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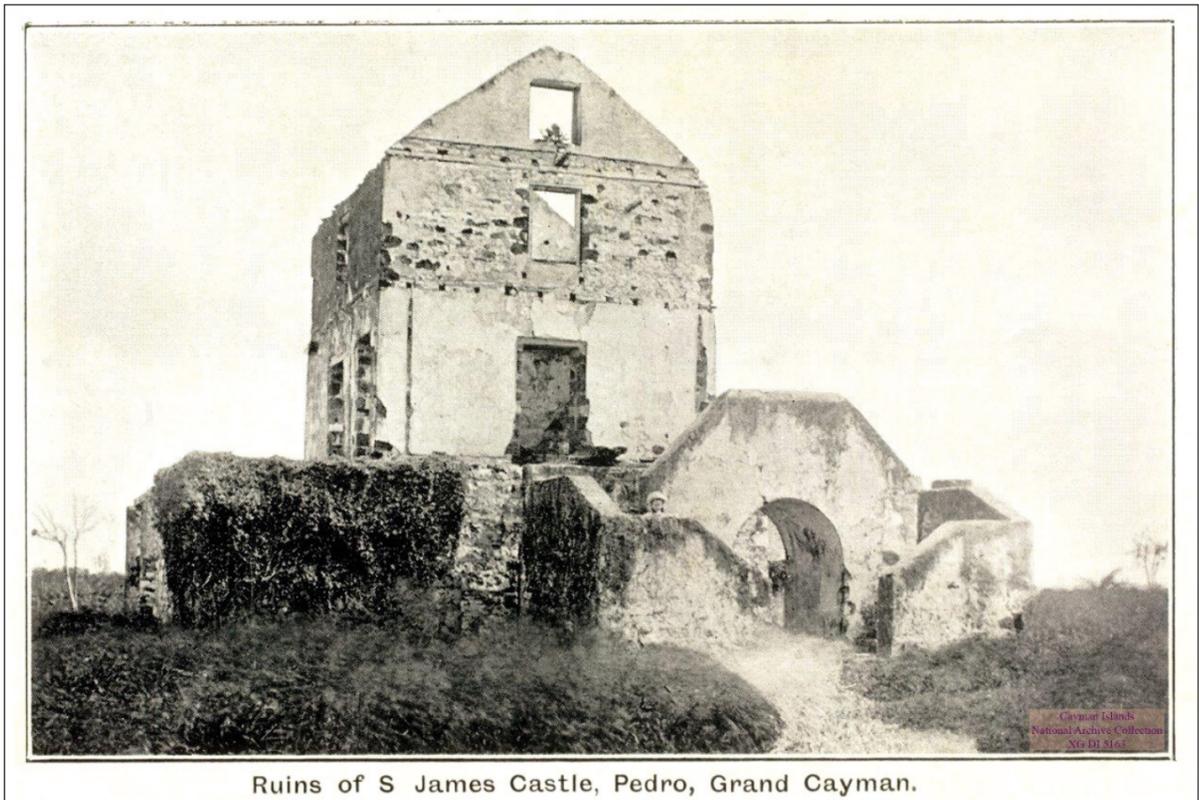
Magnificent Pedro St James

By Lindsey Turnbull

Our latest series of Then and Now articles will take readers on a tour of Cayman's most iconic and endearing buildings. We begin with the oldest structure in Cayman, Pedro St James, a popular attraction and culturally significant National Historic Site that sits high about the ocean in Spotts.

Legends, superstitions and stories surround the magnificent Pedro St James Great House, one of which is that it was built in 1631 by a Spanish settler named Pedro Gomez sent to Cayman from Jamaica to colonise Cayman, hence the 'Pedro' aspect to its name. But the original Great House was actually built in 1780 by an Englishman called William Eden who came to Cayman in 1765 from Jamaica with his second wife, Elizabeth Clark, and, using slave labour, built a spacious home for the two of them, while farming the adjoining land as a plantation. The house was named St James Castle.

The house was three stories tall and well-fortified, built with 3ft thick walls made out of coral rock quarried nearby, along with extended verandas, large shut-



Ruins of S James Castle, Pedro, Grand Cayman.

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► Ruins of St James Castle, Pedro, Grand Cayman in 1910 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

CIFS Firefighters Graduate

Twenty-one young men graduated from their 20 week course in firefighting and rescue training on Friday 31 February. The graduation ceremony, at the Family Life Centre of George Town, was attended by H.E The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, as well as senior officers from the Cayman Islands Fire Service. It began with a march-past of the new recruits, who stood to attention while they were inspected by Mr. Roper, before all the proud moms,

dads, family and friends came into the hall for the graduation ceremony.

Cayman's Chief Fire Officer, Paul Walker congratulated all the graduates on completing their basic training: "As we welcome them as colleagues to the fire and rescue family, I'd like to say: you've chosen your profession well; a profession of service;

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► Cayman Fire Service's proud new graduates

Puerto Rico has region's most quakes



► Puerto Rico's earthquakes cause mass devastation

By Ron Shillingford

The Caribbean seems to be blighted by earthquakes at present with the Cayman Islands being hit last month along with many other countries in the region. Puerto Rico seems to be having the worst of it though, the latest was a 4.5 magnitude earthquake near Puerto Rico Saturday night.

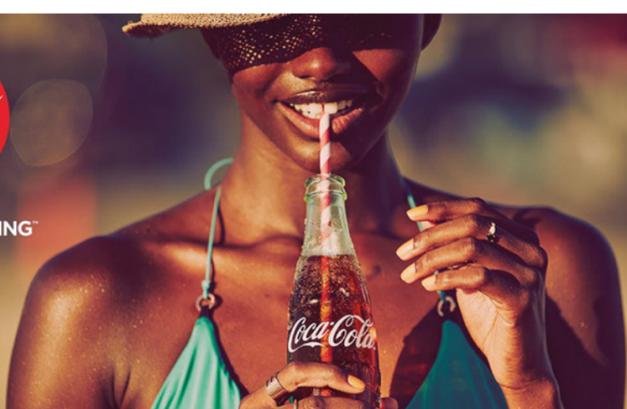
According to the United States Geological Survey, the quake was 44 miles northwest of the island and 6 miles deep. No tsunami threat was administered at the time.

