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It's been more than a year since the groundbreaking at the long-awaited Long Term Residential Mental Health Facility at High Rock Road, East End. During that time we've had covid, but it still hasn't really delayed the work on the nine 'cottages,' surrounding the central Activities Centre that constitute a village-community atmosphere; one of the key ingredients in a newer, multifaceted approach to long term mental health care. Its great news, because its long been known that the Cayman Islands has been lacking this key to a truly comprehensive approach to men-

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CAYMAN'S VACCINATION CAMPAIGN IN REGIONAL LEAD

Indications are that the Cayman Islands is leading the Caribbean region with its rate of COVID-19 vaccinations.

According to the latest reports from Cayman's health authorities, 41 per cent of the estimated population of 65,000 have received at least one dose of the vaccination against the dreaded virus.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee says, "So far, 26,321 (41% of the estimated population) have received at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, while 12,824 have completed the two-dose course."

"Based on the proportions given in the 2010 census and our current estimated population of 65,000 people, of those eligible (51,893 people aged over 16), 51% have had at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine."

In all 39, 145 COVID-19 vaccines administered to date in Cayman.

Official statistics show that at the last count, conducted around the time that stage 3 of the vaccine rollout was opened, the proportion of those in each age bracket under 60 who have had at least one dose is as follows:

- 20% of those aged 16 to 30
- 29% of those aged 30 to 40
- 36% of those aged 40 to 50
- 54% of those aged 50 to 60

This puts the jurisdiction's vaccination programme to date ahead of the other three Caribbean countries leading with their campaigns; Turks and Caicos Islands, Antigua & Barbuda and Barbados on 30 per cent, 25 per cent and 21 per cent respectively according to statistics from the past week.

A further 63,000 doses of the Pfizer-BionTech vaccine being administered



here are due by April 7th from the British government.

With that shipment, will have received over 100,000 doses "which is enough to vaccinate the entire adult population of 50,000 people in Cayman," according to a recent statement HE Governor Martyn Roper.

The United Kingdom continues to show a global lead in vaccinations with half of the adult population receiving at least a first dose of either the Prizer-BionTech or the Oxford-Astra-Zeneca, including 95 per cent of people over 60 years old.

The UK health services vaccinated a total of 26.8 million people between 8 December and 19 March with first doses, while 2.1 million people have had their second dose so far.

In the United States, President Joe Biden achieved a goal of vaccinating 100 million people in his first 100 days in office, doing so within two months.

Meanwhile, in Cayman, as testing continues for the virus alongside the vaccination campaign, the last reported batch of 469 COVID-19 showed all negative results.

There are 847 people in isolation, either at a government facility or in their homes.

DART REASSURES THE PUBLIC ON NEW DEVELOPMENT



The Dart group has set out to reassure the public about its proposed Planned Area Development (PAD) for the area north of Governor's Harbour in terms of future development and how it may impact beach access.

A statement from the leading local development company says they are "aware there is some anxiety in the local community" about this new project and that they "would like to clarify a few points that may be causing concern".

Dart explains that the new PAD application to connect lands east and west of the Esterley Tibbetts Highway between Governor's Harbour and Yacht Club "takes a long-range, comprehensive view and, if approved, gives some predictability and certainty to the nature of future development in that area."

The company says in the spirit of full transparency, wishing to share information about our proposed plans, Dart scheduled meetings with neighbouring property owners and other stakeholders to provide more details about the PAD and Dart's approach to sustainable development and to answer any questions.

"To date, we have held 10 information sessions with more than 500 people and have several more in the pipeline," the company adds.

Regarding beach access, Dart says: "We understand the concerns about retaining public access and appreciate its value to the community. The recent upgrades to Public Beach and the 1,300 ft public pathway that runs in front of Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa provide convenient access to Seven Mile Beach in this area, and we are considering how to continue this connectivity with new developments."

The company acknowledges that with Easter approaching, this topic is especially timely for camping.

"Members of the public are welcome to camp on Dart's undeveloped beachfront properties and we request people please camp responsibly."

Dart says it will be placing dumpsters at Barkers, Starfish Point and north of Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa for the public's convenience and to minimise the impact on the environment.

It also invites anyone who has questions relating to the PAD planning application to view it on their website or email the company at info@dart.ky.

* More info about PADS provided by the Dart group.

