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► (L-r) Minister of Commerce Joey Hew, George Powell NHTD Chairman George Powell, together with Ministers Roy McTaggart, Moses Kirkconnell, Dwayne Seymour, and Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, with East End MLA Arden McLean breaking ground for six new affordable homes in East End

From the Market: Veggie Pasta

By Lindsey Turnbull

This week we start a brand new column where we will take you to Cayman's farmers markets to see what's fresh each week. Then we will be sharing with you a delicious recipe that makes great use of the wonderful local produce we enjoy here in Cayman.

This week we saw a bounty of tomatoes, peppers and eggplant (aubergines) on Ms Donna's stall at the Hamlin Stephenson Farmer's Market by the cricket grounds in George Town, so a veggie/vegan ra-

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► Donna with peppers

Grand Court Opening



► The Formal Opening Ceremony of the Grand Court

The Grand Court Formal Opening took place on Wednesday 16 January. The ceremony began at a quarter-to-ten, with a guard of honor by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service.

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Grand Court Opening

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The new Governor of the Cayman Islands, His Excellency Martyn Roper was present, along with Deputy Governor Franz Manderson, and various government ministers. The RCIPS officers lined up in formation in front of the Grand Court building, ready for inspection by Chief Justice Anthony Smellie. The Chief Justice came out of the court building with the other court judges, in their formal red gowns and wigs. The barristers and other court officials stood on the steps outside the court to

have their photograph taken behind the judges, before filing back inside the court to listen to, and give the Court Opening speeches.

Pastor Jeff Jefferson opened in prayer. He thanked God for establishing such a sound judiciary and legal system here and he prayed that Justice would continue to be done in the Cayman Islands.

The first speech was by Acting Attorney General Reshma Sharma. She highlighted a number of significant events over the past year, as well as looked forward in anticipation to events taking place in 2019.

She began by noting the passing in November of Mr. Arthur Hunter, OBE, one of the founding members of Hunter & Hunter, now, Appleby (Cayman) Ltd, and founder of the Cayman Islands Law Society.

"On another note, my Lord, it is with sadness that we bid farewell to Justice Quin Q.C, after his many years of distinguished service in the Grand Court. The jury is still out on whether the title of the 'nicest man in the world' or 'nicest judge in the world' should be conferred upon Justice Quin," she said.

"Reflecting on the matters before the Courts over the past year, these ranged from challenges to the constitutionality of various legislative provisions, dis-

crimination under the Bill of Rights, a number of high-profile criminal cases, asylum and complex commercial matters.

"In 2018, a number of Sexual Harm Prevention Orders were issued by the Court, particularly in the cases of minors at risk of sexual harm. In August, the Penal Code was amended to provide for the retrospective application of such orders, further strengthening victim protection.

"Turning to the Summary Court, the Specialist Domestic Violence Court has now been fully implemented, with regular sittings in the Summary Court to deal with matters involving domestic violence and abuse."

Attorney Erik Bodden spoke next, on behalf of the Cayman Islands Legal Practitioners Association. Mr. Bodden spoke about the newly-formed Association, and the advantages of a single, consolidated professional body to represent Islands' legal practitioners.

In the next speech, Colin McKie, Consultant editor of the Cayman Islands Law Reports, spoke about the growing length of the annual law report volumes. This was, he said, due not only to an increasing number of judgements but also the increasing complexity of the cases. He noted the value of such judgements, even though it takes a lot of time to write them, because it helps not only legal professionals, but interested members of the public to understand the reasoning behind judgements. 🌐



► The Formal Opening Ceremony of the Grand Court

Ground breaking for 6 new affordable homes in East End

Government Ministers and members of the National Housing Development Trust broke new ground – for a new development of six homes in East End, which is located behind East End Primary School. The new homes will be two and three bed roomed, with the price of the two-bedroomed homes at 110,000, and 125,000 for the three-bedroomed homes.

It has only been a few weeks since another ribbon-cutting event heralded the completion of 16 new affordable homes in in Bodden Town. In addition to the six new homes in East End there are plans to begin developing substantial areas of land in George Town, West Bay and North Side too.

