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Scuba Diving Hall of Fame Awards Shines Light on Young Caymanians

The future of scuba diving in the Cayman Islands and the prospect of young Caymanians taking up the mantle in the currently foreign dominated marketplace is looking more and more palpable. That was the message one took away from Friday night's International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame, 2019 Induction Ceremony.

With attendees from a broad cross section of Cayman's social demographic represented at the gala, five young Caymanians were recognized for their efforts in the area of diving.

The young men are all part of a special group, who received the Bob Soto Scholarship, which is a program that identifies promising young Caymanians who express an interest in the diving as a profession and trains them to become Dive Masters and ultimately instructors.

The past two recipients of the scholarship - Rickeem Lashley and Joshua Weaver had the distinct honor of an-



► (L-R) Past Bob Soto Scholarship Recipient Rickeem Lashley, newly awarded scholarship recipients Shaun Jackson and Kameron D'Hue, along with past recipient Joshua Weaver

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Older Persons Month Ambassadors

Four Caymanians ages 65+ have been chosen by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to represent the observance throughout October, as ambassadors during Older Persons Month.

"The four older persons were selected because of their outstanding community service track records," said DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza Williams.

"We look forward to them taking an active part in the observance. This is a platform for them to encourage others to do what they can to help elderly persons in their own communities."

Mr. John E. Ebanks, Mrs. Beulah McField, Mr. McFarlane Conolly and Mrs. Idalee Scott were formally announced at the International Day of Older Persons Garden Party on Tuesday, 1 October, which officially launched this year's Older Persons Month.

John E. Ebanks

Mr. Ebanks' motto is "Do a good deed each day, and you will see what a difference it makes in someone else's life."

In 1969 he went to work with the section of the old Public Works Department (PWD), now known as National Roads Authority (NRA), as a truck driver and worked his way up through the ranks to become an asphalt plant operator. He then became supervisor of the roads construction with more than 100 men under his leadership. Mr. Ebanks also served as superintendent of roads construction and as an inspector.



► Older Persons Month Ambassador 2019 John E. Ebanks

He retired after 41 years of service and was given a five-year contract as a troubleshooter followed by another for a further 18 months.

Being a self-confessed people person, he was inducted into the Lions Club of Grand Cayman in 1973, and worked his way up to club president, district zone chairperson, regional chairperson, district governor, and district council chairperson (the highest rank at district level).

To this day, Mr. Ebanks carries on his work serving the less fortunate through the Lions Club of Grand Cayman. He is also a member of the Caymanian Status & Permanent Residency Board. For 42 years, Mr. Ebanks

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Strongman Competition benefits local charities

The Be Strong Youth Rally and CI Strongman Competition wrapped up at the Lion's Center on Saturday, 5th October after a second day of events, with scores of youngsters, parents and spectators coming out to enjoy the activities despite light showers.

Organized by the CI Powerlifting Organization, the Be Strong Youth Rally featured visiting Strongman extraordinaire, Eddie "The Beast" Hall; known as one of the strongest men in the world.



► (L-R) The Beast Eddie Hall and Cayman Islands Powerlifting President Tony McInerney stand with the Alex Pantou Foundation

The event brought out participation from over 1200 young persons, in addition to families and friends from across the Cayman Islands who came out to support their personal favorites over the course of the weekend.

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► Pastor Alson Ebanks

In the “old days” when our airport saw only the odd flight of BWIA bringing a few tourists to marvel at our unspoiled and virtually unoccupied beaches, or taking our fathers and brothers off to America, so that they could join one of the National Bulk Carriers ships, either in the USA or as far away as Japan, I recall reading a series of billboards that were placed along the roadside leading to the airport. You will forgive me if I don’t quote the message exactly, for I’m retrieving images that were stored some sixty years ago in my ageing memory bank. I believe there were four individual boards. The first one declared, “He who drives.” The second: “When he is drunk.” The third (and here I’m not as positive), “Should carry his coffin.” The fourth and final: “In his trunk.” Whether the third stated, “should carry” or “should haul” or “should take” I’m not sure. But you get the idea.

Sadly, that is still the truth. Maybe we should be retro and erect those four billboards all across the island. Now, bear with me for a bit, for I find myself thinking of those billboards (about the dangers of drunk/drinking-driving) as a metaphor of sorts—the kind of message that decision-makers at all levels should bear in mind.

Our legislators, for example, should be exceptionally cautious in accepting the assurances of the experts that the

disturbances and disruptions of the marine ecosystem necessary for the erecting of a cruise ship birthing pier. Should we find out after the fact—when the experts have deposited our cheques—that they were not omniscient, and that nature has a way of always being beyond human control, it will then sadly be much, much too late. We already have real evidence that the warming of our seas is causing death and decline of our coral reefs. Do we think that these weakened ecosystems can survive the kinds of stresses that will be intentionally placed on them in order for somebody to make more money?

Our own Dr. Steve McField has offered a sobering observation, “More is not better than enough.” Maybe we should apply this aphorism as the guiding principle for the development of our islands’ economy; else we may have to haul a very large coffin in our collective trunk.

Pastor Alson Ebanks

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

Temporary closure for Anton Bodden Drive, 7-11 October

The RCIPS is informing the public that **Anton Bodden Drive** will be temporarily closed to westbound traffic between the hours of the **6:00AM and 8:00AM** beginning on **Monday, 7 October**. Traffic travelling westward along Bodden Town Road, towards George Town, will not be permitted to turn onto Anton Bodden Drive during these hours; only local access will be permitted. Eastbound traffic will be unaffected.



traffic issues in the area. **The closure will be in effect on a trial basis for one week, until Friday, 11 October**, after which it will be re-evaluated as needed.

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Local Musician Organizes Benefit for Abacos, Bahamas

One of Cayman's well known Musicians with a special connection to Abaco, Bahamas is staging a major benefit concert in Stuart Florida Fairground for the Island.

Barefoot man has been going to the Bahamas since in 1969 and some of his first experiences in the Caribbean were in the Abacos Islands of the Bahamas.

The Caymanian Times had an opportunity to speak to Barefoot Man about the concert and why it was important for him to lend a helping hand in the effort to assist the people of the Bahamas.

"I have been doing the concert for 20 years, totaling 28 concerts. Some years we did a winter and a summer," he exclaimed.

As part of the trip, Barefoot Man will be traveling with his usual cast of friends and Musicians.

Included in the bevy of talent making the journey with 'Foot' - as he is known the the musical fraternity in the Cayman Islands - are Sunny Jim (who played Music in Cayman at they Hyatt for many years) and Sea n B Band, which includes Chuck and Barry Quape, Mark Mctaggart and Roger 'Bugs' Wilson.

The National Flag Carrier of the Cayman Islands Cayman Airways Limited is one of the major sponsors, and will be picking up the tab for Barefoot, along with four band members to fly to Florida.

"I have a daughter who lives/lived on Green Turtle Cay; one of the destroyed islands.



► Chuck Quappe, Roger 'Bugs' Wilson, Mark McTaggart, Barefoot Man, Barry Quappe are on their way to Florida for a benefit concert to benefit the Abacos Islands in the Bahamas

"As I have been visiting and performing in the Abaco Cays since around 1969... I have several CDs and lots of song dedicated to the Abacos," noted Barefoot Man.

Anyone who want to assist Barefoot Man's and his team's effort to assist the Abacos region of the Bahamas Islands can e-mail: barefoot@candw.ky, to be put on the list of organizers.

A.M. Best Affirms Financial Strength Ratings for Island Heritage

Island Heritage Insurance Company, Ltd. ("Island Heritage" or "the Company") has announced that A.M Best has affirmed its financial strength rating of A (Excellent), along with the financial strength ratings of all main insurance operating companies of parent company BF&M Limited, as follows:

- BF&M General Insurance Company Limited: A (Excellent) Bermuda
- BF&M Life Insurance Company Limited: A (Excellent) Bermuda
- Island Heritage Insurance Company Ltd.: A (Excellent) Cayman
- Insurance Corporation of Barbados Limited: A- (Excellent) Barbados

The outlook of each of these ratings is stable.

A.M. Best cited balance sheet strength reflecting strong levels of

capital supporting the businesses of the BF&M group of companies, along with consistent favourable net gains from a diversified product portfolio and diversified geographic operations. A.M. Best also highlighted the Company's significant catastrophe reinsurance protection and approach to risk management, mitigating the financial impact of losses in the Bahamas from Hurricane Dorian.

John Wight, Group Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BF&M Limited, said: "These are the highest ratings given to a domestic insurer in the Caribbean. A.M. Best's endorsement, year after year, of our financial strength and consistent track record over time will serve to further strengthen our position as an insurer of choice for our customers and partners."



