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Ministry of CPI announces staff appointments



► Darvy Whittaker



► Leah Watson

The Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure wishes to announce the recent appointment of Darvy Whittaker and Leah Watson to new positions within the Ministry.

Mr. Whittaker will now serve as the Deputy Director, Service Delivery in the Computer Services Department with responsibility for all aspects of information systems user experience across the Cayman Islands Government. He will provide strategic management and administrative support to the Director of Computer Services Department with oversight for service management and

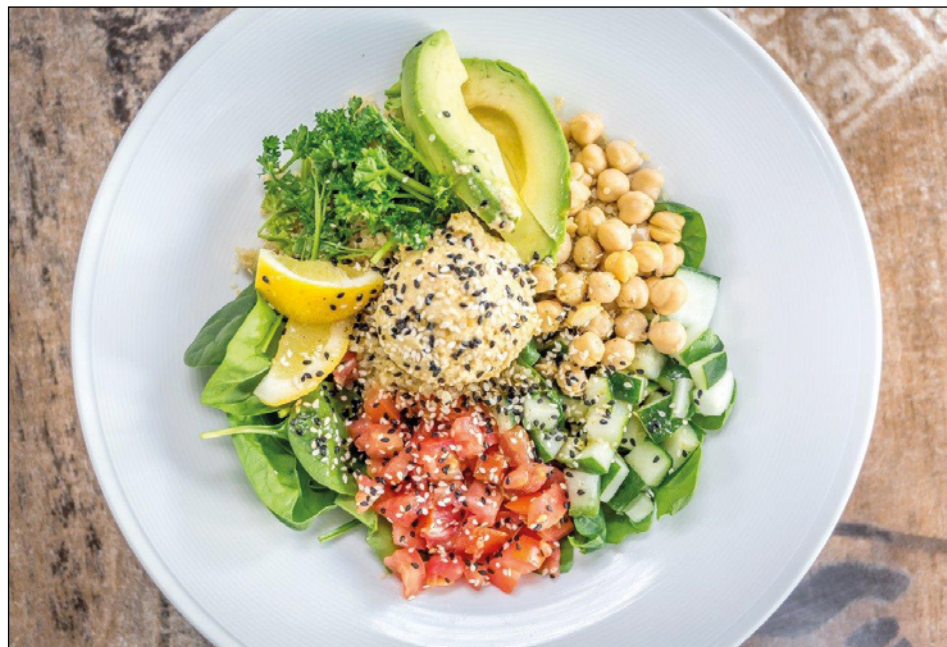
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Celebrate Veganuary in Cayman!

By Lindsey Turnbull

'Veganuary' has caught on in leaps and bounds in recent years, a global movement that encourages people to turn their backs on meat and dairy just for January, in the hope that it will inspire them to become vegan for good.

According to The Vegan Society, if the world went vegan, it could save eight million human lives by 2050, reduce greenhouse gas emissions by two thirds and lead to healthcare-related savings and avoided climate damages of \$1.5 trillion. They say that interest in veganism increased seven-fold in the five years between 2014 and 2019, according to Google trends. Other sources say that veganism in the United States has grown 600 per cent in the three years



► Fresh Offerings at Island Naturals (Photo credit thebeach.com)

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Government Proposes Changes to Cayman Islands Funds Regime

As the demonstrated leader in the global investment funds industry, the Cayman Islands is making legislative changes to enhance the oversight of open-ended and closed-ended funds.

The changes being put forward by the Cayman Islands Government seek to modernise regulation for open-ended funds, i.e. mutual funds, and close-ended funds, i.e. private funds, in the Cayman Islands. The changes would provide additional surety and transparency for investors and managers of Cayman Islands investment funds, while better aligning with best market practices, enhanced anti-money laundering and other key regulatory standards.

The Private Funds Bill, 2020 (the "Private Funds Bill") and the Mutual Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (the "Mutual Funds Bill", together the "Bills") reflect and seek to adopt similarly sensible and commercially responsive regulation that has been the mainstay of the Cayman Islands open-ended funds regime, and seek to maintain the Cayman Islands' position as the preeminent jurisdiction for investment funds.

The Bills were drafted in consultation with a working group comprising Cayman-based funds professionals, including accounting, audit, administration, governance and legal firms and associations to provide operational and industry perspectives. The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA) was also consulted by the Ministry of Financial Services as part of the process.

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Summary of the Bills

The Mutual Funds Bill would require those funds not previously covered under the existing Mutual Funds Law, specifically those funds with 15 or fewer investors capable of appointing or removing the operators, to register with CIMA and be subject to regulation.

