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## 1200 runners compete in the Intertrust Marathon

By Christopher Tobutt

More than 1200 runners got up long before dawn for the 2019 Cayman Islands Marathon on Sunday 8 December. It started right outside Sharkeez on the waterfront. The full marathon is 26.2 miles, which was a grueling two times round the course, which wound its way all the way out to Prospect Point and back. The annual event attracts many international athletes,

and this year one of the international star athletes was UK Olympian, Christopher Thompson, amongst others, who gained a new course record in the half-marathon. The whole of the course was full of volunteers directing the traffic, offering water, and making sure everyone was safe. The marathon has been growing bigger each year, and now it is in its 16th year. It

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► Christopher Thompson wins the Half-Marathon

## 3 new cases of Dengue



Since the last update on November 22, 2019, 20 additional results have been received from the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) confirming three new cases of dengue in the Cayman Islands.

These three new cases had no travel history, which suggests that these persons acquired dengue within the Cayman Islands.

This brings the total number of confirmed dengue results (since the first locally transmitted case in October 2019), to seventeen locally transmitted and nine imported cases.

To date confirmed cases have been distributed between East End, George Town, West Bay and Bodden Town.

Since the start of the year the Cayman Islands has sent 150 samples to CARPHA to be investigated for dengue.

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# COMMUNITY VOICE

## The true cost of not enhancing our port

Some persons have been arguing that this port will cost us too much and that it will place a burden on future generations.

I agree that it will place a significant burden on future generations, but only if we do not proceed with the port. Lets consider both scenarios:

- If we do not proceed with this port:
  - We will save approximately 5 acres of coral which is located in an area which should be designated as a port area for our main port (and bear in mind that some of this will be relocated or restored if the port is built so the potential loss is a lot smaller than 5 acres)
  - The private owners of the tender boats will continue to make around US\$10 million per year and employ around 40 to 50 persons.

That's it. However, we stand to lose a lot more if we do not proceed with the project.

We will likely lose several hundred thousand cruise tourists, not immediately but over the coming years. Our cruise tourism sector could be cut in half and this is what the independent experts say, not the government. Instead of maintaining 40 to 50 jobs we will lose hundreds.



Our cargo port, which is currently handling about 10 times more cargo than what it was originally built for in the 1970s, is headed for disaster with serious safety and capacity issues as directly reported by port officials, again not by the government.

We will eventually have to build a new port and at that stage it will cost us a lot more. In fact this will be the major burden on future generations because it will be almost impossible to find a partner to give us the financial terms we are getting now.

The local businesses that benefit from cruise tourism will continue to face lower revenues in the summer months instead of gaining additional cruise visitors during this period as that is when we will see the majority of the increase from the larger ships.

We all need to properly consider the merits and issues before making this very important decision. The true facts are more important than campaign points.

Kenneth Davis



## CUC's Christmas Closures

On Tuesday, December 24, our Customer Service Centres at Caribbean Plaza and Administrative Offices on North Sound Road will close at noon for Christmas. These offices will reopen for business on Friday, December 27 at 8:30 a.m.

Gift Certificates from CUC that can be used towards paying electricity bills are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 from our Customer Service Centres.

Bill payments can be made at our payment locations across Grand Cayman during their respective holiday hours.

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Warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas!



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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Receiving Packages this Holiday Season? Avoid delays when using a Courier or Customs Broker Service

Customs and Border Control Service (CBC), would like to inform the public of ways to ensure packages are received and released in time for the holiday season. Do you know that 40% of couriered imports do not have the required invoices, and this leads to delays in receiving them?

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**Do**

- As soon as you know you are receiving goods, gather the necessary documents and share them with your agent
- The necessary documents should be your Supplier Invoice or Sale Invoice(s). Provide these documents in PDF format to your agent.
- If additional documentaion is required to collect your package, obtain this prior to the shipment arriving (e.g. approval needed from the Department of Agriculture). If you are not sure if additional information is required ask your agent or contact a CBC officer.

**Don't**

- Omit or misrepresent the value of your goods (don't assume "everyone" will know the value of a given item)
- Hand written invoices will not be accepted



• Don't assume your courier is responsible for providing the proper documentation, you are!

For persons bringing in packages for the first time using a courier or broker service, you will need to complete an Agent Authorisation form. Please ensure the form is signed and dated, and accompanied with a legible and valid Government identification (e.g. color copy of your driver's license or passport picture page).

The form is available on the CBC website <http://cbc.ky> or you can be obtained from your courier or broker agent. It is important that the form is completed and provided to your courier or agent at least 48 hours before you expect your package to arrive.

CBC's Deputy Director Kevin Walton says, "We endeavor to continue working with couriers and customs broker agents to ensure packages are cleared in a timely manner, however, we need the public's help in doing so by having ready the necessary documents, such as the supplier/sale invoice, on hand."

## Planned Works – Red Gate Pumping Station Work

Water Authority – Cayman wishes to advise its valued customers in the George Town area that it will be changing out equipment at the Authority's Red Gate Pumping Station next week, **9 – 13 December**. During this time, customers in the George Town area, up to Red Bay, may experience lower than normal water pressure.



The Water Authority appreciates the patience and understanding of its customers and the public as it undertakes these works, and apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause.



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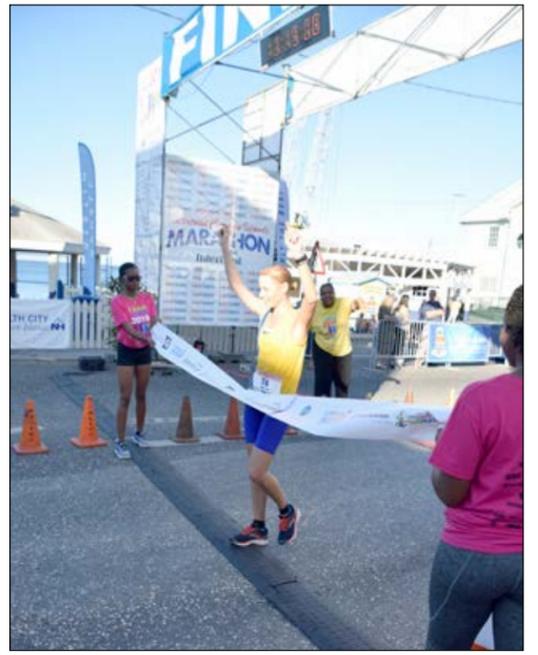
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► Leigh Sharek first female in half-marathon



► Phil Reed won the full marathon



► Lindy-Lee Folscher, first female

# 1200 runners compete in the Intertrust Marathon

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was early in the morning, but then most of the runners had been practicing for many months, or even years for this event, so they were used to getting up early in the morning.

But many were doing the half-marathon, just over 13 miles, or once around the course. It was a spectacular sight to see when the final countdown sounded and all the runners raced along South Church Street. The weather was nice and cool, with a Christmas breeze coming off the sea.

