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Mental Health Symposium to discuss the future of mental health

The 2nd annual Youth Mental Health Symposium will take place on February 23, 2019 at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort. The symposium, organized by the Alex Panton Foundation, will explore the current state of mental health in the Cayman Islands and provide recommendations on future im-

provements under the theme 'Addressing Our Past, Supporting Our Future.'

The Alex Panton Foundation has collaborated with the National Drug Council for their 2018 biennial survey 'Cayman Islands Student Drug Use' (CISDU).

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▶ Alex Panton Foundation Youth Symposium

Opposition Leader calls for Cruise Port Contingency Plan



Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Ezzard Miller

With the latest Tourism Department figures showing a bumper year for cruise ship passenger arrivals in 2018, surpassing the trend of steadily increasing annual figures, the Leader of the Opposition the Hon. Ezzard Miller has expressed concerns about the lack of information on interim arrangements for processing of passengers should the cruise port project materialize as proposed.

At the same time, Mr. Miller hastened to underscore that "the Op-

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2nd Annual Youth Mental Health Symposium to discuss the future of mental health in Cayman Islands

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The results from the survey, which also focuses on youth mental health issues, will be revealed in the opening key note presentation and will form discussion points on a series of topics surrounding risk factors of mental health throughout the symposium.

Speaking on the 2nd annual Youth Mental Health Symposium, Jane Panton, Chairperson of the Alex Panton Foundation said:

"After the tremendous turnout for our inaugural Youth Mental Health Symposium and other events in 2018, we know youth mental health is something that the local community is very passionate about addressing. Hosting this symposium each year will help continue this important conversation in our community."

Speaking on their recent collaboration with the National Drug Council for this year's symposium, Jane Panton went on to say:

"Last year we announced that we would be collaborating with the National Drug Council on their 2018 survey in order to collect the first nationally representative data on how children and young adults, on our islands, are coping with mental health issues as well as what they know about the resources available to them.



▶ Jane Panton Presents at the Alex Panton Foundation Youth Symposium

"We are thrilled to be able to share the results of this survey with the general public and to discuss both where we are currently and the next steps we need to take, as medical professionals, parents, carers and a community, in

order to improve the services available for those struggling with mental health issues."

The symposium aims to explore mental health from a diverse point of view, while ensuring that children and young adults dealing with mental health issues are at the heart of the conversation.

For more details and to register for the 2nd annual Youth Mental Health Symposium head over to alexpantonfoundation.ky. 😚





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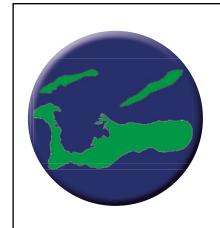


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Community Policing Department Holds Crime Prevention Workshop in Bodden Town

Community Policing Officers in the Bodden Town District (Beats 3, 4 and 5) came together in the North Sound Gardens community last Sunday, 27 January, to talk about neighbourhood security with residents during one of the Community Policing Department's first crime prevention workshops of 2019

"It is our intention to hold this kind of educational meeting in each community policing beat this year," said Chief Inspector Everton Spence, who manages both the Community Policing and Traffic portfolios. "The field of crime prevention and reduction is always developing, in terms of technology and methods, and we want to share these developments with residents along with the crime trends we are seeing on the islands and in their area."

During the presentation officers demonstrated new and compact alarm devices for home and property as well as "pin" alarms that can be worn while exercising outside to enhance personal safety. Alongside demonstrations of new technology, officers also emphasized the importance of neighbourhood watches to reduce crime and also improve the quality of life in an area.

"Devices and alarms, while effective, are no substitute for active and watchful neighbours when it comes to crime reduction in an area," continued Chief Inspector Spence. "The connectedness and watchfulness of a neighbourhood makes it harder for suspicious and criminal activity to go unnoticed, which is what criminals count on."

"Since spring of 2017, when Bodden Town had a high burglary rate, several new neighbourhood watches have been launched, bringing the total number in the district to fourteen," said PS Cornelius Pompey, head of the Bodden Town Community Policing sector, "and we have seen burglaries drop through-



► Crime prevention workshops

out the district. While significant arrests were made, I have no doubt that more active watches in communities also contributed to this crime reduction."

Go to http://www.rcips.ky/community/ to get in touch with the Beat Officer and learn about neighbourhood watches in your area.

Leader of the Opposition Calls for Cruise Port Contingency Plan

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position absolutely opposes the cruise port project, fully expects the referendum will be supported by the required number of signatures, and firmly believes that the opposition to the port project will win when the referendum is put to the vote."

However, Mr. Miller said it was important to call attention to "yet another aspect of Government's failure to communicate" that could add to what he views as "another potentially serious consequence":

"So far," Mr. Miller elaborated, "Government has said nothing about how they plan to mitigate the impact of the dredging and complex construction activities for the proposed cruise ship port on the disembarkation, processing and return of passengers to ships, as well as passengers' ease of access to landside recreational arrangements," Mr. Miller said, adding: "How that management aspect that could have markedly adverse impacts on the future of the industry will be addressed has to be a concern for the industry and the population as a whole and should be addressed."

