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# Praying for the Nation



► Rev Christopher Mason leads prayer for national leaders (Photo by Bina Mani, GIS)

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## Governor visits Cayman Prep

By Lindsey Turnbull

Every year Cayman Prep and High School celebrate all the great things about living in the Cayman Islands and this year students welcomed special guest Governor Martyn Roper, who visited students during their Cayman Cultural Week to speak at their morning assembly and see the celebrations for himself.

The celebration of all things Caymanian used to be a day-long event but this year organiser and support for learning teacher at the school, Ms Brenda Bryce, said they decided to spread activities over a full week.

"We thought we would expand the celebrations of Caymanian history and culture in this important year that the Cayman Islands celebrates its 60th anniversary of its Coat of Arms and also Cayman Prep and High School's 70th anniversary," Ms Bryce confirmed.

Governor Roper spoke at the students' morning assembly, at which Swanky Kitchen Band entertained the students. Students were also encouraged to ask the Governor questions, to which they found out that the Governor's favourite Cayman food was seafood, Stingray City was a favourite place that he had visited

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► Loxley Banks from Cayman Catboat Club, Cayman Prep School Director Debra McLaughlin, Governor Martyn Roper, teacher and Cayman Cultural Week organiser Brenda Bryce

## Car sharing service shifts into gear

By Lindsey Turnbull

A new car sharing service recently launched by Arch Automotive hopes it has found a clever solution to reducing traffic on Cayman's roads. The ZÜN Car Sharing Service has begun in Camana Bay, created by Arch Automotive in partnership with Dart Labs to help offer alternative transportation options to the Camana Bay community with a view to possibly expanding its reach right across the Cayman Islands.

Michelle A Hydes, Marketing Manager with Audi Cayman Islands, gave an overview as to how the car sharing concept came about:

"Craig Arch of Arch Automotive has been a key figure in Cayman's automotive sector for decades and understands the needs of drivers here on the island. He worked with Dart Labs to research various car-sharing models and the systems used to manage them with the intent to create a user experience that leverages advanced technologies and meets the unique needs of Cayman," she explained. "One of the most important things to know about ZÜN is that this service will be evolving with continuous improvements based on the needs of the Cayman market."

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# Governor takes part in Cayman's Prep's cultural week

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and his favourite thing to do in Cayman was meet the people of the islands.

He said this was the first time he had visited a Cayman school and he was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm of the students and staff at this special celebration.

"I have really enjoyed my time at Cayman Prep and High School, especially the music and the dancing to Swanky Kitchen Band. I think their Cayman Cultural Week is a great celebration of what Cayman is all about," he confirmed.

Governor Roper added: "This is part of a programme of events we have lined up so I can meet as many people of the Islands as possible, so I can hear their concerns and issues, which will help me do my job as effectively as I can."

## Community input

Between 25 and 30 people came from the community to talk to students about Caymanian ways of life, old and new, and year two students were able to go on a trip to Hero's Square, while year six students visited the Cayman

Islands National Museum, Ms Bryce confirmed.

Representatives from the community who came to speak at the school included Loxley Banks from Cayman Catboat Club, Z-99's popular radio personality Jason Howard, representatives from the Department of the Environment, Cayman Islands Tourism Association, Crystal Caves, Cayman Turtle Centre, author Erin Connelly and Sir Turtle himself, from Cayman Airways.

Ms Bryce said she was especially grateful to Ms Virginia Foster:

"Ms Foster of the Bodden Town Heritage Committee brought in a wonderful display of old-time toys and games for the students to enjoy," she said.

Ms Bryce said that they converted an area of the school into an old-time classroom, where students could learn from chalkboards and people from the community were teaching students as they did in times gone by. Students were encouraged to dress up in Cayman dress - whether that was old time costumes, or dressing up as a tourist or popular Caymanian figure such as an iguana or turtle.



► Governor Roper speaks at school assembly

"I think the students learned a great deal about Caymanian heritage and culture," Ms Bryce confirmed. "They know about the Coat of Arms and what each of the symbols represents. They particularly enjoyed the traditional Cayman food tasting and in particular loved the swanky lemonade and the heavy cake. They know all about Cayman's national symbols and they have learned to appreciate what we have in the Cayman Islands."

Students Ella Galatopoulos and Grace Harlowe both gave presentations in the assembly. Grace's comments spoke to how students appreciated what they had in Cayman when she said: "I learned that it was very different in the past but it was very cool and nice. We should be thankful today for everything that we have. We are lucky to live in a beautiful country where we have everything that we need." 🌐



► Learning old time style with Ms Andrea Bothwell



► Year one and KG students dress the part

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Chief Fire Officer Remuneration in Keeping with Ministry Policy

A pay-out to staff across several departments in the Ministry in early 2018 was made in keeping with established HR policy to reduce the amount of accrued annual leave and comp time carried forward into a new budget year by its personnel.

