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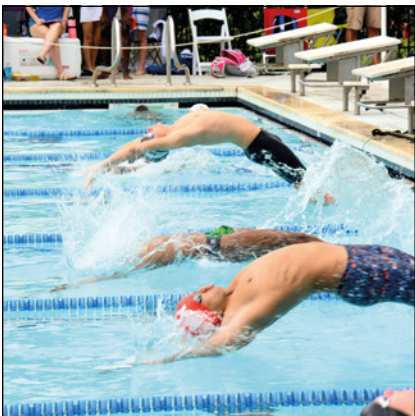
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## UK CONFIDENT IN CAYMAN



► Baroness Liz Sugg, Minister of State for the Overseas Territories and Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin

Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin and a Cayman delegation have returned from London buoyed by continuing UK confidence in the territory and reporting success from a packed agenda of meetings

with top British government and private sector officials.

Discussions included an audience with HRH The Prince of Wales at Highgrove House his private residence.

Extensive talks were held with the Rt. Hon. Conor Burns - Minister of State at the Department for International Trade,

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## Carnival's Cayman cruises still on

Cayman Islands government and tourism authorities moved quickly on Tuesday address concerns that Carnival Cruise Lines had dropped the territory its itinerary.

In a rushed statement, the Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport it wished to "assure the public that there is no truth to reports circulating in the media that Carnival Cruise

lines have dropped the Cayman Islands from its Western Caribbean itinerary."

The Ministry said it "continues to work collaboratively with cruise line partners and are adhering to established medical protocols with respect to the docking of cruise ships and landing of cruise ship passengers."

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## Three PWD Employees receive Diplomas



► The Deputy Chief Officer presents the diploma to Mr. Adrian Jackson, Level III Diploma in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

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*Holding our leaders accountable*

In life, parents do their best to instill the virtues in their children with the hope that they will be upstanding members of the community.

Those values are further entrenched by teachers, preachers, coaches and others who the children encounter as they grow up with the hope that by the time these children become adults, they would have fully embraced what it takes to live a lifestyle that would make all those who had a positive influence on them proud.

If those children aspired to public life, there were no expected standards, except that they would do good for the people they represent. The expectation is they would serve with integrity.

About two and a half decades ago, the UK government established a Committee on Standards in Public Life. The committee was tasked with making recommendations to improve standards of behaviour in public life.

Coming out of this were the 'Nolan Principles' that bear the name of the chair of that body, Lord Nolan: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership.

These principles have now been adopted in the Standards in Public Life Law that was enacted in the Cayman Islands at the start of March 2020.

A utopian hope would be that this legislation would not only be used for reference. Our leaders need to be continually placed under the microscope and be held to account. 🌐

COMMUNITY NOTICES

*NEOC Activated to Anticipate and Respond to COVID-19 Threat*

Following discussions with Cabinet on March 3rd, the Deputy Governor the Hon. Franz Manderson convened a meeting of the National Hazard Management Council (NHMC) at 3 p.m. and announced the partial activation of the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in response to the threat of the COVID-19 virus.



► National Hazard Management Council Meeting

Mr. Manderson emphasized that there are currently no suspected or confirmed cases of the virus in the Cayman Islands, however it was appropriate to continue to anticipate the threat and plan accordingly.

Mr. Manderson, who is also the Chairman of the National Hazard Management Council said Government continues to work diligently to keep the virus from arriving in the Islands, but the NEOC activation brings together key stakeholders to consider likely impacts if a case of COVID-19 was confirmed, and to find ways of limiting the effects on the economy and most importantly on the health and wellbeing of local residents.

The Chief Executive Officer for the Health Services Authority (HSA), Lizette Yearwood said the Authority was taking steps to improve testing, screening and monitoring for the virus, and a flu hotline will be set up for

persons to call if they have concerns or are exhibiting symptoms. Additionally, travel restrictions to and from certain countries may increase in response to the evolving threat.

Hazard Management Director Danielle Coleman, explained that HMCI, the Governor's Office and the Health Services Authority are working closely with regional partners including the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) and the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) and a team from Public Health England are currently here in the Cayman Islands working and supporting Government with the COVID-19 threat.

For more information on how to best protect your household, please visit [www.hsa.ky/coronavirus](http://www.hsa.ky/coronavirus) or contact the Public Health Department on 244-2621. 🌐

*Early Childhood Assistance Programme Funding Application Period Begins*

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) is now accepting applications for the Early Childhood Assistance Programme (ECAP) for the period from 1 September 2020 through 30 June 2021.

The programme which assists parents/guardians with the payment of fees at early childhood centres is open to Caymanian children who turn three years old before 1 September 2020 and who meet the means testing requirements as set out in the application form.

To apply, download application forms from [www.education.gov.ky](http://www.education.gov.ky) or collect forms from the Government Administration Building, the Department of Education Services and all early childhood centres. Forms can also be requested via email at [ecap@gov.ky](mailto:ecap@gov.ky).

Completed application forms must be accompanied by a copy of the child's birth certificate, proof of the child's nationality, a copy of the parents' valid photo identification, as well as proof of income. Detailed information regarding supporting documentation can be found on the application form.



Submit all completed application forms and required documentation directly to the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Unit located on the 2nd Floor of the Government Administration Building, or via email at [ecap@gov.ky](mailto:ecap@gov.ky).

The ECCE Unit will process all applications upon receipt to ensure that all the required information has been submitted. Members of the Oversight Committee will then review the submissions, and make a decision based on the set criteria.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their applications before 1 September.

For more information about ECAP, please contact ECCE Officer, Renee Barnes by telephone on 244-5735, or by email at [ecap@gov.ky](mailto:ecap@gov.ky). 🌐

*Cayman Islands Public Library Service hosts Third Health Symposium*

On Thursday, 12 March the Cayman Islands Public Library Services (CIPLS) will host the third in a series of Libraries Health Symposia geared at disseminating the relevant basic health information to the members of the various communities.

Community Mental Health Officer, Mr Fernando Green will be the presenter at the one-hour event, which commences at 4:30 pm, at the West Bay Branch Library under the theme "Promoting Healthy Communities".

The CIPLS invites members of the public to attend the upcoming symposium and receive information on how to maintain your mental well-being while dealing with the daily stresses of life.

The team from the West Bay Branch Library also invites patrons to check out books relating to the topic presented immediately following the presentation.

For more information on this or other Library Health Symposia, contact the CIPLS by telephone at 949 7659 or by email at [Marcia.Davis@gov.ky](mailto:Marcia.Davis@gov.ky). 🌐

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# Batabano adds turtle-themed float competition to parade

## Spectators encouraged to wear turtle-themed accessories

Community groups and businesses on Grand Cayman are being invited to join in the celebration of the start of another turtle nesting season this May, by entering a float in this year's Batabano parade on May 9, 2020.

The Batabano float theme is "Islas Tortugas" and trophies will be awarded for the top three floats, with the winning float named "Batabano Float Of The Year".

"It has always been said that the word 'Batabano' means the tracks that turtles leave in the sand when they go ashore to nest, so the carnival is a celebration of the start of another turtle nesting season in Cayman, which is also why Batabano has traditionally been held at the beginning of May," explained Batabano Chairperson, Donna Myrie-Stephen. "We hope that the addition of a turtle-themed float competition in the parade going forward will encourage local groups and businesses to also join in the celebration, while creatively raising awareness of turtle conservation in our islands. It's also a great opportunity for businesses to promote their brands while providing a great team-building initiative for their employees."



Mrs. Myrie-Stephen said Batabano spectators are also encouraged to embrace the celebration of the start of this

year's turtle nesting season by donning turtle-themed accessories or green and brown colours for Cayman's two main turtle species, the Green Sea Turtle and the Hawksbill, while out to watch the Batabano parade.

The Batabano parade will be on Saturday May 9, 2020 starting at 1pm from Public Beach, followed by a free street

dance on Harbour Drive until midnight, and the annual Batabano Food Festival.

Some rules and restrictions apply for float entries. Interested groups and businesses can get more information and register their 2020 Batabano float, by emailing [batabanocaymancarnival@gmail.com](mailto:batabanocaymancarnival@gmail.com) or call or message Mrs. Myrie-Stephen on 916-1740.



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# Carnival's Cayman cruises still on

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American, regional and specialist cruise industry media had been awash with reports that Carnival Cruise Line had dropped the Cayman Islands and Jamaica from its itinerary, citing local policy issues concerning the coronavirus outbreak.

"We are implementing some itinerary changes on voyages scheduled to call on Grand Cayman and Jamaica this week," the quoted statement said.

"A number of Caribbean destinations continue to work through their policies with regards to cruise ship visits. And while we are following all U.S. CDC and World Health Organization screening protocols and guidelines, we want to avoid any possibility of a visit to a destination where there is uncertainty or we risk being turned away."

Carnival Cruise Line went on to state: "To be clear, there is no health situation on board to trigger this concern, but we are making this change to avoid even the possibility of a disruption.

"We understand some guests will be disappointed and trust they will understand that this decision is being made to protect their vacation and maximize their experience with us."

No Carnival ship has been barred from the Cayman Islands.

Following the intervention of Deputy Premier Moses Kirkconnell, Carnival Cruise Line was said to have reviewed its policy and the situation is now considered 'smooth sailing'.

Just last week the governments of the Cayman Islands and Jamaica individually denied port access to the MSC Meraviglia, a cruise ship from a different line, over concerns of crew displaying flu-like symptoms.

