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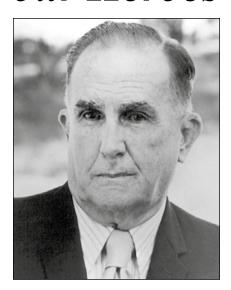
Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton made the disclosure yesterday as he confirmed that the virus surpassed the epidemic threshold for December.

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▶ Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton (second right), fields questions yesterday at a press briefing where he confirmed that the dengue virus has surpassed the epidemic threshold for December

Honouring our Heroes



The late Dr Roy Edison McTaggart was declared as National Hero of the Cayman Islands by Premier Alden McLaughlin in 2016.

"Although he passed away in the 1980s, many of the older generation will remember Dr Roy well, while

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Honouring our Heroes: Dr Roy McTaggart, Cayman's 9th National Hero

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the younger generation will certainly know his name. We have all benefitted from his many good deeds, undertaken during a long life spent serving this country with diligence and dedication. It is truly fitting that we have chosen to recognise one of the builders of a modern Cayman Islands," the Premier said in making the announcement during National Heroes Day celebrations in George Town.

"Dr Roy was a pioneer in the development of a modern Cayman, erecting the first four-storey building; he was the country's first and only dentist at the time; a pioneer in tourism; founder of a newspaper; a staunch member of the Legislative Assembly; a businessman; cultural guardian; philanthropist; and former president of the Chamber of Commerce – all at a time when the Cayman Islands was at a crossroads," Mr McLaughlin added.

The Premier said Dr Roy is perhaps best remembered as the man who helped ensure the Cayman Islands remained a British Crown Colony when Jamaica chose independence in 1962.

"At a time when Britain gave us the choice to go with Jamaica, Dr Roy opposed the move," Mr McLaughlin said. "It was a tense time in the Cayman Islands with the decision to stay with Jamaica or with Britain polarising Caymanian opinion, greatly raising the temperature of public debate and throwing party alignments into disarray."

At the time, residents of the Sister Islands threatened to seek separate Crown Colony status under Britain, if Grand Cayman opted for Jamaica rule.

"Governor Kenneth Blackburn, after listening to the impassioned plea of Dr Roy and the applause that followed that fateful evening in the George Town Town Hall, declared that the British case had clearly won. The next day, the Assembly unanimously passed

the resolution to keep the Cayman Islands as a British colony," Mr McLaughlin noted.

Describing Dr Roy as a politician of the finest calibre, Mr McLaughlin recalled "one of his most significant achievements during that time was to help bring free education to the Cayman Islands by introducing the Compulsory Free Education Bill, which passed in 1921."

Dr Roy was the first and only chairman the Cayman Islands Shipping Company Limited that owned and operated the MV Cimboco, a vessel that was a lifeline for Caymanians during the Second World War. He also built the Seaview Hotel on South Church Street, where Ugland House now stands and was one of the first Caymanians to build homes for rent. Among his other contributions to Cayman society included serving as the first chairman of the Heritage Council and a general philanthropic spirit.

"Dr Roy was a generous man and gave large contributions to The Pines Retirement Home and the Prospect Youth Centre. He often performed dental procedures for free as well and helped fellow Caymanians in any way he could," Premier McLaughlin noted before committing him to perpetuity as an official National Hero of the Cayman Islands.

Also speaking at the event, Minister for Agriculture Kurt Tibbetts said: "It was a joy to see the honour of National Hero bestowed on Dr Roy. I encourage everyone to get to know the contributions of this outstanding character from the history of our islands."

Dr Roy's Drive in George Town was previously named in his honour.

Cayman's other national heroes are James (Jim) Manoah Bodden, Thomas William Farrington, Sybil Joyce Hylton, Ormond L. Panton, Desmond V. Watler, Mary Evelyn Wood, William Warren Connolly, and Sybil McLaughlin – the only living national hero.



CERTIFICATE AND BADGE OF HONOUR NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

His Excellency, the Governor Martyn Roper, invites members of the public to submit nominations for the Cayman Islands Certificate and Badge of Honour.

The Governor's Office encourages members of the public to send in nominations year-round.

Recommendations for the Certificate and Badge of Honour are considered locally and successful nominees will normally be recognised at the Queen's birthday celebrations.

Nominations must be supported by a detailed description of the nominee's achievements.

Details of how to prepare honours nominations can be found at www. gov.uk/honours and the nomination form is available from the front page of www.gov.ky. Persons submitting nominations should fully complete all the relevant sections.

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Once completed, the forms should be submitted to the Governor's Office. The Governor will review all nominations before recommending candidates to the Royal, Ceremonial and Honours Unit in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

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▶ Ernie Gillie Edison Seymour, football player and coach



▶ Parade

Flashback: January 2018 National Heroes Day. Cayman's sporting pioneers recognized

National Heroes day is a great day for celebrating all the wonderful people who have built Cayman's society over the years, making the country the shiniest jewel of the Caribbean. Caymanian people never cease to amaze with their great achievements – whether it is captains of huge ships who started as engine-room wipers, to sports men and women who gain high accolades in international events.