With the approval of the Deputy Governor, a total of 51 employees received payment for annual leave while 13 received pay-outs for comp time. This included senior staff, as well as emergency services and any other personnel meeting pre-determined criteria.

Chief Hails was one of the individuals who had accumulated a significant amount of leave and comp time.

The Ministry of Home Affairs took this approach as there are a large number of emergency services personnel who regularly work outside their normal hours, or are unable to use their full annual leave entitlement due to situations beyond their control. With regards to the Fire Service in particular, the overall staff complement of the department is such that it was impractical for their leave balances to be reduced through time taken.

The Ministry has committed to regularly monitoring its liability for comp time and leave accrual so that it is able to pro-actively take steps to keep these within reasonable limits. 🌐

### Needs Assessment Unit Office Closures

The Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) informs the public that due to a staff meeting its office in Grand Cayman will be closed from **noon** and that the **Cayman Brac Office** will be closed

**all day** on **Thursday, 14th February 2019.**

The NAU apologises for any inconvenience these temporary closures may cause. 🌐



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# KPMG launches Family for Literacy campaign

By Lindsey Turnbull

Recognising that literacy provides the foundation for a strong education and life long learning, KPMG recently launched its Family for Literacy citizenship programme in the Cayman Islands at Red Bay Primary School, with Lord Dr (Michael) Hastings of Scarisbrick, CBE, who is KPMG's Global Head of Citizenship for KPMG International, in attendance.

The firm's global literacy initiative is to eradicate childhood illiteracy not only by donating new books to children in need but also by playing an active role in each child's development and encouraging and supporting literacy all the way through the teenage years and beyond. KPMG has had a strong history of supporting and encouraging literacy in Cayman, having partnered with Cayman's LIFE (Literacy is For Everyone) programme since it began in 2012 and volunteering to read with children in schools on a one-to-one basis under LIFE's paired reading programme. There are currently just under 50 volunteers from KPMG who volunteer their time once a week to work with students throughout the school year.



▶ Lord Hastings with Marilyn Connolly and Woody Foster from LIFE



▶ Lord Hastings reads to year one Red Bay Primary School students

Lord Michael Hastings, the former head of Public Affairs at the BBC, has been KPMG's Global Head of Citizenship since 2006 and has represented the firm on the Global Corporate Citizenship Committee of the World Economic Forum from 2008 to 2010 and has taken on many significant roles within the WEF.

At the launch of the Cayman arm of KPMG's latest Family for Literacy citizenship programme at Red Bay Primary School, Lord Hastings demonstrated the importance of reading when he said that Warren Buffet spent 80 per cent of

his day reading which Lord Hastings felt was fascinating because Buffett is known for being one of the world's most successful investors, not necessarily naturally aligned with reading. He said Bill Gates also said he spent a large part of his day reading.

"This whole area around reading has clearly got very important economic social and business development let alone educational value," Lord Hastings advised.

Lord Hastings said KPMG started the Family for Literacy programme in 2008 in California when it was discovered that criminality was closely linked with illiteracy. This was an important motivation for the programme. He said that literacy created confident and competent people, underscored by one of the World Economic Forum's top ten most required skills for 2022, being competence in knowledge management.

"Where do you get that?" he asked. "You get that here [referring to primary school], at age four, five, six or seven... So, what you are really doing is making

a 50-year investment," he confirmed, referring to the educators assembled at the launch of the KPMG Family for Literacy programme.

KPMG's Family for Literacy programme is now in 14 countries around the world and has donated 4.5 million books to students.

"We see it as part of our whole arc of our lifelong learning journey," Lord Hastings stated. "We work with Junior Achievement and that is developing maths skills and economic competency and entrepreneurship through ages 11 to 18 and that's another part of the journey."

To complete the learning "arc", Lord Hastings said KPMG also worked with a global organisation called Enactus which helped students at university develop business ideas and assisted them in putting those ideas into practice.

Lord Hastings, himself a former teacher, said that he hoped the relationship between KPMG and the Ministry of Education and schools in Cayman could strengthen even further so they could do so much more in the future.



▶ Lord Hastings with KPMG, LIFE and Ministry officials: (L-R) Anthony Cowell, Partner, KPMG; Lyneth Monteith, Acting Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Education; Delton Pedley, Deputy Principal, Red Bay Primary School; Lord Michael Hastings, Global Head of Citizenship, KPMG International; Vicki Frederick, Principal, Red Bay Primary School; Tammy Hopkins, Acting Director DES; Marilyn Conolly, Executive Director, LIFE (Literacy Is For Everyone)



▶ Lord Hastings speaks with educators



▶ Lord Hastings with educators, Ministry, KPMG and LIFE representatives

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# MLAs Gather for Annual Prayer

Cayman Islands' legislators joined community members in giving praise and thanks to the Almighty in song, prayer and scripture readings at the 23rd annual Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast, held at the Ritz-Carlton today (Wednesday, 6 February 2019).