Tremors and aftershocks have been rocking Puerto Rico, weeks after a magnitude 6.4 earthquake toppled buildings, killed at least one person and injured another eight

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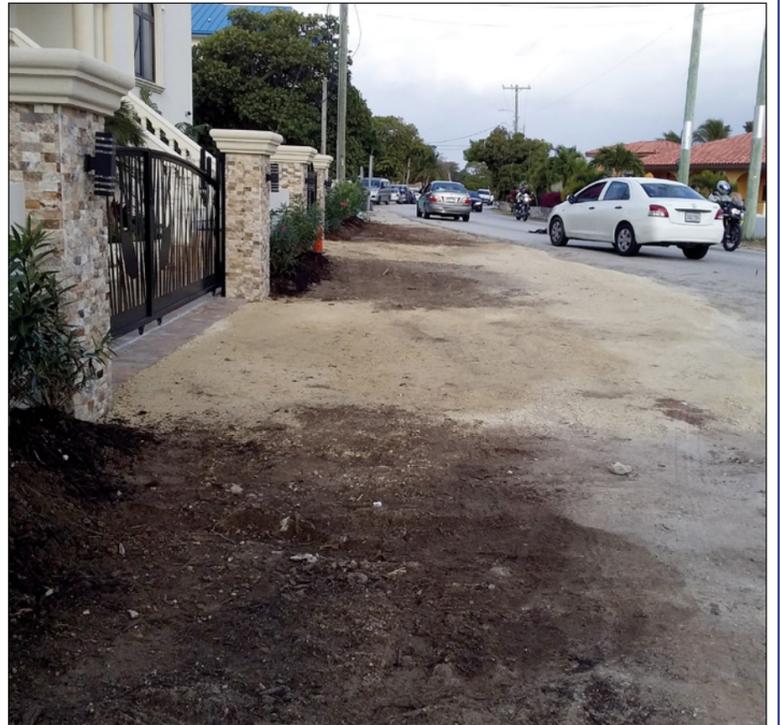
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COMMUNITY NOTICE



Victory for West Bay Concerned Citizens update

Following several months of concern because of a substantial obstruction at the end of Mary Mollie Hydes Road in West Bay, just where it merges with Town Hall Road, The West Bay Concerned Citizens group is glad to see that the obstructions have been finally removed. The removal follows a communication from the Planning Department that the obstructions, which included several large boulders, and a garden area and palm trees which had been added to the front of a large residential property, was indeed contrary to the Department's regulations, and that, until it was removed, no Certificate of Occupancy for the building would be issued.

Ezmie Bodden, Concerned Citizens Chairperson said: "There is one comment which I would like to make. The new trees that are re-planted up

against the wall will grow into larger trees in the future. I hope that Government is mindful of this that branches will overhang into the road."

Ms Bodden sent these photos to show that the obstruction had been removed.



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MUZAIC ON HERO'S DAY WEEKEND

The 12th Annual MUZAIC Festival Weekend took place over the Hero's Day Weekend from Friday, 24th to Sunday 26th January over Heroes Day Weekend.

The weekend-long festival was filled with several musical events including the DJ showcase at the Seven Mile, Public Beach.

Featured DJs on the evening included Dj Domuneeq, Dj Martino, Silver Fox (Paul Akal), Pepper Rollaz, Dj Mix Master, Dj Dave, Chuck Taylor, Dj Carter and Dj Flex.

The Hero's Salute segment of MUZAIC at the Havana Club, featured artists and performers such as J Nez, M-Lito and Big Harv (Winner of the '16 Bars' Rap Competition), who paid homage to those who contributed to the music industry in Cayman over the years.

Rounding out the line-up for Hero's Salute at Havana Club was the 5th Division Band, featuring Topaz General and Andy Blake.

On Sunday, 26th January, the award presentation at the Harquail Theater honored recipients with awards ranging from International Success to the Icon Award.

The Hero's Day LIVE MUZAIC Showcase in George Town on Monday 27th January, was a post-award ceremony in hero's square, featuring live entertainment.



► Recording Artist Lonnie Love accepts his award for song of the year from a Hurleys Media Representative as MC Carl Brown Looks on



► Pappi Connoly, Berline Wallace, and Edlyn Myles get ready to perform at the Heros Day Celebrations in George Town



► Rico Rolando accepts the award for International Success at the recent MUZAIC Awards Ceremony

Coronavirus information announcement

Minister for Health the Hon Dwayne Seymour was joined by Chief Medical Officer, Dr. John Lee, Medical Officer of Health Dr Samuel Williams; and Deputy Director of Customs and Border Control, Mr Gary Wong to inform the public about the Novel Coronavirus which has been spreading to many different countries from China where it was first observed. So far there have not been any cases of the virus in the Cayman Islands.

Mr. Seymour said: "As minister of health my first priority is to assure the people of the Cayman Islands that the Ministry and the Public Health Department along with all stakeholders have been working tirelessly to ensure your safety. Rest assured we are ready to deal with this virus should it arrive on our shores. There have been 14,557 confirmed cases worldwide with 23 countries other than China reporting cases. The World Health Organisation has reported the risk as 'High,' and there have been over 300 deaths. There is an action plan in place which all parties are executing as needed. All registered practitioners have been provided with information, on this public health threat through the Department of Health and Regulatory Services. The Department of Public Health held a multi-sector meeting on Wednesday 29 January, and amongst the attendees were senior members of Custom and Border Control, the Port Authority, the Airports Authority, the Ministry of Tourism, and staff from across the Health Services Authority.