Minister for Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, said: "I am extremely happy to be here today to mark the National Housing Development Trust's return to East End. Following the successful relaunch of their Affordable Housing Initiative in Bodden Town Last year, it seemed only right for us to turn next to our neighbor in East End. It's been about nine years since the last twelve homes have been built on this site, and we have opted to continue our eastward



► Hon. Dwayne Seymour



► Mr. Arden McLean, MLA



► Hon. Moses Kirkconnell


trend to build another six affordable homes in this district. The government is committed to protecting the quality of life for all Caymanians and their fami-

lies. We believe that this is an important part of this process, and it is the philosophy which inspired the relaunch of the affordable housing initiative. They also endorse the NHDT method of funding the new development from previous NHDT house sales. There is nothing more satisfying for a Government than being able to support and empower its citizens in this way."

Elected Member for East End Arden McLean got the affordable housing initiative going there a decade ago, by purchasing land. "When I bought this property ten years ago I had this vision, this dream...It is important that we build homes because home ownership is part of nation-building, and I believe it should be done by community...and I believe that building this community en-

hances the lives of people in this country. I would like to thank Mr. Powell for continuing with that dream that I have. I am looking forward to East Enders purchasing these homes."

Deputy Premier, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell said: "I want you to think for a minute just what it's like to own your first home; the feeling of going into that door for the first time; the feeling of security, of what you have done for your family, and the feeling that you are going to be there, that its going to be your number one investment in your life. When you own your own home, that's your asset, you take a long time before you leave that home. So when you look at structuring the country for the future there is nothing more important than giving the foundation of home ownership." 🌐



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Update on Peaceful Protest by Cuban Migrants

A group of eight Cuban migrants at the Immigration Detention Centre (IDC) refused food on Tuesday January 15, 2019.

This followed a peaceful protest that began a week ago concerning: immigration processing; access to free, bi-lingual attorneys; and a desire to be released into the community.

Acting Chief Immigration Officer Garfield Wong met with the migrants on Thursday (10 January) and committed to addressing their concerns. Additional meetings with Immigration and other agencies will be planned.

As soon as the migrants refused food Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service, which is responsible for their care and custody, implemented its protocols for such situations. These include close observations and medical checks by Health Services Authority staff.

Officials also confirm that earlier this week they confiscated five mobile phones, which are prohibited for safety and security reasons, from the same group of migrants. All occupants of the IDC are able to make 10 mins of outgoing phone calls a week on a landline, but can receive incoming calls 24 hours a day.

Mindful of the peaceful nature of the protest, immigration and prison officers are working closely to de-escalate matters as much as possible.

The group of eight detainees were among 11 who arrived in the Cayman Islands on 28 September 2018, when their boat got into distress in local waters on the way to Central America. Two persons from the group have already been repatriated to Cuba.

In early October 2018 the Immigration Detention Centre re-opened to ac-



commodate the group's arrival, following extensive renovations.

At the same time 10 migrants, who have been on-Island for a considerably longer period of time to accommodate

the Immigration process, remain on release in the community. For security reasons these persons have been subject to electronic monitoring since the release programme began in August 2018.

Mistletoe Organizers Donate to Lions Cancer Initiatives

The Lions Club of Grand Cayman is the donation recipient of Mistletoe's All White event held on 21st December. Now in its' 11th year, the Amicus Group in Association with Abacus continues to

attract hundreds of seasonal supporters.

In a way to giving back to the Community, each year the group identifies a local charity, and a donation is made

towards a worthy cause. "Each Year Our Club continues to partner with the Community to raise funds, bring awareness, provide free PSA testing's and donate to the Cancer establishments here within the Cayman Islands" said Lion President Stephen Best. This donation will benefit the Clubs' Prostate, Colon and Pediatric Cancer initiatives. I am extremely happy that the Organizer's considered these initiatives and selected Our Club for the donation".

Lion Deborah who had submitted interest to the group for consideration expressed, "as a cancer survivor I know only too well the importance of support

especially financial as cancer treatment costs are astronomical. To receive such support from a long-standing event is indeed an honour and we are so grateful to receive these funds'. Organizer Mark Connolly said that the group is happy to support the Club and Community as the donation has been made to a worthy cause.

