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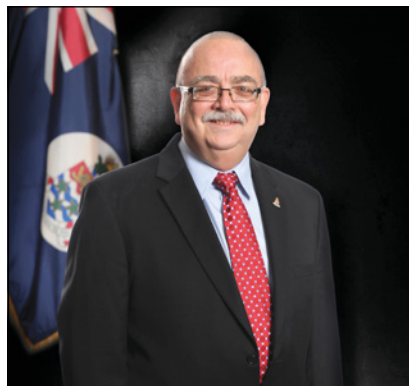
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By Christopher Tobutt
Local Correspondent

The Annual Agricultural Show is a time of year when local farmers, as well as artisans and craftspeople have a chance to show just some of what they do all year round. There were plenty of farmers, full-time as well as part-time, gathered in the Stacy Watler Pavillion ready for the Awards Night. Country music played as the awardees, their family and those who have helped and stood by them greeted one another.

"The Society is much aware of the work that has already been done and what remains to be done as self-sufficiency leads to sustainability in whatever discipline whether it is produce, livestock, homemade products, or hand-crafts that our farmers and backyard farmers choose. We take this moment to salute and acknowledge all those Caymanian people then and now who use those necessary skills to create magic through hard work and dedication through their God given talents," said the Agricultural Society's welcoming remarks.

MCs for the evening Mr. Orville Daniels and Ms. Anika Conolly. Everyone



► Clarence McLaughlin receives the Crop Farmer of the Year Award

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UK government backs OTs over Foreign Affairs Committee

By Michael Jarvis
UK Correspondent

The British government has rejected the key recommendations in the recent report by the UK parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee(FAC) on future relations with the Overseas Territories (OTs).

The controversial issues of beneficial ownership, same-sex marriage and voting rights which underpinned the FAC's report, had caused an outcry in the OTs.

Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin had heavily criticized the Committee's report when it was published in February, describing it as a "shameless and shameful attempt to reproduce neo-colonialism."

But now, the formal response from the British government to the report assures that it will not adopt those specific contentious recommendations put forward by the FAC.

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► UK parliament

New student newspaper catches students' imagination



Students across the Cayman Islands received their first copy of a new newspaper called The Thatch Rope Times just after Easter, geared especially for them. The brain child of the Celebrate Cayman committee, the Thatch Rope Times will see three editions published this year, with the first one focusing on the Coat of Arms celebration and the history and culture that comes with this important milestone in Cayman's past.

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EDITORIAL

Prayers were answered

"They sky is falling!" proclaimed fictional children's character, Chicken Little after an acorn dropped from a tree and hit her on the head. The naive youngster thought in all reality that she had witnessed a sign of the end of times.

So too did many across the British Overseas Territories when the UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee published its report "Global Britain and the British Overseas Territories" earlier this year. The contents of the report, on face value, did give reason to be concerned.

If its recommendations were taken on board, there would have been significant changes for the OTs, including providing pathways for UK citizens to run for elected office, same sex marriage and the imposition of public registers of beneficial ownership.

There were some who acknowledged that the report released that its contents were mainly recommendations from a group that had no locus standi to impact or impose UK government policy. This week, the government in London rejected the contents of the report.

The decision was heralded by Premier Alden Mclaughlin as "a

clear-headed restatement of the fundamental principle of self-government that underpins the relationship between Cayman and the UK."

The sky may not be falling, however, there are clouds of uncertainty looming on the horizon. Many of the areas raised in the report are still in play, so to speak. There remains a court decision to be handed down on same sex marriage in the Cayman Islands, and the islands' lifeblood remains under threat with the 2023 deadline for public registers of beneficial ownership to be put in place. Both of those were put on the table here aside from the FAC enquiry that led to its report.

While many ranted and raved, even threatening independence, it seems (at least for the time being) that the report will sit on a shelf somewhere in the halls of Westminster to gather dust.

Nonetheless, a keen eye should be kept on any threats to Cayman and the OTs that may come out of this but life goes on and energies should be focused on protecting Cayman's place as a top-tier financial centre and all-in-all a great place to live built up on the norms and values of many generations of Caymanians. 🌐

COMMUNITY VOICE

Sexual Desensitisation and The Death of Public Morality

A friend sent me a few pictures of participants in the recent Batabano "sexibration," as I am now compelled to refer to it, and out of his grief at the level of public debauchery that was celebrated he suggested that this imported affront to public morality is a greater threat to Cayman than the issue of same-sex marriage. (Frankly, I am reluctant to forward those pictures electronically for fear of being accused of trafficking in pornography.)

I share my friend's grief at this government approved and supported celebration of moral decadence, but was minded to respond to him that it is not a matter of either or in terms of whether we oppose same-sex marriage or this imported live pornographic display that is supposedly "Caymanian." Both these expressions have their roots in the same issue, which is the over-sexualisation of our culture and the concomitant death of public morality.

When human sexuality is viewed primarily as a source of physical pleasure, and is treated virtually on the same level as any bodily function, the logical progression is to remove it from the category of morality and transfer it to the elevated category of rights. Objections, then, from such persons as my friend or me are quickly classified as hate speech, which has much greater resonance with those who gyrate and simulate sexual acts in public that the now antiquated accusation of "prudes."

Are there no laws governing standards of public decency and morality? Are



► Pastor Alson Ebanks

we to complain, on the one hand, about cruise ship tourists parading through town in bikinis, while not only permitting but celebrating the level of public near-nudity and sexual simulation that is the hallmark of Batabano? Perhaps we need to refrain from referring to the Cayman Islands as "a Christian nation" after all—not because we are not a nation, but because a great majority of those who inhabit these three rocks are not just post-Christian, but anti-Christian.

Finally, how can we expect that our children will be less sexually permissive, will not video and circulate their friends participating in sexual acts on our school compounds, and will refrain from risky sexual behaviour when our best attended public function is a monumental celebration of sexual excesses? 🌐

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► Joy Ebanks receiving the Goat Exhibitor 2nd Place award



► Champion Exhibitor Earnest McFarlane receiving his award from Anika Conolly

52nd Annual Agriculture Show Awards Night

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stood while Ms. Conolly sang the National Song, very beautifully. Agricultural Society member, Rudy Myles then led everyone in a prayer, as well as a moment of silence for all the Society members who have passed on in the last year.

Hon. Juliana O' Connor Connolly Minister for Education, Youth, Sports Agriculture & Lands spoke about the, "Fantastic," agriculture show, and the importance of agriculture in the context of food security, in case supplies are cut because of a natural disaster. "More females are coming into farming, and some younger people are coming into it too," she said.

First of all, presentations were given to those who are to be inducted into the Agricultural Society's Hall of Fame. "The majority of these inductees were recognized for their extra ordinary contributions to agriculture over the years," said Anika Conolly. Hon Juliana O'Connor Connolly presented the awards.

The first was Rutherford Evelyn McLaughlin, Mitchell Reeves Powery came next. Other Hall of Fame awardees were: Neils Godfrey, Cert. Hon; Kirkland Nixon, MBE; Hamlin Alston Stephenson; Joseph Jackman DVM, MSc, CM; William Ebanks; Francis Zelmalee Ebanks Cert. Hon; Errol Watler, who was President of the Agriculture Society for 10 years, also came forward to receive his award from the Minister.

Other Hall of Fame awardees were Kent Mitchell Rankin Sr. who started farming after he built his house in Breezy



► Rees Powery receives his Hall of Fame Inductee award



► Rudy Myles receives a Hall of Fame Inductee Award

Castle, planting Callaloo and tomatoes and raising cows, and Alden McLaughlin Sr: "His passion for agriculture resulted in him becoming a very active member of the Agricultural Society, serving as President several times," Anika Conolly said. Otto Watler, Alfred Lawrence Thompson Sr. JP, Harvey Stephenson Snr, Paul Andrew Bodden Sr. and Louis Moncrieffe, MBE were also named as Hall of Fame inductees.