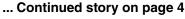
This year, a total of 316 honours were bestowed on Cayman's sporting pioneers: nine in the 'Early Pioneer' category, 79 in the 'Pioneer' category, and 26 'Emerging Pioneers. There were also 'Long Service' and 'Memorial Scroll' categories.

Each of the 'Pioneers' was invited onto the stage at Heroes Square in George Town, to receive their special Heroes Day insignia, and be greeted by Hon. Dwayne Seymour MLA Minister for health, Environment Culture and Housing, and Education Minister Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, who was a notable track and field talent when she was younger, and who received an award herself during the proceedings. Ms O'Connor-Connolly spoke warmly of

"Coach" Gerald Harper Jr, who coached and encouraged students on Cayman Brac, who fought against the odds (including competing in bare feet!) to gain several accolades in sport, both locally and internationally. Mr. Harper was also presented with a Pioneer award.

But this year's ceremony began with something very special: A citation award for bravery for a 16 year old boy, Beha Hanson and a marine conservation officer, Alan Mackay who jumped into the sea to save two snorkelers who got into difficulties off North Side last year. Although one of them died, the other one was saved.

Pioneers were not only recognized for participating in sports, but also for their efforts in starting and running sports clubs, or for promoting sports, both at home and overseas. Among them was Jerris Miller, who not only distinguished himself by participating in sailing for many years, but also by acting as president for many different sports clubs and organizations over a span of several decades.





Lyneth Monteith



 Alan Moore, football player, and instrumental in formation of the Football Association



► Renard Moxam - Cayman's first professional footballer



▶ James Dale Ramoon - Footballer



► Kenny Ryan (basketball)









▶ Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin, Deputy Premier Hon. Moses Kirkconnell, Austin Harris

▶ Minister Seymour lays wreath

▶ Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin gives remarks

▶ Jerris Miller - Recognised for his contribution as a participant and manager

Flashback: January 2018 National Heroes Day. Cayman's sporting pioneers recognized

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Renard Moxam was recognized, as being the nation's first professional football player as well as boxer Charles "Killer" Whittaker who helped Cayman on the international boxing map - and there were many, many others, too many really to try and list.

Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin MBE, said: "We chose sports as the 2018 theme because of the positive effect it has on our people's health, our community and our economy. We have many in the sports arena who have excelled as athletes, coaches, mentors and staff to help the youngest of our athletes grow and achieve to become some of our most celebrated sportsmen and women on the world stage."

Mr. Seymour said: As Minister for Culture and a keen sportsman myself, it gives me double pleasure to celebrate this year's chosen subject. We are shining the spotlight on sports and the many great achievements and contributions our people have made to the development of this facet of our society.

Every single person who is being honoured today is truly deserving or our recognition."

The National Heroes Commemoration, honouring the nine national heroes of the Cayman Islands,

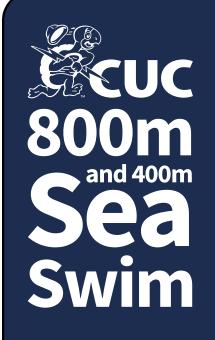
was delivered by Isaiah Whittaker, Prospect Primary School's 2017 head boy, and Jamie Ebanks of Clifton Hunter High School. A visual presentation then highlighted great Cayman Islands sporting moments.

Led by Cabinet Secretary Samuel Rose, JP, wreaths were laid in tribute to all of the Cayman Islands' national heroes and nation builders, after which a moment of silence was observed.

At the end of the proceedings, Mr McLaughlin announced that the National Heroes Day 2019 theme will be maritime heritage, celebrating the Cayman Islands' great seafaring past. 😚







Saturday, January 12, 2019 Governor's Beach

Where: Race Starts and Finishes at the Governor's Beach (loop) Time: Race Starts at 4:00 pm (800m) and 4:45 pm (400m) Registration: Governor's Beach from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm Registration Cut-Off Time: 15 minutes from Start of 800m Race

Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (all age-groups) Ribbons for 400m swimmers

T-shirts, 'goody bags' and refreshments for all Random Prizes: 5 Cayman Airways Gift Vouchers

Entry Fees: CIASA Members = CI\$15 (Adults) and CI\$10 (Children) Non-Members = CI\$20 (Adults) and CI\$15 (Children) 400m Swim for Children 12 and Under = CI\$10

Celebrating 30 Years in the Water





CayMAS kicks off with Lost Cities

The Royal Palms Beach Club was the venue for a trip into the past, when Swanky International presented the Lost Cities Launch Party. People had a chance to see the beautiful costumes belonging to CayMAS, Cayman's newest carnival which takes place every year in May. This year, there were seven sets of costumes, each set themed from a different lost city of the ancient world.

Everyone had their phones were at the ready to take photos of the stunning new festival costumes that were going to be modelled on the runway. Radio Cayman's Kathy Miller and DJ Silver

troduced the seven different collections, each named after lost cities of the ancient world. The flavor was very much Trinidadian, with plenty of Soca music flowing from the DJs' stand. Silver Foxx gave us all a brief history of Trinidad and Tobago's carnival, which started more than two hundred years ago. He explained that it began when the slaves were not allowed to celebrate along with the others. Instead, they created their own celebration, he said, which including drums which were used to send messages. Finally, it was the moment

Foxx, one of Cayman's best Soca DJs, in-

everyone had been waiting for, as the very first of the beautiful models stepped onto the runway. First there was the Lost City of Atlantis, full of beautiful costumes in deep-ocean blue. Queens and the kings of that ancient world swirled past in a mass of long feathers. Next came El Dorado, the mysterious Colombian City of Gold, which many an explorer lost his life trying to find. The queens and kings were dressed in beautiful gold, and deep-vellow feathers, magnificently jeweled crowns and tiaras.

