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Batabano grows to biggest parade in Cayman

The Cayman Carnival Batabano Committee is thrilled to announce that there will be FIFTEEN (15) masquerade bands, groups, and floats in the Batabano parade this Saturday, May 4, 2019, with up to 4,000 masqueraders anticipated this year.

The Batabano Committee said four new mas bands joined the national carnival this year, including a new Latin group called Mas Azucar, Kaotic Mas Band, Local Carnival, and Fenomenal Mas Band. Also new to the parade this year is a cultural dance group called FERIA JUNIANA from Honduras doing traditional Honduran dances wearing traditional Honduran dresses. There is also a new corporate float by Canterbury this year, and a new group of local and international beauty queens called Stush Mas. Cayman Aids Foundation will have a king costume in the parade again this year, and there will also be costumes by Cayman's longest-serving costume designer, Reba Dilbert. The 2018 Batabano Band of the Year, Tribal Carnival, said they have doubled in size this year, with more than 400 masqueraders expected in their band for Batabano 2019.

"We couldn't be more elated with the tremendous support that Batabano con-

tinues to receive from local Mas Bands and masqueraders, as well as from local and international groups who are eager to be part of this 36-year carnival tradition in the Cayman Islands," said Batabano Chairperson Donna Myrie-Stephen. "This year's parade will be one of the biggest in the history of carnival in Cayman, and we invite all residents and visitors on the island to come out and experience it."

The Batabano Committee also this week released the line-up of the masquerade bands in order of their appearance in the parade. Leading the parade of mas bands will be Fenomenal Mas Band followed by Canterbury Float, FERIA JUNIANA, Reba Dilbert Creations, Local Mas Band, Cayman Aids Foundation, Illusions Mas Band, Stush Mas, Mas Azucar, Kaotic Mas Band, Revel Unit, Tribal Carnival, Renegade Mas, Fresh Carnival, and Party Animals.

Per tradition, the Batabano parade starts at the Seven Mile Public Beach at 1pm and ends on Harbour Drive in the heart of George Town. The parade will take its usual route down Fort Street and pass the final judging station in front of the

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Crime Statistics

The RCIPS issued its crime statistics report, comparing 2018's crime stats with 2017. Burglaries have fallen dramatically, but robberies especially of individuals have risen. Sometimes an apparent increase in crime is actually because the crime is being reported more, which might actually show an increased level of confidence in the police service. That may be the case especially in domestic violence situations, indicated Detective Superintendent Peter Landsdown: "We have better recording structures in place, so we tend to have better statistics," he said.

Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne shared some good-news trends, saying that the new

Community Policing, although still a work-in-progress and developing as it receives all-important feedback, had made some very significant impacts: "We are doing a lot with young people in the community," he said, adding that early intervention in the community was helping to prevent crime, rather than simply detecting and enforcing the law. "Child intervention is at the apex of our strategy," Commissioner Byrne said. Good news was also that: "Serious crimes are relatively small in number, and, "the figures are quite manageable

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► Police Commissioner Derek Byrne

Four sharks found dead in Cayman waters



► Cayman's sharks, like this tagged Caribbean reef shark that inhabits the waters off East End, are important apex predators for the local marine environment. (Photo credit: Claire Fletcher, DoE)

Four sharks have been found dead in Cayman Islands waters since 27 February, according to reports investigated and confirmed by the Department of Environment's (DoE) shark research team, Shark Conservation Cayman.

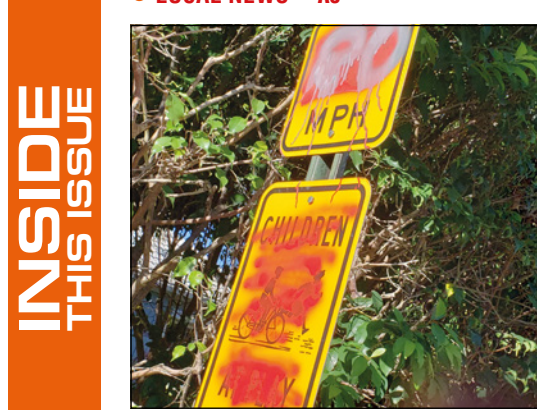
The circumstances involved in the demise of the four marine predators vary in each case. In one incident from late February on Grand Cayman, a small silky shark became entangled in an abandoned fishing net. Another unidentified shark in Cayman Brac was found on 15 March having been cut by a sharp instrument. Two sharks were found dead in Cayman Brac waters in April - both were lemon sharks. One suffered severe head trauma while another apparently died after being fished from the water and then kicked back into it from the dock.

Two nurse sharks were injured on Grand Cayman during the same period; one was trapped in a fish pot and the other suffered a cut to its side. A blacktip shark that the DoE was tracking in Little Cayman using an acoustic monitor was also injured and its fate remains uncertain at present.

"That blacktip shark was the first shark I tagged when I got to Cayman," said Shark Research Officer Johanna

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Balancing long-term vision with immediate needs

All signs are pointing upward for the Cayman Islands. At least, that's what the latest government statistics show. The economy is doing well, tourist arrivals are up, and government's balance sheet gives those responsible for government's finances something to smile about.

Infrastructure works continue by both the public and private sectors that show there is a boom of sorts happening, though no one in the Government Admin Building dare use the words "sweet spot" to describe the situation again.

Amidst that, unemployment numbers have trended downwards in recent years. However, although the percentage of those among us without a job has shrunk, that is not the only indicator of how comfortable those with jobs are right now, much less those without a pay cheque.

While the economy looks good, it's noteworthy that the cost of living continues to spiral. Just ask anyone tasked with filling their grocery cart each week or paying their bills. If they find it hard, consider the scores of people dependent on the Needs Assessment Unit to put food on their table.



Having restored economic growth, the focus needs to continue being on human development. There are many good initiatives that have Cayman poised to seize more opportunities for its people in the years ahead. But our leaders should not be busy looking that far forward that immediate needs are overlooked.

There will always be need for social assistance in any society but anyone in a position of influence on government spending should put themselves in the shoes of those struggling amongst us, who while they fight to survive see considerable sums being spent on their behalf while they fail to see any immediate benefits. So, a word of advice to policy makers and decision makers "don't let the cow die while the grass is growing".

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

DCI to Help Real Estate Agents, Dealers, with Mandatory Registration

Real estate agents and brokers, and dealers in precious metals and stones, will be assisted with Government's mandatory registration process during half-day workshops organised by the Department of Commerce and Investment (DCI)'s regulatory staff.

DCI will send invitations for the workshops, both of which will be held on 9 May, directly to agents, brokers, and dealers; also, persons who believe they are eligible for the workshops are asked to contact DCI (mail to SSuckoo@dc.gov.ky). Speakers will include Minister of Commerce the Hon. Joey Hew, Cayman Islands Compliance Association President Sandra Edun-Watler, and DCI's Compliance and Enforcement team.

"These workshops are important, because registration will allow these persons to continue operating their businesses in Cayman," said DCI Director Ryan Rajkumarsingh. "The Anti-Money Laundering Regulations (2018 Revision), which were amended in March 2018, require them to register as part of Cayman's compliance regime, in line with global standards that are assessed by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF)."

All real estate agents and brokers, and precious metals and stone dealers, must be registered as DNFBPs by Wednesday, 29 May. Failure to comply may result in administrative penalties being applied, Mr Rajkumarsingh said.

In addition to being able to register with DCI's assistance, workshop participants will learn:

- The key issues and challenges for agents and dealers, as outlined in the



CFATF's Mutual Evaluation Report on Cayman's regime for anti-money laundering, countering the financing of terrorism, and proliferation financing (AML/CFATF/PF). The CFATF report was published in March 2019.

- The sector's risk assessment.
 - How to set up a compliance regime.
- At the conclusion of this workshop, participants should:
- Know and understand the Mutual Evaluation Report's recommendations.
 - Understand the registration requirements and what will follow.
 - Understand the results of non-compliance.

Mr Rajkumarsingh explained that the CFATF classifies agents and dealers as "Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions," or DNFBPs. This classification acknowledges that these persons, while not operating directly in financial services, are regulated because of the global risk of money laundering, the financing of terrorism, and proliferation financing in these sectors.

For more information on the workshops, contact DCI's Stefanie Suckoo at SSuckoo@dc.gov.ky.

Department of Planning Closure

The Department of Planning would like to notify the public that their office will be closed from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, 3 May 2019, for staff training.

The Department will resume normal

business hours after 1 p.m. on Friday, 3 May 2019.

Staff apologise for any inconvenience the closure may cause. For more information please visit www.planning.ky.

Building Safety Month Launches For Second Year

Following the success of the inaugural Building Safety Month in the Cayman Islands last year, the Department of Planning is marking the international campaign for a second time.

Throughout May, the Department will host the following information booths and sessions, where the public will have the opportunity to put their questions to staff:

- **Monday, 6 May - Information Booth**, Cox Lumber, 9am - 12pm
- **Friday, 10 May - Public Training Session on how to use the Online Planning System**, Government Administration Building, 10am - 12pm

* Please reserve your space by emailing info@planning.gov.ky

- **Saturday, 11 May - Public Information Session on electrical requirements for dwelling units**, Family Life Centre, 1pm
- **Friday, 17 May - Information Booth**, Foster's Strand, 11am - 2pm
- **Friday, 24 May & Saturday, 25 May - Information Booth**, A.L. Thompson's, all day
- **Sunday, 26 May - Information Booth**, Kirk Home Centre, 10am - 1pm


The Department will also share information on both the government and Ministry of Planning's social media pages. The Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure Hon. Joey Hew encouraged members of the public to get involved throughout the month. He

said: "Building Safety Month is the perfect opportunity for the public to ask any questions they may have about the planning process, regulations and why it all matters. Together, we can ensure we're building a safe and sustainable future for everyone in the Cayman Islands."