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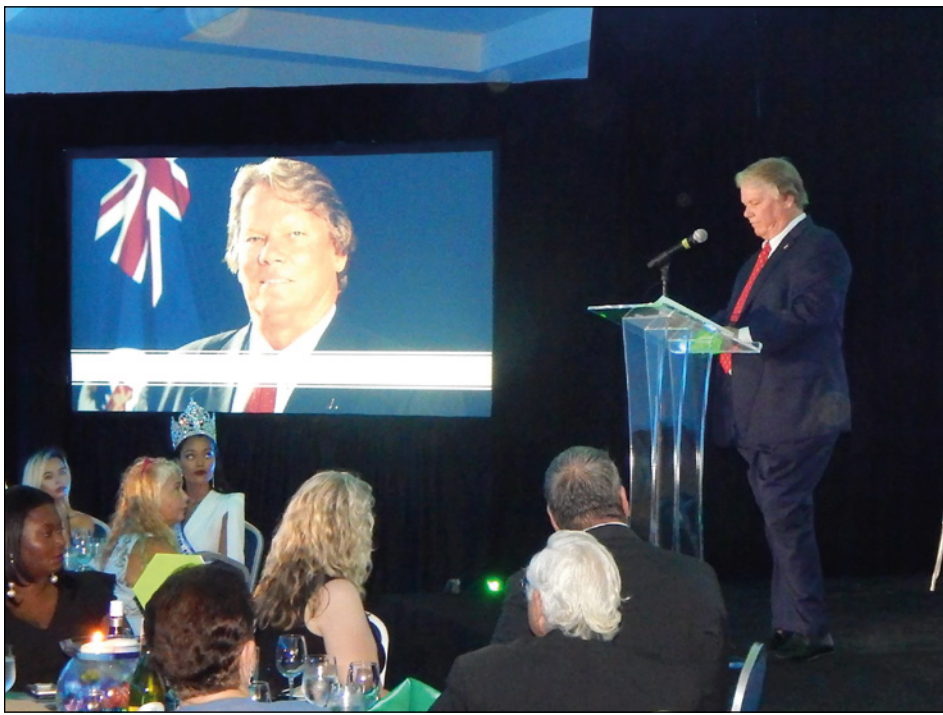








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► Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell addresses the audience at the 2019 Scuba Diving Hall of Fame Awards



► Miss Cayman Islands welcomes guests to the 2019 Scuba Diving Hall of Fame Awards

Scuba Diving Hall of Fame Awards Shines Light on Young Caymanians

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nouncing this year's awardees - Kameron D'Hue and Shaun Jackson.

Suzy Soto (Wife of the late Bob Soto) gushed with pride as the young men received the honour noting, "These young men come from a rich seafaring background and their grandparents were seafaring people".

As part of the program, over the next six months, the young men will be getting their accreditation and going through various levels of training; after which time they will be assisting in replanting the reef around Grand Cayman and further the Cayman Islands. The program is paid for by Bob Sotos in conjunction with Red Sail Sports.

Eco Divers - The company providing and facilitating the young men's training - has partnered with The Cayman Islands Department of Environment and other local dive operations to bring coral restoration to the Cayman Islands.

Our team has worked closely with Seas of Change, The Central Caribbean Marine Institute and the Coral Restoration Foundation to develop a thoughtful and detailed process to collect, develop, and replant our local reefs.

Aaron Hart of Eco Divers noted, "We actively seek out Caymanians for this programme. When I came here ten years ago there were no Caymanians in the Dive industry... None!

"Now we have a program put together around protecting the reef while training these young Caymanians to be a part of one of the biggest industries in the Cayman Islands."

Mr. Hart also revealed that according to official numbers, the Caribbean has lost 95 percent of its coral reefs.

"In the Cayman Islands it's about 80 percent," he explained.

During his remarks at the event, Tourism Minister Moses Kirkconnell did not mention the controversial port project

being proposed by the government which would see much of George Town's coral reef disturbed.

In his remarks, The Minister lauded the awards as being a special part of Grand Cayman's splendor as a dive destination and noted that he hoped to see a permanent home here for the Scuba Diving Hall of Fame such as a scuba diving museum.

The Minister also congratulated this year's Hall of Fame Inductees whom included Dr. Mohamed Taher (Egypt); Jonathan Bird (USA); Hussain 'Sendi' Rashed (Republic of Maldives); Lee Selisky (USA); Fenimore Johnson Early Pioneer (USA)

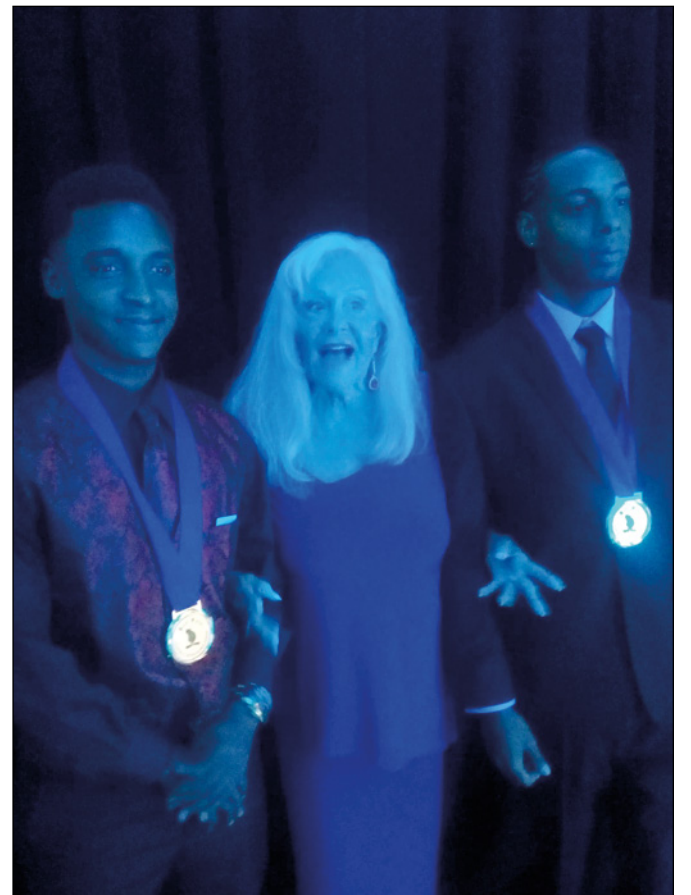
"This year's inductees into the International Scuba Diving Hall of Fame family represent the best in the industry. Their contributions and dedication to the industry close match the mission of the ISDHF - which is to recognize those who have contributed to the success and growth of recreational scuba diving..."

Other honorees included Caymanians Dr. Carrie Manfrinoe, Dr. Croy McCoy, Steven Tippetts and Emerging Caymanian Nakai Coni, a young Caymanian, who

is a true ambassador of the Cayman Islands, snorkeling and diving Grand Cayman's waters as a child. He became a certified Dive Master and dive instructor in 2012 and his since introduced numerous people to scuba diving.

As a dive guide, he has led hundreds of dives showcasing Grand Cayman. Nakai has also experienced diving in the British Virgin Islands and Scuba diving with Tiger Sharks and Hammerheads in the Bahamas.

At only 26 years old, this young Caymanian is a Certified Ocean Yacht Master Boat Captain and has navigated boats across the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. 🌐



► (L-R) Kameron D'Hue, Suzy Soto and Shaun Jackson



Government Signs Contracts for New Long-Term Residential Mental Health Facility

The Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing is pleased to announce that the initial contracts for the award of the construction of the new Long-Term Residential Mental Health Facility (LTRM-HF) in East End, Grand Cayman have been signed.

In attendance at this momentous occasion was the Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin, who previously

served as Minister of Health, along with the Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister of Health.

The long-term residential mental health facility will be a 54-bed facility that will serve the residents of the Cayman Islands who have serious and persistent mental illness, enabling them to be cared for holistically in a safe and secure environment.

This development helps to further fulfill three of the Government's strategic broad outcomes to ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare; to build stronger communities; and to support the most vulnerable in society.

It is envisaged that the new facility will open in the second quarter of 2021.

At the signing of the contracts, Minister Seymour said: "The Long-term Residential Mental Health Facility will be a state of the art facility of its type in the region. While the establishment will aim to reintegrate patients back into society, it will also offer a secure and productive place to live for those who need life-long care. I look forward to breaking ground on this historic initiative next week. We are moving into a new era of mental health care in the Cayman Islands."

Hon. Alden McLaughlin noted: "One of the driving forces behind the establishment of this new centre is to bring patients home who are overseas in institutions. It will allow them to be closer to their families and friends as they undergo treatment which has proven to be beneficial to help them return as wholesome members of the community."

The Ministry's Acting Chief Officer Nancy Barnard voiced her appreciation for the team of civil servants who helped to start the tangible delivery of one of government's major projects:

"The Ministry of Health team has worked diligently over the past few years, along with our fellow agencies in particular the Public Works Department. Special thanks also go to the project's Steering Committee and to the Mental Health Commission, led by Dr Marc Lockhart, as well as to mental healthcare professionals and community advocates for getting the project to this stage," she said. 🌐



► L-R Front row: Brent McComb, Phoenix; Ron Wilson, Ron Wilson's Equipment; Wally Smith, AAA Construction; Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin; Minister of Health Hon. Dwayne Seymour; Acting Chief Officer for Health, Nancy Barnard. L-R Second row: Jason Brown, Ron Wilson's Equipment; Barbara Anley, Phoenix; Patricia Thomas, AAA Construction; Acting-Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Health, Troy Jacob; Senior Project Manager and Deputy Director PWD, Niasha Brady; Senior Policy Officer for Health, Ministry of Health, Janett Flynn; Chief Project Manager, PWD Major Projects Office, Peter Ranger.