Greeting the annual event's audience for the first time, His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper emphasised Cayman Islands' healthy democracy and role model characteristics in the region.

The Speaker, Dr. the Hon. McKeeva Bush, in welcoming the gathering, noted that the tradition of holding the event was started by prominent Caymanian Dr. Edlin Merren at a time when the LA was a divided House in need of prayer and camaraderie. He added the event's attendance was the best one so far.

With Councillor and MLA, Mr. Austin Harris as master of ceremonies, scripture readings were by Councillor and MLA, Ms Barbara Conolly on behalf of the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Acting Chief Justice Hon. Richard Williams and MLA, Mr. Kenneth Bryan.

Leading the audience in prayer were Ms Carmen Conolly from East End (corporate prayer); CI Baptist Church Pastor, Dr. Randall Von Kanel (thanksgiving), St. George's Anglican Church's Rev. Mary Graham (for families), United Church Moderator Rev. Christopher Mason (for national leaders) and Journey Ministries Cayman Senior Leader, Pastor Felix Manzanaraes (for young people).

Guest speaker, Pastor Alson Ebanks of Church of God (Chapel) was introduced by MLA, Mr. Christopher Saunders.

Applying lessons from the Bible, notably from the life of Jesus Christ, to all



► Governor Roper speaks (Photos by Bina Mani, GIS)



► Rev Ambassador Sylvia Wilks sings

practitioners, Pastor Ebanks underscored that with greater power comes greater responsibility and accountability, rather than greater privileges.

Following vote of thanks by Chief Officer in the Portfolio of Civil Service, Mrs. Gloria McField-Nixon, Pastor James R. Arch gave the benediction.

Musical items included the National Anthem by Ms Anika Connolly, National Song by Ms Diana DeMacardo, a solo by Rev. Ambassador Sylvia Wilks and hymns and songs by the gathering, led by Mr. Bush who was accompanied by organist Ms Katherine Jackson. 🌐



► Pastor Alson Ebanks speaks



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## Car sharing service shifts into gear

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Arch Automotive oversees all operational aspects of the service including customer relations, roadside and office services, and all vehicle provisioning and maintenance. During the ongoing pre-release phase, the fleet of Audi A3 Sportbacks can be rented by the hour, day or week. A mobile app designed to allow 24-hour access and per-minute rental rates is in development and is expected to launch early this year.



► ZÜN Car Sharing Programme

Michelle said that ZÜN was founded on the principles of innovation and sustainability.

"Keenly aware of how population growth and development is impacting Grand Cayman, ZÜN provides sustainable and cost-effective mobility options to members of the community, starting with Camana Bay. ZÜN offers individuals the convenience of car ownership without the cost, and it offers families an opportunity to own fewer vehicles," she stated.

ZÜN is first targeting the 2,000-plus people who live and work in Camana Bay, including those who work in Camana Bay's offices, as well as staff in the shops and restaurants, teachers and CIS staff and residents of The Terraces at Camana Bay. With the new Fosters Food Fair, residential neighbourhood OLEA

and the expansion of Cayman International School, this number will continue to grow, Michelle said.

ZÜN prices include new cars, vehicle licencing, maintenance, cleaning, insurance, roadside assistance, and fuel. The yearly membership fee is CI\$40 and members pay per use of the Audi A3 Sportback ZÜN as follows:

- Per minute: CI\$.55
- Per hour: CI\$16
- Per day: CI\$128

There is no minimum or maximum period for borrowing a car and criteria for eligibility include that members must live or work in Camana Bay, they must be at least 22 years old and possess a local or international driver's licence (held for at least one year).

Eligible persons can learn more and register for ZÜN by visiting zuncar.ky 🌐

# Millwood's efforts are world-class

"Stafford Millwood, you are the type of Civil Servant that makes the Cayman Islands Government world-class," declared Deputy Governor Franz Manderson as he handed over December's Employee of the Month certificate at the Department of Immigration headquarters on Wednesday, 6 February.

Mr Manderson explained that Immigration Officer II Stafford Millwood received the award for Exceptional Leadership relating to his position in the Enforcement Division of Department of Immigration.

"Recently, you were praised by Cayman Airways' captains for your exemplary performance and professional ability while enforcing deportation orders. You have consistently displayed a team-oriented approach and displayed excellent leadership skills when conducting your duties in the Enforcement Section.

"You act with integrity and are known for your good judgement and decision

making skills. You champion progress towards becoming a World Class Civil Service, as evidenced by your willingness to perform "above-and-beyond" the call to duty when leading or supporting high-risk enforcement missions and investigations," he added.

Ministry of Human Resources and Immigration Wesley Howell also praised the immigration officer for his professionalism collaborative skills.

"Stafford's quality of work and attitude exemplifies public service values and inspires others to deliver ambitious outcomes for the benefit of the Cayman Islands. He contributes positively and collaboratively across agencies to deliver results.