The aim of Building Safety Month is to raise awareness of the importance of modern, regularly-updated building codes and to assist individuals and businesses in the creation of safe and sustainable buildings. In addition to educating the public on the importance of building codes, the Department is also providing the public with an opportunity to better understand its processes and structure, to improve their overall customer experience.

In 1991, the Department of Planning produced a Building Code for the Cayman Islands, which was accepted as a working document and tabled in the Legislative Assembly to strengthen development requirements.

"Cayman's infrastructure is truly among the best in our region, and so much of that is a credit to our Building Codes," said Director of Planning Haroon Pandohie. "That's a big part of why we wanted to observe Building Safety Month, we want to take this opportunity to educate the public about the importance of our buildings codes."



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Legislative Assembly and head towards the main Post Office. However, this year the parade will turn down Cardinal Avenue in order to position masqueraders right on Harbour Drive where the free "Last Lap" street dance will take place immediately following the parade. The much-anticipated Batabano Food Festival will therefore be on Albert Panton Street this year instead of Cardinal Avenue.

Following the parade, the public is invited to come out and enjoy the free Last Lap street dance from 6pm until Midnight, which will feature 12 local, regional, and international DJ's on three stages with three genres of music - the

Soca Stage playing the latest and greatest Soca favourites, the Reggae Stage, and the Latin Stage playing a variety of Latin music throughout the evening. There will also be a bar in each area to better serve event patrons.

For more information, visit www.caymancarnival.com or email batabanocaymancarnival@gmail.com.

ABOUT CAYMAN CARNIVAL BATABANO

Established in 1983 by the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman, Cayman Carnival Batabano is the National Carnival of the Cayman Islands. A salute to Cayman's turtling heritage, "Batabano" is the native name for tracks left in the sand when sea turtles go ashore to nest, which has

always been cause for celebration in the Cayman Islands. From humble beginnings, Cayman Carnival Batabano has grown from a small parade with home-made costumes and floats, to an international tourism attraction with

BATABANO 2019 PARADE ROUTE

STARTING POINT: SEVEN MILE PUBLIC BEACH

FINISHING POINT: HARBOUR DRIVE

LEGEND: L LATIN STAGE, R REGGAE STAGE, S SOCA STAGE, F FOOD FESTIVAL

2019 PARADE LINE-UP

1. Fenomenal Mas Band
2. Canterbury Float
3. Feria Juniana
4. Reba Dilbert Creations
5. Local Mas Band
6. Cayman Aids Foundation
7. Illusions Mas Band
8. Stush Mas
9. Mas Azucar
10. Kaotic Mas Band
11. Revel Unit
12. Tribal Carnival
13. Renegade Mas
14. Fresh Carnival
15. Party Animals



hundreds of masqueraders donning professional costumes by local and international designers, parading down West Bay Road just steps from Cayman's iconic Seven Mile Beach. A unique carnival that fuses culture and the arts via creative costumes, Caribbean music, local crafts, and a Food Festival worthy of Cayman's reputation as the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean, Batabano is symbolically held the first weekend

in May as part of the celebration and awareness of the start of Turtle Nesting Season. Today, the non-profit Cayman Carnival Batabano Committee (CCBC) is proud to use its platform to promote and support local turtle conservation efforts in the Cayman Islands. For more details, visit www.caymancarnival.com and follow www.instagram.com/caymancarnivalbatabano, and www.twitter.com/batabano_cayman.

Community focuses on unity after Vandalism at Webster's Estate

"This collectively presents us with an opportunity to announce how a community that works together in tandem with police can solve issues," said Carol Hay, one of the residents.

The residents of Webster's Estate have mixed feelings about Friday morning's incident but personally she feel these boys should not be jailed.

"They are mere children. Apparently, the youngsters involved were both 13 years old. In a perfect world, they should be shamed, made to apologize to every one of us and, where appropriate, forced to clean up the mess that they've caused," she added.

Just before 7.30 AM on Friday 26 April, Police responded to the area of where it was reported that several properties were vandalized. Vandalism included damage to vehicles, walls, road signs, street lights and other private property. The next day police arrested two male juveniles on suspicion of burglary and damage to property. They were subsequently interviewed

by police and granted bail, and are in custody of their parents pending further investigation.

Carol Hay, one of the residents of the estate said: "various car windows were smashed and spray painted in red. Street signs were painted, walls graphited, and wall lights smashed. The damage was quite extensive and appeared to be random.

"I do not know if we shall ever learn the identity of these wayward youth. I do not know the history of these boys but that aside, prison will solve nothing and teach them less. As a parent, that's just how I feel. As a matter a fact, it was the mother of one of the apprehended boys that turned him in. I applaud this mother.

"Kudos to our MLA Barbara Conolly who was on the scene shortly after the report was made and visited many of us that were directly affected by the vandalism. However, I do have reservations that a publicity overkill may start a rash of copy-cat behavior with other de-

linquents who may seek similar media coverage. Therefore, I was quick to paint my front wall that was defaced with offensive and what appeared to be gang related graffiti.

"Another concerned resident opined, 'this should not go unnoticed by the rest of Cayman's community. We can work with the Press to assure that appropriate press coverage be given - not one that simply announces the vandalism, but one that tells the entire story as to the effectiveness of a watchful and cooperative community. The focus should be on the affected residents, the police and our MLA for South Sound coming together to resolve this incident in such a short space of time. At the very least, it will be a warning to others that Webster's is a poor choice to commit a crime of any kind. But, as a greater value, it may inspire others in Cayman to pull together when crimes occur."

Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Kurt Walton said: "We would like to



► Deputy Commissioner of Police Mr. Kurt Walton

thank the members of the community who came together quickly to support each other just after the incident and assist police officers with the investigation. We have a quick and concrete result that they helped bring about."

This matter is still under investigation by the police.



► Vandalized sign at Webster's Estates

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HSM IP Continues to Educate Students on Counterfeits

Shantel Ritch, Victoria Whittaker and Larissa Bennett of HSM IP Ltd. presented International Trademark Association's (INTA) Unreal Campaign to over 150 students at the Clifton Hunter High School in North Side on Tuesday, 30 April.

INTA's Unreal Campaign is a consumer awareness programme aimed at educating teenagers about the importance of trade marks, intellectual property and the dangers of counterfeit products.

Shantel, Victoria and Larissa are all IP Assistants and explained the importance of registering trade marks. A trade mark can be a word, design, service mark, building shape and more. They also stressed

the economic impacts of people purchasing knockoffs and how these inferior products can affect people's health as well as safety.

As part of the presentation, the students enjoyed a game of "spot a fake", where they had to guess between two similar looking products and identify the reasons as to why one of them was the fake.

HSM IP is a specialist intellectual property law practice in the Cayman Is-

lands and this is the fifth time that they have presented INTA's Unreal Campaign. The last presentation took place on 29 November 2018 at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC).

"We are proud to once again put on this presentation for our local community," shares HSM IP Managing Partner, Huw Moses. "It is important to get the word out on the negative effects of counterfeit products that not only harm business owners but consumers as well."



► HSM IP Assistants (L-R: Victoria Whittaker, Shantel Ritch and Larissa Bennett) Present INTA's Unreal Campaign



► Students Await INTA's Unreal Campaign

Cayman Finance offers career pathways for talented young Caymanians

The fifth annual Cayman Finance Student Education & Work Experience Programme kicked off this month with the first of its in-school workshops, facilitated by financial services industry practitioners.

Over 40 high-achieving year 12 Caymanian students from high schools across the islands met the eligibility criteria and were accepted into the 2019 programme.

The students will participate in eight workshops across the last term of the academic year, led by industry experts providing detailed knowledge of the financial services industry. Students will also receive a minimum of eight one-on-one mentorship sessions with a senior industry representative, as well as the opportunity to undertake a four-

week internship with a Cayman Finance member firm.

The financial services industry already provides employment for some 4,000 Caymanians, and Cayman Finance CEO Jude Scott is upbeat about the continued success of the programme, which has been completed by approximately 250 students over the past four years.

"This programme continues to grow from strength to strength. Every year Cayman Finance firms look forward to providing pathways into the industry and helping develop future leaders."

He added: "Our aim is to educate talented, young Caymanians about the various pathways into this vital industry and enlightening them about meaningful careers that are open to them to em-

bark on sustainable careers that provide opportunity for upward mobility with the development of globally transferable skills."

The programme is a public-private partnership between Cayman Finance; The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands; and the Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs.

Minister of Financial Services and Home Affairs, Hon Tara Rivers, noted that the programme was an important part of the Ministry's outreach into the community.

"It has always been of critical importance to the Ministry to educate the youth of our islands on this very important industry and we are thrilled to see the continued success of this programme," Ms Rivers said.

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands praised Cayman Finance for its commitment to developing the youth of the islands.

"The continued success of this programme in attracting industry leaders to not only facilitate workshops but to provide mentorship to these students, speaks volumes to the industry as a whole," said Minister Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly.

"It is exciting to see the progress of the students as they take advantage of opportunities to build their career path throughout the programme," the Education Minister added.

For more information about Cayman Finance, please visit www.caymanfinance.ky



► Mentor and students



► Jude Scott - orientation evening

CAYMAN ISLANDS GOES TO BAT FOR WOMEN'S CRICKET

Cayman Cricket has announced the appointment of the Cayman Islands' first senior development officer for women and girls.

Sania Iqbal Khan, a former member of the Pakistan international women's team will take responsibility for the development of women and girls' cricket with immediate effect, with the aim of increasing the participation of women and girls in the game.