Machu Picchu, the great city of the Incas high in the Peruvian Andes, has always been a source of fascination Instead of just one color, the queens and the King modelling

these magical costumes had feathers of all colors, like the flames in a magician's fire. Next, we were taken to the ancient city Troy, where winged goddesses strutted and shimmered with blue feathers and jeweled headdresses. The lost city of Thinis was next, with tall, beautiful angel-women in dazzling white. Next, Valynia showed hot red costumes, like the larva of a volcano. The women and men came and dazzled as cameras flashed.

All the costumes could be bought in advance for the CayMAS Street Parade which will take place on Saturday May 19th .at Seven Mile Beach. Other Cay-MAS events include: Friday May 18 The Hookie Day Fete; Pan Explosion Finals and Crowning Champion; Fireworks; Soca Monarch Finals by Flow and the Flaunt! Fete. May 19: Chicken Run breakfast fete; Cabana's Brunch Fete; Swanky AfterMAS Party. May 20: Soakin' boat cruise and May 21: The Last Lap.

CayMAS is a relatively new carnival in the Cayman Islands, and its stated purpose is to promote and develop the heart of carnival time here by embracing all aspects of Cayman and regional heritage. The festival proved extreme-



▶ Macho Picchu

ly popular last year, with many events spread over several days. It's about being creative, and involving everybody by bringing them into the rich, vibrant Carnival atmosphere to express themselves while having tons of fun. ③



▶ Lost City of Thinis



▶ Red hot costumes of Valynia

Lost Cities

UCCI Offers Training for Internationally Recognised HR Certifications

This Spring 2019, aspiring Human Resource (HR) professionals can take advantage of training for Professional in Human Resources (PHR), Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) and Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR) certifications offered by the University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) in partnership with the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI).

Given that the workforce of the Cayman Islands is comprised of over 110 nationalities, PHR, SPHR or GPHR certifies competency in managing this diverse workforce and positions HRM professionals for career expansion and advancement with their present employers. Moreover, because HRCI's PHR, SPHR and GPHR are internationally recognised credentials for HRM professionals, earning any of them will increase marketability and career advancement for those seeking opportunities in other territories, countries and regions.

Though part of its MHRM programme, the University College is inviting anyone who is interested in obtaining any of these certifications, to take advantage of working in a cohesive group with a similar goal of professional developDr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper, Director of Graduate Studies at UCCI, "Preparing for exams on your own can be very difficult and stressful. It is encouraging to work alongside those who have a similar objective, to be guided by professors who have the content knowledge and pedagogical skills to help you adequately prepare for the certification

exams, and also to network with other HR professionals within the Cayman Islands".

UCCI has partnered with HRCI to offer the exams locally, but only if there are at minimum, 20 persons sitting the exams. This potential to sit the exams locally is something Dr Fullerton-Cooper is particularly excited about, as "in the past, persons interested in doing these certifications have had to travel to the US or Canada to sit the exams. This time around however, they can



save airfare and hotel costs and sit the exam in the comfort of home, right here at UCCI."

Training for PHR and SPHR Certification begins on Saturday, January 12, 2019, and will be held on alternate Saturdays until March 9. GPHR training begins in February. Sessions will take the form of workshops that will prepare human resource management (HRM) professionals to successfully pass the Human Resource Certification Institute's (HRCI) PHR, SPHR and GPHR certification exams. All participants will receive training in all Functional Areas covered on the PHR, SPHR and GPHR exams. Participants will also receive information and practice in self-study, practice testing, time management and test-taking strategies to increase the probability of passing the certification exams. All training, materials (workbook for each Functional Area, CDs, audio flash cards, practice questions) and exam registration fees will be included in the cost of the programme.

Students will also benefit from online discussions and practice questions using UCCI's Learning Management System. Workshops will begin at 9 a.m. each Saturday and will continue until 1 p.m. or 4 p.m., depending on the weighting assigned to each Functional Area. It is important to note that successfully completing the training/preparation programme does not result in earning the PHR, SPHR or GPHR credential. Students must successfully pass the certification exams and meet other requirements in order to earn the credentials. The HR Certification Institute requires HR professionals sitting for the certification exam to have a demonstrated combination of work experience and education. To learn more about the HRCI's requirements and to determine which of the exams is best for you, please visit www.hrci.org.

All those interested in the HR field, or those whose current jobs require them to carry out HR functions, are invited to take advantage of this opportunity. Interested persons are asked to contact Director of Graduate Studies, Dr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper, at scooper@ucci. edu.ky for additional information.