Mr Millwood started as an Office Attendant III in Immigration in September 1999 and was promoted to Clerical Officer in November 2002. On 1 May 2014, he advanced to the role he currently holds. 🌐



► Deputy Governor Franz Manderson and Immigration Officer II Stafford Millwood



# MEDIA STATEMENT: ON BEHALF OF THE BRITANNIA LIAISON COMMITTEE

*In light of the recent media statement made by Dart Enterprises, the following statement is released on behalf of the Britannia Liaison Committee (BLC):*

The BLC will continue to vigorously defend the legitimate rights of Britannia owners to enjoy rights of access and usage at the Britannia Golf Club and Grand Cayman Beach Suites.

The BLC has instructed a heavyweight legal team to represent the homeowners, which includes John Randall QC of St. Phillips Chambers in the UK and

leading Cayman Islands law firm, Walkers.

Over the past 25 years, homeowners in Britannia have bought properties in good faith, with the knowledge that certain rights were clearly registered in their favour on the Cayman Islands Land Register. The existence of these rights and the reliability of the register have been an attractive feature to owners, residents and prospective purchasers in Britannia. The BLC is confident that the Courts of the Cayman Islands' will uphold these rights, and decline to grant

Dart any order for their cancellation and deletion.

Dart purchased the Britannia Golf Club and the Grand Cayman Beach Suites in full knowledge of these registered rights, yet has unilaterally withdrawn access to all of these facilities. The failure to reach an agreement with the Britannia owners in the time since that purchase was completed is because, despite a number of meetings and communications between Dart and the BLC, Dart has failed to outline a clear plan for the golf course, let alone advance any

definitive or credible suggestion as to what alternative arrangements it would be willing to offer.

The attempt by Dart to remove property owners' legally registered rights should be a source of concern not only to owners at Britannia but also to the owners of many other properties in the Islands who presently enjoy registered rights of access and usage similar to those of Britannia. We expect that many Cayman property owners and investors will be watching this case with close interest. 🌐



POLICE NEWS

# West Bay Woman Arrested After Assault Incident in George Town

Just before 2AM on Wednesday morning, 6 February, police were informed that a man had attended the Hospital for treatment, after sustaining a stab wound to the chest.

Officer attended the Hospital and spoke with doctors who said the man had sustained serious injury but is now stable. Investigations led officers to discover that the man was stabbed after being in an altercation with a woman known to him at the Cotton Club on Shadden Road, George Town.

The 26-year-old woman of West Bay was subsequently arrested on suspicion

of assault GBH, where she is currently in custody pending further investigation.

Police are asking that anyone with information regarding this incident to call the **George Town Police Station at 949-4222**.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our **Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777**, or via our **website** <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of Crime Stoppers at **800-8477(TIPS)**, or **online** <https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=681>.

# Missing Person: Dorlee Wright of George Town

At about 8:30AM on Wednesday, 6 February, 49-year-old Ms. Dorlee Wright of George Town was reported missing to the police.

It is believed that Ms. Wright left her home off Anthony Drive, George Town, on Monday 4 February, and has not returned home since. No description of her clothing when she was last seen has been provided

to the police, however she is described



as being short, with light brown skin and short brown hair. (A picture of her is attached)

Several efforts have been made so far to locate Ms. Wright and as a result the police are seeking the assistance of the public.

Anyone with information regarding her whereabouts is encouraged to contact the **George Town Police Station at 949-4222**.

# Teenagers Abscond, RCIPS Requests Public Assistance in Locating Them

**Motesha Mothen**, age 16 of Bodden Town, absconded on Monday, 4 February, and has not returned home or been located since.

She was last seen at about 7:30AM Monday at the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre and was wearing black pants, a black long-sleeved shirt, white sneakers and a black and white headband. She is about 5'3" tall, of

slim build, with black natural hair, brown eyes and is of brown complexion.

**Teshay Bryan**, age 13 of George Town, also absconded Monday, 4 February.

She was last seen at about 11:00AM Monday at the John Gray High School and was wearing her John Gray High School uniform. She is about 5'6" tall, of brown

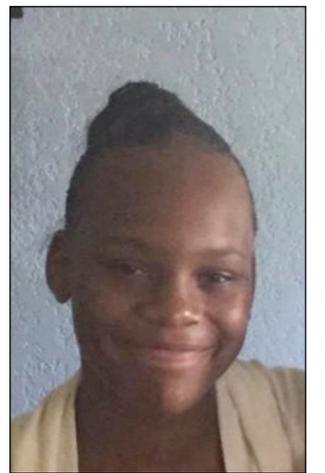
complexion and slim build, and has short black hair.

Pictures of both juveniles are attached.

Anyone with information on **Motesha's** whereabouts is encouraged to call **Bodden Town Police Station at 947-2220**, and anyone with information on **Teshay** is asked to contact the **George Town Police Station at 949-4222**.