Sania's appointment will see girls involved in the Cayman Islands Primary Schools Carnival tournament for the first time in its history. Her arrival will also see the development of a new women's league and the development of a mother and daughter (MAD) cricket programme in Cayman.

The MAD programme will be one of the first programmes that Sania will be implementing. This is part of an International Cricket Council (ICC) initiative aimed at introducing women and girls to the game. It offers fun, basic skills and fitness, as well as a platform for social interaction within a family and community atmosphere.

The programme consists of six sessions as follows:

Session 1: introductory activities including knowledge sharing about the game, highlighting women players, Q&As etc.

Session 2 - 4: basic skills training including throwing, catching, bowling, batting and fielding

Sessions 5 & 6: mini tournaments and adopt a team in the WWT20

The sessions will take place indoors, at the Kings Sports Centre, on a Thursday evening from May 16 to June 20, 2019. There is no cost involved in attending and participants will receive a free MAD t-shirt

Those interested in registering for the MAD programme should call or WhatsApp 321 9883 or email sania@caymancricket.ky.

Sania commented on her appointment: "I am thrilled to be here, helping to empower the next generation of women and girls to play cricket. Cricket has many benefits, not just in terms of lifestyle, fitness and skills development, but also in terms of the wider social and community benefits participation can bring. I have seen first-hand the powerful effect cricket can have on communities and on women and girls around the world, and I look forward to being an ambassador for women's cricket in the Cayman Islands."

Hector Robinson, president of Cayman Cricket, commented: "The whole cricket community is very excited about Sania's appointment, and we are delighted to welcome someone of her calibre and experience to the Cayman Cricket team."

"In addition to Sania's role with women and girls, she will also be central to our efforts to ramp-up the Cayman Islands' youth cricket development programme, which is already underway in primary and secondary schools across the islands. We are confident that Sania's experience, at the top level of cricket, will prove a



► Sania Iqbal Khan of Cayman Cricket

great addition to the team of five cricket development coaches we now have working in this area."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May

Children's Story time

4 May: Children's StoryTime is back at the George Town Public Library for children ages 0 to 5 years old starting at 10:30 am. No registration is required and a parent /guardian must be present at all times. No drop-offs are allowed. Reading is done by the Pink Ladies Volunteer Corps. For more information, call the library at 949 - 5159.

Traditional Cooking Class: Cassava Cake

4 May: Join The National Trust of the Cayman Islands for one of its traditional cooking classes. It's cassava cake on the menu at the Mission House Bodden Town. Classes are from 10am to 12:30pm. The cost is \$35 for adults and teens. Email projects@nationaltrust.org.ky to sign up.

Adult Batabano and Food Festival

4 May: Join the Cayman Carnival Adult Batabano parade and Food Festival on Saturday 4 May. The colourful parade of costumes begins at the Public Beach, West Bay at 1:00pm and winds into George Town accompanied by the latest soca music. The Food Festival promises a feast of local food and other eats from more than 20 vendors.

Visit caymancarnival.com for more information.

Bullying, Young Men at Risk' Presentation

8 May: The Community Affairs Ministry and the Alex Panton Foundation invites you to a presentation on Bullying, Young Men at Risk on Wednesday, 8th May from 6:30pm to 8pm at the North Side Civic Centre. Topics to be covered include understanding bullying and exploring strategies for preventing it. Contact edu@alexpantonfoundation.ky for more information.

Proof at Prospect Playhouse

10 May: The Cayman Drama Society's newest offering begins on Friday 10 May and continues every weekend until 25 May. Proof tells the story of Catherine, a young woman who is scared that she might have inherited mental and debilitating disease from her world-renowned Mathematician father. Upon his death, a notebook is discovered and the play revolves around trying to solve the mystery of who wrote the advanced mathematical formulas as well as the love story between Catherine and one of Robert's former students. The play is recommended for 16+ as it contains some sexual content, strong language and drug references. Call 938 - 1998 for more information



► Cayman Carnival Adult Batabano

Cayman Carnival Junior Batabano - "Once Upon A Turtle"

11 May: Join the fun as over 400 children parade through the streets of George Town for Junior Batabano. The Family Fun Day begins at 1:00pm on the lawns of the Old Glass House and there will be many fun activities to enjoy. The costumed parade follows at 3:00pm. For more information call 925 - 3970 or visit www.caymancarnival.com.

Spring Tea Party

11 May: St. Ignatius is having their Annual Tea Party on Saturday 11 May starting at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and include afternoon tea, entertainment and a chance to win \$6,000 worth of door prizes, plus lots of random giveaways! This is a great opportunity to celebrate an early Mother's Day by taking your mother, grandmother or any female that plays a mother role in your life! The 1st. prize is a Ladies Christian Dior Watch worth \$3,600.

Braccanal

18 May: Cayman Brac celebrates Carnival on Saturday 18 May

with an Adult Road Parade of bands from Spot Bay to La Esperanza beginning at 3pm. There are also pre - carnival and after parties to choose from. Visit www.braccanal.com for more information.

Public Holiday

20 May: The Cayman Islands celebrates Discovery Day on Monday 21 May. This holiday commemorates the sighting of the islands of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman by Christopher Columbus on his fourth voyage.

Annual Open Arms Gala

25 May: Rotaract Blue presents the 11th Open Arms Gala: The Great Gatsby!

The Open Arms Program promotes non-discrimination for disabled persons and serves to enhance society's understanding of the needs of disabled persons. It also aims to help to integrate those living with disabilities into the community and providing much needed support to those who care for them.

This event will be held on Saturday, 25 May at Ristorante Pappagalio. Ticketare \$100 or \$1500

for a table. This includes a 3 Course Dinner, Awards Ceremony and Silent Auction. Cocktails are at 6PM and the ceremony at 7PM. Attire: Gatsby Chic. Email president.rotaractblue@gmail.com for additional information, tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

CIMA's 5/10K Walk & Run

26 May: The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority will be hosting its 3rd annual Charity 5/10K Walk & Run event on Sunday, 26th May 2019. The start/finish points will be located within the vicinity of Elizabethan Square, Shedden Road, George Town. Participants will have the option to register for either the 5K Walk/Run or the 10K Run. Event start times will be 6am for the 10K Run and 6:30am for the 5K Walk/Run. All proceeds to benefit the literacy and numerous needs at the various Cayman Islands Government primary schools. Participants will be timed and water will be available on course and at finish. Unfortunately, no dogs are allowed. Check the CIMA website http://www.cima.ky/cima-510k-walk-run for more information.



► CIMA's 5/10K Walk & Run

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POLICE NEWS

Latest crime stats: Burglaries tumble but robberies up

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and consistent with this sort of jurisdiction.”

Although there had been three firearms murders, and one domestic murder, “they are not gang-related, which is pretty important,” Commissioner Byrne said, comparing the situation with several years ago when there was a high incidence of gang-related firearms murders which was notable improvement.

“When comparing 2018 with 2017 across these categories of crime, the total number of all crimes (inclusive of drug enforcement) has decreased by 3% (126). While the numbers of certain crimes have varied notably between 2018 and 2017 (e.g., burglaries, robberies, assault ABH), the overall cumulative incidence of crime across general categories has dropped somewhat, as such: Serious Crimes (-150, about -10%) and the Overall Total (-147, -4%), or stayed the same: Other Crimes (+ 3, or .1%),” the report stated.

Serious crimes account for 38.6% (1335) of all crimes in the Cayman Islands, and some crimes within this category had no notable fluctuation across 2017 and 2018. Those crimes are manslaughter, rape and assault GBH,” the report said.

Those crimes which registered notable decreases in 2018 were burglary-related crimes (burglary, attempted burglary and criminal trespass), firearm incidents and indecent assaults. About 61% of all crimes committed in the Cayman Islands fall into the less serious. These statistics indicate notable increases in the number of incidents of common assault (+42%) and of motor vehicle thefts (+33%), but a decrease in theft reports overall.

In 2018 the total number of burglaries was 324, and the total number of other burglary-related offences was 181. In comparison with 2017, Burglary and related offences fell notably in 2018, as follows: Burglary (-36.5%), Attempted Burglary (-22%), Criminal Trespass (-25.5%). Residential burglary decreased by 36% and commercial burglary decreased by 31% in 2018. Burglaries affect all districts throughout the islands, and the decline in burglaries in 2018 was shared across all districts, with Bodden Town experiencing the steepest decline of 57% over last year.

In 2018, there were 10 confirmed firearm crimes recorded, which was a decrease of 62% (16) compared to 2017. There were 3 murders in 2018 with the use of a firearm, in comparison to 1 in 2017 and 2 in 2016. However, in 2018, one person was shot and injured with a



► Detective Superintendent Peter Landsdown

firearm, in comparison with 5 in 2017 and 3 in 2016.

Across the Cayman Islands in 2018, while attempted robberies nearly doubled. Combined robbery and attempted robbery figures of commercial premises remained about the same as last year; In contrast to commercial robberies,

robberies of individuals spiked in 2018, with both minor and serious injuries reported. Overall there were 26 incidents of this type of robbery, nearly double the number in 2017. In contrast to commercial robberies. Injuries were reported in 30% (8) of these incidents, three (3) of which were categorized as serious.

Cruise Port Referendum Petition Reaches 90%

Campaigners for Cruise Port Referendum (CPR) Cayman have announced that they have reviewed and verified over 90% of the petition signatures required to a trigger a people’s initiated referendum under section 70 of the constitution.

With just 500 signatures to go, the grassroots campaign aims to give the voting public the right to make a fully informed decision as to whether or not the Cayman Islands proceeds with the controversial cruise berthing facility that would be Cayman’s largest capital project to date.