About Lions

The Lions Club of Grand Cayman Meet each 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lions Community Center. Persons wishing to attend can reach out to a Lion for an invitation to attend.



▶ From left: Max Mueri hands over check to Lion Deborah Ebanks. President Stephen Best, Neil Bryginton, Kenrick Ebanks and Mark Connolly look on

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FROM THE MARKET

Making use of nature's bounty

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tatouille-type pasta that helps you through 'Veganuary' (as it's currently trending in the UK) will be a welcome addition to your recipe book.

Veggie/vegan pasta

Serves 2 (or one if you are really hungry!)



► Tomatoes at the market

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 local Japanese eggplants
- 2 local sweet bell peppers (capsicum) – I used one green and one red
- 2 large ripe tomatoes
- 1 small yellow onion,
- 1 clove garlic
- 1 tablespoon of tomato puree
- Pinch dried chilli
- Pinch dried oregano
- 1 tspn sugar
- Salt and pepper
- Bunch of fresh basil, plus stalks
- 2 cups whole wheat pasta
- Good grating of parmesan or vegan parmesan cheese (look for little boxes of the vegan variety in the chiller cabinet at Kirk Market)

To make

Finely chop onion. Chop eggplant lengthways and then into 1cm slices. Chop the peppers into 1cm pieces. Grate garlic or finely chop. Finely chop the stalks of the basil. Add all these to a pan with the olive oil. Fry gently until the veg are softened for about 5 minutes. Chop tomatoes into 1cm pieces and add to pan along with a squirt of tomato puree, the chilli, oregano, sugar and a good



► Delicious veggie pasta

grind of salt and pepper. Add about a half cup of water and let simmer gently for about 10 minutes, adding more water to ensure it doesn't dry out.

Cook pasta according to packet instructions. Taste sauce and adjust seasoning (might need more salt/pepper/

sugar). Drain pasta when cooked but reserve about half a cup of the cooking liquid. Add pasta and reserved liquid to sauce. Stir. The sauce will thicken slightly. Serve in a bowl with a good grating of parmesan and finely chopped basil leaves. 🌐

MLA Calls for Study of Root Causes of Declining Social Conditions

With the Chief Justice highlighting the pressing need for more courtrooms at the Opening of the 2019 Session of the Grand Court this week (Wednesday, January 16, 2019), MLA Alva Suckoo is again raising the alarm that the social conditions of Caymanians are declining and has called on Government to address underlying causes with urgency.

Mr. Suckoo issued this call to action against the backdrop of the Social Mobility Motion recently debated in the Legislature and which failed to gain the support of the Government. The MLA's Social Mobility Motion had asked the Government to commission a study on the root causes of the barriers to Caymanians moving from one socio-economic strata to the next.

"This would include," he said, "understanding the root causes of increasing criminality."

In his address Chief Justice Anthony Smellie stated: "And so I leave this subject this year on the cautionary note, that while we will soon have another courtroom for the conduct of criminal trials, we already urgently need at least three more to ensure that the Summary Courts, as well as the Grand Court, can

continue to dispense justice in these cases in a timely manner."

Commenting, Mr Suckoo said that he regards this statement as "a stark warning to the country that criminality has grown beyond the capability of the courts to dispense justice in a timely way and signals the breakdown of law and order on a widening scale."

Mr. Suckoo said that the Chief Justice's warning about the court's capacity to dispense justice in a timely way brought the need for the study his Motion had called for in sharper focus: "We now see these concerns highlighted by the Chief Justice," he said, adding: "I hope that while the Government essentially trivialized my Motion, they will pay close attention to the Chief Justice."

Turning to his disappointment that the Motion failed to win the Government's support, the MLA said that he had envisaged that the study would ultimately lead "to the creation of policies and initiatives to address the myriad existing social problems that serve as obstacles to Caymanians leading productive and happy lives."

Mr Suckoo said that he believes that these obstacles continue to impede



► Alva Suckoo, MLA

progress of many Caymanians, despite the many development projects in progress and that promise so-called "trickle-down" benefits for everyone.

