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Educating Rita all set for the stage

By Lindsey Turnbull

Anyone from the UK old enough to have enjoyed the film *Educating Rita*, starring Michael Caine and Julie Walters, are in for a treat as the movie comes to life at the Prospect Playhouse at the end of this month, as Cayman Drama Society is putting on a production of the story with six shows running from 24th January until the 2nd February.

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► Rita, played by Soraya Moghadass, and Frank, played by Adam Roberts

Piers will not cause Flooding

The Cayman Islands Government has addressed fears that the planned cruise berthing facility could exacerbate the flooding witnessed in George Town last month.

The PWD Major Projects Office has released a statement to address misplaced fears that the planned cruise berthing facility and cargo port could exacerbate flooding in instances of extreme weather.

After uncharacteristically extreme weather last month resulted in flooding in George Town, some Cayman residents became concerned that the flooding could be exacerbated following the construction of two new piers.

This is incorrect and the Cayman Islands Government, through the PWD Major Projects Office, has already sought specialised expertise from the project's marine engineers to confirm.

The Chief Project Manager for the Major Projects Office, Peter Ranger, said:



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EDITORIAL

Stamping out corruption

Over the past two years, it has become the norm to see reports of allegations of fraud and corruption across the public sector in the Cayman Islands. These ranged from high ranking officials to others who've taken the oath to uphold the law.

While many of the accused have had their day in court, the question begs as to how many others whose deeds have not been brought into the light.

A recent report by the Office of the Auditor General noted that corruption has been identified as one of the most important problems facing the world today, not just Cayman. However, our readers would not take any solace knowing that Cayman has company in this regard.

This newspaper applauds our authorities for initiatives like the Anti-Fraud and Whistle-blower Policies that are now in place along with the anonymous whistle-blower hotline to embolden those who have evidence of wrong-doing to bring these misdeeds to light.



However, the report from the AG pointed out that much of the progress is stamping out corruption has been made in the areas of investigation and enforcement. "Tackling the issue before it happens could further strengthen the overall effectiveness of the country's anti-corruption initiatives," it added.

Against this backdrop, The Caymanian Times encourages government to move quickly to implement The Standards in Public Life Law, which has been sitting on a shelf on Elgin Avenue since being passed more than four years ago. Doing so will help strengthen Cayman's image as a country serious about stamping out corruption. 🌐

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Dengue Prevention and Awareness Urged

Local health officials are urging Cayman Islands residents to be aware of the symptoms of dengue as a precaution following increased activity in the region.

With the frequency of travel between the Cayman Islands and other destinations in the region, the likelihood of imported cases is a strong possibility. The Public Health Department has already initiated response measures to contain the situation should it arrive to our shores. Key interventions include continued active surveillance, infection prevention and control and risk communications.

"Currently there is no report or evidence indicating any cases of Dengue Fever in the Cayman Islands, however the risk is considered high due to the high level of travel between the Cayman Islands and neighboring territories, currently being impacted by Dengue Fever," said Acting Chief Medical Officer and Medical Officer for Health Dr Samuel Williams-Rodriguez.

He added, "In this regard, there is the need to amplify surveillance for early detection and appropriate response, and to increase awareness among the general population on ways to prevent, and /or protect against introduction and spread of the mosquito borne disease."

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease transmitted by female *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes. Symptoms of the disease include the acute onset of high fever and at least two of the following:

- Severe frontal headache
- Joint pain
- Pain behind the eyes
- Muscle and or bone pain
- A rash (sometimes) may be visible two to five days after the onset of fever
- Nausea or vomiting (sometimes)
- Signs of bleeding (such as: pinpoint red or purple spots on the skin, nose-bleed,

bleeding gums, blood in urine or stool, or vaginal bleeding) are seen in a severe form of dengue fever known as dengue hemorrhagic fever, severe dengue or dengue shock syndrome.

The local Public Health Department has a year-round surveillance system that involves weekly monitoring of potential cases of mosquito borne illness reported by public and private physicians that has proven very sensitive when it comes to detecting dengue cases, Dr. Williams-Rodriguez notes.

All residents and visitors experiencing symptoms of dengue after travelling to a country with established transmission of dengue should immediately see a doctor and report their travel history.

Minister for Health Hon. Dwayne Seymour voiced his appreciation for the highly sensitive detection system of the Public Health, and underscored the importance of personal responsibility to avoid mosquito bites: "The Cayman Islands to date has only experienced imported cases. At the same time, the number of cases in the region is rising. As such, persons visiting countries with established transmission should take mosquito bite prevention measures when outdoors at all times."

These measures include wearing long sleeves, long pants and mosquito bite repellent containing at least 50% DEET. Persons should also eliminate potential *Aedes aegypti* breeding grounds by turning over sources of standing water around their homes and other buildings.

In addition, the Mosquito Research and Control Unit will continue its own surveillance efforts, and ongoing work to identify and eliminate *Aedes aegypti* breeding grounds around the Islands.

Over the last three years, the Cayman Islands experienced three imported and one locally transmitted case of dengue in 2016, no cases in 2017 and two imported cases in 2018. 🌐

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Local student wins the 2018 Florida Caribbean Cruise Association (FCCA) essay competition


Schools in the Cayman Islands competed against 19 countries from within the Caribbean and Latin America in the 2018 FCCA Children's Essay Competition. Winner Xara Mon Desir of Cayman Prep Primary School placed 1st region-

ally in the junior division earning herself a grand prize of US\$3,000 and an equivalent amount for the school. The essay topic for 2018 was: "What cultural aspects of the Cayman Islands should cruise passengers experience?" 🌐



▶ L-R: David Wight, MLA, Councillor, Ministry of Tourism; Xara Mon Desir, Cayman Prep Primary School student and FCCA essay competition winner; Trish Taylor, Principal, Cayman Prep Primary School; and Gail Henry, Deputy Director Product Development, Cayman Islands Department of Tourism





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Piers Will Not Cause Flooding Could Reduce the Force of Incoming Waves

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"A wave overtopping study and flood risk assessment is being undertaken to ensure that flood risk to George Town for the areas to the North and South of the new development will be no greater than exists at present and will be reduced wherever possible. Therefore, the flood risk will not increase as a result of the new cruise berthing and cargo development."

"In the footprint of the new development wave walls have been incorporated into the design that don't exist at present to reduce wave overtopping and flooding in the cargo and cruise area in extreme weather conditions which will also protect central Georgetown."

The Office also clarified that while the new piers will be better equipped to safely welcome ships in rougher weather than is currently the case, no ship



would call on the new piers in the extreme conditions witnessed last month. The cruise berthing facility will remove the need for hazardous trans-

fers between the cruise ship, the tenders and the dock, while also increasing the amount of time spent onshore by tourists. This will play a key role in pro-

tecting thousands of jobs and boosting the island's tourism industry which currently accounts for 25-30% of annual GDP. 🌐

Cayman wishes Mr. Howell a happy 104th birthday

Mr. Wellesley Howell, Cayman's oldest man, recently celebrated his 104th birthday at South Sound Community Centre. Many people came to wish Mr. Howell, who has run a shoe repair shop in Shedden Road, George Town for as many years and most people can remember, a happy birthday. They came to wish him well or pray a blessing over him at the party, as well as hear him play the saxophone. It was his gift for playing the saxophone which bought him to Cayman back in the 1940s, he said.

"I came here in the 1940s from St Mary's in Jamaica. I had been sent-for by a gentleman who heard about my profession in Jamaica. He ran a little band over here and he said he would like to extend the band. So he sent for me because he heard about me."

Then, telling a little story about just how small George Town was in those days, he said: "He received me at the airport - he took me out in his car and he said, we are going through to see some of the Jamaicans but he explained to me that he would drive me through the town, and then to his home. But he just took me to his home, and I resented it

and I said, 'why have you just taken me to your home and not carry me through the town?' and he said, 'I've already driven you through the town.'"

"I Leaned to play the saxophone from a little boy," although at first, he began playing the flute, he said. "I played the flute until I get popular playing it and after that, I played the clarinet For a period of eight years and following that I bought a saxophone and started to play it and I become famous until now."