Since the project was announced in 2015, the matter has been a sensitive topic with people voicing their support and opposition to the project based on a wide range of environmental, economic and social considerations.

Campaigners are optimistic, noting that they have had a number of persons who have registered to vote for the first time just to be able to participate in the initiative which they see as an encouraging sign that more Caymans are paying attention to current

issues and willing to participate in national decision-making as involved citizens.

In addition to those voters, there has been an outpouring of support to the referendum campaign from those residing in Cayman and overseas who are not able to vote, but have expressed their deep concern and love for Cayman.

Campaigners are amping up door to door efforts to collect the final signatures and make final appeals to the public about the importance of the proposed referendum and project. There will be a petition table at Hurley’s this Saturday from 10am to 2pm and campaigners will continue door to door efforts with MLA Kenneth Bryan on Sunday in George Town Central.

“Given that to date we have yet to see finalised plans, costings, and that the documents government is basing its proposal on themselves raise severe environmental and socio-economic concerns about the project, we urge those in the community that have not yet signed to reach out to us. Our community deserves to decide on this project as it



► Cruise Port in Georgetown Grand Cayman

will have long lasting repercussions on everyone,” campaigners said.

Those wishing to assist petition efforts are asked to message 328-8187 or email cprcayman@gmail.com for a petition sheet and FAQ Summary.

Petition booklets are also available at the following businesses around Cayman: Rubis Savannah, Four Winds Esso & Hell Gas Station in West Bay, Foster’s Food Fair Strand, Silhouette in Camana Bay and

Pure Art and Cathy Church Photo Centre in George Town. Registered voters who wish to have the petition brought to them, at home or at work, can call 327-5411.

Organisers continue to encourage people not registered to vote but eligible to do so and interested in participating to register at the Elections Office.

More information can be found on the campaign Facebook page. People can also contact cprcayman@gmail.com.

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CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — MAY 5 - 11



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		Carnival Miracle	Carnival Conquest	Empress of the Seas	Enchantment Of The Seas	
		MSC Seaside	Carnival Paradise			
			Carnival Sensation			
			Liberty of the Seas			
Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers
		6,820	11,790	2,005	2,430	

Both Nature and Scripture Agree as to What Makes a Family

Article 16(1) of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states that “Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.” Article 16(3) gives further clarity by stating that “the family is the natural and foundational group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State.” The structure and context of these statements—in particular the use of the conjunction “and” in 16(1)—constrain us to conclude that marrying and founding a family are organically related, the latter being the consequence of the former. At this juncture we need to recognize that although not all families are based on this ideal of “marry and found a family,” the ideal is at the core of what the UDHR advocates. It is therefore severely unhelpful to make the point that there are single parent families, or families where the parents have not been married, because the real issue is that “the family is the **natural**...unit of society.”

When we are thinking of the human family, then, what cannot and must not be disregarded is the word “natural”.

The concept of “natural” has always been used to appeal to that which is derived from and evident in the physical and biological realms of creation. Appealing to nature as a basis for understanding the source of family is very logical, whether we are referring to the human family, or a family of lower primates, or even a family of some species of birds, such as geese, which mate for life. In other words, even before society imposed its rituals and other trappings around the human family, what made a family possible was the biological reality of heterosexuality. Reproduction of the species is the basis for family. And, of course, the concept of reproduction extends beyond the actual process of conception and birth, or conception and hatching (as the case may be). The family’s task, in reality, has to do with the survival of the species; therefore, even among lower life forms there is evidence of parental care by either or both “parents” (those who contributed the genetic material that produced the offspring).

Persons who appeal to the Bible to defend their views on marriage, family and

sexuality are often rebuked for bringing religion into a legal debate. However, one could state with reasonable accuracy that the statement in Genesis 1:27-28 is as much a naturalistic statement as it is a religious one. There is no question that human beings exist and reproduce on the basis of their heterosexuality. The command to “be fruitful and multiply” was based on the fact that “male and female created he them.” Consequently, the human family is a natural phenomenon, not a social construct or a religious expression. Various societies may have various concepts about the rights, duties, roles and functions of persons within the human family, but these social constructs are not in fact the family. The family is a natural and biological phenomenon. It is totally unscientific and therefore unreasonable to ignore the naturalistic basis for family and expect that the human family will either survive or thrive. The concept of same-sex marriage is naturalistically and scientifically a functional oxymoron. This is a social construct, rooted in human dysfunctionality and expressed as a declaration of moral autonomy, i.e.,



► Pastor M. Alson Ebanks

man is the final arbiter of what is right and wrong because there is no God.

In the final analysis, then, the new sexual ethic which we are all being compelled to honour is neither true to naturalistic materialism—because it dismisses the truths of science—nor true to theism, since it disavows any allegiance to religion-based morality. The only definition of the human family is that which is determined a priori by nature and nature’s God. (April 30, Pastor M. Alson Ebanks) 🌐

TALK ON THE STREET

Talk On The Street: Anti Same Sex Demonstration

With the recent public gathering in town of over a thousand people against same-sex marriage, this publication sought to gauge the public’s opinion on the event. The specific question posed was, “*Is this demonstration good for Cayman?*” Below are the responses of 15 individuals.

Frank, Caymanian, 45:
“This event was the best thing that Caymanians could have done. I wish more people had come.”

Nigel, Caymanian, 48:
“I think that it was a well-intentioned gesture. We all need to stand up for our beliefs.”

Lisa, Caymanian, 48:
“I don’t think that it will make much of a difference, but it made the people, who were there, feel better just by doing it.”

Kevin, Caymanian, 28:
“I say just let people be themselves and stop getting into their business. This event was not a good thing.”

Tommy, Caymanian, 53:
“People forget that the eyes of the world are on us. This demonstration or

protest or whatever it was, makes us Caymanians look like a bunch of homophobic, intolerant people.”

Leslie, Caymanian, 58:
“I wish that it was better attended, although there was a good crowd there. Cayman needs to stand and say that this is against our belief.”

Barbara, Caymanian, 55:
“It was definitely a good thing for Cayman. People made a stand, peacefully.”

Gina, Jamaican on work permit, 43:
“Cayman did what I don’t think that Jamaicans could do. They kept it peaceful. This issue is a serious thing in my country. People get hurt for something like this. Gay marriage couldn’t happen there.”

Louise, Caymanian, 31:
“There were a lot of people there, but there was also a lot of people who listened on the radio as well. Caymanians are united in this respect. It was a good event.”

Michael, American on work permit, 32:
“I support the issue of human rights and all, but I also respect that this island



► Anti Gay Marriage Demonstration

is a Christian island and the Caymanian people have spoken loudly against same sex marriage.”

Tina, Caymanian, 48:
“There are people who will try to say that this event was about hate and prejudice and intolerance, but it was quite the opposite. Everyone there loves their country and the beliefs that we hold dear here. This gathering was great.”








Brian, Caymanian, 49:
“I think that it was a peaceful demonstration of Caymanian beliefs.”

Christina, Caymanian, 22:
“It was a great thing.”

Joseph, Caymanian, 40:
“My friends and I were there. The atmosphere was intense but peaceful. I loved it.”

Larry, Caymanian, 64:
“There are many reasons why this event was a good thing, but the biggest one is that Caymanians came together and showed their support for keeping the Christian heritage and culture intact.” 🌐

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 84°/80°F Partly sunny	 84°/80°F Partly sunny	 84°/81°F Partly sunny; pleasant	 85°/80°F Partly sunny; nice	 84°/80°F Variably cloudy, a shower	 83°/80°F A p.m. shower in the area	 82°/79°F Mostly sunny

Get Un-stuck for Mother's Day

This is for you, Moms. In fact, whether you are a mom or not, this is for all the women out there who feel trapped in a cycle of, "One day, I am going to eat healthy, lose weight and really take care of myself."

It's time to get un-stuck, and we are here to help.

We know that it is hard to find time to focus on you. And when you finally do take some time for yourself, you probably have a vague sense of guilt that there are other things more worthy of whatever effort or sacrifice you are making to work on you.

That's part of being a mom. You put others first.

But consider this. Neglecting yourself is not good for you or those people who depend on you. The only way you can keep attending to your many responsibilities and joys is if your health is optimum.

Once your health starts declining, *you will have no choice but to focus on yourself.*

Wouldn't you rather do it now and know what it feels like to be fit and full of energy and still be there for those people who depend on you?

It's hard to start

Yes, starting is hard. In fact, it is probably the hardest part.

It may be hard because you've 'started' before and failed. That doesn't matter anymore. You are not doing it alone this time. We are here to walk with you every step of the way. We're looking forward, not backward.

It may be hard because you have no idea where you will find the time to exercise. We'll help you with that too. That's what we do.

It may be hard because changing lifelong patterns of eating seems completely undesirable right now. We've been there. And believe me; if some of us can do it, you can too. The amazing thing is that once you get a taste of the energy and vitality that eating well brings, you won't look back.

Waiting is dangerous

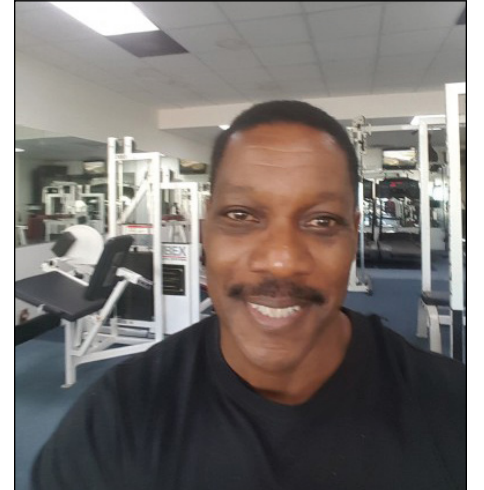
Listen. The longer you wait to take your health seriously, the more damage you are doing to your body.