Clarence McLaughlin received several awards, including Minister's award for Most Outstanding Farmer of the Year 2019, and Crop Farmer of the

Year. Crop Farmer of the Year 2019 Runner Up was Hamlin Stephenson, and John Gall was presented with the Most Improved Crop Farmer award. The Live-

stock Farmer of the Year was presented to Clifford Powery.

The Champion Exhibitor Livestock award went to the Smith Brothers, who also gained the Best Groomed Cattle On Display Award. Livestock Runner- up Joy Ebanks also gained second Place goat exhibitor, and second Place Poultry Exhibitor awards. The Grand Champion Bull award went to Carlos Forbes, who also gained the Largest Animal in Show award. Johany Ebanks was presented with the Grand Champion Cow award, and Loyd Ramoon gained the Champion Poultry Exhibitor Award. 🌐



► Dr. Joseph Jackman receives his Hall of Fame Inductee award



► Betty Wood received 1st Place District Exhibitor Award for a wonderful display for Bodden Town



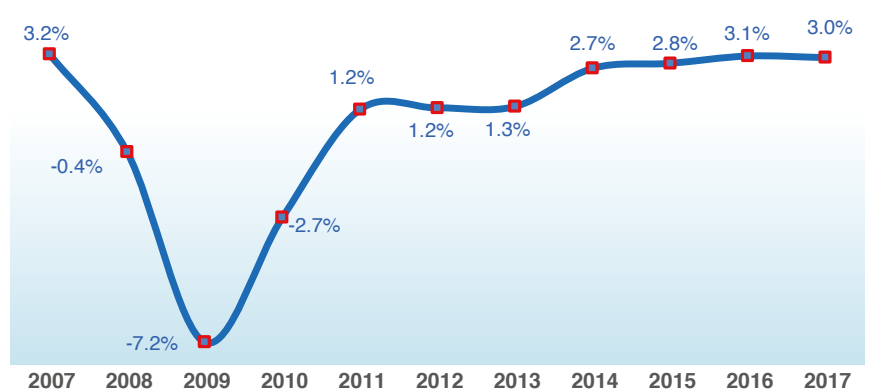
► Hamlin Stephenson receives his Hall of Fame Inductee award from Hon. Juliana O'Connor Connolly



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First RCIPS 2019 Recruit Class Graduates from Training to Operational Duty

The RCIPS' newest group of officers officially graduated from training to operational duty on Thursday 9th May.

The class of twenty-three, the first recruit class of 2019, successfully completed fifteen rigorous weeks of training under the Initial Recruit Foundation Course, which provides a firm grounding in the legal, operational, and fitness aspects of the job. Today's graduation ceremony officially recognizes the end of the foundational training of these eight women and fifteen men, and the true beginning of their careers as police officers.

The recruits range in age from 18 to 40, and hail from various academic and professional backgrounds, such as hospitality, education, finance, administration, language interpretation and information technology. The class also includes a former RCIPS civilian staff member and Scenes of Crime intern. The new officers have expressed interest in the range of diverse careers the RCIPS has to offer, including financial crime, K-9 and marine, but all have expressed a desire to become assets to the RCIPS and their communities.

Giving her address on behalf of the graduating class, PC 233 Asanna Hodgson, spoke about how much they have grown, and the bonds that were formed during their training. She said that the class' motto, "Know your weakness, but show your strength," helped inspire them all to push themselves to new heights.

Four of the recruits were given special honours at the graduation ceremony:

- PC 323 Dale Parker received the Team Spirit award, and has his eye on

eventually joining the Criminal Investigations Department, Firearms Response Unit, or K-9 Unit.

- PC 233 Asanna Hodgson received the Most Improved award. She was a full-time student prior to joining the service, and is continuing to pursue further education now that her initial training is complete.

- PC 250 Wilston Bennett, a former staff member of the Cayman Islands cadet Corps, received the Best in Drill award.

- And PC 238 Craig Robinson, who joined the service following a 15-year career as a high school teacher, received the Best Academic Student award.

"From this point on, your conduct will be proof of your character, integrity and service as a police officer," said Acting Commissioner of Police, Anthony Ennis, during his remarks to the recruit class. "You will be expected to uphold the highest ethical standards consistent with the RCIPS' core values and principles on and off the job, which I am confident that you will discharge."

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, said, "It was great to witness the RCIPS graduating class on Thursday - my first. I understand it was the largest RCIPS has seen in recent years. We have a diverse Police Service but I'm also pleased to see the majority of these recruits are from the Cayman Islands and that a good proportion are female - helping to improve the gender balance."

"I wish all the new recruits well on their journey with RCIPS and offer my thanks to their families and friends who have offered them support on this journey."



"It's good to hear that training begins in the next few weeks for a further recruit class who will graduate later in the year."

After graduating and being assigned to police duties, the new constables will embark on a tutored phase of on-the-job training with an experienced officer, during which they will be assessed for their suitability for independent patrolling. Continuous assessments throughout their two-year probationary period will follow, until they are eventually confirmed in rank by the Commissioner.

Now that this first recruit class of 2019 has completed their training, a second class consisting of twenty-one recruits will commence training within the next few weeks.

The RCIPS now accepts applications year-round for local police constables on its website at www.rcips.ky. The RCIPS also participates regularly at career fairs around the islands and welcomes any questions about the recruitment process or a career in policing at RCIPSHR@rcips.ky.

Coming up, the RCIPS will be participating in the Joint Public Safety Recruitment Fair on 16 May, at the University College of the Cayman Islands, along with several other departments including CIFS, HMPS, CBC, the Cayman Islands Coast Guard, EMS and HSA.

Graduating Officers

- PC 224 Joseph Anglin
- PC 250 Wilston Bennett
- PC 163 Lesroy Clarke
- PC 220 Brian Earl
- PC 147 David Feare
- PC 217 Daniel General
- PC 236 Shamar Hayles
- PC 233 Asanna Hodgson
- PC 431 Karen Horndlein
- PC 188 Anja Kosar
- PC 275 Casey McLaughlin
- PC 282 Evelin Mena
- PC 249 Amir Palmer
- PC 358 Nathan Panton
- PC 378 Alan Parada
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- PC 238 Craig Robinson
- PC 380 Joel Schneider
- PC 440 Vanessa Seymour
- PC 441 Julie-Ann Walters
- PC 239 Georgina White
- PC 191 Trudiann Williamson
- PC 278 Tevin Yen



New student newspaper catches students' imagination

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Kara Coe, Project Coordinator with the Celebrate Cayman team said they were ecstatic that the first issue reached the hands of every student on all three Islands.

"We are delighted by the feedback, enthusiastic participation in the quiz challenge, and the number of submissions for the upcoming Royal Visit special edition. We can only hope that even more schools, teachers, and students embrace this opportunity to display our children's creative expression and connection to Caymanian culture," she stated.

Editor, Lindsey Turnbull said they had worked hard to ensure the content reached students at their level.

"We wanted to produce something that would stimulate young minds and make them want to pick up the newspaper and actually read it cover to cover. With that in mind, we ensured there was colourful content, interactive quizzes and competitions, and lots of great artwork and stories from students themselves," she confirmed.

Great response all round

The newspaper has already been well received by students, teachers and par-

ents. Mum of three, Joannah Bodden Small, said:

"From a parent's perspective, I thought it was just excellent. A great range of topics and so vibrant and interesting. Educational and fun at the same time, and really something for everyone."