Continuing, Mr. Miller said: "At the very least, we need an explanation by Government on how the disembarkation and re-boarding of passengers will be handled over the two-to-three years of works—if the project sees the light of day."

In the meantime, Mr. Miller continues to refute the key argument advanced for the necessity for the port—that tendering is not feasible for the debarking and re-boarding of passengers, especially for the larger ships.

"It is clear that cruise passengers continue to be successfully tendered, an arrangement that will apply when one of the largest cruise ships in the world, the 5,700-passenger mega ship by MSC Cruise Line, the MSC Meraviglia, anchors in Cayman waters in November as scheduled, Mr. Miller said.

"The trend of the increasing numbers of cruise-ship passenger arrivals and the tendering of the mammoth Oasis class ship later this year," Mr. Miller said, "undermine Government's argument that tendering poses an overwhelming threat to the continued wellbeing of the cruise industry."

As for any claim that dockside disembarkation of cruise passengers is more efficient than ferrying passengers by tender, Mr. Miller referenced the 11 August 2015 Environmental Assessment Board's review of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) undertaken by W. F. Baird and Associates, consultants commissioned by the Government.

On page 20 of the board's review, under the heading of "Tendering vs. berthing," the board reported that the EIA had considered "two scenarios for disembarkation rates, one with four Carnival Magic-sized vessels at berth and, a second, with two Carnival Magic-sized vessels and two Oasis-sized vessels at berth."

The board reported that the EIA had concluded on page 310 "that for both of these scenarios, the disembarkation rates with cruise berthing facility is within the range of passenger-disembarkation rates achieved with tendering, i.e., cruise berthing will not result in a quicker rate of disembarkation."

In addition, the EIA noted that passengers disembarking at berth would have longer walking distances, ranging "from approximately 1,200 to 1,800 feet, as compared to approximately 450 feet with existing tender operation."

Another disadvantage from cruise berthing identified by the EIA and reported by the board, is the "lag time which can result from the berthing of cruise ships."

Mr. Miller nevertheless went on to clarify that he is as much in support of the cruise industry as he is of the stay-over visitor sector, but he was concerned that scarce investment resources be placed where the returns would be of greatest value to the people of the Cayman Islands.

This was specially so, he said, "given that berthing will not add any additional time on shore—but could actually re-



duce shore time—which is mainly what cruise passengers care most about."

With regard to the business case for investing so massively in the cruise port despite these disadvantages, Mr. Miller pointed to the latest available statistics that show that revenue from stay-over passengers continue the long-established trend of exceeding by far the spend by cruise passengers: The latest estimate of cruise passengers' annual spending is US\$199.9 million, compared to US\$680 million for stay-over visitors, a ratio of more than one to three, respectively.

At the same time, "There is no question that we do want to protect the cruise industry," Mr. Miller said, adding that another serious consequence of "this risky project is a scenario that mismanagement could result in cruise ships deciding to reroute to bypass Cayman, with its potential for an eventual decline in Cayman's cruise industry," Mr. Miller said.

"While the Opposition remains opposed to the project and do not believe it will become a reality, the lack of information on the interim management for the disembarking and re-boarding of cruise passengers is definitely another big concern joining all the others, including costs, and environmental and business impacts," Mr. Miller said. "It would be really ironic that the costliest investment resulted in the gravest of consequences."



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► Arek Ebanks at work clearing the land

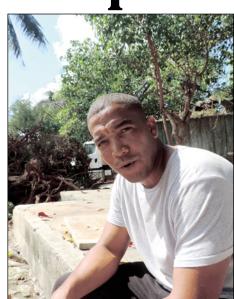
Land cleared for new Scranton park

They were up since dawn, raking, clearing, chopping down with machetes. The hot sun came up and still they worked; the old, the young, men and women worked side by side. They got dirty, they got sweaty, but they didn't care. It was an army of around 100 ordinary folks, an army driven by love for their community; the proud community of Scranton.

They were joined by four community police officers, and more than 20 Cayman Islands Fire Service officers, along with a contingent from Rotary Central and Rotary Sunrise too. They worked with one heart and mind, and their aim was to make the patch of overgrown bush, between Scranton and the high rise office buildings, a beautiful park for everyone to enjoy, a place where people can see each other and talk to each other and look into each other's eyes with a friendly smile.

M.L.A Kenneth Bryan, who had helped get everyone together, said: "What you are experiencing here is a dream, which will hopefully become a reality soon. For a while now Government has had this land back here, and we know that they have recently acquired the front piece too. I've been asking the government to do something about the place for some time and haven't got much response as to when they are going to deal with it so I decided to get everybody together and do it ourselves. What you see here is a community effort by everybody putting their hands together. We thankful to the Department of Environmental Health and parks to help get some of the rubbish, and some private individuals with their machines and equipment have brought them here to clear out the land. It's hard to visualize a dream, if you can't see it. That's why it's so important that we clear it out, so we can see it. Once they see the clearing and the size, they can visualize what we can do with it. And the dream can come true. Its going to be really beautiful, I can promise you that."