There is only one way to slow down, stop and reverse many of the effects of aging (whether you are 20 or 70 years old): sensible eating and consistent exercise. (Well, that's two, but they have to happen together)

- Do you want to avoid the ravages of heart disease (the number one killer of women)?
- Would you like to never experience the pain of a fractured, osteoporotic bone?
- Do lowering your blood pressure, strengthening your knees and reducing aches and pains sound attractive to you?
- Would you like to run a marathon (even if you're 60!)?

It's Yours

You've dreamed about it long enough. Make this Mother's Day the beginning of a new chapter in your life. Thousands



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of women just like you are doing it. And we want to help you do it.

Be strong, vibrant, fit and full of energy.

It's time to start. We'll get you un-stuck and feeling better than you ever have.

Call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com, and let me help get you un-stuck. 🌐

THE DETOX CRAZE

Have you wondered why this has become front and center of almost every daily discussion. Technological breakthroughs have brought great improvements to our lives but at the same time they have brought along some health disadvantages to us. It has left a trail of toxicity that's affecting all forms of life on the planet.



Today we have over a hundred thousand industrial chemicals in our immediate environment to which we are exposed daily. According to Dr. Jockers, "researchers have now found that the average human being alive today has over 700 known toxins in the body!" This is scary if you ask me. These can be found in the blood, skin tissue, fat, vital organs and even your brain. They affect our hormones, energy, mood, complexion and mental clarity. Here are the most common symptoms associated with toxin overload: **headaches, fatigue, insomnia, chronic pain, cancer, acne, brain fog, bad breath, thyroid dysfunction, palpitations, learning difficulties, auto-immunity, hormonal imbalances and digestive issues.**

idative stress that damages the mitochondria and DNA.

BLOOD PURIFICATION - Toxins can severely damage red blood cells and reduce the body's ability to bring oxygen and nutrients to the cells.

THE LIVER - This is the primary organ that deactivates toxins. As toxins build up the liver becomes sluggish and overwhelmed and unable to neutralize hazardous chemicals in our blood stream.

GUT MOVEMENT - We should be moving our bowels at least after each meal. If this is not happening that the unwanted stock pile becomes a breeding ground for bacteria.

KIDNEY CLEANSING - These are critical to filtering and removing toxins through the urinary system. Poorly functioning kidneys are contributors to blood pressure issues and cardiovascular issues as well. A great detox remedy so to speak is GREEN DETOX from six-packabs.com. To know how to get this contact me @ 9246837 Anthony. 🌐



START FRESH

By Catherine Tyson, MSW

Wouldn't it just be awesome if we could wake up every morning with a FRESH outlook. Well today is the dawn of a new day and yours to do as you please. And because you have been given this new day indicates that you have been given another chance to do it better than yesterday. The sun is up and your life is like a blank canvas with you as the artist that will create what is on today's page. The best way to begin to live with a different frame of mind is to start from a fresh thinking standpoint and it is never too late to start fresh. Every one of us has a divine purpose for being here and when we find it we will then be on the right path to doing what we were destined to do. Understanding that we make this journey what it is and we have the choice to make our load heavy or light is so important. Each day that we are blessed to have is to be lived to the fullest, not saving it all for tomorrow, but not spending it all today either. Learning how to figure it all out is the wonderful challenge of balance. Everything you want and hope for is just within your reach, just ask for it, go for it and more importantly when you get it, treasure it. Stay focused, on track, goal oriented and enjoy the journey.



► Catherine Tyson

To achieve your goals you have to imagine the steps, the solutions and the actual results of something that you have always wanted to do or achieve. Now turn your imagination into action and start to create. Give yourself benchmarks and a framework, without over or underestimating your abilities. Be honest with yourself about your strengths and work from that standpoint. Begin to work on your weaknesses if the goal requires more of those skills or change the goal to something achievable. Start out with easier tasks and graduate to more complex ones.

It is easy to create that life that you dream of if you simply put your imagination and creativity to work from a fresh standpoint. We all can get bogged down by negativity that can stall our steps but we can move from that spot as soon as we feel it if we

are determined to stay fresh thinking. You might even surprise yourself with what you can do. Your life is like a canvas and yours alone to create the picture for your life. The canvas is filled with possibilities of the artist and what it will communicate. Today start fresh and begin and if it isn't achieved today then tomorrow will be a new day for you to do as you please and to create a new picture. As long as you make sure that today's picture will not adversely affect, or compromise tomorrow's picture you are well on your way to creating a beautiful you. And do not let naysayers get you down because it is all in your hands.

Every day remember to use your senses to make this journey as wonderful as it can be. Smell the roses, see the beauty of the world, listen to the beat of your heart and taste all that is good in this world. You are alive and today is a new day. We live in paradise so go outside and enjoy the sun on your face, the smiles, the delicious aromas that surround us. And don't waste one day on this earth not enjoying this wonderful and blessed journey. On your journey to self fulfillment, begin with a crisp outlook and every single day that you are given, make it the best one ever! 🌐

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BCQS INTERNATIONAL ANNOUNCES THE PROMOTION OF STEVEN ABBOTT

BCQS International is happy to announce the promotion of Steven Abbott to Associate Director, based in the Cayman Islands office.

"We are pleased to announce the promotion of Steven Abbott to Associate Director within our BCQS Cayman team," said Managing Director, Liam Day. "Steven has been an integral part of the BCQS family for close to fifteen years and has helped us sustain our growth over the years in both the local market, and internationally, with the projects he has worked on in the Dominican Republic, Jamaica and Roatan. We are delighted to acknowledge Steven's hard work and commitment to BCQS and also appreciate the mentoring of younger staff that he has undertaken in recent years."



► Steven Abbott

Steven Abbott states, "I am delighted to be making the next step in my career progression with BCQS International. The company has grown significantly since I first joined the team in late 2004, and I'm very excited to be part of their continuing growth and expansion throughout the Caribbean and Latin America."

BCQS continues to be the market leading property consultancy in the Caribbean. Over the past 50 years, they have achieved this level of success organically through commitment, focus and investing in the very best people in the region. Succession planning in BCQS is critical in identifying the next generation of business leaders and allowing them to develop with strategic guidance to identify and pursue new opportunities.

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International Commendation Award for Carolina Ferreira

During the month of March, in celebration of Honoring Women's Day on March 8th, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement (IFRC) launched a global competition asking members of its 191 National Societies from around the world to submit nominees to spotlight inspiring women in the areas of leadership and innovation within the Movement. Over 12,500 entries were submitted from across the globe, and 14 women were given a special Commendation Award for their work in their communities. Among them, the Cayman Islands Red Cross' (CIRC) own Deputy Director, Carolina Ferreira, who was the only recipient from the Caribbean Region and one of only two recipients from the entire Americas Region.



► Steven Abbott

"Ms. Ferreira is the true embodiment of the values and principles behind the Red Cross Movement," says CIRC Director Jondo Obi. "She is a relentless advocate for anyone - especially children - who suffer any injustice, and is constantly working towards helping those whose voice needs to be heard. She is a true leader, and one that fights tirelessly for the Cayman Islands community."

While the CIRC coordinated the nomination of Ms. Ferreira, the actual information and support came from outside the organization by members of partner agencies that have worked closely with her over the course of many years.

One such partner is Inspector Kevin Ashworth of the Family Support Unit of the RCIPS and a member of the Protection Starts Here (PSH) group, who characterize Ms. Ferreira as a fearless leader of the group: "She's absolutely relentless in her mission of child protection and advocacy, and in what she's trying to achieve, whether at the Red Cross or as part of the PSH group. She doesn't get put off by any negativity or backs down from a challenge. If she runs into a wall, she'll just climb over it."

Sophia Chandler, Child Psychologist for HSA and a member of the PSH group further details: "Ms. Ferreira has been able to help organize a number of key organizations to come together and do the work that really needs to be done as part of the PSH group. She constantly observes our community - and the world around us, and leading change on a moment by moment basis, to help people and educate the community on important issues."

Other recipients of the IFRC Commendation Awards included volunteers and staff working in war zones, with refugees and orphans, those in countries that have been hit the hardest due to climate change and who are working towards environmental sustainability, and those in some of the most impoverished areas of the world who are providing health and sanitation education to the most vulnerable. Recipients hailed from Yemen, Kenya, Namibia, Pakistan, and South Sudan, among others.

As Deputy Director and Child Protection and Sexuality Education Programme Manager Ms. Ferreira has multiple responsibilities within the CIRC, among them the coordination of the Protection Starts Here (PSH) grassroots multi-agency child abuse prevention project. The PSH project, born out of the HIV and AIDS Peer Education Program which she ran between 2002-2012, has had tremendous impact locally in furthering the

awareness, education, and prevention of child sexual abuse in Cayman.

PSH created a new form of multi-agency partnership as it is prevention focused and NGO led, and its work has been receiving recognition around the world as the group was selected to present at international conferences in Huntsville, Prague and Montego Bay in 2018 alone.

The Cayman Islands Red Cross and the PSH working group have also assisted in furthering child protection measures at other Overseas Territories by helping the Anguilla Red Cross and BVI Red Cross build capacity in the area of awareness and education via the Darkness to Light "Stewards of Children" training.

Ms. Ferreira, who celebrated her 20th anniversary with the Cayman Islands Red Cross in 2017, was selected both because of the innovative work that she and the PSH working group have done as well as the leadership qualities that she continues to demonstrate as a coordinator, educator, and advocate for the most vulnerable.