Cayman health authorities said at the time that they took the decision "out of an abundance of caution."

The company subsequently issued a strongly worded statement claiming that there were only instances of seasonal flu on board and criticised Cayman and Jamaica for "fear-mongering" over the coronavirus outbreak.

Referencing the actions being taken by the Ministry of Tourism, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell stated that the Ministry of Tourism is taking very seriously the potential threat posed by the Coronavirus.

"We are proactively working with industry partners and stakeholders to ensure compliance with the extensive protections put in place by the Ministry of Health to safeguard public health and protect the points of entry into our Islands," he said.

Mr Kirkconnell also stated that "At the regional level, the Cayman Islands have also participated in discussions with CARICOM leaders and representatives from the Pan American Health Organisation (PAHO) to co-operatively establish and implement minimum standards and protocols to help protect the Caribbean community from the Coronavirus."

The Cayman Islands Ministry of Health, Public Health officials and the management of the Health Services Authority have confirmed that at this time



► Deputy Premier Moses Kirkconnell

there are no cases of the Coronavirus in the country.

"While we will continue to be guided by the Ministry of Health and medical professionals, it is also important that on a personal level we each take responsibility for our own well-being by following the general infection control measures," Minister Kirkconnell said.

# Deputy PMG Elected to Global EMS Board

In a first for the Caribbean, Cayman Islands Postal Service Deputy Postmaster General, Operations and Human Resources, Ms Melissa Martinez-Ebanks was elected to the Express Mail Service (EMS) Cooperative Board at its General Assembly in Berne, Switzerland.

At the meeting last month, which was also attended by Cayman Islands Postmaster General Ms Sheena Glasgow, Ms Martinez-Ebanks became the first person from the Caribbean who has been elected to the EMS Cooperative Board in its 21-year history. The Board comprises nine elected ad personam (on an individual basis) members.

EMS is the courier product of the postal industry for documents and merchandise.

The EMS Cooperative was set up at the 22nd Congress of the Universal Postal Union in Beijing, China in September 1999 to promote enhanced support among members.

With 182 designated operators worldwide, EMS transports eight million packages every week, according to the EMS website [www.ems.post](http://www.ems.post).

Responding to her accomplishment, Ms Martinez-Ebanks said, "The opportunity to contribute at this level and to represent the perspective of a small-island Post is a tremendous privilege! I am excited by the challenge and the opportunities it offers my team as we continue on our journey to a World Class Postal Service."

She added: "I view the accomplishment as a team effort and am very proud to belong to such a hard-working and diligent team that makes up the Cayman Islands Postal Service."



► Cayman Islands Deputy Postmaster General (Operations and Human Resources), Ms Melissa Martinez-Ebanks was elected last month to the global Express Mail Service Cooperative Board. She is the first from the Caribbean to be elected to the board in its 21-year history

CI Postmaster General Glasgow added that she was deeply proud of Ms. Martinez-Ebanks' latest accomplishment. "Over the past several years, Ms Martinez-Ebanks has been instrumental in driving the CIPS' improvement in its mail operations performance and delivery standards.

"She has also assisted regional posts with implementation of electronic advance data, a challenge for all postal operators in the industry's current environment. I'm sure that she will continue to be an excellent representative for the Cayman Islands at international levels of the postal industry."

After the EMS General Assembly, Ms Martinez-Ebanks and Ms Glasgow remained for the Postal Operations Council meeting that followed. These were the final meetings of both bodies prior to the 27th Congress of the Universal Postal Union scheduled for August 2020 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire.

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# UK CONFIDENT IN CAYMAN, PREMIER REPORTS

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Sir Edward Lister - Chief Strategic Advisor to UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and the newly appointed Minister of State for the Overseas Territories - Baroness Liz Sugg.

The Cayman delegation also met with officials of the City of London, the Financial District, to discuss areas of possible cooperation.

Premier Alden McLaughlin said, "The meetings in London over the past week were very successful. It provided an opportunity to meet with key advisors to the Prime Minister and to have them hear directly from Cayman business people about our financial services industry and to better understand what we do here, including the extent of our institutional client base."

"We also discussed the EU listing process and the impact that Brexit politics would have had on that"

The Cayman delegation received assurances that the UK Government continued to have every confidence in the territory Islands and its financial services business.

The UK officials also committed to considering making a public statement confirming this confidence.

Other matters discussed included the potential for UK and Cayman trade, especially in financial services as well as the Blue/Green Fund.

Joining the Premier for these meetings were Alasdair Robertson of Maples; Jess Shakespeare of Pricewaterhouse Coopers; Dan Scott and Eleanor Fisher of Ernst & Young; Kevin Lloyd of KPMG; and Lord Jonathan Marland, Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council.

Chief Officer Eric Bush of the Ministry of International Trade and Roy Tatum, Head of the Office of the Premier also participated.

While in London Premier McLaughlin also met with Baroness Sugg, the United Kingdom's new Minister with responsibility for the Overseas Territories.

"It was also good to meet Baroness Sugg who now has responsibility for the Overseas territories and to discuss areas of mutual interest between the



► Rt. Hon. Conor Burns, Minister of State at the Department for International Trade, Cayman Islands Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin and Lord Jonathan Marland, Chairman of the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council

UK and the Cayman Islands," Premier McLaughlin said.

The meeting with the new Overseas Territories Minister was described as very productive with the Premier and the Minister discussing a broad range of issues facing the Cayman Islands and the UK, including the EU listing process.

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The meeting with HRH Prince of Wales focused on a Cayman Islands-based 'Blue/Green Fund' initiative that was introduced to the Prince when he visited the Cayman Islands in March 2019.

The fund is aimed at providing financing to Blue/Green projects in the Caribbean.

It is anticipated that it will be officially launched at the next Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in June of this year by HRH Prince Charles and UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Prince Charles had proposed such a fund at the 2015 CHOGM in Malta, however, to date it has not been able to get off the ground.

The Prince was excited that Cayman Islands entities and a Cayman Islands fund will finally be able to achieve this long-awaited goal.

According to a statement from the Office of the Premier, the initial funding will come from local investors, and the Cayman Islands is tipped to be the location for the 'green project'.

It is anticipated that there are also institutions and high net worth indi-

viduals internationally ready to invest a total of US\$1 billion into the fund which could be the template for similar blue/green projects in other parts of the world.

"This is not only exciting for green initiatives generally but also shows the value of the Cayman Islands' financial products in providing solutions to benefit green initiatives in the region and beyond," the statement said.

The London meetings, which were organised by the Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation, and Maritime Affairs, are part of the on-going engagement strategy and partnership with the UK Government and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council. 🌐

## UK Covid-19 Battle Plan

More hand-washing and less hand-wringing sums up the stance the British government is taking as it announced its action plan to tackle the outbreak of the new coronavirus Covid-19.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson outlined a four-point plan as the UK shifts into high gear to contain the outbreak, which is now spreading globally.

In addition to public health concerns, there are also worries about the economic impact of Covid-19.

Speaking on Tuesday Prime Minister Johnson outlined a four-point 'battle plan' focused on containing the virus, delaying its spread, carrying out research into the virus for which there is as yet no vaccine, and mitigating the impact of the disease on public health and the economy.

To date, 51 persons in the UK are known to have been infected with this new strain of the coronavirus.

The government expects a "very significant expansion" in the number of cases according to prime Minister Boris Johnson.

"It is highly likely coronavirus will spread more widely in the coming days and weeks, which is why we're making every possible preparation," the Prime Minister said.

He assured that "we are ready to take necessary steps to contain it and protect the most vulnerable."

There is growing concern about the economic impact of the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and globally.

It is feared that up to a fifth of the UK workforce, about six million people, could be sidelined off sick as a result.

Some companies in the UK are already arranging for some staff to work from home to minimise the risk of contracting and spreading the virus in the workplace with the knock-on effect on productivity.

Prime Minister Johnson said the concerns about the economy also underlines the government's drive to take the necessary steps to contain the outbreak of the virus and mitigate the spread of the disease.

The National Health Service (NHS) is being further resourced to cope with



an expected increase in patient numbers, especially those who are expected to require hospitalisation and quarantining.

It was also announced that medical services will also be with support from the police and military should the situation require. Hospital care could also be prioritised with non-urgent cases

being delayed to treat patients with Covid-19.

Recently-retired doctors and nurses are being put on standby to be recalled for support duty, and already the NHS has increased the number of staff assigned to its call-centre support team.

The government has also stated that it's also considering closing schools and suspending events with large crowds should that become necessary.

Addressing concerns about the likelihood of a widespread outbreak of Covid-19 in the UK, Prime Minister Johnson said the government's plans "do not set out exactly what the government will do but the steps it could take."

"I fully understand your concerns," he said, "and keeping the country safe is the government's priority, while we prepare for all eventualities."

He assured that "the country remains well prepared and the vast majority of people should go about their business as usual."

On the recurring question of hand-shaking, Mr Johnson said he continues to shake people's hands but added that it's a matter of choice for the individual, but he emphasised the importance of handwashing.

"We can all continue to do our bit to fight this virus - by washing our hands with soap and water for the length of time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice," the Prime Minister advised. 🌐







► The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper met Financial Officer Melissa Powery during his tour of the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) on Friday, 28 February 2020



► The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper and Temporary Minister of Human Resources, Immigration and Community Affairs, Austin Harris met OfReg's board of directors and senior management team on Friday, 28 February 2020

# Governor Tours OfReg: Meets Staff, Board of Directors

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper visited the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg), accompanied by Temporary Minister of Human Resources, Immigration and Community Affairs, Austin Harris, on Friday, 28 February 2020.