Joannah's children, who all attend Cayman Prep and High School, also enjoyed the read, with Naomi, 10, loving the quizzes, poems and seeing other children's artwork. Naomi said she felt the newspaper was educational and interesting. Joannah said Naomi loves to cook and is excited to try the cassava cake recipe. Naomi said she felt proud to be Caymanian when reading it. Little brother Asher, 6, said seeing his sisters was his favourite part of the newspaper (their photo illustrates one of the pages), and sister Chloe, 7, loved all the artwork. Joannah confirmed her children would be entering the competitions and Naomi is planning to do the quizzes. They said they were looking forward to the next edition.

Darquise Nantel is a part-time teacher at Cayman International School and also works as a tutor. She said she enjoyed reading the newspaper and had some useful suggestions for future editions:



"I think it is a great idea and love the contests, as it gets kids more involved. I would love to see maybe community star students, where teachers or community member can write about a student who has helped the community in some way... maybe even a little section

where a comic strip is created by a student, related to Cayman. I loved the history, etc."

The Thatch Rope Times is printed by The Caymanian Times. Look out for the second edition coming soon that will focus on the Royal Visit.

Caymera International Sponsors Upcoming Hotel and Tourism Investment Conferences in Miami

Caymera International, a Grand Cayman-based hospitality asset management and consulting and advisory firm has announced they will be a sponsor of the 2019 Hotel Opportunities Latin America (HOLA) and Caribbean Hotel & Resort Investment Summit (CHRIS), taking place back-to-back in Miami, Florida, May 19th through 23rd, 2019.

The Annual Conferences will cover hot topics including tourism and performance outlooks for the Caribbean and Latin America, trends in hotel branding, design, and legal for lifestyle and mixed-use hotels, construction costs and market trends in the Caribbean, and ways to obtain capital equity from outside the region – to name a few. Hotel and finance industry experts from all over the Caribbean and Latin America will attend.

Caymera representatives will be on hand at the conference exhibitions to discuss how they help hospitality and tourism business owners and operators – and destination stakeholders protect their investments through services they offer ranging from creating competitive marketing advantages - to recommending sales strategies to drive revenue - to implementing digital strategies - to managing online reputations through

guest reviews, and improving employee and overall operational efficiencies. They will explore ways business owners can leverage Caymera's industry knowledge and experience to maximize return on their hospitality investment. A stay at the brand-new Locale Grand Cayman will be featured as a conference drawing prize.

The firm will also take part in the conference as a panelist during one of the breakout sessions. Brooke Meyer, a Caymera representative, will discuss the cultural and experiential value proposition for hotels and resorts during the CHRIS conference alongside hotel and tourism experts from Ernst & Young, Karisma Hotels & Resorts, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Club Med, and Hilton.

"The hospitality business is very competitive, and we have an unwavering commitment to staying on top of the latest trends and changing dynamics of the industry - and sharing that wisdom with our clients," commented Choppy Delapenha, a Director at Caymera. "The CHRIS and HOLA Conferences are a great opportunity for us to explore new industry partnerships as well as, ensure we remain a valuable partner to our clients."



▶ Choppy Delapenha and Caymera International Exhibiting at Hunter Hotels Investment Conference in Atlanta

Associate, The BHN Group, a division of Northstar Travel Group, Carlos Burgos said: "We're delighted that Caymera International is a sponsor of our annual HOLA & CHRIS conferences. Both events are set to be one of our most interesting yet, with a range of topics that will inform and help hotel and finance experts explore available opportunities to do

business throughout Latin America and the Caribbean."

Follow Caymera International on Facebook @caymaragroup for live updates and valuable tourism related ideas and information during the conferences. For more information about the conferences visit www.chrisconference.com or www.holaconference.com.

IRG Cayman welcomes James O'Brien

IRG Cayman welcomes James O'Brien as Sales and Investment Consultant.

James joins IRG with over 10 years' experience at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman Resort where he held the position of Executive Director of Residences. James presided over \$0.5 Billion dollars' worth of real-estate, including ocean front hotel suites, residential condominiums and stand-alone luxury villas within the resort.

James's attention to detail and exceptional relationship skills ensured that his many international clients received legendary 'Ritz-Carlton' service in all aspects of their ownership at the resort. James joins IRG to provide his solid real estate investment advice for luxury residential and premium commercial real estate & will ensure a 5-star service.

Jeremy Hurst, IRG's Owner, Broker added "We're delighted to have James join IRG, which strengthens our already top-quality team of agents. IRG provides

specialized and effective real estate solutions to select markets and James' skill-set compliments and builds our offering to the luxury and resort condo sector and takes advantage of our global presence."

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▶ James O'Brien, Sales and Investment Consultant

CPA Canada's Cayman Islands Chapter talks technology

Session for local CPAs focuses on impact on accounting

Local CPAs gathered to investigate what the future holds for their profession and how that future is closer than they think at a learning session hosted by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's (CPA Canada) Cayman Islands Chapter at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort on Monday May 6.

How Technology Impacts the Accounting Profession provided an overview of the leading technologies and economic forces reshaping the accounting profession and how accountants are using new digital business models to thrive in the face of rapid and seismic change. They discovered how accountants are elevating their role using cyber tools and becoming pilots of global business.

"Everyone knows that technology is changing the workplace in many different ways," said Karen Watson, the chairman of the Cayman Islands Chapter. "We organized this event to give our members insight into the workplace of tomorrow and the leading role that accountants will play in it."

The featured speaker at the event was Garrett Wasny an award-winning internet analyst, professional development technologist and former Price Waterhouse management consultant.

"A torrent of emerging technologies, including robotic process automation, artificial intelligence, blockchain and data analytics, is disrupting the profession's core services," said Wasny. "Used wisely and embraced enthusiastically, new technologies will help transform accountants into forward-thinking analysts and deci-

sion-makers, further elevating the reputation of CPAs as the world's most trusted business advisors."

"The session was filled to capacity – an indication of the importance of this topic in the local landscape," said Angilynn Chan-Baraud, Vice-Chair of the Cayman Islands Chapter.

"We want to thank all of the chapter members who helped us organize this learning session," said Watson. "Working together, we're accomplishing great things for the accounting profession in Cayman."

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▶ L-R: Karen Watson, CPA Canada Chapter Chair (Cayman Islands), Session speaker Garrett Wasny, and Angilynn Chan-Baraud, CPA Canada Chapter Vice-Chair (Cayman Islands)

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS Traffic Unit Warns Against Vehicles Travelling With Unsafe Loads

The RCIPS Traffic and Roads Policing Unit is reminding the public that operating vehicles carrying unsafe loads is against the law. What this means is that any load being carried by a vehicle, for example equipment being carried in the rear of a pickup truck, must be secured in such a manner as to prevent it from being dislodged or falling from the vehicle, or striking other persons or property. This also applies to any passengers travelling in the vehicle. In addition, passengers should not travel in the backs of pickup trucks or similar vehicles.

Section 17 of the Traffic Regulations (2017 Revision) states that it is illegal for any vehicle to carry more passengers than specified by the manufacturer or stated in the vehicle's registration.

"Such practices are not only illegal, but also quite dangerous," said Chief Inspector Everton Spence, who oversees the TRPU. "Fallen objects can create road hazards and cause major collisions, either by striking other vehicles direct-



ly or causing drivers to have to quickly swerve to avoid them. Meanwhile, the danger posed by passengers riding unsecured in the backs of trucks should be obvious. Any sudden movement can send those passengers flying."

Examples of unsafe loads that have recently been observed on Cayman's roads can be viewed at the link above.

The TRPU is increasing enforcement of these violations this week and throughout the coming weeks. If you are found breaking this law you are liable to a \$400 fine or 6 months in prison.



Single Vehicle Collision on Lime Tree Bay Avenue

At about 1:45PM on Friday officers responded to a report of a single vehicle collision on Lime Tree Bay Avenue in the vicinity of the Cost-U-Less roundabout, involving a silver Honda Accord, which appeared to have caught on fire as a result of the collision. The occupants of the Honda left the scene in an unknown vehicle prior

to the arrival of police and fire services. The fire was extinguished without incident and the matter is under investigation.