Under the Private Funds Bill, private funds would also need to register with CIMA and be subject to regulation. Specifically, the Bill would require private funds to have appropriate and consistent internal procedures for the proper valuation of their assets. In keeping with what exists currently for mutual funds under the Mutual Funds Law, the Private Funds Bill would also require that a private fund be audited annually by a CIMA-approved auditor in accordance with international audit standards and have proper custodial and cash monitoring processes.

The publication of the Bills signifies the Government's intention to update the investment funds framework while staying mindful of industry realities. The goal is to ensure that the Cayman Islands continue to effectively compete at a high level, allowing for innovation and market development, based on a regulatory framework that effectively supervises the industry and strengthens investor confidence in Cayman Islands fund vehicles.

Government Issues RFPs for National Heroes Day Celebrations

This year's annual Heroes Day ceremony in Grand Cayman will be held on Monday, 27 January. The National Heroes Day Celebration is an annual patriotic event that serves to recognize outstanding citizens for service to the country. It is the largest official event hosted by the Cayman Islands Government.



In preparation the Protocol Office has issued two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for:

- Special Event Services
- Food Vendor Services

Interested businesses who would like to submit a proposal for consideration may collect the RFP package from the Government Administration Building Reception or email requests to nationalevents@gov.ky.

Responses to the RFPs are due on 17 Friday, January 2020 by 5pm.

Government to Further Enhance Cayman's Beneficial Ownership Regime

The Cayman Islands Government is presenting three bills to further refine and improve the jurisdiction's beneficial ownership regime.

During the next meeting of the Legislative Assembly, the following bills will be debated:

- The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- The Limited Liability Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- The Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2020

The bills provide clarification to the definition of beneficial owner and corporate service provider responsibilities. Additionally, the available exemptions and powers of the Registrar of Companies have been examined and addressed. These changes will strengthen the beneficial ownership regime in the Cayman Islands.



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Referendum question tweaked

Cabinet has agreed and gazetted a slightly revised question for the national referendum on the proposed cruise berthing and enhanced cargo port project to assist in resolving any concerns with the referendum question.

Shirley Roulstone, a member of CPR Cayman, filed for and was granted leave to pursue judicial review of the Government's process in relation to the holding of the referendum. As a result, the referendum has been delayed until after the decision of the court.

One of Ms Roulstone's claims was that the Government's proposed referendum question "Should the Cayman Islands continue to move forward with building the cruise berthing and enhanced cargo port facility" was not neutral.

Submissions made by Ms Roulstone's legal counsel recom-

mended that the word "proceed" would be acceptable in place of "move forward" and the words "enlarged" and "refurbished" would be acceptable in place of "enhanced".

In its final meeting last year on 17 December, Cabinet took the view that whilst there was nothing wrong with the original wording, it would none-the-less be pragmatic to tweak the wording in order to help save time and costs in the case.

The revised question on the referendum ballot will therefore be: "Should the Cayman Islands continue to proceed with building the cruise berthing and enlarged and refurbished cargo port facility?"

The new wording was published in the Government's public gazette, available online, on the 18th of December, 2019. [🌐](#)



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integration of data centre and network services, database management, desktop support services and service desk management.

Mr. Whittaker, who has over thirty years of experience in information technology service delivery, has held several posts within the Computer Services Department including as Acting Deputy Director for Service Delivery, Information Technology System Manager, Senior System Administrator and Computer Technician.

He holds a Master of Science degree in Information System Management from the University of Liverpool and a Bachelor of Business Administration from Howard University. He is also a graduate of the International College of the Cayman Islands where he completed an Associate degree in Business Administration.

Director of Computer Services, Mr. Simon Spiers has congratulated Mr Whittaker on his appointment stating, "After a year of development, Darvy stepped up to the plate, competed in an open recruitment and was clearly the best candidate for the job".

Mr Whittaker said he looks forward to "managing the successful implementation and operation of the organizations' overall information technology service management processes to ensure the delivery of an efficient and reliable information technology infrastructure and operations to meet the needs of the Cayman Islands Government".

Ms. Leah Watson has now assumed the position of Policy Assistant within the Ministry. In her new role, she will assist with the delivery of commissioned projects, undertake research activities and support the administration of projects and policy development.

Ms. Watson, who previously served as Executive Officer, is a graduate of John Gray High School and is currently pursuing an Associate degree in Public Administration at the Cayman Islands Civil Service College.

In regard to her new assignment, she noted her enthusiasm for the "opportunity to engage in a range of policy issues within a highly collaborative environment".

Chief Human Resources Officer in the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Ms. Melinda Montemayor said "it was a pleasure working closely with Darvy in his acting capacity and watching him succeed in each area of his development plan. He took on each challenge with enthusiasm and a can-do attitude. Darvy is a great asset to the Computer Services Department and is well respected amongst his peers".