In the full marathon, Phil Reed, in the M40-49 category came first, with a time of 2:57:50.1. Steve Speirs in the M50-59 category came second, with a time of 3:01:31.5. Third came Sean Liley, in the M29 category, with a time of 3:03:32.7, and fourth was Abraham Whittaker in the M29 category, with a time of 3:05:06.6. Lindy-Lee Folscher in the F30-39 category was the first female over the line, with a time of 03:15:05.5 and the second female was Beth Florek, in the F30-39 category with a time of 3:15:21.6

The third female was Lindsay Taylor-Watson, in the F30-39 category, with a time of 3:26:32.9 and fourth was Kym Bailey, in the F40-49 category, with a time of 3:32:46.6

In the half-marathon, Olympian Christopher Thompson in the M30-39 category won, with a time of 1:07:47.5. He was a long way ahead of all the rest,



► The start of the marathon

and didn't seem at all tired afterwards. "It was awesome," he said, "There were many people out there, and they're more awake than I am. You people are awesome. Can I stay here forever please?" he asked the crowd. "I didn't have a plan," he said. "I'm glad I got the course record, because hopefully now my name will be

on the island marathon for a while." Second came Esmond Brown in the M30-39 category, with a time of 1:21:24.6. Third was Patrick Harfield in the M40-49 category, with a time of 01:22:20.3. The first female was Leigh Sharek, in the F30-39 category, all the way from Brooklyn, New York with a time of 1:23:53.5, and

the second female was Olivier Shanks with a time of 1:29:59.0

In the 4-person marathon relay, the winning team was Team Appleby Athletic Club with a time of 2:39:11.4

Later in the day there was also a much shorter Kids Fun Run, so that nobody gets left out of the fun. 🌐

# Moratorium Coming for Operators

On Thursday Dec 5th a joint statement proposing new regulations for the usage of Stingray City and Cayman's broader Wild Life Interaction Zone was proffered in the Legislative Assembly by the Minister for the Environment the Honorable Dwayne Seymour and JP Councilor for the Environment, Captain Eugene Ebanks.

In communicating the need for a moratorium on licenses in the industry, the Minister noted: "After numerous observations and complaints, the ministry of Environment in consultation with the Minister of Tourism - after careful consideration and investigation in regards to the Wild Life Interaction Zone/"WIZ" and especially the stingray city - has decided to place a temporary moratorium and Cap the amounts of boats and passengers that visit on a daily basis."

"The ministry knows the efforts that have been made by the DOE and their current constraints.... So we have teamed up with the coast guard attachment to assist us in upholding this moratorium and capping policy," noted Mr Seymour.

There are currently around 200 boats registered to operate in the Stingray City area.

Currently vessels are not be permitted to carry paying passengers into the sand bar area of the wildlife interaction zone after 2:00pm on weekends and 3:00pm on public holidays.

Licensed vessels are also not permitted to carry more than 100 people per trip into the sand bar area of the wildlife interaction zone, regardless of the total capacity of the vessel.

Licensed vessels are also not permitted to discharge paying passengers into the sand bar area of the wildlife zone, if there are more than 1500 people already in the area or if more than 20 licensed tourist boats in the area, and should not remain at the sand bar area of the WIZ for more than one hour per visit.

The Minister outlined what he said were the issues affecting Caymanian boat operators in the North Sound.

"We have seen advantage taken of them by the system where the hotel business for the 7 mile beach only go to one or two well-known and more financially able Water-sports operators," declared Mr. Seymour, who added that the same operators are now trying to grab up the majority business in the North Sound.

"We are taking the necessary steps to curb that practice to insure that our Caymanian boat operators are not disadvantaged and Regulations and rules are being made to enable the necessary changes," note the Bodden Town representative.

He explained that he was "quite confident" that the new measure would not only give clear guidelines to the operators but also to add a sense of safety and security for visitors, whilst creating a better and more intimate experience.

The Minister advised the 'Honorable House', that the Councilor for the Environment Captain Eugene Ebanks had also been working, alongside the Ministry to adopt strict policies in boating safety on our Cayman waters.

"His endeavor is to have proper training classes for all boat Captain's in all sizes, and also issue boat captain licenses to all who are successful.

"We are also aware of proper boating etiquette with items such as lighting for night use, etc."

Mr. Seymour praised the collaborative effort of the Port authority, The Department Of Environment and the Coast Guard.

"I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during this moratorium," he said.

Captain Eugene Ebanks noted the importance of having Caymanians in the industry during his remarks.

"Even though we operate in a free enterprise economy, the indigenous North Sound operators are unique in their own way. We cannot continue to allow everyone to do as they chose and continue push these operators out of the business. They are the ones who created the biggest tourist attraction in the Cayman Islands."

"When tourists go out with Caymanians they have a much better, more unique experience," he said, adding that "Many people are operating boats for the first time when they come here."

Earlier this year, a boating accident took the lives two lives in the North Sound.

"Something has to be done to curtail these dangers," noted the Member from West Bay.

No date has been announced for the implementation of the moratorium but Speaker of the House, the Honorable McKeeva Bush has said on record that it would not be done until next year. 🌐

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► Caroline Wozniacki played the first-ever fly-board rally in the world on Seven Mile Beach during one of her visits to the Cayman Islands



► Tennis champ Caroline Wozniacki, a Dart ambassador, at The Residences at Seafire

# Former Grand Slam Champion and Dart ambassador Caroline Wozniacki retires

Caroline Wozniacki, professional tennis player and one-time Grand Slam champion, has announced she is retiring.

Wozniacki has been an official ambassador for The Residences at Seafire in the Cayman Islands. During her visits to Grand Cayman over the last two years, she played the first ever fly-board rally in the world. Her frequent visits to the island have left a lasting impression on Wozniacki, prompting her to proclaim the Cayman Islands as her home away from home.

"We have been privileged to work with Caroline these last two years," said Chris

Duggan, VP Business Development at Dart. "Caroline has been a wonderful partner to us. Her professionalism and approachability has made her a delight to work with and an example to all who had the pleasure of meeting her during her visits. We wish her every success and a well-earned retirement, and look forward to continuing to welcome her and her husband David to their second home on Grand Cayman."

### About The Residences at Seafire

The Residences at Seafire is a 10-storey architectural gem on Grand Cayman

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For more information, visit [seafireresidencescayman.com](http://seafireresidencescayman.com) and follow along on Instagram. 🌐

# 4 th Annual Turkey Trot a Success for Meals on Wheels

With the cool North Sound wind welcoming volunteers, runners and walkers to the 2019 Meals on Wheels Turkey Trot on November 30 th, approximately 200 participants of all ages gathered at the start line, behind the official races' turkey mascot, Rob Imparato, Board Chairman of Meals on Wheels. Mr. Imparato said, "I was impressed with the turnout, the energy of the crowd and support for the event overall! Our goal is to see the Turkey Trot grow in participation each year and become an annual tradition. It's a wonderful way for the community to give back over the Thanksgiving weekend." Mr. Imparato arrived dressed in a full turkey costume to greet participants, take photos and give the race its official start.

This year's event included both a 5K and 10K race, the event kicked off at the Holiday Inn Resort, circling through Safehaven before ending at the Holiday Inn where all participants were treated to a wonderful continental breakfast courtesy of Kirk Market and fresh made-to-order omelets thanks to the kindness of Chef Shannon of Got Eggs

and his team! Deep fried turkeys were also cooked by Home Gas and delivered to a few of our seniors after the race!

The fundraiser raised over \$11, 000 which will go towards the work of Meals on Wheels who currently serves 245 meals daily to seniors, housebound or disabled individuals across all 5 districts in Grand Cayman for a total of 61,250 meals this year. Meals on Wheels continues to expand their reach, however there are still over 100 persons on a waiting list, the funds raised will support our efforts to ensure that "no senior in our community goes hungry."

