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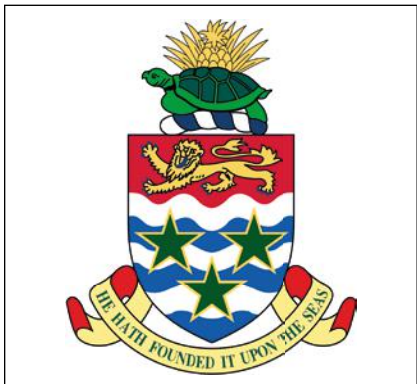
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By Lindsey Turnbull

The recent general publication of a report by the Office of the Auditor General on the progress of the Owen Roberts International Airport redevelopment

details why the project was, as at the report's date of August 2018, running at almost 20 per cent over budget and more than a year late in completion.

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## Cayman is one of region's tourism stars



► Seven Mile Beach is one of the world's most beautiful beaches

The Caribbean is as popular as ever and the Cayman Islands is one place vacationers are clamouring for. Seven Mile Beach is regularly in polls for world top ten stretches of sand. It often tops surveys too.

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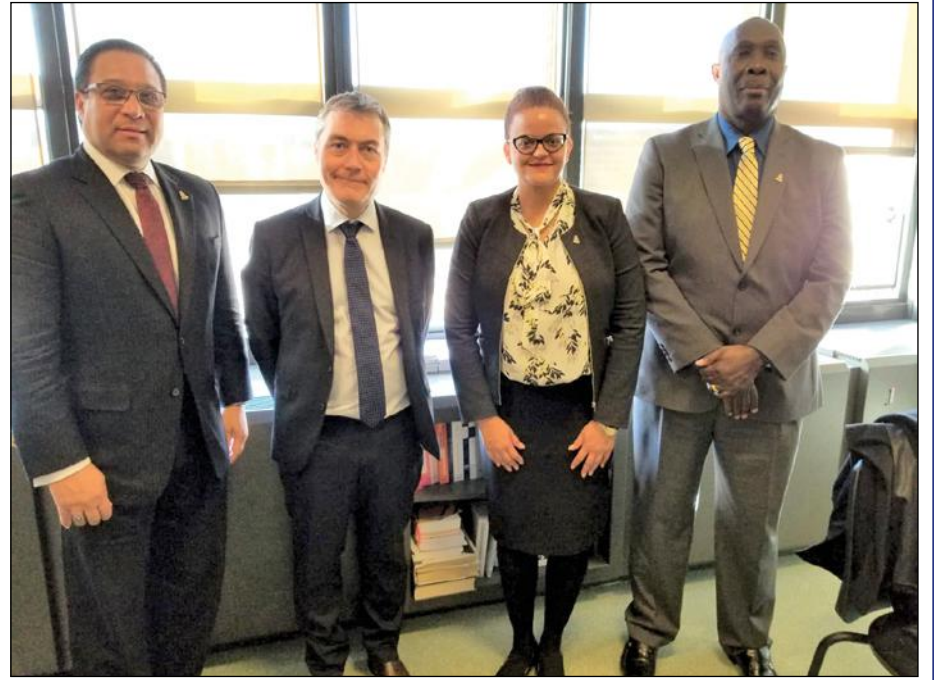
## *The role of Newspapers in society*

By Er. Akanksha Pandey

Newspapers have been the most conventional and popular medium of conveying local, regional, national and international news to the readers. Newspaper serve us the latest happenings in different parts of the world through a network of correspondents and news agencies. The national dailies employ their correspondents and reporters in all the major cities of the world. The major newspapers like the New York Times, The Pravda, The Sunday Mail, The Times of India & The Hindustan Times would, shape and influence the views, opinions and attitudes of millions of readers throughout the world. They are the guardians of liberty, civic and human rights in the civilized world.

In this modern age newspapers play a very important role in promoting commerce, trade and business. Big corporates and industrial houses promote their products by giving spacious advertisements in newspapers. Classified advertisements, important public announcements and public notices also constitute the important content and material of newspapers. Sports, educational and campus news, dance drama, cultural activities and fine arts are some of the necessary features of all leading newspapers.

The common masses can express their resentment, appreciations and criticism of the policies of state governments and the center. The radio and the TV may have many other attractions but the inquisitive nature of man remains unsatisfied till he goes through the columns of newspapers. 🌐



► Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Minister of Financial Services Hon. Tara Rivers, Attorney General Hon. Samuel Bulgin with Deputy Director of International Taxation and European Affairs Mr. Gael Perraud

## *Defending our land*

The past few weeks have seen the Cayman Islands represented abroad by the most senior of government officials defending the reputation of this British overseas Territory.

Premier Alden McLaughlin, along with Financial Services Minister Tara Rivers and Attorney General Samuel Bulgin, made the trek to Europe and North America in a bid to ensure the right message about the industry that contributes more money to the Cayman economy than all others combined.

With the shifting goal posts of compliance with international regulations, led by the world's largest economies seemingly with little or no regard for the real impact on places like Cayman, their presence was well justified. This is especially so after the recent announcement by the Netherlands of our beloved isle as being on a blacklist of

jurisdictions thought to be doing bad things.

Mr McLaughlin's presence signals the importance of protecting the legacy of excellence in our financial services built up by decades of work. It was also interesting to note that both the Premier and Governor were in New York this week at meetings designed to highlight the jurisdiction as a leading place to do business. This is the first time we can recall the people holding both of these posts joining industry representatives from Cayman Finance for their annual Big Apple swing.

Perhaps this shows that no cent will be spared to promote Cayman's top bread earner because we shudder to think what will happen if this industry were to crumble. We at the Caymanian Times encourage our leaders to continue the fight to defend this land. 🌐

# COMMUNITY NOTICE

## *National Heroes Day Celebration 2019*

National Heroes Day 2019 celebration will take place in Heroes Square, George Town, on Monday, 28 January 2019.

Everyone is invited to attend the national event, which this year will shine a light on the Vestrymen and Justices of the Peace who were instrumental in the creation of the Cayman Island's Coat of Arms.

The event will be hosted by Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin; Minister for Culture Hon. Dwayne Seymour, and Celebrate Cayman.

The public should be seated by 8.30 a.m. with the awards ceremony beginning at 9 a.m.

The ceremony will be followed by a Coat of Arms exhibit in George Town Li-



brary. There will also be local food and live entertainment at the family friendly event.

For more information, contact Protocol Office at 244-3612 or email [national-events@gov.ky](mailto:national-events@gov.ky). 🌐

The Family of the late Olga Nasaria King – nee Trujeque wishes to announce her passing on 16 December, 2018 in Boca Raton, Florida, USA. There will be a memorial service held at the Elmslie Memorial Church, George Town on January 29 at 3:00pm.

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# Cayman 2020 Visualising our Future at South Sound

Cayman 2020 - Visualising Our Future' Town Hall Community Event was aimed at getting a wide cross section residents to be able to come together and voice their opinions about the kind of future they would like for the Cayman Islands. Many groups and individuals took part in the event, which lasted all afternoon at South Sound Community Centre. The Cruise Port Referendum (CPR) Campaign had been instrumental in organizing the event, and updated attendees about their progress.

CPR'S Johann Moxam and Michelle Lockwood gave the official welcome, just before Naomi Johnatty gave the opening prayer.

Former National Conservation Council Chair, Christine Rose-Smyth's presentation was all about environmental impact assessments and the National Conservation Law.

As the afternoon progressed, there were several discussion panels, with Polly Pickering of eShore, Mario Rankin and Katrina Jurn of CPR, and Paul Rivers of Spirit of the West discussing issues surrounding the topic of sustainable tourism in the Cayman Islands.

The next discussion panel, consisting of Cathy Childs of the National Trust, along Morne Botes, Laura Egglshaw, and Alice Mae Coe, was all about the importance of preserving Cayman's coastal heritage.

Ms Childs' presentation covered a wide range of aspects surrounding Cayman's valuable asset of natural coastline and the importance of preserving the integrity of its associated ecosystems. "Mangroves are such a critical ecosys-

tem; so much ecosystem services we enjoy from the mangroves is really unbelievable," she said. Ms. Childs went on to explain that, amongst other attributes, the mangroves act as very important nurseries for lots of different fish species. But preserving our natural coastal heritage was also significant from a tourism perspective: "It is important for the roaming segment of the tourism community, especially for the younger people," she said, "instead of just lying on the beach they want to do something else as well,"

Mr. Botes spoke passionately about beach access, and development along beach areas, and about how, when many people buy or rent a property along the beach, they, "feel they now own everything including the water." He predicted there would be an increasing issue over contested beach access, and encouraged people to speak up when they encountered it.

There was a time for questions or comments. One of them was about the importance of the integrity of the sea-shore ecosystem at Barkers: "There is a tremendous amount of marine life that lives in that turtle grass; you've got baby lobster, you've got crabs, you've got all kinds of baby fish. This is their nursery and if we continue to destroy these very areas where these critters stay until they move on into deeper, we are going to be in really bad shape in the future, so my recommendation is, let's get Cabinet, and take them out there and give them masks and fins, and let them swim around in the sea and see exactly what could happen if they destroy that area."