Two Men Charged in Separate Burglaries

A man, age 36 of West Bay, has been formally charged with Burglary and Re-Church Street in George Town was broken into and personal items and jewelry

In a separate matter, a man, age 19 of West Bay, has been formally charged sisting Arrest, in relation to an incident with Burglary, Resisting Arrest and Dison 1 January, where an address on South orderly Conduct in relation to an incident on 5 September, 2018, where an address on Fountain Road, West Bay, was broken into. 🏵

Water-Related Death off Seven Mile Beach, 3 January

Shortly before 2:00PM on Thursday, 3 January, officers responded to a report of a person in distress in the water off Seven Mile Beach in the vicinity of Tanager Way.

A man had been out on a snorkeling trip and lost consciousness while in the water. He was taken out of the water onto a nearby vessel where CPR was performed, but remained unresponsive as he was taken back to

shore. He was met on shore by Emergency Services who transported him to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment, where he was later pronounced dead.

Police have now confirmed the identity of the man, age 60, as Gregory Scott Azeltine, of North Carolina in the United

The RCIPS expresses condolences to the family of the deceased.

Water-Related Death Involving Child Near East End

On Friday evening, 4 January, just the water along the shoreline. before 6PM, police responded to a residence off Austin Connolly Drive in East End regarding a report of a missing young child. Shortly after arrival police were informed that the child had been found by a family member in

The child, a girl, just under two years old, was conveyed by ambulance to GTH, where she was pronounced

The incident is under police investigation. 😚

Man Charged in Relation to George Town Vehicle Break-In

A man, age 21 of George Town, has been formally charged with Theft and Damage to Property, in relation to an incident on 31 December, where a car parked in the vicinity of Spotts Beach was broken into and personal items stolen. He has also been charged with 1 count of Attempting to Obtain Property by Deception and 3 counts of Obtaining Property by Deception, in relation to purchases made using a stolen bank card.

A woman, age 19 of George Town, has been charged with Handling Stolen Goods in relation to the same matter.

They were scheduled to appear in court on Monday morning, 7 January. 🏵

▶ Bananas

Sparkies Amazing Farm

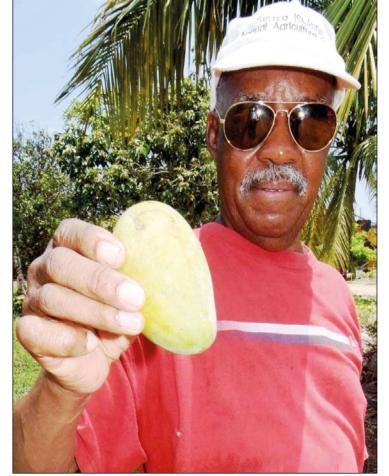
Musician, successful retailer and entrepreneur Errol Watler doesn't need to farm. What brings him from his home in George Town all the way to the seven acres, Sparkies Amazing Farm, is that, quite simply he loves it. "I like planting seeds, and I like watching things grow," he says. Like its name says, Sparkies Amazing Farm is truly amazing because of all the different kinds of produce he manages to grow there. The list is probably too long to name completely. Mr. Watler, who was President of the Cayman Islands Agricultural Society for ten vears, grows just about everything you can grow in the Cayman Islands – trees such as coconut, mango and guava, grow between patches of pumpkins, watermelons, egg plants, arugula. It's like a giant's patchwork quilt of plenty. I asked him why he grows crops like this - some here, others there: "It's what is called integrated pest management," he said. "because pests live on certain things and once you mix them up -they can't jump to another place with the same thing, so they stay there, and they're gone." White fly, nematodes and a black kind of scaly insect (which has been all over the island this year, he says) feature in the list of pests he has to deal with but caterpillars are the worst.

There is plenty of water under the soil in a huge water-lens, but it is brackish, salty water and no good, he says, for



▶ Mr. Errol Watler by one of his protective 'greenhouses'

Mr. Watler's irrigation system



► Errol Watler and a mouth watering mango

crops as it is, (apart from possibly coconut trees) but Mr. Watler has installed

> a powerful reverse-osmosis pump which purifies the water and then sends it out through a complex network of tanks and black hosepipes which run in parallel lines here and there. He has it set up so that each plant receives a drip-feed of water, straight to the root, so that nothing is wasted. Still, it's a battle against the hot sun at this time of year, and he sometimes has to give his plants a drink three or four times a day.

> The soil here is not particularly good, and Mr. Watler has to feed it with a mixture of organic manure (mainly horse manure, or chicken manure from the

chickens he keeps in a big coup) and inorganic fertilizer. The main outlets are the farmers market adjacent to the Cricket Pitch in George Town and the market at Camana Bay, too. But Mr Watler also sells directly to three or four restaurants. and he also sells to supermarkets, he says.

Bending down to pick up an arugula

leaf, he crushes it between his fingers to let the strong, rich scent waft out. It is used in salads, he says, but there are also many claims for its health-giving properties, including anti-cancer, digestion, and it being a great source of Vitamin A. Just beyond it is a crop of beautiful shiny









▶ Big Sun Pepper

eggplants, and next to these are ochre. and tomatoes. We walk past half-grown watermelons and pumpkins, and come upon one of several 'greenhouses' which are really large wooden rectangular framed structures, covered with a fine black mesh. They stop butterflies laying their eggs there, and keep away other pests too such as iguanas and chickens. Across the ground, inside some of them, are long strips of black plastic, on which are plastic plant pots full of soil, ready for growing. The black plastic underneath stops nematodes, tiny worms which work their way from one planter to another through the drainage holes in the bottom, and eat the roots of the plant away.