Whether participants chose to walk, waddle, be pushed in a wagon, jog or run, there was plenty of fun to be had this year with participation medals for all finishers, presented by Miss Sage Costa, Cayman's Agricultural Queen; trophies for Top Runners in each age category and over 50 raffle prizes for participants including Book Nook, Burger King and KFC gift certificates for all children, as well as a 2-night stay at Morritt's Tortuga Club, \$200 voucher to the Kimpton SeaFire Resort, \$250 in



► Rob Imparato, Meals on Wheel Board Chairman and Turkey Trot participants ready to race!

vouchers from Kirk Home Centre and a double ride excursion from Parasailing Professionals to name a few.

This year the overall 5K winners were 18-year old Wyatt Bodden with a time of 18:18 for the males and Tiffany Cole

in the female division with a time of 19:52. First place 5K age category winners were Owen Franklin (under10), Levi Superville and Ava Hider (11-17), Wyatt Bodden and Tiffany Cole (18-30), Mohamed Abidah and Gill Gordon (31-55) and Melvin Hodgson and Desiree Sandstron (56+)

The 10K overall first place winners were Paul Henry with a time of 41:04 and Sherri Flemming coming in at 48:45. First place winners in the 10K categories were Loraine Rosset (18-30), Paul Henry and Sherry Flemming (31-55), and Sally Moore (56+). To view all runners' times and results please visit [www.caymanactive.ky](http://www.caymanactive.ky).

Meals on Wheels gives sends a huge Thank You to this year's Turkey Trot sponsors including Dolphin Point Club, Davenport Development, McAlpine, Cayman Fine Print, Radio Cayman, Cayman National Bank, Progressive, Home Gas, Kirk Market, and last but not least thanks to the loyal support of over 25 volunteers who came out to make this event a success on the days leading up to the Turkey Trot and on the event day.

Meals on Wheels invites the community to mark the calendar for next year's Turkey Trot race slated for Saturday 21 November 2019.

Meals on Wheels would like to encourage individuals and organizations alike to support their annual "Pledge to Feed a Senior." For only \$5 per day you can provide a hot, nutritious meals to seniors, the homebound and the disabled throughout Grand Cayman. To pledge a senior, please do so via the web on [www.pledgeasenior.com](http://www.pledgeasenior.com) or for more information please contact us by calling 769-1974 or email [info@mealsonwheels.ky](mailto:info@mealsonwheels.ky). 🌐



► Sage Costa, Cayman's Miss Agricultural Queen presents Top 10K Runner trophy to Loraine Rosset



► MOW Board Chairman, Rob Imparato and Turkey Trot Best Costume winner Sophia Franklin

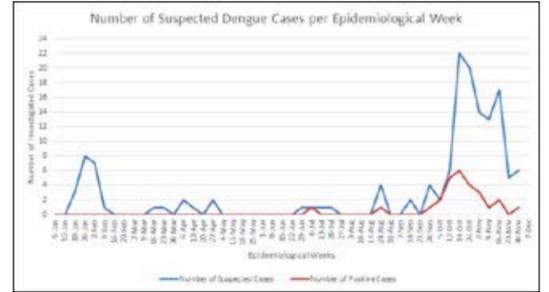
# Three new cases of dengue in the Cayman Islands

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Of that number, 34 persons were admitted to the Cayman Islands Hospital and Health City, Cayman Islands showing clinical symptoms that might potentially be dengue. The Public Health Department's Surveillance Unit continues to deploy enhanced surveillance measures, working closely with government and private sector physicians to review reports of suspected dengue.

For more information, contact the Public Health Department on 244-2648.

SYMPTOMS	ADVICES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Fever, severe headache</li> <li>» Pain behind eyes</li> <li>» Muscle and joint pain</li> <li>» Nausea, vomiting, swollen glands</li> <li>» Unusual weakness, rash</li> <li>» Abdomen pain, cough, loose motion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Immediate blood test on doctor's advice</li> <li>Rest and drink plenty of fluids</li> <li>Paracetamol can be taken to reduce joint pains, fever</li> <li>Aspirin or ibuprofen should not be taken</li> </ul>



For advice on mosquito control, contact MRCU on 949-2557 in Grand Cayman, or

948-2223 on Cayman Brac; and Department of Environmental Health on 949-

6696 in Grand Cayman, or 948-2321 in Cayman Brac.

## More about Dengue Fever

### What is Dengue?

Dengue is a mosquito-borne viral disease transmitted primarily by the female mosquito of the species *Aedes aegypti*, although dengue has also been attributed to *Aedes albopictus*. Symptoms of the disease include the acute onset of high fever, and at least two of the following:

- Frontal headache
- Bone or joint pain
- Pain behind the eyes
- Aching muscles
- A rash may be visible two to five days after the onset of fever
- Nausea or vomiting

Signs of bleeding (such as pinpoint red or purple spots on the skin, nose-

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

### How is dengue spread?

The *Aedes Aegypti* mosquitoes get infected by biting a patient infected in the first week of illness. After about 8-10 days of incubation, the infected mosquito is capable of transmitting the virus for the rest of her life. For the mosquito to transmit dengue, it must first bite an infected person. The virus cannot be spread directly from one person to another.

### What you can do?

Mosquitos breed in stagnant or standing water; therefore, covering drums and tanks, and cleaning the guttering will get rid of any potential breeding sites. Other stagnant water sources include old tyres, bottles and buckets. The best way to prevent this disease is to protect yourself from mosquito bites. Use physical barriers to protect yourself and your family from bites by wearing long-sleeved shirts and pants, especially at dawn and dusk. Using screens on windows and doors and repair holes in screens will keep mosquitos outdoors. Infants, young children, the elderly and women who are pregnant or trying to get preg-

nant should take extra precautions to avoid mosquito bites. Everyone should consider using insect repellents containing 50% DEET, Picaridin, IR 3535, and Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus when going outdoors. It is important to encourage your families, neighbours and friends to empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water to destroy breeding sites in and around their homes and communities. This will ensure a collective community impact to reduce the spread of dengue in the Cayman Islands.

Source: Cayman Islands Public Health Department

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA)

# Civil Service Leads Way in CIG Gift-Giving Initiative

Civil Servants across Government will spread festive cheer during the holiday season, by taking part in an exciting new Christmas gift-giving drive that benefits the islands children, young parents and older persons.

Launched on Monday, 9 and closing on Tuesday, 17 December, the CIG Giving Tree appeal, also seeks support from the general public and local businesses to help make this Christmas extra special for everyone in the community.

The new initiative brings gift donation drives, traditionally organised by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Family Resource Centre (FRC), under a single campaign that all government staff, the public and businesses can fully get behind.

Would-be participants are encouraged to visit the CIG Giving Tree in the

Government Administration Building's public lobby open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. It is covered in donation present tags, each representing a child, teenager, young parent or senior chosen to be a recipient by DCFS or FRC. Donors are encouraged to take a selfie or a short video clip to share #CIGGiving

To donate, simply:

- Select and take off a tag, which identifies a recipient's age, gender and a gift idea.

- Return with the unwrapped present in a gift bag (tag affixed) and place under the Giving Tree by no later than noon on Tuesday, 17 December.

Once collected, the presents will be hand-delivered to the recipients by Santa's little helpers, in the guise of DCFS and FRC staff, in time to open up on Christmas Day.

DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams welcomed the CIG Gift-Giving Drive as a way of amplifying the department's outreach work during the holiday season.

"The Department's social work professionals provide year-round family-based support across the length and breadth of these Islands. We understand that not everyone in our community is able to enjoy a holiday season full of family gatherings, food and presents. Christmas can be a lonely and isolated time for some and for many years the DCFS has been the only ray of sunshine in some individuals' holidays."