"It is really humbling to receive this type of recognition, especially when you consider the barriers and realities that others in the Movement are facing - like war and starvation - which are so far removed from our reality it is difficult to wrap our heads around it," states Ms. Ferreira. "However, I was truly floored by how much trust and faith the people that I work with have put and continue to put in me. While this isn't comparable to war or other large scale disasters by any means, our work is still difficult work. Dealing with child abuse is heart-breaking, demanding, sensitive and unpopular work, and I'm not even at the frontlines of it. I have been so fortunate on so many fronts: at the CIRC I have a team of people who provide unconditional support and encouragement and with PSH I have found incredible professionals who are equally committed, passionate and far more knowledgeable than me who have come together to work for our children. The work that we have all done and continue to do together, that's what's truly commendable" she adds.

The work and stories of the 14 recipients of the Commendation Awards will be shared by the International Federation of the Red Cross at various events, exhibitions and communications around the world.

Conch/Whelk seasons close on 1 May

The Cayman Islands annual conch and whelk seasons close on Wednesday, 1st May 2019.

Anyone possessing, attempting to sell or attempting to buy locally-caught conch or whelks during the closed seasons, which last from 1 May through to 31 October each year, will face prosecution under the National Conservation Law (NCL).

The open seasons for conch and whelk, which run between 1 November and 30 April, serve as a way for residents and visitors to sustainably harvest them within the limits prescribed in the NCL, and leave enough of both species for future generations to enjoy.

Members of the public are also reminded that lobster season is now closed and will not reopen until 01 December. Anyone caught possessing locally-caught lobster out of season will also face prosecution under the NCL.

"These closed seasons for each species usually coincide with that species annual mating and reproductive season, which is important for us because it gives the species a chance to replen-



ish and increase their numbers," said Environment Minister Hon. Dwayne Seymour.

If anyone sees, or becomes aware of, suspected poaching activity they are asked to call 911. They may also contact DoE enforcement officers directly on Grand Cayman (916-4271) or on Little Cayman (925-0185). For more information on open/closed seasons for conch, whelk and other marine life please visit the DoE website at www.doe.ky or contact DoE Public Education and Outreach Officer Brent Fuller via phone at 244-5984/922-5514 or email brent.fuller@gov.ky.

Four sharks found dead in Cayman waters since February

Three others injured, DoE reminds public of species protections

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Kohler. "Shark Conservation Cayman began tracking this shark three years ago and we've followed its movements since. We are working hard to better understand our local shark population and to conserve them, so it is frustrating to see these crucially important predators being killed for sport or out of spite."

Elasmobranchs, the fish subclass that includes sharks, stingrays and skates, are protected at all times in the Cayman Islands. Fishing for sharks, selling their fins or meat, or deliberately harming a shark is punishable under the National Conservation Law by a substantial fine and forfeiture of the vessel and equipment used in the offence.

"Healthy sharks in a marine ecosystem are a positive sign of healthy coral reefs and robust fish populations," said DoE Manager John Bothwell. "In recent years, we've noted more sharks in the waters around Cayman. That is leading to more interactions with fishermen and an increased number of accidental catch incidents that occur when a shark is attracted by another struggling fish caught on a line."

The DoE urges people who fish to release accidentally caught sharks by removing the hook or cutting the line. Sharks do not diminish fish populations nor compete with fishermen, but keep fish populations in balance by feeding on weaker, less successful marine specimens and thereby removing them from the breeding stock.

"There must always be a balance struck between the needs of fishers today and the need to conserve marine life for future generations," said DoE Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie. "But there's no reason for people to abuse and torture sharks or any other animals that play a crucial role in keeping our underwater ecosystem vibrant and healthy."

For more information about Shark Conservation Cayman's efforts to conserve Cayman's shark population and how you can become involved, you may contact DoE Public Education and Outreach Officer Brent Fuller via phone at 244-5984/922-5514 or on email brent.fuller@gov.ky. More information can also be found on the DoE website at www.doe.ky.



► DoE Shark Project Officer Johanna Kohler tags a blacktip shark in Little Cayman during May 2016. This shark is one of those injured in recent months. (Photo credit: Tim Austin, DoE)

Scandal-hit St Lucia Government Minister Resigns

A St Lucia Government Minister embroiled in controversy is now out of Prime Minister Allen Chastanet's Cabinet.

Public Service Minister Dr Ubalduis Raymond, who was allegedly involved in a salacious conversation with a woman, a recording of which went viral on social media earlier this month, has stepped down with immediate effect and Chastanet said he had accepted the resignation "in the best interest of the country".

"Dr Raymond has served our country well and in several capacities including Leader of Government Business in the Senate, and previously as the Minister in the Ministry of Finance. I thank him and his family for his years of service to our nation," he said in a brief statement yesterday.

Earlier this month, the government announced that investigations had been

launched into "recent information being circulated in the public domain surrounding the Minister", and that he had proceeded on leave. It said that after an initial probe, more information had come to light which warranted further investigations by the relevant authorities.

In his statement, Prime Minister Chastanet said his acceptance of Raymond's resignation in no way affects the ongoing investigations.

"The Government remains committed to bringing closure to this matter," he said.

This is not the first scandal involving Raymond. In 2017, two 18-year-old women were charged with blackmail following the leak of nude photos online. In October last year, he said the young women had apologized to him and the case had come to conclusion. 🌐



► Public Service Minister Dr Ubalduis Raymond has resigned with immediate effect

LIAT Staying the Course Despite Financial Challenges, Assures CEO

As shareholders of regional airline LIAT meet today amid concerns that its financial situation could force it out of the skies, the company's chief executive officer has sought to allay fears, declaring that the carrier continues to operate its daily flight schedule despite its challenges.



► LIAT CEO Julie Reifer-Jones

Julie Reifer-Jones said in a statement yesterday that the Antigua-based airline was committed to connecting the region and had operated all its flights over the peak Easter season with an on-time performance of 80 per cent.

LIAT, which currently operates 491 flights weekly, is also looking forward to a good summer period, with many festivals and events scheduled across the region, she said.

"LIAT is committed to fly, and we are flying to the 15 destinations across the network," Reifer-Jones said.

She also noted there are ongoing discussions with governments on the need for all the territories served by LIAT to contribute through a Minimum Revenue Guarantee model.

Reifer-Jones said that while the pace of these discussions was slower than anticipated, LIAT remains optimistic that the discussions would be concluded shortly.

The CEO added that the company continued to update its restructuring plan "so that LIAT can evolve into a more ef-



ficient and sustainable company serving the region".

And she reiterated the company's commitment to the region, adding that

the improved on-time performance and customer service provided are evidence of the changes taking place in the company. 🌐

MOUNTING PRESSURE IN VENEZUELA

By Michael L Jarvis, UK Correspondent

Tensions and uncertainty continue to rise in - and about - Venezuela as the self-declared interim president Juan Guaido ramps up his moves to force Nicolas Maduro from office.

But Mr Maduro is refusing to give up power, instead claiming that the attempt to oust him has failed.

The coming days will see the extent to which Guaido's ramping up of his moves against Maduro equates to the actual ramping up of pressure.

He says the current developments are not a coup but a peaceful transition of power.

That might very well be his intention and hope, but the live-stream of violent clashes suggests otherwise.

It's also left to be seen if Maduro's adamant stance is just facade behind which he is trying to mask the unravelling of his presidency.

A series of dramatic events in Venezuela starting on Tuesday have signalled a further escalation of tensions in the oil-rich but dirt-poor south American country.

By late Tuesday the anticipated showdown or even overthrow of Maduro

didn't quite materialise. Nor was there a climbdown by Guaido.

In addition to the stand-off between Guaido and Maduro, each now being backed by splints in the Venezuelan military, this is also a global face-off of immense proportions being played out in Venezuela.

In the Guaido camp are most of the western powers with the United States in the forefront, while on the Maduro side are eastern and communist powers led by Russia and China with Cuba, Iran and others in tow.

Russia, Cuba and China in particular are heavily invested in Venezuela diplomatically, economically and militarily.

Venezuela has the world's largest oil deposits but has been unable to economically benefit from the potential of that vast resource.

Adding to the drama on Tuesday was a claim by US Secretary of State Mike



Pompeo that President Maduro was ready to board a Cuban aircraft to head to exile, possibly in Havana, but was persuaded against it by the Russians.

But that has been denied by the Russians who accuse the US of fomenting a revolution in Venezuela.

What were said to be Cuba military vehicles were also seen on the streets of Caracas on Tuesday as forces loyal to President Maduro clashed with pro-Guaido demonstrators.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump threatened to slap what he called "the highest level" of sanctions on Cuba if it continued its military support of the Nicolas Maduro government.

Crucially, Secretary of State Pompeo had also reported on Tuesday that the Trump administration had not removed the military option from the table in what's seen as a direct reference to Cuba's support for Maduro.

So far, not much has been heard from the Chinese, who are no doubt monitoring the current developments closely, as is the rest of the world.

Just a few weeks ago the US and China got into a spat over US accusations that China was propping the Maduro regime.

But China, Venezuela's largest foreign creditor, hit back at the US for what it called "groundless allegations", saying Washington was attempting to slander Beijing and sow discord between it and Latin American countries.

In yet another twist, a former Venezuelan ambassador to the United Nations said he'd been informed that high-profile Venezuelan opposition politician Leopoldo López who was seen with Guaido on Tuesday morning shortly after being released from house arrest, had gone to the Chilean embassy.

Details are unclear but it was speculated that he had gone to seek asylum.

US-backed Chile is one of 50 countries which supports Guaido's claim to the Venezuelan presidency.

A day characterised by a series of rapidly unfolding dramatic developments, some in the full glare of a global audience as events were live-streamed by major international media, might have only marked the beginning of an end or a new beginning for Venezuela.