During the final discussion, Richard Weber, a 17 year old student from Cayman International School, and 15 year old Aliyah Myers from John Gray both spoke about the importance of young people getting involved in environmental issues, to make their voices heard for the Cayman Islands they want.

Ms Myers said: We need more teens to realize that the future is in their hands...finding ways to conserve and make this a better place. Mr. Weber said: "I never did think about the day-to-day consequences of your actions on the environment; it was really sometime recently that I had a change of perception."



► Morne Botes



► Cathy Childs

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POLICE NEWS

# RCIPS Welcomes First Recruit Class of 2019

On Monday, 21st January, the RCIPS welcomed twenty-three new local recruits, who make up its first Recruit Class of 2019. The class consists of eight women and fifteen men, ranging in age from 18 to 40. Fourteen members of the class are Caymanian. All were sworn in today in a ceremony led by members of the RCIPS Senior Command Team.

"I am encouraged by the backgrounds and impressive experience in this recruit class, which is nearly three times larger than our class last year," said Derek Byrne, Commissioner of Police. "It will be followed immediately by a second recruit class in May of equal size, which we are already in an advanced stage of selecting, and then by another recruitment campaign this fall. These efforts not only bolster the numbers of officers in the Service, but refresh the organization with new ideas and more local perspective," he added.

The recruits were chosen following a local recruitment drive which concluded

last August. After confirmation of minimum qualifications and passage of a written exam, interview, fitness test and vetting, twenty-three candidates were offered spaces in the recruit class. Unlike previous years, permanent residents or work permit holders residing on island for four years or more were allowed to apply during the recruitment drive, and were considered for places in the recruit class not filled by a Caymanian (or those holding permanent residency through marriage to a Caymanian). All Caymanian applicants who passed the vetting, exams and interview were offered a place in the recruit class first before any other applicants.

"Recruiting Caymanians continues to be a primary goal of the RCIPS, and I am pleased to note that we have far more Caymanian recruits in this class than last year," added Commissioner Byrne. "All of the recruits sworn in today have now joined the RCIPS family, and we



► Dpty. Commissioner Ennis leads the recruits during their swearing-in ceremony on 21 January

look forward to their long and fruitful careers in the organization, and to their contributions to the world class service we strive to provide as members of the wider Civil Service."

After the ceremony today, the new recruits immediately began their 15-

week intensive training course. Those who pass the course will graduate into operational duty in May and then progress to on-the-job training during a two-year probationary period. At the end of their probation, these new officers could be posted in units such as diverse as criminal investigation, traffic, marine, air operations, financial crime, family support, or the K-9 unit, based on operational needs and priorities.

"The policing field, like all others, requires new and additional skills to those in the past, such as a high level of ICT literacy and awareness, and an ability to easily adapt to change," added Commissioner Byrne. "The best police officers of the future will be those who consider themselves lifelong learners.

"But the primary duty of police officers to serve the public has not, and will not, change. Having sworn to perform this duty, these recruits now have their chance to show us what they can do."



► Recruits group photo

## 90% of nesting turtles related to Turtle Centre, report says

An exciting new scientific report spearheaded by the University of Barcelona, entitled "How many turtles came home?" shows that 90% of Cayman's nesting turtles have some kind of family relationship with turtles in the Turtle Centre.

The study report states: "We determined that 90% of the wild individuals were related to the captive stock. Our results suggest a strong impact of the reintroduction program on the present recovery of the wild green turtle population nesting in the Cayman Islands"

The report was recently the topic of a Department of Environment (DoE) press conference recently. "Genetic results from the University of Barcelona, published in the journal *Molecular Ecology*, show that most of the adult female Green Sea turtles that have come back to nest more than 20 years after being born have a genetic (familial) connection to the Cayman Turtle Centre. The Centre's turtle releases in the 1980s and early 1990s, combined with DoE's ongoing sea turtle conservation/protection efforts on local beaches, succeeded in the reestablishment of nesting Green turtle species in the Cayman Islands," their official statement read.

The report is the result of many years of hard work, monitoring turtle populations by the Department, which began in 1998 in the sister Islands and in 1999 in Grand Cayman. "Green turtle nesting in Grand Cayman has increased in recent years, from one Green turtle nest in 1999 to a record of more than 200 Green turtle



► New report speaks of the success of the Centre's release program



nests in 2017. The number of females in the nesting population was previously unknown, as each turtle can lay more than one nest per season," the statement said.

Department of Environment Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie emphasized that the importance of the turtle release health protocols:

"Our nesting Turtles go back to Central America, to Florida to hang out while they are not nesting and we need to ensure that we are not adversely impacting them through disease or something else. It's a sticking point for us on the current release program; that we would like to see all the (turtle health screening) protocols independently evaluated, so that we and the turtle farm can really celebrate.

Tim Adam, Chief Operating Officer, Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre, said: "The finding that 90% of the wild nesting green turtles are a result of Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre's captive breeding and release programme speaks for itself, and tells of the amazing contribution of our organisation, its predecessors and the people who have dedicated themselves to the task over the past 50 years.

"Back in 2016 we reviewed the Department of Environment endorsed pre-release protocol for the captive-bred captive-reared Blue Iguanas that are released into the wild, and enhanced it, incorporating to our turtle release procedure. The Cayman Turtle Centre's robust pre-release processes and procedures

with full-time veterinary oversight for breeding, rearing, quarantine, tissue sampling and release are more rigorous than any we have found in many other organisations around the world engaged in marine turtle conservation and re-introduction programmes.

"Through well trained resources, including a research and conservation officer, a dedicated veterinarian, aquarists and a complete education department, and continuing our collaboration with beach-front tourist accommodation properties and dive companies, Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre's release programme will continue to fulfill our primary purpose of conservation and growing the wild population of Cayman's sea turtles."



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## CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE — WEEK — JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2



**TOTAL SHIPS - 21**  
**TOTAL PASSENGERS - 60,799**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
MSC Opera	Brilliance of the Seas	Adventure of the Seas	Celebrity Reflection	Regal Princess (New)		Aurora
Norwegian Epic	MSC Divina	Monarch	Carnival Paradise	Carnival Vista		Berlin
Costa deliziosa	Carnival Glory	MSC Seaside	Marella Discovery 2	MSC Armonia		
			Liberty of the Seas	Norwegian Breakaway		
			Carnival Sensation	Celebrity Equinox		
<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>
<b>9,128</b>	<b>9,474</b>	<b>9,906</b>	<b>13,938</b>	<b>16,173</b>		<b>2,180</b>

## Isabella Hall – Academics

Isabella Hall is a consistent high achiever who has earned numerous academic awards beginning with her days at Red Bay Primary School. When she moved on to John Gray High School in 2010, her leadership skills and friendly disposition were quickly identified, and she was made a Deputy Prefect.



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Isabella Hall

While at John Gray Isabella was a member of the Save Our Youth (SOY) Foundation where she earned a medallion for Outstanding Community Service, Achievements and Contributions to the school. She was also involved in Key Club, the Business Education & Management Club and the Cayman Islands Youth Assembly which allowed her to lend her voice to the issues youth face and help promote positive leadership. A particularly enjoyable and fulfilling time during her high school career was the opportunity she had to tutor students who were struggling in Math and then watch them pass their CXC exams.

Isabella graduated with Honours after attaining 12 subject passes, and received several awards including Best Report. A most notable achievement was the Information Technology Award she won as she was the only female in the class. Now at UCCI on a government scholarship, she is consistently on the Dean's List for maintaining a grade point average above 3.5 in her pursuit of an Associate of Science degree in Computer Science. Her goal is to

continue her studies overseas and earn her bachelor's degree as well as other IT certifications.

Recently, this 18-year old from George Town was asked to speak to the Year 9 students at Cayman Prep and High School about the real world of Information Technology (IT). She sought to motivate the female students in particular, telling them that they can do just as well as their male counterparts in the IT sector which is dominated by men.

Isabella's plate is quite full as she juggles her school obligations with a part time job and helping her younger siblings with their school work but her determination and constant striving for excellence keep her motivated. Her philosophy is, "Education never stops, and you cannot let negativity keep you from your goals".

## Tarec Francis – Community Service

By all accounts, 17-year old Tarec Francis is an impressive young man. He excels in both sports and academics; he is a leader; and he cares for others. Perhaps where he is at his best is in service to his community, both at school and in the wider society.

Tarec has a passion for learning and he uses any knowledge gained to support others in their journey and achieve personal success. A former Clifton Hunter High School student, he was Class Monitor, Class Representative, Peer Mentor, Prefect, Head Boy and Executive Member of the Student Council Body, many hats which he wore proudly and respectfully. He also was a member of the Key Club and the YMCA afterschool cooking programme as well as an Ambassador for the STEM Conference held at UCCI.

In his last year of high school, Tarec represented the Cayman Islands and his school at the Global Young Leaders Conference (GYLC) held in Washington DC and New York where he was selected to serve as Vice Chair and was awarded a certificate of distinction for outstanding dedication to educational achievement, strength of character and leadership. As a result of his leadership skills and accomplishments, he was chosen to be one of the delegates in the Asia Youth International Model United Nations held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Tarec has also seen success in the kitchen and on the track. He has competed for Clifton Hunter in track and field and cooking competitions, receiving numerous medals for his performance in both areas. He is the 2017 Bodden Town district cook off champion, the national youth cook off champion and winner of the Cayman Islands Upside Down Pineapple Cake competition. In addition, as vice-captain for the academy track team at Clifton Hunter, he has received gold



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Tarec Francis

and silver medals at the Inter-secondary championship competition.