Of course, there were lots of people from the hardworking and dedicated Scranton Committee who had come out to clear the land. It was a mighty big day for them. Cheryl Myles of the Scranton Committee said: "The purpose of the



► George Town MLA Kenneth Bryan

Scranton Committee is to help build the community and assist each other and

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Land cleared for new Scranton park

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to strengthen community spirit. Quite a few of us have different ideas, but once we've had the area fully cleaned and cleared then we can all put our heads together and so on and see what the Government has to give in ways of planning and finances. We are open to ideas like picnic benches and areas to play games and places where the elderly and young persons can come out and do things on a daily basis.

RCIPS' Inspector Myles who is in charge of community policing explained why four of his officers had come out to help: "We are delighted to know that we can come to community events like; building camaraderie within the community in the district of George Town. This area has got a lot of history and I am very happy to see that the community has taken on the initiative of cleaning it making it into a little park.















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Arek Ebanks, who works for the Recreational Parks and Cemeteries division of Public Works, said he didn't mind giv-

ing up his Saturday morning to work a huge earth moving machine which was clearing the land. "I don't know if I am going to get paid for it. But that is alright, money is not everything," he said.



POLICE NEWS

JMU Assists Paddle Boarders in Distress

Shortly after 7:00PM on Thursday, 31 January, the 9-1-1 Communications Centre dispatched officers to a report of persons in distress in the water off West Bay Public Beach. Two persons were on a paddle board drifting out to sea and were having difficulties returning to shore. Officers from the Joint Marine Unit also deployed to assist in M/V Typhoon.

The persons on the paddleboard were able to communicate with officers on shore via mobile phone, and were instructed to turn on the phone's flashlight in order to make it easier for the JMU officers to locate them. They were subsequently located by the officers and transported safely to shore.

"This incident shows how easily one can get into a dangerous situation while participating in water-related activities, even something like paddle boarding," said A/Superintendent Brad Ebanks, "That's why it is always advisable to carry some means of communication with you as this is one of the tools that will help ensure your safety."

Update: Police Request Public assistance to locate missing man

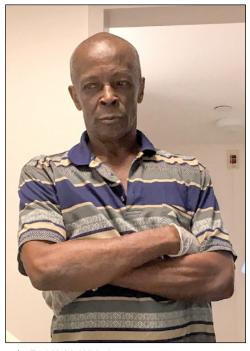
As of Friday afternoon, 1 February, Mr. Whitely's whereabouts remain unknown. At this point in the investigation, with several enquiries conducted, it has been determined that the last confirmed sighting of Mr. Whitely was on Boxing Day, 26 December, 2018. Previous information that he was sighted on Seymour Road in mid-January has been determined to be incorrect.

Eral Keith Whitely, age 72 of George Town, was last seen sometime on or near Christmas Day, 25 December, 2018, in the vicinity of Brushy Avenue in George Town, which is located in the area off Godfrey Nixon Way. He has not been seen since.

He is described as being of slim build, dark complexion, about 5' 10" in height and is bald. He typically wears baseball caps and glasses, with a white t-shirt, blue jeans and sneakers. A picture of him is attached. There are indications that he may have been sleeping in abandoned vehicles in the area.

The Police are concerned for Mr. Whitely's welfare and are conducting urgent enquiries in an effort to locate him.

Police continue to appeal to anyone who may have seen Mr. Whitely in the last two weeks or has any information about his whereabouts to please contact the George Town Police Station at 949-4222.



► Eral Keith Whitely

345 FC set the tone for Boys Under 11 League

The re-formatted Boys Under 11 league got underway this past Saturday, February 2 in the 2019 Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) youth leagues. Saturday's games also marked the third round of play in the Girls Under 11 and the Boys Under 15 leagues.

In the Boys Under 11 league, 345 FC I and II kicked off their campaigns in style with respect rule enforced 5-0 wins over George Town SC I and Sunset Makos respectively.

Jhairye Willis and Ben Lyne grabbed two goals each and Leon Frank added another as 345 FC I defeated GTSC 5-0 (respect rule enforced), while Chaz Ruddick, Emre Cuevas-Ebanks, Jagger Alban and Ethan Cansell all scored in the 345 FC II 5-0 defeat (respect rule enforced) of the Sunset Makos. The fifith goal was an unfortunate own goal.

In the final Group A game of the day, Academy SC Wanderers got past Latinos FC 5-0 as Max McGeough scored two with Ijah Jennings, Liam Whiteside (penalty) and David McLaughlin contributing to the win with a goal each.