Bodden town residents meet over traffic woes

By Christopher Tobutt

“People are just miserable on the roads now, something has to be done,” said Bodden Town resident Twyla Vargas when over 100 residents of the district met with road officials and MLAs to discuss problems with the early-morning traffic back up at the Bodden Town Civic Centre. “My worry is that when I drive out of my gate in the morning to come to George Town, I will never get into town, because there are cars backed up from my gate at Daffodil Street all the way to George Town. It’s serious,” she said.

Belford Estates resident Yvonne Chambers shared the same concerns: “It takes a long time to reach your destination. I have a little minivan and I find I get stuck in the traffic. But nothing can be done because there is only one way out and one way in, and we do not have enough areas to divert the traffic.” Lots of resident have ideas of what should or could or might be done, to make the situation better. Arthur McTaggart said: “I would like to see things that are outside of the box, not the norm; not building more roads. I want to see beyond that, like alternative transportation – better for cyclists, motorcyclists, public transportation. We need better types of buses, or consider, potentially light rail, raised monorail,”

There are Around 400 new cars coming onto the Island every month according to one of the presenters, MLA for Prospect, Austin Harris. He was one of the five panelists including Planning and Infrastructure Minister Hon. Joseph Hew, Elected Representative for Bodden Town East Hon. Dwayne Seymour, NRA



► The meeting at Bodden Town Civic Centre



► Panelists: L-R Edward Howard, Austin Harris, Dwayne Seymour, Joseph Hew, and Fernando Soto

Director Edward Howard and Police Inspector Fernando Soto who gave presentations during the evening.

Mr. Harris has been part of an official government committee who have been looking into traffic problems, and making recommendations, such as controlling the number of new cars coming in by classifying those who import more than two cars a year as either “resellers” in which case they will need a trade & business license, or “collectors.” Other recommendations included preventing people who are on short term work permits from importing cars, and urging private schools to use more busses.

A Bodden Town resident himself, Seymour, knows about the problem firsthand. “We saw ease-ups, we were all happy, and then within a year the problem came back,” he said. The message I sent to the government was ‘my people need at least one more hour of

sleep; and that includes me.” Mr. Seymour said he had been listening to, and relaying to government messages sent to him by residents, and said was very thankful for them, and encouraged residents to continue contributing to the pool of good ideas. “The Government agrees with you that something had to be done. Not only about widening existing roads and finding connector roads, but coming up with a whole plan, to deal with the root causes of this problem,” he said.

Mr. Hew outlined a series of extensive plans for adding lanes and new roads, including creating a third lane going west from Red Bay Roundabout into Shamrock road, and a third lane inside the roundabout. “Next month we will be signaling some of the roundabouts at Grand Harbour and Red Bay, and the Tomlinson Roundabout, similar to what we have done at South Sound,” Mr. Hew announced. He also said that around



► Planning and Infrastructure Minister Hon. Joseph Hew



► Bodden Town Resident Twyla Vargas



► Arthur McTaggart

Christmas time the second phase of the widening of the Linford Pierson Highway, from Agnes Way to Bobby Thompson Way would begin.

The East-West Arterial Road would be extended all the way to Bodden Town at first, and eventually way through to East End, and would be widened into two lanes in the Western section, and eventually into six. Minister Hew also announced that work on the new Hurricane Shelter at Bodden Town would begin in the New Year. “So this time next year we should have the completed hurricane shelter at Pastor Rose’s church,” he said. 🌐

FORTUNE MAGAZINE HAILS DR. DEVI SHETTY’S NARAYANA HEALTH

Parent of Health City Cayman Islands named top world health care game-changer

The parent company of Health City Cayman Islands, Narayana Health, has been recognized as one of the world’s most innovative health care providers by Fortune magazine’s annual “Change The World” list of companies.

While the iconic Fortune 500 list identified the world’s richest and largest corporations, Fortune’s “Change The World” honors companies that recognize public health, environmental, economic, and social problems as major challenges - but also as opportunities to initiate a so-called virtuous circle. They understand that doing good for society and the planet can help them bring in more revenue, which can help them do more good, in a self-reinforcing loop.

A total of 52 companies from around the globe were listed and lauded by Fortune for “using the creative tools of business to meet society’s unmet needs”. Narayana Health placed at number 33.

The only other hospital group included as a global game-changer was listed at number 47. Prominent global companies Alibaba, Hilton, eBay, JPMorgan Chase, and Patagonia were also topped by Narayana. It was one of nine companies on the list with less than a billion dollars in annual revenue.

While the smaller companies perform very profitably and are known for their social responsibility, Fortune stressed it doesn’t score companies on their charitable generosity, “nor does it rate them on some cosmic scale of good and bad. It celebrates the nexus where daring ideas overlap with the desire to make the world better.”

World-changing companies recognize that a narrow focus on shareholder value can hurt a business in the long run, but, according to Fortune, “they strengthen their businesses by investing in their employees and bolstering the communities where they operate.”

In addition to eliciting transformative ideas from its employees, successful



► Narayana Health Chairman and founder of Health City Cayman Islands Dr. Devi Shetty is a proponent of innovation in health care who wants to increase access to high-quality medical services



► Health City Cayman Islands, located on the island of Grand Cayman in the northwest Caribbean, is the only Narayana Health facility located outside of India

companies discussed social and environmental issues with its communities and in its public filings.

Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil, Clinical Director and Chief Cardiac Surgeon at Health City Cayman Islands was delighted to hear of the facility’s parent company being recognized by the magazine widely regarded as the world’s most iconic business publication.

“The inclusion of Narayana Health on this list of innovators is entirely fitting. The very existence of Health City Cayman Islands is evidence of Dr. Devi Shetty’s focus on innovation and changing the way healthcare services are delivered to patients around the globe. The ethos of Narayana Health is very much centered on change. The idea is that if you want to change something, you need to keep going, and to continue progressing. Some of the individual changes will be small ones, but they will add up to a transformation. Dr. Shetty himself has said that ‘in healthcare you can’t do one big thing and reduce the price. We have to do 1,000 small things.’”

Analyzing the success of Narayana Health, Fortune said the company offered medical care at “prices that boggle the American mind” by “rethinking

surgical care and bringing down its price tag.” For example, open-heart surgery at NH facilities in India costs US\$3,500, while the price of an endoscopy is \$14.

The health care group, which has grown to 24 hospitals, with all but Health City Cayman Islands located in India, makes treatment affordable in part by being judicious with skilled workers’ time. Fortune added that “senior surgeons swoop in for just the most challenging part of a procedure and so perform roughly four times as many surgeries as a U.S. doctor would.”

In line with its parent company’s ethos, Health City Cayman Islands’ own mission is a commitment to delivering world-class health care that is accessible and affordable for all through innovative, internationally staffed and recognized medical centers of excellence.

“Our centers are characterized by compassionate and exceptional experiences for patients and staff, with medical services that are high-quality and affordable, and reflect a world culture and healing environment that are comfortable for any guest from around the world,” said Shomari Scott, the hospital’s director of business development.

Read the full story here:

<https://fortune.com/change-the-world/2019/narayana-health>

About Health City Cayman Islands

Health City Cayman Islands, the vision of renowned heart surgeon and humanitarian Dr. Devi Shetty, is supported by Narayana Health, one of India’s largest private healthcare systems. Health City, only the second hospital in the Caribbean to receive the Joint Commission International’s “hospital accreditation”, provides compassionate, high-quality, affordable healthcare services in a world-class, comfortable, patient-centered environment. Offering healthcare to local, regional and international patients, Health City Cayman Islands delivers excellence in adult and pediatric cardiology, cardiac surgery, cardiac electrophysiology, medical oncology, orthopedics, sports medicine, pediatric endocrinology, gastrointestinal and bariatric surgery, neurology, interventional neurology and neuro-diagnostics, neurosurgery, minimally invasive spine surgery, gynecology, urology, pediatric allergies, colorectal surgery, dental, sleep lab and pulmonology services.

For further information, visit www.healthcitycaymanislands.com. 🌐

This Year's Older Persons Month Ambassadors Bios

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shopped overseas for the Christmas Day give-away to the elderly and shut-ins all over the island. He also organised the "All Island Kids Christmas Party", held annually at the Lions Centre for 300-350 kids.

Mr. Ebanks feeds the residents at the Pines Retirement Home two or three times a year. He also collects donated goods from Kirk's Supermarket, for the Lions Food Pantry storage, delivering food packages to the less fortunate elderly each month.

Additionally, he assists deserving seniors by building/remodelling homes, constructing handicap ramps for easier access, and installing safety railings in bathrooms.

For eight years Mr. Ebanks has been on the Prostrate and Colon Cancer Events Committee, which promotes cancer awareness and provides men's health screenings Island-wide.

Mr. Ebanks is married to wife, Sharon, and together they have four children, one daughter-in-law and nine grandchildren.

Beulah McField

Mrs. Beulah McField is the mother of three children and grandmother of five.