The RCIPS is appealing for anyone who may have seen the collision or have any information about the occupants of the vehicle to contact the West Bay Police Station at 949-3999.

Vehicle Stop Near Denham Thompson Way, One Man Under Arrest

Just after 3PM on Friday, 10 May, police officers had cause to stop a vehicle travelling along South Sound Road and made attempts to stop the vehicle using lights and sirens. The vehicle failed to stop and was followed by the officers.

The vehicle came to a stop shortly after at the junction of Denham Thompson Way and South Church Street, having

collided with a marked police vehicle. No one was injured during this incident and only minor damage was done to both vehicles.

The man, age 38 of West Bay, was arrested on suspicion of dangerous driving and other traffic offenses. He is currently in custody pending further investigations.

Three Persons Charged with Burglary and Other Offenses

West Bay Teen Charged with Aggravated Burglary and Drug Offenses, 10 May

A teenage male juvenile of West Bay has been charged with the offenses of Aggravated Burglary, Possession of Cocaine with Intent to Supply and Possession of Cocaine, yesterday 9 May, following an investigation by the Criminal Investigations Department.

The teen was arrested on Tuesday 7 May regarding a burglary that took place on a road off Mt Pleasant Road in West Bay on 6 March, 2019.

26-Year-Old-Man of George Town Charged with Burglary, 10 May

A 26-year-old-man of George Town was charged with Burglary, on 9th May, following an investigation conducted

by the Criminal Investigations Department.

The incident of burglary had taken place on 29 April, at a school located on Walkers Road George Town, where several tools and electronic items were stolen.

22-Year-Old-Man of George Town Charged with Burglary, 10 May

A 22-year-old-man of George Town was charged with burglary yesterday following an investigation by the Criminal Investigations Department.

This was in relations to an incident that took place on Walkers Road, George Town on 7 May. Another man was also arrested in relation to this incident, however there were no charges recommended for him at this time.

CBC Local Arrests: Conspiracy to Importing Cocaine and Possession of Unlicensed Firearm

On Wednesday, 8 May 2019 Customs and Border Control (CBC) officers arrested two men as part of an ongoing drug investigation that arose when over four pounds of cocaine was interdicted at the Owen Roberts International Airport in November last year. The men were arrested for suspicion of conspiracy to importing cocaine.

Officers arrested a 36-year-old man and a 40-year-old man, both Jamaican nationals residing in the Islands.

Following the two arrests CBC and RCIPS officers carried out searches at two separate residences in George Town.

During the search of one residence, CBC officers discovered a loaded firearm that was hidden in a kitchen appliance. The man was arrested for possession of an unlicensed firearm. During the operation officers also seized a vehicle believed to belong to one of the two men.

Commenting on the development Director of Customs and Border Con-

trol, Charles Clifford said: "Our officers are ever-vigilant in protecting our country from the importation of illicit drugs and weapons at our controls, but also ever-focused on the domestic distribution network that moves illicit drugs and weapons from their point of import to retail. With our enhanced intelligence and risk management strategic approach we will investigate and prosecute any criminal individuals involved in smuggling attempts."

Assistant Director of the CBC Narcotics Enforcement Team Tina Campbell said, "We can never overstate the importance of relationships amongst local law enforcement agencies. Our partnerships with the RCIPS and other agencies in interdiction efforts, continue to push us all to new heights as we work to achieve our mutual mission of ridding our communities of dangerous drugs and criminals".

This investigation remains ongoing and is being led by the Customs Narcotics Enforcement Team.

Animal Welfare Investigation Results in the Seizure of 53 Dogs from Prospect Residence

On Monday, May 6, 2019, RCIPS officers, acting on information provided by the Department of Agriculture's (DOA) Animal Welfare Unit, executed a search warrant at a residence in the Prospect Area of George Town, together with animal welfare and control officers from the Department of Agriculture (DOA), and representatives of the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) and the Planning Department. Upon entering the premises, officers discovered a large number small breed dogs in a variety of crates and cages confined in one room in unsanitary conditions, with limited ventilation.

During the operation it was determined that a total of 53 small breed dogs comprising purebred and mixes that included Shih Tzu, Yorkshire Terriers, Maltese, Dachshund and Pekingese, were being kept in unacceptable conditions for animal welfare. The dogs were found to be in generally poor condition, with matted hair, and most suffering from alopecia (hair loss) suggesting demodectic mange. All the dogs appeared to have external parasites (ticks and fleas), and most presented with significant to serious dental issues and various ocular (eye) problems. The dogs were seized and removed from the location.

All of the dogs were immediately assessed and triaged by a DoA veterinary officer, and the two most severe cases were sent urgently to a local veterinary clinic. On further assessment, based on one of the dog's extremely poor condition and prognosis for recovery, a decision was taken to humanely euthanize the animal.

"This seizure is the largest we have ever had of dogs taken from one resi-



► Of the dozens of dogs on the property, several were of purebred or mixed breeds.

dence," said Brian Crichlow, Assistant Director of the Department of Agriculture, "and the health of the animals and conditions in which they were kept are disturbing. They do not appear to have been given appropriate preventative health care, and as a result the prognosis of the some of the animals is poor, despite the continuous veterinary care they have been receiving since Monday."

The owner of the dogs, a woman, age 54 of the Prospect area, has been warned for intended prosecution. The rest of the seized dogs remain under the care and control of the Department of Agriculture, where they continue to be assessed and receive veterinary care and treatment.

"This scale of this seizure illustrates just how necessary a multi-agency approach is to addressing the most serious animal control and welfare issues, and while many of these crimes are summary offences, they still pose threats to the overall health of a community," said Kurt Walton, Deputy Commissioner of Police. "The DOA is an important partner and we will continue to work closely to address such animal welfare and cruelty cases and take necessary enforcement action."



► Several dogs were found kenneled together in small cages in rooms with inadequate ventilation.

CILLA Girls Softball – Game Report

Kirk Freeport 7, Coldwell Banker 3

CILLA Girls Softball continued on May 8th, as Kirk Freeport rallied to defeat Coldwell Banker, 7-3, in a battle for first place.

Coldwell Banker started well, as speedy leadoff hitter Annie Hawkins hit an inside-the-park homer to right centre field in the top of the first. In the bottom of the first Kirk Freeport tied the score on a fielder's choice RBI by Deandra Whiteman, scoring Aleigha General, who led off the game with a walk.

Coldwell Banker took a 2-1 lead in the second as Aydis Rostran walked and scored on a two-out single by Hannah Gibson. Good pitching and defense by Coldwell Banker in the bottom of the inning prevented Kirk Freeport from scoring.

Coldwell Banker added their final run in the top of the third, as Annie Hawkins walked and scored on a single by Mad-



► Carmella Yllagan, Scotiabank Girls Softball

ison Malice. Kirk Freeport second baseman Keirsten McLaughlin then made the defensive play of the night to prevent an even bigger lead for Coldwell Banker. With one out and the bases loaded, Keirsten caught a line drive and immediately threw to first baseman Akeyla Ebanks for an inning-ending double play.

The great play by Keirsten seemed to ignite Kirk Freeport, as they erupted for six runs in their half of the third, aided by five walks. They also had two huge hits in the inning, a 2 RBI double by Deandra Whiteman and a 2 RBI triple to the fence by catcher Raina Myles. The final run was driven home on an RBI groundout by Leila Dixon.

Coldwell Banker had one final chance to bat, but Deandra Whiteman struck out two batters to end any potential threat. Deandra struck out six for the game, while allowing only four hits in her four innings of work.