Tarec is currently the Director for the Cayman Islands Youth Assembly (CIYA), and a co-host for Youth Flex radio show. He is also a member of the Toastmasters youth leadership programme and the youth culinary programme.

Volunteering is an important part of Tarec's life too. He has offered his time at several events around the island and in varying capacities. These include helping out at the DG 5K Run/Walk and Turkey Trot; cooking at the Gimistory storytelling Festival; working at the Clifton Hunter High School uniform shop; volunteering at the Heroes Day celebration; cooking breakfast Girl Guides leaders; doing a cooking demonstration at Camana Bay; helping with a rock clean up in East End for the new racing track, and helping to release turtles back into the wild.

Tarec is presently a student at UCCI where he continues to give back to his school community as a member of the steel pan band, the choir, and the Student Council Body.



NATIONAL  
**HEROES DAY**  
*You are Invited...*  
**Monday, 28 January 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Please be seated by 8:30 a.m.**

**Heroes Square | Downtown George Town**

Parade, Awards Ceremony, Coat of Arms exhibit,  
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Dress Code:

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**National Heroes Day** is a time to celebrate our history, heritage, and be inspired for the future!

The Cayman Islands is currently celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Coat of Arms, our first national symbol, as well as what it means to call the Cayman Islands home.

At the 2019 National Heroes Day Celebrations, we are honouring the people who pioneered the establishment of the Coat of Arms; recognising some 'founding' organisations that have served our Islands for over 50 years; and, celebrating our journey to modern day Cayman Islands.

This day is also a time to recognise our National Heroes, connect with our local community, and show national pride.



**CELEBRATE CAYMAN 60 YEARS**  
*Our Coat of Arms*

# Education: A Human Right, Public Good and Public Responsibility

Thursday, 24th of this year, was the first-ever International Day of Education, so proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) says that education must be celebrated for its role in cultivating peace and development.

The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, in her message to mark this day, reflected on the international situation regarding the potential of education but in particular, the glaring gaps and the tremendous work that needs to be done in order for humanity to fully realize its benefits. Her message is worth presenting in full.

'Today marks the first International Day of Education, as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly last December. This significant decision recognizes the capital role of education in "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

'Without inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong opportunities for all, countries will not succeed in breaking the cycle of poverty that is leaving millions of children, youth and adults behind. We will not succeed in mitigating climate change, adapting to

the technological revolution, let alone achieve gender equality without ambitious political commitment to universal education.

'This day is the occasion to reaffirm fundamental principles. Firstly, education is a human right, a public good and a public responsibility. Secondly, education is the most powerful force in our hands to ensure significant improvements in health, to stimulate economic growth, to unlock the potential and innovation we need to build more resilient and sustainable societies. Lastly, we urgently need to call for collective action for education at global level.

'Headline figures point to the challenges: 262 million children and youth do not attend school; 617 million children and adolescents cannot read and do basic math; less than 40% of girls in sub-Saharan Africa complete lower secondary school while some 4 million children and youth refugees are out of school, their lives disrupted by conflict and loss.

'Because the world is not on track to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 4, we need a surge in global cooperation and collective action. Our challenge is to make education work for everyone, by

promoting inclusion and equity at every level, to leave no one behind.

'This calls for special attention to girls, to migrants, displaced persons and refugees; to support teachers and make education and training more gender responsive. It urgently requires scaled up domestic resources and international aid, because the cost of not investing will dig divides, inequalities and exclusion across societies.

'Invited to facilitate the observance of International Education Day, UNESCO calls on governments and all partners to make education a leading priority.

'We all have a stake in education; let's act together to fulfil its promise.'

Azoulay's reference to Sustainable Development Goal 4, is significant and these ten targets are intended to achieve inclusive and quality education for all and 'reaffirms the belief that education is one of the most powerful and proven vehicles for sustainable development' says the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The ten targets include: ensure quality education for all; universal primary and secondary education; early childhood development and universal pre-primary education; equal access to technical, vocational and higher education and relevant skills for decent work; gender equality and inclusion. Universal youth and adult literacy; education for sustainable development and global citizenship; effective learning environments; expanding the number of scholarships available to developing countries and increase the supply of qualified teachers complete the ten targets.

These are laudable objectives and according to the UNDP, these has been some global data worthy of celebration. For

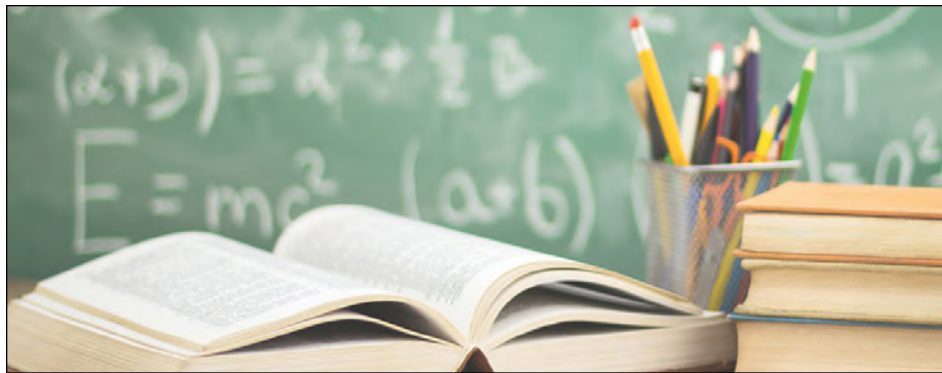


► Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CXC Education Volunteer programme

example, enrollment in primary education in developing countries has reached 91%. But still, 57 million primary-aged children remain out of school, more than half of them in sub-Saharan Africa; in developing countries, one in four girls is not in school; 103 million youth worldwide lack basic literacy skills, and more than 60% of them are women.

Significantly, globally speaking, six out of ten children and adolescents are not achieving a minimum level of proficiency in reading and Math.

International Education day is good time for all of us to consider how we can further the educational enterprise in our capacities as parents, educators and policy makers. 🌐



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### January

#### The Photographer is Present: Select photographs from the collection of Ella

**1 - 31 January:** National Gallery of the Cayman Islands continues its ongoing exhibition of selected photographs by the late Ella Hurlston Latter - The Photographer is Present: Select photographs from the collection of Ella Latter. This showcase tells the life story of the Cayman Islands' first freelance photographer who was born in Nicaragua. The National Gallery is opened Monday to Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Call 345 945 8111 for general enquiries.

### Revival

**23 - 24 January:** The First Assembly of God will be having a two-day Revival on Wednesday 23rd January and Thursday 24th January at 7m with Guest Speaker Pastor Moses Omoviye. Call the church office at 945 - 2182 for more information.

#### Educating Rita at the Prospect Playhouse

**24 January - 2 February:** See the award winning comedy written by Willy Russel. Twenty six year old Rita is looking at ways to change her social circumstances through going to University where she

meets her tutor, Frank, a frustrated poet and academic-an alcoholic and not super interested in taking her on as a student.

Show dates and times are January 24,25,26,31 and Feb 1 and 2 Shows at 7:30PM.

Happy Hour at 6:30PM. Tickets \$25 Adults \$15 Students Email: boxoffice@cds.ky Website www.cds.ky

### Tribal Carnival

**25 January:** Don't miss this runaway show that you'll never forget, as Tribal Carnival Cayman- Cayman Carnival Batabano Band of the Year 2018 launches their 2019 Batabano Carnival presentation at Lillies on 25 January. Follow them on Facebook and IG for more details.

#### Taste of Cayman at Camana Bay

**January 26:** Cayman's largest culinary celebration. The event has over 45 restaurants, over 5,000 attendees, multiple competitions and over 18,000 portions of food to enjoy.

The 2019 event promises to be bigger and better than ever before, celebrating Cayman traditions and a rich culinary heritage through Heavy Cake and Mixology competitions, plus some exciting new features!



► Tribal Carnival Costume

#### Nationwide Stride Against Cancer

**27 January 6:00AM:** The Nationwide Stride Against Cancer is a fundraising event to benefit the Cayman Islands Cancer Society takes place on the last Sunday each January.

For more information: Call 345 949 7618 or jennifer@cics.ky

#### Hatitute Brunch

**27 January:** The National Trust will hold its annual ocean-themed Hatitute fundraiser at Grand Old House. Look out for more details.

#### Heroes Day

**28 January:** National Heroes Day is a public holiday celebrated in the Cayman Islands on the fourth


Monday in January. This year, the persons who were instrumental in the establishment of the 1st. National Symbol - The Coat of Arms - will be honoured.

#### February Cayman's Wear Red Day

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# Driven towards an electric future

The Caribbean is becoming a location where new technologies are widely trialled or developed and the Cayman Islands is amongst those innovative places with its emerging electric car industry.