He taught himself the shoemaking trade which he has become equally famous for, at a very young age too, and many people who were at the party remember being sent to Mr. Howell's shoe repair shop. One of them, Ray McLaughlin said: "I've known Mr. Howell for many years from the shoe shop - for twenty years at least. I've known him from my old school days when my mom always used to send me over to fix shoes. As we would kick the shoes out in football practice, Mr. Howell would always fix them back for us." These days, Mr. McLaughlin said, he gets together with Mr. Howell on a Saturday and plays dominoes: "That is our big thing. He



► Mr. Howell was prayed over by Mr. Ormond Williams

loves dominoes. I think that's one of his secrets," Mr. McLaughlin said.

Mr. Ormond Williams said a lovely prayer over Mr. Howell, just before Mr. Howell got ready to play his saxophone. "God we thank you that you have given us life, and life in abundance and life that is eternal. And you have given us opportunities to meet and to fellowship and to celebrate. So tonight in a very special way

we thank you for your son, Mr. Howell, you know him by name You know how much he loves you. You know how much he cares about the things of God. Tonight we celebrate with him, the gift of life. But we see in him not only life, but we see what is possible when we put our trust and confidence in God. We thank you for the fullness of life that he has led, for the example that he has been to all of us." 🌐



► Meeting and greeting old friends: Mr. Howell shakes hands with Joy Rankine



► Mr. Howell is greeted by former Leader of Government Business Kurt Tibbetts, OBE at his birthday party at South Sound Community Centre



► Pictured playing the saxophone, with his son, Wesley

POLICE & CUSTOMS NEWS

Four Persons Arrested for DUI at Over Twice the Legal Limit

Shortly after 12:00AM on Sunday, 13 January, a woman, age 28 of George Town, was arrested on suspicion of DUI following a traffic collision on West Bay Road. Officers conducting patrols in the area had come upon the scene of the collision just south of Seven Mile Public Beach, which involved a BMW and a Honda Civic. The drivers were breath tested, and the woman, who had been driving the Civic, gave a reading of 0.277%. She was later granted bail.



Around 1:45PM on Sunday, 13 January, police and other emergency services were dispatched to a report of a water-related incident near Breakers, in Bodden Town.

A group of males were on two separate vessels, about 200 yards from shore. One of the males encountered difficulties whilst swimming and was unable to get back onto the vessel. He was assisted onto shore by the others. Officers from the Joint Marine Unit located the vessel which had drifted ashore some distance from the incident.

CPR was performed on the man by a member of the public until EMS, the Joint Marine Unit and Uniform Officers arrived.

The man, a 57-year-old, living in Bodden Town, was attended to and transported to hospital by EMS, where he was pronounced dead.

The matter is under investigation by the police.

There have been a total of six arrests for DUI made since Friday, with four persons having a blood alcohol content of over twice the legal limit. Four of the arrests were made after drivers were stopped for having committed other traffic violations, including speeding.

"We are alarmed at the level of inebriation of some of the drivers arrested this past weekend, which makes a collision almost inevitable" said Inspector Ian Yearwood of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit. "We are just thankful that that we were able to stop some of these drivers when we did, and that there were no serious injuries. However, we cannot continue on this present path. Remember, the life you save may be your own."

57 Year old Filipino national Dies in Water Related Incident

Customs Airport Arrest for Smuggling of Ganja

On Sunday, 13th January 2019, Customs Officers at the Owen Roberts International Airport arrested a 35-year-old, male, Caymanian, Department of Environmental Health employee for Importation of Ganja and Possession with intent to supply Ganja.



He was arrested following his arrival on Cayman Airways flight 103 from Miami. The suspect attempted to exit the Customs Hall through our Green Channel where he was challenged by our officers based on their observation. He was then referred for secondary examination where the ganja was discovered concealed in his checked luggage.

This is the second arrest by Customs officers at the airport since the beginning of the New Year. The first arrest was for a small portion of ganja and is unrelated to this second, more significant arrest.

"We have undertaken a number of initiatives, such as the new policy that persons within their duty-free allowance are not required to complete the Customs Declaration Form and may proceed directly to the Customs Green Channel upon entry, in order to expedite the flow of arriving passengers through our Customs

Arrivals Hall," said Collector of Customs Charles Clifford.

"However, we again remind and urge persons to be honest about their declarations and ensure that they are not traveling with prohibited or restricted goods, as they will be referred to secondary for further scrutiny and thorough examination should Customs officers suspect that they have criminal intent or are not being honest about their declaration."

Mr. Clifford emphasized this point by stating that, this latest arrest is another example of the consequences that can occur when persons attempt to go through the Green Channel with criminal intent.

Deputy Collector of Customs Jeff Jackson who has responsibility for the Customs Border Protection Portfolio, said "Our frontline officers continue to maintain constant vigilance in their daily duties, and are responsible for knowing what arriving passengers are bringing with them and whether it poses a risk to the public. Our officers are equally cognizant of their responsibility to collect revenue that is due to our government, and this most recent interception and arrest further illustrate the effectiveness of our training and strategies."



► Deputy Collector Jeff Jackson

Mr. Jackson continued, "The merger of our Customs and Immigration departments will undoubtedly result in even more successes with interdicting the movement of illicit goods and persons with criminal intent."

This investigation is ongoing and is being led by our Customs Narcotics Enforcement Team.

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Robbery in George Town

Shortly after 8:30PM on Friday, 11 January, officers responded to a report of a robbery on Sound Way in George Town. A man had been walking when he was approached from behind by another man, assaulted and robbed of his wallet and other personal items. The suspect then fled the scene. Emergency personnel attended and transported the man to be treated for minor injuries. He was subsequently released.

The suspect is described as a slim, dark skinned male, with a bald head, about 5'11" in height. He was wearing a light coloured t-shirt and light coloured shorts.

The incident is under investigation and anyone with information or who may have seen anything suspicious in the area between 8:30PM and 9:00PM should contact **George Town CID at 949-4222**.

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

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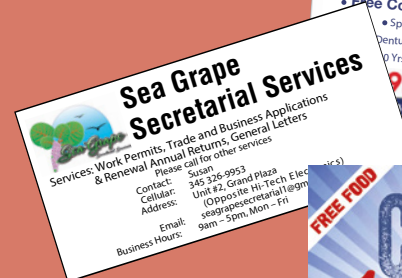
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					Celebrity Edge	
Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers	Total Passengers
	5,550	9,474	10,371	6,578	9,007	2,050

Jade Barnard – Academics

Scholar. Recycler. Entrepreneur. Musician. These are just some of the words that can be used to describe 14-year old Jade Barnard from West Bay.

Jade is a straight 'A' student at Cayman Prep and High School where she balances 13 subjects, including two foreign languages. At the end of the 2017/2018 academic year, she received the Principal's Award for top student in Year 8, best in year for Geography, Religious Education, and Spanish, as well as Maths and English, a notable achievement as it is unusual for students to be strong in both subjects. She has also won her school's junior spelling bee two years in a row and is a creative writer.

Described as kind and thoughtful, Jade is community minded. She volunteers for Hospice Care on its Flag Day and the Cayman Islands Humane Society and is a member of her school's Key Club where she also volunteers for various community events. She is a member of the South Sound United Church where she often runs the audio-visual equipment and prepares the presentation slides for the church services. As if that isn't enough, she also plays the violin and piano and performs on the latter.

Jade's leadership and academic skills have been noticed by teachers and peers alike. She was selected by her school to attend the Education Student Leadership Conference this past year, and has been chosen to participate in the DART Minds Inspired Math Challenge for the past two years.

Perhaps most noteworthy about Jade is the fact that she's a small business owner. In 2017 she and her older brother Luke started a small-scale recycling business – Convert Cayman – in



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Jade Barnard

West Bay at the Shores, and at Highlands, to encourage people to recycle their trash. The siblings put aside a couple of hours every Sunday morning to collect the recycling that their neighbours put out on the curb and take it to the recycling point at the Foster's Food Fair in West Bay, charging a small fee which is dependent on whether the recyclables come sorted or unsorted into glass, metals, plastics and cardboard.

Her mother, Nancy Barnard nee Kirkaldy, says, "Jade wants to do her part to change the world, to make it a better place and solve global problems. I have no doubt that she will make her family, West Bay (she is the third generation of her family to grow up in this gorgeous district) and Cayman very proud one day." 🌍

Jorel Bellafonte – Sports

Athleticism is in Jorel Bellafonte's blood. From his earliest days as a pupil at Red Bay Primary, his natural speed and agility was evident.