A PAD is a relatively new planning tool introduced by the Cayman Islands Government in 2010 which does not give permission to develop or clear lands. Any development within the PAD area will require its own specific planning permission.

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A PAD is a planning tool that allows for mixed-use development, encouraging thoughtful master planning for areas of more than 40 acres with at least three uses (eg. residential, commercial and tourism). It requires a developer to consider utility infrastructure, transportation solutions, community open spaces, environmental management and public services.

It provides a framework for development in the years ahead and can be adapted to meet changing needs, if required. In line with the nature of a PAD application, the drawings submitted with the current PAD application are conceptual; there are no definitive development plans at this stage.

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Guardians Alive is BACK!

Guardians Alive's 1st unofficial event was held in Aug 2015 and annually since April 2016 by Adonza and Shanan Harrison. They found other like-minded persons we now call "Guardians", to assist with achieving their collective vision. The group was formally registered in the Cayman Islands in July 2017 as Guardians Alive (GA) to carry out its charitable objectives. Its core mission promotes and fosters a healthy, vibrant & active community for all ages and all fitness levels.

Each year GA events connect our community with experienced local athletes, approved clubs and prizes to facilitate

training safely, being well and excelling in wellness year-round. You can register to do either the 2.5K, 5K, 10K or 2 of the low or non-impact beach & water activities. Natural wellness is promoted after the chosen activities to aid in toxin-free rehydration/recovery like samples of fresh local coconut water, fresh fruit and the founders' famous local egg omelet station. We also link with other charitable race events for prizes and encourage our participants to support them throughout the year.

The 7th annual Guardians Alive event will take place on 10th April 2021 at 6am at the 7 Mile Public Beach. We will be honor-

ing the memory of Coach Derek Lerner and supporting the Cancer Society. Coach Derek was not only our Race & Timing Director, he was also an honorary, veteran Guardian since 2016. With passion for his community, he founded the 345 Athletic Club and has trained most of the fastest runners on island. Coach Derek also provided timing and consultation to the majority of our numerous race events where he spends most weekends supporting them. He has left an indelible mark on the lives of our young athletes and community as a whole.

With the assistance of the corporate community, merchandise sales and do-

nations, Guardians Alive have raised thousands to date to support the work of other non-profit organizations such as Meals on Wheels, ALS Cayman, Cayman's ARK Mentorship Program, Alex Panton's Foundation, and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society. These organizations help support the persons we seek to support as well.

For the FREE event, register at www.caymanactive.com/guardians, for qualifying elite athletes register at www.racecaribbean.net/event/ga-btr-5K10K or WhatsApp Adonza Harrison at 325-6658 for more info.

CAL takes immediate action to address breach of COVID-19 inflight safety protocols

Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) is aware of media circulating which shows some of its Cabin Crew and a visiting celebrity – all with masks removed – on board an inbound international repatriation flight on Saturday March 20, 2021.

The airline is working closely with Public Health to determine the resulting impact, if any, and the staff have been placed into quarantine as a precaution.

All active Cayman Airways crew for international flights are fully vaccinated, and special safety protocols are in place to ensure that crew are able to perform their function with mitigated risk of contracting and/or transmitting the Covid-19 virus.

As a result of this breach of those COVID-19 inflight safety protocols, a complete investigation has commenced, and the staff involved have been removed from duty.



POLICE NEWS

Fatal Accident at East End Blow Holes

Just after 2:35 AM on Saturday morning, 20 March, police and other emergency services were dispatched by the 9-1-1 Communication Centre to a report of a single-vehicle collision that took place along Seaview Road, East End, in the vicinity of the blow-holes. It was reported that a jeep wrangler that was travelling westbound ran over the guard railing and into the water.

One occupant of the vehicle was recovered by officers from the Cayman Islands Fire Service and was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital by ambulance where he was pronounced dead by the attending doctor. No other persons have been recovered from this collision and no other persons reported being involved or injured.

The roadway was closed to the public since the arrival of emergency services to accommodate on-scene investigations and was reopened later that morning.



► Fatal car accident in East End (Photo by Cayman Compass)

This fatal collision is being investigated by the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit and anyone with information is encouraged to call 649-6254 or the Bodden Town Police Station at 947-2220. Anonymous tips may also be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website.