She further stated, "Similarly, over the years Leah has worked on her own development plan with our team. She has been given the opportunity to learn new tasks to help her excel in areas where she needed development. Both Darvy and Leah have worked hard and I join my Ministry colleagues in congratulating both of them on their achievements".

Acting Chief Officer in the Ministry, Ms. Tamara Ebanks, commented on the appointments, "I could not be more proud of the talent we develop and cultivate within the Computer Services Department and the Ministry on a whole. Darvy and Leah are incredible contributors and team members who will continue to grow and impact our work in their roles. Both of them are outstanding Caymanians who are hardworking and capable professionals and I am pleased to see them progress within the ranks of the civil service". [🌐](#)

UCCI welcomes Girl Power Cayman



On 4 January 2020, Girl Power Cayman visited the University College of the

Cayman Islands (UCCI) to learn about tertiary education.

Girl power is a non-profit organization that aims to inspire, nurture, and empower young women in the Cayman Islands. UCCI's President & CEO, Dr. Stacy McAfee and Admissions Manager Camile Angel welcomed the members and introduced them to UCCI's different programmes of study, information about the different scholarships available, and what steps to take to enrol at UCCI. The young members toured the campus, experienced a day in the life of an UCCI student and had the opportu-

nity to interact with some of the faculty and staff.

"We hope that Girl Power Cayman members consider UCCI to continue their professional education and workforce training programmes; we are equipped to assist students at any chapter of their story," said UCCI's President & CEO, Dr. Stacy McAfee.

"The seminar at UCCI was very informative and insightful. We truly appreciate Ms. Stacy and Ms. Camille for educating us on scholarships, applying to university and all about programs at UCCI. Many of our Girl Power participants are now

thinking about University and applying for scholarships so this was a much needed and timely discussion," said Pamela Small of Girl Power Cayman.

UCCI offers dual diplomas to students who wish to obtain the local degree in addition to US and UK accredited degrees, respectively. If you are interested in starting your success story at UCCI, visit our website at ucci.edu.ky or set up an appointment with our admissions team by calling 623-0567.

For more information on Girl Power, please contact girlpowercayman@gmail.com. [🌐](#)

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POLICE NEWS

Motor Vehicle Collision on Linford Pierson Highway

Just before 9:45AM on Thursday morning, 9 January, police and other emergency services were dispatched by to a motor vehicle collision that took place on the Linford Pierson Highway in George Town.

The incident occurred when two vehicles travelling along Linford Pierson met in a head on collision due to one of the vehicles travelling in the wrong direction. Three persons were reported injuries as a result of this incident and were transported to the hospital

for treatment. All injured parties are believed to have non-life-threatening injuries at this time. The roadway was closed for a short period while officers conducted preliminary investigations. The matter is under investigation.

Cash Turned over to the Police, Owner Located

Just before 5:45PM on Tuesday 7 January, a member of the public attended the George Town Police Station and handed over a container with a significant sum of CI cash in several different denominations. It was reported that the container, which was found in the area of Camana Bay, was lost by the owner who was

headed to the bank at the time. Police were able to identify the rightful owner of the cash and it has since been returned to him. The RCIPS would like to thank the reporting party for making such an honest decision to turn over the cash in hopes that the owner could be found. Your integrity is commendable.

Statement on Arrest

Investigators from the Anti-Corruption Commission arrested an individual on Thursday morning in connection with an ongoing investigation and previous arrests made on 19 September 2018. Responsible for investigating serious allegations of corruption the Investigators arrested the 43 year old male, from the Bodden Town area, on suspicion of committing the following offences:

1. Breach of Trust - contrary to s.13 of the Anti-Corruption Law (2016 Revision); and
2. Being Concerned in an Arrangement (Money Laundering) - contrary to s.134 of the Proceeds of Crime Law (2014 Revision). He has been detained for questioning at the Prisoner Detention Centre (Fairbanks). The investigation continues therefore no further details will be released at this time.

US AND IRAN: Still on the brink

A few days ago the President of the United States, Donald Trump, took to Twitter, his preferred communications tool, and tweeted "all is well".

It was in response to a ballistic missile attack by Iran on a military base in Iraq used by American forces.

That attack followed the US killing of Iran's top commander Qassem Suleimani (also spelt Qasem Soleimani) by the US a few days before.

No Americans lives were reported to have been lost in the Iranian retaliation. On that basis primarily, President Trump assessed that all was well.

But is all really well? The United States and Iran appear to have stepped back, at least for the time being, from the brink of an all-consuming military conflict.

While trigger fingers still appear to be itchy, the sobering spectacle of a passenger jet going down in flames, reportedly a casualty of the belligerence between the two sides, has given pause for reflection.