"The Public health department is having ongoing communication with Cayman Airways, offering ongoing help and advice. The customs and border patrol officers are already screening all arriving passengers for travel histories to China, who will be notified to the Public



► Hon Dwayne Seymour



► Dr. Samuel Williams

Health Department. Public health will monitor any at-risk individuals for their incubation period, and support their healthcare needs as necessary.

"We have to count on the community to do their part as well. What we know so far, that transmission from people with no symptoms is not likely to be a major form of transmission. People who have symptoms will spread the vi-

rus more readily through coughing and sneezing. Whether you are travelling or not, the public is advised to practice general prevention control measures, such as frequent cleansing with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, covering nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing, avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infection.

I recommend that all Caribbean or Caymanian Citizens should postpone their travel to China until the All-Clear is given."

Mr. Seymour said that if anyone felt they may have symptoms, even if they think they might be ordinary flu symptoms, they should come forward to seek help from health practitioners, and that government health services was operating an "nobody gets turned away," policy in this regard, to encourage people to come forward for help even if they do not have health insurance.

Dr. John Lee said: "I am confident that Cayman is ready to tackle any threats that come to our shores in this regard. Mortality rate from the disease at 2 percent and we can take some reassurance that both the mortality as well as its infectivity is low compared to other pandemics that we have suffered. But there is quite a high incidence of severe illness it is around 15 percent. I would encourage everyone to educate themselves as well as they can in regard to the virus and would reiterate the need hygiene hand with soap and water hand sanitizer and keep a good distance from people with acute respiratory infections. If you are travelling, stay clear from wild animals and farm animals.

Dr. Samuel Williams said: "It is important for the public to know this is a new virus, and there are a lot of unknowns about this virus. We have been in constant communications with international health organizations and have been receiving guidance on the way forward. We would advise you to visit the H.S.A website where you can access a lot of new information."



► (L-r) Gary Wong, Hon Dwayne Seymour, Dr. John Lee, Dr Samuel Williams



► Angel Hawkins Lopez receives his Certificate of Completion from H.E. The Governor Martyn Roper



► Rhojel Gayle receives Top Watch Award from Gloria McField Nixon

Cayman Islands Fire Service Firefighters' Graduation

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and profession of helping others in their time of need. It's a profession that is challenging as individuals, as teams, and a profession where you will make life-long friends," he said.

Mr. Walker outlined the changing role of the firefighter over the last century: "In 2020 the roll of the professional firefighter is broader, and covers a complex ranger of incidents, societal and environmental challenges, and presents a greater number of risks and threats," he said. "Earthquakes are an ever present possibility, as we found out earlier this week. Then there are environmental factors such as hurricanes and wide scale flooding. Technological advance requires complex skill sets, in-depth knowledge and experience. For example telemetry for breathing apparatus; aviation fire and rescue appliances and fire; electronic pumps and flow meters, thermal imaging, positive pressure ventilation, road technology, hydraulic cutting equipment hazardous materials and inland water search and rescue.

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Hon Tara Rivers, Minister for Home Affairs, said: "You are always the ones we call upon when we need help the most, and at times the demands of your role will push you to your limits, and sometimes beyond, but please note that the Government and the people of the



► Proud new fire service graduates on parade

Cayman Islands are incredibly grateful for your sacrifices and we do not take you for granted. That message is not just for the recruitment class, but for all those who are in the fire service."

New graduate, Robert said: "Not only has training made us fitter and smarter, but it has also introduced us to. Introduced us to an international body of brave men and women who risk lives to protect property and the environment."

Each of the recruits received their course completion certificates, and there were also some special awards presented for those who had excelled during their training.



► New graduates give a demonstration



► Graduates' demonstration



► Graduates' demonstration



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► Pedro Castle in 1959 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

► St James Castle – Pedro Bluff in 1938 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

Then and Now: Magnificent Pedro St James

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tered windows and a slate roof. The slate was brought to Cayman from England as ballast on sailing ships and was also used on the ground floor and upper floors. The dual flight of entry stairs was a typical design feature of stately homes of that era, while the entire plantation house-style design reflected the great houses of Jamaica and other Caribbean countries.

The ground floor was open on all sides and housed parties, games and dances and on this level the cookroom serviced the entire house with its fireside hearth and bake oven. The upper floors were used as dining or entertainment areas and bedrooms were on the top floor.

Eden passed the house on to his son, William Eden II. In 1800 he then sold the house to the Public Recorder, James Coe, for 120 pounds sterling, who used the house for official functions as well as a residence. Coe then sold it back to Eden around 1822 and in 1823 the house was used as a courthouse and jailhouse for the island. In 1824 Coe requested that the Governor of Jamaica supply Cayman with arms to protect itself against pirates, contributing to the iconic “castle” image and immortalised by the canons set in its grounds.



► Prince Charles and Camilla at a special ceremony held at Pedro St James in March 2019

Birthplace of Democracy

Two major events took place at Pedro St James in the following decade, about which present day students read in their history books: the decision to form the Islands’ first elected parliament on 5th December 1831, closely followed by the issue of the proclamation to end slavery

in the British Empire on 3 May 1835, cementing the site’s role as the ‘Birthplace of Democracy in the Cayman Islands’.

After William Eden II died, the house was a residence for his heirs and family, but in 1877, his granddaughter, Mary Jane Eden, was killed at the site by a bolt of lightning, and thereafter the

house became abandoned with fears that it was an unlucky place in which to live. The house fell into disrepair and was only renovated again in 1914 by the Hurlston family, but then was abandoned again in 1920.

In 1959 part of the property was bought by Thomas Hubble who lived

there until 1963. Hubbell carved the date 1631 on the entrance arch and promoted the idea it was built by a Spaniard who had once housed the famous pirate Henry Morgan. From 1967 it became a restaurant but fire burnt the place down in 1970. It reopened as a restaurant in 1974 until the 1980s when the restaurant went bankrupt and was damaged by a hurricane and another fire.