"Far too many people are not earning enough to sustain themselves and their families, many are not sufficiently educated and trained to be able to secure adequate wages, and far too many are turning to criminality," he said.

As a result of these declining social conditions, the MLA said, pressures are being felt in the court system, in the way we do business, in family life, and in the school system: "We see it every day—more and more people are showing up in the court system, serious crimes have become commonplace, cheap labour has become a requirement of doing business, and our children are leaving the school system unprepared to fend for themselves."

To rectify these declining social conditions, Mr. Suckoo said, a new approach was called for: "What is needed is a radical

shift in thinking and in our approach. We can no longer simply react in an ad hoc fashion to every problem that is thrown at us," as that would inevitably "result in more courtrooms, a bigger prison, and a society where law and order is reduced to where we no longer feel safe and secure."

Mr. Suckoo decried this traditional reactive approach and appealed for a proactive mindset that would examine the root causes of social problems in order to gain a better understanding of what needs to be done to reverse the trends.

"Until we change our thinking and our approach, our social conditions will continue to deteriorate," Mr. Suckoo predicted, tracing the increasing demands for facilities at the court: "We went from needing a new courthouse and securing a new building, to needing three additional courtrooms not even a year into the new building's acquisition. If that doesn't concern the Government, then they are living in denial." 🌐

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Premier and Cayman Delegation wrap up meetings in Europe

Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin, Minister of Financial Services Hon. Tara Rivers, Attorney General Hon. Samuel Bulgin and the Cayman delegation wound up their meetings in Europe and planned to travel to New York over the weekend to speak at the Cayman Finance Breakfast Seminar where Mr. McLaughlin, and the delegation will continue to promote the Cayman Islands as a reliable and stable jurisdiction in which to do business.

As of Thursday, Premier McLaughlin, Minister Rivers and the delegation have had 10 meetings in Brussels, two in France and one meeting is scheduled tomorrow in Germany. On Monday, 14 January, the delegation met with Mr. David Boulil, Mr. Gints Freimanis and Ms. Emer Traynor. Mr. Boulil is a member of the Cabinet of Pierre Moscovici, the Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs. Mr. Freimanis is a member of the Cabinet of Valdis Dombrovskis, whose responsibilities include Financial Services and Capital Markets. Ms. Traynor is Deputy Head of Unit at the Director General of Taxation and Customs Union (DG Taxud).

Also Monday the delegation met with representatives of the European Union Code of Conduct Group (COCG). The COCG is charged with assessing jurisdictions to determine whether they potentially have tax regimes that are harmful to EU Member States. Ms Fabizia Lapecorella, the Chair of the Code of Conduct Group participated via telephone as she was in Rome.

Other members of the Code of Conduct Group meeting with the Cayman Delegation were Mr. Andreas Strub, Mr. Aloys Rigaut, and Ms Emer Traynor, representing DG Taxud. The discussions focused on the commitments made by the Cayman Islands and our intention of continuing to meet all international global standards. Ms Lapecorella noted that she was aware of the excellent co-

operation and engagement by the Cayman Islands.

In both meetings with the EU representatives the Premier and Minister Rivers, along with Mr. Bulgin, outlined the leading position of the Cayman Islands, over many years, in adhering to international standards regarding regulatory and tax cooperation as well as anti-money laundering and prevention of terrorist financing. More recently the Cayman Islands, along with many other financial centers, passed legislation to adopt and implement the new international standards on economic substance.

The EU representatives thanked the Premier and delegation for meeting with them and commented that the “good work and positive engagement” with the EU was appreciated. They noted that the legislation passed by the Cayman Islands and other jurisdictions in December 2018 is still being assessed by the Commission. However, they committed to advise the Cayman Islands technical team of the outcome once the assessment is completed.

Over the rest of the week in Brussels the delegation met with the Hungarian Permanent Representative as well as with the permanent representatives of Belgium, Cyprus, Luxemburg, Austria, Romania, Spain and the Netherlands.

In France meetings were held with Mr. Gael Perraud, Deputy Director of International Taxation and European Affairs, as well as with senior representatives of Secretariat General on European Affairs. The Secretariat is a department of the Prime Minister and deals with several matters including taxation and the OECD.