Welcomed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Hon. Linford Pierson, OBE, JP; Chief Executive Officer Malike Cummings and Chief Operating Officer, Christian Suckoo, the Governor toured the premises meeting several of the 25 staff.

During his visit, Mr. Roper was briefed about the regulator's role, as the local fuel, ICT, electricity and water sectors' regulator, and spoke to employees about their jobs with the organisation. The Governor later met with members of OfReg's board of directors and senior management team, during which he was briefed on the agency's regulatory work and its challenges.

"We were most impressed by His Excellency's interest and knowledge of



► The Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper and Temporary Minister of Human Resources, Immigration and Community Affairs, Austin Harris with OfReg board of directors and staff on Friday, 28 February 2020 (Photos by GIS)

the overall operations of OfReg, and we look forward to his future visits when

we may have the opportunity to arrange visits for him to also meet with some of

OfReg's stakeholders," said the organisation's Chairman.

# Endemic rock iguanas under threat

Little Cayman's indigenous rock iguana (*Cyclura nubila caymanensis*) population has declined by more than half within the past five years, data compiled by Department of Environment (DoE) scientists show.

The rock iguana population was surveyed in late 2019 using a distance sampling method developed in conjunction with the DoE by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Dr. Frank Rivera-Milan. The survey data put the estimate of the mean number of rock iguanas at 1,786

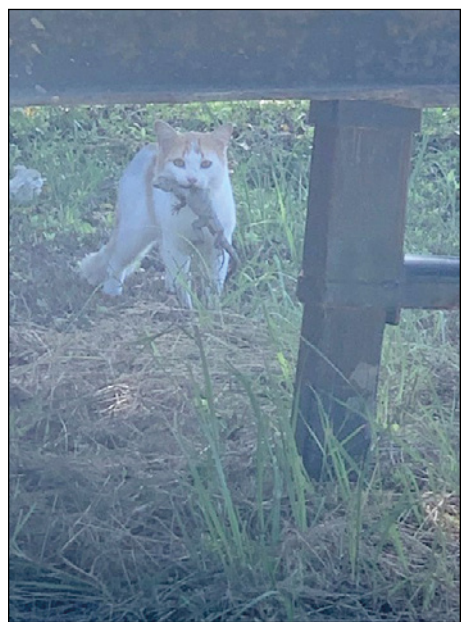
(averaged between a low of 1,474 and a high of 2,098)

That's a 39 percent decline when compared to the most recent Little Cayman rock iguana population survey in 2015, which showed an estimated population of 2,915 rock iguanas (averaged between a low of 2,339 and high of 3,491). It represents a 54 per cent decline from 2014, when the estimated population was surveyed at 3,847 rock iguanas.

"These are deeply worrying losses for the Sister Isles Rock Iguana population on Little Cayman," said Fred Burton, manager of the DoE's Terrestrial Resources Unit. "The causes of the decline are already known: the rock iguanas are being struck by vehicles and their young are falling prey to feral cats. The rock iguana population now consists mainly of mature adults, with the young age classes very scarce due to the unnatural and extreme predation pressure.

"Road kill and feral cats are challenging issues to address, but there are solutions, and it makes much more sense to address these now than to wait until the rock iguanas are on the brink of extinction requiring a multi-million dollar rescue operation like we had to do with the blue iguanas on Grand Cayman."

The DoE has long advised Little Cayman and Cayman Brac motorists to drive more slowly and cautiously, particularly during the spring and summer rock iguana breeding season when the large



► A feral cat preys upon a hatchling rock iguana in Little Cayman

reptiles tend to venture into the roads more often. As Little Cayman's road surfaces are improved, driving speeds have increased and roadkill rates are far beyond what the rock iguana population can sustain.

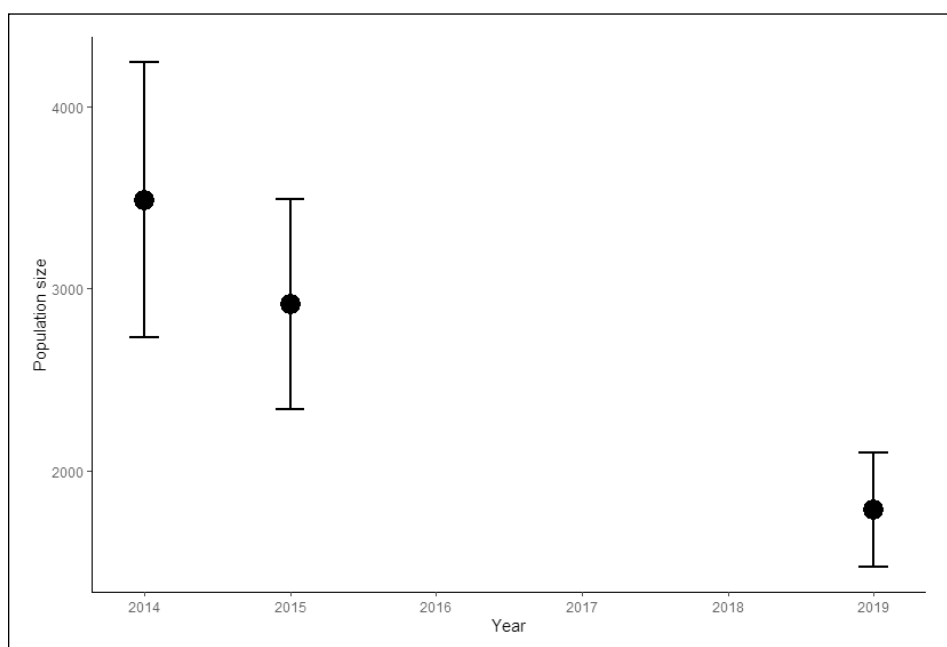
Feral cat predation on endemic species has been a long-term, serious concern throughout the Cayman Islands, affecting not only the indigenous rock iguanas, but also nesting seabirds such as the brown and red-footed boobies. Feral cat predation on native species is not a Cayman-specific problem. Feral cats have been named among the world's 100 worst invasive species by the Invasive Species Specialist Group and, according to a 2011 study, can claim 14 per cent of all modern-era bird, amphibian and mammal extinctions in island countries. (\*)

Unresolved legal action has hamstrung both the Ministry of Environment's and the Ministry of Agriculture's efforts to resolve the problem.

"As Minister for Environment, I urge Sister Islands motorists to take it easy on local roads - we're losing at least 40 rock iguanas to vehicles a year on Little Cayman alone," said Environment Minister, the Hon. Dwayne Seymour. "It's also clear that something has got to be done about feral cats. These small islands are just losing too many rock iguanas and seabirds each year to sustain those important populations."



► DoE volunteers in Little Cayman place a marker where a vehicle struck and killed a rock iguana in 2019



► A chart of the Sister Islands Rock Iguana population decline since 2014

DoE scientists are planning the department's first distance sampling survey of the Cayman Brac rock iguana population later this year. The same key threats are prevalent on all three of our islands.

For more information about the Sister Islands Rock Iguana study, please contact DoE's Terrestrial Resources Unit manager Fred Burton, at Frederic.Burton@gov.ky or on 244-5995.

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# Can ethical theories tell us how to live our lives?

When we deal with difficult decisions, we often feel that there is no clear answer that is right, but we sense intuitively that the decision is about the distinction between right and wrong.

Questions, deliberations and answers about how we should live have been around since the dawn of mankind. Many of us are familiar with moral codes laid down in various religions such as the Ten Commandments of Christianity which stipulates for example: 'Thou shall not kill', 'Thou shall not commit adultery'; the Surah Al-An'aam (Chapter six of the Qur'an which outlines a code for Muslims to live by such as 'Give full measure and full weight with justice', 'Be good and dutiful to your parents'; and the Noble Eight Fold Path provided by Buddhism such as 'Right View', 'Right livelihood', 'Right concentration', etc.

However, ethical doctrines have also been provided by scholars and philosophers such as Aristotle, Immanuel Kant, Jeremy Bentham, and Confucius to name a few.

Ethical theories are frameworks that allow us to think about ethical questions. They serve as foundations of ethical analysis, the viewpoints from which guidance can be obtained along the pathway to a decision. They provide a platform from which we can explore and come to decisions which are grounded

in an ethical framework. They are explanations of how one should settle questions of right and wrong behavior.

There are two fundamental problems in identifying the ethical standards we are to follow: On what do we base our ethical standards? How do those standards get applied to specific situations we face? These are what the theories of ethics seek to provide. From these theories one can deduce sources of ethical standards.

In this article I delve into the main teachings of one major ethical theory- utilitarianism- which opines that moral questions should be mainly considerate of consequences.

Jeremy Bentham and J.S. Mill argued that human beings are under the governance of two sovereign masters- pain and pleasure. People will seek to maximize pleasure and minimize pain. Thus, the purpose of ethical decisions is to minimize the bad consequences and maximize the greatest good to the greatest number. From this perspective, the ethical action is the one that provides the most good or does the least harm, or, to put it another way, produces the greatest balance of good over harm.

Utilitarianism is an ethic of welfare. It is the idea that the moral worth of an action is solely determined by its contribution to overall utility, that is, its

contribution to happiness or pleasure as summed among all persons. It can be described by the phrase "the greatest good for the greatest number". It was the objective of the main thinkers of this theory to invent an approach to policy making that was objective and not held hostage to feelings.