Present day

In 1991, the property was purchased by the Cayman Islands Government for development as an historic site, employing a Canadian firm to develop a restoration and interpretation plan for the site in conjunction with the Historic Sites Committee, which include the National Archives, the National Museum and the National Trust. That work concluded in the latter part of the 20th century at a cost of approximately \$8 million and produced the historic site that exists today, opening in December 1998.

Today, visitors can enjoy the beauty of the Great House, carefully restored to its former glory, as well as a 20-minute presentation at the Pedro Theatre, complete with lighting, vapors, wind, and water effects, a multi-sensory experience that helps visitors appreciate the lives of the early settlers. A Hurricane Ivan memorial, stamp room and rum tastings all add to the enjoyment of the visit, while many important events and functions have been held at Pedro St James, including it being the site at which Prince Charles officiated at a special ceremonial evening along with his wife, Camilla, when the royals visited Cayman in March 2019. 🌐



► Pedro St James, Birthplace of Democracy

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► Roads have been badly affected



► Beach front properties have been worst hit

Puerto Rico has region's most quakes

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on Jan. 7. Families have begun leaving the island because it won't stop shaking.

For many on the island, the devastation is a reminder of September 2017 when Hurricane Maria killed 3,000 people and as many as 200,000 Puerto Ricans were forced to hastily relocate to the mainland United States.

These major disasters have ravaged the island's cultural heritage, too. Numerous historic landmarks – including a 2,000-year-old archaeological site containing priceless evidence of the island's earliest dwellers, the Taíno people – have been destroyed.

The fact that Puerto Rico seems to be inordinately hit by earthquakes is because it is squeezed between the border of the North American and Caribbean tectonic plates.

The Puerto Rico Trench, north of Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands, is an undersea fault zone. The North American plate is sliding under the Caribbean plate there, creating the potential for earthquakes and undersea landslides that can set off tsunamis.

"We're just as likely to have earthquakes as a place like California, Japan, New Zealand, Alaska," said Elizabeth Vanacore, a seismologist with the Puerto Rico Seismic Network.

When the tectonic plates in the region slide past each other and squeeze together, energy and stress build up until one side of a fault pops up, unleashing an earthquake. The earthquakes redistribute stresses



► Early morning 5.8 magnitude earthquake jolts Puerto Rico, no injuries reported

along the fault for a time, until those stresses build up again and new tremors occur.

The North American plate is edging south and sinking underneath the Caribbean plate at about two centimetres per year, according to Gavin Hayes, a research geophysicist at the United States Geological Survey. To the south, the Caribbean plate is moving in the opposite direction, northward, at a similar rate.

"They are converging at a relatively low rate in comparison to plate bounda-

ries around the world," he said. In South America, it can be as high as six centimetres per year, while in the southwest Pacific it is up to 10 centimetres per year. Slower convergence rates mean strain builds up more slowly, making earthquakes either smaller or rarer, he said.

Mayita Meléndez, mayor of Ponce, said people living near beaches are desperate to get out of their homes for fear of tsunamis. "It's not safe," Meléndez said. "The earth is moving constantly."

A tsunami happens when a quake on the seabed suddenly pushes water upward, producing a perilously towering wave. In 1918, an earthquake near the island's north-western coast triggered a tsunami that killed 118 people, according to the geological service.

Puerto Rico has seen damaging quakes before, but major earthquakes in the south-western part of the island are unusual in recent history.

The last significant temblors recorded in that area, in 1991 and 1999, had a magnitude of about 4.1, according to the Puerto Rico Seismic Network, whose data dates to 1986.

Most of the seismic activity has occurred in the underwater band to the

north of the island, close to where the tectonic plate boundary is. The geological survey has recorded 61 earthquakes of 4.5 magnitude or within about 50 miles of the northern shoreline since 2009.

Major earthquakes have regularly devastated cities in the Caribbean, including Kingston, Jamaica, which was destroyed twice in three centuries. Ten years ago, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, killing more than 200,000 people and destroying tens of thousands of buildings.

"Puerto Ricans should be aware that they live in a tectonically active region," Hayes said. "Earthquakes can be expected any time." He emphasised the importance of building to seismic codes.

Seismologists said that more earthquakes are expected to be felt on the island for a few more days because the seismic activity is occurring close to land. But the frequency of aftershocks is expected to slow down over time, which means the chances of another intense earthquake will also fall.

Arrivals and departures at the international airport in San Juan, which was running on generators, have returned to schedule. 🌐



► The Taíno People's archaeological sites have been damaged



► The capital of Puerto Rico, San Juan



► West End Primary School Team



► High School Team

CORPORATE CUP ON HEROES'DAY

By Shakir Khan

It was National Heroes Day, but a large number of residents, many of whom were school children turned up to participate in the now popular, annual, LIONS CORPORATE CUP, event on Cayman Brac. The event was staged on the grounds of the Administration Building.

Under the sponsorship of Cayman National Bank, all registered participants were given a T- Shirt. It was a fantastic sight to see residents mingling and chatting as they waited for commencement of the event.

After greetings from Lions president Elton and chairperson Lion Dionne Smith, the first event got under way to great cheering from the onlookers. This was the relay amongst the school children. First off was the group in the years 1-3 category, and this was followed by the group in the years 4-6 category. Parents were ecstatic as they cheered on their kids.

Then came the corporate cup main events- the walk and run. There were different team representations in these

main events. The highlights were the team from the West End Primary School who competed against the adults in the corporate, Loop run. It was truly amazing to see their enthusiasm and determination. While the running event was in progress the corporate walk got underway. There were teams from SASI, ALL NATIONS UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, THE BIRTHDAY CLUB, THE COMMUNITY TEAM, THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, WEST END STAFF, THE NATIONAL TRUST, and THE HIGH SCHOOL STAFF. In fact, the National Trust was given a special award for fielding the largest number of participants.