In all of these meetings the delegation reiterated the positive engagement by the Cayman Islands and the measures taken to address the concerns of the EU. The Premier also sought to understand whether there were issues that need clarifying or further discussion. In the meeting with the Netherlands the Pre-



► 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

mier and Minister raised concerns regarding the blacklist that was recently issued by the Netherlands Government, in particular the lack of engagement prior to the list being published and the rationale for including the Cayman Islands on the list.

On Friday the delegation travels to Germany for the final meeting in Europe after which they travel to New York.

Premier McLaughlin commented that “Whilst the EU delegation were not at this stage able to provide any insight on whether the Cayman Islands had passed muster and would avoid being blacklisted, they did not mention anything glaring that has so far concerned them.

“However, we are taking no chances. The extensive engagement throughout the week in Europe, at the EU level as well as with representatives of several member states, including the influential French and Germans, was important to help ensure that those in the EU Commission, and in some Member

States, who decide on these things, or who make recommendations to the decision makers, understand fully that we take our role as an international finance center seriously and that we will continue to adhere to the evolving international standards. It also assisted in a better understanding on where some states were in their thinking,” he said.

Minister Rivers noted that “We have been directly engaging with the EU for almost two years, both at the technical as well as the political level, including some five visits by myself to Brussels and three for the Premier. We have worked with financial services partners at home in crafting the legislation and I am proud of the work we have done and for the support of Industry.

“In addition, we have consulted with the EU along the way to ensure that the elements that they were seeking to be in legislation were present. In short we are collectively doing what we can to maintain a vibrant financial services business for years to come,” she said. 🌐

Region Urged to Prepare for Possibility of Severe Dengue Outbreak

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has put the region on notice that there could be an outbreak of the mosquito-borne dengue soon.

It has therefore advised countries to implement enhanced measures to reduce mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of disease.

The last major regional outbreak occurred in 2009. Since then, the Region has experienced two large outbreaks of mosquito-borne diseases, Chikungunya in 2014 and Zika in 2016, which CARPHA said are unlikely to reoccur soon.

“Disease modelling, however, predicts that another regional outbreak of Dengue may occur in the near future. In 2018, Latin America showed an increase in the number of Dengue cases. More recently, the outbreak of Dengue in Jamaica has elevated the level of concern in other Caribbean islands,” the agency said in a statement yesterday.

Dengue is a flu-like illness that affects infants, young children and adults. Symptoms typically begin four to ten days after infection, and include a high

fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pains, and a characteristic skin rash. This illness can evolve to severe dengue, characterized by potentially deadly complications, such as internal haemorrhaging, intense and continuous abdominal pain or tenderness and persistent vomiting. In some cases, Dengue may be severe and cause death.

Dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases threaten health, tourism, social and economic development, and a collaborative effort is required to reduce the spread of disease. Dengue remains a global health problem and like Zika and Chikungunya, there is no specific treatment for the disease. The Aedes aegypti mosquito vector, which spreads dengue, is present in all Caribbean territories.

The measures used for controlling the spread of dengue are the same as those for Zika and Chikungunya as these diseases are also transmitted by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. With the arrival of the rainy season within a few months, CARPHA says mosquito control

and awareness activities need to be intensified.

It therefore advised Caribbean Ministries of Health to increase health promotion messages to prevent mosquitos biting and breeding; combine efforts with communities to eliminate mosquito breeding sites; intensify vector surveillance and control; and disseminate appropriate clinical care and treatment guidelines.

The most effective way to avoid becoming ill from viruses spread by mosquitos is to prevent mosquito bites. Research carried out by CARPHA and the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO) show that drums and tyres are the main mosquito breeding sources in our countries.

“We all need to clean up our surroundings. The two most important things to manage mosquito populations in our Caribbean countries are to manage water storage drums and tanks, and properly dispose of used vehicle tyres to prevent mosquitos breeding,” said Dr



James Hospedales, Executive Director of CARPHA.