To harness that raw power, he joined the Mustang Track Club in George Town at the age of nine. When he was 12 Jorel's club competed in the Gibson Relays in Jamaica, and although his team did not medal in the 4x100m, Jorel's performance impressed Michael Clarke, head coach for Calabar High School in Kingston. Clarke offered him an athletics scholarship at what is widely known as the best athletics high school in the world. In fact, while he was a student there, Jorel's team held the distinction of breaking a 27-year old record for the 4x800m which has only just been bested in 2018.

When he first enrolled at the elite school Jorel was the slowest in the 130-strong team but through gradual, careful conditioning by his coaches and an iron-clad determination to live up to the potential his coach had seen in him, he developed a higher level of maturity and discipline. His coach repeatedly told him that greatness requires sacrifice, a mantra which Jorel subsequently adopted as his own personal philosophy, and one that has seen him through the highs and the lows in his young life.

The transition from being the best sprinter in Cayman for his age at the time to joining a large team where he was the slowest was frustrating and humbling for Jorel. Rather than give up however, he was determined to succeed and be the best of the best. This meant early morning training sessions and working out after a full school day while his classmates rested and had a social life. He then switched events from the 100m to the 800m, as his coach saw that Jorel's stride was more that of a middle-distance runner than a sprinter. This was another uphill struggle but Jorel once more prevailed.

With his stellar training ethic, 12-year old Jorel went on to become the best 800m runner in the Caribbean for his age group. The Bodden Towner was also the first non-Jamaican to win at the ISSA Grace-Kennedy boys and girls high school championship, essentially creating the template for foreign student-athletes to attend school in Jamaica for sports. At age 16, he captained the Cayman Islands athletics team at the 2011 CARIFTA Games in Jamaica and won a silver medal, the



► Proud of Them Round 10 awardee Jorel Bellafonte

only one of his team that medalled that year. Other distinctions included the award of best student-athlete in Jamaica for the year 2013, winning the Herb McKinley award for best student-athlete at his school the same year and being voted captain of his middle-distance team at Calabar High School.

Jorel then went on to compete for Clemson University, a sporting powerhouse and top 20 university in the USA, where he became a two-time first team All-American, one of only three Caymanians to ever do so. He holds the National Junior and Senior records for the 800m and 1500m respectively for the Cayman Islands, and he achieved all of this by the age of 21. He seemed to have a golden future in track ahead of him. Then unfortunately, Jorel suffered two severe stress fractures to his spine in 2016, injuries which effectively forced the 23-year old to walk away from competition.

Jorel's legacy and contribution to the sport and the country lives on however and has not gone unnoticed. Although he was approached to compete for Jamaica all throughout his high school years, Jorel always graciously turned down the offer down in order to represent Cayman, a decision of which he is most proud. Due to his success, it has become common for Caymanian parents to send their children to Jamaica with hopes of them becoming successful at sports like Jorel. He has inspired the next generation to follow their dreams.

Jorel graduated from Clemson with a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics and has recently finished a stint working for the Government of the Cayman Islands. 🌍

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TECH TIMES TODAY

They'll make your eyes pop!

On the market for a new TV but not sure which to get? Then check out Tech Times Today's best TV buying guide for 2019.

Shopping for a TV is tricky; first you must pick what resolution you want – HD? 4K? Most TVs are Full HD, which gives a resolution of 1920 x 1080 pixels. These are gradually being overtaken by Ultra HD (commonly known as UHD or 4K), which gives a resolution of 3840 x 2160.

There's now even an option to buy 8K, thanks to the arrival of the Samsung QE85Q900R. That's four times the number of pixels, crammed into generally the same TV sizes. It means greater sharpness, detail and clarity, but a premium to pay for that luxury.

Most 4K TVs are moving towards including HDR as standard; even Sony has a range of HD TVs that support HDR. The more complicated question is what type of HDR are you in the market for? Dolby Vision or HDR10+? Different TV manufacturers support different variants of the HDR format.

Then of course there's determining what size to buy. Do you have space for something large, or looking for something to fit a smaller space? And then after all that there's the shopping around to find a model that's within budget. To help streamline the process we created a list of the best TVs recently reviewed.

There used to be a real lack of 4K content, but these days there is plenty to stream from Netflix and Amazon Video – and 4K Blu-rays are now on market.

HDR stands for High Dynamic Range. Essentially it promises a wider range of brightness, colour and contrast – because our eyes can perceive more information than TVs have traditionally been able to display. Plasma TVs are no more, so most TVs are either LCD (often referred to as LED) or OLED.

LCD is the most common, though there's a big difference between the cheapest and most expensive LCD TVs due to the types of backlight, panel and processing technologies used.

OLED is a relatively new technology and it's expensive, but it's seen as a natural successor to plasma technology. Unlike LCD, OLED pixels produce their own light, so there's no need for backlighting or edge lighting. Contrast and rich colours are its strengths, although LCD screens are generally brighter.

QLED is a tricky one. In the last few years QLED has been used to refer to a theoretical self-lighting technology, like OLED. But now Samsung is using the QLED name to refer to its latest Quantum Dot TVs. This is still LCD technology, albeit one with fancy crystals. Consider this a beefed-up version of LCD, rather than an entirely new category.

There are no small TVs in this round-up, and that's because the best models only come in larger sizes.

1. Panasonic TX-55FZ952B



Panasonic's 4K OLED is a great all-round TV

- Pros:
- Gorgeous, accurate pictures

- Powerful sound
- Good smart interface
- Good app support
- Light-up remote

Cons:

- Some of the menus could use a facelift

Years ago, Panasonic was top dog. And then the plasma TV industry died, and the company lost its edge. After that, Panasonic poured its plasma experience into developing OLED, and the results are so good that professional colourists in Hollywood use them to grade movies. The Panasonic TX 55FZ952B OLED is one of those TVs. In 2019, you won't find an OLED TV with a more natural picture, or one closer to the stuff that filmmakers play with before release – at least not yet. New features include a dynamic Look-Up Table – a map telling the TV where to put colours – which optimise the picture every 100 milliseconds. The result is more precise colour handling, especially in mid-tones and highlights.

2. LG OLED55C8PLA



Another gorgeous OLED set from LG

- Pros:
- Sharp and colourful picture
 - Excellent upscaling
 - WebOS still rocks
 - Low input lag

Cons:

- Motion could be better
- Better suited to darker rooms

LG did extremely well in 2017, but the company managed to surpass itself in 2018 and is in a strong position entering 2019. The LG OLED55C8 is armed with the new Alpha 9 processor, features a brighter picture plus better sharpness, noise reduction and colour management.

Black levels are perfect, but there's more detail in the shadows. Meanwhile, brightness levels are high enough to make for a properly dynamic picture. Unless you're viewing in sunlight or a very bright room, it's very hard to suggest OLED isn't bright enough – LG has completely torpedoed that argument. If that weren't impressive enough, the set's low latency makes it an excellent choice for gamers. This is still easily one of the best TVs in 2019.

3. Samsung QE65Q9FN



Want to show off HDR? This TV offers an excellent showcase

Pros:

- Gorgeous brightness and colours
- Impressively deep blacks
- Full-array local dimming
- Lovely finish

Cons:

- Not quite OLED levels of shadow detail

The Samsung QE65Q9FN is a truly brilliant TV. This is the best performance possible from an LED LCD, thanks to the use of direct backlight with full-array local dimming, plus some very effective dimming algorithms.

The QE65Q9FN offers astonishing levels of brightness and colour, but also has properly deep blacks. The result is a hugely versatile picture: whether watching films in a darkened room or put on the football with the lights blazing, this will do nicely.

4. LG OLED55B8



LG's cheapest OLED and a fantastic performer for the price

Pros:

- Great price for an OLED TV
- Typically, good OLED picture quality

- Beautiful design

Cons:

- Picture quality falls short of step-up LG 2018 OLED models
- Not the brightest with HDR sources
- Needs care with set up

Anyone looking to get into the OLED game without spending a huge outlay, LG's OLED55B8 is ideal.

Bear in mind that this is the entry-level TV with a less powerful picture processor than the C8, but even despite that drop, this is an impressive TV. It comes with Dolby Vision and Atmos baked in, and a picture performance that revels in deep blacks, rich contrast and gorgeously bold colours.

5. Panasonic TX-55FZ802



Panasonic's step-down 4K OLED offers exceptional picture quality

Pros:

- Highly accurate pictures
- Effective smart platform
- Decent app support
- Solid build quality

Cons:

- No Dolby Vision support
- Only two full-fat HDMI inputs
- Menus feel dated

With the TX-55FZ802, Panasonic set out to deliver the best picture performance from a consumer OLED. It arguably succeeds.