It may yet lead to a further uptick in tensions as Iran insists that it was not responsible for the shooting down of the aircraft and is refusing to hand over the flight recorders.

One hundred and seventy-six people including Canadian and British citizens died in the incident.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson, President Trump, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada and other Western leaders have suggested that information available to them indicate that the plane might have been shot down accidentally by Iranian missile fire.

Iran had launched a wave of ballistic missile attacks on military bases in Iraq used by American forces as retribution for the killing of General Suleimani.

Iran had also threatened to attack Israel and Dubai as part of its retaliatory action and had vowed to restart its nuclear programme in defiance of assertions by President Trump that the US would not "allow" Iran to have a nuclear capability.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has called on Iran to desist from further attacks on the US.

"Iran should not repeat these reckless and dangerous attacks but must instead pursue urgent de-escalation," he said in parliament.

Mr Johnson also repeated his condemnation of the actions of the slain Iranian general saying General Suleimani had "the blood of British troops on his hands."

What appeared to be a few days ago to be a perfect storm of aggressive circumstances with war a most likely outcome, has somewhat morphed into a perfect opportunity to resolve the longstanding rift between the two nemeses.

But is that wishful thinking a thought too far?

From the abysmal lows of their tit-for-tat, cat and mouse game to what now seems, to quote a BBC journalist, "a confluence of cock-ups", the consequences are too dire to contemplate.

But they must be faced. The world waits for the next salvo in the seeming, for the moment, mainly verbal war of attrition between the two belligerents.

Amidst calls for a de-escalation of tensions, every utterance hinting at a dialling-back of their rhetoric is more often than not accompanied by excessive breast-beating, veiled and even open threats.



A lot is at stake beyond the belligerence.

The risk of military conflict between the two nemeses remains 'a real and present danger' even to those countries not directly involved but who are more than likely to suffer the effects.

The British government has despatched two battleships to the Strait of Hormuz to protect UK-flagged ships in the vital sea lane for world oil shipments.

Any disruption in the strait which washes the shores of Iran would have serious knock-on effects on world oil prices with consequential global economic impact.

The result down the global economic 'pipeline' for countries such as the Cayman Islands could be severely disruptive, if not devastating.

With the belligerent face-off between the US and Iran now threatening to ensnare other countries, the world has now entered a new period of uncertainty.

All is far from well. Although they have been forced to step back from the edge, this is brinkmanship on the brink.

Who will be the first to blink? For the moment though, in the present stand-off, a fragile calm hovers under a dark cloud of palpable tension.



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from 2014 to 2017. Whatever your beliefs on the subject, smart restaurateurs and supermarkets are ensuring that they cater to vegan's needs in growing numbers here on island.

Where to eat

Embracing the growing worldwide trend to turn from meat to a plant-based diet, people in Cayman have never had it so easy when it comes to enjoying vegan food.

Bread and Chocolate in George Town is an obvious starting point for vegans as their entire menu is vegan, so diners can be assured that everything they order is meat and dairy free. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all plant-based and with items such as their breakfast scramble, sunshine pancakes, island bowl, shepherd's pie and black bean tacos, you honestly don't miss the meat.

Island Naturals is another popular choice, not just for vegans but also for vegetarians (an important distinction in that vegetarians don't eat meat or animal products but they do eat dairy and eggs) as well as those who just want to follow a healthy diet. Their emphasis is on eating nutritious, chemical-free, high quality ingredients and they offer a wide-selection of food for those with special diets, vegetarians as well as vegans. For breakfasts, vegans can enjoy oatmeals and açai bowls or a breakfast wrap which can be served as a wrap, over quinoa or over a bed of spinach. Notable lunch/dinner options include a buddha bowl, Thai crunch salad, spicy pan-Asian bowl, and a black bean and avocado wrap.

People also use Island Naturals as their quick pit stop for amazing coffee.



► Attractive looking plant based dish at Grand Old House



► Sunshine pancakes at Bread and Chocolate

Vegans are spoiled for choice when it comes to the milk alternatives that they offer, including oat, quinoa, coconut and almond milk.

Owner Lindsay Allen says: "The cafe offers a convenient location to grab, breakfast, lunch and dinner making a more balanced and healthy lifestyle easier than ever."

Dining as a vegan can be problematic if you are dining in a group that wants to eat at a mainstream restaurant, but some restaurants in Cayman are rising to that challenge.

Italian restaurants have traditionally not had a huge vegan offering aside from a bowl of pasta in a tomato sauce, but Le Vele, situated on the waterfront in George Town, has been responding to the growing trend and now offers a strong selection of vegan offerings, including their Sunshine pizza with cashew paste, kale, roasted peppers, tomato confit and avocado.