Mr. Barry, owner of Golden Jerk said, "This is an encouraging moment to see all these youngsters. I am glad to be a part of this as it highlights the need for community life and good health."

Dan Bentley of Canada and member of the National Trust said, "This is a great community event. Glad to be a part of it. It is promoting the need to stay healthy while also developing community spirit and competition. The school children



► The Lions Group

are fantastic and admirable to see so many out so early in the morning."

As the winners of each event crossed the finish line there was great cheering amongst the supporters. The occasion attracted not only the school children, but residents of all ages.

On hand for the event was Mrs. Dora Sanford, Assistant Manager of Cayman National Bank on Cayman Brac. Beaming with excitement to see the great success of the event she said, "Cayman

National Bank is all about giving back to the community. We have sponsored this event for more than years, and each it seems to get better. We are always excited to be a part of any event that will promote community development, competition and healthy lifestyle. We remain committed to the enhancement of this community."

Mrs. Sanford was also the mainstay in handing out the awards to winners. The event concluded around 9:30 a.m.



► WEPS winners of the relay years 1-3



► Team National Trust Cayman Brac



► Birthday Club Team



► WEPS Winners 4 - 6 relay



Cayman Brac Tennis supported by Walkers

International law firm, Walkers, has again generously stepped up to support youngsters on Cayman Brac by providing funding for the 2019-2020 Sister Islands' children's tennis programme.

The programme is run by the Tennis Federation of the Cayman Islands (TFCI). "Continuity of funding is really important for programmes like these, so we're really grateful to Walkers for sponsoring Brac kids for a seventh successive year. That's quite some commitment," commented Susan Lindsay of the TFCI.

Walkers' sponsorship has led to tennis becoming part of introductory P.E. lessons in Cayman Brac's two primary schools, plus the high school. A pro from Grand Cayman, Neil Fernandez of the Ritz-Carlton, visits the Brac regularly,

with his coaching incorporated into the schools' regular sports lessons. Cayman Brac high school sports teacher, Mr. Michael Hundt, is a big fan of the programme: "There is no access to racquet sports on the island other than through this programme with Walkers; we're really lucky, we value it," he remarked. Added primary sports teacher Lavender Bryan: "I've learnt a lot of new skills, and so have the kids. We've seen a lot of progress."

In June this year, to mix things up a little, three of Grand Cayman's top junior players -- Willow Wilkinson, Oskar Bju-roe, and Zach Jackson -- joined Mr. Fernandez on a trip to Cayman Brac to help coach at West End Primary School. "The moment the students came out of their

classes, their eyes were fixed on the three older players," said Mr. Fernandez. The three played some high-level tennis on a mini court in a short demo match, before each taking a group of students and working on different strokes.

"Not only did the visit from Grand Cayman players spark a great deal of interest among the Brac students, but it also clearly inspired them. It made our students realise that they too could perhaps play tennis to a high standard one day," added Mr. Fernandez.

Thanks to Walkers' support over the years, the TFCI has supplied Cayman Brac schools with portable tennis nets -- slightly lower than a standard tennis net -- plus shorter racquets and slower-than-standard balls, which make the

game really easy to pick up for juniors. Via Walkers' funding, the island has also been given adult racquets so that the local community can play for free on the high school tennis court.

The TFCI is one of numerous local charities and non-profit organisations supported by Walkers in 2019.

Walkers' partner, Dorothy Scott, added "We are delighted to continue our support of the TFCI's Sister Islands' children's tennis programme, which provides children in Cayman Brac with the opportunity to play tennis and learn more about the sport from an experienced coach. It is great to see the kids enthusiastically learning different techniques of play, while having fun and keeping active." 🐾





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Mahomes justifies his \$200m value

Super Bowl 54 was immediately daubed as the Patrick Mahomes Super Bowl as he led the Kansas City Chiefs to a 31-20 comeback win over the San Francisco 49ers. Not only did Mahomes become one of the youngest quarterback winners of American football's biggest game at 24 years 138 days, he'll become the richest at that age. He will soon sign a contract extension worth \$200 million. He was going to get it based on his regular season form, but now with MVP and a Super Bowl title already on his resume, that big raise looks like a bargain for the Chiefs administration.

Mahomes produced a staggering fourth-quarter performance to guide the Chiefs to their first Super Bowl win in 50, coming from 10 points behind to stun the 49ers in Miami.

Mahomes had endured a difficult evening under the pounding pressure of the 49ers and looked set to miss out on the big prize.

But then, with his side 20-10 down heading into the fourth quarter, last year's MVP found two superb throws

on third down to continue a season of comebacks as the Chiefs scored 21 unanswered points in four minutes and 57 seconds to take home the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Damien Williams' second touchdown of the final quarter put the gloss on the score line as the Chiefs capped their wonderful late rally before celebrating a famous win in emotional scenes.

Mahomes said: "We never lost faith. We believed in each other and found a way to get it in the end. This team works really hard and we always fight to the end."

Mahomes has established himself as the best quarterback in the NFL in his first two seasons as a starter. He won the MVP in 2018 and only a knee injury slowed him down this season. Still, he led the Chiefs to the Super Bowl.

Since he has completed three seasons on his rookie contract, he is eligible for an extension. Technically, the Chiefs still control his rights for another two seasons, but he has earned a new deal. He is scheduled to make only \$2.7 million in 2020 and the Chiefs can exercise a fifth-



► Patrick Mahomes has a glorious career lined up



► Damien Williams sealed the win for the Chiefs

year option for 2021 that would pay him about \$25 million.

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson reset the bar for quarterbacks last year with a four-year, \$140 million extension with a record-setting \$35 million average annual value and \$107 million in guaranteed money.

Mahomes will top those numbers. He became the fifth-youngest quarterback to ever make a Super Bowl start, behind Dan Marino, Ben Roethlisberger, David Woodley, and Jared Goff.