The impressive victory allowed Kirk Freeport to move up to first place in the standings by a game over Coldwell Banker. The two teams meet one final time in the regular season on May 18th.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Coldwell Banker	1	1	1	0	-	3
Kirk Freeport	1	0	6	-	-	7

Scotiabank 6, Coldwell Banker 0

Carmella Yllagan pitched a four-hit shutout to lead Scotiabank to an impressive 6-0 victory over Coldwell Banker on Thursday evening.

Scotiabank scored two runs in the first inning when Clara Ramos blasted an inside-the-park homer to right field and Shay Windsor doubled and scored on a single by Calissa Yllagan.

Scotiabank tallied three more runs in the third inning to break the game open. Carmella Yllagan reached on an error and Shay Windsor singled. Both runners advanced on a fielding error by Coldwell Banker. Stephanie Menko followed with an RBI triple and Latysha Powell hit an

RBI single to centre field, scoring Stephanie.

Scotiabank added their final run of the night in the fourth inning as Rochanni Cornwall walked and eventually scored on a fielder's choice.

Carmella Yllagan helped her own cause with some good fielding on the mound and making a fine running catch on the third base line. Shortstop Shay Windsor had a great game, making several good plays in the field, and reaching base all three times.

Each team has two games remaining in the regular season. Games continue on May 15th at the Field of Dreams, with Scotiabank taking on Kirk Freeport at 6:30 pm.

Scoring by inning:

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

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
Kirk Freeport	6	3	1	87	84	0
Coldwell Banker	5	4	1	72	64	1
Scotiabank	3	7	0	83	94	3.5

Great weekend at the PwC Junior Tennis Circuit

There was a great weekend of tennis at the fourth PwC Junior Tennis Circuit organised by the Tennis Federation of the Cayman Islands and hosted by the Courts at the Ritz – Carlton.

Tournament Director Uli Hoppe said "It's always great to see players in the 14& Under and 18& Under divisions grinding it out on the red clay courts but also it's great to see the 10& Under's in some amazing matches on the blue hard courts."

Leo Frank in the 10& Under category made an impressive run throughout the tournament and won in a dramatic final against Noah Mitten. The match was nail bitingly close with a final score of 4:6, 6:4, 10:8.

Alex Linkowski won the third place match and Mico Samson won the consolation draw. Overall there was some great tennis shown in the 10& Under group, and there were some fantastic rallies thanks to the slower green dot balls.

In the 14& Under division Rafael Wejborra won his first title in a tight match

against top seed Albert Berksoy, 6:3, 2:6, 10:4. Third place went to Phin Ellison and the winner of the consolation draw was Josh Richardson.

After the singles final all four boys played an entertaining doubles match with Rafael and Albert ultimately winning 8:6 in a pro set.

In the 18& Under group Jake Booker once again dominated the field, beating Lauren Fullerton 6:3, 6:3 in the final. Third place went to Oscar Bjuroe and the consolation draw was won by Willow Wilkinson.

After the final, Lauren and Willow took on Jake and Oscar in an exciting doubles match. The boys pulled it off in the end, winning 8:5.

Overall, it was a great tournament with a competitive level of play from all players and sunny weather throughout the whole weekend.

More entertaining tennis is expected to come at the next tournament on August 30th – September 1st at the Courts at the Ritz – Carlton.



► Jake Booker



► Rafael Wejborra



► Lauren Fullerton



► Leo Frank

Q1 Report Endorses CIG's Financial Good Health

The Cayman Islands Government's financial statistics for the first quarter of 2019 reveal that, yet again, the financial performance of the entire public sector (EPS) has exceeded expectations.

The latest financial report released on Friday, 10 May 2019 reveals that for January-March 2019, the EPS achieved a surplus of \$216.8 million and bank balances of \$747.1 million in cash and deposits.

The Unaudited Quarterly Financial Report for the three month period ended 31 March 2019 was released today by publication in the Cayman Islands Extraordinary Gazette No. 32 of 2019 and can be viewed at <http://www.gov.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12796486.PDF>.

The surplus of \$216.8 million is for core Government and its statutory authorities and public companies. The improvement in surplus translates as \$44.4 million more than the \$172.4 million surplus anticipated in the 2019 budget for the first quarter.

The increased surplus and enhanced bank balances were a direct result of improved revenues - \$373.7 million compared to a previously expected figure of \$343 million.

This was complemented by lower than budgeted expenditures in civil service personnel costs (\$76.7 million compared to \$80.2 million budgeted), purchase of supplies and consumable goods and services (\$19.9 million as opposed to a budgeted figure of \$28.7 million) as well as better than anticipated performance on investment revenues.

Commenting on the Q1 report, Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Roy McTaggart said: "I am delighted and the Government is pleased that the 2019 first quarter's actual results exceed budget expectations for this timeframe. All things being equal, it bodes well for the remainder of the year.

"As always, we are grateful to the civil service for their contributions and their work to save Government money. We also believe that strong public finances set the tone for the wider economy and of course for the continuing success of our economy.

"At the same time, we will continue fiscal vigilance and monitoring throughout the remainder of the Government's 2019 financial year, to maintain improvements on budget expectations."



► Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Hon. Roy McTaggart

UK government backs OTs over Foreign Affairs Committee

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Premier McLaughlin has welcomed this as “a clear-headed restatement of the fundamental principle of self-government that underpins the relationship between Cayman and the UK.”

On the issue of registers of beneficial ownership, the UK Government response reaffirms the existing understanding of the consultative process to be followed, according to a statement from the Premier's office.

In its report, the FAC stated: “We profoundly regret, however, that public registers may not be published before 2023. It is simply not acceptable that this will be long after the deadline set out in the Act.”

Regarding same-sex marriage, the British government, while saying it notes the on-going legal action in Cayman, however makes clear that the issue “should be one for the territories to decide and legislate on”.

It stresses that “we have no plans to introduce an Order-in-Council on this issue.”

That was one of the demands of the FAC which had insisted that “The (British) Government should set a date by which it expects all OTs to have legalised same-sex marriage. If that deadline is not met, the Government should intervene through legislation or an Order in Council.”

The equally controversial recommendation of voting rights is similarly dismissed.

The UK government asserts that “immigration decisions are primarily a matter for OT governments” and makes clear that there is no intention to interfere with locally-determined franchise and representational arrangements.

It was the FAC's position that “the UK Government should initiate a consul-

tation with the elected governments of the OTs and work with them to agree a plan to ensure that there is a pathway for all resident UK and British Overseas Territory citizens to be able to vote and hold elected office in territory.”

In a statement on the position taken by Whitehall in rejecting these key recommendations from the FAC, Premier McLaughlin said: “In the 21st Century, there can be no justification for people 5,000 miles away, most of whom have never even visited these Islands, thinking they know better than we do how we should run our own affairs.”

He welcomes the fact that “the UK Government's response thoroughly rejects that idea and I am sure it will be welcomed across the Overseas Territories.”

“I said when the Committee's report was released that these were only recommendations and that we needed to wait for the UK Government's official response,” Mr. McLaughlin said, adding that, “I am very pleased that the UK has clearly listened to the representations that I and other OT leaders have made.”

While the matters of same-sex marriage and voting rights are being left up to the Overseas Territories to decide, the issue of public disclosure of the registry of beneficial ownership remains unresolved.

Under the heading of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Bill 2018, it's aimed at forcing the Overseas Ter-



► Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin

2020 implementation deadline with a three-year extension to 2023 while consultations continue.

The registers are seen as one of the main tools to tackle tax avoidance in the BOTs.

Addressing that specific issue, Premier McLaughlin says: “While we in the Cayman Islands and others in the OTs will continue to resist the UK's attempts to impose public registers upon us in the absence of a global standard, it is positive that the UK Government has pushed back on any suggestion that the current timetable should be accelerated.”