Large Quantity of Ganja Found by the Police in George Town, 21 March

Just after 7:20 AM on Saturday 20 March, police had cause to make checks in the South Church Street area of George Town. During these area checks, officers found a number of black garbage bags containing a significant quantity of ganja.

No one was found in the surrounding area and no arrests were made. Police are

carrying out investigations into circumstances surrounding this find.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222. Anonymous tips may also be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website.

DOCTORS HOSPITAL ACCUSES GOVERNMENT OF UNFAIR CONCESSIONS

Doctors Hospital is taking the government to court over concessions given to its healthcare competitors claiming that they distort the market.

In a press release, the hospital's owners say they are "seeking a judicial review of the vast unilateral concessions made by the government to Health City and Aster Cayman MedCity."

According to Doctor's Hospital, these concessions "unfairly distort competition between healthcare providers on the Cayman Islands, and could ultimately compromise the quality of healthcare available."

It says the "vast financial concessions to DM Healthcare for the Aster Cayman MedCity development, and the proposed financial concessions to NHP for the proposed development at Camana Bay is concerning."

Doctors Hospital refers to statements by Premier Alden McLaughlin that "concessions and duty waivers already in place



for Health City would apply to the new facility", and that the Aster Cayman Medcity would "not have to pay duty on medical equipment or supplies for 25 years after

the commencement of construction of phase 1."

The hospital's owners say while they acknowledge and welcome the govern-

ment's intention to attract foreign investment, they "firmly believe fair competition and a level playing field for all healthcare providers serves the best interests of all, especially the general public."

"Eliminating the gap between healthcare providers in Cayman is more important than ever. No market should be subjected to anticompetitive, monopolistic, or dominating behaviour."

It further claims that "the power held by these companies affects the Cayman economy, our democracy, and ultimately the health and well-being of our citizens."

Dr Yaron Rado, Board Chairman of Doctors Hospital is quoted as saying: "It is especially unfortunate for the many local-owned businesses who have been contributing to the country for years, shaping our community to what it is today."

Doctors Hospital says it sent a pre-action letter to the government on March 8th but had not yet received a reply.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Youth Groups invited to Movies on the Lawn

The Management and staff of the Pedro St. James is inviting the various youth groups on the island to come out and enjoy an evening under stars with Pedro St. James' "Movies on the Lawn".

The showing is set for Friday 26th March featuring the film **Miracles from**

Heaven. There is no admission and gates open 6:30pm, the film begins at sundown.

Filmgoers are encouraged to bring their own blankets and refreshments will be on sale.

To learn more contact Lori at admin@botanic-park.ky.

Expedited Service for Exempt Companies Temporarily Suspended

The Trade and Business Licensing Board advises the public that it will be temporarily suspending expedited service for the processing of exempt company applications, effective April 1.

Applications for exempt companies will now be reviewed and processed within 2 to 4 weeks of receipt. Customers have until Wednesday, March 31, 2021, to submit applications to have exempt applications expedited.

This service is being suspended temporarily as the Board is currently unable to



timely review the increase in expedited exempt company applications.

Express applications for ordinary companies applying for a new licence or renewing an existing licence will continue to be accepted and processed.

These applications can be submitted online via the Department of Commerce and Investment website www.dci.gov.ky or at the business licensing counter located at the Government Administration building.

The Board apologises for any inconvenience this change in service may cause to exempt companies, and will advise the public when expedited service resumes.

Planned Works – Anthony Drive Infrastructure Upgrade

Water Authority-Cayman continues its work to upgrade the water supply infrastructure along Anthony Drive, between the Smith Road and Andy Drive intersections.

On **Sunday, 21 March, between midnight and 9:00 a.m.**, traffic management efforts will be in place as crew conducts work. Motorists are advised to avoid driving in the area during this time. Service interruptions may be possible during this time.

From **Monday 22 March to Sunday 28 March**, motorists are advised to avoid driving in the area between **8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.** If motorist must use the road,

they are encouraged to drive with caution and follow all traffic signs to ensure their and the Authority's staff safety.

Through the course of these works, customers in the area may experience service outages. The Authority will make every effort to give advanced notice related to outages. Customers can also visit our website www.waterauthority.ky, for updates or tune into Radio Cayman for outage notices.