► Motesha Mothen



► Teshay Bryan



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# Plastic Free Cayman makes a clean sweep of all three islands

Not for profit charity Plastic Free Cayman has been living up to its name in recent weeks with five unique beach clean-ups and plastic awareness campaigns taking place across all three Cayman Islands in the last two weeks alone.

At the end of January, the team of volunteers that make up Plastic Free Cayman concentrated their efforts on removing plastics that would affect Boo-

bie bird nesting sites on Cayman Brac. The events removed more than 1,200 pounds of beach trash, most of it plastic in nature, the group said.

At the beginning of February, the group went to Little Cayman to focus on removing plastics embedded in the sands of Diggery Point and the mangroves of Owen Island. Plastic Free Cayman partnered with many committed residents and visitors of Little Cayman

to host Owen Island's largest beach clean-up. In two days, over 1,800 pounds were removed from these sites, they confirmed.

Again, at the beginning of February, in Grand Cayman Plastic Free Cayman were able to assemble supporters to create a particularly impactful event in what they termed the first "voluntourism" event of its kind. They partnered with Soul Buffalo (an entity that creates custom expeditions for top executives at Fortune 500s who are looking to make a positive impact in the world), The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and 35 students from Cayman International School to help educate 300 visiting executives on the effects of plastic pollution, as they cleaned up Barker's in West Bay. Over 1,100 pounds of trash was removed from the site, with more than 1,600 plastic bottle caps collected for STOAKD's art mural efforts for KAABOO.

According to the group, Plastic Free Cayman recognises the importance of the clean-ups to raise awareness and to remove harmful plastics that directly affect marine life. However, their main

goal is to change policies related to single-use plastics—following countries like Jamaica, Barbuda, Bahamas, Antigua, and Barbados, they said.

The next major beach clean-up event will take place on Sunday 17th March from 8am until 10am at Safehaven in Grand Cayman. It is an open event, but Plastic Free Cayman is asking all local government officials to attend, in order to be fully educated on the issue in celebration of Ocean Conservation Month.

Plastic Free Cayman are a team of volunteers passionate about reducing single-use plastic in the Cayman Islands. They aim to raise awareness of the growing issues surrounding plastic pollution and help others on their plastic-free journey. They began as a grassroots movement in 2017 with monthly clean-ups and were awarded a Not for Profit Charitable Trust certificate in June 2018. 🌐



► Owen Island



► Barkers



► Boobie Bird Nest



► Plastic Free Cayman in Little Cayman

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- Sofas
- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
- Multiple boxes

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

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TECH TIMES

# Gadget show wows techies

There are some Cayman residents who never miss the Consumer Electronics Trade Show, the gadgets extravaganza in Las Vegas every January. As usual, it had plenty of innovation, some stunning products and, of course, the craziest gadgets on the planet.

The newly revealed products will arrive in stores over the coming months. If Caymanians can't get them here, a hop to Miami could solve the problem if they can't wait to import it. Here are some of the best devices from CET 2019 to look forward to.

## Sony Glass Sound Speaker



This gadget manages to be both mainstream and quirky. It's a wireless speaker (Bluetooth and Wi-Fi) with a delicate, beguiling tone that is highly attractive.

But it looks like something Florence Nightingale might carry because it has a glass cylinder growing out of it, with a light at its base.

In fact, the glass vibrates, and its resonance is what creates the booming sound.

The light can even be set to flicker like a candle. It is perfect for romantic candlelit dinners, though not cheap at around \$600.

## Royole FlexPai folding smartphone



A smartphone with a flexible screen that folds out to become a tablet, this was a hot gadget in Vegas.

But it will need to move quickly to work - Samsung has said its own folder will be out in the coming months.

The Royole seems it will likely have a beefy spec. It's rumoured to have Qualcomm's latest Snapdragon 855 processor and a couple of different memory options - 6GB and 8GB.

The folding screen is, obviously, the main attraction. How the phone performs remains to be seen, but the idea itself and the execution seems solid.

Royole has tested the folding mechanism and says it's good for 200,000 articulations. That should see most people through the normal life of the device without problems.

There are certain issues with folding phones, such as the aspect ratio. A regular display looks almost square when unfolded or, for it to look like a regular tablet, it requires a wider-than-usual

display when in phone mode. But it's a sign of the future.

The FlexPai will cost around \$1,300 for the 128GB model and about \$1,450 for the 256GB variant. Hardly affordable but not earth-shatteringly costly either.

## Panasonic GZ2000 4K OLED TV



When it comes to home entertainment, the big story at CES 2019 was undoubtedly around 8K TV technologies, doubling the already-impressive pixel count of the now-de facto 4K screen.