In Group B of the Boys Under 11 league, Academy SC Saints topped Scholars ISC 4-1 thanks to goals from Matthias Vargas, Patrick Roberts and Oscar Drackton. Scholars ISC scored an own goal to bring Academy's tally to four, while in return, Academy responded by scoring an own goal of their own, which accounted for the Scholars ISC goal.

Also in Group B, Sunset Warriors beat George Town SC II 5-0 (respect rule enforced) with Jaxon Cover scoring two and Matthew Rees, Charlie Isbister and Jaydon Ashdown scoring the other three goals.

In the Girls Under 11 league, the young ladies from George Town SC and Scholars ISC played to a very entertaining 0-0 draw while Sunset Fusion defeated Sunset Iguanas 7-2 and Sunset Stingrays squeezed by Academy SC 3-2.

Scorers for Sunset Fusion included Harper Nelson (3) and Olivia Thorpe (3) while Caydon Coles grabbed her team's seventh goal. In reply for the Iguanas, it was Clara DeQuintal and Sashka Parker scoring a goal each.

Scorers for Sunset Stingrays were Madison Leadbetter, Emily Woolf and Bronwen Burt, while Kenza Nairuwonsanga and Zariyah Durran replied for Academy SC.

In the Boys Under 15 league played on Saturday afternoon, 345 FC I downed Academy SC White 2-1 with 345s Tom Byrne and Gilbert Cache-Rodriguez cancelling out Jaydon Whittaker's opener for Academy SC White.

Bodden Town FC got past Sunset FC 2-1 as Breshawn Watson and Jaqan Miller found the back of the net for the Bodden Town outfit. Sunset's Jacob McMillian-Cullett scored a consolation goal late in the game for his team.

In the final Boys Under 15 game of the day, Academy SC Blue defeated Cayman Athletic SC 2-1 with goals from Selvin Caballero and Jeremy Scott. Cayman Athletic's Rashaad Powery had opened the scoring in the second minute but his club could not hold on to the lead.

The 2019 CIFA Youth Leagues continue on Saturday, February 9 with a number of games at various venues across Grand Cayman.



▶ Ben Lyne (orange) of 345 FC II and Fred Boothe from George Town SC battle for the ball in this Boys Under 11 encounter. 345 FC II won the game 5-0



Employees honoured

Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) recently honoured six employees for outstanding service to the Company in 2018. The awardees are:

Jarron Conolly: Excellence in Safety Award

Mr. Conolly was awarded the 2018 Excellence in Safety Award for his work with safety awareness. He consistently proposes sound ideas to mitigate potential safety concerns particularly in the Company's North Sound Road Power Plant. His passion for safety and his influence on others to understand the importance of the Company's safety policies and procedures when carrying out all assigned tasks is exemplary.

Karan Andrew: Team Spirit Award

Mrs. Andrew was presented with the 2018 Team Spirit Award for her impeccable leadership abilities and commitment to developing others. She is renown for recognising employees' efforts and maintaining a high degree of customer focus. Mrs. Andrew always advocates for the "team" and is involved in all aspects of the Company through committees and community service initiatives.

Anthony Verhoeven: The Jeffrey Broderick Bright Spark Award Mr. Verhoeven was awarded the 2018 Jeffrey Broderick Bright Spark Award for his creativity and technical expertise. As a member of the Company's Information Technology (IT) Department, Mr. Verhoeven works on a number of projects centred around increasing the efficiency of data systems, which result in material benefits for individual departments and CLIC as a whole

James Moore: Employee of the Year Award

Mr. Moore was presented with the 2018 Employee of the Year Award for his commitment to excellence throughout his 17 years with the Company. During his tenure, Mr. Moore has been nominated for the Company's "Shine the Light Award" on a number of occasions. He has always been a proponent of improving health and safety and teamwork and has championed CUC's participation in the Investors in People programme. James is a member of several committees.

Raymond Stewart: Supervisor of the Year Award

Mr. Stewart was awarded the 2018 Supervisor of the Year Award for his outstanding leadership qualities. As Security Foreman with the Company's Fleet Services & Security Department, he is well-respected by the security staff because of his leadership skills. Mr. Stewart is very accommodating yet accountable when it comes to the department's tasks and initiatives.

Anika Conolly: Wellness Advocate Award

Ms. Conolly was presented with the 2018 Wellness Advocate Award for her efforts in taking the lead and expanding the Company's wellness initiatives, not only in health and fitness, but also in emphasising the importance of financial, spiritual and emotional wellness.

These employee awards are based on nominations from employees, which are then voted on and finalised by the Executive and Management teams. In addition to these annual awards, the Company has a number of reward and recognition programmes designed to recognise employees' contribution to improving all facets of life at CUC.



System at the North Sound Road Power Plant is registered





GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Cuba rebuilding after tornado

Cuba was badly hit by a devastating tornado last week with at least four people dying and hundreds injured but construction has already started to repair thousands of homes.

The construction of houses for the people affected in Havana by a tornado on Jan. 27 started on Saturday.

According to the Council of Ministers, works began in several places in the Cuban capital, while the assessment of damages in houses continues.