“I would like to thank the Governor for the assistance he has provided in representing the views of Cayman back to the UK Government and to ensure that those making the decisions were aware of the grave concern we felt about the Committee's recommendations.”

Premier McLaughlin also emphasised that “The UK Government's response underlines their commitment to developing a positive and constructive relationship with the OTs.”

He also said “that commitment has been seen too in the recent talks over the potential Constitutional changes that we would like to put in place in order to clarify our relationship. Those negotiations are nearing a conclusion and I hope to be able to report back to the House and to the country shortly on what has been agreed.”

ritories, especially those with offshore financial centres, to impose public registers of beneficial ownership.

If they didn't have the legislation in place by the end of this year, the original plan was to have it imposed by imperial decree from London.

The rationale is to combat tax evasion and money laundering and align UK and OTs policies on this.

But the legislation was resisted within some sections of the British government and parliament with the same intensity as the opposition to it from the OTs.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) went as far as cautioning that that imposing direct legislation on the territories could undermine their respective authorities.

Earlier this year, the British government agreed to defer the mandatory

Chamber of Commerce hosts luncheon for Mentoring Cayman 2019

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce celebrated the 2019 Mentoring Cayman programme with a luncheon on Wednesday, May 1 at Grand Old House.

The six month programme is a joint partnership with the Ministry of Education, which pairs students with mentors from Chamber of Commerce member businesses and provides them with careers workshops.

“Since its inception in 2002, more than 1,000 students have benefitted from being a part of the Mentoring Cayman programme,” President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chris Kirkconnell, said. “This year, we had a record 64 students matched with mentors from the public and private sector.”

“The programme serves as an introduction to the many career pathways available on island,” Mr. Kirkconnell said. “Not only are students learning invaluable skills that they will need when entering into the working world, but they are also forming relationships with the leaders of Cayman's business community.”

The luncheon featured Young Caymanian Leadership Award recipient, Staci Scott, who discussed how her own mentor inspires her.

“I trust her opinion unequivocally, and value the input she has and continue to make on my life more than she will ever know,” Ms Scott said, in her address. “Change the name, and this may not be

too different of a testimony from those many in this room may also be able to give. Mentorship matters.”

The Hon. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, and Chief Officer Cetonya Cacho also attended the luncheon.

In her remarks, Hon. O'Connor-Connolly thanked the Chamber of Commerce for organising the programme and expressed her support for mentoring as a way to assist students to gain valuable insights from mentors from the public and private sectors.

“We are sincerely grateful to the Ministry of Education for helping make this amazing programme possible,” Mr. Kirkconnell said. “And to all our members who shared their time with the students of the programme.”

The 2020 Mentoring Cayman programme will launch later this year.

Those interested in becoming a mentor for the 2020 Programme can contact the Chamber of Commerce at reception@caymanchamber.ky for further details.



► Staci Scott shares her mentoring journey

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► Long lines for food are part of Cuban life now



► Sparsely stocked shelves are common

Cuba starts food rationing

The Cuban food crisis has become so acute that the government announced Friday that it is launching widespread rationing.

Commerce Minister Betsy Díaz Velázquez told the state-run Cuban News Agency that rationing of staple foods such as chicken, eggs, rice, beans, soap and other basic products is necessary in the face of a grave economic crisis.

She blamed the hardening of the US trade embargo by the Trump administration. Economists also blame a plunge in aid from Venezuela, where the collapse of the state-run oil company has led to a nearly two-thirds cut in shipments of subsidised fuel that Cuba used for power and to earn hard currency on the open market.

Cuba imports roughly two-thirds of its food at an annual cost of more than \$2 billion and brief shortages of individual products have been common for years. In recent months, a growing number of products have started to go missing for days or weeks at a time, and long lines have sprung up within minutes of the appearance of scarce products like chicken or flour.

No one is starving in Cuba, but the shortages are so severe that ordinary Cubans and the country's leaders are openly referring to the "special period," the years of economic devastation and deep suffering that followed the collapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba's Cold War patron.

"It's not about returning to the harshest phase of the special period of the '90s," Communist Party head Raul Castro said last month. "But we always have to be ready for the worst."

"We're calling for calm," Ms Díaz said, adding that Cubans should feel reassured that at least cooking oil would be in ample supply. "It's not a product that will be absent from the market in any way."

Shop shelves on the Caribbean's largest island have been increasingly empty of late with scarcity of basic products and massive, hours-long queues for them whenever they come into stock. Desperate measures like creating ostrich farms for meat have been met with derision.

Cubans have been flooding social media with photos of the queues they are in, under the hashtag #lacolachallenge (queue challenge) to highlight the problem.

A handful of agricultural reforms in recent years have failed to boost output and it also suffers from a decades-old US trade embargo.

Cuba trades the work of its doctors sent to Venezuela for oil that it then resells to other countries in return for foreign currency. More US sanctions since Donald Trump became president have worsened its liquidity crisis.

Ms Díaz said that hoarding by Cubans worried about whether products would disappear and speculators aiming to resell goods on the black market was another problem.

Cuban supermarkets are now limiting how much each person can buy of certain products like chicken and soap, she said. Other products such as eggs, rice, beans and sausages, would only be available to purchase with the ration card, and limited to a certain quantity each month.

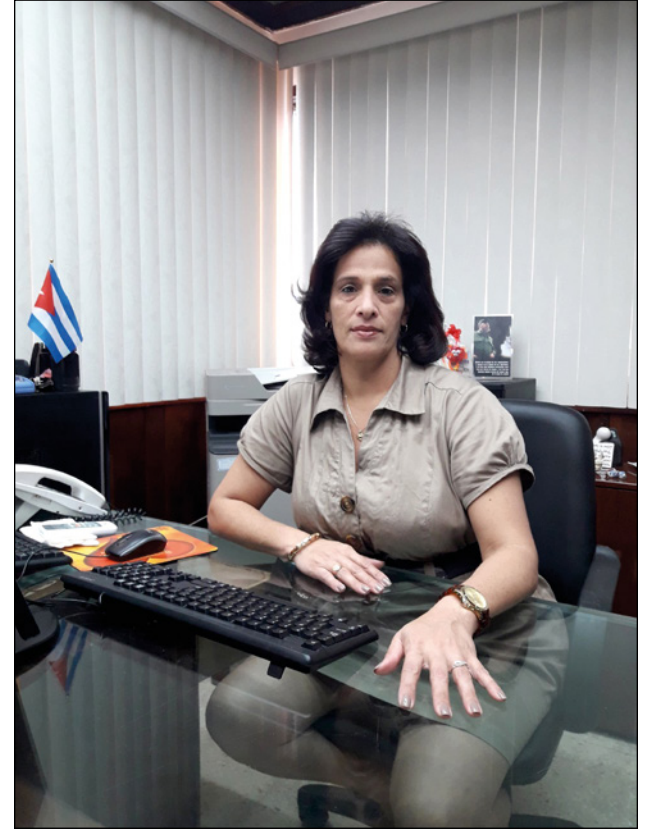
Sales of those products at higher prices do not appear to be affected for the moment. The measures will have a serious impact on private business owners who often buy cheaper-priced goods at state stores in the absence of access to a wholesale market. Cuba maintains a total monopoly on wholesale commerce, imports and exports, with virtually no access for the country's small but growing private sector.

Cubans with enough money can buy more of those basic goods at "liberated" prices that are still generally below the world average. At the highest of Cuba's three tiers, brand-name goods, from high-quality rice to fancy jams, can be purchased for often two to three times the price in their country of origin. Yet those prices equate to maybe a week's wages to many Cubans.

"Our mission is to fracture all the measures the US government imposes, and today we are setting priorities," Ms Díaz announced on a state-run news broadcast.

She provided an alarming series of statistics on food production by the state-run sector, which has found itself struggling to find the cash it needs to pay for basic inputs.