Known as EVs, several companies in the Caribbean are beginning to import these cars and vans for general use.

Cayman Automotive recently announced that they had received a first order for electric cars for use on Cayo Largo, the tourist island off Cuba's south coast about 50 miles south of Havana, that is being developed as a fully eco-friendly tourist destination. The five to ten vehicle initial shipment is intended to service the destination's seven hotels which are linked by a single paved road.

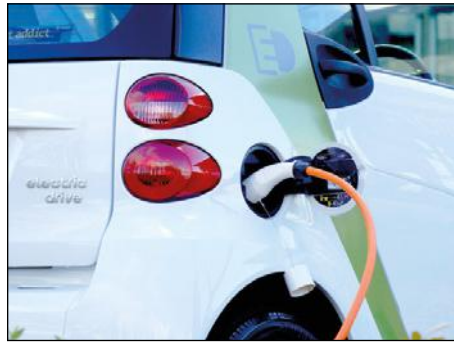
According to the company, if the test order proves successful, further vehicles are likely to be supplied to three neighbouring Cuban islands and eventually nationwide. The vehicles, which can travel at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, have been purchased by Transstur with the related charging stations being purchased separately.

In Cayman itself, EVs are also available for rental alongside hybrids and other vehicles from Budget-Rent-A-Car which has shown an interest in marketing an emissions-free choice that they promote to visitors as helping to protect the islands natural environment. Electric cars are doing a brisk trade on ecay online. When electric sports cars eventually arrive here, like to models already available in India, the market is likely to grow. Futuristic sports cars are already on display at car shows so it's only a matter of time that they will be zooming along the coastal roads here.

Most vehicles presently available in the Caribbean have a range of around 100 miles making the development of recharging points essential. This ideally requires the development of solar panel recharging centres, costs to fall, and solar to be incentivised and encouraged.



► Electric cars can be bought on ecay



► Charging cars is relatively straight forward

However, the biggest obstacle to developing a greener presence are very high import duties on EVs and related equipment and governments' reluctance to show the leadership or vision that would enable tourism dependent nations in the Eastern Caribbean to capture internationally media attention and visitor imagination.

Hoteliers in one way or another are anxious to establish their green credentials to demonstrate to clients that not only are their properties eco-friendly but also they are actively engaged in improving the Caribbean environment. In this context many larger Caribbean properties have been using for some years now variations on electric golf carts to move clients, bags, staff, and catering around their properties.

Cayman is at the forefront of the electric car industry thanks to a government that plans to convert at least 10 percent of its fleet to electric vehicles over the next five years, according to Infrastructure Minister Joey Hew.

Mr Hew, speaking at the Caribbean Transitional Energy Conference in Grand Cayman last September, said the government was doing its part to meet commitments outlined in a 2017 National Energy Policy.

That document set the ambitious target that 70 percent of the electricity generated on the islands should be derived from renewable sources within the next 20 years. Currently Cayman gets less than five percent of its energy from renewables.

James Whittaker, president of the Cayman Renewable Energy Association and one of the speakers at the conference, welcomed government's commitment, but said it would need to "act aggressively" on renewables in the coming years to meet that target.

Mr Hew said greener vehicles was one of several initiatives government is planning to aid the conversion to cleaner energy sources. The government's policy is working. For example, Cayman has electric car charging stations located all around Grand Cayman, which are free.

Those without electric vehicles can also benefit from Refuel gas station, Cayman's first provider of modern, envi-



► Electric cars are attractive

ronmentally-friendly fuel. The facility stocks five grades of fuels including three grades of E10 (10 percent ethanol), B5 (5 percent biodiesel) and B20 (20 percent biodiesel). Ethanol and biodiesel have higher octane and cetane ratings than petrol and diesel alone and lower emissions than other boosters. These modern fuels don't produce as many damaging exhaust emissions and reduce lifecycle CO2 emissions. Although some CO2 is produced as a by-product, the plants grown to create the fuel absorb carbon dioxide meaning that the net carbon emissions is much lower than fuels such as petrol. Most of the fuel in the US and UK contain ethanol in its petrol and biodiesel in its diesel in an effort to reduce emissions, but Refuel is the first petrol station to market it in Cayman. The station is located opposite the airport post office in George Town and plans for a second station are already in place.

Electric vehicles are now a common sight on Cayman's roads but to buy or import an electric car there are some restrictions. LSVs (Low Speed Vehicles) which only attain a top speed of 25mph do not have the appropriate amount of power to be allowed on all roads and will have to stick to certain zones, where the speed limit does not exceed 30mph. However, larger and faster 'Highway Speed' electric vehicles which have a top speed of 150mph, depending on the make and model, can be licensed to drive on all local roads in Cayman. These vehicles can be driven for 100 miles on a single charge and it is estimated that, at current CUC rates this will cost a total of \$3 per charge.

There are several operational electric vehicle charging stations around Cayman and more new stations are under construction or proposed.

Import duty on electric and hybrid vehicles is considerably less than charged for regular gas and diesel vehicles. Electric cars attract a flat 10 percent duty fee and the duty on hybrid vehicles is 15 percent. A savings up to 32 percent on certain priced vehicles.

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# 'Grouper Moon' takes on critical importance in 2019

The Department of Environment (DoE), in partnership with the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) organisation, has resumed its annual 'Grouper Moon' research project in the Cayman Islands and work on that project will continue into next month.

The project, which started in the mid-1980's and dubbed 'Grouper Moon' when the REEF partnership began in 2002, has taken on a special significance this year with the recent change in designation of the Nassau grouper from endangered to critically endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). 'Critically endangered' is the strongest warning the IUCN can issue, indicating that a species is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild.

Based on its research, the IUCN believes the Nassau grouper population has declined globally by more than 80 per cent since 1980.

Despite the IUCN critically endangered species designation, DoE and REEF research conducted in the Cayman Islands over the past decade has shown a noticeable resurgence in the Sister Islands' Nassau grouper population, particularly off the coast of Little Cayman, where one spawning site (often referred to as a spawning aggregation) monitored by scientists saw more than 6,500 grouper return in January/February 2018. The same site recorded few-

er than 2,000 grouper a decade ago. A separate spawning site off Cayman Brac counted nearly 1,000 grouper last year after earlier counts came in at roughly half that number.

"It's not nearly enough to take the species off the IUCN critically endangered list or to relax local protections for the species. We have yet to see a similar resurgence in Grand Cayman," said DoE Research Officer Bradley Johnson. "But it is encouraging data and it highlights the importance of adhering to, and enforcing, Nassau grouper fishing restrictions set under the National Conservation Law (NCL)."

The current closed season for Nassau grouper in Cayman Islands waters began 1 December, 2018 and will last until 30 April, 2019. During the closed season anyone who takes, purchases, receives, offers for sale, exchanges or donates Nassau grouper commits an offence under the NCL. In addition, anyone who possesses or permits another person to take Nassau grouper (*Epinephelus striatus*) from Cayman waters during the closed season commits an offence.

"We still hear occasional reports of Nassau grouper being caught during the closed season and the public must understand that fishing restrictions on the species have changed over the years," Minister of Environment, the Hon. Dwayne Seymour said. "The recent 'critically endangered' designation for Nassau grouper shows we did the right



► Image of a Nassau grouper spawning aggregation in Little Cayman during early 2018. (Photo by Berkley White)

thing protecting them locally. It also makes it even more important for both Caymanian fishermen and visitors to respect the law and release any Nassau grouper they catch during the closed season."

Fishermen who inadvertently catch Nassau grouper during closed season should release them alive, even if the grouper is hurt during the catch. Using circle hooks, as opposed to J-hooks, can make the process of removing the hook from the fish's mouth easier, as the circle hooks are designed to not hook in the stomach of the fish but rather in the mouth, making extraction less dangerous for the fish. Please see the attached

flyer for more information on how to release a caught Nassau grouper.

Anyone who witnesses, or who becomes aware of, Nassau grouper poaching during the closed season is asked to call 911 and may also contact DoE enforcement officers directly on Grand Cayman (916-4271), on Cayman Brac (call 911) or on Little Cayman (925-0185). For more information about the handling or releasing of caught Nassau groupers, and the Grouper Moon project, please visit the DoE website at [www.doe.ky](http://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](mailto:brent.fuller@gov.ky).

## 7 Resolutions You Can Keep

Are you feeling reluctant to create New Year's Resolutions? After years of failed resolutions past, I don't blame you. However, if you pick the right resolutions, you'll face the New Year head on, ready to make good on your big plans from January 1 all the way to December 31.

What kind of resolutions will you actually keep this year? Good question. Here are seven resolutions that you can keep and that will help you achieve big strides towards your fitness goals in 2019:

### Resolution #1: Get Fishy

Giving your health a boost doesn't have to take an incredible amount of time. With this resolution, it doesn't even take will power. All it takes is modifying your grocery list by buying fish on occasion. Enjoy fish for dinner once a week and you'll protect your heart from disease and increase your chances for a longer life. Go with salmon, trout, flounder, or tuna.

### Resolution #2: Lather Up

You want your skin to look young and healthy, so this is the year you do something about it. Keep a bottle of sunscreen on your counter. When getting ready for your day, make it part of your routine to spread some sun-shielding lotion on your face, arms, and neck. It'll save your skin so it'll look its best in years to come and prevent skin cancer.