Actions that can be taken include covering drums and tanks, cleaning the guttering, removing stagnant water sources, such as old tyres, bottles and buckets, and individuals protecting themselves and their family from bites. Infants, young children, older adults and women who are pregnant or trying to get pregnant should take extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites by using insect repellents containing DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535, and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus. CARPHA added that individuals would also do well to work together with family, friends and neighbours to destroy breeding sites in and around their homes and communities to achieve total community impact. 🌐

PWC Junior Circuit 2019 Tournament

Saturday January 12, 2019 saw the end of the first PwC Junior Circuit tournament for 2019. The Tennis Federation of the Cayman Islands (TFCI) organized yet another great event for the junior tennis players and fans, and the Cayman Islands Tennis Club (CITC) generously provided the courts.

The tournament included competition in three age divisions - 10& Under with eight entrants, including newcomer Mico Samson, 14& Under with fourteen entrants and 18&Under with six entrants. Ilian Nachev, the Tournament Director, noted that the tournament went smoothly, apart from a little drizzle on Saturday morning, which fortunately wasn't strong enough to cause any match delays, and all players showed great sportsmanship.

In the 10& Under age division Noah Mitten provided us with first glimpses of a potential future Cayman Islands tennis star as he won the title, defeating Alex Linkowski 6-2, 6-2 in the finals. Lea Neverilova defeated Ricardo Reis 7-5, 6-4 in the battle for the third place and Andrew Jacques prevailed over new-



► Alex Linkowski



► Some of the players

comer Mico Samson with 6-2, 6-3 to win the consolation tournament.

The biggest competition happened in the 14& Under division, where there was the largest number of competitors. Albert Berksoy proved to be the toughest competitor as he triumphed by defeating Rafael Wejborra with a 6-4, 3-6, 10-5 win in the finals. In the match for the third place, Jake Fagan managed to squeeze the victory over another talented young man, Jay Jackson, 7-5,

6-4. In the consolation finals we saw Phoebe Claybourn win in a very even match against Alex Grover with 6-4, 3-6, 10-7.

After trying numerous times to win last year, Lauren Fullerton finally succeeded in defeating the reigning champion in the 18&Under division, Jake Booker, with a score of 6-2, 4-6, 7-5. These two youngsters demonstrated a great level of junior tennis and a winning spirit to the last point of the match.

In the battle for third place, Jakub Neveril overcame Zach Jackson 6-4, 6-0 and Willow Wilkinson claimed the consolation title by defeating Ricardo Douglas 6-0, 6-1.

Many thanks to all of the participants, PwC, TFCI, and CITC, without whom this event would not have been possible.

The next tournament will be February 22nd to February 24th at the CITC and we hope to see more players on the courts. 🌐

Stingray swimmers start 2019 at a sprint pace...

"Stingray swimmers back in the water after the break – in the pool and the sea."

Stingray swimmers started 2019 with open water beach training on New Year's Day and have not slowed down since - with swim action taking place every weeked in January.

Board of Directors

The new directors, elected at the end of 2018 at Stingray Swim Club's AGM, assumed their roles effective 1 January. The new President, Marlene West, is a well known personality in sporting circles and she - along with her new board and coaching team - are looking forward to another successful year.

Other members of the new board are: Lynne Walton, Vice President; Victoria Havlin-Hollingworth, Treasurer; Samantha Fletcher-Watts: Secretary; Kathryn Jackson, Public Relations Officer; Karen Watson, Corporate Sponsorship; Tracey-ann Lawle, Parent Group Liasion; Lucy Muyunga, Social/Banquet; Bonnie Bloxham, Equipment/Apparel and Supplies and Carrol Marc Cooper, Fundraising.

Friday Night Lights and EY Sprint - January 4-5th

Friday Night Lights and the EY Winter Sprint Meet were once again the scene of Cayman's first swim meet for the year. Hosted by Stingray Swim Club (SSC) at the Lions Aquatic Centre (LAC) Cayman's finest and fastest swimmers, of varying ages and abilities, were back on the blocks for the first fully officiated meets of 2019. Joining Stingray were

swimmers from Camana Bay Aquatic Club (CBAC), Seven Mile Swimmers (SMS) and Stingray's Special Olympic swimmers who train regularly with the club and compete in all their meets.

