strap, a 2016 drug test failure ahead of his UFC 220 matchup against Daniel Cormier, and another drug test failure in 2017 that resulted in him once again being stripped of the title he won from Cormier at UFC 214.

Jones regained the title six months ago with a TKO win over Alexander Gustafsson. The title was vacant at that time. Cormier, who was - and remains - the UFC heavyweight champion, surrendered the 205-pound belt before UFC 214.



► Thiago Santos resents Jon Jones' behaviour



► Jon Jones is a flawed character

Jones defended the title in March with a win over Anthony Smith at UFC 235.

Santos said that he was warned by Smith about facing Jones. "I don't know if that's going to look bad for Smith, but he said that Jones is dirty," Santos said. "A cheater. He uses things that sometimes the ref can't see. Puts his hand on your eye. Uses non-valid things that sometimes the ref is not able to see. Then he hurts you, the ref doesn't see it, doesn't stop it and if you stop he'll hit you and you'll lose the fight. So, to watch out because he's a little dirty, Smith told me."

The fact that Jones might fight dirty seems to bother Santos, but he is far more concerned with the champ's

failed drug tests, including the fact that Jones' tests related to both the Gustafsson and Smith bouts revealed a "pulsing" effect for the metabolite Jones was suspended for after UFC 214.

"If it works a certain way for me - I've been tested 26 times - it has to be the same for him," Santos said. "No picograms have ever shown up in me. Why are there (picograms) in him? Is he an extra-terrestrial? I don't know, it's weird. They should look more into that."

Santos' biggest fear is that Jones won't make it to fight night on July 6 at T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas because he might do something rash again and get the show cancelled. 🌐

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19 Hang loosely

20 Short putt

24 Speech maker

25 Wedding site

26 Salon creation

27 Haul in

29 Plot

30 Arrive en masse

33 Kicks back

35 Norway's capital

38 Filming site

39 Marked a ballot

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9
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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Word Search

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

- Albacore
- Coral
- Crab
- Dolphin
- Grampus
- Jellyfish
- Limpet
- Lobster
- Manatee
- Marlin
- Narwhal
- Octopus
- Porpoise
- Sea bass
- Sea horse
- Seal
- Shark
- Squid
- Starfish
- Walrus
- Whale

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TIMES**

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

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

LOOK AT THIS DUMB JOB LISTING!

CANINE RECREATION AREA MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

WHAT'S DUMB ABOUT THAT?

IT'S JUST A NICE WAY OF SAYING THEY NEED SOMEONE TO SCOOP DOG POOP!

OH! WELL, YOU'RE UNDERQUALIFIED

8-21

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

DRAG 'EM OUTTA THE VAN!

IF ONLY WE COULD BREAK FREE-

MY SPIDER STRENGTH COULD SNAP THESE ROPES, BUT I WON'T BLOW MY SECRET ID UNLESS I HAVE TO.

IN MINUTES, THIS WHOLE BUILDING'LL BE AN INFERNO!

MARTIAL ARTS STUDIO

IT SOUNDS LIKE I MIGHT NOT HAVE A CHOICE!

STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
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JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

DAD, WHAT DO YOU MEAN WE CAN'T...

THERE'S A SMALL TUNNEL THAT LEADS OUT OF HERE. WURST'S NOW CLEARLY NOT GOING TO USE IT TO BRING SUPPLIES, BUT YOU CAN USE IT TO ESCAPE.

WE CAN ESCAPE! WHY DO YOU KEEP FORGETTING IT'S ABOUT US?!

THEY MAY NOW HAVE PEOPLE POSTED AT THE END OF IT. THEY MAY EVEN BE COMING THROUGH IT AS WE SPEAK. SO BE SWIFT AND BE DEADLY.

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