Lettuces, Big Sun and Scotch Bonnet peppers, and seasoning peppers too all grow close to one another. The corn growing in one corner looks very unhealthy, "caterpillars took possession of that," he said.

"These are the coconut trees, I sell a lot of coconut water," We walked past a magnificent breadfruit tree, to a mango tree. The mango tree looked fine, but Mr. Watler, like everyone else who grows mangos, isn't sure what's been wrong this year. "This year there's not much mangos at all - that's the way it happens some years its full of mangos and some years that's the way it goes – there is nothing we can do about it," he said. On the ground is a crop of Parsley "They make some of those 'green' drinks out of this," he says. 🏵

GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Canada illegal weed sales still high

Canada's newly opened legal cannabis stores are losing out on trade to the still existing black economy.

When the government launched Canada's official recreational-pot market on Oct. 17, it was banking on the idea that many users would prefer to buy legally and that the black market would quickly fade. It says things seem on track, with "early reports of a 65 percent reduction for illegally sourced products," according to a spokeswoman for the minister in charge of the cannabis file.

But there are also signs things aren't going as expected. In a national poll conducted a month after legalisation, more than a third of Canadian cannabis users said they were still buying from their regular dealers and hadn't even tried the legal system. In fact, five illegal sellers in Quebec told The Washington Post their sales are slightly up.

To the black marketeers, the barebones legal supplies are "pretty much a running joke," said one illicit dealer. "People are buying the legal containers so they can put their black-market weed in it," the rogue said.



Canadian black-market cannabis in high demand

Many researchers, politicians and investors see the state of the black market as an important gauge of the new policy's success. But if it doesn't shrink naturally, Canadian authorities face trying to make it shrink or having to drastically change policy.

"You've got to get the timing right," said Mark Kleiman, a New York University professor and expert on cannabis legalisation.

Illegal cannabis sales are notoriously hard to measure. In Washington state, for example, experts' best estimate six years after legalisation is that there's still a significant market.

More public figures shot dead

The Philippines is shocked by news of the latest deadly shootings of public figures.

The Philippine police claims that a mayor had ordered the killing of a congressman who was gunned down just before Christmas, and that one of the men he hired to carry out the assassination had been arrested.

At press time, the police said they would seek to arrest Carlwyn Baldo, mayor of the city of Daraga, whom they accused of arranging the Dec. 22 killing of Rodel Batocabe, a member of the Philippine House of Representatives and an ally of President Rodrigo Duterte.

Mr Batocabe was leaving Congress and had announced his intention to run against Mr Baldo in Daraga's mayoral election in May. Orlando Diaz, a police officer who was guarding Mr. Batocabe, was shot and killed along with the congressman at a gift-giving ceremony for senior citizens in Daraga, a city of 125,000 in Albay Province, southeast of Manila.

Meanwhile, a former town mayor in the Philippines and his brother have been killed in separate shootouts with the police.



► Carlwyn Baldo is accused of murder

Talib Abo, ex-mayor of Parang town in Maguindanao province, was shot in his home by officers on Friday during an anti-drug operation in the southern Cotabato City. His brother Bobby was also killed in a similar pre-dawn raid.

Police and anti-drug agents were serving search warrants when the brothers allegedly resisted and shot at the authorities.

Mr Duterte had accused Mr Abo of being a narco-politician as far back as 2006, linking him to the transport of 3.5kgs of crystal methamphetamine, locally called shabu, to Davao City in an ambulance. Mr Abo had denied the allegations and claimed that political rivals were behind the accusations.

Honduras increases imports of US coal

Honduras coal imports from the United States surged last year despite the constant criticism from Donald Trump on immigration and border security issues.

Honduras showed a 242 percent year-to-date increase in US coal in the third quarter, making it the largest increase in coal of any country in 2018, according to new federal Energy Information Administration data.

Mr Trump had referred to a caravan of thousands of Hondurans seeking to migrate to the US as an "invasion", prompting him to send troops to the border to head them off.

The US president also said during a rally in November that Honduras does nothing for the US and that he will be cutting foreign aid America sends there very soon

At the same time, Mr Trump has made exporting more coal a key part of his "energy dominance" agenda.

The number two country for increasing imports of US coal for power plants was Pakistan. Other more traditional allies, like Canada, France, and Germany, cut their imports of coal last year, according to the Energy Department.



▶ Honduras increased its US coal imports in 2018

Ryanair is UK's most unpopular airline

Cayman residents travelling around Europe and booking with Ryanair, be warned, it has won the dubious honour of the UK's least-liked short-haul airline for the sixth year running.

The results from a Which survey of airline passengers ranked Ryanair at the bottom of 19 carriers flying from the UK.

The top five were Guernsey-based Aurigny Air Service, Swiss Airlines, Jet2, Norwegian and Dutch carrier KLM.

A Ryanair spokesperson said the airline's success was not reflected by the survey.