Laws should be passed only if they maximize pleasure and minimize pain for the majority of people. In government, this framework invites the public servant to consider the broader society and its well-being by arriving at decisions that best meet this criterion. The ultimate goal of utilitarianism is to promote human welfare by maximizing benefits to as many people as possible.

The entrepreneur must consider the consequences of business decisions on the full range of stakeholders including the management, the staff, the customers, the shareholders, the country, humanity and the environment. This theory prescribes that the overall purpose of ethics, what it was designed to do, is to ensure the overall welfare of society.

The best decisions are those that generate the most benefits compared to their disadvantages and benefit the largest number of people. The goal is to select the alternative that achieves the greatest good for the greatest number of people.



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In applying utilitarian ethics, one should identify all the possible courses of actions, estimate the direct and indirect costs of each option and select that which produces the greatest amount of good based on the cost-benefit analysis.

We consider another ethical theory in next week's column. 🌐

# Is a Career in Hospitality and Tourism in Your Future?

According to the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) travel and tourism accounts for 1 of every 10 jobs of the world's jobs and has the highest potential for growth of any industry. That means there's plenty of opportunities to cultivate existing careers in the industry or create a new career in this ever-growing industry.

Hospitality and tourism represents a broad range of career prospects in industries that include: hotels and resorts, restaurants and commercial food service, meeting and event planning, tourism destinations and attractions, leisure, recreation and sports management, airlines, cruises and other trans-

portation, environmentally sustainable and cultural tourism development, and spa and wellness management to name a few.

As a vast, dynamic and flourishing industry, hospitality and tourism provides tremendous opportunity for the ambitious - who enjoy working with people. The hospitality and tourism industry operates in a highly competitive environment. It is important that those seeking careers as successful professionals develop a strong business foundation and customer service skills.

While hospitality and tourism has traditionally been an industry that emphasized on hands-on experience, the

competitive nature of the business now requires a combination of experience and higher education to build a successful management career. To meet the needs of the industry, hospitality and tourism programs offered by colleges and universities have grown rapidly across the world - and here, in the Cayman Islands too. Today programs are offered by a variety of vocational schools, community colleges and both public and private universities. Options range from short-term skills-oriented certificates to post-graduate degree programs.

Locally, The School of Hospitality Studies (SHS), a joint venture between the Ministry of Tourism, Ministry of Education, University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI), and industry partners offers a one-year Hospitality Studies certificate program with a concentration on front office operations, food and beverage service, food preparation, and housekeeping operations. Certificate completion may also provide qualification for entry into UCCI's Associate of Applied Science -Hospitality Management Program. A Bachelor of Science in Social Science with a Concentration in Tourism Management is also available. The International College of the Cayman Islands (ICCI) also offers an Associate of Science Program with a Hotel and Tourism Management Concentration. Whether you are looking for a career change or you are simply considering your future career options, maybe check out one of the programs for some inspiration!

The world is comprised of different cultures, different backgrounds, dif-



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ferent expectations and different attitudes - and those who choose to pursue a future in the industry have to be open-minded, welcoming and armed with a strong repertoire of skills. But most importantly, if you possess a strong desire to provide excellent service and overall experiences to others this fast-paced, yet extremely rewarding industry may be for you.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## National Children's Festival of the Arts (NCFA) Final Concerts

**5 - 7 March** - The country's talented students will showcase their winning NCFA performances at the Final Concerts to be held at the Harquail Theatre from Thursday 5 to Saturday 7 March. Performances will include songs, dances and poetry. All performances begin at 6:00pm and the cost is CI\$5.

## Food Vendor Registration for Adult Batabano

**6 March** - Food vendor Registration for Cayman Carnival Batabano's Food Festival begins on Friday 6 March at Le Classique in the Strand. Only 28 booths are available, so all are encouraged to register early! Prospective Food vendors must present an up to date Food & Safety Certificate upon registration.

## Friday Fish Fry Nights!

**6 March** - Back by popular demand is the St. Ignatius Youth Ministry Lenten Fish Fry Nights! This Friday and every Friday up to 3rd. April, come to the school canteen from 5 - 8pm and enjoy a menu of fried or baked snapper or mahi - mahi served with fries or rice, cole slaw, grilled onions and festival. You can dine in or take out with prices from \$8 - \$15 with free dessert. All proceeds go to the Parish Religious Education & Youth Ministry. Call 949 - 6797 for more information.

## Brac Spring Weekend

**6 - 8 March** - Attend the many events scheduled for Brac Spring Weekend. These include -  
**6 March** - Gospel Concert featuring Jermaine Edwards, 7pm, Aston Ruddy Centre on 6 March.



► National Children's Festival of the Arts (NCFA) Final Concerts

Clean up & Paint Elderly's House (South Side) Community Service Project, 6:30am - 9:30am followed by Scavenger Hunt from 12:30 - 4:30pm, Domino Tournament from 5pm - 8pm and a Video Game Tournament from 5pm - 9pm. On Sunday, you can participate in the Home Gas Kickball Tournament from 2pm - 6pm. Contact james.myles@gov.ky or 922-3652 for more information on all events

## 100 Women in Finance Gala

**6 March** - This 7th annual event will take place at Royal Palms, from 6:30pm to 1am. Participate in a night of fashion, cocktails, dinner and dancing on the beach as you enjoy a unique gala event - "Boardroom to Beach," - a runway show headlined by celebrity designer Alex Snyder from the hit US TV show, Project Runway, along with Cayman's own Isy B. and the latest collections from Sand Angels. There will be an exclusive fashion pop-up lounge where you can shop pieces from the runway, be styled by the designers, or get refreshed at the make-up touch-up bar. The event benefits our Next Generation Initiatives in the Cayman Islands, in support of GirlForce100, local scholarship program and community program partners. Cost \$125. Check <https://100women.org/cayman-gala-2020/> for more information.

## Fishing Family Fun Day

**7 March** - A family fun day takes place at the George Town Yacht Club from 12-4pm. Activities will include an IGFA Kids Fishing Clinic where you can learn the ins and outs of sportfishing, virtual reality, educational games, fish fighting, face painting and more. Brought to you by BK Big Fish Tournament, Cayman Islands Angling Club, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, IGFA and Car City. For more information email [events@guyharvey.com](mailto:events@guyharvey.com).

## Light Up the Night Beach Walk

**7 March** - Join the Breast Cancer Foundation for their 10th annual



► Inter - Primary Track and Field Championships

Light Up the Night Beach Walk, starting at Royal Palms Beach Club at 6pm. The walk will go from Royal Palms to The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and back. Cost is a \$25 donation and participants receive a T-shirt while stocks last, and a raffle prize draw entry. Pick up a registration form at 19 Grand Harbour or Remax, Seven Mile Shops or download from [www.breastcancerfoundation.ky](http://www.breastcancerfoundation.ky). Please call 923-1135 or email [info@breastcancerfoundation.ky](mailto:info@breastcancerfoundation.ky) for further information.

## Special Olympics AGM

**11 March** - The Annual General meeting of the Special Olympics Cayman Islands will be held at the VIP Lounge, Truman Bodden Sports Complex starting at 6pm. Agenda includes the presentation of annual reports and the election of the board of directors. For further information please call the Special Olympics office at 345-946-7624 or email [soci@candw.ky](mailto:soci@candw.ky).

## Inter - Primary Track and Field Championships

**12 - 13 March** - Join the country's primary schools as they compete in track and field events at the Truman Bodden Complex on 12 and 13 March. More than 500 young athletes will compete in a series of events including sprints, relays, long jump and high jump. Red Bay Primary School, last year's winner

of the Championships are hoping to repeat this feat.

## Dress for Culture Day

**13 March** - Dress for Culture Day is CNCF's annual 'dress up, dress down' fundraiser. Each year schools, businesses and individuals across the Cayman Islands are invited to get creative and display their homeland pride and cultural attire on one day. Apart from raising cultural awareness and celebrating diversity, donations from the participants in Dress for Culture Day are used to support various CNCF youth programmes. Want to get involved? Contact [info@artscayman.org](mailto:info@artscayman.org) to register or call 949 - 5477.

## Cayman National Choir Performance

**13 March** - The Cayman National Choir & Orchestra's Royal Variety Performance takes place at the Harquail Theatre. Featuring music from Handel and Walton to the royalty of the pop world including Queen and Elvis Presley, this is a concert that will stir the heart, lift the spirits and set the feet tapping with something for everyone to enjoy. The concert is at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$25/10 from [EventPro.ky](http://EventPro.ky) or from choir and orchestra members.

## Cayman Heart Fund Symposium

**19 March** - The symposium will be held at the Margaritaville Re-

sort Grand Cayman from 5pm to 9 pm. and registration is free, and CME credits are available. The Cayman Heart Fund's 13th Annual International Symposium welcomes internationally renowned Hospitals and Doctors specializing in cardiovascular disease. Attendees will receive information on the latest research, current technology and advancements in cardiovascular medicine. Refreshments and food will be provided. To register for the event please paste and copy this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M936ZXS> For more information about the conference please contact the Cayman Heart Fund at (345) 916-6324 or [info@caymanheartfund.com](mailto:info@caymanheartfund.com).