"During the course of the year, staff have diligently identified those clients, both young and old, whose Christmas and New Year would be brighter if they were gifted a token of goodwill. A cuddly toy for a toddler, a supermarket gift voucher for a single parent, some toiletries for a senior, all gifts will be gratefully appreciated," she added.

Department of Counselling Services Director Judith Seymour said: "We are seeking support for some of the families who have participated in our long-term programmes at the Family Resource Centre, and for whom we recognise that, due to some of the stressors in their lives, this time of year may present additional challenges.

"These families have worked hard to improve their relationships and strengthen their bonds while engaging in our services, so we want to celebrate and acknowledge their hard work by supporting them in this way," she concluded.

Head of the Civil Service and Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Mander-son explained that the idea of combining the longstanding gift drives came from Rosandi Weatherford from the Department of Health Regulatory Services.

"Rosandi mentioned her fantastic idea to our Strategic Operations Officer Jennifer Ahearn, and her proposal gained traction with several agencies quickly coming together to bring this initiative



► (L-R) Vanda Powery (DCFS Social Worker), Charmaine Miller (FRC Programme Coordinator), Dorline Welcome DCFS Social Worker, Belinda Gordon, Lois Kellyman (DCFS Social Work Manager), Pat Hanlan (DCFS Social Worker) and Beckie Seymour (DCFS Social Worker) dress the CIG Gift-Giving Tree



► Department of Children and Family Services and Family Resource Centre gift tags for the CIG Gift-Giving initiative (Photos by Elphina Jones, GIS)

to life. This idea, and its execution, typifies just the kind of creative and innovative thinking we want to encourage more of. The Civil Service was already planning to mount an internal innovation pledge in 2020, to encourage staff to come up with fresh ways to make the lives of those we serve better. The idea, which we've built the gift-giving campaign around, fits neatly into this kind of thinking," he concluded.

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# Art show to launch new direction for local artist

Terry Grimes has made a name for herself on the local art scene with her atmospheric acrylics depicting landscapes of her favourite places - the Barkers area of West Bay, the Brac and the Blue Mountains of Jamaica - but now this multi-talented artist has embarked upon a new phase in her artistic journey. Showcasing a stunning new collection of abstract art at her upcoming show, 'Emerging Images', taking place at Calypso Grill on 14th December from 4pm, Terry is excited to share her new art work with visitors to the show.

Terry gave some background as to why she decided to work in this new genre of art.

"May this year I travelled with some friends to the States to enjoy a painting vacation and they encouraged me to experiment with my artwork by adding cold wax with oils, which produced beautiful layered artwork that dried quickly for an oil. When I returned to Cayman, I began experimenting using my acrylics with various gels and mediums to see what would happen," she explained.



► Crimson Walk, 13.25 x 17.25



► Red Touch, 12 x 12

Starting with small canvases, Terry's confidence grew along with the size of the artwork she then started to produce.

"I began really by just playing around to see what type of effect I could create,

layering paint and making marks on small-sized canvases. This was a real change in direction for me as, up until this point, I had always just painted what I saw. This is a different way of

painting that requires a freeing up of the mind so you get quite lost in the work, and I absolutely love it," she confirmed.

Terry added that the challenge with this type of artwork was knowing when to stop painting.

"When you work on this layering process you really need to be selective, adding and subtracting paint as you go, but overall I am finding myself saying over and over: 'more paint!'"

The result has been another atmospheric collection, with the viewer able to interpret the colourful pieces in their own way, with Terry capturing light, shade and colour on each canvas.

Recently, Terry found she had got to the stage where she had about twenty pieces of art of all shapes and sizes that she felt ready to exhibit, with canvases she is currently working on around 18" by 24".

"I've held a number of art shows at our Calypso Grill restaurant here in West Bay and they have been really successful," Terry stated. "It's a lovely location in which to enjoy the artwork, as well as catch up with friends at this afternoon soiree. I would love everyone to come up and enjoy the art, have a nibble and a glass of wine and chat with me, because I'm really excited about what I've created so far."

Emerging Images takes place on Saturday 14th December from 4pm and all artwork will be for sale. 📍



► Canyon Eye, 12 x 12



► Entasis, 11.5 x 15

## Chairman of PAC Joins Parliamentarians and Auditors from Overseas Territories

Mr. Ezzard Miller, in his capacity as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, left for the UK last weekend to attend the third forum to be organised by a number of UK government agencies in conjunction with participating overseas territories (OTs). The forum will continue the focus on strengthening the oversight of public finances and governance in the OTs.

Mr. Miller will be joining key actors from the UK and the Overseas Territories, who will meet in London next week as part of their commitment to work together to improve the oversight of public finances and governance.

*The Oversight of Public Finances and Governance - London Forum 2019* will run from 9-11 December 2019, and will be attended by chairs of Public Accounts Committees (PAC), parliamentary clerks, and heads of Internal and External Audit, from Anguilla, Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena, Turks & Caicos Islands, the UK, and Virgin Islands (UK).

Commenting on the benefits of attending these fora, Mr. Miller, who is the only Cayman Islands representative, said: "The Cayman Island's Public Accounts Committee has already received tremendous benefits from these meetings, which have already resulted in the adoption of international best practices in a number of areas of the PAC's work."

*The following further information was provided by the organiser of the forum, the head of the UK Overseas Territories Project, Ms. Diana Atungire-Ocaya:*

"This is the third Forum bringing together these key

actors to explore the issue of public financial oversight and good governance under the banner of the UK Overseas Territories Project. The current phase of the project, due to come to an end in 2020, is an initiative delivered in partnership with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK (CPA UK), UK National Audit Office (NAO) and the Government Internal Audit Agency (GIAA), along with participating OTs.

Launched in 2017, the Project partnered with OTs to identify areas where support would be welcome, and to tailor activities to address those areas. Activities included clerk attachments from the UK devolved legislatures and Crown Dependencies to PACs in the OTs; multilateral training for external auditors; secondments to the NAO and GIAA; and workshops for parliamentarians and officials in the OTs, Westminster, Scotland and Wales.

*The Oversight of Public Finances and Governance - London Forum 2019* will be a final opportunity to explore progress in OTs to date; to address some of the ongoing challenges faced by PACs, Internal and External Audit agencies; and to identify ways in which the UK and OTs can continue to work together beyond the end of the project to ensure long-lasting impact.

The forum will also be an opportunity for the newly established Internal and External Audit Leadership Groups to meet. This will build on established relationships and encourage continuing development.

**Commenting on next week's forum, the Chair of the UK Overseas Territories Project, the Rt. Hon. Lord Foulkes, stated:**

"I have been delighted to see the positive outcomes from the UK Overseas Territories Project. The OTs have demonstrated a strong commitment to working together to strengthen their public financial oversight and scrutiny functions.

With the latest phase of the project scheduled to come to an end in 2020, the London Forum is an opportunity to cement the learning and good practice that has been developed to ensure that effective public financial oversight continues beyond the life of the project." 📍



► Mr. Ezzard Miller

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# NOMINATIONS FOR DART MINDS INSPIRED EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING STEM AWARDS NOW OPEN

Dart Minds Inspired programme is synonymous with STEM in the Cayman Islands and is grounded in the Dart family's legacy of supporting education and a longstanding belief that STEM subjects are essential for success in and beyond the classroom.

In 2018 Dart broadened the scope of Minds Inspired to include teachers – the hardworking individuals who, although behind the scenes, are often responsible for a student's love of, and success in, school. The Award for Excellence in Teaching STEM was introduced, with a goal of supporting and encouraging the growth of STEM in Cayman by rewarding excellence in teaching STEM, and providing school grants to purchase STEM related resources.