But 4K may still yet to have had its finest hour, if the Panasonic GZ2000 4K OLED TV screen is anything to go by. HDR10+, Dolby Vision, Dolby Atmos and support for the leading voice-activated smart controllers, the Panasonic GZ2000 has got it all in a package that's courting even the brightest minds in Hollywood's creative communities.

When watching sport, the roar of the crowd seems no longer just coming from in front of you.

## Withings Move ECG



Withings makes spectacularly good health products and its smartwatches appeal because they have analogue hands like, you know, a real watch.

This latest model, out in the spring, will include an ECG (electrocardiogram) monitor, something only the Apple Watch Series 4 has, and only in the US for now. This will be rather cheaper, at \$150.

An ECG reading occurs when you press on the watch glass. The Withings watch has a secondary dial which shows how close you are to your steps target, too. Oh, and unlike the Apple Watch, this will be compatible with Android phones, too.

## Sphero Spectrums



This was one of the coolest innovations at the show and comes from Sphero, makers of spherical robots and a brilliant Star Wars R2-D2 toy.

But the company's toys have always had a considerable educational angle to them, encouraging youngsters to learn how to code, for instance.

Now, with Specdrums, there's a musical angle, too. Two silicone rings fit to your fingers and when you touch a colour, then notes, loops or beats will sound. The twist is that it responds to colour, so reds will make one sound and greens another. Very smart.

## Technics SL-1210 turntable



Back in the seventies, Technics released a turntable designed for DJs and turntable wizards generally. It was incredibly popular and highly praised because it was well-built, very reliable and easy to use.

There have been updates since then, but this is the first for almost a decade. The new model, in a cool matte-black finish, includes features such as the capability to spin the disc in the opposite direction and neat features such as a long-life white LED positioned to make it easier to see the stylus tip when you're trying to place it in dim, or no, light. It goes on sale in a few months for around \$1,000.

## Volta Mookie



A pet feeder is straightforward enough, but what if it had facial recog-

nitition? So Duchess doesn't eat Rover's food, for instance.

This is also useful if you have two dogs, say, with different dietary needs.

Mookie's facial recognition technology is not dissimilar to that installed on your smartphone. It bans domestic food thieves and assures that your cat or dog gets the right amount of daily food as intended.

Or, if you leave the Mookie in the garden, you can be sure that a stray cat won't sneak in and eat it.

There are two food bowls with separately opening lids. It's on sale in the autumn for around \$200.

## NuraLoop



The NuraLoop earphones will contain the same personalised audio-tuning technology that made the original Nuraphone headphones so good. The personalised audio tuning via the Nura app measures how your ears hear and whether you're overly or under-sensitive to certain frequencies. The app then adjusts the settings in the headphones, and you get amazing sound quality as a result.

The original Nuraphones were rather large and heavy, which wasn't conducive to mobile use while out and about and commuting. But the NuraLoop are set to fix that with wireless earbuds that Nura says will have "all-day" battery life.

The NuraLoops will also come with active noise-cancelling, the new Bluetooth 5 standard for longer range, water-resistance, and even a headphone cable and headphone jack for times when you need a wired connection, like on a plane. 🌐



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# Trinidad Police Uncover Plot to Assassinate Top Cop and Family Members

A plan by two criminal gangs to assassinate Police Commissioner Gary Griffith and some of his relatives has been uncovered.

According to a report in the Trinidad Guardian newspaper, which was today confirmed by the twin-island republic's top cop, officers in the Special Branch of the police service found out last November that Griffith had been marked for death.

But the Police Commissioner says his resolve to continue and intensify the war on crime has not been shaken.

The newspaper article stated—based on an 11-page confidential report compiled by the Special Branch assessing the threat, which the Trinidad Guardian obtained—that the notorious criminal gangs are willing to pay contract killers top dollar to take out Griffith and close family members, with part payment in advance and the rest when the job has been completed.

The top secret report which was completed on November 26 last year, indicated that the robust approach to fighting crime, combined with new in-

itiatives that are to be unveiled shortly have made Griffith “the most high-risk individual in our nation”.

The Police Commissioner told the Trinidad Guardian, when questioned about the threat, that his job is to cripple the business of crime and he was not in any way prepared to change his stance.

He reiterated that position when he confirmed the assassination plot on Citadel Radio today.

Suggesting that those behind the murder plan are perhaps upset at the fact that over \$100 million in illegal drugs and weapons have been seized and hundreds of persons being arrested since he took office last year, Griffith said their actions “will actually strengthen my resolve”.

“The training that I have, fear is not an option. I am not stupid, however. We are fully aware of what is required



► Police Commissioner Gary Griffith says his resolve to continue and intensify the war on crime has not been shaken

arrested. If it was that this was not happening then I may be a little concerned,” he said.

“I give the assurance that I will not shirk my responsibility and, in fact, if it is that they had a concern then, I intend to go down into an even higher gear very soon.”