President Miguel Diaz-Canel and Construction Minister Rene Mesa said that of 3,513 houses damaged so far, the technical data for 2,873 was prepared. This survey is fundamental for the acquisition of materials for reconstruction.

Mr Diaz-Canel emphasised that the procedure offices for the purchase of construction materials work efficiently to a high standard and great urgency.

Energy and Mines Minister Raul Garcia reported that the power ser-



Cuba is already rebuilding after a devastating tornado last week

vice was practically restored, and only some cases remain without electricity and they will solved in the coming hours.

In the case of telephone services, Communications Minister Jorge Luis Perdomo said at the meeting of the Council of Ministers that 65 percent of land lines had been restored.

Mr Diaz-Canel repeated his call to maintain permanent contact with the people affected by the tornado, to explain the progress of the recovery and listen to their problems.

Filipinos heaviest internet users

Filipinos are the world's heaviest internet users, particularly on social media

A new report has revealed the world's heaviest internet users are in the Philippines, where people spend an average of 10 hours and two minutes a day online in 2018.

Brazil were second with 9:29 internet usage, followed by Thailand (9:11), Colombia (9:00), and Indonesia (8:36).

The Digital 2019 report, created by social media management platform Hootsuite and digital marketing agency We Are Social, found that the worldwide average amount of time spent online was six hours and 42 minutes a day.

People in the US averaged 6:31 compared with 5:52 in China and 5:46 in the UK.

Of the countries surveyed, people in Japan spent the least amount of time online, averaging just 3:45.

Unsurprisingly, social media accounted for a significant amount of time spent on the internet. In the Philippines, peo-



▶ Filipinos love internet communication

ple spent an average of 4:12 on social media platforms every day, while the global average was 2:16. Again, the lowest social media use was in Japan, where people devoted an average of just 36 minutes to scrolling.

Facebook was the social media platform Filipinos tended to use the most, with over two million joining since October 2018.

Overall, there are 76 million internet users in the Philippines, and all of them are on some form of social media. Seventy-two million Filipinos access them via a mobile device.

Honduran lawmaker on trial

Days before Honduras' elections in 2017, a former high-ranking official in the national police, Maria Luisa Borjas, held a news conference at which she read from government investigative reports about three high-profile killings. Now, as an opposition lawmaker, she faces the possibility of a fine and, more significantly, the loss of her seat in Congress when she went on trial Monday charged with defamation. Her alleged crime was essentially naming names — the suspected "intellectual authors" of

a slaying contained in one of those reports — in a country where the powerful have long enjoyed impunity.

Honduras and other Latin American nations have been criticised by international organisations for years for their criminal defamation statutes, which are powerful tools allowing elites — often lawmakers themselves — to silence critics.

Ms Borjas has a long track record of calling out corruption, starting with the police force's own ranks when she ran its internal affairs unit. "It's a political persecution and they want to set a precedent so that nobody dares to denounce absolutely anything here," Ms Borjas said. "People say, 'Well, if they do this to a deputy, what could they do to me?'"

In another case last month, the country's Supreme Court rejected a bid for a new trial by journalist David Romero, who has

been an outspoken critic of President Juan Orlando Hernandez. The justices upheld a 10-year prison sentence given Mr Romero in 2016 after he was convicted on several counts of defamation



▶ Maria Luisa Borjas is on trial for defamation

for his reporting on the wife of a former attorney general. Honduras' constitution guarantees its citizens the right to honour, and defamation is considered a crime against a person's honour.

UK to deport Caribbean residents

The UK Government plans to restart deportation charter flights to the Caribbean this week have been attacked as "brutal" and "a scandal" by leading Labour politicians.

The Home Office said a flight to Jamaica will take off carrying out the enforced removals of foreign national offenders. About 50 people could leave, according to reports. They are said to include people who went to the UK as children and parents with British children.

The charter flight will be the first since March 2017, before the Windrush scandal when it emerged dozens of people had been wrongly deported from the UK by the Home Office.

A spokesman for the Home Office confirmed the plan. David Lammy, the Labour MP for Tottenham, said the deportation charter was an insult to the victims of the Windrush scandal.

"Britain stopped deporting British criminals to Australia in 1868," he said. "This forced repatriation is a scandal in itself, but to re-commence it before the compensation scheme for the Home Office's previous abuses has been rolled out is an insult to the victims who have already been false-



► Caribbean folks first arrived in the UK on SS Windrush from 1948

ly deported or detained by their own government.

"I have met many Windrush citizens forced into petty crime precisely because of the government's hostile environment outrageously stripping them of their rights to work, healthcare, housing and benefits."

The shadow home secretary, Diane Abbott MP, called for full transparency over the "brutal" chartered flight deportations.

"Ministers need to quickly confirm whether these individuals are British citizens," she said. "We should not deport our own citizens or deny their rights."