Of those younger quarterbacks, Mahomes sees himself most often compared to Marino, who also possessed incredible arm strength and the ability to pull off a highlight-reel

worthy play with the flick of an arm. Marino famously never won a Super Bowl during his storied career, not even making it to the game after his record-breaking rookie season which ended with a defeat to the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XIX. Before Sunday's game, Marino gave some advice to Mahomes.

"Take advantage of your opportunities because you don't know what the future holds," said the hall-of-fame quarterback who spent 17 years with the Miami Dolphins. "I thought for sure that I would be in at least two or three more Super Bowls, especially when you are 23 years old the first time and you end up playing for a long time."

Pollard signs for English T20 stint

West Indies limited-overs captain Kieron Pollard has signed to play for the Northants Steelbacks for part of this summer's T20 Blast in England.

The 32-year-old Trinidadian all-rounder, who played for Somerset in 2010 and 2011, has played 499 T20 matches during his career - more than any other player.

"I see this as a wonderful opportunity to be back in England again," he said. Pollard has scored 9,966 T20 runs at an average 30.85, with a strike rate of over 150 runs per 100 balls.

Head coach David Ripley added: "I've spoken to many people about Kieron and the biggest factor you get from everyone is that he's a winner. He's got a fantastic record in winning T20 comps and is just an absolute competitor. He can bowl the big overs, field in key positions and whack it out of any cricket ground in the world."

Pollard is set to join the squad for eight matches, starting with a home



► Kieron Pollard has played in 499 T20 matches

fixture against Durham on June 5, subject to approval from Windies Cricket.

He said: "Of course as captain of the West Indies team and defending champions I have one eye on the ICC T20 World Cup later this year in Australia, but I can assure you my focus will be 100 percent on winning games for Northants when I arrive in June."

Northants won the T20 Blast trophy in 2013 and 2016, but last summer failed to progress beyond the group stage after only four victories in their 14 games.

Khabib has \$100m fights on offer

UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov has been offered a whopping \$100 million to fight retired boxer Floyd Mayweather or a rematch with Conor McGregor in Saudi Arabia.

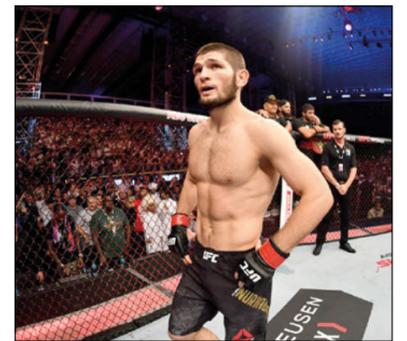
Mayweather, 43 this month, is one of the best boxers in history and took on McGregor in his last professional outing in August 2017. It was the UFC star's first ever competitive boxing bout, and Money beat him by TKO in the 10th round.

Ali Abdelaziz, Nurmagomedov's manager, said: "I know some people in Saudi Arabia right now. They met with me. They want to pay \$100 million to fight Conor in Saudi Arabia. They want to pay \$100 million for Khabib to fight Floyd in Saudi Arabia."

Abdelaziz also said he thinks that after a showdown with Tony Ferguson, Nurmagomedov's next opponent was more likely to be Mayweather than McGregor.

McGregor made his return to competitive action last month with an impressive win over Donald Cerrone in just 40 seconds, showing no signs of rustiness after being out of action since his loss to Nurmagomedov in October 2018.

That bout concluded with a brawl inside the Octagon between both fighters



► Khabib Nurmagomedov relishes a rematch with McGregor

and their respective camps, so it's understandable Abdelaziz is reluctant for a rematch.

He feels McGregor will have to start beating some better opponents to be considered for a rematch. Abdelaziz finished by aiming a barb at the Irishman, saying, "Hey, bitch, go fight Justin Gaethje, get a win, and after that, come back for a title shot."

In the aftermath of McGregor's win over Cerrone, Mayweather teased a potential return to action on Instagram. He shared a mocked-up poster of himself and the Irishman, suggesting a rematch could happen this year.

Liverpool's dominance even surprises Klopp

Liverpool are so far ahead in the Premier League race that it is now just a matter of when they will secure the title and not if.

Even their manager Jürgen Klopp said they are not in the mood to celebrate the impending arrival of the Premier League title at Anfield despite extending their lead to 22 points with a 4-0 victory over Southampton.

Liverpool equalled Manchester City's record of 20 consecutive Premier League home wins and their emphatic lead at the summit represents the biggest advantage any team has enjoyed at this stage of a season.

Klopp's team are also unbeaten in 42 top-flight games, but he insists there is no feeling of invincibility within his squad and only continued hard work will land the club's first league title for 30 years.

"I promise you I don't lie but we just don't feel it," the Liverpool manager said.

"I am a very optimistic person but not before a football game. My main feeling before the game was concern. They had too many shots but what Ali [Alisson] is doing to make the saves look so simple I have no clue. The finishes were good, but Ali is there.

"We are not perfect, not even close to being perfect, but we don't care about being perfect. We just try and use our skills in the best possible way. The boys do that and that is why we have these kind of numbers. It just feels like the hardest work. Now the boys can go away and enjoy their break and come back recharged."

On Liverpool's phenomenal winning run, he said: "I have never seen it before. But it is not that I feel stronger and stronger after each win. It is just one great celebration, sometimes more, sometimes less, then relief, settle and go again. It is our duty to win football games."



► Liverpool's will finally win the league after 30 years

CARICOM Countries Taking Preventative Measures Against New Coronavirus

With more countries reporting cases since the new coronavirus outbreak began in China a few weeks ago, Caribbean Community (CARICOM) member states have begun to take steps to ensure the impact is minimized in the region. Surveillance teams have been established and other preventive measures have been put in place.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported that 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was identified by Chinese authorities in Wuhan, Hubei Province. The virus has since spread to 15 other countries.

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) said in a press release this week that it had activated its incident management team and was coordinating the regional health response to the outbreak in light of the increased number of confirmed cases of infections in China and internationally.