## St. Ignatius Golf Scramble

**20 March** - Enjoy Golf? Then this event will suit you to a tee! Join fellow golfers at the North Sound Club for a chance to win US\$50,000 for a hole in one! There are other great prizes to be won - prize for best dressed team, 2 longest drive holes and more surprises. The final deadline to register is Monday, March 16th, but it is likely that all available spaces will fill up before then, so please register early to avoid disappointment. Please e-mail [stignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com](mailto:stignatius.golf.scramble@gmail.com) or phone 949-6797 if you have any further questions. Proceeds for Building Fund and Scholarships. 🌐

# 5 Diet Questions for Fat Loss

Before you start a new diet, answer these five questions to see if it will help you lose fat.

## Fat Loss Question 1: Does it make you hungry all day every day?

When you're on a diet, it's normal to feel the occasional tinge of hunger. Much of those light hunger pangs, however, should be done away with by drinking a glass of water. And if you stay busy enough with life in general, you ought to be able to ignore some other hunger. But if your diet has you feeling hungry at all times, you're not going to last long.

To avoid falling into the pit of hungry despair, go with a diet that lets you eat protein, fiber, and healthy fats. Also, as stated above, drink plenty of water to avoid confusing hunger with thirst.

## Fat Loss Question 2: Does it force you to drop food groups?

A healthy diet is one that incorporates appropriate amounts of food from each food group. When a diet cuts an entire

food group from your eating options, you're going to have a hard time surviving your diet for longer than a week or two.

One of the most popular food groups to cut is carbohydrates. While not eating carbs will indeed help you lose weight, carbs are what make it possible to store energy to make it through the day. No carbs, no energy, no willpower to maintain your diet.

## Fat Loss Question 3: Is your mood suddenly unpredictable?

Everyone gets metabolic every once in a while, but if your diet is too restrictive, you may find your mood swings coming with greater regularity and severity. This happens because excessive caloric restrictions messes with the chemicals in your brain. When this occurs, there is no telling what direction your mood will go.

Before letting your diet ruin your relationships and put your job at risk, reconsider your diet and find one that helps you be cool, calm, and collect.



► Ernest Ebanks

## Fat Loss Question 4: Does it insist there is no need to exercise?

There are some diet plans that promise plenty of lost pounds without the addition of exercise.

If this is the type of diet you're considering or are in the midst of, beware! Exercise comes with countless health benefits that will make your weight loss

all the more beneficial. From preventing chronic pain to improving your energy level and sleeping better, exercise is a vital component to any diet.

## Fat Loss Question 5: Do you still weigh the same?

It is true that the best way to lose weight is slowly—approximately one or two pounds per week. But take note that slowly doesn't mean not at all.

In the event you've been on a diet for a few weeks without any results to speak of, then your diet is a flop. Drop it immediately and find something that will help you lose pounds. Otherwise, you'll get discouraged with your diet and swap it for the old habits that got you where you are now.

**Remember that a true body transformation comes only from a combination of diet and exercise. Call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness 325-8696 or email me today at [bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com](mailto:bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com) to get started on the only fitness program that you'll ever need!** 🌐

# SOMETHING FISHY

Open any health magazine or search page and one thing you are sure to find abundant news about is - OMEGA-3 FISH OIL. Many people take this because they heard it's good for them, but seldom do they why.

Omega-3's are essential oils or fatty acids. The human body does not manufacture this for itself. However, there's a naturally occurring source in plants and fish. Some plants and plant-eating animals produce Omega-3 fatty acids. Your body has to convert this plant based quality to activate two of their most beneficial components, DHAs and EPAs. Sea creatures are the main source of Omega-3 supplements. Their fatty acids are water soluble and assimilated easily by the body.

An Omega-3 deficiency can lead to disease that cause premature death and hence are classified as essential oils or essential fatty acids. You MUST HAVE THEM IN YOUR DIET. Omega oils include Omega-3, 6 which is an unhealthy oil, and 9. "It is to be noted that modern food processing has radically increased the Omega-6s we ingest. The result is that today's Americans consume thirty times more of this junk food oil than Omega-3. That's an unhealthy equation," says Dr. Michael Pinkus in his newsletter, "Health Matters."

Dr. Pinkus also believes that the healthiest source of Omega-3s is Krill. Yes, that sea creature. It's loaded with great nutrients. When your body is








flooded with Omega-3s, they go to work cancelling out the negative effects of Omega-6s. And just that you know. Omega-3s are a must to support your brain, nervous system, heart, cells, hormones and so much more.

The antioxidants in Krill oil are 30 times more powerful than vitamin E. But for me the biggest benefit is that your burps are not fishy. Also, it helps with pain, your brain health and veins. It assimilates quickly into your body and it's the most abundant biomass on the planet. So, it's time you get on the Krill bandwagon. Until next time, have a healthy week. Here's a top Krill brand supplement you should be using. 🌐





**WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
<b>82°/79°</b>	<b>80°/75°</b>	<b>78°/75°</b>	<b>79°/76°</b>	<b>79°/76°</b>	<b>78°/78°</b>	<b>79°/78°</b>
Partly sunny and pleasant	A passing shower or two	Very windy; partly sunny	Mostly sunny and windy	Breezy with some sun	Windy with partial sunshine	Some sun with a shower

**MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION**



**BEST DIVIDENDS  
LUKE -12:21**

These days it is very difficult to find and acquire a secure investment. Daily, billions of dollars are traded by those requiring the biggest bang for their bucks, and at the same time want security. In reality there's nothing like a safe high- end option on this side of reality. I learnt this the hard way recently with an investment.

In today's lesson the Rich young ruler met this reality. His portfolio was based on his abilities and continually made flawed plans. Christ stressed that true riches- safe investments with eternal, high yields can only be found to the priorities of His Kingdom. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness is true today more than ever."

The only true option, true investment that yields eternal rewards is your trust in Christ Jesus. That's for sure. 🌐



▶ A section of PWD staffers who attend the diploma presentation (Photos by Bina Mani, GIS)

**PWD Three Receive Diplomas**

Three elite Public Works Department staffers are the first to complete the highest course currently available in the department's flagship apprenticeship programme.

Caymanians Mr. Daniel Dawkins, Mr. Davanni James and Mr. Adrian Jackson received their diplomas and an accompanying prize from Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure Ministry Deputy Chief Officer and PWD Acting Director, Ms Leyda Nicholson-Makasare at the department's retreat held at the Family Life Centre on Walkers Road, Thursday, 20 February 2020.

Mr. Dawkins and Mr. James studied Construction and Mr. Adrian Jackson, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration. The trio successfully earned their diplomas, having completed the 18-month Level III technical courses offered in Jamaica by Heart Trust NTA's College of Construction Services.

The three employees are from the department's first batch of full-time apprentices, which was the start of a programme that evolved into a full-fledge Training Centre operated by the department and has currently 17 trainees across several skill areas up to Level II, City & Guilds Certification.

PWD initially employed the three as apprentices in a three-year programme, where they studied subjects including construction, building maintenance and air conditioning.

During this time, they worked within the Facilities Unit under the supervision of various Field Supervisors. In this unit, they were assigned to at least three subsequent trades where they gained exposure to each trade and developed an appreciation of the required skills during their first year, outlined the Acting Director.

In their second year, they were assigned full time to a particular unit (chosen based on their strength or the prevailing need of the department) under the supervision of a Foreman where they sufficiently honed their skills in the



▶ Mr. Davanni James receives his diploma from Ms Nicholson-Makasare. Level III Diploma in General Construction

specific discipline(s) to ensure that they met the prescribed standards of the trade.

In their third year, they were sent overseas to complete training not yet available on island. This enabled them to obtain certification in their area of specialization at a suitable level required for the new multi-skilled and modern technician roles they have now been promoted to, having successfully completed their training, the Acting Director said.

Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joey Hew has congratulated the recipients on their achievement. "These staff members make us proud of what the Public Works Department

continues to achieve and they give us hope that the future of our Islands is in the hands of competent and qualified Caymanians," he said.

Lauding the trio on their accomplishment, Deputy Chief Officer Nicholson-Makasare commented, "PWD will continue to invest in our employees. Training provides an opportunity for them to acquire a wider skill-set. With more skills, they are better equipped to contribute to the Department, and the country as a whole, as well as pass on their knowledge to our new apprentices".

She also encouraged more staffers to continue their learning and training. 🌐



▶ Mr. Daniel Dawkins receives his diploma and an accompanying prize from Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure Ministry Deputy Chief Officer and PWD Acting Director, Ms Leyda Nicholson-Makasare for successfully completing his 18-month Level III Diploma in General Construction

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Still we have fond memories of the one we loved so dearly.  
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Zeta and Mitzie, nieces, nephews, in-laws and the rest of the family.*

**OBITUARIES**


**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Esther Sivia Connor, who passed away on Monday, March 02, 2020. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

The Family of the Late **Fabian Walton** regret to announce his passing on Tuesday, 25 February 2020.



A memorial service will take place Saturday, 7 March 2020 at Bodden Funeral Service, 117 Walkers Road, George Town at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservices.com](http://boddenfuneralservices.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page.

**Bodden Funeral**  
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The Family Of The Late **James McDormand** regret to announce his passing on Saturday, 29 February, 2020.

Mr. McDormand was repatriated to Canada.

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**Bodden Funeral**  
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The Family Of The Late **Charles Reid** regret to announce his passing on Thursday, 27 February, 2020.

Mr. Reid will be repatriated to Jamaica.