Canada diplomats pull out of Cuba

Canada has announced it is removing up to half of the Canadians at its embassy in Cuba after another diplomat was found to have fallen mysteriously ill.

Canada has confirmed 14 cases of mysterious health problems since early 2017. Twenty-six American embassy workers in Cuba have also been affected, suffering a range of symptoms and diagnoses including mild

traumatic brain injury, also known as concussion.

Canada announced in November it was considering all options regarding its embassy in Cuba after a 13th case was confirmed. Canada is going from about 16 positions for Canadian staff at the Havana embassy to around eight.

Canada ordered the families of diplomatic staff in Cuba to return home last April. The 14 Canadians affected includes diplomats and some of their family members. A senior Canadian government official said that the latest case involves a diplomat who



► The Canada embassy in Havana has reduced its diplomats

arrived in the summer and reported symptoms on Dec. 29. The official said recent confirmed cases demonstrate that these incidents are still ongoing.

Canada will continue to have an ambassador in Havana and officials said full consular services will be available to Canadians. But officials said other programmes may be adjusted in the coming weeks and diplomatic staff from outside Cuba might assist.

Cuba is a favourite tourist destination for Canadians and the Canadian government said there is no evidence of any related ailments among travellars.

Irving hints at Celtics exit

Kyrie Irving is not guaranteed in re-signing with the Boston Celtics, despite his public promise to do so. The NBA deadline is on Thursday and Irving's apparent change of mind is one of the biggest talking points.

No wonder on Friday in Madison Square Garden, Knicks fans were chanting, "we want Kyrie," and those chants might not have been in vain. Only a week ago, it felt like Irving remaining with the Celtics was set in stone after the press conference in October where he anounced he was staying. Now, after a particularly memorable period of NBA news, everything looks up in the air for the Celtics.

It stems from Anthony Davis whose agent announced that the young centre was seeking a trade from the New Orleans Pelicans. This immediately led to speculation that Davis's camp was forcing a move to the Los Angeles Lakers. One piece of news that bolstered this belief was that the Boston Celtics couldn't trade for him while Irving was still with the team. It seemed the timing of Davis's request was because he knew he couldn't be traded to Boston before the deadline because he had no interest in playing there. One of the reasons for that? There was a growing feeling around the league that Irving might not be so willing to re-sign there after all.

At first, it was easy enough to dismiss these rumours revolving around Irving, since they didn't really emerge until Davis made his trade request public. It was easy enough to chalk it up to trade deadline chatter, possibly coming from teams hoping to land the disgruntled Pelican. Then, days after the Davis news, the New York Knicks made the shocking decision to trade Kristaps Porzingis to the Dallas Mavericks which meant the Knicks had freed up space to add two maximum contracts over the offseason, reheating their interest in acquiring Irving, who can – and probably will - opt out of his current contract over the summer.

As it happens, the day after the Porzingis trade, the Celtics were heading to New York to play, of all teams, the Knicks. This was the perfect opportunity for Irving to reassure fans that his priority was staying in Boston. That is, well, not exactly what he did. When asked point blank about his plans, Irving replied, "ask me July 1." He also expressed frustration that he was expected to answer such questions now, at one point saying, "at the end of the day, I'm going to do what's best for my career, and that's just where it stands."

This unexpectedly combative press conference led to a massive commotion among Celtics fans. It didn't matter that, during the brief round of questioning, Irving reiterated that Boston was still his number one option saying: "I still have confidence in Boston and what they can promise for the future and what they have in terms of our pieces."

Nothing could shield fans from the reality that something had changed in



► Kyrie Irving looks likely to leave the Celtics

the relationship between Irving and the Celtics. Now, the Celtics' entire long-term plan looked like it was built under a not-so-solid foundation.

It looks as frustration is the main reason Irving is reluctant to commit long-term to the Celtics. He is playing the best basketball of his career - but it hasn't translated to wins. The Celtics are, in theory, more talented than the team that reached Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals without Irving and Gordon Hayward last season. But Boston are in fourth place in the East, getting there only after Friday's win thanks in part to the Indiana Pacers

plummeting after losing Victor Oladipo for the season because of a torn quad tendon

Irving's frustrations have spilled over to other members of the team. He has repeatedly aired his grievances with Boston's young players Jayson Tatum, Jaylen Brown and Terry Rozier and through the media, including after a loss in Orlando last month. It was after that loss that Irving confronted coach Brad Stevens in the huddle for not calling the potential game-deciding shot for him, and Hayward on the court afterward for passing the ball to Tatum instead of him.

Holder must sit last Test out

West Indies captain Jason Holder will miss the final Test against England after being banned by the International Cricket Council, but at least the Caribbean side are comfortable in the knowledge that they have already secured the series.

The brilliant all-rounder will serve a one-match suspension for his side's slow over-rate in the 10-wicket win in the second Test in Antigua. The third Test in St Lucia starts on Saturday, with West Indies 2-0 up in the series.

Holder will be sorely missed, not just for his leadership but he is the leading run-scorer with 229 at an average of 114.50.