The TX-55FZ802 delivers a highly accurate 4K image with blacks that are deep, vibrant colours and terrific contrast. Take a step down to HD broadcasts and the picture is stunningly vivid but also natural looking. Even the smart TV platform, which can often be so-so, promotes a user friendly and engaging experience. 2018 was a competitive year for OLED TVs and the TX-55FZ802 makes a mark for itself with an exceptional image and overall performance

– both of which continue to stand it in good stead.

6. Sony KD-65XF9005



A mid-range TV that produces a picture that should worry pricier TVs

Pros:

- Excellent contrast for a mid-range TV

- Impressive colours and sharpness
- Class-leading motion processing

Cons:

- Android TV is still a clumsy smart TV system

- Occasional backlight blooming around bright objects
- Limited viewing angles

Sony was the first to bring its 2018 stock to market. It started strong and is still going well. Curiously, rather than going big with its flagship model, Sony has decided to focus on its upper-mid-range model: the Sony XF90. It's a smart move, because these TVs aren't hugely expensive, so they're more likely to sell.

Sony has decided to make the XF90 a direct-lit model. That's a rare treat these days: direct backlighting with local dimming is far superior to the common edge-lit/zonal dimming configuration. Anyone wanting good contrast and those top OLED models are just out of their price range, this is well worth checking out.

7. Samsung QE85Q900R



The TV to buy if money is no object

Pros:

- Native 8K pictures are like nothing seen before

- Brightness and colour are out of this world

- The upscaling processing makes 4K look better than it does on 4K TVs

Cons:

- Some occasional backlight issues
- Some occasional colour fading issues

- Sound is a little swallowed

While 4K is still in its infancy, Samsung has eyes to the future by releasing a full-fat 8K TV. This may make the Samsung QE85Q900R sound like a marketing stunt, but after spending time with this gargantuan 85-inch telly, the impression left is huge.

Though there isn't much commercial 8K content on the market, the QE85Q900R can expertly upscale 4K and even 1080p content, making whatever you play on it look instantly better. It's also the brightest TV ever seen with a peak max of 4800 nits (in Dynamic mode). The only downside, outside of the lack of true 8K content, is the QE85Q900R's eye watering \$16,000 price tag. 🌐

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



► Tribal Carnival Costume

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.

Cayman Cookout

16 - 20 JANUARY: The world's most talented chefs, culinary influencers and wine and spirit experts will gather January 16 to 20, 2019 at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman for the 11th annual Cayman Cookout. The event, hosted by acclaimed chef Eric Ripert, is an interactive celebration set amid the breathtaking Seven Mile Beach and offering an exciting agenda featuring José Andrés, Emeril Lagasse and other world renowned chefs.

Illusions

18 JANUARY: See this exciting presentation of beautiful cos-

tumes as Illusions Mas Band launches their 2019 Cayman Carnival Batabano presentation on Friday 18 January at The Grand Pavilion, WB Rd. Performing artist is Patrice Roberts. Get your tickets at Funky Tangs, Roti Shop and Winner's Circle. Showtime is 8:00pm

Local Carnival

19 JANUARY: Mas Band "Local Carnival" presents "Sunset Boulevard" for Cayman Carnival Batabano 2019. Join them for their band launch on Saturday, January 19 at Pedro Castle from 8:00pm - 12:00am. Admission is CI\$10.00 at the gate and there will be complimentary drinks and FREE Jello-Shots on entry. A lucky person can win for a FREE all-inclusive t-shirt giveaway in the group's t-shirt section for Batabano "road day" parade. Music by local DJs Sound Revolution - DJ Nigel & Carlos Gambino, DJ Quan and DJ CJ 345 - From Cayman Lituatation.

Family Fun Day

20 JANUARY: The Garden Club of Grand Cayman and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park invites everyone to their family fun day at the Botanic Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Park entrance fee \$5; children 12 and under, free. Activities include games, craft-making and a magic show. Food and drink and plants will be on sale. There will be tours of the Heritage Garden, Butterfly Trail and Blue Iguana Habitat. All proceeds raised will go to the new Children's Garden. For more details, email manager@botanic-park.ky

Kaotic Cayman

20 JANUARY: Tune in to IG/Facebook for their live Photoshoot as they launch their 2019 presentation "La Mer" - An Enchanted Island for Cayman Carnival Batabano 2019. For more information contact kaoticcayman@gmail.com or call 345 - 925 6151.

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 runway 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. 🌐

COLD WATER - ANOTHER LOOK

No one will dispute the fact that a glass of ice cold water is simply refreshing. However, there are a number of reasons why you should begin to reduce this practice. Traditional Chinese Medicine DO NOT BELIEVE in consuming cold drinks at all including cold water. They believe that these attack and tend to chill your organs especially the liver and kidneys. In fact, the Chinese do not believe in consuming any food that's cold. So here are some reasons to rethink your consumption of cold water.



ROBS you of nutrients - The body's natural temperature is 37degrees Celsius. When you drink something that is very cold, your body has to spend an exorbitant amount of energy to regulate your core temperature. This drastically takes away from energy that is needed to digest food and absorb nutrients.

Sore Throat - Extremely cold water may cause respiratory mucosa to build up, resulting in increased chances of infection which can lead to throat infection.

Increase in headache - I know many people who experience this soon after drinking cold water or a short while after. In a 2001 study amongst women who had experienced a migraine in the last year, were twice as likely to trigger a headache by drinking cold water.

May contain dirty ice - Research has shown that ice is often dirty, being coated with bacteria and fungus. This is true for the ice you consume outside and within your home.

Affects digestion - Ice or cold water is not good for your digestion because it causes your blood vessels to shrink, eventually slowing down the digestive process. As a result the food you eat is not digested properly, and nutrients don't get absorbed properly into the system.

So, please take a second look at drinking iced, or cold water. My next article



will delve into the awesome benefits of going for something warm or hot instead. 🌐

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Integrated Resource Plan Completed and Accepted

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office ("OfReg") has accepted the Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC) 2017 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). This plan provides a roadmap for future energy resource decisions and addresses issues around transitioning from a largely fossil fuel based portfolio to a renewable energy dominated portfolio, the benefits of introducing natural gas as a fuel, and the value of storage as well as baseload renewable generation technologies.

Prepared by Pace Global, an industry expert in electric utility resource planning, with extensive Grand Cayman stakeholder and public input, and due consideration for costs, energy security, reliability and the environmental impact, the IRP recommends a portfolio of energy sources to feed CUC's grid which comprises nearly 60% of renewable energy sources, augmented by battery storage and traditional internal combustion engines running on diesel and natural gas.

CUC's President & CEO, Mr. Richard Hew commented, "We are pleased with the final results of the IRP study and the acceptance by OfReg. We now look forward to playing a lead role in the stable transformation of our grid to largely renewable energy sources and to delivering the associated economic and environmental benefits to electricity consumers and the general public."

Starting in 2016, CUC invited members of the public to attend presentations by Pace Global which provided an overview of the process, results of the



technology screening and the methodology for construction of various resource portfolios. At each presentation input was sought from the public.

The acceptance of the IRP by the OfReg does not greenlight any individual projects that may fall within the roadmap and specific project approvals will be required.

Mr. Hew added that, "Renewable costs have come down significantly in recent years and projections of the IRP show that a combination of renewables, natural gas and smaller amounts of diesel, and battery storage will provide lower and more stable electricity costs than continued reliance on purely diesel-fired engines. Furthermore, the future supply mix reduces green-house gas emissions by 68% in 2030, meeting the Paris Accord climate targets and in line with goals of the Cayman Islands National Energy Policy. Importantly, this can all be achieved while maintaining a highly reliable grid."

The IRP Report is available on the CUC website at www.cuc-cayman.com and on OfReg's website at www.ofreg.ky.

HSM Starts New Year with Furniture Donations

Several charities in the Cayman Islands have received second-hand office furniture provided by local law firm HSM.

The Family Resource Centre recently moved to a new location in George Town and were thrilled to receive a full desk set complete with joining desks, a filing cabinet and bookshelf.

One Dog at a Time collected two large filing cabinets, which volunteer Paula Wythe says is ideal for storing away pet products such as shampoos, brushes, medications and more.

The Frances Bodden Children's Home selected a large desk for their facility in West Bay.