This is not the first death threat against Griffith. On various occasions in November last year, several calls were made warning that he was marked for death. Four people, including two minors were arrested in connection with some

of those calls. But Griffith acknowledged today that the plan uncovered by Special Branch was a lot more sinister. “This time around, this is not just about children or persons who are unstable calling 999 and making idle threats. It seems that there’s a clear and present danger...,” he said.

and...the good thing about it is that we know what the intentions would be from the enemy. In fact, this is expected...You would get that type of reprisals by individuals because obviously it is affecting their business. What I am doing is affecting their business, affecting their trade and it can very well affect their freedom because they may be

## ExxonMobil Makes Two More Oil Discoveries Offshore Guyana

Guyana’s Director of Energy Dr Mark Bynoe today announced that the US oil company ExxonMobil has made its 11th and 12th discoveries offshore the country.

They were made at the Tilapia-1 and Haimara-1 wells in the southwest section of the Stabroek Block.

“This continues to be positive news for the people of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, but the real substance of these finds will come when all Guyanese are able to benefit from these discoveries, whether directly or indirectly,” Dr Bynoe said.

In December, ExxonMobil made its 10th discovery offshore Guyana at the Pluma-1 well. That discovery had increased the estimated recoverable resource for the Stabroek Block to more than five billion oil-equivalent barrels.

The Tilapia-1 is the fourth discovery in the Turbot area that includes Turbot, Longtail and Pluma discoveries. Tilapia-1 encountered approximately 305 feet (93 metres) of high-quality oil-bearing

sandstone reservoir and was drilled to a depth of 18,786 feet (5,726 metres) in 5,850 feet (1,783 metres) of water.

“The rate of these finds remains well above industry standards and continues to allow for further de-risking of the deep and ultra-deep one, but we still have a substantial way to go before we can confidently say the one has been de-risked,” Dr Bynoe said.

He noted that the Noble Tom Madden drillship started drilling the well on January 7, 2019 and will next drill the Yellowtail-1 well, approximately six miles (10 kilometres) west of Tilapia-1 in the Turbot area. Baseline 4-D seismic data acquisition is underway.

The discovery at the Haimara-1 well, encountered approximately 207 feet (63 metres) of high-quality gas condensate-bearing sandstone reservoir. The well was drilled to a depth of 18,289 feet (5,575 metres) in 4,590 feet (1,399 metres) of water.

“The Department continues to work assiduously with its partner institutions



► One of the discoveries was made by the Stena Carron drillship

towards setting the requisite framework in place to ensure the benefits from these discoveries redound to the benefit of all Guyanese,” the Director of Energy added.

Located approximately 19 miles (31 kilometres) east of the Pluma-1 discovery, the Haimara -1 is deemed a po-

tential new area for development. The Stena Carron drillship began drilling the well on January 3, 2019.

Dr Bynoe also noted that there is potential for at least five floating, production storage and offloading vessels on the Stabroek Block producing more than 750,000 barrels of oil daily by 2025.

## US Lifts Sanctions on Parent Company of Jamaica Alumina Plant

The United States government has lifted sanctions on the parent company of Jamaican-based West Indies Alumina Company (Winalco), UC Rusal.

Minister of Transport and Mining Robert Montague told the House of Representatives that means entities in Jamaica can now freely do business with Winalco without the threat of direct and/or secondary sanctions.

“This is positive news for the Government of Jamaica. It is positive news for Winalco and its over 1,000 employees who had faced an uncertain future when the sanctions were initially announced, and it is positive news for Jamaican companies and individuals that conduct business with Winalco. It is positive news for the economy,” he said.

Montague added that UC Rusal has agreed to “unprecedented transparency into its operations by undertaking ex-

tensive, ongoing auditing, certification, and reporting requirements”.

In addition, independent persons will control a significant bloc of the shares of the En+ Group, which is UC Rusal’s parent company.

On April 6, 2018 the US Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), via General Licence No. 14, imposed various sanctions on Russian Oleg Deripaska and several companies that were wholly or primarily owned by him.

The sanctions resulted in the assets of UC Rusal that were within the US jurisdiction being frozen and US persons being prohibited from having dealings with them. Further, non-US persons could face secondary sanctions for knowingly facilitating significant transactions for, or on behalf of Deripaska and with his companies.

Montague noted the significant efforts were made by the Government towards mitigating the effects of the sanctions on the people, government and economy of Jamaica.

He said that through his Ministry and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, applications were made to the relevant US authorities for waivers to conduct business with UC Rusal.

This was with a view to sustaining the operations of Winalco towards preserving the livelihood of the citizens and preventing any major fallout in the economy.

Montague said a formal response was received from OFAC, which stated that Jamaica was covered by General Licence No.14 and would not be the direct subject of sanctions.

The Transport and Mining Minister also noted the timely intervention by



Prime Minister Andrew Holness in the matter.

“The Prime Minister, at a critical point, when all looked bleak, had a very productive meeting with the US Treasury Secretary. This meeting, along with the help of the US Congress black Caucus and many others, contributed,” he told the House.