Friday Night Lights saw the 11 & Over swimmers taking part in the long distance races - 400s, 800s and 1500s; while the EY Sprint is fast and furious with swimmers taking part, depending on their age group, in 25m or 50m races - and for some swimmers, the 100m IM a fast paced sprint event which (because it is a 100m IM event) can only be swum in short course pools.

"The commitment and dedication of Cayman's young swimmers is something our community should be proud of," said Blaise Ting, Executive Director EY Cayman Ltd. "We are proud to support Cayman's swimmers, and we are proud to once again support Stingray Swim Club, a sporting organisation which has been a part of Cayman's swimming community for over 20 years."

Friday Night Lights FINA High Points Swim winners were Female: Sam Bailey, 538 points for the 800m freestyle in a time of 9:49.21, and Male: Liam Henry, 524 points for the 200m freestyle in a time of 2:03.24.

EY Sprint High Points Winners - who all won movie passes - were:

Female 6&U Holly Clark Terrel, SSC; 7-8 Cassidy Coles, SSC; 9-10 Sierrah Broadbelt, SMS; 11-12 Harper Barrowman, SMS; 13-14 Kyra Rabess, SSC and 15&O Alison Jackson. Male 7=8 Charlie Dickson, SMS; 9-10 Jan Morris, SMS; 11-12 Will Sellers, SMS; 13-14 Corey Frederick-Westerborg, SSC and 15&O Liam Henry, SSC.

CUC Open Water - January 12th

The rescheduled 2018 CUC Open Water Sea Swim took place this past weekend and with fabulous conditions on Seven Mile Beach Stingray swimmers were among the athletes who turned out for the ½ mile swim. Senior swimmers Alex Dakers, Liam



► Swimmers at the 2019 EY Sprint Meet

Henry and Jake Bailey finished 1 - 2- 3, and Elana Sinclair was 6th (first woman) and Raya Embury-Brown was 7th.

Consolidated Water Pete Ribbins Memorial Meet

This coming weekend, Friday 18 - 20, will see Cayman's swimmers return to the pool - this time for a three-day meet which will see swimmers taking part in sprint, middle and long distance event.

Pete Ribbins was an incredible athlete who understood firsthand the commitment, focus and dedication it takes to excel in a sport. An avid supporter of youth in sports. Pete was a firm believer in the importance of swimming - as both a life skill and a competitive sport - and Stingray is proud to honour his memory every year with this meet.

Pool action this weekend is on Friday evening, starting at 6pm, and starting at 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday morning. Entry is free and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the swimmers as they compete.

The BIG Swim - 25 January

Four years ago Stingray Swim Club brought on two coaches for the first time as a non-profit. The club managed to secure the funds to support a second salary due to the massive fundraising effort put on by the club's first swim-a-

thon guided by then Head Coach Andy Copley.

Since then Stingray has had countless medalists at Carifta, 13 different athletes break 72 National/CIASA records, and has sent 6 athletes to compete in college swimming, with 4 more on the way! None of this is possible without the help of volunteers, and fundraising efforts to support two staff members!

Help Stingray continue to thrive as a club and keep the momentum going. Find a swimmer and make a pledge or got to the Go Fund Me Page - <https://www.gofundme.com/ssc-swimathon> and show your support there.

Stingray's Head Coach David Pursley commented, "We have started 2019 with a strong show of training, competition and team spirit. We are grateful to our sponsors, as anytime young swimmers can compete in a fully officiated meet it is good for their development; and speaking of fully officiated, we are also grateful to our Officials - who are all volunteers - and encourage all swim parents to consider training as an official. As an official you will be actively contributing to the positive development of your swimmer, and allowing all our swimmers to learn how to compete under the watchful eye of an official."