Seeing that the demand for STEM professionals is on the rise globally, Dart uses its Minds Inspired programme to create local activities and events that focus on STEM subjects, providing students more opportunities to explore STEM and learn about future career paths.

Nominations for the Excellence in Teaching STEM award are only accepted from other teachers, department heads or principals; and while parents may not nominate directly, they are encouraged to speak with their child's school administrator if they would like an educator to be nominated.

Once nominated, teachers must confirm their intent to participate, and will be assessed by a panel of judges who will then select two recipients (primary and high school) annually. Honourees will be announced in April 2020.

Awardees receive funding to cover a trip to a STEM conference inclusive of airfare and accommodations as well as a cash award of \$1000. The awardees' school also receives recognition and a



► From left, teachers Von Ryan Abrantes, Lune Vermeire, Jeff Szeryk, Krista Finch and Dart Education Programmes Senior Manager Glenda McTaggart at the 2019 Excellence in Teaching STEM award event

cash grant of \$3,000 to be used towards STEM educational resources within the classroom.

Last year's winners were Von Ryan Abrantes of St. Ignatius Catholic School and Lune Vermeire, previously of Island Montessori. With the award, Abrantes

attended a science and engineering programme at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and used his grant money on REV robotics kits and tools for his school's classrooms. Vermeire attended the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) national conference

on science education in Salt Lake City, Utah and Island Montessori spent their grant money on life and physical science equipment.

For more information or to fill out a nomination form, visit [mindsinspired.ky](http://mindsinspired.ky).

## Official Statement on Delayed Cruise Port Referendum from CPR Cayman Advocacy Group

The goal of CPR Cayman is and has always been to ensure that any decisions made by our government in relation to the proposed port and cruise berthing facility are well-informed, transparent and serve the best interests of the Caymanian people. As such, the decision by Chief Justice Chambers of the Grand Court of Grand Cayman to recognize the application from Citizen Shirley Roulstone, is met with great relief.

A number of constitutional issues are up for consideration by the Court and we are pleased that this decision will allow those issues to be properly reviewed. This ruling from the court has guaranteed that voters will be delivered an opportunity to exercise their rights within a truly democratic process.

The application for judicial review was put forth by an individual citizen, not CPR Cayman. Although Shirley Roulstone is a member of the executive of CPR Cayman, the case has been taken on by Ms. Roulstone, and her legal counsel, Kate McClymont of Broadhurst LLC. The decision to move ahead with an application for a judicial review, was driven by the need to champion participatory democracy that is fair and just in process.

"We are encouraged to see concerned citizens exercising their right to stand up for what they believe in, and as a group will continue to support those that seek to hold our leaders accountable," says CPR Cayman member, Johann Moxam.

CPR greatly respects that the National Trust of The Cayman Islands has indicated that their team will now be taking steps to support Roulstone's case.



► Proposed CBF with ships at berth

From inception, CPR has advocated for updated environmental assessments to ensure that the public can make a fully-informed choice.

Aside from the outcome of the judicial review set to take place in January 2020, CPR Cayman will continue to advocate for the following from the Cayman Islands Government:

- A new comprehensive EIA to be completed and peer reviewed
- Social and cultural impact assessments
- A full short-term and long-term infrastructure plan that outlines: cargo management, traffic, sewage, trash

management, George Town transformational plans

- An assessment related to the impact of pollution addressing concerns on sedimentation and water clarity

It is unfair to expect the public to support the project without the full information available. Therefore CPR cannot support the proposed project.

CPR clarifies that is not anti-development or anti-growth but the plans for Cayman must include sustainable development, managed growth and address quality of life concerns for all. CPR are committed to fighting for informed decision making from policy makers and

government leaders that reflect concerns and best interests of the citizenry of the Cayman Islands. It is grassroots, and not funded by any particular political or corporate entity. CPR seeks to represent every type of Caymanian that exists.

CPR organizer Michelle Lockwood offers, "Each Caymanian is a stakeholder, a guardian of the Cayman Islands and need to be respected and heard – and so we will continue to educate, empower and engage".

For more information the public can contact [cprcayman@gmail.com](mailto:cprcayman@gmail.com) or visit [www.cprcayman.com](http://www.cprcayman.com)

## Court decision to delay referendum

Verdant Isle Port Partners look forward to the outcome of the judicial review hearing for the proposed cruise berthing and cargo port project, which is expected take place in January 2020.

Verdant Isle Port Partners believes the information being distributed to date via a variety of channels including public and stakeholder meetings, social media, online resources and media relations, has been effective in addressing

many of the concerns raised by some members of the community.

Since the commencement of our negotiations as preferred bidder, we have remained firmly committed to making adjustments to the project plans to address issues raised, to ensure this project is undertaken in an environmentally responsible way.

As we have discussed during the meetings, if the project is able to proceed, we will resume our ongoing efforts to strive



for continual improvement that will minimise and mitigate the impacts of the project. Additionally, more detailed studies will be undertaken to inform any further adjustments to the plans.

During the extended period the public is invited to continue to submit any questions via our website at [Verdant.ky](http://Verdant.ky) or via our social media channels.



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The Government will be holding a series of public meetings in its ongoing effort to inform the public about the proposed cruise berthing facility and enhanced cargo port project (CBF).

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### Government commits to beneficial ownership register

In a statement issued this week, the government has announced that it will

# DOMINICA'S OPPOSITION LEADER REJECTS ELECTION OUTCOME

The leader of the United Workers Party (UWP) of Dominica, Lennox Linton, has rejected the outcome of Friday's vote and is demanding fresh elections.

Mr Linton claims that the voting was rigged.

The UWP lost Friday's general election to the incumbent Dominica Labour Party (DLP) of Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit by 18 seats to 3.

Their parliamentary presence was reduced from 6 seats to 3 in the 21-seat parliament.

Mr Linton alleges that thousands of Dominica nationals who reside overseas were bribed to return home to vote.

He also alleges that their travel and accommodation was funded out of revenue illicitly obtained through the sale of Dominican passports and ambassadorships via the country's Citizen By Investment scheme (CBI).

Under Dominica's constitution, nationals in the diaspora have the right to vote in elections in their homeland.

In a statement on social media, Mr Linton, quoting figures from the Dominica Electoral Office, calculated that "we

had almost 40,000 people voting in the elections; 23,300 for the Dominica Labour Party, 16,300 for the United Workers Party."

Dominica has a population of 73,900. Bit he claims that of those who voted for the DLP of Prime Minister Skerrit, "We're told that up to estimates of 13,300 people who were brought in, bribed, from overseas to come in to vote in the elections in Dominica."

The UWP leader estimates that even if the number was not that high and was around 8,000, "when you take that 8,000 out of the 23,000, you're down to 15,300 (which is) less than the number of people who voted for his UWP, those living in Dominica."

He insists that the election was decided by those Dominicans living overseas who he said were bribed into returning home to vote for the prime minister's party.

Opposition Leader Linton criticises the government for not putting in place recommended electoral reforms which he feels would have prevented the irregularities he claims have taken place.

He rubbishes the government's commitment to put those reforms in place as a priority in its new governing period, calling it hypocritical and arguing that it should have been done before the elections.

Mr Linton is also critical of the country's president, the police and other 'other instruments of state' which he claimed are not working in the interest of the people of Dominica but are instead favouring Prime Minister Skerrit and his DLP government.