A devoted Christian she received a call from God in 1993 to start an after school programme in George Town in the area of School Road. Ms Beulah quit her job and volunteered with the National Council of Voluntary Organisation's summer camp being run out of George Town Primary School, so she could better understand what was being called to do.

With \$2,000 dollars given to her by her eldest child, who told her to: "Do what God told you to do," she opened the Rehoboth After-School Enrichment Centre in October 1994. The after-school centre has served thousands of children in its 25 years and continues to do so.

In 1997 God presented Ms Beulah

with another opportunity to service the community, but instead of children the focus was on the elderly. She founded Cayman Islands Meals on Wheels, which began feeding 14 seniors three days a week in George Town. She worked at expanding it for 20 years while continuing with the after-school. Ms Beulah finally retired from Meals on Wheels in September 2017, but remains as the founding member on the board of directors. When she retired Meals on Wheels was feeding more than 200 persons daily and had expanded into all five districts of Grand Cayman.

Ms Beulah has been an ordained minister of the gospel since 2014. She is the pastor of Rehoboth Ministries Outreach Fellowship, the ministry she founded.

McFarlane Conolly

McFarlane "Mac" Conolly is the epitome of service to others above self. A retired career banker, he now devotes a significant portion of his time to helping others not only in his community, but throughout Grand Cayman. He is the consummate "jack-of-all-trades," well-versed in (but not limited to dealing with) plumbing, electrical, building and mechanical issues. Mr. Conolly's proficiency results in calls to repair water pumps and heaters, install fans, fix appliances, help with cement work, repair roofs and other home maintenance tasks. There is no need, large or small, that he will not tackle and successfully complete.

In addition to these projects in the physical world, he is devoted to serving the Lord. He is a committed Christian, who studies the Word to effectively witness and to further assist others. This is Mac's most important "job" now. He facilitates Bible study with small groups in several districts across the island. Mr. McFarlane supplies study Bibles and other materials not only to members of these groups, but also to those that he witnesses to locally and overseas. He is often called on to perform devotions at



► Older Persons Month Ambassador 2019 Beulah McField



► Older Persons Month Ambassador 2019 Maureen Idalee Scott



► Older Persons Month Ambassador 2019 McFarlane Conolly

seniors functions and has spoken at several church services across Grand Cayman.

Mr. McFarlane - known for his honesty, integrity, approachability and non-judgemental personality - is often called on to mediate situations with individuals or families who may be experiencing relationship or financial difficulties.

His willingness to share his time and knowledge with others is a true testament to Mr. McFarlane's belief that each of us can make a positive difference to make the world a better place.

Maureen Idalee Scott

Mrs. Maureen Idalee Scott, or Ms Idalee as she is commonly known, is a mother of three children, and lovingly nurtured several of her grandchildren. She is a widow and now dedicates her time to her friends and to helping others.

The former businesswoman ran a shop, which sold handmade coral, wood and Caymanite items carved by her departed husband.

The Stake Bay resident is a highly involved member of the All Nations Pentecostal Church in Cayman Brac, and prays daily to give her strength to help others. Ms Idalee is well-known in her community for singing, which she loves to do. She is usually called on to share her talent at Christmas cantatas, and at funerals, church functions as well as at DCFS' senior citizens events.

A caring, talented and wise individual, Ms Idalee enjoys assisting anyone in need. She donates food and clothes to good causes, visits shut-ins community, running errands for them. She also cooks food and shares with them. She likes doing neighbourly chores; and even plants flowering trees in neighbours' yards and cares for them to maturity. Ms Idalee sometimes stays overnight with friends to keep them company or help care for them.

She sees being active in the community as a way for her to keep in touch with others. Ms Idalee likes the "togetherness" of being with others, and her strong faith means that she has love in her heart when carrying out God's work. 🌐

Acting Inspector Roje Williams to Attend Leadership Development Training at the FBI

RCIPS Acting Police Inspector Roje Williams will be departed the Cayman Islands on Friday, 4 October to attend a 12 week intensive leadership development training program at the FBI National Academy

located in Quantico, Virginia in the United States of America.

A/Insp Williams was nominated to attend this program by the RCIPS Commissioner of Police in consultation with the Director of the FBI. The FBI lead-

ership development program is geared at global improvement for Law Enforcement Agencies targeting current and future police leaders.

Commissioner Byrne stated, "As a graduate of the FBI Acad-

emy I understand the strategic importance of attending such a prestigious leadership development program. I am very pleased that the Director of the FBI has agreed to provide this leadership development program to the RCIPS. A/Insp Williams has shown tremendous leadership potential over the period that I have been Commissioner and worked alongside him. It will be an intensive 12 weeks training for Roje with a blended mix of academic studies, leadership development and physical fitness. The FBINA is considered a hugely prestigious leadership development program for aspiring police leaders and represents a significant opportunity for Roje, which I believe he will embrace wholeheartedly. Roje had a lot of preparatory work to do before being accepted by the academy. During his training he will be exposed to some of top tier leadership studies and will be required to present case studies as part of the program. On a lighter note, Roje will have the opportunity to complete the Yellow Brick Road fitness and endurance challenge course, made famous in the film Silence of the Lambs. Having completed the challenge he will receive an inscribed Yellow Brick which recipients proudly display in their office on return. I wish Roje well on the course and look forward to receiving his performance report from the academy in due course"

After being nominated for the role, A/Insp Williams had to go through an application process, a thorough background check and also had to pass a physical examination before being accepted to the academy. He believes that he is the only representative from the Caribbean who will be in attendance and that there will only be a handful of persons from jurisdictions outside the USA.

A/Insp Williams says, "I am delighted at being accepted into the National Academy for



► RCIPS Acting Police Inspector Roje Williams

the FBI. Not very many people are given such a significant opportunity to better their career. I am a career police officer and policing is what I love to do. I accept all prospects to develop in my chosen field with open arms and I am excited to see what the training has to offer. Even more, I know that the networking I will be able to do with officers from other agencies will be priceless."

A/Insp Williams will be doing training courses in Counter-Terrorism, Policing, Media Relations and Strategic Leadership. His studies over the 12 week period will take him to other states across the USA for field development and experience.

Over the past year, A/Insp Williams has been in charge of special projects and has led the policing aspects of several high profile events such as Kaaboo, the Royal Visit and the International Trading Summit. When asked how the training will benefit him in the post he now holds, he stated, "I am interested in providing the best service to the people of the Cayman Islands. In order to so as an individual and as a service, we have to ensure that we maintain a world class standard for the officers and the service as a whole, which is in keeping with the goal of becoming a world class civil service." 🌐

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Gender Affairs Unit Supports Silent Witness March

Preparation and planning for the annual Silent Witness March taking place on Friday, 18 October began several months ago. A steering committee comprising of representatives from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Grand Cayman (BPW), the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre, the Family Resource Centre, and the Ministry of Community Affairs' Gender Affairs Unit (GAU) met regularly on the run up to the event. All these organisations play a key role in working to end domestic violence and bullying in the Cayman Islands.

"We believe that we are stronger together," said GAU's Senior Policy Analyst (Gender, Diversity and Equality) Karlene Bramwell.

"By combining our ideas, energy and resources; we hope to increase public awareness of these issues that affect so many in our community," she added.

GAU's \$500 contribution will offset the cost of staging the march, which ends with a ceremony on the steps of the Legislative Assembly. When Ms Bramwell presented the cheque to Cheryl Myles of BPW, she explained that the contribution went further than the donation. The Ministry's commitment is also reflected

in the decision to close Grand Cayman's Department of Children and Family Services and the Needs Assessment Unit offices slightly earlier on Friday 18th, to allow staff to attend the march.

According to Ms Bramwell, participants join in the two-mile march to not only show their support of survivors of domestic violence and bullying; and to stand up for those suffering in silence; but also to remember those who have lost their lives as a result.

"We encourage companies, government officials and staff, civic organisations and others to take part and be a champion for this worthy cause. We ask for nothing except one hour of your time to show you care and to bear witness," she concluded.

The Silent Witness March starting at 3:30 p.m., outside the Government Administration Building, ends at Heroes Square. Attendees are encouraged to wear either purple or their organisation's uniform, and to display their banners and placards.

For more information on the Silent Witness March, visit [Facebook.com/BPWGrandCayman](https://www.facebook.com/BPWGrandCayman) or email info@bpwgcm.org.



► (L-r) Mehr Lamba of the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre looks on as Cheryl Myles of BPW receives a Silent Witness March cheque from Senior Policy Analyst, Karlene Bramwell, on behalf of the Gender Affairs Unit

Private, Public Sectors Join to Fight Financial Crime

Professional money laundering, how to spot terrorism financing, and financial crime involving complex corporate structures was discussed during the Financial Crime Investigation Unit's (FCIU) recent Stakeholders Forum.

The forum provides an environment for law enforcement and financial services industry representatives to discuss and share information that may help detect, prevent and disrupt money laundering and wider economic crime threats in the Cayman Islands.

Class A banks compliance representatives, corporate services providers and mutual fund administrators attended the 25 September forum, alongside representatives from the Financial Reporting Authority, the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and

the National Coordination Team for the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group (AMLSSG).