This is not the first time HSM has donated office furniture. A few years ago, HSM donated desks to Her Majesty's Northward Prison for their F-wing, an enhanced living space for selected inmates.

"We are always looking for opportunities to support our community and what



► Huw Moses (HSM Managing Partner) oversees the departure of this furniture set to Racquel Duhaney (Programme Facilitator at the Family Resource Centre)

better way to start the New Year than helping these charities improve their daily operations," shares HSM Managing Partner, Huw Moses OBE.

HSM still has desks, cabinets, keyboards, blinds and commercial UPS switches available to a worthy home. Email Alyson Hay at ahay@hsmoffice.com to register your charity for these items. 🌐

ARTS AND CULTURE

Educating Rita all set for the stage

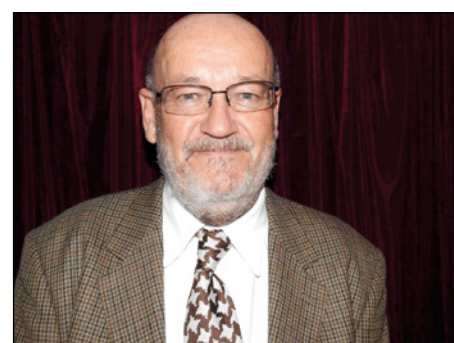
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This latest production by CDS is a first for the group of enthusiastic amateur dramatists, as it sees both the producer and director making their debuts in their roles, with Fay Anne de Freitas as director and Liam Oko as the show's producer. Fay Anne will be assisted by Paul Njoka as assistant director. All three have been involved with previous productions, as Paul directed both Fay Anne and Liam in last year's production of Barefoot in the Park.

The story was originally written as a play back in 1980 and was turned into an award-winning film three years later, for which it was nominated for three Academy Awards. It tells the story of an embittered English tutor called Frank whose disillusioned outlook on life drives him to drink and bury himself in his books. Rita is a young hairdresser who is eager to learn. After weeks of cajoling Frank, Rita slowly wins over the very hesitant Frank, refusing to take no for an answer. Their relationship as teacher and student blossoms, ultimately giving Frank a new sense of self and Rita the knowledge she has been searching for.

As a result of the story revolving around the two main characters, the CDS production has a cast of only the two actors.

Liam gave some background to the cast.



► Frank played by Adam Roberts



► Rita played by Soraya Moghadass

"Playing Rita is the extremely talented Soraya Moghadass. Soraya has been involved at the Playhouse for many years, appearing in the comedy Not Now Darling in March 2017. She has also played Rudolph in the Playhouse Family Christmas show for numerous years. Playing Frank, we have Adam Roberts. Adam has been acting since he was a young boy. To name off all the shows Adam has been in here at the Playhouse would take too long, but most will probably remember him best for his most recent role as Otto Frank in the production of the Diary of Anne Frank at the Playhouse last September," he explained.

Liam said that both Adam and Soraya had wanted to put this show on for many years and knew that this year was finally the time to do it.

"What's really special about this show and the way Willy Russel wrote it is that you will laugh and have fun but there are also some very serious bits with an amazing message that will pull at your heart strings," Liam confirmed. "Educating Rita is a great night out for all. If you want a comedy wrapped in a bit of drama and watch two incredible actors do what they do best, then you will enjoy this show very much!"

Educating Rita opens at the Prospect Playhouse on 24th January and runs for two weeks (six shows) to 2nd February. Tickets can be purchased at www.cds.ky. 🌐

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HSA encourages women to protect themselves from cervical cancer

January is Cervical Health Awareness Month, and the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA) is encouraging women to take action to protect themselves from cervical cancer by educating women about the ways they can prevent the disease which include regular screening tests and the HPV vaccine.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection and is responsible for almost all cases of cervical cancer. More than 50 per cent of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives, though most will never even know it.

There are nine recorded cases of cervical cancer at the Cayman Islands Cancer Registry, however the Cancer Registrar Amanda Nicholson does not believe this to be an accurate representation of those with the disease. "This is probably one of those heavily underreported type of cancers and so I strongly encourage anyone who's been diagnosed to contact me at the Cancer Registry. The evidence-based data you can provide will further fuel the cancer research necessary to improve quality of care and prevent further deaths from cervical cancer," stated Mrs. Nicholson.

Cervical cancer can often be prevented with regular screening, follow-up care and the HPV vaccine.

In honor of National Cervical Health Awareness Month, HSA encourages women to start getting regular cervical cancer screenings at age 21 and parents to make sure pre-teens get the HPV vaccine at age 11 or 12. Teens and young adults also need to get the

HPV vaccine if they did not get it as pre-teens.

"While routine administration of pap tests is the best means of detecting cervical cancer at an early stage, vaccines have the potential to protect females from the disease, by targeting cancer-causing types of the human papillomavirus (HPV). The vaccine offered at the HSA can help protect against four types of HPV, two of which cause about 75 per cent of cervical cancer cases," said General Practitioner Dr. Karina Palmer-Forde, who focuses on women's health care.

The vaccines are offered free of cost at the two government high schools, John Gray and Clifton Hunter. They are given in two doses – first dose in October and second dose in April. However, the vaccine is not mandatory and no child will be vaccinated without parental consent. Parents will also have the opportunity to be present at the time of vaccination if they choose.

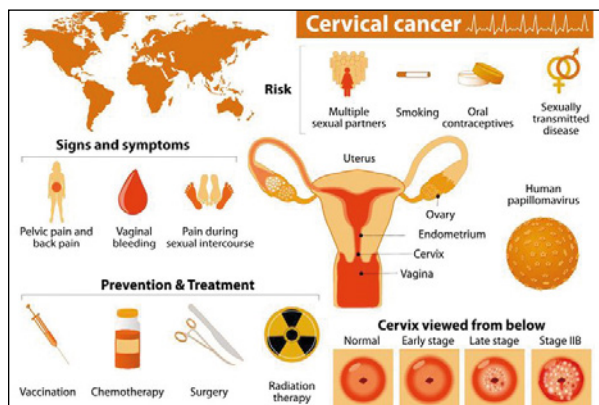
The target population for the vaccine is adolescents 11-13 years / year 7 and 8. This vaccination involves two (2) injections administered six months apart.



The HPV vaccination is available to women and men up to age 21 by appointment at the following Health Services Authority facilities: the Public Health Clinic at the Cayman Islands Hospital and Faith Hospital in Cayman Brac. Appointments can be made by contacting the health centres.

Further information may be had by calling the Public Health Clinic on 244-2648, Women's Health on 244-2649, Faith Hospital on 948-2243 and Little Cayman Clinic on 948-0072.

Women diagnosed with cervical cancer and not yet registered with the Cancer Registry may contact Amanda Nicholson at (345) 244-2560 or email at Amanda.nicholson@hsa.ky.



Questions & Answers for HPV Vaccine

What is HPV?

HPV stands for Human Papillomavirus.

Why get vaccinated?

The HPV vaccine (Gardasil) that will be used protects against four major types of HPV. These include two types that cause about 70% of cervical cancer and two types that cause about 90% of genital warts. Hence, HPV vaccine can prevent most genital warts and most cases of cervical cancer.

The FDA (Food and Drug Administration of the USA) has approved the vaccine for use among females aged 9 to 26 years.

Is Human Papillomavirus harmful?

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection. More than 50% of sexually active people will get HPV at some time in their lives, though most will never even know it. It is most common in people in their late teens and early 20s.

There are about 40 types of HPV that can infect the genital areas of men and women. Most HPV types cause no symptoms and go away on their own. But some types can cause pre-cancerous and cancerous lesions of the cervix, vagina and vulva, as well as genital warts. Cervical cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths among women around the world.

There is no treatment for HPV infection, although the conditions it causes can be treated.

Who should get the HPV vaccine?

HPV vaccine is routinely recommended for girls 11-12 years of age because of their robust immune systems. It can be given to girls as young as 9 years.

It is important for girls to get HPV vaccine before their first sexual contact. For these girls, the vaccine can prevent almost 100% of disease caused by the four types of HPV targeted by the vaccine.

If a girl or woman is already infected with a type of HPV, the vaccine will not prevent disease from that type.

Who should not get the HPV vaccine?

- Anyone who has had a severe allergic reaction to yeast or any component of the vaccine or to a previous dose of HPV vaccine should not get the shot.

- Pregnant women should not get the vaccine since the effects of the vaccine during pregnancy are still being studied.

- People with moderate or severe acute illnesses should also defer their vaccine until after the illness improves.