He also dismissed preliminary comments by election monitors that the election was generally free and fair.

"As far as we are concerned this illegitimate result renders the election null and void and it renders the government null and void. We will not recognise this government because it is the result of a stolen election," the opposition leader stated.

A heated election campaign saw several demonstrations by mainly opposition supporters with roadblocks, fires, and skirmishes with the police.

It resulted in the deployment of contingencies from the Caricom Regional



► The leader of the United Workers Party (UWP) of Dominica, Lennox Linton

Security System to assist local police with maintaining order.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Skerrit declared Sunday December 8th as a Day of Peace for Dominica.

In a statement on his Facebook social media, he said: "I give this country my full assurance, that the Dominica Labour Party and I are completely committed to the dual task of healing the nation and building the nation."

Mr Skerrit whose ruling DLP won the election by increasing its seat count from 15 to 18 in the 21-seat parliament, ran the campaign with 12 new candidates including his wife, Melissa Poponne Skerrit, who won a seat as a first-time. 🌐

# DOMINICA DECIDES: Another victory for Skerrit

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

Supporters of the incumbent Dominica Labour Party (DLP) are in full celebratory flow after Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit led his party to a resounding victory in Friday's general election.

The DLP trounced the opposition United Workers Party (UWP) led by former journalist Lennox Linton to a secure a convincing 18-3 win in the controversial elections.

There are 21 seats in the Dominica parliament.

In the previous governing period the DLP held 15, with the other 6 by the UWP.

The DLP of Prime Minister Roosevelt has increased its majority at the expense of the UWP whose supporters were mainly behind the protests which saw airline and cruise calls being cancelled over security concerns.

The election campaign was marred by weeks of protests with roadblocks, fires and clashes between demonstrators and police.

Contingents from several member islands of the Caribbean Regional Security System (RSS) were called in to help the Dominica police maintain order.

The demonstrators were protesting against the government over claims that it had not introduced recommendations for electoral reform including term limits and voter ID cards.

The airing of a documentary by the international news channel Al Jazeera in which serious allegations were made about the misuse of the country's Citizen By Investment Programme (CBI/CIP) also added to an already tense situation.

The government of Prime Minister Skerrit was implicated in some of the allegations, including the prime minister himself and the opposition leader.

In the wake of the DLP's victory, fresh allegations are surfacing about the composition of the voters list as well as Dominica's diaspora voting franchise.

In a victory statement, Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said: "There is no doubt that the election campaign was a bruising one.



► Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit

(...) "It was Labour's contention from the very outset, that the ballot box is the fair and legitimate expression of what people want.

"It was always Labour's preferred choice over the divisive rhetoric and actions which put nationals in fear, harmed our social fabric, our economy

and our international reputation. Our citizens have made their choice. We must all now respect that."

Friday's victory gives Prime Minister Skerrit his fourth consecutive term and a fifth unbroken governing period for the DLP.

The report of a Caricom elections observer team is awaited. 🌐



► President David Granger

## Guyana President Optimistic of Favourable ICJ Ruling in Border Case Against Venezuela

President David Granger is optimistic that the International Court of Justice (ICJ) will dispense a ruling in Guyana's favour in the border case with Venezuela.

He expressed these sentiments yesterday while appearing on the popular radio programme, Hot Seat.

"We hope that we will get a judgement and we are confident that we will be getting a very favourable judgement in a very short time," Granger said, adding that the issue had been a "monkey on our backs for the last half-century".

"The territorial question has a lot to do with our petroleum exploration, the line of our maritime frontiers and seeking the court's reassertion of the agreement of 1899 which clearly demarcated our borders."

The vast area west of the Essequibo River makes up two-thirds of the territory of Guyana and has been claimed by Venezuela as its own since the 19th century, when Guyana was still a British colony. The international Arbitral

Award of October 1899 settled the Venezuelan claim, firmly defining the disputed territory as belonging to Guyana.

But Venezuela contends that the Arbitral Award was null and void, and its claim on Guyana's territory has been renewed since ExxonMobil made its first world class oil discovery offshore the CARICOM nation.

Despite the dispute, President Granger said Guyana has been fulfilling its humanitarian mandate by facilitating Venezuelan migrants crossing the border to escape the socio-economic turmoil in their homeland.

He stressed that he did not view the migrant situation as a threat to Guyana's territorial integrity.

"Should there be a military threat, I am very confident that the defence forces will be capable of deterring aggression," Granger said.

The ICJ will begin hearing arguments in March 2020 on whether it has jurisdiction over the case filed by Guyana as it relates to the Arbitral Award of 1899. 🌐

## UNICEF: Significant Increase in Caribbean Children Displaced by Storms

The number of Caribbean children displaced by storms has risen approximately six-fold in the past five years, the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reveals in a new report released today.

Catastrophic tropical cyclones and hurricanes uprooted an estimated 761,000 children in the region between 2014 and 2018, which also was the hottest five-year period on record.

The preceding five-year period, 2009 to 2013, saw some 175,000 Caribbean youngsters displaced.

"This report is a stark reminder that the climate crisis is a child rights crisis," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore.

"Children in storm and flood-prone nations around the world are among the most vulnerable to having their lives and rights upended. They are already feeling the impacts of climate change, so governments and the international community should act now to mitigate its most devastating consequences."

UNICEF recalled that the Caribbean was slammed by a series of catastrophic

tropical cyclones or hurricanes between 2016 and 2018, including four Category 5 storms.

The agency has been providing life-saving assistance for children and families across the Caribbean affected by the 2017 Atlantic hurricane season.

More than 400,000 children were displaced that year alone.

The report, 'Children Uprooted in the Caribbean: How stronger hurricanes linked to a changing climate are driving child displacement', warns that without urgent climate action, displacement levels are likely to remain high in the coming decades.

UNICEF is therefore calling on governments to put children at the heart of climate change strategies and response plans, and to protect them from its impacts.

Authorities are also urged to provide displaced children with protection and access to education, healthcare and other essential services, among other recommendations. 🌐



► A seven-year old boy stands in front of debris after Hurricane Irma moved off from the northern coast of the Dominican Republic. (Photo Credit: UNICEFF)

# Joshua learns from Ruiz mistakes

Anthony Joshua is a unified heavyweight champion again, but his reign may not last as long as he plans.

Joshua, 30, reclaimed his world titles in Saudi Arabia on Saturday, dominating the Mexican-American Andy Ruiz Jr over 12 rounds.

Conspiracy theories had circulated after his initial defeat, one of the biggest shocks in heavyweight history. Joshua admitted that he had some health issues in the build up which left him drained but refused to elaborate apart from saying he had surgery.

That sole loss in his 24-fight career will serve him well in the future as another devastating defeat will ruin his standing as an elite fighter. Although

he may have been below par physically and mentally, there is little doubt that he took Ruiz lightly and when he knocked him down in the third round in their first fight underestimated his resilience which led to the Londoner's seventh round stoppage. Lesson learned.

The two-time world heavyweight champion also said he learned a valuable lesson not to accept opponents at short notice - Ruiz was drafted in six weeks before their fight after Joshua, who returned to the UK with the IBF, WBA and WBO belts on Monday, was on the front of Sunday's Saudi newspapers, alongside Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman, who attended his fight.

Despite widespread criticism of staging the bout in a country maligned for its human rights record, Joshua said he would "100 percent" be happy to return to the kingdom on holiday or to perform.