Owner Paolo Cognolato says: "We also have vegan curry and our house-made

breadfruit gnocchi in our house-made marinara sauce is another very popular choice," he advises.

Unusually for an Italian restaurant, Le Vele also caters to those who cannot eat gluten, with gluten-free pasta and pizza options available.

Grand Old House, situated on South Church Street, is a lovely spot for lunch or dinner and the chefs there are tuning into the vegan movement with their vegan curry.

Manager Dunja Yeap says: "At Grand Old House we love to welcome vegans and our chefs are always happy to consider a vegan composition of the guest's choice. Our chefs can really prepare 'a la minute', depending on availability, to our guests liking."

Vegan at home

If you want to prepare your own vegan menu at home, Cayman's supermarkets have lots of great options.

With the recent opening of their new Camana Bay store, Foster's has been

able to increase the number of specialty products they offer, including those suited to people on a vegan diet.

Foster's Marketing Senior Manager, Julian Foster, says fresh produce is an obvious starting point when thinking of a vegan diet.

"Our range of fresh fruit and vegetables include organic and locally sourced products, that are essential for a balanced diet," he advises. "We also stock meat alternative products from Beyond Meat, which include sausages and burgers, both fresh and frozen. We've also expanded our vegan product selection in our freezer department, with meals, snacks and ice cream varieties offered for those on a vegan diet."

There are plenty of dairy-free options to traditional dairy, so vegans don't miss out.

"In our dairy department at our Camana Bay store, we have increased our range of non-dairy, vegan products. With everything from Waitrose vegan cheese, plant-based bacon and hot dogs, ready-to-bake products, milk, yogurts and ready to cook meals," Julian says.

Many vegans are taking the next step and not using any products at all that may have been tested on animals, but vegan beauty products are not always easy to find or obviously vegan.

"Head into our Health & Beauty department and we've got you covered with vegan products including brewer's yeast, protein snacks and powders and more," Julian says, adding that their Bay Market Café also caters to vegans and their bakery can produce made-to-order treats.

"We're trying to make it as easy as possible for people on any diet or who have dietary restrictions to enjoy what they eat. That's why we're advocating that everyone should live to eat, not eat to live!" he says. 🌱



► Vegan pizzas at Le Vele



► Coffee options at Island Naturals Photo credit thebeach.com

Vibrant Crop Creates Buzz

Fruit trees in the Cayman Islands have been blooming a bit earlier this year, surprising locals and residents and creating great debate in the community about what might be causing the premature bounty.

Theories have ranged from global warming to the fact that 2020 is a leap-year.

One theory that has been catching steam is that the decrease in green iguanas - known for their love of eating blossoms - has meant that the plants are coming back stronger than ever, after being stunted for many seasons.

A simple google search regarding fruit trees blooming in fall produces several scholarly results that would somewhat substantiate this claim; not the least of which comes from the New Mexico state University's website, where Extension

Horticulture Specialist Curtis W. Smith, Ph.D. notes

"Fall blossoming in fruit trees (and other spring flowering trees and shrubs) can occur if the tree is stressed during the summer. While stressed, the tree may become dormant, and then when the weather moderates, if conditions are just right, the tree comes out of dormancy and flowers as if it were spring-time. The trees do not usually expend all their blossom buds at this time, so there should be more flowers next spring, and hopefully fruit."

Agronomist at the Cayman Islands' Department of Agriculture Claudette Bowen noted that she did not feel fruit trees were baring early; necessarily.

She explained that given a few weeks here or there, some of the trees being discussed as early bloomers this year

- such as nam doc, as well as what are known as 'Jamaican apples' - usually are known to bare at this time of year. Though she accepted that guavas had somewhat surprised her too.

"I think environmental conditions are very favorable and we've had some rain recently, which is not overly common for December. If trees are very healthy and do not have scales or white flies, and there is adequate or abundant water and sunlight it could mean that they are responding to that."

She added that some of the crops could in fact be late crops as well.

"I've seen them around. Some plants may have 'come-in' later this year but nothing really convinced me that it was something that was out of the ordinary," she noted.

At the Farmer's Market, near Bobby Thompson Way, the sentiments were mixed, with many patrons noting that

they were surprised to see mango, guava and apples this time of year.

In 2018 the Cayman Islands implemented a programme to cull the invasive green iguana that plagued farmers for years, with over 1 million of the creatures being taken out during the programme.

It remains to be seen how crops will respond over time, though farmers say they are relieved for there has been a marked decrease in the animal's numbers.

The latest green iguana survey, carried out by the DoE in August, indicated that the cull appears to have made a big difference in the overall picture, with population numbers dropping more than 90% since last year's count.