For more information contact Stingray's Head Coach on stingrayheadcoach@gmail.com. 🌐



► Members of the new Stingray (SKY - Stingray Cayman) Board

CROSSWORD

By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

ACROSS

- 41 Past due
- 1 Syrup source
- 6 College group
- 10 Kitchen wear
- 11 Sordid
- 12 Be unthrifty
- 13 Peony part
- 14 Empire's call
- 15 Guatemala neighbor
- 16 Geologic period
- 17 Suffer
- 18 "— the ramparts ..."
- 19 Dresses up
- 22 Floral garlands
- 23 Shaving mishap
- 26 Leaves quickly
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- 39 In the middle of
- 40 Sold for

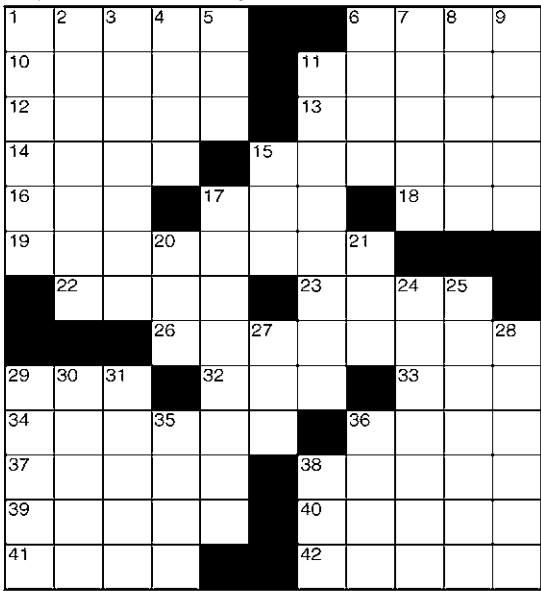
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- 4 Single
- 5 Complete
- 6 Sense
- 7 Math comparison
- 8 Wow
- 9 Tenth president
- 11 Explores caves
- 15 Life story, for short
- 17 Taking for granted
- 20 Youngster
- 21 "My country — of thee"
- 24 Engine fluid
- 25 Iraqi's neighbor
- 27 Debate side
- 28 Muscle connector
- 29 Union chapter
- 30 Bakery output
- 31 Fairway chunk
- 35 Wilder on film
- 36 Thunder sound
- 38 Debate side



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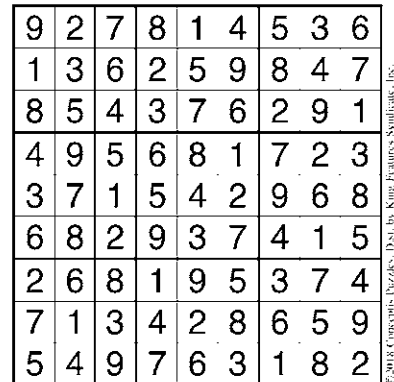
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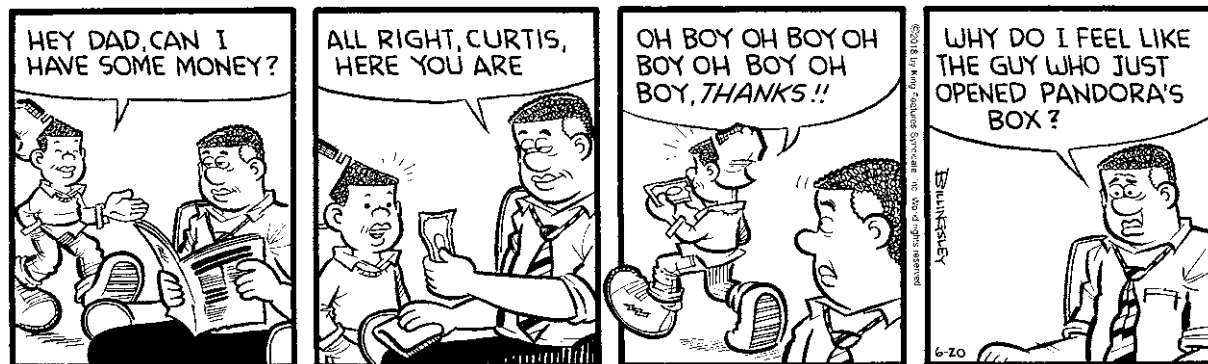
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

- Alliteration
- Epic
- Measure
- Simile
- Bathos
- Foot
- Metaphor
- Sonnet
- Couplet
- Iamb
- Prose
- Spondee
- Dactyl
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