Will sexually active females benefit from the vaccine?

Ideally, females should get the vaccine before they become sexually active. Sexually active females who have not been infected with any of these four types of HPV that the vaccine prevents would receive the full protection. Females who already have been infected with one or more HPV types would still get protection from the vaccine for the types they have not acquired. Few young women are infected with all four HPV types in the vaccine.

Should girls/women be screened for cervical cancer before getting vaccinated?

No. Girls/women do not need to get a HPV test or pap test to find out if they should get the vaccine as it is very rare that any one is infected with all four HPV types covered by the vaccine.

Will the girls/women who have been vaccinated still need a regular pap test, also known as cervical cancer screening?

Yes. Regular Pap tests are recommended as the vaccine will not provide protection against all types of HPV that cause cervical cancer.

Why is the vaccine only recommended for girls/women 9 through 26 years old?

The vaccine has been widely tested in 9 through 26 year old females. The FDA may consider licensing the vaccine for older women when there is research to show it is safe and effective for them.

What about vaccinating boys?

The FDA has approved the vaccine for boys as well, and it is administered at the Public Health Department based on request.

Is the vaccine mandatory?

No. Girls under 18 will only be vaccinated with parental consent.

Are there other ways, besides the vaccine, to prevent HPV?

The surest way to prevent genital HPV is to avoid sexual contact.

For persons who are sexually active, condoms may lower their chances of getting HPV, if used all the time and the right way. But HPV can infect areas that are not covered by a condom-so condoms may not fully protect against HPV.

Chances of getting HPV can also be lowered by mutually faithful relationships and limiting partners.

How is the HPV vaccine given?

Age 14 years and under: Two doses six months apart.

Age 15 years and over: Three doses administered over six months

Will girls/women be protected even if they got only one dose?

It is not yet known how much protection girls/women would get from receiving only one dose of the vaccine. For this reason, it is very important to get all three doses of the vaccine.

How long does the vaccine protection last? Will a booster shot be needed?

Protection from HPV vaccine is expected to be long lasting. More research is being done to find out if women will need a booster vaccine.

How safe is the HPV vaccine?

This vaccine has been licensed by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and approved by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as safe and effective.

Studies have found no serious side effects. The most common side effect is soreness in the arm (where the shot is given).

There have recently been some reports of fainting in teens after they got the vaccine. For this reason, it is recommended that they wait in the clinic for 15 minutes after getting the vaccine.

Where will the HPV vaccine be available?

The HPV vaccine will be offered to 11 to 12 year old girls in year 7 at the John Gray and Clifton Hunter High Schools. Communi-

cations will be sent to parents. No child will be vaccinated without parental consent.

Parents may choose to be present at the time of the vaccination.

HPV vaccine will also be available to all children ages 11-17 years by appointment at:

Public Health Department and Faith Hospital, Cayman Brac.

The school based programme is available at no cost. The vaccine is also available at private clinics at a cost.

Are there any side effects to look for after vaccination?

The most common side effect is soreness in the arm (where the shot is given).

The common side effects at the injection site are:

- Pain (the most common side effect)
 - Swelling
 - Redness
 - Itching
- Other side effects Include:
- Fever mild to moderate (100 - 102° F)
 - Nausea
 - Dizziness
 - Vomiting
 - Fainting

When these side effects do occur, in most cases they are minor, meaning they require no treatment or are easily treated by you or your healthcare provider. Paracetamol (Panadol) can be given in 4 to 6 divided doses for up to 24 hours for fever and or injection site pain.

Rare serious side effects to watch for are:

- Signs of severe allergic reaction, including swelling of the face and or throat, difficulty breathing,
- hoarseness or wheezing, an itching, hives, fast heart beat or dizziness.
- Weakness, tingling, or paralysis
- Any unusual condition, such as a high fever (103° F or more) or behavior changes.

If you notice any of these rare serious side effects please consult a doctor immediately.

How do I learn more about HPV vaccine?

If you need more information you can contact the Public Health Department by calling 244-2648 or the Cayman Islands Cancer Society at 949-7618.

CIS and St. Ignatius secure high school football titles

Cayman International School (CIS) Blue and St. Ignatius Catholic High School claimed the 2018 Dart Under 14 Girl's and Under 13 Boy's high school football league championships.

In a rematch of the 2017 final game, the young ladies from CIS Blue defeated Cayman Prep 3-0 at the CIFA Centre of Excellence to capture their second successive Under 14 girl's title. Goals from Chloe Bentick-Lalli (2) and Kayla Bradley sealed the win and the championship for the girls in blue.

The title had actually been sealed two games earlier as CIS Blue ran out 9-5 winners over Triple C in an exciting goal-fest. During the course of the seven-game season, CIS Blue amassed a maximum of 21 points, going undefeated once again, scoring an astonishing 42 goals in the process and conceding a league-low six goals.

With the loss, the young ladies from Cayman Prep finished the season as runners-up for a second successive year on 14 points winning four games, drawing two and losing only one.

Rounding out the top three was St. Ignatius Catholic on 13 points with four wins, one draw and two losses.

In the Dart Under 13 boy's league, St. Ignatius Catholic claimed their first high school championship by the narrowest

of margins as they slipped by Triple C 2-1 in a game that was replayed following a postponement earlier in the season.

With the win, St. Ignatius Catholic edged out runners-up Clifton Hunter High School (CHHS) by a single point, as CHHS secured second place with a 5-0 win over John Gray High School in a replay of a game that was also postponed earlier in the season.

St. Ignatius Catholic secured the Dart Under 13 boy's title undefeated tallying 17 points from five wins and two draws while CHHS finished on 16 points from five wins, one draw and one loss.

In what could be a first in local football, Cayman Prep & High School claimed third place in the competition after a 'flip of a coin' decided the third and fourth places. Cayman Prep & High School and Triple C finished the season with identical records in all categories – number of points, games won, drawn and lost as well as goals scored, goals conceded and goal difference. The head-to-head clash was a 1-1 draw.

According to the rules of the competition, "final league standings will be decided by (1) points; (2) the head-to-head clash; (3) least goals allowed; (4) goal difference determined by subtracting goals conceded (goals against) from



► Cayman International School Blue (in blue) claimed their second successive Dart Under 14 girl's championship

goals scored (goals for); (5) goals for; and (6) flipping of a coin".

Organisers of high school football are planning to implement Under 16 high school leagues for boys and girls in 2019 and aim to start Under 18 leagues in the near future.

High schools participating in the leagues this year included Clifton Hunt-

er High School (CHHS), John Gray High School (JGHS), St. Ignatius Catholic School, Triple C, Cayman Prep & High School, CIS and Cayman Academy.

Sponsored exclusively by Dart, the Under 13 boy's and Under 14 girl's high school leagues have significantly contributed to the growth and development of youth football in Grand Cayman. 🌐

Cayman Swimmers compete in open water at CUC's 30th Annual 800M Sea Swim

Under perfect conditions, the annual CUC 800m Sea Swim took place Saturday, January 12th with 125 swimmers. Swimmers participated in the loop course which started and ended at Governor's Beach along the crystal clear waters of Seven Mile Beach.

Overall first, second and third place winners finished within seconds of each other providing an exciting finish for the crowds. In first place overall, Alex Dakers in 8:53, in second Liam Henry in 8:55 and third place in 8:57 was Jake Bailey. The top three female finishers were Elana Sinclair in 9:05, Raya Embury-Brown in 9:08 and Jillian Crooks in 9:24.

Duke Sullivan, CIASA Race Director comments, "The CUC Swim is a great way to start your new year's resolutions for keeping active in 2019 – thank you to CUC for sponsoring the 30th Annual CUC 800m Sea Swim; and thank you too to all our swimmers who came out to take part".

The CUC 800m Sea Swim is a great introduction race for swimmers of all ages who have not participated before.

There is also an option, for children aged 12 and under participate in a 400 meter sea swim, by completing half the course. The top three in each category received a trophy and all participants received a generous goodie bag from CUC, including a t-shirt, swim cap, baseball cap, swim towel and swim bag.

The Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association (CIASA) is a volunteer, not for profit association dedicated to furthering the interests of all aquatic sports in the Cayman Islands. CIASA is the recognised Governing Body of aquatic sports in the Cayman Islands and is a member of FINA, UANA, CCCAN and the CIOC. For more information on CIASA please visit www.ciasa.ky.

Full list of age category results listed on attached spreadsheet.