### Resolution #3: Sweat in the AM

In today's world, it can be difficult to find the time to exercise. One way to increase your odds for exercising each day is to knock it out first thing in the morning. This year, resolve to exercise right after wak-

ing up. Adjust your wake up time to accommodate your morning sweat session.

### Resolution 4: Swap One Meal

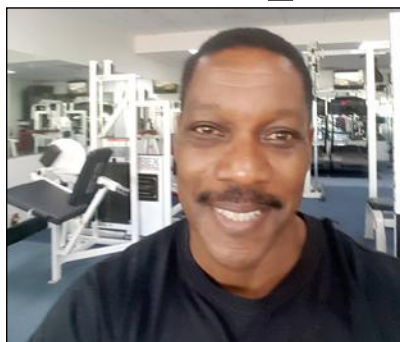
By swapping out one of your daily meals for a 1 or 2 scoop protein shake you'll save yourself a few hundred calories each day while providing your muscles with much needed protein. Most of my clients choose to make this swap for breakfast, since it's so convenient to shake up some protein powder and water to drink on-the-go as you race out the door to start your day. If you only choose to make one resolution this year make it this one - you'll be astounded at the quick results this simple daily swap will deliver.

### Resolution 5: Push Your Body

Know that half marathon you've been considering? Want to stop feeling the need to eat cake at every birthday party you attend—even when the cake is dry? This is the year you train properly for that race, say no to cake on occasion, and take up mountain climbing. Find someone with the same goal, make a plan to reach the goal, and get started. Once you complete your first goal and see that it wasn't as impossible as you once thought, you may just find yourself setting even bigger goals for next year.

### Resolution 6: Down More H2O

Your body is primarily made up of water. Keep it that way by skipping soda and sipping on water all day long. A great way to make strides toward your watery goal is to fill up the biggest water bottle you can



► Ernest Ebanks

find and go at it. Preferably, you can drink from something that holds 2.2 liters (9 cups), as all you'll need is a single fill up in the morning to stay hydrated all day long.

### Resolution 7: Stretch Every Day

One of the best ways to avoid injury, as we age, is to take a few minutes to stretch daily. This is most effectively done after you have warmed up and before you begin the intense portion of your routine. By taking the best care of your muscles, with stretching, you'll avoid taking time off for injury recovery and will be able to accomplish your goals quicker.

There you have it, 7 realistic New Year's Resolutions to help make 2019 your best year yet. The most effective way to ensure that you stick with your resolutions is to become one of my valued clients. I'll be by your side every step of the way as we get you from where you are today to the body that you want to live in tomorrow.

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## WARM WATER

In my last article I made the case for a second look at drinking cold water, or cold liquids in general. As promised, today, I am giving reasons for the alternative which is, "WARM/HOT LIQUIDS."



For thousands of years the Chinese cultivated drinking warm/hot water first thing in the morning. At the time very few people had access to fuel for heating, so hot water was reserved for those who were ill. According to the Chinese health is maintained by balancing the yin and yang within the body. Ayurvedic culture also believes in the use of warm/hot water or liquids. They believe that when warm water is consumed, the channels of the body are cleansed. Ayurveda recommends then that water should not be used while eating but in between meals.

**REDUCES TOXINS** - Hot water increases body temperature, encourages sweating, thereby leading to expulsion of toxins from the body.

**COLD AND FLU RELIEF** - During the flu season it is a healthy practice to add some lemon juice to the warm water and consume. It relieves sore throat quickly.

**REGULATE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM** - Starting your day with a glass of warm water enhances the elimination process. The warm water causes your intestines to contract and also hydrates your body. It is also shown that warm water helps break down food a lot easier.

**WEIGHT LOSS** - Some studies have shown that drinking warm water actually aids weight loss.

**COMBATS PAIN** - Warm water increases blood flow to tissues, providing a powerful form of natural relief. This is noticeable in people with joint pains and menstrual cramps.

So, beginning in the morning help yourself to a glass of warm water soon after waking up. You will be blown away by the results.

# Civil Servants Excel in Professional Development Qualifications

The New Year marked a new chapter in the professional development of 20 civil servants who received Institute of Leadership Management certificates in leadership and management (ILM) recently.

The graduation ceremony included awardees from Hazard Management Cayman Islands, Department of Labour and Pensions and the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service. Fourteen civil servants gained ILM First Line Management Leadership certificates and six were

awarded Level 3 certificates in Leadership and Management.

The courses, which run from three to six months, are administered by the Portfolio of the Civil Service and co-ordinated by the Manager of Leadership Learning at the Civil Service College (CSC).

Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson presented the awards and congratulated the recipients on Monday, 7 January 2019. Mr. Manderson advised that investing in human capital was one of the single most important components of effective management and customer service.

The Manager of Leadership Learning at the CSC, Lance Barnes, said that the recipients were the largest ILM cohort in recent years. Under-scoring the leader of the Civil Service's comments, Mr. Barnes reiterated how the ILM programme aligns with the Civil Service 5-Year Strategic Plan, launched last year.

"In developing a world class civil service, one of the priority goals within the strategic plan is to de-

velop exceptional leadership," he confirmed.

"ILM certification is ideal for individuals who have management responsibilities but may not have any formal training and are serious about developing their management and leadership abilities. The L3 course content forms part of the associates degree programme within the Civil Service College however; on completion of the degree, students receive the ILM First Line Management Certificate. Individuals are awarded the ILM Certificate in Leadership and Management after attending face-to-face classes for at least six months, coupled with the submission of nine written assignments, which are graded internally by an ILM qualified personnel and externally by ILM," concluded Mr. Barnes.

CIGTV's News Director Donna Bush received a Level 3 ILM certificate following nine weeks of class work and an online exam.

"It was great being a part of the programme," she said. "Through ILM, managers and supervisors are able to improve on the way they lead their teams, so I found it really beneficial as it re-



► Head of Civil Service, Hon. Franz Manderson gives Director (Hazard Management Cayman Islands) Danielle Coleman her ILM L3 Leadership and Management certificate



► Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson gives Roy Bush his ILM First Line Management Programme certificate

mind me of what I am doing right and areas for improvement."

Accredited in England by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), ILM qualification programmes are:

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# 2019 National Heroes Day Celebrations Set

Pioneers who contributed to the creation of the Cayman Islands' Coat of Arms will be honoured at the 2019 National Heroes Day celebrations on Monday, 28 January 2019.

"On this day, we will come together to pay tribute to the Vestrymen and Justices of the Peace who understood the importance of the Cayman's Islands having

a visual identity," Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin remarks.

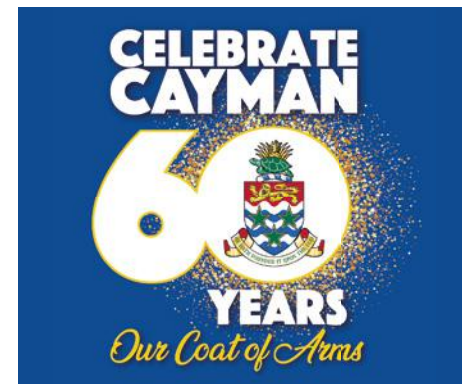
"The creation of the Coat of Arms was the catalyst to other key events and milestones that shaped the nation we know and love today. I look forward to this opportunity to honour and celebrate the people who had a vision of success for our country," adds Mr. McLaughlin.

In addition to celebrating these visionary leaders, some organisations that have been serving the Cayman Islands community for 50+ years will also be recognised. These 'founding' organisations, representing a wide cross-section of industries, include Cayman Airways Ltd., the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society, and the Hungry Horse Restaurant.

The Cayman Islands' National Heroes will be recognised, reminding the public about the multi-faceted contributions of the nine stalwarts: Hon. James (Jim) Manoah Bodden; Hon. Sybil Ione McLaughlin, MBE, JP; Hon. Thomas William Farrington, CBE, JP; Hon. Sybil Joyce Hylton, MBE; Hon. Ormond L. Panton, OBE, Hon. Desmond V. Watler, CBE; Hon. Mary Evelyn Wood, Cert. Hon., Hon. William Warren Connolly, OBE, JP and Dr. the Hon. Roy Edison McTaggart.

Laying of wreaths and a moment of silence will also be observed to commemorate our country's deceased nation builders.

Other highlights of the celebration will include a walk-past by primary and secondary school children in a flag procession, as well as the traditional parade which will include contingents of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, the Cayman Islands Fire Service, Her Majes-



ty's Prison Service, Cadet Corps, Girls Brigade, Scouts and the Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders.

The event will be hosted by the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Minister for Culture Hon. Dwayne Seymour, and Celebrate Cayman. All are invited to attend. The patriotic event set to start promptly at 9 a.m. and attendees should be seated by 8:30 a.m. The dress code is business attire and hats are optional.

Following the ceremony the public is encouraged to visit a special exhibit focused on the Coat of Arms, housed in the George Town Library. There will also be live music and local food.