She said that in March Cuba produced 900,000 fewer eggs than the 5.7 million needed daily to satisfy national demand. That deficit shrank to 600,000 by mid-April, she said. The production of pork, the most-consumed meat in Cuba and a normally affordable staple of most people's diets, is hundreds of tons below target.



► Betsy Diaz Velazquez is the commerce minister

Some Cubans, particularly those on low state salaries and pensions who cannot afford black market prices, are relieved.

"These measures are important for those Cubans most in need," said pensioner Elizabeth Ortega, 72. Others said it highlighted the mismanagement of the economy.

"These measures are a temporary remedy, but they do not resolve Cubans' problems in the long run," said Ithosvany Perez Rodriguez, 34, who runs a small shop in Havana. "The country produces too little and so does not have enough money."

Raúl Castro, Fidel's brother, introduced a series of reforms a decade ago in the hope of boosting the economy, which is one of the world's last Soviet-style command economies.

However, that reform drive has tapered off in recent years partly due to discontent with some of its consequences such as rising, albeit, still low, inequality and less state control.

The move represents a setback to one of the proposed reforms, to end the universal rationing system, introduced just after the 1959 revolution. 🌐



Cuban farmers cannot meet the country's demands

Antigua Government Officially Informs Barbados That it Wants The Island's Shares in LIAT

Antigua and Barbuda has formally indicated its interest in purchasing the shares of LIAT that are currently owned by the airline's largest shareholder government.

Prime Minister Gaston Browne told the Antigua Observer that his government submitted a document indicating its expression of interest to authorities in Barbados on Tuesday. And it's expecting a favourable response.

"We are looking towards the sustainability and viability of LIAT. We now have to await a response from Barbados and then we will develop an action plan on the way forward," he told the newspaper.

Browne had expressed his government's intention to purchase Barbados' shares in the Antigua-based airline at last month's meeting of shareholder governments at which he also presented a proposal to keep the cash-strapped airline from going under.

Barbados' Prime Minister Mia Motley was not at the meeting, but the country's representative indicated he



would raise the issue with her on his return.

The Antigua move also comes on the heels of Grenada becoming the fifth shareholder government of the regional carrier.

Minister of Trade, Industry and CARICOM Affairs Oliver Joseph made the announcement last week, explaining that Grenada would provide funding under a Minimum Revenue Guarantee (MRG) framework - which the shareholders have been pushing for from islands that benefit from LIAT's service. Under the MRG model, governments would pay a minimum guaranteed amount to LIAT if passenger numbers on flights fell short. 🌐

Jamaica Gets 1.7 Million Visitors in Four Months in Best Winter Season Ever

Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett says Jamaica experienced the best winter season in its history, welcoming, in the first four months of the year, 1.7 million visitors, who spent US\$1.25 billion.

"In the first four months of the year, we have had double-digit growth every single month from January to April 30," he said.

Bartlett further noted that the tourism industry has achieved record growth in the last three consecutive years, which has surpassed "our aspirational average growth of five per cent per annum."

"Last year, we welcomed 4.23 million visitors who spent US\$3.3 billion, representing 8.6 per cent increase over the period 2017," he said.



► Tourism Minister Edmund Bartlett

The Minister said this notable performance is against the background of the 2013 to 2015 period, during which Jamaica experienced an incremental growth of about 120,000 visitors.

"In three months and one day, we have surpassed the 120,000 additional visitors to arrive in the country," he emphasized. 🌐

City lined up for \$25 treble bonus

Manchester City's triumphant stars are set to land a stunning \$25 million squad bonus should they win the domestic treble this season. That equates to over \$1m per player on top of the average \$10m a year they earn.

Pep Guardiola's side have already won the Carabao Cup and sealed the Premier League title on Sunday at Brighton.

City stars will bank a further pay out if they win the FA Cup against Watford this weekend and the cash bonuses reflect a 25 percent hike on what they pocketed after winning the title last season.

No club has retained the league since Sir Alex Ferguson led Manchester United to back-to-back crowns in 2008 and 2009.

Additionally, the City players will be rewarded on how many minutes they have played throughout the season, meaning PFA Young Player of the Year winner Raheem Sterling will be one of the top beneficiaries of the bonus.

Since joining City from Liverpool, Sterling has improved significantly, and the

introduction of Pep has only enhanced his career. Before Pep arrived at City in 2016 Sterling had already completed one season at the club, winning the League cup under Manuel Pellegrini's management.

Before Pep, Sterling had scored a total of 34 goals and created 35 assists in 167 Premier League appearances for City and Liverpool. Since Pep's arrival Sterling has netted 56 times and made 54 assists in just 142 appearances – a remarkable improvement.

He has bagged 23 goals for City in all competitions this season, equalling his previous efforts from last season, only Sergio Aguero has scored more for City.

Sterling has improved massively, going from producing 846 passes in the season before Pep's arrival, to 1,193 passes so far this season, a career best.

Sterling has become a more effective forward too, noticeably his link-up play with the likes of David Silva, Bernardo Silva and Aguero.

The 24-year-old, who was born in Jamaica and lived there till he was five,



► Manchester City look certain for a domestic treble

has matured at international level too, already bagging four goals in England's two opening European Championship qualifiers – including a hat-trick in the Three Lions' 5-0 hammering of the Czech Republic.

England manager Gareth Southgate has noticeably altered his team's formation to cater to Sterling's talents.

During the World Cup, where Sterling came under fire for his performances, Southgate opted to play him up-top with captain Harry Kane – essentially playing him out of position.

Since England's memorable summer in Russia, Southgate has started playing Sterling out wide, allowing him to express himself in a more comfortable position, ultimately allowing him to be more impactful in games.

Liverpool – who only lost once in 38 games – ran City a close second in the title race, earning 97 points to City's 98. At least the Reds will have another chance for silverware as they are in the Champions League final for the second consecutive season, on June 1. They will face Tottenham Hotspur while in the Europa League Arsenal take on Chelsea.

No country has ever produced the finalists for the Champions League and the Europa League in the same year before now.

For decades the Premier League was derided for producing entertaining football but not the best quality, only able to attract some of the world's finest players because of the lucrative contracts they offer. According to FIFA's 'Global Transfer Report' in 2018, \$5.14 billion was spent on players by Europe's top five leagues, with English clubs alone spending \$1.98 billion – nearly 40 percent – on transfers from abroad.

But while player purchases, such as the \$80m Liverpool spent on Dutch defender Virgil van Dijk and \$60m on Brazilian goalkeeper Alisson Becker, have been significant, it is perhaps the investment in coaching that has paid the most dividends.

England is now home to some of the sport's elite managers such as Guardiola, who is Spanish, Liverpool's German boss Juergen Klopp, Chelsea's Italian manager Maurizio Sarri and Tottenham's Argentine coach Mauricio Pochettino. 🌐



► Raheem Sterling is the Player of the Year

England may pick Bajan for World Cup

England cricket is juggling with the option of using a Barbadian all-rounder who qualifies to play for them through parentage but fear that resentment from team mates will destabilise the team.

Nevertheless, former captain Andrew Flintoff said he would drop "anyone" from England's World Cup squad to include all-rounder Jofra Archer.

Archer, 24, has impressed in his first two England appearances, taking three wickets and bowling over 90mph.

He is not in the preliminary World Cup squad but can force his way into the 15 during five one-day internationals against Pakistan this month.

"He's got to be in," Flintoff said.

"Who I would get rid of? Anyone. He's brilliant."

Sussex fast bowler Archer was born in Barbados to a British father and qualified to play for England in March.

Already a regular in T20 leagues around the world, he took his first England wicket on ODI debut in victory over Ireland last month, bowling Mark Adair with a 90.3mph yorker.

In his Twenty20 international debut against Pakistan last week, Archer took 2-29 and pulled off a direct-hit run-out as England won by seven wickets.