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**Bodden Funeral**  
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# A SUPER TUESDAY FOR BIDEN

Biden may have poured some cold water on the Bern, but has former vice-president Joe Biden succeeded in knocking the forward momentum of Senator Bernie Sanders off the rails?

The unexpected surge of the former vice-president in the Super Tuesday primaries invigorated a campaign which recently looked as if it was running off the rails.

Biden has fared badly in several key primaries and debates and was trailing Sanders and other candidates in the field of Democratic candidates vying to face off against President Donald Trump in November's presidential election.

But whether it be a stroke of luck, or strategic planning as his campaign team would no doubt claim, Joe Biden is back on track.

Having swept the Southern states buoyed mainly by the African-American vote, Team Biden was well on its way to locking down Super Tuesday although big wins for Sanders in states like Tex-

as, Colorado, Utah and Vermont kept the flames of the 'Bern' alive.

The other big news coming out of Super Tuesday came in the form of a double-whammy.

Billionaire Michael Bloomberg dropped out of the race and then dropped the news that he was endorsing Joe Biden for president.

It could mean that Bloomberg is now likely to divert at least some of the millions he had budgeted for his campaign over to the Biden camp if as he claims is sole objective is to see Donald Trump out of the White House.

If that's really the plan, Biden's main opponent Senator Bernie Sanders tried to get the public relations jump on him the day after Super Tuesday, with a slick tongue-in-cheek advertising campaign.

Team Bernie produced a political advert edited and purporting to show former two-term president Barack Obama - under whom Biden served as vice-president, singing the praises of Bernie Sanders.



It was not an official endorsement but slickly edited to suggest that Bernie has Obama's backing too.

Previously, two other candidates had dropped out.

The promising mayor Pete Buttigieg and Senator Amy Klobuchar both threw their support behind Joe Biden ahead of Super Tuesday.

But it's still a long way to go and the spectre of Republican President Donald Trump looms large.

The Democratic candidates left in the race including Senator Elizabeth Warren, who lost in her home state Massachusetts on Super Tuesday, were vying for the nod from over 1,300 delegates.

With more primaries to come, the race for the Democrats nomination is all but narrowed down to a two-horse race; Biden versus Bernie.

It's shaping up as a see-saw battle between the two on the home stretch.

Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, while not that far apart on specific policies - and age (they are one year apart; Biden -77 and Sanders -78), are different personalities and package their politics slightly differently.

Biden projects a more centrist perspective while Sanders is viewed as more left-leaning and 'socialist' - a more dreaded term in American politics than it is Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

What unifies them is their strident opposition to the incumbent, flamboyant and maverick 71-year-old President Donald Trump whom both denounce as undermining American politics and being unfit for the office he now occupies.

At this stage, the run-up to the coming election - including the Democrats candidate selection - is the battle of the septuagenarians...minus one.

But Bloomberg who is 78 is still seen as positioning himself to play a role in the background.



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► Backstroke start

► Officials starting a race

# 2020 CIASA Nationals

*Last chance qualifier before CARIFTA took place  
February 26 – March 1*

This past weekend the 2020 Cayman Islands Aquatics Sports Association Nationals saw 135 swimmers from Camana Bay Aquatic Club, Seven Mile Swimmers and Stingray Swim Club take to the blocks in the chase for national titles, and Junior and Development Team cuts.

“CIASA Nationals is one of our biggest events,” commented Bailey Weathers, CIASA Technical Director. “The meet is a prelims and finals format, giving young-

er swimmers exposure to the format they may experience in larger meets. It is also the last opportunity for eligible swimmers to make qualifying times that will allow them to be considered for the Cayman Islands Junior team which will travel to Barbados and take part in CARIFTA over the Easter long weekend.”

While CIASA volunteers are still verifying new National (Cayman Islands citizens) and CIASA (Cayman Islands residents) records, it can be confirmed that 22 new Junior team times were achieved and 25 new Development team times were achieved. It is expected that the Junior CARIFTA team will be announced either later this week or early next week.

Saturday’s finals session started with an Artistic Swimming performance; while senior swimmers Jordan Crooks, Camana Bay Aquatic Club; and Alison Jackson, Krishna Adapa and Elana Sinclair all took part in their last CIASA Nationals as age group swimmers - this time next year they will all be in the 18 and over age group. Of the four, Jack-



► Artistic Swimming



► On the podium - Allyson Belfonte, Harper Barrowman and Abbey Walton

son and Adapa have committed to swim in college in the US while Crooks and Sinclair are still deciding what next year will bring to their swimming careers.

The fund raising CIASA raffle took place and winners were CI\$1000.00 – Erin Hollingsbee, CI\$ 500.00 – Samantha Ebanks and 3 x \$100.00 to Ria Lorde, Roberta McLean and Joyce Cantlay.

“Huge thanks to our sponsors, volunteers and officials – who are also volunteers; and to our swimmers and our coaches,” said Duke Sullivan – CIA-

SA Director and Meet Director for the meet. “This is a big undertaking which requires great team effort from all involved. Our young athletes benefit, so the hours we as parents and volunteers invest is worthwhile.”

Next on the calendar for CIASA is the XXX CARIFTA 2020 where Cayman will be fielding teams in Artistic, Pool and Open Water swimming.

For more information on CIASA visit [www.ciasa.ky](http://www.ciasa.ky) or contact Kathy Jackson at [skyjackswim@gmail.com](mailto:skyjackswim@gmail.com)



► Action on the blocks



## GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Indigenous Canadians win pipeline dispute

Canada's indigenous leaders have reached an agreement with government officials in a land dispute that has sparked widespread protests and railway blockades throughout the country.

The tentative resolution follows three days and nights of intense negotiations between hereditary chiefs of the Wet'suwet'en nation in British Columbia and federal and provincial ministers – but falls short of addressing concerns over a controversial natural gas pipeline project.

"We, I believe, have come to a proposed arrangement that will also honour the protocols of the Wet'suwet'en people and clans," Carolyn Bennett, the Crown-Indigenous Relations minister, said.

Leaders met in British Columbia to address longstanding frustrations among the Wet'suwet'en over a previous refusal by the federal and provincial



► Frank Alec is an indigenous Canadian spokesman

governments to recognise both Wet'suwet'en's governance structure, which uses hereditary chiefs instead of elected councils, and their 22,000 sq km of traditional territory. The Wet'suwet'en have never signed away the rights to their land or agreed any treaty with the Canadian government.

"As Wet'suwet'en, we are the land, and the land is ours," chief Frank Alec, who goes by the hereditary name Woos, said at a news conference, calling the agreement "quite a milestone." 🌐

## UK airlines cancel flights over virus

British Airways and budget rival Ryanair have cancelled hundreds of flights as demand for travel drops in the UK amid fears about the spread of coronavirus.

BA is cancelling 226 flights from 16-28 March from London to destinations including New York, Italy, France, Austria, Belgium, Germany and Ireland.

Ryanair will cut up to 25 percent of flights in and out of Italy from 17 March to 8 April. Tourists and businesspeople are cutting back on foreign travel.

There could be a "very significant expansion" of the number of cases of coronavirus in the UK, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has warned.

Ryanair boss Michael O'Leary said: "Our focus at this time is on minimising any risk to our people and our passengers. While we are heavily booked over the next two weeks, there has been a notable drop in forward book-



► British Airways has cancelled many flights over coronavirus

ings towards the end of March, into early April.

"It makes sense to selectively prune our schedule to and from those airports where travel has been most affected by the Covid-19 outbreak."

The firm declined to say how many flights or passengers would be affected.

However, it said the move would not affect its results for the financial year which ends on 31 March.

British Airways said it would contact customers on cancelled flights to offer rebooking on to other carriers, refunds or another flight with BA for a later date of travel. 🌐

## Honduran economy boosted by fruits to US

Hondurans may be finding it difficult to live and work in the United States, but they are benefiting from selling tropical fruits to the Americans.

Agricultural exports from Honduras to the US continues to increase, with tropical fruits playing a large role.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) specialist, Ana Gomez, told Hondudiario, a Honduran news agency, that agricultural exports have increased in recent years from \$600 million to \$900m and noted that Honduras exports more agricultural products to the US than the US exports to Honduras.

Gomez highlighted the fact that fresh fruits and vegetables are in high demand, and among them the melon and rambutan are fast risers.

According to data published by The Observatory of Economic Com-



► Honduras sells many of its bananas to the US

plexity in 2017, Honduras exported \$9 billion worth of goods with the US importing \$4.86bn worth of that. In 2017 bananas were their top exported fruit with a value of \$293m followed by melons at \$191m, among other commodities. The US was the main importer of both commodities, taking in \$256m in bananas (88 percent) and \$128m in melons (67 percent). 🌐

## Cuba's cigar trade is still alight

Cuba, a country with the best land for tobacco leaves to grow on, just celebrated the 22nd edition of the International Cigar Festival, solidifying its world-renowned reputation for producing the world's best cigars.

Although Cuban cigars cannot officially access the significant market in the US which is worth over \$500 million annually, cigar sales on the island have not gone up in smoke.

Considered to be the most influential cigar festival in the world, it involved different activities such as the presentation

of new cigar bands, visits to plantations and factories, a trade fair, an auction of humidors, seminars, a competition for sommeliers, the third edition of the Habanos Word Challenge, the launch of Montecristo perfume and the book 'El bello habano' by Reinaldo Gonzalez.