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



► Heather Bodden



► Wayne Panton shares his vision



► Osbourne Bodden

Wayne Panton shares his vision for Savannah Newlands

By Christopher Tobutt

With the slogan, "Community Builds Country," Wayne Panton, former Minister of Financial Services, Commerce and the Environment (2013-2017) held a big meeting at the ICCI parking lot, to share his vision with the people of Savannah and Newlands, ready for the April 14 Elec-



► The audience

tion. He was joined onstage by Community Builds Country running mates Osbourne Bodden and Heather Bodden.

Taking up her place on the podium, Heather Bodden said, "Wayne's desire to serve you is a passion and an undying commitment to the Newlands community and the country as a whole. He has always been a man of his word, and is well-respected. Wayne has carried out many projects for the benefit of the Savannah Newlands communities without any publicity. Wayne Panton is extremely knowledgeable and professional in all his undertakings. He will not only represent us here, but on the international stage."

Wayne Panton outlined many plans to improve electoral district. He said he would push for a revision in the law relating to district

councils. Having a strong district council with regular meetings would, he said, "Bring resolution to problem issues that are raised, aimed at enhancing quality of life in the district." He also said he wished to establish more Neighbourhood Watch programmes. "To build a strong community you need to have events you need to have engagements that involve Cayman community as a whole," he said.

Mr. Panton added that he would also like to establish more Community Emergency Response Teams in the district, using the situation that arose after Hurricane Ivan as an example of why they are needed. He also said he would like to see more Automated External Defibrillators across Newlands at

strategic places along with trained personnel to operate them. Turning his attention to transport, Mr. Panton outlined his plans for a reliable public transport system, which involved busses that would go into



► "Community Builds Country," platform with Wayne Panton, Heather Bodden and Osbourne Bodden

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ELVIS CLAIMS THE STAGE FOR CAYMAN BRAC EAST

Candidate for Cayman Brac East, Elvis McKeever, had the platform to himself to espouse his views on a range of issues when he appeared solo via video link in the Chamber of Commerce's continuing Candidates Forum series.

The sitting MP for the constituency and Minister of MEYSAL, Juliana O'Connor-Connelly, declined to participate due to a conflicting appointment, according to the organisers.

Businessman and musician Mr McKeever who has a background in construction real estate, farming, fishing and music, says he is running because the constituency been ignored saying that the incumbent has "neglected her people"

"When you get in a position for too long you get too comfortable."

On the broader national issues, he was critical of the current insurance system accusing the companies of "coming here and handpicking the healthy people and leaving out the indigenous Caymanian." He felt the National Assistance Office was inadequate for the support needed by the elderly especially for the provision of health insurance.

"We have to tell these people you must insure these people at a reasonable price or you don't do business in the Cayman Islands, plain and simple."

Mr McKeever wants to see a marina built for the Cayman Brac East to function as a safe haven and tourism development. He also strongly advocates a housing programme - with solar panels - "to get people to come back to the district" referring to his own business investment in the area.

Asked for his strategies to lower the cost of living Mr McKeever questioned the current import duties structure as a main contributing factor.

"The system has to be completely overhauled," he said pointing to high import duties on basic consumer items while luxury imports are duty-free. He also targeted fuel prices as needing to be reviewed and called for the utilities regulator OfReg to be dismantled "for having no backbone".

Mr McKeever who strongly favours casino gambling feels the same about a national lottery on the basis that the revenue could fund community and other programmes. He also observed that many Caymanians were already playing the lottery in the United States.

The Cayman Brac East challenger wants the education system revamped to put more emphasis on vocational trades and says that vulnerable young people are being sidelined without any proper support systems for them.

When the issue of reopening the borders came up Mr McKeever agreed with a cautious approach.

"We have to move with caution but we have to open. It's a must," he said.

He also felt that focus should now be on stay-over tourism and commended Premier Alden McLaughlin on the government's management of the pandemic.

He is against uncontrolled development of Cayman Brac saying that the natural environment, including fishing, should be protected from overexploitation.

And referring to his maritime experience, he dismissed the idea of cruise calls to Cayman Brac as being impractical on both nautical and commercial grounds.

When the issue of the decriminalisation of marijuana was brought up, Mr McKeever who has been in the vanguard of the campaign to legalise cannabis - and has run afoul of the law for it was unequivocal in his stance.