► Jofra Archer bowls over 90mph

"He is unbelievable – I was watching him bowl the other day and I found it so frustrating that a bloke can bowl so fast with what looks like so little effort," Flintoff said.

"He has so much control, all the tricks – slower balls, bouncers, yorkers – and he bats as well."

Flintoff, who played in three World Cups, said Archer's inclusion should not disrupt the harmony of the world number one ODI side.

After the five-match series against Pakistan, England face Australia and Afghanistan in two warm-up matches before starting their World Cup campaign against South Africa at The Oval on May 30. 🌐

Antetokounmpo looks set for MVP

As the NBA playoffs are in full swing, the MVP Award discussion is heating up. Last season's MVP race was between James Harden and LeBron James. This season, it's Harden and Giannis Antetokounmpo.

Both the Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Houston Rockets guard James Harden are equally dominant players.

Antetokounmpo's personal stats – 27.7 points, 12.5 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 1.3 steals, 1.5 blocks, while shooting 58 percent from the field – show his dominance on both ends of the floor. His all-around play puts him statically alongside Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Oscar

Robertson and Wilt Chamberlain but none of them shot 58 percent.

Harden this season not only raised his personal stats – upped his scoring average from 30.4 to 36.1 points, rebounds from 5.4 to 6.6, improved his steals from 1.8 to 2.0, raised his free throw percentage from 85.8 to 87.9, he almost single-handedly saved the Houston Rockets' season. His 32 consecutive games of posting 30-plus points which is the second-longest streak in the NBA history, is also remarkable.

Consensus it that Antetokounmpo deserves this season's MVP award because he made the greatest impact for his side. 🌐



► Giannis Antetokounmpo has posted great stats

Hamilton is too driven to join Ferrari

Lewis Hamilton has expressed in the past his admiration for Ferrari and in the paddock of the Spanish Grand Prix over the weekend, questions of a potential future move to the Scuderia were once again bandied about.

After his dominant victory for Mercedes at the Circuit de Catalunya and Ferrari's capitulation again, it is hard to see what the appeal is for Hamilton who is 34 and at an age where a move to a failing team is not really appealing.

Hamilton completed his victory from his teammate, Valtteri Bottas, in second having beaten the Finn off the start. Ferrari's difficult weekend yielded only fourth and fifth for Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc.

It continues Mercedes' record-breaking run of five-successive one-two finishes this season and has almost certainly ensured the title is now a two-horse race between Hamilton, who has retaken the title lead, and Bottas. Attempting to take a sixth world championship and third in a row, Hamilton's form is ominous-

ly strong, with this 76th career victory. As things stand only Bottas looks like coming close to him. He leads the Finn by seven points and is 46 clear of Red Bull's Max Verstappen, who was third in Spain and is third in the championship.

Most ominous, however, is the 48-point gap to Vettel in fourth which is a chasm after only five races.

The Mercedes team principal, Toto Wolff, said on Saturday the potential of a Hamilton move to Ferrari had been openly discussed. "You have to simply acknowledge that probably it's in every driver's head to drive at Ferrari one day," he said.

In the wake of this race Hamilton did not appear in the slightest bit tempted. With five championships he is closing in on Michael Schumacher's record of seven and, should Mercedes take the constructors' title this year, they will have beaten Ferrari's record of five in a row.

"I'm just enjoying driving with this team and enjoying growing with this team," he said. "It's incredible



► Lewis Hamilton wants a sixth world title

what we're achieving and what we have achieved in these six or seven years. I plan on making this team and working with this team to make it the most successful team of all time. That's my current goal and my sole focus." 🌐

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 40 Online messages
- 1 Moroccan city
- 6 Cast member
- 11 In the know
- 12 Bangor's state
- 13 Piece of gymnastics equipment
- 15 Mamie's husband
- 16 Coffee dispenser
- 17 Tycoon Onassis
- 18 Coveted
- 20 "— voyage!"
- 21 Grass coating
- 22 Top medal
- 23 Closet pairs
- 26 Soup servings
- 27 Hula swayers
- 28 Writing tool
- 29 Hall of Famer Mel
- 30 Odorous animal
- 34 Letter after epsilon
- 35 Angled pipe
- 36 Vacuum lack
- 37 Piece of gymnastics equipment

DOWN

- 1 Zealous
- 2 Not napping
- 3 Hay bundles
- 4 Coach Parseghian
- 5 Lengths of service
- 6 Improve, in a way
- 7 Fare carrier
- 8 Finish gift-wrapping
- 9 Doing well
- 10 Cues
- 14 Ship's staff
- 19 Midmonth day
- 22 Departed
- 23 Enjoyed the mall
- 24 Strike a cord
- 25 Best
- 26 Hotel worker
- 28 Trend determiner
- 30 Banana waste
- 31 Diamond unit
- 32 Super-market section
- 33 Lock of hair
- 38 Wire measure
- 39 Smelting need

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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 Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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

- Avon
- Itchen
- Tees
- Blackwater
- Mersey
- Thames
- Dart
- Otter
- Trent
- Derwent
- Ouse
- Tweed
- Dove
- Ribble
- Tyne
- Evenlode
- Rother
- Usk
- Exe
- Severn
- Wear
- Greta
- Stour
- Wharfe
- Humber
- Swale
- Windrush

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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

Panel 1: I'M READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. SAY WHAT?

Panel 2: THIS SUMMER HAS BEEN A BUST IN TERMS OF HORROR MOVIES! NO MONSTERS, ALIENS, BLOOD-SUCKERS OR FLESH-EATERS...

Panel 3: WITHOUT THOUGHT-PROVOKING TOPICS LIKE THAT, WE MAY AS WELL BE SITTING IN CLASS!

Panel 4: MY BEST FRIEND HAS LOST THE STUFFIN' IN HIS MATTRESS!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

Panel 1: SINCE NEITHER PARKER NOR COLLEEN WING APPEARS TO KNOW ANYTHING USEFUL REGARDING SPIDER-MAN OR IRON FIST... IT IS TIME THEY WERE ELIMINATED. NOT SO FAST, GOLDEN CLAW!

Panel 2: SURELY YOUR PARTNER NEEDS TO SIGN OFF ON THIS DOUBLE MURDER. AH... WILSON FISK. A.K.A.-THE KINGPIN!

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: STILL IN HIDING, NORTON TALKS WITH HIS SECRET CIA CONTACT... WURST KNEW YOUR CLIENT—GODIVA'S EX—WAS WORKING WITH US. THE EX WANTED GODIVA DEAD FOR STEALING FROM HIM. WE WANTED YOU BACK HERE...

Panel 2: BUT THEN GODIVA GOT PARANOID AND TRIED TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT. SO WE HAD TO DO THE HIT AND PUT HER IN THAT HOTEL UNDER ONE OF APRIL'S OLD CIA IDENTITIES.

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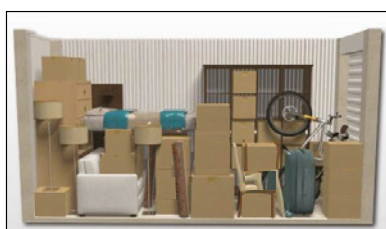
- Chairs
- Small desks
- Filing cabinets
- Files
- Bookcases
- A few boxes

A **6 x 9** (approx. 50 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of one room such as:



- Couches
- Chairs
- Chest of drawers
- Lamps
- A few boxes

A **6 x 13** (approx. 75 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of two rooms such as:



- Mattress sets
- Sofas
- Chest of drawers
- Bookcases
- Desks

A **10 x 10** (approx. 100 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of three rooms such as:



- Mattress sets
- Sofas
- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
- Multiple boxes

A **10 x 15** (approx. 150 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of four rooms such as:



- Mattress sets
- Sofas
- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
- Chest of drawers

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