It ran from Feb. 24-28 in Havana. This Habanos Festival coincided with many anniversaries, including the 145th of the showcase brand Romeo y Julieta, Montecristo's 85th birthday, Partagas 175th and Cuba's La Casa del Habano international franchise's 30th. 🌐



► Cuban cigar sales are helping the economy

## Gauido: Maduro wants to kill me

Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido accused the government of trying to kill him while he was taking part in an anti-government rally Saturday in Lara state.

"The cowardly dictatorship tried to assassinate me," Guaido said in a video posted on social media. "Nicolas Maduro is a coward

who cannot go out on the streets and so he sends armed groups," he added, referring to Venezuela's president.

A photo posted on Twitter shows a masked man pointing a gun toward a group of opposition activists, including Guaido, who claimed his vehicle was hit by more than nine bullets.

"They shot, they fired guns near us, they aimed at me, but that's not going to make us back down," said Guaido.

His team posted images on social media showing the damage to one of his entourage vehicles and injured people left by the attack he claims was carried out by groups called colectivos, or collectives, which see themselves as the defenders of former President Hugo Chavez's "Bolivarian Revolution."

Guaido is calling on people to rally on Tuesday, when he hopes to retake control of the National Assembly.



► Juan Guaido feels his life was threatened

His office published an "international alert" calling on the governments of other countries to "decisively and fearlessly increase the measures and pressure exerted against the tyranny headed by Nicolas Maduro."

The events were condemned by the United States and Luis Almagro, secretary-general of the Organization of American States.

The U.S. government rejects the "acts of desperation and violence" against the demonstration led by Guaido, the US Foreign Office for the Venezuelan embassy in Caracas said in a post on its official Twitter account.

It said the attack was "another reminder of how the world must defend Venezuela" and stressed that "democracy cannot be intimidated."

There has been no reaction from the Maduro government at press time. 🌐

## Tech genius brings down electricity prices

Filipinos pay the second-highest electricity prices in Asia but thanks to a start-up business, business consumers in the country are now able to receive competitive bids in real time from electricity suppliers. This has slashed their electricity costs by 10 per cent on average and the hope is households will benefit next.

A camp he attended in 2015 inspired then-undergraduate Sergius Angelo Santos to find a way to offer cheaper electricity to Filipino consumers. Sponsored by a leading power generation firm, the camp gathered some of the Philippine capital's brightest students. Through workshops, they were exposed to different aspects of the power industry, including economic and political issues related to energy management in the country.

Santos learned that the Philippines had the second-highest electricity prices in Asia, and that this had prompted multi-national companies to move production abroad because of subsidies and incentives that governments elsewhere offered to energy consumers. Unlike its Asian neighbours Thailand, Indonesia and Malaysia, electricity rates in the Philippines are not subsidised by the government.

"High electricity rates in the Philippines have also been stifling the growth of many small and medium



► Chaotic electricity lines are a feature of Filipino cities

enterprises and preventing manufacturing companies from further expanding locally, hence, opting to just outsource production abroad," Santos told Eco-Business. "This was what motivated me to find solutions."

Santos rounded up his student friends Matt Tan, Bradley Cua and Enzo Bautista and they figured out how to tackle the problem. In January last year, they launched Exora, an online platform connecting Filipino businesses directly with energy suppliers, which would bid to offer electricity at the best prices to clients. It is the first in Asia to provide real-time energy bidding by energy suppliers to woo a customer.

The start-up enables businesses to put their electricity profiles on its platform and connect with an electricity partner that will offer a price range and contract that meets their expectations. 🌐



# James praises emerging NBA stars

LeBron James is now in the veteran stage of his fabulous career and at 35 is looking at the next generation coming through, headed, it seems by rookie Zion Williamson.

Following a rematch against high-flying teen sensation Williamson, in which James' Lakers beat the newcomer's New Orleans Pelicans 122-114 Sunday, the King said he believes the NBA will flourish as the youngsters develop.

"I do it for the love of the game and I do it for the guys who come after me that have the same passion, I believe I had when I came up," he said.

"The league is in great hands with a guy like Zion, Ja Morant, Luka Doncic, Trae Young, Jayson Tatum and the list goes on and on. I'm just happy to be a part of it and be on the floor with those guys in their younger days."

James is in his 17th season in the NBA, but the Lakers stalwart is showing no signs of slowing down. The three-time

champion is averaging more than 25 points a game, leads the league in assists per game and has driven the Lakers to the summit of the Western Conference.

But while James' focus is firmly on the present, he has high hopes for the future.

Because of the similarities in physique, intensity and excitement when they entered the NBA, comparisons with Williamson are inevitable.

And while Williamson missed the first two games against James' Lakers because of the knee injury he suffered in preseason, there were fireworks when the pair first met on court on Feb. 25.

James recorded a season-high 40 points to help the Lakers to victory before calling Williamson "special" after he notched another 29 points, his fifth straight 25-point game.

In the second instalment between the pair, it was James who again triumphed, although Williamson's career-best per-



► LeBron James is impressed by the brilliance of young stars

formance certainly made things more difficult.

The former Duke power forward's 35 points surpassed James' 34-point,

13-assist, 12-rebound triple-double performance, but was not enough to stop the Lakers winning its fourth straight encounter against the Pelicans.

Following the final buzzer, James and Williamson embraced on the court, and the 16-time All-Star was coy on what was said between the two.

"That's up to him to tell y'all. I don't do it for the publicity," James said. He is certainly setting the bench high for the rising stars, averaging a 30-point triple-double when facing Doncic, Williamson and Young this season. The Lakers are 7-1 in those games.

"It's just my responsibility. No one told me to do that," James said. "You see all these guys -- these young guys. You know, the league is in a very good place and if I'm able to give my wisdom of the game, pass it down while I'm playing or after I'm playing, I feel like it's my job."



► Rookie Zion Williamson is making an impact



► Ja Morant was praised by James

## Virus means Tokyo Olympics may be postponed

Japan may be allowed to postpone the Tokyo Olympics until the end of 2020, the country's minister responsible for the Games said.

Olympics minister Seiko Hashimoto has said Japan's agreement with the International Olympic Committee to host the 2020 games could be deferred until the winter.

"The contract calls for the Games to be held within 2020. That could be interpreted as allowing a postponement," the minister said in response to a question in parliament.

The Tokyo Olympics are due to get underway on 24 July. But Japan has

counted 274 cases of coronavirus as infections worldwide continue to spike.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe last week ordered all schools to close until April, affecting more than 10 million children.

Global coronavirus cases have blown past 90,000 and the death toll stands at 3,117.

The coronavirus outbreak has sent Japan's economy sprawling. Japan warned it was teetering on the brink of recession in January, and now its central bank has said it will inject cash into the economy if the coronavirus epidemic gets worse.



► Staging the Tokyo Olympics this summer is in doubt

## Beckham positive despite Inter Miami's setback

David Beckham praised his Inter Miami squad despite the team's 1-0 loss to Los Angeles FC in their first-ever Major League Soccer match. The former England captain took to Instagram to congratulate the club's players and staff and share his excitement for the team's future.

"Very proud moment for our club today and the team did us proud," the former Manchester United and LA Galaxy midfielder said. "It's been a long journey, but this is only the beginning. To Diego (The Boss) the team and our entire staff...we should be very proud how far we have come and what the future holds. Exciting times ahead."

The 44-year-old, who also played for Real Madrid, Paris Saint-Germain and AC Milan, is the co-owner of the 25th MLS franchise which, six years after its initial conception, finally took to the field on Sunday. Beckham's side, managed by two-time CONCACAF Champions League winner Diego Alonso, showed flashes of promise in their first outing against a strong LAFC unit.



► Carlos Vela burst Inter Miami's bubble

LAFC only played their first MLS game in March 2018 but have reached the play-offs in their first two seasons in the league and clinched the Supporters' Shield - awarded to the team with the best regular season record - last year. And the hosts, managed by former long-serving USA head coach Bob Bradley, looked to assert their dominance in the opening stages at the Banc of California Stadium. Carlos Vela, on his 31st birthday, produced a piece of brilliance to give LAFC the lead on the stroke of half-time, dancing his way to the edge of the area before executing a sublime chip over keeper Luis Robles.

## Pulev promises to upset Joshua progress

Kubrat Pulev insists he will fulfil his "destiny" by beating Anthony Joshua to become world heavyweight champion at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on 20 June.

The Bulgarian, 38, is mandatory challenger in what is Joshua's first bout in the UK since 2018 and has vowed to take the IBF, WBO and WBA titles. If Pulev won, it would shatter the gloss of an all British fight between Joshua and WBC champ Tyson Fury to be unified champ.

Pulev's promoter Bob Arum is adamant his fighter will knock out Joshua, who is a 1-10 favourite with some bookmakers.

Arum reasons that if Andy Ruiz Jr could stop the Briton - as he did in June before losing a rematch - then Pulev will do the same.

Such a result would give Arum control of all four heavyweight belts as he also promotes Fury, who will put his WBC title on the line in a third fight against Deontay Wilder - scheduled for 18 July.

Many boxing fans are keen to see Joshua and Fury meet for all four belts, but both would need to win before complex negotiations take place over any bout.

Pulev, who has one defeat in his career - against Wladimir Klitschko in 2014 - believes he will wreck such plans.

"Becoming a heavyweight world champion has always been my mission in life and on 20 June 2020 I will fulfil my destiny," Pulev said.

Joshua made no reference to Fury or Pulev in his comments on the fight saying only that he was keen to make "history" in what is the first boxing bout at the new home of Tottenham Hotspur.