The forum fulfils a recommendation given to the Cayman Islands this past March by the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF), in its assessment of Cayman's regime for fighting money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation (weapons of mass destruction) financing.

"There are great benefits to having law enforcement and the private sector working together, because the scale and complexity of serious organised crime - including financial crimes such as money laundering - requires active partnership between government and industry," said the FCIU's Detective Chief Inspector Richard Barrow.

"The Stakeholders Forum therefore recognises and accommodates where the responsibilities of law enforcement, government and the financial sector overlap. Attendees have said they appreciate the ability to hold open, productive discussions on these sensitive topics," he said.

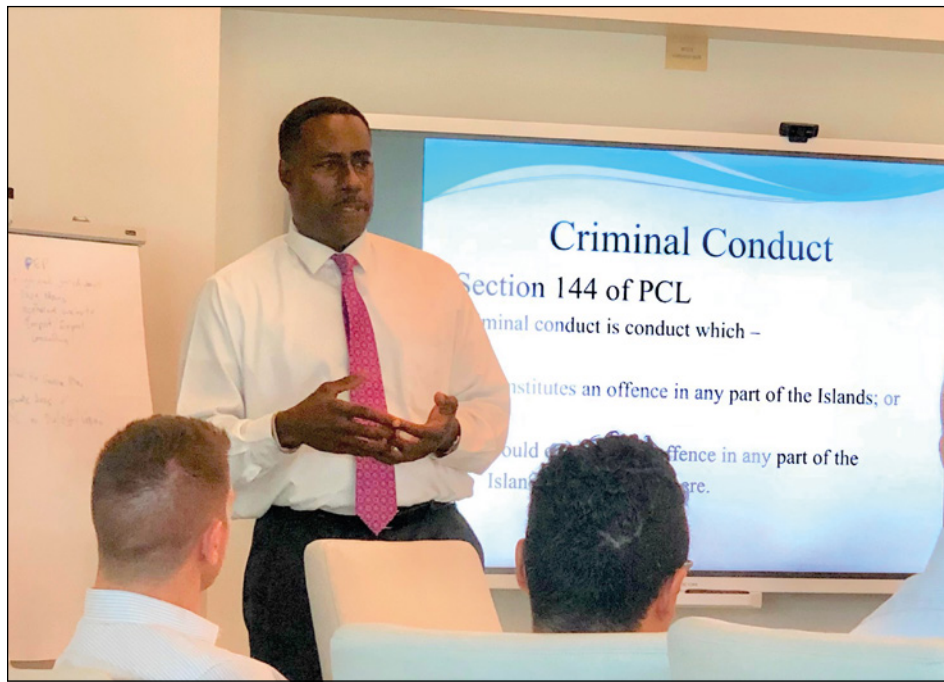
Following presentations from the experts, the forum participants participated in small group break-out sessions to share general characteristics that underlie suspicious activity and best practices when filing a suspicious activity report. By all accounts, the meeting of the Stakeholders' Forum was a success.

"There is a clear willingness by all parties to participate in the forum, which indicates Cayman's commitment as a jurisdiction to global standards in these ar-

reas," said Elisabeth Lees who, in her role as the AMLSSG's National Coordinator, supports Government and the private sector's response to the CFATF report.

"The forum's work strengthens Cayman's ability to disrupt financial crime both domestically and internationally, which is a positive development."

The Stakeholders' Forum is expected to continue to meet on a quarterly basis, Mr Barrow said. It eventually will expand its membership to the wider financial services sector and designated non-financial businesses and professions (such as accountants, lawyers, real estate agents, and dealers of precious metals and stones), which are also required to comply with Cayman Islands anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing laws.



► The Financial Reporting Authority's Director Robert Berry speaks during the 25 September Stakeholders Forum



► The Financial Crime Investigation Unit's Detective Chief Inspector Richard Barrow speaks during the 25 September Stakeholders

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS searching for wanted man

The RCIPS is seeking the assistance of the public to locate wanted man Davian Thompson.

He is suspected of assaulting a woman known to him causing her grievous bodily harm. Mr. Thompson is said to be of dark complexion, medium built and approximately 5ft 9inches tall.

The RCIPS would also like to inform the public as well that it is an offence to assist any person to avoid being arrested by the police, knowing that the person has committed an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for up to 7 years.



► Davian Thompson

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Davian Thompson is encouraged to call DI Morrison at 916-1045 or call the George Town Police Station 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-](http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip)

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George Town Resident Found Unresponsive

Just before 4PM on Wednesday 2 October, police and other emergency services were dispatched to a report of a man that was found unresponsive in his George Town residence.

The man was pronounced dead at the scene and an investigations in the

circumstances of his death has been launched by the police.

The man was identified as 31-years-old Muhammad Ali Ishfaaq Nuckchady of Mauritius. The RCIPS would like to extend condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Wounding in George Town

Shortly before 11:00PM on Tuesday 1 October, officers responded to a report of a serious assault that had occurred in the parking lot of a business on Shedden Road in the vicinity of Dr. Roys Drive, George Town. A woman was assaulted by a man known to her

and received knife wounds to the head. The culprit then fled the location. The woman was transported by private vehicle to the hospital, where she remains in stable condition.

The matter is under police investigation.

Robbery at Walkers Road Rubis

At about 11:30PM on Wednesday 2 October, officers responded to a report of a robbery at the RUBIS service station on Walkers Road, George Town. Two masked males entered the establishment, brandishing machetes, and demanded cash from a staff member there. The men made off with a quantity of cash and other items, fleeing on foot in the direction of Zeedah Crescent and into the Windsor Park area. No one was injured during the incident.

The suspects are described as being of slim build, light complexion and about 6 ft. in height.

The matter is currently under police investigation and anyone with any information, or who may have seen anything suspicious in the area last night, especially between 11:00PM and 12:00AM, is asked to 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-](http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip) tip. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of **Crime Stoppers at 800-8477(TIPS)**, or **online** <http://www.crimestoppers.ky/submit-tip/>.

Police Business Centre CLOSED on Thursday, 10 October

The Police Business Centre on Walkers Road, which includes the Criminal Records Office and The Security and Firearms Licensing Unit, will be CLOSED for business on Thursday, 10 October for important staff training.

The Centre will reopen for business as usual on Friday 11 October at 8:30AM.

In the event of an emergency, please contact the George Town Police Station on 949 4222.

The RCIPS apologizes for any inconvenience that this closure may cause.



► 17-year-old Ava Hider receives her award from Melanie McField as the winner of the female division of the 2019 THAB 10k



► 16-year-old Levi Superville receives his award from Melanie McField as overall winner of the 2019 THAB 10k



► Pirate, Alberto Campuzano with Red Cross Volunteers were stationed at the Hell Attraction turnaround point

“TO HELL AND BACK 10K WINNERS ANNOUNCED”

Levi Superville, a member of the youth running club 345 Athletics, won the Pirates Week To Hell and Back 10K on Sunday 6th October. The sixteen-year-old snatched the top spot ahead of

49 other runners with the top time of 38 minutes 45.07 seconds.

Wyatt Bodden crossed the line second (43:29.06) just ahead of Douglas Anderson (43:46.05) who snagged third overall.

In the female division, 345 Athletics Club runner Ava Hider (17 years old) finished the course in 47 minutes 33.02 seconds, taking first place. Charlotte Cloete was the second female finisher with a time of 49:23.02. Megan Webb-Sanders completed the 10K in third place with a time of 51:42.01.

“Congrats to all the participants especially the top finishers and to Levi, Ava and Wyatt who are all 345 Athletics team members. Pirates Week is proud to offer one of the few 10k events on island and to see the youth taking part and doing well is extremely uplifting,” said Melanie McField, Pirates Week General Manager.

“We are grateful for the Ministry of Sports and Calico Jack’s for sponsoring this event once again. We also want to offer a big thanks to our dedicated volunteers; Pirate, Alberto Campuzano who cheered on the runners out at the Hell Attraction; the Cayman Islands Red Cross and Royal Cayman Islands Police Service who offered support in maintaining the safety of the runners and Race Caribbean-



► 16-year-old Levi Superville and 17-year-old Ava Hider with their 2019 THAB 10k awards from Melanie McField

The Pirates Week Festival is the largest event in the Cayman Islands calendar, annually drawing over 35,000 spectators for the duration of the five-day festival and District Heritage Day events. During this time, the islands are transformed into a mass of colour and revelry, with over three dozen different events being hosted over three weekends, across all three islands!

The Pirates Week Festival is administered by the Tourism Attraction Board of the Cayman Islands.

Those looking to participate in the festival or become a sponsor in any way, can email events@piratesweekfestival.com.

If you would like more information about this topic, please email marketing@tab.ky.

2019 District Heritage Days

The District Heritage Committees will once again highlight unique aspects of their individual districts, with cultural displays, traditional food and fun activities for children and adults.

The District Heritage Days will take place this year from 12th - 16th November.

The District Heritage Day schedule is as follows:

- East End: Tuesday, 12th November

- West Bay: Wednesday, 13th November
- North Side: Thursday, 14th November
- Bodden Town: Friday, 15th November
- George Town: Saturday, 16th November

To learn more, log on to the website www.piratesweekfestival.com. Here you can find out about the more than 40 events being held throughout the festival season, sign up as a volunteer, food or craft vendor in Grand Cayman or Cayman Brac.