"I want full legalisation, and the small farmers are going to be the ones with the license, not the big corporations," he stated.

Regarding affordable housing, he felt many Caymanians are being denied access to mortgages because of their pay structure in the tourist industry and demanded that the next government should look into it.



► Candidate for Cayman Brac East, Elvis McKeever

On the wider issue of economic development and population growth, Mr McKeever was adamant that Caymanians should be given preferential access to jobs. "The immigration law has been watered down to protect the business interest," he stated.

Speaking on the repeated threats to the financial services sector, he accused the global regulators of constantly "moving the goalposts".

Asked for his views on same-sex civil partnerships Mr McKeever said there were more pressing societal issues such as lack of parental guidance and misguided young people which need to be addressed.

"Leave the gay people alone," he admonished.



Sabrina Turner to run for Prospect



Immigration specialist Sabrina Turner is running for election for the Prospect constituency at the specific request of her community.

"The Prospect and Red Bay community have been asking me to run for office for the past seven to eight years, as they seek more female representation in Government," she confirmed.

Ms Turner said she believed that females in Government offer a softer and more nurturing approach to dealing with the issues of the day.

"At the moment, it's all about the ego," she said. "Females have that natural mothering instinct that makes them seek peaceful ways of communication, of being diplomatic rather than disrespectful."

A wide range of issues would benefit from a feminine approach, she said, and legislation was "grossly lacking" on many fronts. These issues ranged from dealing with the cost of living, which included concerns such as reducing duties on the cost of feminine and baby products, as well as the inequality of pay that many women faced. She also felt that legislation was required to force all Government boards to have female representation, as is the case elsewhere in the

world. The issue of maternity leave would also be one that she would take on, ensuring a fairer period of time for women to have with their baby before they go back to work, while ensuring a more inclusive situation for men also, with the aim of introducing better paternity leave for fathers.

"I believe that a strong female voice is needed in Government to advocate for such changes to be made," she confirmed.

Community and gender affairs would be the area of Government in which she felt most suited to serve, with culture an intrinsic part of the equation to ensure young people had a better start in life.

"Our young people could have the best education there is, but if they then have to go back to a broken home, where there is lack of access to parents with a calm head, then it is evident we need to stabilise the situation. We must ensure that there are not huge peaks and troughs in a young person's life," she said.

Education and the well-being of young people started at the zero to five age group, and that would be another area that she would give her focus, should she become elected. In



particular, she would ensure easier access to quality early learning for all.

"We must ensure that all early learning centres are held to the same standards and, most importantly, we should ensure that such access is free for parents," she said. "At the moment, there is a serious gap between different early learning centres and they must be singing out of the same book."

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Sabrina Turner to run for Prospect

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Looking at education a little further down the line, Ms Turner felt that trade schools for young people at was very costly if students could not be sponsored or obtain scholarships. Using resources with-

in the community (The Prospect & Red Bay Schools) these facilities could be used to offer free training/courses to retool and upskill youths and people in the evenings and incentivise facilitators, which would be more feasible for the those who could not afford to pay/unable to get sponsorship.

As a strong advocate for her local community, Ms Turner was a founder of the Prospect and Red Bay Community Group, a non-profit organisation that brings the local community together on a social level and helps the community bind together when there are issues to be addressed. As someone who has been so closely bound to the local community, and who has seen the successes of living in such a tight-knit community, she believed she was well placed to deal with issues in a broader context. With her campaign headquarters recently opened, she is already planning to use the location as a central spot for the community, a place in which young and old can get together and learn from each other, another important step in the bonding of the entire community.

"I want to use the space as a think tank, bringing young people in with their knowledge of Facebook and social media and then use that knowledge to educate our older persons," she stated. "In this



way, it's a win/win for the entire community, with the elderly gaining knowledge from our digitally-savvy young people."

Other projects that she sees working in her local community, first as a pilot scheme, and then successfully rolling out island-wide, include recycling drives and also providing a better pick up and collection service for children travelling to and from school "so the parents don't get

stressed and the children don't have to stand out in the rain to catch a bus," she furthered.

"Through instigating and running the Prospect/Red Bay Community Group, I have proven my love for my local community, and, based upon our successes with this group, I believe this could be an easy transition that could be rolled out to the wider community," she added.