# SUDOKU

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

## Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Narrow cuts
  - 6 Knowing
  - 11 Mystic deck
  - 12 Was partial
  - 13 Make amends
  - 14 Hackneyed
  - 15 Musical handicap
  - 17 Martini base
  - 18 Compass dir.
  - 19 Inlaid art
  - 22 Turf
  - 23 Math comparisons
  - 24 Programing pro
  - 25 Roma's land
  - 27 Spinning toy
  - 30 Complication
  - 31 Arles article
  - 32 Steal from
  - 33 Thinly scattered
  - 35 Humble
  - 38 Up to
  - 39 Hindu mystics
  - 40 "Q & A" star
- DOWN**
- 41 Train stations
  - 42 Kicked, in a way
  - 1 Asserts
  - 2 Barrio resident
  - 3 Freed of wrinkles
  - 4 Muscle quality
  - 5 Flatten
  - 6 Braying beast
  - 7 Funny fellow
  - 8 Slow tempo
  - 9 Mementos island
  - 10 Perfect places
  - 16 Band aides
  - 20 Victorian sci-fi genre
  - 21 Broadcast
  - 24 Truck part
  - 25 Asimov classic
  - 26 Caribbean island
  - 27 Slow mover
  - 28 Like some
  - 29 Disrobed
  - 30 Is pious
  - 34 Shortly, in
  - 36 Quick poems
  - 37 Mountain road feature

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### Yesterday's answer

- 16 Band
- 28 Like
- 17 Victorian sci-fi genre
- 29 Disrobed
- 30 Is pious
- 34 Shortly, in
- 36 Quick poems
- 37 Mountain road feature

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## CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



## Word Search

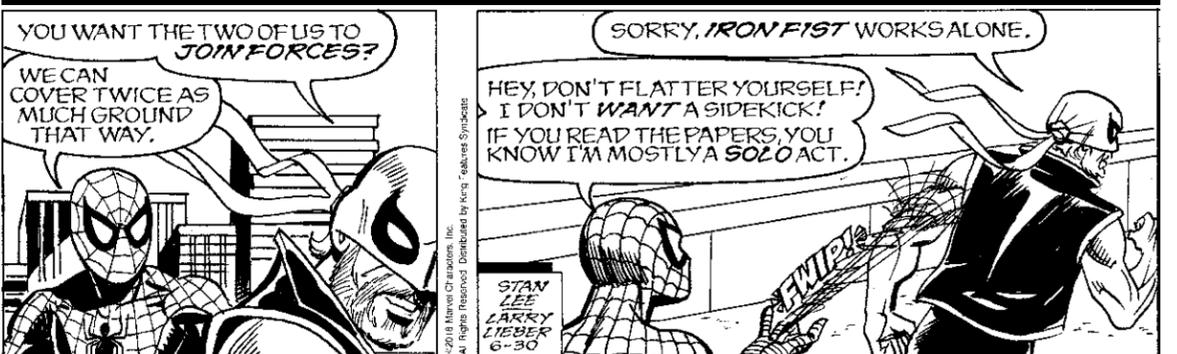
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

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| Apricot | Fig     | Loquat | Pear   |
| Banana  | Grape   | Mango  | Plum   |
| Cherry  | Guava   | Melon  | Quince |
| Currant | Kumquat | Orange | Sloe   |
| Damson  | Lemon   | Papaya | Ugli   |

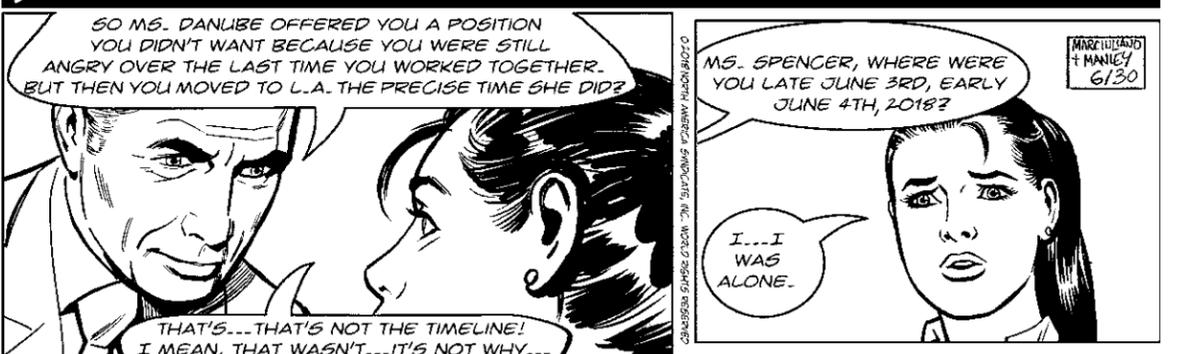
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