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► Minister Seymour lays wreath

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# ORIA project overspend necessary, says MOT

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In particular, a Project Steering Group established to oversee the project was supposed to meet monthly to keep the project on track. However, the report noted that it “found significant gaps in the frequency of Project Steering Group meetings between July 2014 and August 2016, at times when key procurement processes were ongoing and contracts were being signed.”

The original estimated cost of the project was \$51.9 million with a budget of \$55 million that included a contingency. In August 2015 the cost estimate increased to \$56.62 million as a result, the report said, of design changes requested by the Cayman Islands Airport Authority (CIAA) Board. As at August 2018 the project was estimated to cost almost \$64.4 million, almost 20 per cent more than the contracted amount.

## Reasons for cost increase

The changes that were requested that have fueled the increase in costs included new parking facilities to maintain the same amount of parking spaces currently available, land side canopies to provide protection to passengers from the weather, and the bringing forth of the planned implementation of new generators to ensure that full emergency power was available to the whole terminal building earlier in the project than had been anticipated. The CIAA Board requested further changes to be made including upgrading the hurricane grade windows to 15lb standard, upgrading offices and replacing old sections of the roof. These extra requests have had a knock-on effect on the completion date of the project as well.

The report stated: “Making changes to the scope of the project after a contract has been signed is not good practice as it usually leads to increased costs.”

Having acknowledged the AG’s report, Ministry of Tourism Chief Officer, Stran Bodden, said that over the lifespan of

the project the CIAA Board requested improvements to the original designs to further enhance safety, efficiency and comfort for users.

Mr Bodden noted that the Board was aware that these improvements would marginally extend the project’s final completion date.

“Since the project is being completed in phases and the use of critical areas such as the Customs and Immigration halls would not be delayed by the enhancements, on balance it was agreed that the added convenience for passengers and users of the airport justified extending the timeline,” he said.

Speaking specifically to the costs, Albert Anderson, CEO of the Cayman Islands Airports Authority explained that outside of government’s CI\$15M cash injection (contributed to accelerate the project’s completion in order to minimise discomfort to travelers), the remainder of the funding required to complete the project had come from the CIAA’s Passenger Facility Charge (PFC).

Mr Anderson said that revenue from PFC was intended to fund capital improvement projects to enhance safety, security, and capacity at Cayman’s airports, which was precisely the way it was being used at ORIA.

“It is important to keep in mind the Board’s change order requests were made based on the fact that funds were available to cover the improvements requested. Given that no borrowing was undertaken and there has been no impact to the public purse, the Board considers the enhancements to be reasonable and warranted,” Mr Anderson said.

The ORIA redevelopment and expansion project is the first major capital initiative in the Cayman Islands to be completed in compliance with the



► Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell

to deliver an airport that fits our needs, he said. While we may not have all of the amenities we would have liked, the highest standards of quality and service have not been compromised. The Ministry accepts that performance audits are a key aspect of good governance and on this basis, we welcome the Auditor General’s recommendations which aim to further heighten performance and accountability.”

The Owen Roberts International Airport was originally designed to cope with 500,000 passengers per year, however since Cayman’s tourism industry has boomed in recent years the airport is now currently dealing with about one million passengers, hence the need for the redevelopment. To give

some perspective to its redevelopment costs, Bermuda’s airport deals with around 800,000 passengers annually and the country is also in the process of redeveloping its L.F. Wade International Airport. The Bermuda project is being delivered by a partnership between the Government of Bermuda and Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC), the cost of which is estimated to be \$267 million for construction and \$16 million for demolition/renovation. Discussion has already taken place in Bermuda on whether to cancel the project because of how much it’s costing the country, but, according to a report in Bermuda’s Royal Gazette, the cost to cancel to that island’s economy would be too great, at about \$100 million. 🌐

Framework for Fiscal Responsibility which came into effect in 2012. The Tourism Ministry said that this legislation “significantly raises the bar on what were already stringent goals for overseeing government expenditure with respect to accountability and value for money.”

Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell said that for growth to be sustainable it had to go hand-in-hand with the infrastructure to support it. “The airport is our international gateway to the rest of the world, and its expansion is vital to our long-term ability to grow tourism, particularly stayover arrivals,” he said, “The Ministry, CIAA and MPO and many others have worked hard using the funds that are available





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# Cayman still one of region's stars

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Although flat and small, Cayman certainly punches above its weight. The figures prove it. Cayman had a record 2017 visitors and figures up to the end of November indicate that last year was even better and there is no reason to believe 2019 will not top that too.

Americans are regular visitors to Cayman as there are frequent flights now from Miami, New York and many other destinations. Don't expect many American government workers to enjoy Cayman though because the partial shutdown has depleted their vacation cash.

Cayman welcomed a total of 410,984 stayover visitors in the first 11 months of 2018. That represented an 11.26 percent increase over the first 11 months of 2017 and was the highest number of stayover visitors in recorded history. Total visitation in 2017 was 418,403.

"The incredible growth in arrivals we have seen in 2018 is a testament to the resilience of the Cayman Islands through strong stakeholder partnerships, high investor confidence and a national commitment to the development of our infrastructure," said Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism, Moses Kirkconnell.

"The strategic efforts of the Ministry of Tourism and Department of Tourism must be continued, to ensure our islands take a holistic approach at addressing the needs of every visitor that graces our shore. I look forward to ending the year with record-breaking arrivals and continuing this momentum through 2019."

He is right to expect sustained growth in the first quarter of 2019. Apart from all the regular early year attractions, the 11th annual Cayman Cookout, which unites award-winning chefs and winemakers with worldwide purveyors of

gourmet food, returned to the Culinary Capital of the Caribbean over the weekend and was another massive success.

Taste of Cayman, a celebration of our culinary heritage, returns to the Festival Green, Camana Bay on Saturday. Then there is KAABOO Cayman next month which will welcome a glittering array of artists including Duran Duran, Blondie, Bryan Adams, Shaggy, Sean Paul, Jason Derulo; celebrity comedians Wanda Sykes, David Spade, Jenny Slate and Darrell Hammond and chefs Michael Mina, Richard Blais, Michell Bernstein and Nina Compton.

Cayman is not alone in the region to see substantial tourism growth. In fact, the whole of the Caribbean is seeing a huge increase in visitor numbers, and it's not confined to mainly Americans and Europeans. The Chinese and Indians visitor numbers are increasing so much that at next week's Caribbean Travel Marketplace in Montego Bay, Jamaica, the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association will host a large contingent of Chinese travel buyers.

Twenty companies will join more than 1,000 delegates registered for the event from Jan. 29-31. Delegates will come from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, India, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States who will join about 80 returning buyer companies.

"The interest in Jamaica and the Caribbean is reflected in the number of buyers who are attending Marketplace from around the world," said Matt Cooper of the Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association.

Cayman's irresistible beaches, fine dining, superb hotels and range of water activities are its main drawing power.



► Dunn's River Falls in Jamaica is a big attraction



► Taste of Cayman is a culinary delight

The rest of the Caribbean has that too and some also boast breath-taking landscapes and a cornucopia of vibrant cultures which is what woo visitors to the region every year. From luxury getaways to affordable adventure trips and festivals, each destination offers travellers its own unique culture and appeal.

Antigua and Barbuda sustained economic troubles in recent times, but its tourism industry is on an upward trajectory.

The beach-filled twin-island destination reported 268,949 stayover arrivals in 2018, an 8.75 percent increase over 2017 that was one of the highest growth rates in the Caribbean region. Combined with cruise passenger arrivals, the destination welcomed more than one million visitors in 2018.

Cuba is one of the most attractive spots, especially with Americans, although the partial government shutdown means that some will not be able to afford a Caribbean vacation this year.

Estimated 2017 stay-over of tourists to Cuba was 4.7m. Tourists are drawn to the mystique of Cuba, which has a pristine coastline, an abundance of parks and several UNESCO natural reserves. Cuba offers up an eclectic blend of old-world charm in its neoclassical and baroque architecture, mixed with post-modernist styles and natural landscapes. Havana is renowned for its lively entertainment featuring jazz and Latin music and dance, and copious amounts of rum-flavoured drinks. Also with plenty of vintage American cars, Cuba also has plenty of museums and art galleries that offer a window into the country's rich history and culture.

Jamaica had 2.4 million stay-over tourists in 2017. From Negril's Seven Mile Beach in the west to breath-taking waterfalls in the east, the Land of Wood and Water is one of the playgrounds of

the Caribbean. People enjoy strolling the beaches of Montego Bay by day and dancing to the latest reggae music at one of the city's nightclubs. Also, on the north coast there's Dunn's River Falls in Ocho Rios, the prime attraction. In Kingston, visitors explore the life and work of Bob Marley and have lunch at Usain Bolt's Tracks and Records. They can take a thrilling bobsled ride through the forest and go swimming with dolphins in Ocho Rios.

Barbados has always been for many the perfect winter getaway, especially Brits. Best time of the year is its legendary Crop Over festival in the summer. Visitors discover the natural appeal of the Welchman Hall Gully and Flower Forest or go on an intriguing exploration of Harrison's Cave. Snorkelling, surfing, diving and paddle boarding are just some of the activities for the adventurous in Barbados.