Wayne Panton shares his vision for Savannah Newlands

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the heart of Newlands, rather than leaving nannies and helpers to walk up Hirst Road for miles before getting to work. "We also want to complete the acquisition of a community van to assist with the transportation of minors," he said, as well as "Identify road improvements that are needed. We also have issues with drainage here. Drilling deep wells brings water from the surface so we need a proper drainage plan in place," Mr. Panton said.

On the topic of maintaining roadsides public spaces, Mr. Panton said that clear-

ing bush was a disincentive to people dropping litter. Many landscapers are also tempted to dispose of their garden waste in bush too, and Mr. Panton suggested a community composting facility as a remedy. "Properly resourcing, beautifying and maintaining public parks was also necessary, as many of the parks have fallen into a state of disrepair, Mr. Panton said. Parks that were done 10 or 12 years ago have degraded. Our children deserve better than that - a place they can play safely without getting hurt."

On the topic of education, Mr. Panton said it was sad to find that the Savannah Primary School, recently renamed after education icon Joanna Clark, had consistently scored "weak" designations in reports. He said that it was necessary to find out what was going wrong in the education system, when more money is spent than private schools, but with "worse results." He also suggested mobilizing all the talented people in the community who would love to volunteer their time to read to school children or mentor them in some way, "We can come together as a community and get involved in their lives," he said, "and help them to overcome any temporary issues that they have."

On the topic of the environment, Mr. Panton said that he has found that young

people are very keen on the subject as well as very knowledgeable. "Young people are talking about it. They have more vested in the future," he said.

On the problem of affordable housing, Mr. Panton suggested a law which forces foreign land investors to either begin building on land or to sell it, within the timeframe of around a year, in order to prevent them hanging onto the land out simply out of speculation, a process that was inevitably driving land prices up. He also wondered why a government guaranteed mortgage scheme had been shelved in 2012. "You would think they would want to put something like that in place," he said. Housing Government Guaranteed Mortgage scheme shut down in 2012.

Coralisle Group Provides Additional Support in Light of Pandemic Pressures

One development during the COVID-19 pandemic has been the growing number of people seeking help for their mental well-being. From a survey completed in 2019 versus a survey in August 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that symptoms of anxiety had tripled and symptoms of depression had quadrupled.

Mental health referrals around the world are soaring. The causes are well understood: job losses, diminished paycheques, economic displacement and lost opportunity; isolation due to lockdowns and social distancing, and the profound impact of grief for loved ones lost. Surveys and opinions in countries large and small substantiate what is now seen as an emerging mental health crisis.

Since the declaration of the pandemic one year ago, Coralisle Group Ltd. (CG) has monitored its impact in every jurisdiction it operates. In November, it took action, introducing the Employee Assistance Programme as a value-added benefit to provide increased mental wellness support to eligible members with comprehensive health insurance cover.

The Employee Assistance Programme, also known as EAP, is a free, 24/7 service offering member support for any work or



personal issue. The programme is confidential, providing counselling and access to various resources to help people manage their emotional, practical and physical needs.

"Adding this programme to our members available resources was a vital step for us to take because so many people are struggling to cope with pressures from the pandemic," CG's Chief Operating Officer for Health Beth Frazier said. "In our daily interactions with our client base, we have seen and heard the need for additional support for mental health, financial counselling and physical wellness. It is important that we listen and respond to these needs in a way that's easily accessible for our clients."

CG's EAP is available everywhere CG operates and there are no charges or co-

pays for its services. However, it is the only programme of its kind available through a medical insurer in Bermuda, The Bahamas, BVI, TCI and Barbados. Confidentiality is maintained within the organizational confines of the EAP and its independent professional staff.

The EAP initiative reflects CG's expanding commitment to the concept of wellness. Its longstanding Zest Wellness programme, for example, has brought forward a new focus on mental health through its virtual content, including webinars, podcasts and annual health conference, its meditation series with Deepak Chopra and its recently launched Mindful Leader Programme, featuring Michael Apollo, an international expert in workplace mindfulness."

CG's Corporate Wellness Director Jacqueline Perreault noted that "Mental health programmes are surpassing physical activity programmes for the first time, and requests by our members for more support in this area substantiate the trend. As a result, we will continue raising awareness and creating important new levels of support through coaching, workshops and educational content, and partnering with local and international mental health experts."