The UK's other large airlines, Easyjet and British Airways came in at 11th and 15th, respectively, in the survey.

Easyjet beat British Airways' scores for food and drink, customer service and value for money, but both received low ratings for seat comfort.

Ryanair faced strike action in 2018, cancelled flights but refused to offer passengers compensation and introduced new baggage rules three times.

The airline, which predicts it will carry 141 million passengers this year, also left passengers unimpressed with its boarding processes, seat comfort, food and drink offering, and cabin environment. It is widely seen as the airline for



► Ryanair has a poor reputation with UK travellers

budget travellers prepared to tolerate poor service for the cheapest flights.

Which said "thousands of respondents" said they would never fly the airline again.

Of those surveyed who chose an airline that they would never fly in the future, 70 percent chose Ryanair.

However, independent aviation consultant Chris Tarry said, despite the low satisfaction ratings, customers were still happy enough to fly with the Irish budget carrier.

"Ryanair still represents great value for a huge amount of people. What they receive is what they expect."

Mr Tarry said the airline had endured "a tough year" but still generates "huge amounts of cash".

Castro grandson lives luxurious life

Fidel Castro's grandson Tony has sparked outrage on social media by living a luxurious lifestyle which is in direct contrast to the principles of the late Cuba leader's communist ideology.

Vacations on the Maya Riviera. A visit to the Basilica of the Sacred Family in Barcelona. A brand-new BMW. Expensive meals and a tour aboard a yacht. Those are some of the photos shared by Tony Castro, grandson of the late president, on his private Instagram account.

It may seem like just another young man sharing his good times with more than 1,000 followers, but some who got a peek at the privileged lifestyle questioned who's paying for the expensive excursions. Tony, who is in his early 20s, is only known to work as a male model.

Tony is the son of Fidel's son Antonio Castro Soto del Valle who is a well-known Cuban baseball official and orthopaedic surgeon.

The photos, published months ago, have sparked controversy on social media after they were published by various South Florida media outlets.

"All the animals are equal, but some are more equal than others," Pedro



► Tony Castro does not live a typical Cuban's lifestyle

Pérez wrote on his Facebook page, borrowing a page from George Orwell's "Animal Farm" book, a withering critique of totalitarian systems. The book is banned in Cuba.

Another post by José González stated: "Just like the son of Che (Guevara), whose company rents luxury motorcycles to tourists. Who pays for this?"

In Cuba, where the official average salary is barely over \$30 per month, bread is rationed and coffee has 50 percent lentils to make it last longer, taking vacations abroad is totally unaffordable.

Rivers faces tough Patriots test

When the Los Angeles Chargers missed out on the No. 1 seed in the AFC due to a tiebreaker, there was an obvious disappointment. But the team who went 12-4 during the regular season and handed the Kansas City Chiefs their only home loss proved their record was no fluke. Quarterback Philip Rivers and company went into Baltimore in the wild-card round of the 2019 NFL Playoffs and impressed with a win over the Ravens.

Following a victory in which the Chargers defense was exceptional, their reward is a road matchup with Tom Brady and the New England Patriots. With the Patriots earning the No. 2 seed, it was already known that the winner of the Chargers vs. Ravens game would be heading to Foxborough for this matchup.

Obviously, there are no easy games in the playoffs, and regardless of which team the Chargers drew with a victory,



► Lamar Jackson impressed for the Ravens

it would have been tough. The Patriots went unbeaten at home during the regular season, posting an 8-0 record and wrapped up the season at 11-5. There's a good chance we'll see plenty of scoring in this game, as both teams boast high-upside offenses.

The Chargers and Patriots ranked among the top scoring teams in the NFL during the regular season. New England averaged 27.3 points per game, good for No. 4 overall while Los Angeles came in at No. 6 with 26.8 points per. There's no denying that the topic of Rivers vs. Brady will likely take centre stage, but there's a lot to watch for in this playoff matchup.

The bubble that was the Baltimore Ravens season of hope with Lamar Jackson was burst by the Chargers who put the clamps on the rookie quarterback and left M&T Bank Stadium with a 23-17 victory. Jackson mounted a late push

to bring Baltimore within one score in the final minute, but Los Angeles recovered his third fumble on the day to secure the win.

The Chargers continued their roll as road warriors. Including a game in London, they are 9-1 away from Los Angeles.

Jackson, 21, became the youngest quarterback ever to start an NFL playoff game – but it didn't spare him from being booed by the home crowd and for some to chant for Joe Flac-



▶ Philip Rivers faces the Patriots this weekend

co as he tried to rally the Ravens from the biggest deficit he's faced all season.

Baltimore entered the game with a 6-1 mark since Jackson replaced Flacco at quarterback, but after averaging 229 rushing yards during that span were held to just 229 total yards.

What the victory over the Raves showed was that the Chargers' special teams aren't as bad as they used to be.

Remember when the Chargers had the NFL's worst kicking game? Not now. Michael Badgley was perfect on four field goal tries in the first half – including a

53-yarder – to provide what proved to be the ideal cushion. He also nailed a 47-yarder in the fourth quarter.