Against this backdrop, the coming days will be crucial for Venezuela. 🌐



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Canada floods worsens from climate change

Canada is experiencing a series of floods which has raised alarm over climate change. Thousands have been evacuated from eastern Canada as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau admits urgent action is necessary to improve climate preparedness.



► Canada is blighted by flooding

News footage showed people boating where they once walked, homes and cars filled with muddy water, volunteers searching for lost pets. Thousands of people in have been forced from their homes as heavy rains and meltwater cause unprecedented flood evacuations.

One of the worst-hit areas was a suburb of Montreal suburb where more than 6,000 people were evacuated after a dyke burst on Sunday. Another 3,000 people were evacuated in other parts of Quebec, and in Ontario and New Brunswick, hundreds more are waiting out the floods in hotels and shelters.

"This year's flooding is very extreme," said Ursule Boyer-Villemaire, an associate professor at the Université du Québec à Montréal who specialises in disaster management and climate resilience planning.

Climate change means that catastrophic flooding will only become more common, but experts say the

events of the past week highlight the fact that Canada has still not done enough to prepare for such disasters.

The current mass evacuations have forced Canadian politicians at every level to confront this dramatic evidence of climate change in a federal election year. Mr Trudeau suggested that using federal money to help relocate communities affected by flooding was a possibility.

This is not the first time Quebec has seen large-scale flooding: in 2017, Quebec rivers reached similar levels, but the floods didn't hit the heavily populated Ottawa-Gatineau region, and far fewer people were evacuated.

The fact that two so-called "hundred-year floods" occurred so close together has climate preparedness experts concerned. 🌐

Honduras introduces emergency contraception

In Honduras, a pioneering grassroots campaign to legalise emergency contraception is launched this week amid continual false claims by church leaders, senior doctors and conservative politicians that the medication causes abortions, infertility and cancer.



► Honduras is improving its contraception policy

Honduras is the only country in Latin America where emergency contraception is banned, forcing desperate women, including rape victims, to buy expensive and unregulated contraband pills on the black market.

Emergency contraception was outlawed in 2009 just weeks after a coup d'état backed by a powerful network of religious, economic and military elites ousted the democratically elected president. Since then, the church has played a significant role in the country's politics.

At the time, senior Catholic and evangelical clergy publicly denounced emergency contraception as an "abortion pill".

This falsehood was repeated by the de facto government's health minister – a medical doctor and former president of the College of Medicine – before he authorised the ban.

Since then, teenage pregnancies have risen to one of the highest rates in the region.

The six-month campaign, Hablemos lo que es (Call it what it is), which launched on social networks on Thursday, focuses on debunking myths about the dangers of emergency contraception.

The ban in Honduras has disproportionately punished the most vulnerable women and girls, according to Paula Avila-Guillen, director of Latin America Initiatives for the New York-based Women's Equality Centre. "The poorest women, in rural areas, and victims of sexual violence are most affected."

Honduras has one of the highest rates of sexual violence in the world outside an official war zone, with an attack reported every three minutes in 2016.

Abortion is also banned in all circumstances, while sex education in schools is optional, and affordable family planning services are limited. 🌐

Starving Cuba sets up ostrich farms

Cuba's food shortage is so severe that it is creating African ostrich farms to help meet demand for meat. The shortages of basic products, chronic because of the perennial crisis in the Cuban economy, have sharpened recently because of the ongoing political crisis in Venezuela and cooling relations with Brazil, where Cuba bought most of the chicken consumed on the island.



► Ostrich farms may be Cuba's food shortage answer

Guillermo García Frías, a 91-year-old comandante of the Cuban Revolution, is promoting African ostriches. "The ostrich is imported. It's not native to our country. And this ostrich produces more than a cow," Mr García Frías announced on Cuban television.

He said: "An ostrich lays 60 eggs. From those 60 eggs, our experience is that we get 40 chicks. Those 40 chicks provide four tons of meat after one year, while one cow produces one calf and after a year it's only a yearling."

Cuba is developing seven ostrich farms around the island. Some already have been built in the provinces of Holguín, Santiago de Cuba, Guantánamo, Granma and Havana, and another will soon open in the Isle of Youth, he said.

The first ostriches, of the blue, red and black-necked families, were imported from Mexico in 1997 and were later cross-bred.

Mr García Frías, director of the government-owned National Company for Flora and Fauna, also announced plans to develop cattle production. He added that the island is also breeding crocodiles and that Cubans could also start to eat nutria, native rodents also known as cane rats that have "a level of protein superior to all other meats and a high-quality pelt." The ostrich news has met with widespread mockery and condemnation. 🌐

Duterte threatens Canada over garbage

The president of the Philippines was threatening "to declare war" on Canada this week if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau doesn't take care of a big pile of garbage.



► Philippines is outraged by Canada's garbage

Following years of calls from environmental groups, anger from local politicians and a Filipino court order, dozens of shipping containers full of Vancouver trash are still sitting in the port of Manila.

Most recently, President Rodrigo Duterte said if it's not gone in a week he will "set sail" himself to dump the trash back on Canadian soil. "We'll declare war against them," he said during a news conference on Tuesday. "I will not allow that kind of s***."

More than 100 containers, shipped to Manila by a private Canadian company, were seized by customs officials in 2013 and 2014. They had been labelled "scrap plastic materials for recycling," but contained household waste, including, allegedly, some toxic materials.

For years, the Philippines complained, and in 2016, a court ordered

that Canada should pay to have the garbage shipped back. Meanwhile the company that shipped it in the first place, Chronic Inc., denied it sent anything other than plastic. The government's understanding is the company no longer exists, and the problem is going to be dealt with bilaterally.

Some of the shipping containers' contents ended up in a local landfill, part of an attempt to have the garbage disposed of in a cheaper, more environmentally friendly way, but most of it remains in the containers. For local authorities, allowing a rich country to get away with just dumping the trash does not make for good optics. 🌐

May's leadership in danger again

Grassroots Conservatives have warned the UK Prime Minister Theresa May she will face a challenge to her leadership at an unprecedented summit in June.

Amid fury over delays to Brexit, local constituency chairman have reached enough support to force an emergency general meeting to discuss Mrs May's premiership and her strategy on leaving the European Union.

She was reportedly notified of the news by the head of the National Conservative Convention, Andrew Sharpe, on Monday, after more than 10 percent of local parties signed a petition calling for her to go.

It comes as the Conservatives were braced for a mauling at the local elections amid warnings they would lose more than 800 seats in Thursday's poll.

A meeting of 800 constituency chairmen and women and senior activists is expected to take place in June.

London East Conservatives chairwoman Dinah Glover, who organised



► Theresa May's tenancy as UK premier will soon be over

the petition, said: "I am extremely sad that we have had to organise this. Unfortunately, the prime minister is no longer the solution to the problem but is actually the block to Brexit."

The petition said the signatories "no longer feel that Mrs May is the right person to continue as prime minister to lead us forward in the negotiations".

"We therefore with great reluctance ask that she considers her position and resigns," it adds.

The move is said to be unprecedented in the party's 185-year history and would place huge pressure on Mrs May to step down as party leader. 🌐

Venezuela allows Russian missiles in

Venezuela has seen Russian military personnel flying into the country in recent weeks, thought to be sent to ensure the nation's sophisticated S-300 surface-to-air missiles remain a credible deterrent to any US military action against the government of socialist President Nicolas Maduro.



► Two Russian bombers have landed in Venezuela

Defence analysts say the Russian military contingent, which reportedly arrived in late March, included air defence specialists with the necessary skills to ensure the decade-old missiles can be kept operational despite Venezuela's crumbling infrastructure and frequent power failures.

The Venezuelan government has displayed the S-300 missiles at military parades. US Defence Department officials confirm their presence in the country, as do former Venezuelan military personnel. But few details have been revealed about their operational status or deployment.

According to defence experts in the region and satellite imagery obtained by

the Israeli company Image Sat, at least four mobile batteries of S-300 missiles have been installed in different parts of Venezuela over recent months to protect key military bases and government centres.

U.S. President Donald Trump has left open the possibility of using force to oust Mr Maduro and has repeatedly called on Venezuela's military to stage a coup in support of US-backed parliamentary leader Juan Guaido. But prospects for an internal army uprising seemed to fade last week when the most senior general to publicly support Mr Guaido, ex-intelligence chief Hugo Carvajal, was arrested on drug charges in Spain where he had gone into hiding. 🌐

Durant looks set for Knicks move

Kevin Durant is right now the most outstanding player in the NBA playoffs which is why the Golden State Warriors small forward is gleaming so many props.

Durant dropped 50 points in the series-clinching game against the Los Angeles Clippers on Friday night and he is averaging 40.2 points. On Sunday, Durant scored 35 points in a 104-100 win over the Houston Rockets, overshadowing the always brilliant James Harden.

The Warriors superstar is looking like he could repeat for a third time as NBA Finals MVP should the Warriors get back there and win. His head coach, Steve Kerr, is already likening his run to that of the best player of all-time.

"There's this guy named Michael something," Kerr joked. "Can't remember his last name. No, but Kevin's run this past week has just been off the charts. I've said it a few times this week. He's the most skilled basketball player on Earth. He's one of the most skilled basketball players to ever play the game. There's never been anybody like him. Six-foot-11, handles the ball, shoots 3s, passes, defends. He's just an unbelievable talent. And I think after we lost Game 2 to the Clippers, I think he just felt like he had to turn it up and lift us up another level. That's exactly what he's done."

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Durant explained that he thrives during the playoffs and that he's just doing everything he can to ensure victory. As for the comparisons, KD doesn't want to focus on that stuff.