He has been a central figure in West Indies securing a first series win over England since 2009, and their first over any side other than Bangladesh and Zimbabwe since 2012.

Holder was named man of the match after making an unbeaten 202 and taking two wickets in the 381-run win in the first Test, a performance which took him to the top of the ICC rankings for Test all-rounders.

The 27-year-old Barbadian claimed 4-32 to help bowl England out for 132 in Antigua on Saturday before West Indies sealed victory with two days to spare.

He missed the second Test in New Zealand in December 2017 after being banned for a slow over-rate offence.



▶ Jason Holder has been brilliant for the West Indies



▶ Usain Bolt has given up on his football dreams

Bolt is NFL record holder now

Usain Bolt may be finished from the track, but he is still lightning fast. The 32-year-old Jamaican tied the NFL's fastest 40-yard dash and he was super chilled about it.

The retired Olympian tied the NFL's record for the fastest 40-yard dash, clocking in at 4.22 seconds, and he wasn't even wearing specialised running spikes. He did it in sweatpants and casual sneakers.

Bolt is at a crossroads in his life. He recently gave up on his dream of becoming a professional footballer, saying "the sports life is over" for him.

The eight-time Olympic gold medallist was unable to agree a contract with Australian side Central Coast Mariners last year after a trial.

He made his debut for the Mariners in September and scored twice in his second trial match. Despite the goals – one well-taken, one a tap into an empty net – and a clear improvement in his level of football fitness between those two games, serious questions remained over his general play and ability to turn into an elite athlete in a second sport.

He turned down an offer from Maltese club Valletta, reportedly because the club could not afford his wage demands, and also spent time training with Norwegian team Stromsgodset and German Bundesliga side Borussia Dortmund.

Bolt, who retired from athletics in 2017 and still holds the 100m and 200m world records, said he does not regret trying to become a professional footballer.

Bolt, who won Olympic sprint gold medals in Beijing, London and Rio, said he would now focus on his business ven-

"I'm just doing many different things ... the sports life is over, so I'm now moving into different businesses. I have a lot of things in the pipeline, so as I say, I'm just dabbling in everything and trying to be a business man now."



LIQUOR LICENSING QUARTERLY SESSION

Friday, 01 March 2019, at 1:00pm,

Government Administration Building, Room 1038, Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

1. Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the 6th of December 2018

2. <u>Grant applications:</u> Applicants shall attend before the Board at the time of the opening of the sessions and such other times as the Board may require and may, in addition, be represented by a person qualified to practise law in the Islands.

A) LIMBERG R. CUEVAS-EBANKS T/A SPOTLIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

Business: RETAIL (MOBILE) & MUSIC AND

DANCING

Location: Block 38C, Parcel 202, 34B Carlton Rd, Bodden Town

B) AET LTD. T/A SEVEN MILE BURGER

Business: RESTAURANT

Location: Block 11D, Parcel 92, Unit#3-104, Governors Square, 23 Lime Tree Bay Ave, West Bay

C) TREATS LTD

Business: RESTAURANT & MUSIC AND DANCING

Business: RETAIL (MOBILE)

Location: Block 12E, Parcel 83, West Shore Plaza,

508 West Bay Road, West Bay

D) THE BREW HUT LTD.
Business: RESTAURANT

Location: Block 20C, Parcel 78, C2, ORIA, George

Town

E) EVON ROBINSON T/A GRILLO MACHINE - BEST OF THE BEST

Business: RETAIL (MOBILE)

Location: Block 14E, Parcel 520H43, Sterling Estates #43, 107 Coemer Drive, George Town

3. Deferred Applications

A) MICHAEL GARDENER T/A DESERT EAGLE SOUND

Business: RETAIL (MOBILE) & MUSIC AND DANCING

Location: Block 27D Parcel 324, 19 Kimera Way,

Bodden Town

B) RAYMOND BUSH - FIDEL MURPHYS

Business: RESTAURANT

Location: Block 13B, Parcel 64, Queens Court,

West Bay Road, George Town

C) DONNA MYRIE-STEPHEN

Business: RETAIL (NIGHTCLUB) & MUSIC AND

Location: Block OPY, Parcel 38, #27 Mary Street,

George Town

D) HOCK 168 LTD. T/A WOK N ROLL

Business: RESTAURANT

Location: Block 12E, Parcel 111 Regency Court #100 672 West Bay Road, George Town

4. Ratification of Section 13 Decisions

A) THE CAYMAN ISLANDS BREWERY LTD.