"CARPHA is monitoring the international situation as it evolves. We continue to work closely with Caribbean Member States (CMS), and Caribbean coordinating partners and mechanisms to respond to the threat and to prepare CMS to prevent further transmission from exported case if they were to happen in countries," said CARPHA Executive Director Dr Joy St John.

She recommended that member states be proactive and vigilant. She added that they must reinforce surveillance measures at points of entry, communication strategies which emphasize good hand hygiene, and measures targeted at reducing the importation of this new virus to our shores.

And CARICOM member states have heeded her advice.

Barbados already had a number of protocols in place which had been developed out of its experience with other potential public health threats, such as Ebola and SARS, Health Minister Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bostic said. He added that the Ministry would do all in its power to remain on top of the current situation.

And Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr Kenneth George urged persons travelling from Barbados to the affected regions to protect themselves by practising frequent hand washing and avoiding close contact with persons suffering from acute respiratory infections. Those who have recently travelled and returned home with symptoms have been advised to seek immediate medical attention.

Dr George added that arriving passengers from these regions will be screened by officers at the ports of entry. Those without symptoms will be required to leave their contact information so that they can be followed up within 14 days, while those with symptoms will be directed to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital for further management.

Belize has activated its National Surveillance Team and officials said the Ministry of Health will remain vigilant to the developments and update the public as new information becomes available. In the interim, the ministry is advising the population to continue practicing proper handwashing techniques – wash hands with soap and clean running water before and after eating, when using the bathroom and before preparing food.

"Proper respiratory hygiene such as proper handwashing practice and also proper cough and sneeze etiquette remains the hallmark in addressing all other respiratory infections," Director of Health Services, Dr Marvin Manzanero, emphasized.

Over in Dominica, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and New Health Investment said it has been monitoring all alerts and other communications in relation to the new strain of coronavirus.

"We have been in close communication with our regional and international partners, and also engaged key national stakeholders in health (surveillance team) and other sectors in discussions on key elements of activation of National Response Plan," it said.

The Ministry is also advising the public to exercise the usual precautionary

measures for prevention of the flu virus, as it is still flu season. These include proper hand washing, use of protected personal equipment (PPE), and exercising proper respiratory etiquette.

The Ministry of Public Health in Guyana said it was preparing counter-measures to prevent the outbreak of the virus in the country.

According to Deputy Chief Medical Officer (DCMO) Dr Karen Gordon-Boyle, the country's Port Health officials have been alerted and sensitized how to spot signs and symptoms of the virus.

She said that a screening tool – a questionnaire used to gather detailed information on the onset and natural course of illnesses of persons suspected of having coronavirus – had been developed. The DCMO also said that training programmes targeting key staff including Port Health officers, Immigration officers and Customs officers will be conducted by the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in collaboration with PAHO/WHO.

Dr Gordon-Boyle has advised persons experiencing fever or flu-like symptoms to visit the country's main hospital or the nearest regional hospital.

St Kitts and Nevis is stepping up surveillance at ports of entry.

"It must be noted that all incoming air travellers to the Federation must complete question number 17 of the 'Welcome to St. Kitts and Nevis' Immigration/Customs Form. This question requires a listing of all countries travellers may have visited in the past six (6) months. Incoming travellers from the Mainland China will be asked to provide travel history, history of exposure to virus, and contact information," the Ministry of Health said.

It also encouraged residents to practise good personal hygiene good personal hygiene to prevent the common cold/flu such as: hand-washing; covering the nose and mouth with tissue or flexed elbow when coughing and sneezing; avoiding close contact to anyone with cold or flu symptoms; and remain-



► Airports around the world are screening passengers and Caribbean countries are also taking precautionary measures

ing at home from school if one has a cold or flu.

Trinidad and Tobago has also activated emergency protocols to safeguard the populace from the virus. Minister of Health Terrence Deyalsingh visited the Piarco International Airport where he got a first-hand look at Thermal Screening Equipment that reads body temperature and will alert operators when someone with an above average or feverish temperature has been screened. Screening equipment is also in place at other major ports of entry.

The Bahamas is also monitoring the situation in China, particularly as it relates to students who are studying in Wuhan, the epicentre of the outbreak.

"The students in Wuhan are safe, and they have been advised to comply with all safety and security advisories issued by the Government of China. The Ministry will continue to monitor the situation closely and update the public as needed," according to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Meantime, Jamaica's Minister of Health Dr Christopher Tufton held a press conference yesterday afternoon to advise on the virus. He said that the country was enhancing its surveillance and assessing those persons who have entered Jamaica from China. A travel advisory will also be issued asking persons who were planning to travel to Jamaica from China, to postpone those travel arrangements, he said.

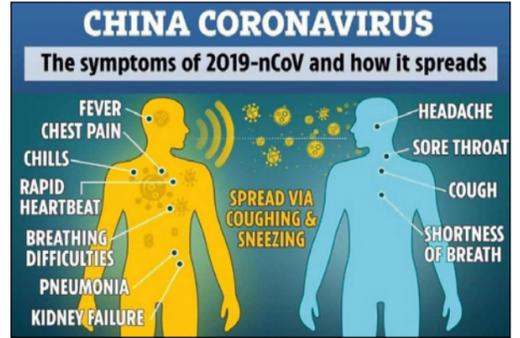
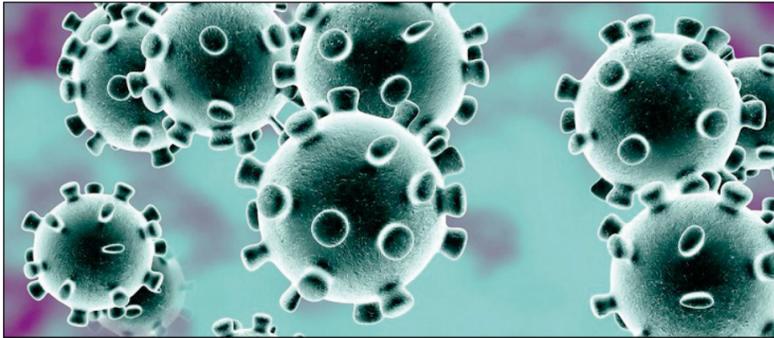
Coronavirus – What You Need To Know

On December 31, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was alerted to several cases of pneumonia in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China. The virus did not match any other known virus. This raised concern because when a virus is new, it's not known how it affects people.