The public is also encouraged to follow Pirates Week on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for real time updates.

Sponsors

The Pirates Week Festival is pleased to have the support of these major sponsors for the 2019 events:

- AI Rentals
- Ace Hardware
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- Bacardi
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- Hurley’s Media Ltd.
- Ministry of Tourism
- Ministry of Culture
- Tourism Attraction Board

A complete list of sponsors can be found on the www.piratesweekfestival.com

Be Strong Youth Rally, CI Strongman Competition

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Proceeds from the Be Strong Youth Rally and CI Strongman Competition will benefit the Cayman Heart Fund, the Alex Panton Foundation and the Anti-Bullying Foundation as well as assist Cayman’s powerlifters with expenses for overseas competitions.

Mr. Hall, who suffered from anxiety and depression as a youngster, was also bullied, a fact which led him to take up the sport of powerlifting and weight training.

In his remarks on Saturday, he acknowledged and praised the purpose of the event and the courage of those who overcome adversity to go on to lead successful lives and be an inspiration to others.

The Beast has also been an ambassador of sorts while in the Cayman Islands and on his Instagram page, which boasts over 1.6 million followers, the Englishman has been ‘shouting out’ the British



► (L-R) The Beast gets ready to compete in a race at the Be Strong Youth Rally and CI Strongman Competition



► The Beast

Territory and telling the world about the wonderful time he and his team are having here.

Cayman Islands Powerlifting President Tony McNerney noted, “We are ex-

ceptionally pleased to have Eddie here and we are also extremely grateful for the amazing turnout for this very special event. We are so thankful for all the community support.”

Sportsmanship, confidence-building, character-development and competitiveness are all major components of what the strongman competition is all about and a series of exciting competitions during the event included feats of strength, as well as races consisting of agility and general coordination and skill.

Young men from all age-groups all brought their ‘A games,’ and the competition was certainly fierce. Though not to be outdone by the lads, the ladies showed up ‘big time’ too and gave an extraordinary display of energy, determination and sportsmanship.

According to Wikipedia, “Edward Hall is an English former professional strongman, notable for winning the World’s Strongest Man 2017 competition and for being the world record deadlift holder, lifting 500 kg under strongman rules, which he achieved in 2016”

Mr. Hall also visited students in Cayman Brac. 🌐



► Amani Ebanks packs mega strength for his age and won 3rd overall in his age group



► Mr. Sean Evans and Mrs. Ailian Evans of the Cayman Heart Fund

Jamaicans Soon Able to Own Shares In Company Operating Toll-Road Network

Members of the public will soon be able to purchase shares in Trans-Jamaican Highway Limited (TJH), which owns and operates the country's toll-road network.

Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dr Nigel Clarke, said the Government, through the National Road Operating and Constructing Company (NROCC), has an agreement with TJH's overseas-based principal parent companies, Bouygues Construction Concessions and Vinci, both headquartered in France, to acquire ownership of the firm.

He noted that due to the parent companies' corporate objectives and policy, and "their view of [toll] concessions, going forward, the opportunity has arisen for a transition in ownership".

"But NROCC has negotiated on the basis that, upon that acquisition, Trans-Jamaican Highway will become available to the public to invest in, via an Initial Public Offer (IPO). The Government has no plans to own Trans-Jamaican Highway for any length of time," Dr Clarke said.

He was speaking during a ceremony at The Jamaica Pegasus hotel in New Kingston where the announcement was made on Thursday.

The Minister informed that NCB Capital Markets Limited was selected as



► Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dr. Nigel Clarke (left), converses with NCB Capital Markets Limited Chief Executive Officer, Steven Gooden. (Photo Credit: JIS)

the IPO's lead arranger by consultancy firm, Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC), which is serving as NROCC's advisors.

NCB Capital Markets Limited was one of 16 entities responding to a Request for Proposal (RFP) issued by PwC.

The Finance Minister said the TJH IPO is likely to be the largest undertaken in Jamaica, surpassing that of Wigton Windfarm Limited, which was executed earlier this year.

"There is no asset today that is publicly available, listed on the [Jamaica] Stock Exchange that potentially fits that portfolio...as TJH will. Given the likely size of the transaction, it will be necessary to have strong institutional participation, and we will ensure that the distribution is such that institutions have a

good chance of success in their applications, while also ensuring that there is the broadest ownership possible after the IPO," he said.

Minister Clarke described the IPO as a "classic infrastructure investment opportunity", and noted that "the lead arranger will, in time, be able to speak to the public, to institutions, to retail investors, about the pricing of the transaction and about what makes it attractive".

"It's a very exciting phase of Jamaica's development... and we are ensuring that awareness is built and that this IPO is one that everybody has the opportunity to participate in," he added.

NCB Capital Markets Limited Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Steven Gooden, said the entity was "pleased to have been mandated lead arranger on what will be the country's largest IPO, in terms of value".

"We are not yet at the stage where we can make public the specifics of the IPO. However, as the arranger for this transaction, we will be taking a very inclusive approach. At the appropriate time, we will engage our brokers to be selling agents for the offer. We commend all the stakeholders involved in getting us to where we are today with this transaction," he said.

PwC Partner and deals expert, Wilfred Baghaloo, described the impending transaction as "momentous" and "significant", because "it is the first large infra-



structure project that will come into the Jamaican market".

"We look forward to participating with NCB and NROCC in executing the transaction," he said.

For his part, NROCC Chairman Phillip Henriques said the proposed IPO represents a continuation of the process of turning "dreams into reality".

"The persons who use the toll roads, from the taxi man to the teacher, will now have opportunities to also become owners and shareholders," he said.

NROCC entered into an agreement with TJH, which was incorporated in 2001, for the design, financing, development, operation and maintenance of Jamaica's toll roads.

That collaboration resulted in the construction of the East-West leg of Highway 2000, between Kingston and May Pen, Clarendon; the North-South leg, from Mammee Bay, St Ann to Caymanas, St Catherine; and the Portmore Causeway in St Catherine. 🌐

Jamaica Aiming to Develop Solar Technology For Export

Prime Minister Andrew Holness, says Jamaica has been aligning itself with the right contacts and expertise, where it could eventually develop its own locally generated solar technology for export.



► Prime Minister Andrew Holness (second left), listens keenly to a point being made by Jamaica Public Service (JPS) Company President, Emanuel DaRosa (left), while on a tour of Paradise Park Solar Farm in Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland. Also on the tour (from third left) are Minister of Science, Energy and Technology Fayval Williams; and Deputy Director General of the Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR), Cheryl Lewis. (Photo credit: JIS)

Holness, who was giving the keynote address at the inauguration of Paradise Park Solar Farm in Savanna-la-Mar, Westmoreland, said "projects like these", in which some of the world's best known renewable energy producers are

shareholders, "give me the confidence" that Jamaica too could be heading for the big times.

"The Eight Rivers Energy Company (EREC) is the type of joint venture arrangement that we want to see more of in Jamaica," the Prime Minister noted, referring to the company that was created for the sole purpose of owning and managing Paradise Park Solar Farm.

"Neoen, which owns just over 50 per cent of Eight Rivers, is a major global player in the renewable energy industry. It is also a high-growth company with a presence in France, Australia, Mexico, El Salvador, Argentina, Finland, Ireland, Zambia, Portugal, and now Jamaica. In particular, Neoen operates Europe's most powerful solar farm in Cestas, France, and the world's largest lithium-ion power reserve in Hornsdale, Australia," he added.

Holness said that the involvement of a world-class solar-energy company like Neoen in a project in Jamaica is also significant from the standpoint that it speaks to the "demonstrated experi-

ence and resources" that are available to EREC in operating and expanding its solar presence in Jamaica.

In the meantime, the Prime Minister said that the interest of Jamaicans in investing in renewable energy could not have been more pronounced and more clearly demonstrated that when the Wigton Windfarm Farm offered to sell shares to the public.

He said that the Wigton experience, where 31,000 Jamaicans purchased shares, showed in no uncertain terms that financial constraints are no longer

a deterrent to those wanting to invest in renewable energy.

"That is the single largest public investment in terms of the number of investors buying into such a product," Prime Minister Holness noted.

Paradise Park, a US\$65-million investment, is the largest solar project in Jamaica. It is projected to significantly decrease the country's dependence on fossil fuels, while helping the island to reach its sustainable development targets. The solar farm is designed to supply 37 megawatts of power. 🌐

Sagicor Takes Over CLICO and BAT Business

Insurance giant Sagicor is acquiring the traditional insurance portfolios of Colonial Life Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited (CLICO) and British American Insurance Company (Trinidad) Limited (BAT).

Since 2009, both CLICO and BAT had been under the control of the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago (CBTT) and a resolution strategy with several phases was developed to stabilize the activities of the institutions.

A key component of the resolution strategy included the sale of the traditional portfolios of BAT and CLICO to a suitable purchaser at prices consistent with independent valuation, the CBTT said.