Licence No.: R2285-380

Application: Vary location to Block 20C, Parcel 78

Decision: Approved

B) CLIFTON CONNOLLY - THE CAYMAN ISLANDS BREWERY

Licence No.: D10-14, R123-272 and P41-83 **Application:** Vary licensee to The Cayman Islands

Decision: Approved

5. Variations

A) GINOS LTD. T/A GINO'S PIZZERIA

Business: VARIATION OF PREMISES TO IN-

CLUDE VEHICLE

Location: Block 12C, Parcel 427, Caribbean Plaza, A13, West Bay Road, George Town,

6. Any Other Business

- 7. Closed Deliberations
- 8. Announcement of Decisions
- 9. Adjournment

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Shelise Jeffery - Business Licensing Officer I Liquor Licensing Board of Grand Cayman

F) FLOWERS RESTAURATEURS (1998) LTD. T/A FLOWERS DISTRIBUTORSHIP

Business: RETAIL (TASTING)

Location: Block 14C, Parcel 305, The Eucalyptus Building, 4 Printers Way, George Town

G) MCRUSS GROUP LTD T/A MCRUSS GROCERIES Business: PACKAGE

Location: Block 25, Parcel 305, #4 Party Lane,

George Town

H) BERGHEM LTD T/A LE VELE

Business: RESTAURANT

Location: Block 13EH, Parcel 20, #147 North

Church Street, George Town

I) JRC INVESTMENTS LTD. T/A EVENTPRO BAR-TENDERING

Business: MUSIC AND DANCING **Location:** Block 5B, Parcel 284, Centennial Towers,

2454 West Bay Road, West Bay

J) BLUE IGUANA COFFEE LTD T/A MOJO

Business: PROVISIONAL - RESTAURANT **Location:** Block 14BH, Parcel 165, Bayshore Mall Building, George Town

E) BRYAN WELCOME T/A PEOPLE'S CHOICE GRO-

CERIES II Business: PACKAGE

Location: Block OPY, Parcel 112, Unit #1 Bodmer

Building, George Town

F) KJR GROUP LTD T/A SHOPRIGHT SPIRITS

Business: PACKAGE

Location: Block 14E, Parcel 178, Green Roof Building, Walkers Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

G) KJR GROUP LTD T/A SHOPRIGHT

Business: PACKAGE

Location: Block 64A, Parcel 169, Heron Place Building, High Rock Landing, East End, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

C) ORAL MASTERS - INACTIVE LIQUOR LICENSEE

Licence No.: P41-83

Application: Vary to Package and location to Block

14E, Parcel 178

Decision: Approved

D) PALM SUNRISE LTD T/A TILLIE'S

Licence No.: P41-83

Application: Vary category to Hotel

Decision: Approved

B) VICTOR JENNINGS T/A VIC'S PLACE

Business: VARIATION OF HOURS
Location: Block 19E, Parcel 10, Seymour Drive,
George Town

Latin America and the Caribbean Will Need 23 Million Health and Education Professionals by 2040

Latin America and the Caribbean will need approximately 12 million teachers, 3 million doctors and 8 million nurses by the year 2040.

This is what 'Education and Health: The sectors of the future?', the second issue of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)'s The future of work in Latin America and the Caribbean series, says in its projection of the demand for social sector professionals in 24 countries in the region.

"Our study shows that, even in the framework of the fourth industrial revolution, we can expect the number of teachers, doctors and nurses in Latin America and the Caribbean to continue growing at great speed," explains Marcelo Cabrol, manager of the IDB Social Sector.

"Our methodology allows us to know that, for example, a third of the teachers that will be needed in 15 years, and almost two thirds of the doctors and nurses, are people who have not yet begun their working life. Faced with this reality, the key is to ensure that these new professionals have the skills and training they need to be the teachers, doctors and nurses of the future," says Cabrol.

The study's projections are based on a series of variables specific to these sectors. In the case of education, the school-age population, school enrolment rates and the number of children per teacher are considered. For the health sector, the number of doctors is estimated with respect to the aging population that will exist in the coming decades, as well as the proportion of nurses for each doctor.

In addition to presenting projections for the future, the study Education and health: The study analyzes the evolution of the employment of teachers, doctors and nurses in Latin America and the Caribbean over the last four decades.

"These three occupations have been growing significantly in the region, but the most remarkable thing is that the jobs in education and health are, in comparison with other sectors, of good quality," explains Marcelo Cabrol.

Thus, the publication not only shows evidence that the income of teachers, doctors and nurses in Latin America and the Caribbean has grown significantly in recent years, but also that these professionals are more likely to receive a pension in old age than other professionals such as engineers, lawyers, journalists or accountants. In addition, women represent the majority of social sector workers, and the gender wage gap is substantially lower in these occupations than in others.

"While, in our region, women with post-secondary education still earn on average 28 per cent less than men, in education and health this difference is around 10 cent," says Cabrol. •



A third of the teachers that will be needed in 15 years have not yet begun their working life, according to an IDB study

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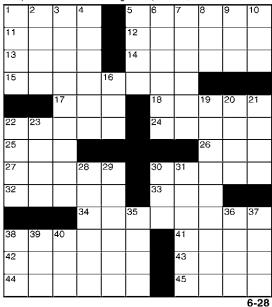
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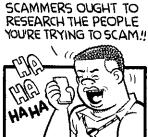
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