"I try not to compare," Durant said. "Each stop along the journey has been -- I've just been tailor-made for the moment, I guess. I learned a lot so far as a player up until this point, so I think I'm starting to put everything together on both sides of the ball. I'm not looking



► Kevin Durant has hinted he will join the Knicks

at points or shots that I get up, just how focused I am for each possession."

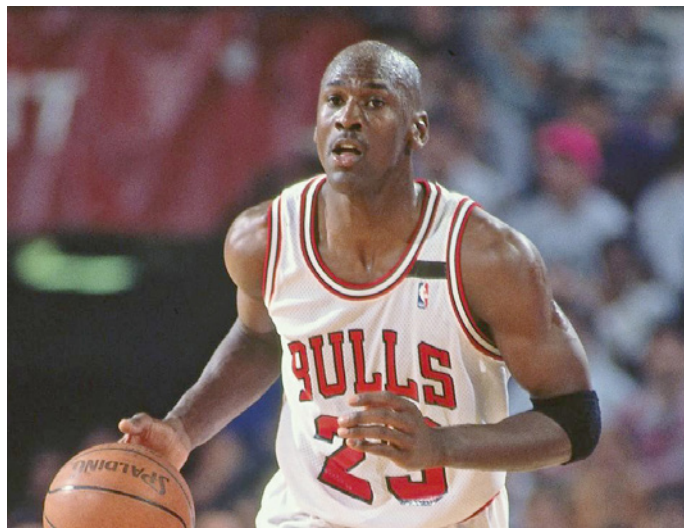
Durant's time in Golden State will be interesting over the next few months as expectations are that he'll join the New York Knicks in the offseason.

Basically, people at all levels of the NBA world are convinced that 30-year-old KD is leaving Golden State for Madison Square Garden. The move would fit his psyche as despite his superlative talent, he still feels like a plus-one with the Warriors.

Durant choosing to leave the most accomplished NBA team of the last

decade to play ball for what is arguably the most deeply cursed franchise in sports, especially when there are many better on-court options for him, seems curious. To hear the insiders tell it, it's because the only thing he doesn't have is widespread respect, which he'd theoretically have if he won in front of the scrutiny of the Knicks famously demanding fans.

Durant has neither denied or confirmed the rumours, thanks in part to him appearing to say: "That's why I'm out," after fighting with Draymond Green early in the season. 🌐



► Michael Jordan remains the NBA's greatest player

Pollard's exclusion irks Dujon

The West Indies World Cup squad is generating immense debate over who was omitted, particularly Kieron Pollard's exclusion.

Former Windies wicket-keeper Jeffrey Dujon said selectors should have gone with the big-hitting batsman instead of left-handed compatriot Darren Bravo for the upcoming ICC 50-over World Cup in England and Wales.

The 31-year-old Trinidadian, who played the most recent of his 101 One-Day International matches three years ago, has been in good Twenty20 form for Mumbai Indians in the Indian Premier League, smashing 228 runs in his first 12 innings, highest score of 83 and averaging 32.57 with a strike rate of 158.33.ing.

Bravo, 30, who spent two years on the side-lines after disputes with the previous Cricket West Indies administration, only recently returned to the regional team set-up for England's tour of the Caribbean.

During the Test series — which West Indies won 2-1 — the left-hander appeared rusty, averaging only 11.8 in five innings, however, his even 50 on a very challenging pitch was a pivotal knock as the hosts took an unassailable 2-0 lead.

He was more fluent in the ODIs, gathering 133 runs in four innings at 44.33 as West Indies tied the series 2-2.

"I would have gone with Pollard. Based on his form, I don't think Bravo was very convincing the other day — he looked short of cricket," Dujon, 62, said in reference to the West Indies' 15-man



► Kieron Pollard was unlucky not to make the squad

squad for the May 30 to July 14 tournament.

Dujon, a former outstanding wicket-keeper and elegant batsman who played 81 Tests and 169 ODIs between 1981 and 1991, said he would have chosen the control of swing bowler Keemo Paul over the express pace of Oshane Thomas.

"Keemo Paul, if fit, should be included. I think Thomas — even though he has pace — for that type of cricket I think he is still a little inexperienced," said Dujon.

Paul, 21, who is also a useful lower-order batsman, was injured during the recent England series, but has since recovered to play in the IPL. In 11 ODIs he has claimed 11 wickets at an average of 45.27 and an economy rate of 5.88.

Thomas, 22, was a standout in the ODI series against the touring Englishmen, snaring nine wickets in four innings, including a career best 5-21. Overall, he has played nine ODIs, accounting for 15 victims at an average of 27.53 and economy rate of 7.22. 🌐

Reggae Boyz warm up with US friendly

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz will have excellent preparation ahead of the 2019 CONCACAF Gold Cup when they meet the United States in what could be called a rematch of the 2017 final in a friendly next month, on June 5 in Washington, DC.

It's at the Audi Field in Washington DC on June 5. Jamaica head coach Theodore Whitmore said: "It's an excellent game to assess the quality of the squad assembled. Further, the timing is good, 12 days before our first game in the tournament and the opponent is perfect. It's now down to fine-tuning all aspects of the preparation and that is what we are currently doing."

"As we prepare for the start of the Gold Cup, this is the perfect opportunity in terms of opponent and venue," US head coach Gregg Berhalter said. "Playing against Jamaica we get exposure to another different style of play, and one that we may see later in the tournament."

The Reggae Boyz are drawn in Group C for the tournament alongside Curaçao, Honduras and El Salvador and will begin their journey in Jamaica on June 17 against Honduras at the National Stadium.

The US begin their quest for a record-tying seventh confederation title against Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago and Panama in Group D. 🌐



► Jamaica have high hopes for the Gold Cup

Canelo expects tough Jacobs fight

Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez drops back down to middleweight to take up the toughest challenge possible against current IBF middleweight champion Daniel Jacobs this weekend.

Alvarez (51-1-2) puts all his super middleweight titles on the line which, on paper, produces one of the biggest boxing spectacles of the year.

Both fighters are in their prime with a wealth of experience and only three losses between them out of a combined 91 fights. Alvarez moves back down from 168-pounds to 160 but one of the most important stats is Jacobs' height at 5-ft 11-ins gives him an advantage of 3-and-a-half inches.

Giving up a reach advantage has not proved an obstacle so far for Alvarez, with dominant wins over Julio Cesar Chavez and Rocky Fielding in recent fights, but Jacobs (35-2) also has all the skills to seriously trouble one of the pound-for-pound kings which is why there is so much anticipation.



► Saul Alvarez may have to grind out a win against Jacobs



► Daniel Jacobs is a bone cancer survivor

One draw and one loss courtesy of Gennady Golovkin has created the only blemishes on their recent records and these results are the main reason why the 28-year-old Mexican, fighting on Cinco de Mayo weekend, will be the favourite.

If Alvarez can land one of his ferocious counter punches or shots to the liver the fight will change course, but the 32-year-old American has the resilience of a bone cancer survivor who proved even after getting knocked down by Golovkin early, he can come back and fight to the finish.

Judging by how their recent fights have gone a decision is most likely but it will be a scrap and tough to call either way. Jacobs will not let Alvarez settle, but the longer the bout goes on, the more likely his superior strength is likely to overwhelm Jacobs. 🌐

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 11 Portugal's place
- 12 Infamous emperor
- 13 Zodiac twins
- 14 In addition
- 15 Seasoned sausage
- 17 Hand over
- 20 Coffee bar order
- 23 Count start
- 24 Put on a pedestal
- 26 Singer Tillis
- 27 Brief drop
- 28 "— Town"
- 29 Famous
- 31 Ornate planter
- 32 Turkey neighbor
- 33 Purposes
- 34 Coves
- 37 Clarinet's cousin
- 39 Grand — (Atlantic island)
- 43 Decisive win
- 44 Ale maker
- 45 Relaxed
- 46 Flow

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- 1 Greedy one
- 2 Homer's dad
- 3 Tiara feature
- 4 Stand
- 5 Ship of 1492
- 6 Go to sea
- 7 Tooth layer
- 8 Yummy
- 9 Auditor's org.
- 10 In addition one's own
- 16 Take as
- 17 Arrives
- 18 Rival
- 19 Walking on air
- 21 Sky color
- 22 Forest plants
- 24 Perfect
- 25 Commotion
- 30 Nonagenarian's minimum
- 33 Aisle worker

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- 38 Large snake
- 40 Reverent wonder
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- 42 Pitcher's pride

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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

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

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

Panel 1: "YOU'RE ALWAYS RIPPIN' ON THE RAP THAT I LIKE, DAD..."

Panel 2: "LISTEN TO THIS GUY'S RAP AND TELL ME IT'S NOT INFECTIOUS!"

Panel 3: "IT'S AN INFECTION, ALL RIGHT." "INFECTIOUS!!" "INFECTIOUS!!"

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee

Panel 1: "IRON FIST AND SPIDER-MAN ATTACKED TWO OF MY HENCHMEN LAST NIGHT. YET YOU, WHO HAVE PHOTOGRAPHED THEM BOTH, CLAIM TO KNOW NOTHING OF THEM?"

Panel 2: "WELL? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR TONGUE?"

Panel 3: "SORRY, I WAS JUST TRYING HARD TO REMEMBER— WHEN'S THE LAST I HEARD ANYBODY USE THE WORD 'HENCHMEN'?"

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: "YOU WERE RIGHT. WURST'S GIVING SIS HIS CAR AND HEADING RIGHT BACK." "SHOULD HAVE SHOT HIM THE MOMENT WE HEARD ALL WENT WELL... BUT I DO LOVE A TEARFUL REUNION AND HATE BLOOD ON MY HARDWOOD."

Panel 2: "UM, WHERE DID HE GO?" "HE'S INSIDE. HE'S ALREADY INSIDE!"



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