"The belts go back up in the air and nothing will stop me from being victorious," said Joshua, 30.

His promoter Eddie Hearn has spoken about Joshua and Fury meeting in December should they both win.

That contest would probably take place in Saudi Arabia given the weather in the UK late would make any stadium



► Kubrat Pulev feels he is overlooked

bout unlikely, while arenas in Britain would not offer the capacity needed.

A host of other issues would need to be worked out too - such as how ri-

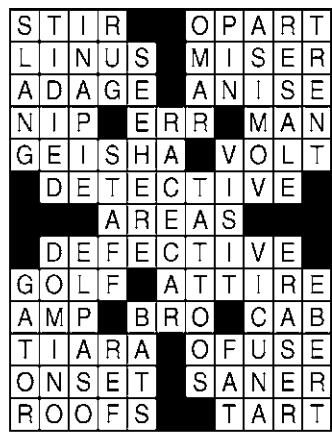
val television networks and promoters could cooperate - but a defeat for Joshua against Pulev would end hope of any Fury fight in the short term.



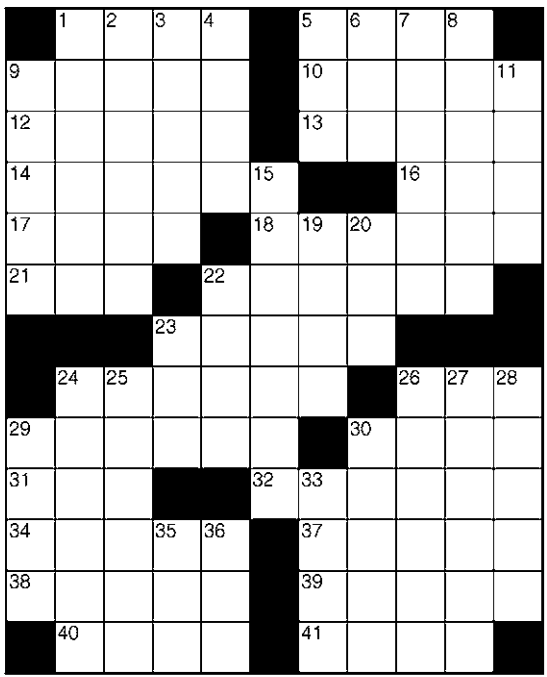
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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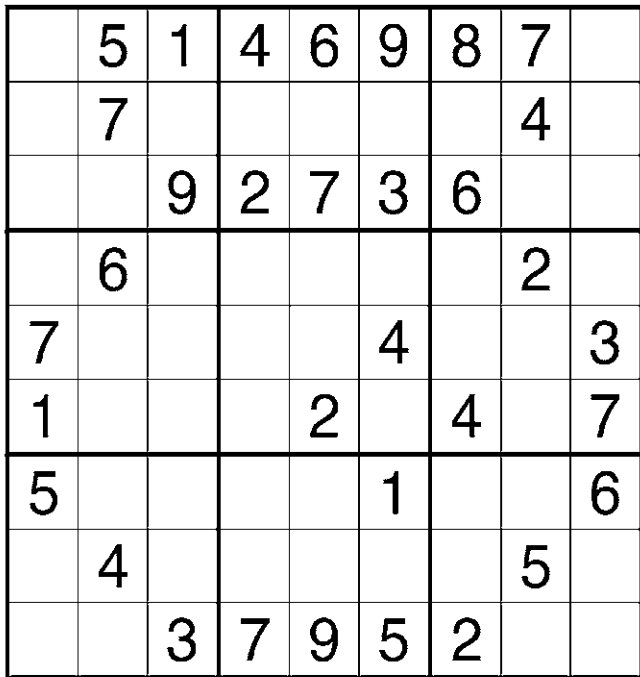
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**SUDOKU**

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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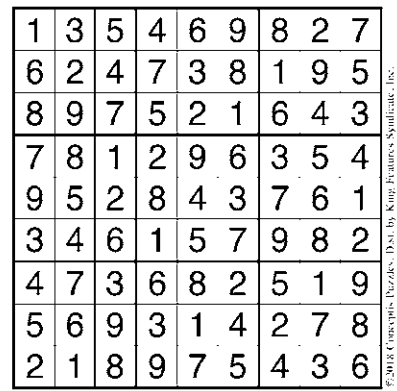
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- Articulate
- Chelate
- Chocolate
- Collate
- Conflate
- Consulate
- Deflate
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- Hotplate
- Inflate
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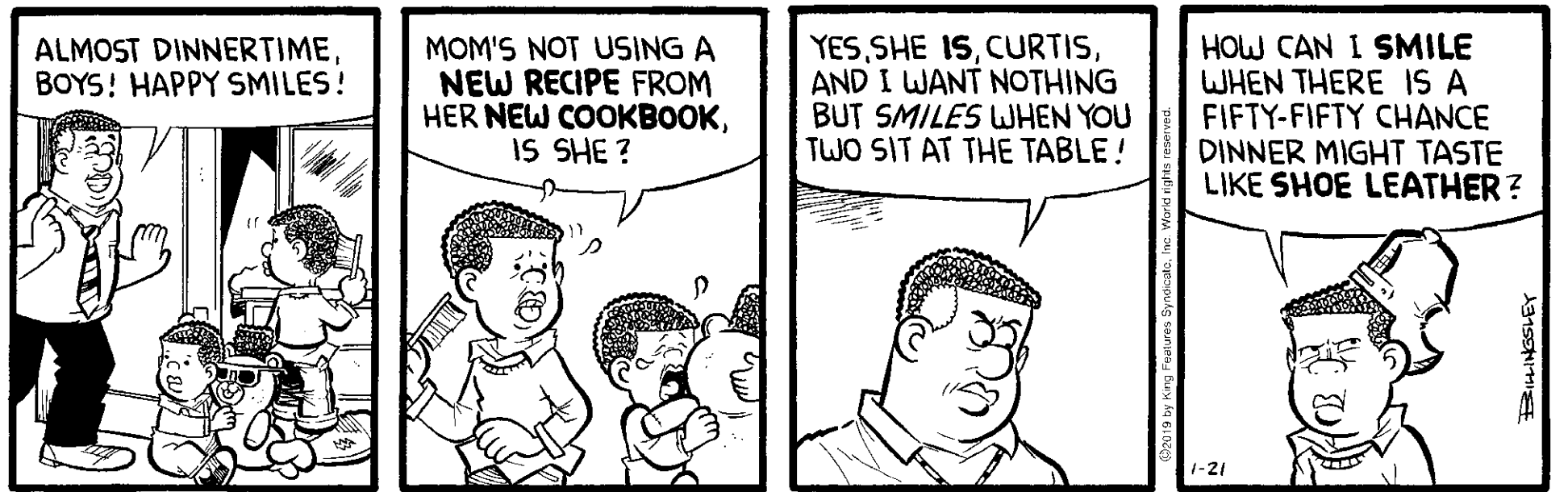


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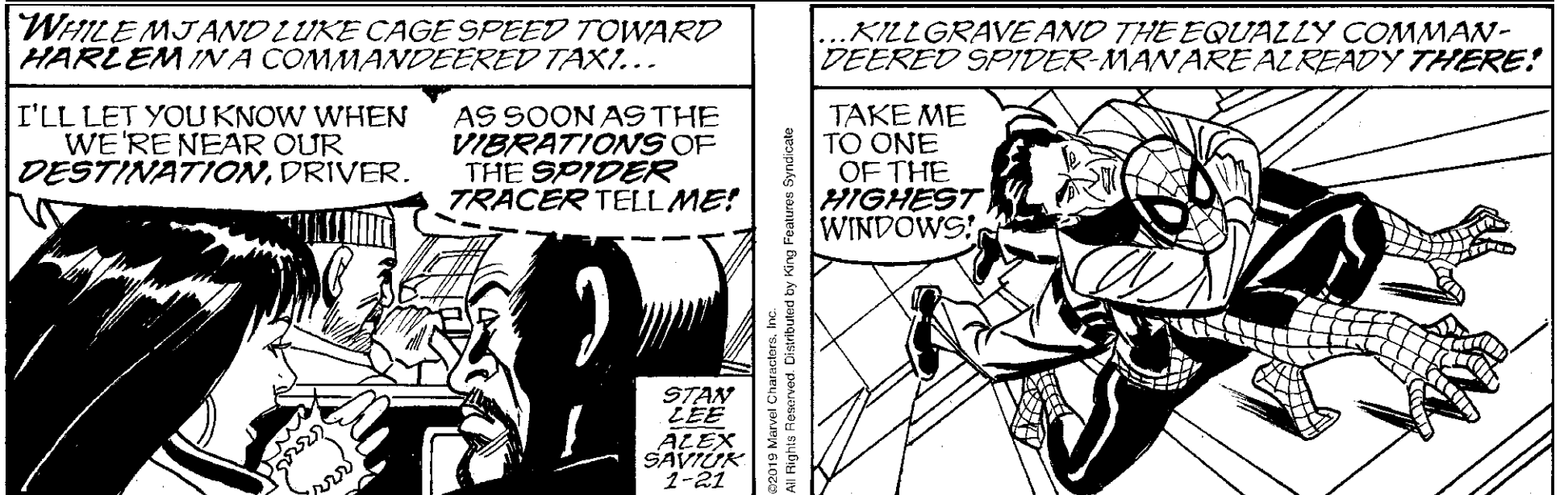
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