Ms. Frazier said CG's EAP and wellness initiatives were reflective of the company's people-first approach to business.

"The closer we are with what's happening in the lives of our members, the better we are able to support them," she said. "It's better for them, better for us and better for the communities we live in."

Should any current CG medical members question their eligibility for this programme, please contact your local customer service representative for details.

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Coralisle Group Ltd. is a Bermuda-based holding company for the Coralisle Group of Companies (CG or the Group), which has commercial operations in Bermuda, the Cayman Islands, The Bahamas, the British Virgin Islands, Barbados and the Turks and Caicos Islands. The Group comprises independently incorporated companies in these jurisdictions offering property and casualty insurance, employee benefits for pensions and health, life assurance and personal investment products and has received an A rating from AM Best. The Group draws commercial strength from the cohesion of a group of companies accessing a variety of skills, experience and local knowledge in different jurisdictions.

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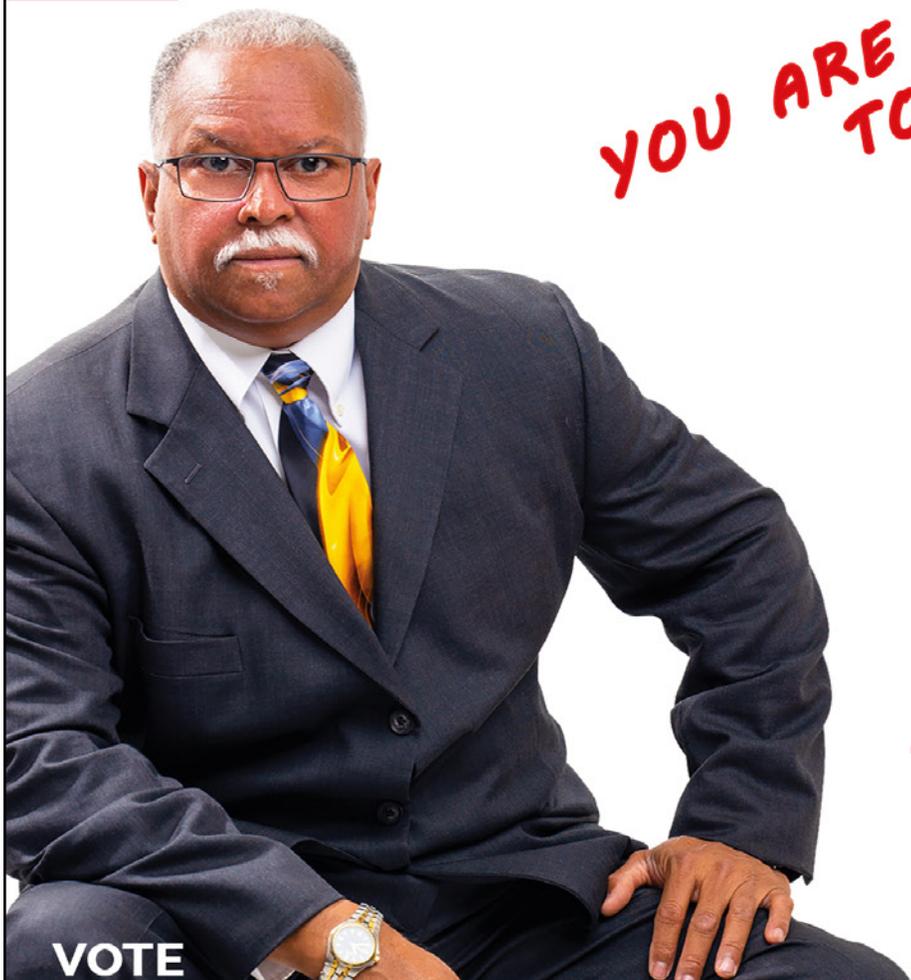
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Little Cayman clean-up nets 3,100 pounds of trash

Having just returned from Little Cayman, the Plastic Free Cayman team have had a successful two-day clean-up where more than 30 volunteers managed to remove more than 3,100 pounds of rubbish from the shores of the smallest of the Cayman Islands.

The environment group partnered with The Little Cayman National Trust, CCMI, the Department of the Environment, Southern Cross Club, Little C Tours and Protect Our Future for the two day clean-up event last weekend, focusing on Charles Bright (removing 830 pounds), Mary's Bay (1700 pounds removed) and Owen Island (600 pounds removed).