Joshua is now expected to face either the WBO's mandatory challenger - currently Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk - or the IBF's No.1 ranked contender, Bulgarian Kubrat Pulev. Unbeaten Usyk was a formidable cruiserweight champ who called out Joshua in his final bout in the lower division.

He said he was no longer interested in calling out WBC



▶ Anthony Joshua gained redemption in the rematch



▶ Oleksandr Usyk was unbeatable at cruiserweight

champion Deontay Wilder for a historic bout with all four world heavyweight titles on the line. Wilder has for some reason evaded a clash with Joshua despite obviously having the power to beat the British Nigerian.

Chasing a contest with compatriot Tyson Fury was also dismissed as Joshua said he hoped to focus on one "hurdle" at a time. Looking too far ahead is another invaluable lesson he's learnt from the Ruiz fights.

"Looking so far ahead it can be a blurry vision looking that far out," Joshua

said. "Sooner or later I will be looking directly at the undisputed championship of the world.

"If the opportunity presents itself, I will fight Wilder and Fury. Wilder has a fight with Fury in February. Once that is out of the way they can start mentioning my name.

"I can't keep on fighting all the champions, the best in the division and then other people who say they want to step up don't step up. All challengers are welcome to take on this current unified champion." 🌐

## Thompson's first cheque still thrills him

Klay Thompson is a multi-millionaire but the thrill of receiving his first modest NBA pay cheque is still vivid in his memory. It was \$35,000. "It was incredible," he said.

It's a fraction of what the Golden State Warriors ace earns today — he signed a five year, \$190 million contract this year — but at the time, it was "more money than I could ever think of," he recalled.

The first thing he bought was a pool table. "I still have that to this day," said Thompson, who was 21 when he was drafted to the NBA in 2011. The Warriors selected him No. 11 overall and he earned a little over \$2 million his first season.

His lifestyle didn't change much after transitioning from playing in college, where he got a modest stipend in 2011 during his junior year from Washington State University, to the big leagues. "It's not like that money made me happier," he said. "It was great to see that cheque, but I lived such a great life at the time on my \$1,100-a-month stipend. That went so far. I could get as much Taco Del Mar as I wanted. I could go to Target and have a field day."

Even today, after nearly a decade in the league and having collected three NBA Championships with the Warriors, "I'm pretty simple," Thompson said. "My tastes aren't that extravagant."

He spends more wisely. An early money mistake he made was filling his closet with unnecessary clothes to keep up with the NBA styles: "I would only wear about 5 percent of the closet."

Thompson isn't the only NBA player to admit to going all-out on wardrobe items. His teammate, Andre Iguodala, headed straight to Nike town after re-



▶ Klay Thompson still has his first pool table

ceiving his first big check and bought "a whole bunch of pairs of Jordans," he said. "I spent like two or three grand and it felt like I spent a million dollars. I didn't know how to spend money."

Today, Thompson spends his millions on experiences or things that add value to his and other people's lives. His latest splurge was a boat. He said: "I know I'm going to get use out of it because the water brings me peace."

He added: "It'll also help my foundation, I'm going to have the ability to take kids out to go fishing, which is really cool to me." Thompson has launched an organisation to enrich the lives of kids in the US and the Bahamas through fitness and education.

Ultimately, "wealth is a mindset," he said. "If you have relationships and experiences around you, those are priceless. That's better than any car or big house you can get." 🌐

## Raptors kids provide solid early season start

The Toronto Raptors have surprised many with their success so far this season. Despite their offseason departures, the defending champions are doing well in the Eastern Conference race, currently vying with the Miami Heat, Boston Celtics, and Philadelphia 76ers for supremacy.

The Raptors have thrived mainly because of the maturing of three of their younger players. Pascal Siakam, Fred VanVleet and OG Anunoby are all significantly better than they were last season.

And while yes, younger players are supposed to improve, rarely does it happen this smoothly. Players often take small steps back and large leap forwards, but all three have absorb expectations well.

The Raptors have shown immense resilience and cohesiveness after an

early spate of injuries. Rondae Hollis-Jefferson has shown up at both ends of the court in limited minutes. Terence Davis is providing consistent rotation-calibre play. There have been so many positives to take from start of the first quarter of the season. But the ability to pile up so many wins without their talented vets - Kyle Lowry and Serge Ibaka - speaks volumes about their emerging talent and the superb Raptors coaching.

Another surprise of the Raptors season has been how Marc Gasol has been able to stay effective on offense despite having easily the worst shooting season of his career. The offense is performing better with Gasol on the court (110.5-offensive rating) than it did last season. He has been able to maintain his effectiveness on offense by settling into a lesser role. 🌐



▶ Pascal Siakam has been a revelation

## West Indies appoint batting coach

Cricket West Indies has appointed experienced coach Monty Desai to be the men's batting coach.

Desai joined the West Indies ahead of the start of the T20 International Series against India last week. The 51-year-old Indian has worked with Canada, as their head coach at the ICC World Cricket League Division 2 and Afghanistan as their batting coach at the ICC Cricket World Cup qualification tournament in 2018. More recently, he worked as batting coach for the United Arab Emirates at



▶ Monty Desai is an experienced coach

the ICC T20 World Cup qualification event.

West Indies face India meet in three one-day internationals in Chennai (Dec. 15), in Vizag (Dec. 18) and on Cuttack (Dec. 22). 🌐

## 49ers march ahead of Saints

The San Francisco 49ers game against New Orleans Saints lived up to expectations in the best game in the NFL last weekend. The duel of great quarterbacks was won by Jimmy Garoppolo who faced superstar Drew Brees.

The 49ers won 48-6 victory in a gripping game that ebbed and flowed throughout.

Winning on the road is difficult. Winning on the road against the Saints is even more so. But that's exactly what Garoppolo lead the 49ers to do. They overcame injury and mistakes to still rack up points and outduel Brees and co in a game they



▶ Jimmy Garoppolo upstaged Drew Brees

absolutely had to win - taking a big step back in the direction of possible home-field advantage in the playoffs through the boot of Robbie Gould, who sealed the deal as the clock timed out. 🌐

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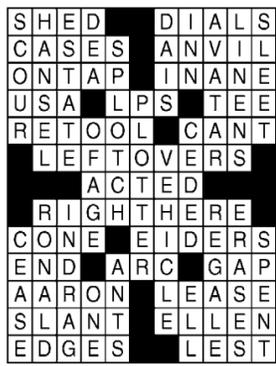
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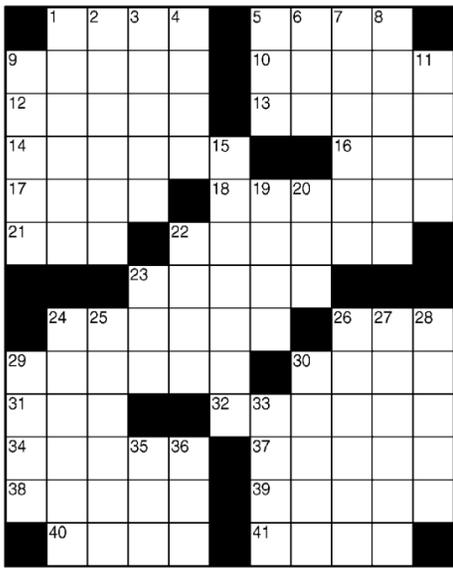
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- 1 Work the fields
- 5 Not at home
- 9 Hag
- 10 Grown girl
- 12 Tests the weight of
- 13 Bonkers
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- 17 Dance unit
- 18 Fridge stick-on
- 21 Turf
- 22 Become obsessed
- 23 Eiffel Tower setting
- 24 City squares
- 26 Hosp. workers
- 29 Spectrum color
- 30 Barking beast
- 31 Ailing
- 32 Consider comparable
- 34 Suspect's defense
- 37 Not called for
- 38 Caesar's language