It's a far cry from the woes the Chargers had earlier this season and last season with the basics of making extra points and chip-shot field goals that influenced a revolving door with kickers and probably cost them a playoff slot last season.

Badgley, a University of Miami product who is nicknamed "The Money Badger," was signed off the street after Week 5 following a Caleb Sturgis quad injury. He's solidified his status ever since.

Rules changes prompted by Williams case

Serena Williams, previously ranked No. 1 by the Women's Tennis Association, has won a different type of victory, this time with rules changes about players' dress and rank.

The WTA recently announced changes to the rules, partly in response to what Williams went through when she returned to the tennis court after her maternity leave.

The debate began when French Tennis Federation judge Bernard Giudicelli called out Williams after the French Open — a tournament she's won three times — for wearing a black bodysuit, otherwise known as the "catsuit." Guidicelli was quoted in Tennis Magazine as saying the outfit "will no longer be accepted. One must respect the game and the place."

That statement didn't go down so well.

Some fellow players and fans called the comments sexist and racist. Tennis great and WTA founder Billie Jean King tweeted her support of Williams whose catsuit had been inspired by the Black Panther film. She said it made her feel like a "warrior princess," like in the movie. It turns out the black bodysuit Williams wore to work that day also had a practical purpose because she

suffered blood clots after giving birth in 2017, and the leggings helped with circulation.

Stephanie Myles, a sportscaster and editor for Tennis.Life, said that "with the compressive elements to the outfit, she could probably even get away with wearing it to Wimbledon, where they are far more strict, if she could prove that she needs it for medical reasons."

Now, other players won't have to make that argument.

The Women's Tennis Association put out a statement last month saying that wearing leggings and compression shorts without shorts or a skirt over them is totally acceptable. It turns out there was never a rule against it. And Myles says forget the fashion statement — it just makes sense. "Not everywhere they play is warm and sunny," she explained. "And so, they sometimes play late at night where it gets cold." Players get cold. Leggings keep the muscles warm.

Doubles champion Pam Shriver also thinks the rule change makes sense. Shriver played from 1978 to 1997. She never wore a catsuit on court but she did get reprimanded one time for a clothing violation.

"I couldn't be bothered leaving the court," she said. "I didn't need to go to

the toilet. I had a jog bra on, and I just changed my shirt." She didn't know changing her shirt on the court was against the rules.

"I mean, eventually you realize there's rules and guidelines in sports that are just outdated. So, that was one," she said. That rule was changed the next day.

Myles says another of the WTA's rule changes is about something more important than dress code; players keeping their rankings after maternity leave.

"Now what they've done is they've just given the players a longer period in which they can use that ranking to get themselves back to where they were," said Myles. In other words, they don't have to start at the bottom.

This change was also inspired by Williams. She was ranked No. 1 when she went on maternity leave. When she came back eight months later, she'd lost her ranking. And that affects when, where, and who you play in tournaments.

Myles says the old rules basically punished women for having children. But now, things are changing in tennis.

Shriver says that in her day, many women tennis players waited to have children until their careers were finished. That's what Shriver did. "During my era, there were very few moms," she said.



► Serena Williams triggered rules changes

Now, women are playing longer, and some are choosing to have families at the same time.

Billie Jean King took to Twitter again, this time to applaud the WTA's changes.

NBA star fears murder in London

New York Knicks centre Enes Kanter says he will not travel to London for his side's upcoming NBA game because of fears over Turkish spies murdering him

The Turkish native is a critic of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and was detained in Romania when he travelled overseas in May 2017.

The Knicks will play the Washington Wizards at the O2 Arena on Jan. 17. "There's a chance that I can get killed out there. So I'm just going to stay here," the 26-year-old said.

Kanter's Turkish passport was cancelled in 2017, which he said was because of his political views.

An arrest warrant was issued for Kanter's father, Mehmet, in June 2018 after the university professor was accused of contacting members of a banned organisation.

"I can't even go out there and just do my job. So it's pretty sad," Kanter added. "I want to be out there helping my team."

The Knicks said on Saturday that Kanter would not make the trip because of a visa issue.



► Enes Kanter is in fear for his life

Guyana Government Goes to Court over No-Confidence Vote

The Guyana government is set to go to the High Court today to file a challenge against a no-confidence vote it lost last

The move has come on the heels of Speaker of the National Assembly Dr Barton Scotland saying yesterday that he would not reverse the ruling on the controversial December 21, 2018 motion - in which 33 MPs in the 65-seat National Assembly, including government backbencher Charandass Persaud, voted 'yes', allowing it to pass - and would instead allow the court to decide on the issue.

The Speaker delivered his decision at a sitting boycotted by the opposition People's Progressive Party (PPP).

At a press conference hosted on the sidelines of the Parliamentary sitting, Prime Minister and leader of Government's business in the House, Moses Nagamootoo said Dr Scotland's decision opened the door for a judicial challenge. And Minister of State Joseph Harmon confirmed that the coalition Government would file the matter in the High Court today.

Nagamootoo described the Speaker's decision as "mature, wise and elevated"

and said the court's ruling in the matter will set a precedent.

He said it would be up to the court to decide if the total number of votes required for a no-confidence motion to be carried is 34 or 33, among other considerations presented in several "strong" and "compelling" arguments presented to the Speaker.