The Dominican Republic is the biggest magnet in the region, attracting over six million visitors a year. With its seemingly endless white-sand beaches, it is a popular getaway for tourists in search of an idyllic vacation, plenty of outdoor adventure and a tinge of colonial history. From its jaw-dropping cliffs to peaceful mangrove lagoons, it's easy to fall in love with the DR's natural beauty and rich Spanish heritage. Bountiful palm trees complement the turquoise waters of popular Punta Cana to create the perfect postcard from this tropical destination. Outside of Punta Cana, the Dominican Republic offers an abundance of aquamarine adventures at Bahía de las Águilas and the Samaná Peninsula.

There are plenty more with their own unique attractions including Grenada, St Lucia, Dominica, the Bahamas, Martinique, Trinidad & Tobago... The Caribbean is not frequently called Paradise for nothing. 🌍

# George prefers life away from LeBron

One of the most brought up topics in NBA circles is if star players want to team up with the outstanding LeBron James. It's a fair question to ponder, especially in the wake of Paul George's decision to spurn the Los Angeles Lakers in free agency last July and re-sign with the Oklahoma City Thunder.

After his Thunder were waxed in overtime by the short-handed Lakers, George's decision to pursue titles with Russell Westbrook instead of James are being questioned again.

It appears George made the right call, the last several Thunder games notwithstanding — a poor stretch of results in which the once-dominant Thunder defence has all but evaporated. But it's

about more than a comparison between James and Westbrook competing for a title. But Westbrook also gets all the spotlight. And if a James team comes up short, the blame rarely lands on him.

How much this factored into George's decision to remain in Oklahoma City with Westbrook is uncertain. What is known is what he's stated publicly.

"The most important thing is winning a championship," George said during a three-part ESPN series prior to entering free agency.

"Obviously, I've developed some good relationships with Russ," he said during a press conference prior to the opening of training camp. "Then just over the course of the whole season, it just steamrolled, just got better and better, and here I am."

George may be behind Leonard, Giannis Antetokounmpo, James Harden and Stephen Curry in the MVP race, but he's being recognised for impressive work that may have gotten overshadowed in Los Angeles.

Since Westbrook's return Nov. 19, George has averaged 28 points



► Paul George is having his greatest season



► Russell Westbrook partners George superbly

per game. He has 15 games with at least 30 points this season, more than the 11 he notched all last season.

George has looked far more comfortable and in control than he did a season ago, when the entire Thunder team seemed to be walking on eggshells.

To emphasise how well he is playing, George knocked down the game-winning three-point shot and drew enough contact for a foul as he crashed to the ground and beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 117-115, in a heated Saturday evening shootout. It was just the latest masterpiece finish for George, who's having an All-NBA season. Consensus is

that this is the best basketball he's ever played.

The four-point play had George finish with 14 points in the final quarter. He stole the spotlight from Jimmy Butler's would-be game-winner.

Butler jumped out and stole an ill-advised Dennis Schroeder pass for a layup with seven seconds to go and looked like that would seal the game.

George finished with 31 points on 8-of-20 shooting, with six rebounds, five assists and three steals. He's revised some fans' views of who the Oklahoma City Thunder's best player, taking the throne from Westbrook. 🌐

## Hamilton heads Laureus awards list

Formula 1 world champion Lewis Hamilton and Tour de France winner Geraint Thomas are among the nominees for the prestigious Laureus World Sports Awards. Past winners include Usain Bolt, Roger Federer and Tiger Woods.

The Britons have been nominated for Sportsman of the Year and Breakthrough of the Year respectively.

Hamilton faces competition from world number one tennis star Novak Djokovic, World Cup runner-up Luka Modric and basketball great LeBron James.

The winners will be revealed at a ceremony in Monaco next month.

Reigning US Open tennis champion Naomi Osaka, who dramatically beat 23-time Grand Slam winner Serena Williams in the final, features alongside Thomas in the breakthrough category.

Golf's 14-time major winner Tiger Woods, who won the season-ending Tour Championship in September to claim his first victory in five years, has

been nominated for Comeback of the Year.

American gymnast Simone Biles, who won four world titles in 2018, and tennis duo Simona Halep and Angelique Kerber are among the contenders for the Sportswoman of the Year award.

Hamilton was the stand-out performer on the F1 grid last season, getting the better of arch rival Sebastian Vettel to claim a fifth world crown. For long periods of 2018 it was Ferrari, looking for their first championship since 2008, who were in the ascendancy, but Hamilton, driving for Mercedes, won eight of the campaign's last 11 races to claim yet another title triumph.

Mercedes, meanwhile, will be looking to retain their World Team Of The Year award after securing a fifth successive nomination in the category. They've been shortlisted again after another stellar season saw them claim a sensational fifth straight double of drivers' and constructors' world championships. 🌐



► Eliud Kipchoge is the marathon world record holder

## Kipchoge showdown with Farah

World record holder Eliud Kipchoge will return to defend his title against Britain's Mo Farah at this year's London Marathon on April 28.

The London Marathon is one of the world's classic 26.2-mile races and this promises to be a sensational event.

The Kenyan says he will "relish the battle" with Farah, a double Olympic champion at 5,000m and 10,000m who finished third in the 2018 event.

Farah, 35, took his first marathon victory in Chicago in October.

"He is a great champion and has proved he can win a major marathon," said 34-year-old Kipchoge.

Ethiopia's Shura Kitata, 22, who finished second in London last year, will also return for the race in what is a high-quality field.

"It is always a great honour to come and race the Virgin Money London Marathon and I'm excited to be returning in 2019," added Kipchoge, who set a new world record of two hours one minute 39 seconds at the Berlin Marathon in September.

"I had a memorable 2018, winning the London Marathon and then setting a new world record at the Berlin Marathon. I'm hoping that 2019 is just as good to me."

Kipchoge is unbeaten in London with three victories from his three appearances in 2015, 2016 and 2018.

He holds the course record of 2:03:05, which he set in 2016. If he wins one more title he will become the most successful athlete in the elite men's race in London Marathon history. 🌐



► Lewis Hamilton is a five-time F1 champion



## Rihanna Tipped to Create History by Becoming First Black Woman to Create Collection with Louis Vuitton

Barbadian multiple award-winning singer, actress, makeup mogul and fashion designer Rihanna is reportedly set to become the first black woman to create a luxury collection with Louis Vuitton.

Women's Wear Daily (WWD) is reporting multiple sources as confirming that the world's largest luxury group, Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton (LVMH) has been in secret discussions with Rihanna to launch a luxury house under her name.

It said LVMH has already hand-picked some of its own employees to work on the project along with the superstar and some of her key associates. One source told WWD that the collection will span ready-to-wear, leather goods and accessories, and could be released in tandem with the pop star's ninth album, expected out sometime later this year.

Rihanna has dominated the fashion industry for several years. Apart from her Fenty Beauty makeup line, her fashion connections include a role as creative director of Puma, collections with Armani Jeans and Emporio Armani Underwear, a high street collection for River Island, col-



lections and an ambassadorship with Dior—she was the first black spokesperson for Dior —, a collaboration with Manolo Blahnik, and collaboration with luxury jewellery brand Chopard. 🌐

## St Lucia Records Highest Ever Tourist Arrivals

St Lucia has recorded its best performance ever in visitor arrivals, as it welcomed 1,218,294 visitors in 2018. That number represents a 10.2 per cent increase over 2017, which was also a record-setting year for the island.

Industry figures are up across the board led by the yachting sector with a 25.9 per cent increase over last year's numbers. Cruising is up by 13.6 per cent; and stay-over arrivals have increased by 2.2 per cent.

At a news conference to announce the latest figures, Tourism Minister Dominic Fedee highlighted some of the steps that have been taken to reposition St Lucia's tourism product to compete among the leading destinations in the world.

"We have a very small tourism marketing budget – around US\$13 million – so we have to ensure that our efforts are targeted. We use a scientific approach to select the areas where we can reach the most visitors with the highest net-worth in our marketing campaigns. For us, these areas are, predominantly, in the north-eastern USA (the Tri-state and Boston), the south-east UK region of London and its surrounding suburbs and the Greater Toronto area in Canada," he said.

The island continues to record strong numbers in its major generating markets of the United States and the UK, realizing growths of 4.1 per cent and 4.9 per cent respectively. Stayover arrivals from Canada dipped slightly (5.6 per cent) due, in part, to the absence of ser-



vice from Transat Tours and a reduction in frequency of WestJet flights.

The St Lucia Tourism Authority (SLTA) also focused on the Martinique market, which is the highest yielding in the Caribbean, and launched "Caribcation" in the summer of 2018 as a platform for Caribbean travelers, whose numbers grew by 1.6 per cent over 2017.

A record, 760,306 cruise passengers visited the island during the period, owing to an expansion of Berth #1 at Pointe Seraphine, which allowed Port Castries to accommodate Vista, Quantum and Freedom Class vessels.

Projections for 2019 look good, with British Airways pacing at 17 per cent and Virgin Holidays at 27.9 per cent over 2018. Condor has started an inter-airline agreement with LIAT on service from Frankfurt, Germany to Antigua and onto St Lucia from January 7 to March 31, 2019, and a number of other major airlines have expanded their service to the destination. 🌐

## Report: Impact of HIV Prevention Response in the Region Has Been Inadequate

An evaluation of the Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS (CRSF) has found that while the region has made progress in responding to the HIV epidemic, the impact of the prevention response has been inadequate, particularly among key populations.