**DOWN**

- 1 Magic word
- 2 Threw into the air
- 3 Like draft beer
- 4 Sunset site
- 5 Cobbler's tool
- 6 Court
- 7 Quantity
- 8 New York player
- 9 Game with bishops
- 11 Russian refusal
- 15 Dubai, for one
- 19 Line of symmetry
- 20 Xenon, for one
- 22 Disconcert
- 23 Buddy
- 24 Temple support
- 25 Nabokov book
- 26 Library patron
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- 28 Wintry weather
- 29 Lab bottle
- 30 Bright
- 33 Witty remark
- 35 Storage site
- 36 Ballpoint fill



**Saturday's answer**



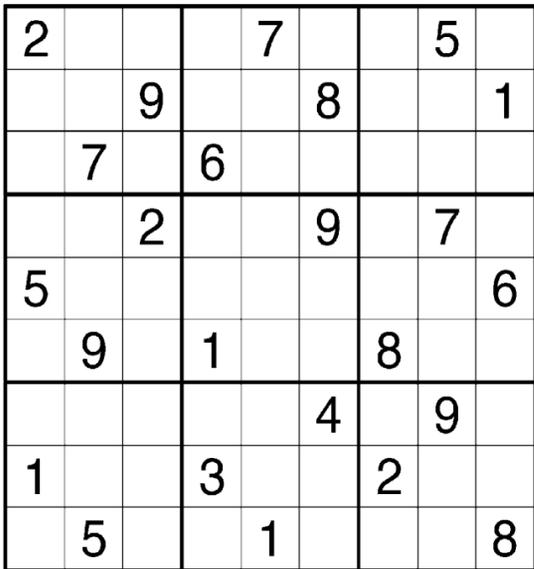
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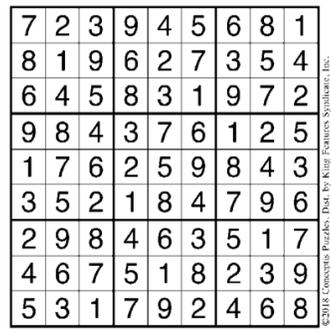
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**Answer to previous puzzle**



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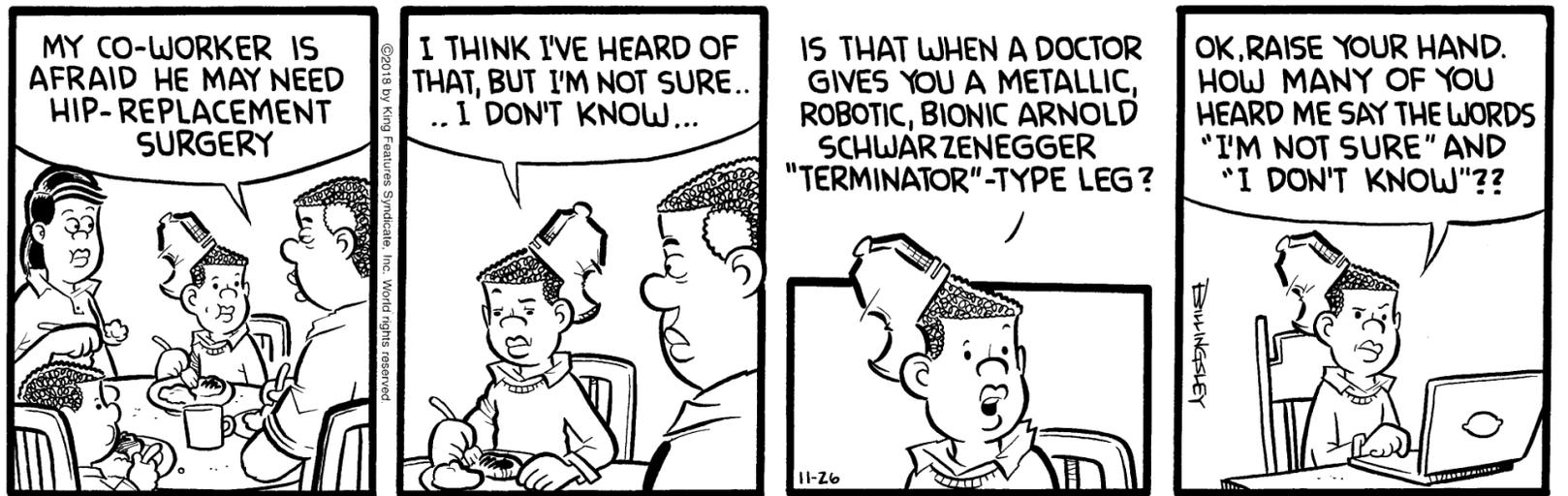
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- Ounce
- Panther
- Puma
- Serval
- Tiger
- Wildcat



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

**CURTIS**

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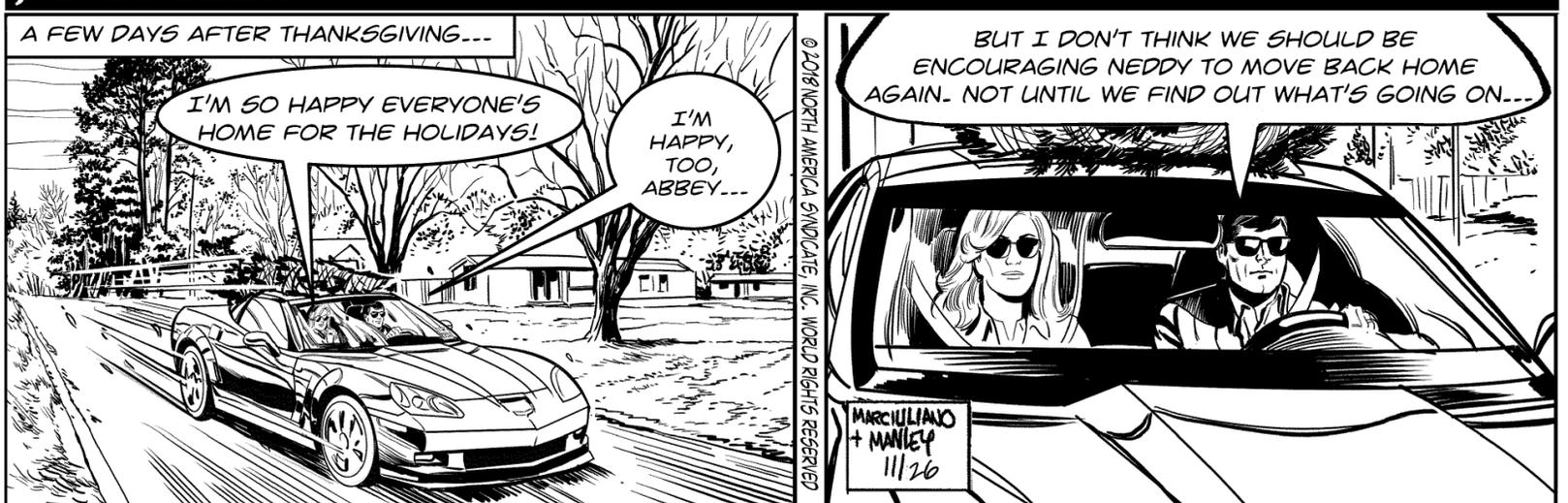
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