The government is seeking a stay of the no-confidence motion on the grounds that 34 votes are needed to pass the motion, and that Persaud's vote was invalid given his dual citizenship.

In deciding on passing a ruling on the matter to the courts, Dr Scotland said he had received advice, both solicited and unsolicited, from various jurisdictions, on the issue. And he said that while he had the power to reverse the no-confidence resolution, he believes issues related to its passage might be better addressed "outside of Parliament".

While Opposition Leader Bharrat Jagdeo has called for the Government to resign, Prime Minister Nagamootoo insisted yesterday that Article 106 (7) of the Constitution stipulates that the Government remains in office until the new



President is sworn-in after the elections are held. He said the work of the Government continues, making reference to the passage of several critical bills in the National Assembly yesterday.

Meantime, Minister Harmon told reporters that President David Grang-

er had instructed him to write Jagdeo requesting a meeting on January 9, 2019, at 11 a.m. at the Ministry of the Presidency. Government is awaiting a response from the Opposition Leader about matters he would like to be addressed at that meeting. ③

There's an Outbreak of Dengue in Jamaica

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He said the latest figures from the Epidemiological Unit indicate that 123 dengue case reports - suspected, presumed and confirmed - were received for the month.

"This exceeded the outbreak threshold of 96 cases for December, and is the first month for 2018 in which the number of cases exceeded the outbreak threshold," he said.

"This has been a more active season than last year, and we have been observing and monitoring the numbers and increases with each month, but by the clinical standards could only claim an epidemic once the threshold is surpassed."

He noted that there were seven suspected and two confirmed cases of dengue-related deaths for the period January to December 2018.

A total of 830 reported cases have been classified as suspected, presumed or confirmed as at January 3. The number of confirmed cases stands at 23 for the period January 1, 2018 to January 3,

Kingston and St Andrew, St. Catherine, Westmoreland, and St Ann have the highest reported cases of the dengue

Minister Tufton said the Ministry has already put a number of measures in place in anticipation of an outbreak of the virus. These include increased fogging in 300 communities with clusters of dengue cases.

The Enhanced Vector Control (EVC) programme has also been extended to March 2019 to include the employment of an additional 500 temporary workers, who will join the effort to identify and eliminate mosquito breeding sites.

Additionally, there are extended opening hours at several health facilitates across the island. And the Ministry has triggered the Emergency Operation Centre and the International Health Regulations Centre as well as the National Emergency Operations Centre. 😚

No More Styrofoam at Sandals and Beaches Resorts from Next Month

As of February 1, Sandals Resorts International (SRI) will eliminate all Styrofoam from its 19 Sandals and Beaches Resorts across seven major Caribbean islands, in a continued effort to protect the environment.

"As we enter the New Year, it's incredibly important to our Sandals family that environmental sustainability remains a key priority," said SRI's Deputy Chairman Adam Stewart. "After eliminating plastic straws, stirrers, laundry bags and gift shop bags last year, we're choosing to eliminate Styrofoam from our resorts. We're proud that many of the islands in which we operate are also making this shift to ensure that future generations can enjoy the beauty of the Caribbean."

The elimination of Styrofoam is particularly important in the Caribbean region, where marine wildlife across the more than 700 islands and coastlines

is abundant. According to Environment America's Wildlife Over Waste campaign, scientists have found plastic fragments including Styrofoam in 86 per cent of all sea turtle species, 44 per cent of all seabird species and 43 per cent of all marine mammal species.

SRI said that the Sandals Foundation, its philanthropic arm, continues to amplify efforts to reduce pollution in the Caribbean and educate communities on the dangers pollution poses to the environment, health and tourism.

"Eliminating Styrofoam is yet another way we're reducing our environmental footprint and improving the health of our Caribbean communities," said Heidi Clarke, Executive Director of the Sandals Foundation, . "Education is critical, and that's where the Sandals Foundation comes in. We want to keep our islands clean and beautiful for citizens, visitors and marine wildlife alike."



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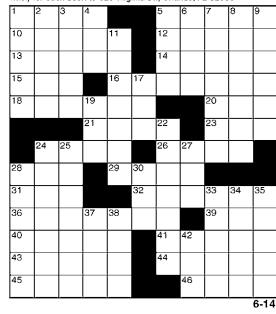
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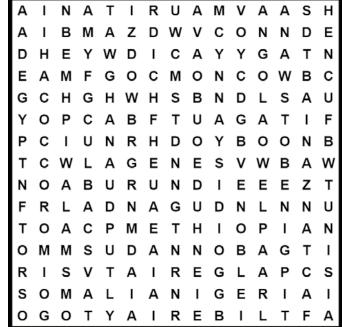
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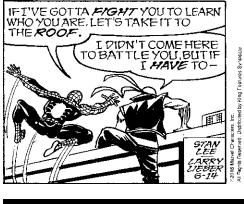








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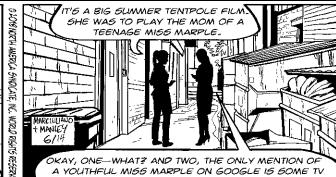






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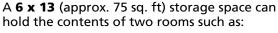
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