Earlier surveys, done over the previous five years, had shown that the green iguana population had increased fivefold from 2014 to 2018, from about 254,000 to about 1.3 million. 🌱



► A stall at the Cayman Farmer's Market in the Island's Capital



► Farmer's Market in George Town

CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Dominica rated highly for ecotourism

Dominica is one of the top 20 tourism destinations of the future, in a recently published Foreign Direct Investment Strategy ranking. It praised Dominica in two specialism awards categories: 'Ecotourism' and 'Health and Wellness Tourism.'

The 'Nature Isle of the Caribbean,' Dominica excels at offering eco-conscious tourists a unique experience that only the island's natural beauty, wellness facilities, exquisite locations and kind people can provide.

Dominica valiantly overcame the mass devastation following Category 5 Hurricane Maria in 2017. The same ranking bestowed upon Dominica the bespoke awards for 'Climate Resilient Strategy' and 'Voluntourism,' two titles it holds exclusively. Dominica was awarded as one of the top countries receiving bespoke awards for 'Hotel Development and Investment,' 'Incentives,' and 'Recovery.'

Thanks to reputable foreign investors wishing to become citizens of Dominica in exchange for an economic contribu-



► Dominica lives up to his 'Nature Island' tag

tion, the island has managed to build enough monetary reserves to sponsor large scale rehabilitation and modernisation of the country. This ranged from rebalancing the ecosystem and investing in sustainable energy to fixing and reinforcing roads, bridges, hospitals, schools, homes and natural sites. The Citizenship by Investment Programme is at the heart of the country's remarkable recovery. CBI continues to support the island's hope to become "the world's first climate-resilient nation" as pledged by Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit and praised by National Geographic.

Jamaica targets Asian market

Jamaica will be targeting new markets this year with attention on the Asian market, particularly India, Japan and China.

"The Indian market is huge, and we believe that our newly crowned Miss World - Toni-Ann Singh - can play a major role in this regard. We will be using all the assets at our disposal, and as I said, we have a very strong hand going into these markets," Donovan White, Director of Tourism, said.

White said that connectivity will also be very important, noting that Jamaica has excellent cooperation with some of the major airlines in the world.

He added that Jamaica has made major inroads into the Latin American market, while consolidating gains with the US, Canada and the UK.

"Now we have an opportunity to take the same approach into Asia, where brand Jamaica is as popular as they come. In addition to India, we have been receiving some great feed-



► Jamaica's tourism trade continues to grow

back from both China and Japan and will be taking aim in that direction," White said.

He said that focus will be placed on cruise shipping, while adding that Jamaica stands ready to welcome the world's largest cruise ship - the Symphony of the Seas - in May.

"The visit by the largest cruise ship in the world, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas, to Falmouth in May is also another feather in our cap. Yes, the cruise numbers have not been exactly where we would want them to be, but there are signs that things are about to change."

Trinidad filmmaker petitions for star director

A Trinidadian filmmaker has launched a petition asking award-winning English filmmaker Sam Mendes to make a film in TT, the home of his grandfather.

The petition on change.org was created by award-winning filmmaker, actor and screenwriter Teneille Newallo ('The Cutlass', 'Bazodee', 'Mangroves').

She said that Mendes recently won the Golden Globe award for Best Director for his film '1917'. She pointed out that in his speech Mendes, whose directorial debut 'American Beauty' won him the Academy Award and Golden Globe for best director, dedicated the win to his Trinidadian grandfather Alfred Mendes, novelist, short-story writer and World War I veteran.

Sam Mendes also directed the James Bond films 'Skyfall' and 'Spectre'. Newallo said TT filmmakers and actors have been working diligently to make films at an international level,



► Teneille Newallo is a filmmaker

but it is more difficult in TT, as the professionals are cut off from the rest of the film industry. She added that being cut off also made it difficult to get international representation, which leaves world-class talent unrecognized.

"Additionally, there is not much financial support without an international celebrity attached to a project. We Trinidadians have so many stories to tell that can only be told by Caribbean people living here. We have so much talent to share but we need just one opportunity to break into the international industry."

St Lucia adds 'tourism fee'

St Lucia plans to introduce a "tourist accommodation fee" on hotels, guesthouses, villas, apartments and Airbnb stays to fund destination marketing and development.

From April 1 visitors will be charged a nightly rate of US\$3 on accommodation costing up to \$120 a night, and \$6 on accommodation priced beyond \$120.

Accommodation sourced through sharing platforms such as Airbnb or VRBO will be subject to a 7 percent tourist accommodation fee on the full cost of the stay.