Photos and video can be viewed and downloaded at the following link:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/X9veL9pt-P3C2ZiY67> 🌐



Young v old for Super Bowl spot

The two NFL playoff games this weekend will feature a face-off between two of the leagues' most accomplished quarterbacks and two young guns in games billed as battles of the generations. The matchups are the New England Patriots vs. Kansas City Chiefs and the New Orleans Saints vs. LA Rams.

Tom Brady of the Patriots and Saints' Drew Brees, two NFL legends at 41 and 40, respectively, must prove themselves against the Chiefs' Patrick Mahomes, 23 and Rams' Jared Goff, 24. Mahomes has been so impressive in his first full season as first-choice quarterback that no matter how the rest of his season goes he looks set to be MVP.

This year marks the Patriots' eighth consecutive year in the AFC Championship. The last time the team didn't make

it to AFC, Mahomes was 15 years old and considering a career in professional baseball. The Saints play the LA Rams in the NFC Championship game.

The winners will go head-to-head in Super Bowl LIII, which is at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia, on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The Patriots are favourites to go through, but it is no guarantee. "We'll see how it goes," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "Well-coached, they have a lot of explosive players. We had a tremendous game with them here earlier. That was a long time ago. We'll see where we are now, see where they are."

New England hosted Kansas City three months ago, and Brady passed for 340 yards and a touchdown in a 43-40

victory that was the Chiefs' first loss of the season. Mahomes' 75-yard touchdown pass to Tyreek Hill tied it with 3:03 left, but Brady drove the Patriots to Stephen Gostkowski's 28-yard field goal as time expired.

The AFC championship game is Brady's first trip to Kansas City since he threw two interceptions and was sacked twice in an ugly 41-14 loss four years ago.

"It'll be a tough game," Brady said. "They're well-coached. They've got a good offense. It's going to be a lot of fun to go back there and play in a championship game and try to advance."

New Orleans (14-3) and the Rams (14-3) played their own wild shootout in November. Wil Lutz's 54-yard field goal got the lead for the Saints with 6:23 left, and Brees found Michael Thomas

for a clinching 72-yard touchdown in a 45-35 victory.

"When we come out there, we feel like no one can stop us," Thomas said of his connection with Brees. "I just feel like we keep building every week. We have a thing, and it's hard for the other team to stop."

The Saints averaged 31.5 points this season on their way to the NFC South title, ranking third in the NFL behind the Chiefs (35.3 points per game) and Rams (32.9) and ahead of the Patriots (27.3).

The Chiefs are widely considered the Patriots' most formidable opponent since they faced Peyton Manning and the Denver Broncos. Some now believe that the ascent of Mahomes and the Chiefs arrive at the expense of Brady's dismantling in the AFC. Sunday's games will be fascinating. 🌐



► Jared Goff is having an exceptional season



► Tom Brady is still at the top of his game at 41

Harden keeps Rockets blazing

James Harden is in a class of his own right now. He has no choice. His 57 points against Memphis on Monday accounted for more than half of Houston Rockets' total helping make up for his lack of a supporting cast.

No Chris Paul. No Eric Gordon. No Clint Capela. No problem. The Rockets still have Harden who looks set to retain his MVP title.

In a mind-boggling performance, Harden and his supporting cast managed to beat the Memphis Grizzlies by 112-94 at Houston's Toyota Centre, with the 29-year-old Californian scoring all his points in 34 minutes.

It was the 17th game in a row in which Harden scored at least 30 points — a feat previously accomplished in a single season by only Wilt Chamberlain — and it was Harden's third game of 50 or more points this season.

No other player has more than one. No wonder he's the NBA's highest paid athlete on \$228 million.

Harden is now averaging an NBA-leading 34.8 points a game. His form stands out considering the Rockets' personnel situation. Paul has been out with an injured hamstring since Dec. 20 and Gordon has had an injured knee since Dec. 29. Houston's injury report then took on what seemed like a crippling blow earlier on Monday when it was revealed that Capela, the team's centre — and most frequent recipient of Harden's assists — would be out for about a month from ligament damage in his right thumb.

While Harden's performance on Monday broke his tie with Kobe Bryant and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for the NBA's longest single-season streak of 30-plus points by a player not named Chamberlain, Harden has a long way to go before catching Wilt.



► James Harden is in superlative form again

Chamberlain had 30-point streaks, of 20, 25, 31 and 65 games in his career. The longest one, which came during the 1961-62 season, is likely an unbreakable record. 🌐

Ronaldo adds Juve edge

Juventus were not ready to win the Champions League until Cristiano Ronaldo arrived.

That's the view of club legend Giorgio Chiellini, who says he never initially believed Ronaldo would sign for the Italian giants when he was first linked with a move in the summer.

Since the Portugal captain arrived from Real Madrid in July, he has scored 14 goals in 19 Serie A appearances and turned Juventus into serious European contenders.

Juventus have won the Champions League twice and appeared in two of the past four finals, in 2015 and 2017, losing both - with Ronaldo scoring twice in the latter as Real thumped Juve 4-1.

But Chiellini, who played in both, thinks Ronaldo's arrival means that only

now can they win it for the first time since 1996.

Juventus will face Atletico Madrid in the last 16 of the Champions League in February and March, with the La Liga side themselves having lost in two recent finals.

Chiellini says that, despite a first half of the season in which his side have gone nine points clear of Napoli in Serie A, everything will be decided in the final portion of the campaign.

"We started in the first three months nearly in perfection, but we know the most important period is from spring," he said.

"I think that we are one of the four or five teams who are favourites - Barcelona, Manchester City, Real Madrid, Bayern Munich. But also, PSG and Atletico

can reach the victory and we are so far away from the key matches still."

Chiellini, 34, says he is still learning from Ronaldo, who is one year his junior. "I was curious to see some particular attitude far from the field," he said.

"His work in the gym, and his concentration, is something I try to take. He's helped me because I would like every day to improve myself."

Away from football, Ronaldo's season has been overshadowed by a rape allegation made against him by an American woman, Katherine Mayorga, which he has vehemently denied.



► Cristiano Ronaldo has made a huge impact at Juve

But Chiellini says the allegations haven't affected the players' opinion of the Portuguese forward.

"Surely not. We never talk about it in our dressing room and Cristiano has been very able to think about only football," he said. 🌐

Jamaica Defends Move to Retake Ownership of Venezuela's Shares in Oil Refinery

The Government is reiterating its commitment to safeguarding the country's energy security and assures that it has made the right decision to retake ownership of the 49 per cent shares in Petrojam held by the Venezuelan state-owned oil and natural gas company, PDV Caribe.

The Government has said it will be taking legislative action to obtain the shares and would begin the formal process in Parliament soon.

At a press conference yesterday, Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith, emphasized that the decision taken was out of recognition of a number of important factors.

These include the numerous efforts and need to upgrade the refinery from as far back as 2006, the Jamaica Public Service Company (JPS) decision to convert to liquefied natural gas (LNG) in 2019 as well as the fact that JPS makes up 50 per cent of Petrojam's market.

Additionally, new international regulations will make it difficult for Petrojam to sell heavy fuel oil and process it as it now does, which takes effect on January

1, 2020; and banking and operational risks caused by domestic and hemispheric issues and challenges experienced by Venezuela.

"Accordingly, it is important and in the interest of the Jamaican people that the Government of Jamaica take decisive and clear action. We are, as a Government, committed to ensuring that we do our very best to make decisions that will secure our energy sector in the interest of the Jamaican people, notwithstanding our appreciation or work with third-party states," she said.

Senator Johnson Smith said the decision was not made without recognition and appreciation of the "space that the Petro Caribe arrangements gave us and the relationship between Venezuela and Jamaica that dates back to the days of Simón Bolívar seeking refuge in Jamaica".

She advised that the Government did make attempts to offer incentives to the Venezuelan Government in the hopes of them selling the shares. However, there has been no take-up.



► Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Minister, Senator Kamina Johnson Smith

"We did not just offer fair market value, we offered three times that at the first instance and at the second instance. We then increased it further in November (2018)," the Minister said. 🌐

New Political Parties Launch in Guyana as Country Awaits Word on Whether There will be Early Elections

Two new political parties – one whose leader declared in advance that he has Canadian citizenship and plans to give it up – have been launched in Guyana to contest the next general elections that could be held this year.

The Liberty and Justice Party (LJP) and the Federal United Party (FED UP) were unveiled to the public over the weekend.