"Following a transparent, competitive and rigorous bidding process conducted by CLICO/BAT with Central Bank oversight, Sagicor was selected as the preferred purchaser. Agreements for the transfer of their respective traditional insurance portfolios to Sagicor were executed...by CLICO and BAT," it said in the statement.

Claire Gomez-Miller, CLICO's Executive Chairman and BAT's Chairman, added that Sagicor emerged "as the preferred buyer in an open and very competitive tender process with guidance from independent global industry experts".

In announcing the deal, Sagicor Group President & CEO, Dodridge Miller said the company was pleased to welcome



the policyholders to the Sagicor family, and he sought to assure them "of the same level of protection and service that our existing policyholders enjoy upon the completion".

The CBTT said that in accordance with the Insurance Act Chap. 84:01, Schemes of Transfer are required before the sale can be completed, and Sagicor will prepare the Schemes of Transfer in respect of the CLICO and BAT policies for regulatory approvals.

The entire transfer process is anticipated to take several months during which time CLICO and BAT will continue to administer their respective portfolios until the Schemes of Transfer are confirmed.

The Central Bank said that consistent with the objectives of the resolution strategy, the intended transfer of the traditional insurance portfolios to Sagicor is aimed at "safeguarding policyholders' interests and assuring continued financial stability in Trinidad and Tobago". 🌐

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Adesanya is latest UFC star

The UFC has a new star in the shape of Nigerian-New Zealand's Israel Adesanya who extended his perfect professional record to 18-0.

Adesanya has rarely been hurt or in trouble in his brief UFC career. Years on various mixed martial arts circuits had honed the 30-year-old New Zealander perfectly as he dethroned UFC middleweight champion Robert Whittaker in spectacular fashion at UFC 243 in Melbourne, Australia.

Adesanya produced a punch-perfect performance to finish Whittaker after three minutes and 33 seconds of the second round and capture the undisputed UFC middleweight title in front of a record crowd at Marvel Stadium.

Whittaker started out throwing a host of power shots but the long-limbed Adesanya was loose and slick on his feet in the opening round and delivered a

stunning right hand in the final seconds that sent Whittaker crashing to the canvas as the buzzer saved the champion from a first-round defeat.

A similar counter right hook from Adesanya found its mark early in the second round as he increased the pressure, but a powerful left from the defending champion showed the challenger that Whittaker's power was still potent.

And, as the pair started to trade big shots in the middle of the octagon, Adesanya planted his feet and answered a straight right from Whittaker with a stunning right-left combination to send him down, with referee Marc Goddard stepping in to spare the Australian further punishment as the Kiwi moved in to finish it.

Former kickboxing star Adesanya exploded onto the global MMA scene only last year after arriving in the UFC with an undefeated 11-0 record. The Kiwi then reeled off six successive wins inside the octagon, culminating in his victory over Kelvin Gastelum at UFC 236 in April that saw him capture the interim middleweight title in a Fight of the Year contender in Atlanta.

That victory set up an all-Antipodean clash with Whittaker. The event set a new attendance record for the UFC, with 57,127 fans packing Marvel Stadium. That figure topped the previous record of 56,214 held by the same stadium at UFC 193, when Holly Holm dramatically knocked out Ronda Rousey to capture the UFC women's bantamweight title in November 2015.

And, on the biggest stage of his career, Adesanya stepped up and delivered a huge performance to cap his journey from fan to world champion.

"I was in the nosebleeds," he told UFC commentator Jon Anik in his post-fight interview. "Now I made



► Israel Adesanya looked sensation in winning the UFC middleweight title

his nose bleed. He threw everything we expected. We had everything from his Plan A, Plan B, Plan C. We had everything up to Plan Z."

Adesanya's first test as undisputed middleweight champion looks set to come against hulking Brazilian contender Paulo Costa, who was a prominent figure at cage side on fight night.

Like Adesanya, "Borrachinha" (translation: "The Eraser") is also undefeated, and the Brazilian has blitzed his way to the number-one contender spot with four straight TKO finishes, followed by a hard-earned decision win over Cuba's former Olympic wrestler Yoel Romero.

Now the 28-year-old from Belo Horizonte looks set to challenge Adesanya and has already made no secret of his dislike for the brash Kiwi, labelling him "skinny", while the new champion described the musclebound Brazilian as looking like an "over-inflated balloon animal".



► Paulo Costa is lined up for Adesanya next

Jamaica still Caribbean's best medallists

Jamaica may not be the same force in sprinting but they still came away third in the medals table from the World Athletics Championships in Doha with 12 medals, including three golds.

Predictably, the United States with 29 medals topped the charts and Kenya's brilliant middle-distance runners ensured they were second with 11 medals, including five golds.

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce secured her second gold medal as Jamaica won the women's 4x100m relay, while Shanieka Ricketts secured a silver in the triple jump on the penultimate day at the championships.

It was a magnificent display from the quartet of Natalliah White, Fraser-Pryce, Jonielle Smith, and Shericka Jackson as they sped to

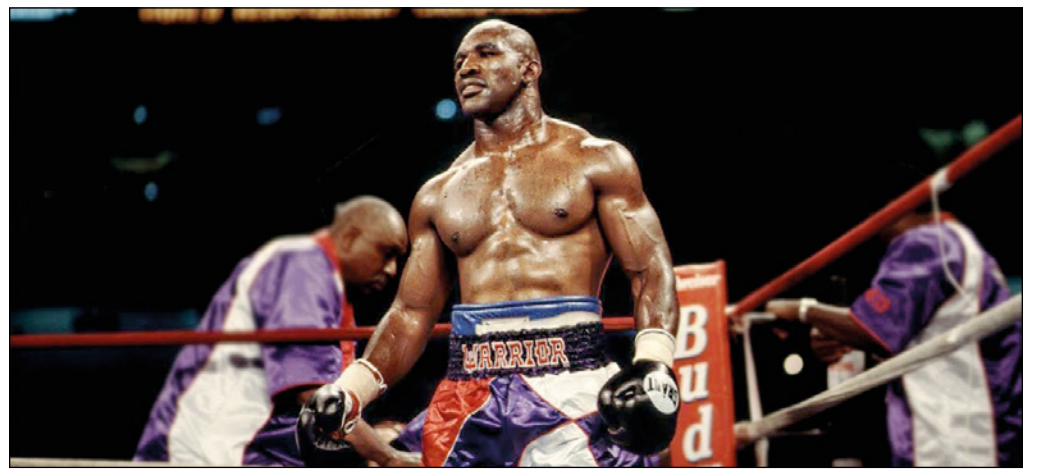
a world-leading 41.44 seconds, which was just outside the national record of 41.07 seconds, which is also the championships record set in 2015.

To put that into perspective, Jamaica won gold without the injured double Olympic champion Elaine Thompson, and brilliant youngster Briana Williams, who were first and third at the National Championships in July. Women's triple jumper Tajay Gayle was the other Jamaican gold medallist.

Cuba were the next most successful Caribbean country with three medals, one of each colour. The Bahamas did well to win two medals considering the distraction caused by the recent passing of Hurricane Dorian and Grenada got a surprising gold through Anderson Peters in the men's javelin.



► Jamaica won the women's 4x100m relay



► Evander Holyfield believes he can still fight at 56

Holyfield and Benn set for ring returns

Evander Holyfield could follow in Nigel Benn's footsteps and come out of retirement to make a competitive return to boxing - eight years after hanging up his gloves.

The 56-year-old former two-weight world champion will compete in an exhibition bout in Japan.

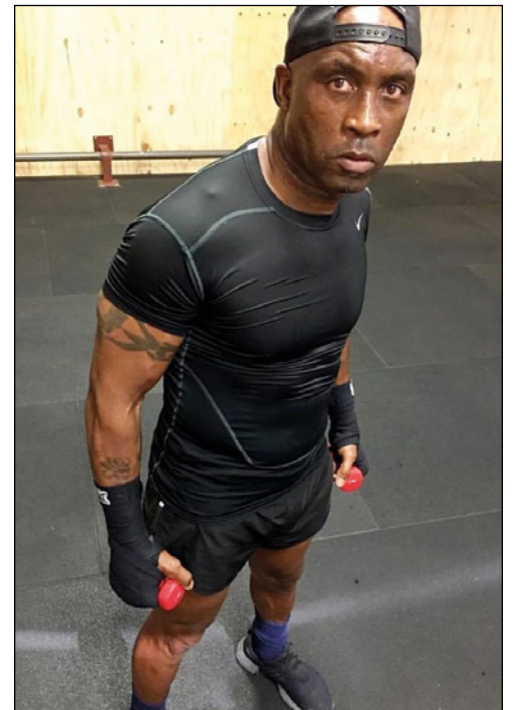
Holyfield knocked out Brian Nielsen in May 2011 in his last fight. However, he has kept himself in top condition ahead of his comeback fight.

Holyfield said: "The big thing is to give people in Japan the opportunity to see the only four-time heavyweight champion of the world. It's something for them and something for me."

The 'Real Deal' was the first fighter in history to become undisputed cruiserweight world champion, before moving up to heavyweight and becoming a four-time world champion.

Holyfield is also remembered for one of the darkest moments in a boxing ring when, in his rematch with Mike Tyson in 1997, he had the top of his ear bitten off.