Funds accrued via the charges will be used to finance destination marketing activities by the Saint Lucia Tourism Authority in key markets, including the UK and Europe.

"The business of promoting a tourism destination is becoming increasingly challenging and highly competitive as countries worldwide try to capture a greater share of the growing tourist market," said an SLTA spokesman.

"Given this, it is now common practice for countries to finance marketing of their tourism product through an



► St Lucia will tax visitors to fund tourism marketing

accommodation fee or levy paid for by stay-over visitors."

Its budget currently stands at US\$35 million a year, which the SLTA says is modest in comparison to more established destinations with greater resources, which include other Caribbean nations. St Lucia's proposed fee structure is like the Maldives.

The cash will also be used to support village tourism and local product development, and for other destination management purposes.

St Lucia currently attracts around 350,000 stay-over visitors annually and is targeting 541,000 by 2022. The SLTA also wants to increase airlift to the island.

Grenada wants Indian med students

Grenada's St George's University, the leading international medical school in the Caribbean, is offering Indian medical students the chance to study to be a medical doctor.

The lack of spaces in Indian medical schools is well documented and is leading to many potential students looking abroad for the chance to qualify in their chosen field.

St George's University is now the second largest source of doctors for the entire US workforce and its 20,000 graduates comprise physicians, veterinarians, scientists, and public health and business professionals. An MD course at St George's University provides ambitious students with the chance to study and work in multiple countries as part of their training.



► Grenada is attracting Indian med students

In addition to the university campus in Grenada, SGU also allows its medical doctor students to apply to complete up to 50 percent of their degree in the United Kingdom at Northumbria University in Newcastle. The academic program in the UK is identical to the program delivered in Grenada - with the same content, examinations, and schedule.

Guyana cranks up for oil wealth

Guyana is on the cusp of great oil wealth development and wants everyone in the diaspora to return home to contribute to growing the economy.

Guyana is celebrating its historic oil discovery of half a billion barrels and Minister of Finance Winston Jordan wants oil and gas Guyanese professionals to return home to fill job openings.

Jordan said expatriates were welcome to return to their homeland and apply for these positions without any restrictions.

"I tell Guyanese to take a page out of the Jamaicans' book, you don't have to give any reason to come to a place where you were born, it does not mat-



► The discovery of huge oil reserves in Guyana could change the future of the nation

ter where you live, this is your home," emphasized Jordan, adding, that the country's oil industry should be a special lure to come home.

He is excited that Guyanese citizens will enjoy its new wealth "will benefit from the cradle to the elderly".

New LIAT chair is former Barbados PM

LIAT has appointed a new chairman of the financially strapped airline in former Barbados Prime Minister Owen Arthur as chairman.

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said Arthur would replace Jean Holder, who retired in December after 16 years.

Browne said that he believes that Arthur is the right person for the job, given his history of fighting for the Antigua-based airline, whose major shareholders are the governments



► Owen Arthur is the new LIAT chair

of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Grenada.

Koffee gets Super Bowl gig

Reggae singer Koffee has been added to the line-up of performers for Super Bowl weekend. The announcement comes after her Coachella confirmation. Koffee, 19, will join previously announced dancehall artists Shenseea and Squash.

The Jamaican acts will join Cardi B, Chris Brown, Migos, DJ Khaled, Gunna, Megan Thee Stallion, Burna Boy, Jeremih, Ty Dolla \$ign and Safaree.

Super Bowl weekend in Miami, is from Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 at Marlins Park. Super Bowl 54 is on Feb. 2 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. Shakira and Jennifer Lopez will headline the half-time show.



► Koffee, 19, will perform at Super Bowl

Royal Bank opens new office for RBC Dominion Securities, private banking in Camana Bay

Royal Bank of Canada (RY on TSX and NYSE) (RBC) will open a new office in Grand Cayman's Camana Bay community on Monday, January 13, 2020. The new location on Forum Lane will house the operations for RBC Dominion Securities along with a team from the bank's Private Banking service.

"We are incredibly proud to be moving into the Camana Bay community," said Andrew McCartney, Managing Director, RBC Dominion Securities. "As one of the region's leading financial and commercial hubs, Camana Bay offers world class services and solutions for Cayman residents. RBC's new office will add to those offerings while giving our clients a one-stop-shop for all their wealth management and private banking needs."

RBC's new office will add approximately 30 employees to the more than 2,500 who currently work in Camana Bay. This move will consolidate RBC Dominion Securities and private banking employees from across Cayman into one convenient location. In the coming weeks, RBC will also install an Automated Teller Machine in Camana Bay's

Town Centre to give all clients more access to banking services.