It is uncertain when an election will be held for them to contest, as the coalition government has challenged the outcome of a December 21, 2018 no-confidence motion which it lost when one of its members, Charrandass Persaud

sided with the Opposition to result in the motion passing in the 65-member National Assembly.

But LJP leader, Lenox Shuman, who is also the party's presidential candidate, has committed to relinquishing his Canadian citizenship, which he has held for almost 30 years, before the next polls are held.

"I am committed to making a difference in Guyana. As a Parliamentarian who swears to uphold the Constitution of Guyana, my first act cannot be to break the law. It is with this that I have a firm commitment, and principle, that I will be giving up my Canadian citizenship," he said.

"I am taking this position because I do believe that what I have learnt in one of the best countries in the world can benefit my homeland, and it is what is required by the laws of Guyana."

Shuman added that he loved Canada, and admitted that some friends and family believe it is "foolish" for

him to renounce his citizenship. But he insisted that it is the right thing to do.

"I think it is something that people are struggling to understand," he said.

The issue of MPs having dual citizenship came to the fore following the no confidence motion, as Persaud is also a Canadian citizen – one of the grounds on which the government is challenging the validity of the vote.

Article 155 of the Guyana Constitution states that: "No person shall be qualified for election as a member of the National Assembly who...by virtue of his own act, under any acknowledgement of allegiance, obedience or adherence to a foreign power or state."

Meantime, attorney-at-law and former magistrate Chandra Sohan—who has been on the wrong side of the law, including last year being found guilty of failing to render assistance to an injured person with whom he was involved in

an accident, and being charged with obstructing justice in another matter in 2017—; and fellow lawyers Ryan Crawford—charged in connection with an altercation he had with a police officer last September—and Horatio Edmondson are behind FED UP, which will be pushing for constitutional and electoral reform.

Party leader Sohan says racial politics has stifled the country, and FED UP wants to correct that.

The party has proposed dividing Guyana into three Regions, each having its own administration. 🌐



► Lenox Shuman, the leader of one of the two new political parties launched in Guyana



► Members of FED UP (left to right): Horatio Edmondson, Chandra Sohan and Ryan Crawford

Record Visitor Arrivals for Jamaica in 2018

Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett is reporting that Jamaica welcomed a record 4.31 million visitors in 2018.

"This represents the second year in a row that Jamaica has had more than 4.3 million visitors in a single year," he said, adding that the country also saw an 8.6 per cent increase in earnings from US\$3 billion in 2017 to US\$3.3 billion last year.

Minister Bartlett said the growth in earnings places the country on track to achieve the target set by the administration—generating US\$5 billion in revenue from tourism by 2021.

He said the projections are that by the end of the winter season, the country would have earned an additional US\$1 billion in tourism revenue since 2016.








"This is a powerful performance because what it means is that we would've earned US\$1 billion in three years when it took us 40 years to earn the first billion and 17 years to earn the second billion," he pointed out.

In the meantime, the Minister disclosed that there is more than US\$1 billion in circulation across Jamaica coming directly from tourism.


"Tourism is growing at a phenomenal rate....The impact of this is seen in the growth of the small and medium enterprises across Jamaica....The dollar is being retained because more and more of our people are supplying against the demands of the industry," he said. 🌐



WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
79°/77°F	81°/77°F	81°/75°F	78°/75°F	81°/76°F	81°/76°F	80°/76°F
Partly sunny; nice	Partly sunny; nice	Sun and some clouds	A couple of showers	Clouds and sun; pleasant	Windy; a p.m. shower in spots	A passing afternoon shower

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



GOD IN THE STORM

It was November 8th, 2008 and hurricane Paloma was bearing down upon us on Cayman Brac. There was fear and panic amongst everyone. We did not know what to expect as we had never experienced anything of this nature before. It was going to be a horrifying experience.

At my house two of my colleagues joined us as a place of safety. We were happy for the additional support. The rain was pouring down heavily even as we struggled to get to the grocery to stock up on vital supplies. By 10 o'clock the winds had picked up speed and thunder was exploding at frightening sounds. We huddled and prayed even as our hearts were pounding with fear. My daughter Rebekah was so scared that she screamed repeatedly. With winds about 150 mph we knew that Paloma was wreaking extensive havoc outside.


Around 2 am I was checking on the house when I noticed that one of my colleagues was sound asleep, in the midst of the storm. I awoke her to find out how she could do it. Her reply was, "GOD IS IN CHARGE." Surely He was as the storm passed over and everything was now calm.

Do you have a storm or storms in your life? Whether it is an illness, domestic, financial or family matter, God is in the storm with you. Instead of using your own strength as the disciples did, go to Him in prayer and cry out to Him because HE WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE WILL CALM THE STORMS OF YOUR LIFE. 🌍

OBITUARIES

Churchill's Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Aubrey Ulston Lindo, who passed away on Saturday, January 05, 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. Charles Ransford McField, who passed away on Saturday, January 06, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Elmslie Memorial Church, 48 Harbour Drive, George Town on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment at: Dixie Cemetery



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We have been asked to announce the passing of Celestina Arisana Vassell, who passed away on Friday, January 04, 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. Colin Anthony Kennedy, who passed away on Friday, December 21, 2018. A Thanksgiving Service was held at Savannah Seventh Day Adventist Church, on Sunday, January 13, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment at: Saint Thomas Cemetery, Jamaica.



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We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Etheline Jane Moore, who passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of God Universal, Walkers Road, George Town on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Hospice Care. Please wear bright colour to celebrate her life. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery




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The Late Mr. William Woods Becker

The family would like to announce that the funeral for Mr. William Becker will be held at Elmslie Memorial United Church on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. followed by a private interment. Flowers may be sent to Churchill's Funeral Home 328 Eastern Avenue, George Town.



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 - 18 Grabbed with a toothpick
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 - 21 Chapel seat
 - 22 Even
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 - 27 Pub drinks
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 - 24 Mobile setting
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 - 26 The Hoyas' conference
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 - 30 With dignity
 - 31 "The Kiss" sculptor
 - 32 Dancer Castle
 - 33 Land units
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 - 39 Early auto

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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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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



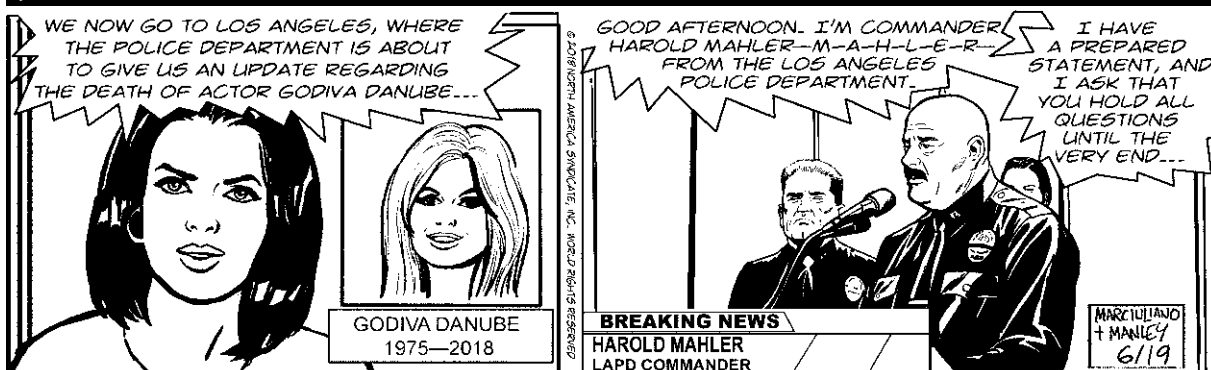
THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee



JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley



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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- Alien
- Amadeus
- Annie
- Arthur
- Bambi
- Cabaret
- Casablanca
- Charade
- Dracula
- Dumbo
- Exodus
- Fantasia
- Gaslight
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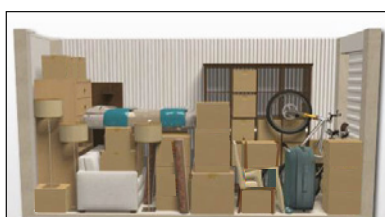
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- Small desks
- Filing cabinets
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- Couches
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- Lamps
- A few boxes

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- Mattress sets
- Sofas
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- Bookcases
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- Mattress sets
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- Mattress sets
- Sofas
- Armchairs
- Dining room sets
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