Of concern is that the annual number of new HIV infections among adults in the Caribbean declined by only 18 per cent from 2010 to 2017, from 19,000 to 15,000. Key populations, including Men who have sex with men (MSM), Sex Workers (SWs) and their clients, and partners of key populations, transgender persons, and persons who use drugs, accounted for the majority of the new HIV infections (68 per cent) during this period.

Conversely, new infections among children fell from an estimated 2,300 in 2010, to 1100. However, although significant progress has been made in eliminating mother-to-child transmission of HIV, available data for the period 2015 – 2017 showed that HIV infected pregnant women receiving antiretroviral treatment (ART) to reduce HIV transmission declined from 92 per cent in 2014 to 79 per cent in 2015 and 75 per cent in 2016 and 2017 respectively, illustrating a significant decrease that requires investigation.

"There has been progress in placing more people living with HIV on treatment, however much more needs to be done to increase the numbers and to retain people on treatment," stated the evaluation which was commissioned by the Pan Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP) Priority Areas Coordinating Committee (PACC), the tech-

nical group of the PANCAP Executive Board with responsibility for the coordination and overseeing the implementation of operational plans for the CRSF 2014-2018.

In fact, it said significant effort is required for the Caribbean to achieve the UNAIDS 90-90-90 Targets (90 per cent of people living with HIV are aware of their infection, 90 per cent of people diagnosed with HIV are linked to ART and 90 per cent of those on ART adhere and have undetectable levels of HIV in their blood). The gap to achieving the first 90 of the 90-90-90 Targets in 2017 was 54,800 people living with HIV [1].

The gap to achieving the first and second 90s of the 90-90-90 Targets in 2017 was 74,700 people living with HIV. The percentage of people living with HIV who achieved viral suppression increased from 37 per cent in 2016 to 40 per cent in 2017.

However, the gap to achieving all three 90s at the end of 2017 was the need for an additional 103,000 people living with HIV to be on ART and be virally suppressed. Given this situation, the report stated, the Caribbean is at risk of not achieving the 2020 Targets.

Global financial resources to support the HIV epidemic have been progressively decreasing since 2011. However, domestic financing has improved during the implementation of the CRSF 2014-2018.

Domestic resources increased between 2006 and 2017 by 124 per cent, while international resources declined by 16 per cent. As at the end of 2017, domestic resources were contributing significantly to the cost of ART and the



overall treatment programme. Despite this trend, national resources to support services to achieve prevention continue to be low, with the implication that the gains could be reversed if this gap is not quickly filled.

The Priority Areas Coordinating Committee, which was convened virtually on January 10, 2019, accepted the evaluation report. The PANCAP Executive Board which was convened virtually a week later also accepted the evaluation report, recognizing that while the Caribbean has made progress, much more needs to be done to achieve the targets.

The Executive Board also noted the legal judgments in Caribbean courts affirming human rights arising from litigation and called on countries not to wait on litigation but to make amendments to

laws to recognize the rights of key populations and the rights of all to access sexual and reproductive health services. It added that while tens of thousands of cases of HIV infections have been prevented, there is a need to significantly reduce new infections, and this requires that countries promote age-appropriate sexual education and skills and extend sexual reproductive health services to all youth and key populations.

The board also called on all countries to introduce innovative prevention approaches and improve the quality of prevention services to ensure greater impact in reducing new HIV infections, and further called on the Priority Areas Coordinating Committee to develop a new Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework on HIV and AIDS for the period 2019 to 2023. 🌐

5 DAYS WEATHER FORECAST

Friday



81°/76°F

A couple of showers

Saturday



80°/76°F

Partly sunny, showers around

Sunday



80°/76°F

A couple of showers

Monday



81°/77°F

A couple of showers

Tuesday



80°/77°F

Mostly sunny; nice

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

Responding Lovingly to Love

By The Rev'd Christopher Pierce

It is frequently heard said that 'modern times call for modern solutions' and on one level that is true. You would not expect someone who only knows about typewriters to sort out a software glitch in a word processing program. Likewise, you wouldn't expect someone who only speaks English to be able to communicate in another language. There'd be no common ground from whence to work.

However, it is also possible to be guilty of 'chronological snobbery', thinking that only current ideas should shape our lives and society. To listen only to the voices of our contemporaries deprives us of the wisdom of giants. It leaves us bound to the narrow perspective of current opinions and prejudices. The frenzy of 'tulip mania' in seventeenth century Amsterdam or the fear of the millennium bug twenty years ago illustrate the folly of attaching ourselves to the fads and fashions of crowds. We look back and wonder that people can be carried along unquestioningly on the tides of popular opinion.

The God we encounter in the Bible is not bound by fads or fashions. The bold claim of the Christian faith is that what God has declared in his word is able to be communicated to the human race. Western civilisation is based and shaped on that very claim, the heart of our Judeo-Christian heritage.

The teachings of the Bible deal with two aspects of our existence: how we live before God and how we live before other people. This is important because we need to know what God says he expects from us and what other humans should expect from us. To say that we do not have access to what God has communicated to humanity is profoundly and demonstrably wrong.

The big issue currently is whether the government should allow for people of the same sex to be married. Proponents of the idea couch the debate in terms of 'love', asking, 'Shouldn't I be allowed to marry the one I love?' They even quote the Bible: 'God is love'. The case is closed. Love has been made the absolute without any consideration of any other aspects of God's character. No-one wants to be on record as opposing 'love'.

At that point, most people just throw in the towel or revert to an ad hominem response. Neither are acceptable if one is to be honest to the issue under discussion. The word 'love' in the New Testament is almost always the Greek word, agape. Agape love at heart means wanting the absolute best for someone - God's best, which brings us back to



► The Rev'd Christopher Pierce

the earlier point about how we live before other people.

How then should Christians respond to this question of 'love' and how should they express this to their elected representatives?

The logical and biblical thing to do would be to ask the question, 'What does God say about such relationships?' The right answer, the loving answer, would be that which reflects the clear teaching of scripture.

So, what is that answer?

In Jesus' last statement to the Church in the entire Bible (Revelation 22.15), he says these words, speaking of those who will not be found in heaven, "Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."

Would it therefore be 'loving' to encourage people in unrepentant behaviours that would exclude them from the Kingdom of God? If we're responding lovingly, we wouldn't encourage heterosexual immorality (the most prevalent kind) so why would we want to encourage homosexual immorality, if we're serious about loving our neighbours? 🌐

OBITUARIES

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Leonie V. Irons, who passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at South Sound Community Center on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Viewing will be from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers please donate to Hospice Care. Interment at: Garden of Eden Cemetery

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Devin Howard Bodden, who passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be at First Baptist Church, Crewe Rd, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing will be from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Interment at: East End Cemetery

Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Celestina Arisana Vassell, who passed away on Friday, January 04, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at East End Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Viewing will be from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at East End Cemetery.

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We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Helen Carmen Connolly, who passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Albert Nugent, who passed away on Friday, January 18, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

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**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Linnette Simmons, who passed away on Thursday, January 17, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

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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 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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Difficulty Level ★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shop bird
  - 6 Eastern monks
  - 11 Phoenix source
  - 12 Tea party crasher
  - 13 Berth places
  - 14 Social group
  - 15 Chum
  - 16 Zoo beast
  - 18 Service reward
  - 19 Freud topic
  - 20 "You said it!"
  - 21 Forbidden fruit taster
  - 22 One of Santa's team
  - 24 Raised
  - 25 More delirious
  - 27 Plan part
  - 29 Metal bars
  - 32 Used to be
  - 33 Cartoon frame
  - 34 Arthur of TV
  - 35 Qty.
  - 36 Cherbourg chum
  - 37 Common Market abbr.
  - 38 Fusses
  - 40 Glee

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- 42 Origami
- 43 Soak
- 44 Grant's follower
- 45 Start
- 1 Drank like a dog
- 2 Crumbly Italian
- 3 Henry Fonda film
- 4 That ship
- 5 Tried
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- 8 Henry Fonda film
- 9 On the go
- 10 Oozed
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- 31 Drawer scent
- 33 Docket listings
- 39 Low number
- 41 McKellen of "The Hobbit"

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Yesterday's answer

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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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| Odile   | Olwyn   | Ophrah  | Owena    |
| Olga    | Olympia | Oriana  |          |
| Olive   | Oona    | Oriel   |          |

## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee



## JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley



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A **4 x 7** (approx. 25 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of a small room or large closet, such as:



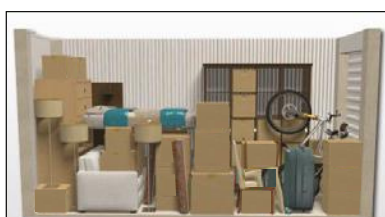
- Chairs
- Small desks
- Filing cabinets
- Files
- Bookcases
- A few boxes

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



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

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



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

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



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

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



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

A **10 x 20** (approx. 200 sq. ft) storage space can hold the contents of five rooms such as:



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- Washers/dryers
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