"RBC Royal Bank has a proud history in the Caribbean," said Malynda Gibson-Nixon, Country Manager, Cayman Islands. "With over 55 years of service to this community, our new office is a sign of our continued investment in the Cayman Islands. We are confident in the strength of this market and we are excited for what the future holds here."

For 50 years, RBC Dominion Securities has helped individuals, families, businesses, charitable foundations, and other organizations in the Cayman Islands build on, and preserve, their wealth through sound financial planning, trusted investment advice, and



unparalleled wealth management solutions. Building on a 120-year history around the world, with over 400,000 clients globally, and more than \$402 billion in assets under care, RBC Dominion Securities is one of the world's leading full-service investment and wealth management firms.

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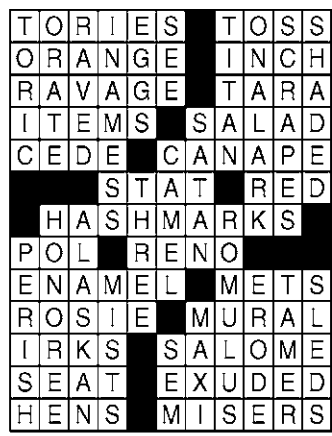
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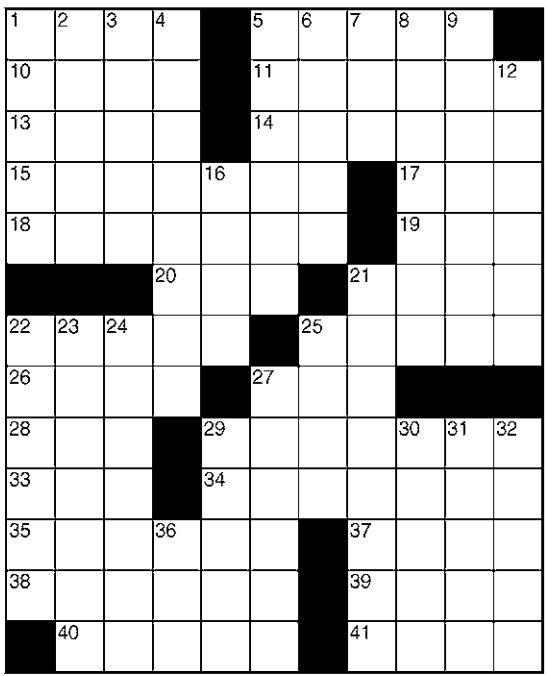
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- 19 First prime number
- 20 Young fellow
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- 25 Boot parts
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- 29 TV studio equipment
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- 35 Property defacer



Saturday's answer

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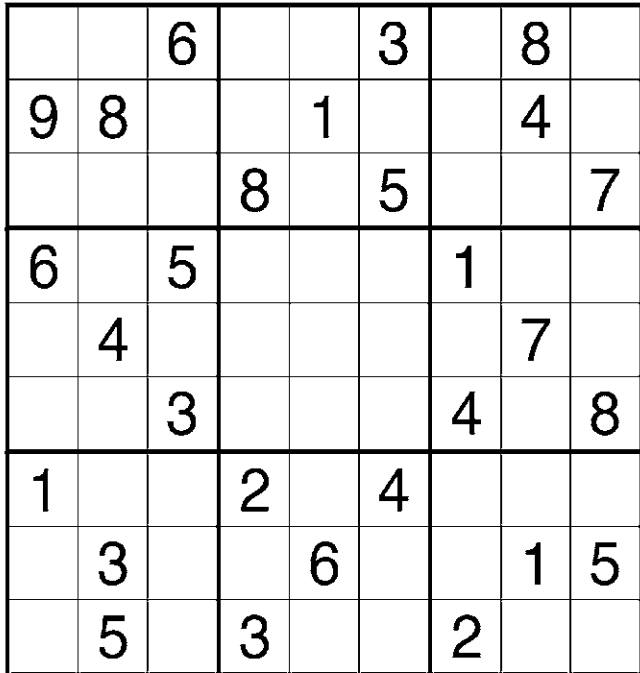
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SUDOKU

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 Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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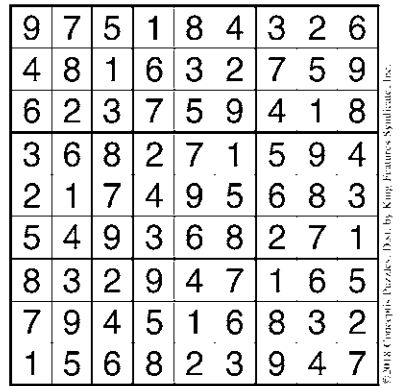
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- Ashe
- Becker
- Borg
- Budge
- Cash
- Connors
- Edberg
- Graf
- Henman
- Hingis
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