Londoner Benn, aka 'Dark Destroyer' will compete in a professionally licensed fight at the age of 55 after a 23-year ring absence on Nov. 23.



► Nigel Benn, 55, last fought in 1996

The former super-middleweight world champion takes on the dangerous Sakio Bika in Birmingham, with the event aptly named 'Closure'.

NBA looks to expand in India

India has hosted its first-ever NBA games as the sport looks to expand to Asia. In a cricket-loving nation, the NBA wanted to make a mark with two exhibition games between Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers.

Mumbai hosted the first-ever NBA games on Indian soil with the stadium packed with spectators - some of whom were still struggling to understand basketball etiquette - giving loud applause with chants of "NBA! NBA!" and "We love basketball!"

Where cricket and field hockey dominate, basketball has long struggled to make a mark, and the NBA launched a campaign to expand its fanbase to India with the pre-season games between the Kings and the Pacers.

Mumbai's iconic landmark, the Gateway of India, was lit up in red, white and blue, and a basketball court floated off the coast of the city in the Arabian Sea as part of its publicity drive.

As Indiana Pacers power forward Myles Turner, who helped his team to victories on Friday and Saturday, put it: "When you think of basketball, you don't necessarily think of India."

But the 7,000 sold-out seats and howls of enthusiasm at Saturday's match suggested that, at least for some Indians, basketball matters.

Bollywood songs alternated with American hip-hop tracks at the star-studded events, where celebrities

like actress Priyanka Chopra mingled with NBA legends like Larry Bird.

But questions remain about how much the NBA - whose 2017-18 season revenue was a staggering \$8bn - is willing to invest in India and whether its audience will be restricted to hardcore fans and wealthy urbanites.

Adam Silver, the NBA commissioner, said that he is giving "serious consideration" to launching a professional league in India.

Kings owner Vivek Ranadive - the first and only Indian majority owner of an NBA team who led the effort to bring the pre-season games to India - suggested that the new league be called Monsoon Madness, a play on the US college basketball tournament March Madness.

While India has a long way to go to create the infrastructure needed to support a professional league, Silver said it could possibly launch within the next five years.

The NBA has long sought to expand its footprint in India. In 2011, they partnered with Indian channel Sony TEN to air hundreds of games on live television and started a series of youth development programmes and an NBA Academy outside of the capital, New Delhi.

But, unlike cricket which is played everywhere from India's slums to members' clubs, basketball enjoys a limited appeal amongst 1.3 billion people. No Indian player has ever taken part in an NBA game.



► The Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers thrilled India fans

Affordability of tickets and merchandise is the biggest obstacle in an extremely poor country. The cheapest ticket for Saturday's game cost 4,500 rupees (\$63.5), going up to an astonishing 85,000 rupees (\$1,200) for courtside seats. In comparison, a season pass for this week's second cricket Test between India and South Africa in Pune tops out at 5,000 rupees (\$70.5). For most people in India, 50,000 rupees (\$705) still remains an unbelievably large annual income.

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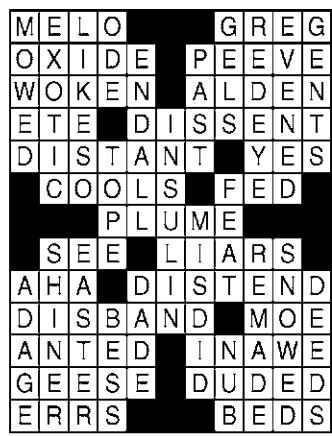
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- 24 Getting on
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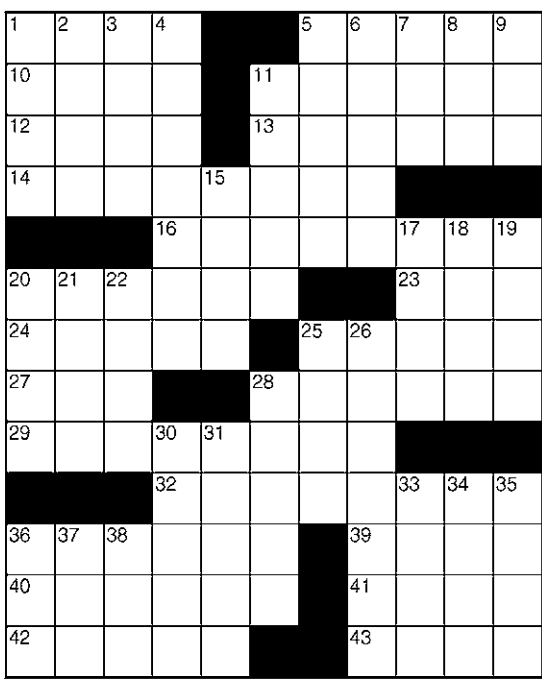
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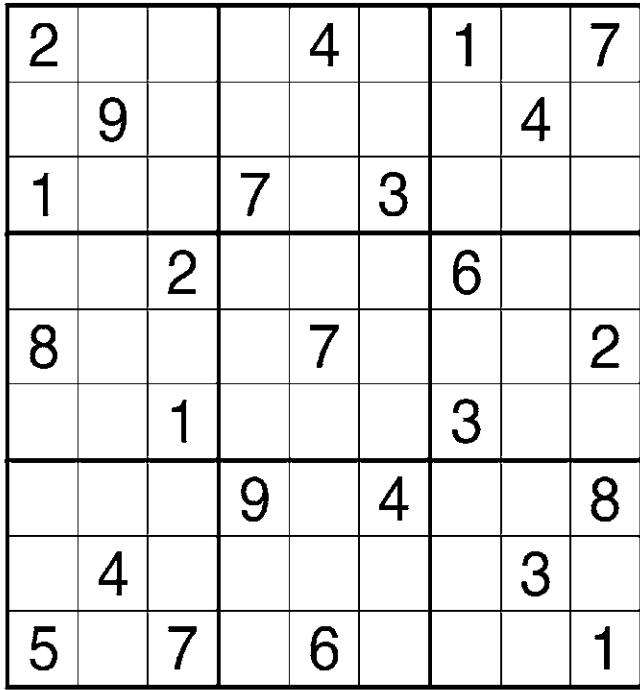
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SUDOKU

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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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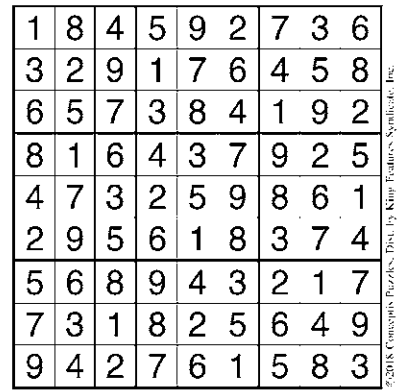
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

- Soak
- Socket
- Solid
- Soapbox
- Soda
- Sombbrero
- Soapsuds
- Sodium
- Sonata
- Soaring
- Sofa
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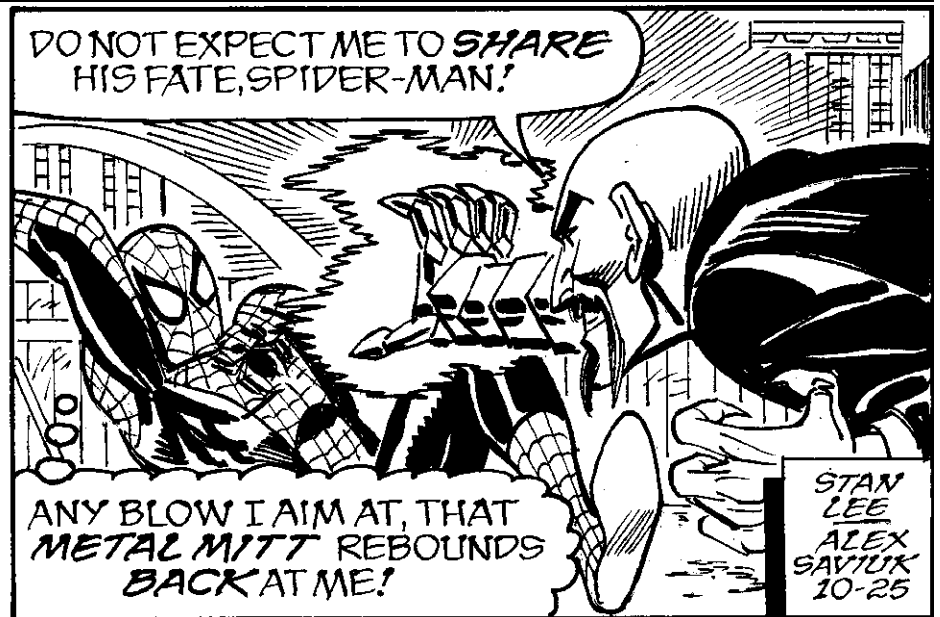
CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee



JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

I WANT THIS TO WORK, ALAN—CLEARLY, SINCE I MOVED BACK IN—BUT JUST LIKE IT TOOK SOME TIME FOR US TO FIND OUR WAY BACK TO EACH OTHER, IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME FOR THIS TO FEEL LIKE HOME AGAIN.



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