One week later, on January 7, Chinese authorities confirmed that they had identified a new virus. The new virus is a coronavirus, which is a family of viruses that include the common cold, and viruses such as SARS and MERS. This new virus was temporarily named "2019-nCoV."

WHO has been working with Chinese authorities and global experts to learn more about the virus, how it affects the people who are sick with it, how they can be treated, and what countries can do to respond.

Here is the advice it has offered individuals some advice on how to protect themselves and those around them from getting the disease.



Mastercard Launches Smart Islands Programme to Help Caribbean Countries Go Cashless

Technology giant Mastercard has launched a Smart Islands programme in the Caribbean to help countries in the region go cashless and reap significant gains, particularly in the tourism industry.

And according to Director of Market Development for Mastercard Caribbean Jimena Elia, the programme – which is to begin in The Bahamas – can help expand the tourism industry's earning potential.

Tourism accounts for nearly 15 per cent of the Caribbean's GDP; and over 50 per cent on many islands. The region attracts 57 million visitors each year and directly and indirectly provides more than 2.3 million jobs, according to studies from the World Bank and the World Travel and Tourism Council.

And Mastercard says the data and tourism insights that the Smart Islands programme provides can help governments and Destination Marketing Organizations (DMOs) define a country's

ideal tourist, enabling more efficient marketing investments with higher return on investment.

It said that while tourism growth has been steady and significant over the last ten years, with micro and small enterprises throughout the area playing a critical role in the economic ecosystem, only a tiny portion of companies in the region accept electronic payments.

"Today, out of the total of 1.4 million merchants in the region, only 10 per cent of those are accepting electronic payments. Independent research shows that foreign tourists are more likely to spend money where making payments is convenient and secure. To leverage the full potential of tourism for inclusive growth, international visitors need to be stimulated to venture beyond the few centres where they congregate, travelling far and wide across the country," Mastercard said in a statement.

"Opening card acceptance among MSEs expands tourist dollar reach be-

yond the traditional tourist centres, democratizing the industry, fostering financial inclusion, and spreading wealth."

In times of disaster, Mastercard added, the Smart Islands programme is also very useful.

Noting that natural disasters like those often experienced in the Caribbean severely cripple economies, often hitting the ever-important tourism industry and MSEs the hardest due to an inability to quickly recover, it said digital ecosystems facilitate seamless, fast, and transparent disbursements of funds in times of crisis.

"The Smart Islands programme can help governments implement Smart IDs with payment functionality to streamline government disbursements and help to facilitate immediate aid assistance when necessary, even in the most adverse conditions," it said.

"Smart IDs with payment functionality included (Driver License, Fiscal ID,



National ID) can also be used as an instrument to financially include the unbanked population."

Mastercard's Caribbean Division President Marcelo Tangioni said the technology company is steadfast in its goal of expanding its footprint throughout the Caribbean, and advances in technology like the Smart Islands programme can help to strengthen economies, foster stronger relationships with MSEs, and increase financial inclusion.

"The Caribbean has strong digital momentum, and that momentum is the key to future digital evolution," he said.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 Spree
 - 1 Skin art, slangily
 - 5 Monk's music
 - 10 Did galley work
 - 12 Cruise ship
 - 13 Peace goddess
 - 14 Debate
 - 15 Had something
 - 16 Old North Church sight
 - 18 Like the gentry
 - 20 Piston connector
 - 21 Harrow rival
 - 23 Print units
 - 24 Store come-on
 - 26 Casino figure
 - 28 Barracks bed
 - 29 Matching
 - 31 Punk rock offshoot
 - 32 Cavalry soldier
 - 36 Pleasantly lazy
 - 39 Brewpub order
 - 40 Inventor Howe
 - 41 Words of surrender
- DOWN**
- 1 Court event
 - 2 Main artery
 - 3 Eleven-year-old, e.g.
 - 4 D.C. VIP
 - 5 Large family
 - 6 Trumpeter Al
 - 7 Ticked off
 - 8 Impulse senders
 - 9 Market movements
 - 11 Takes out
 - 17 Stir
 - 19 Singer Shannon
 - 22 Like Bedouins
 - 24 Neighbor of Ethiopia
 - 25 Lent effort
 - 27 Cub's cave
 - 28 Stars
 - 30 Boxing great
 - 33 City on the Nile
 - 34 Legolas and Elrond
 - 35 Marsh plants
 - 37 Dotty
 - 38 Wields
 - 42 Yak it up

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Yesterday's answer

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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9	8	2	7	5	1	6	4	3
1	4	6	3	7	9	5	2	8
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Difficulty Level ★★

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- Upbeat
- Update
- Upend
- Upfront
- Upgrade
- Upheaval
- Uphill
- Uphold
- Upkeep
- Uplift
- Upper
- Upright
- Up roar
- Uproot
- Upset
- Upstart
- Uptown
- Upturn
- Upwind

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

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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

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DAD CALLED HIM A "HEDGEHOG BAG"!

THAT'S "PACK RAT"!!!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

I-WON'T KILL ANYBODY FOR YOU, KILLGRAVE!

I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED! JUST LIKE WITH HYPNOSIS-

SOMEONE WITH A STRONG WILL - CAN'T BE COMMANDED TO COMMIT MURDER!

AND THAT MEANS IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU, PURPLE PUSS!

SPIDER-MAN- HALT!

STAN LEE
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JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

HEY! I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT... WHATEVER IS GOING ON HERE.

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!

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