Most of the debris collected was plastic and microplastics, along with hundreds of shoes that were also collected. The group said much of the plastic, such as bottle caps, was now becoming microenvironments for various species and even baby mangroves were growing through and around plastic bottles. Each year Plastic Free Cayman surveys the sister islands in an effort to track the amount of plastic pollution removed from various sites.

"The amount of trash found at each location was tremendous. Mary's Bay could easily be mistaken for a small landfill," they confirmed.

Ben Somerville, Leader of Protect Our Future, said that the volume of rubbish found was "heartbreaking".

"While it was clear that the vast majority of this garbage wasn't from locals, but was from neighbouring islands and brought to shore by the ocean (evident through the various languages of the products and the companies), the amount of plastic

pollution on this island made it clear that change must occur immediately," Ben stated.

He believed that if an island as small as Little Cayman was harbouring hundreds of thousands of pounds of waste on their beaches, the plastic epidemic was an issue larger than most could comprehend.

"We hope that our findings from this weekend's trip act as a call to action for our community and Government," he advised. "The use of plastics must come to an end. If one of the most untouched and natural places on the planet has been impacted so severely, it should be clear that plastics must be banned immediately in the Cayman Islands, and we must begin to rely on alternative products."

Ben went on to say that the preservation of Cayman's environmental and cultural health was a "top priority", and his group was willing to work for its preservation.

"However, this has become an issue that we cannot tackle alone," he warned, "but must have the backing of our Government and community, and must work together to all keep Cayman the beautiful and diverse country we know it to be."

Amber Ebanks, student volunteer and Protect Our Future member, said that plastic waste was not the only problem the islands were facing, it was overall waste consumption.

"From grocery shopping to purchasing single use items, this trip has shown me just how much of a problem has affected our island and our marine ecosystem. It's time we reconsider the impact of our waste consumption and think of the effects this will cause not only on island but globally," Amber said.

Dejea Lyons, Protect Our Future Leader, underscored the above sentiment: "As



people of such beautiful islands, we have to stop being part of the problem and start being a part of solution. If we just make simple changes like using reusable bags when shopping or a bamboo toothbrush, we will stop being a part of the plastic epidemic."

Dejea encouraged more people to lend a hand in the fight.

"Coming out and lending a hand in the monthly beach clean-ups is such a huge

help," she confirmed. "It has to be a collective effort. Coming together as a community is the most effective way to combat this issue."

Plastic Free Cayman founder Claire Hughes continues to push for a National Clean-up campaign and plastic ban policy similar to what has been seen on other Caribbean islands. There may be new found hope with the upcoming Government to address this issue, she said.

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► Looking around one of the new cottages



► Construction of the new facility

Mental health facility on track for end of year opening

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tal health care, one that doesn't just keep someone in a hospital bed and medicate them, but gradually re-integrates them so that they can stand on their own two feet and better manage life's challenges and curve-balls.

On a recent tour, it was impressive to see the progress. The basic structures are already more-or-less there, it is just putting on the roofs and finishing off

that await. The architecture of the project reflects its purpose. The cottages are set into little clusters, so that it represents communities-within-communities; a nice way of learning or re-learning social skills. Present on the tour were the Premier, Hon Alden McLaughlin, Minister of Health Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister of Home Affairs Hon. Tara Rivers, and Dr. Marc Lockhart who has been helping to oversee the project from the beginning.

Showing me around, Dr. Lockhart said, "So this is like a little village being build. In each of these cottages we have space for six patients, each having their own room, their own bathroom, so everyone has their own little apartment in it. They are separated so that there can be a family - type setup and that helps people to bond as a unit in each cottage and it helps them to take pride in each cottage. They are going to be able to design the yards and the gardens around each one, too.

"It's a community, so its helping people to learn the skills and the necessary tools for them to go back into society. This is not just a typical hospital where people are just kept on a ward and medicated, and released back. So there are going to be a lot of social skills that are going on, and being learned.

So the whole architecture of the Centre facilitates the holistic mental health experience. "Every aspect of this facility was planned with rehabilitation in mind, and when we say rehabilitation we mean to really get people to a point where they

can go back into community and be able to work, function and manage their household and their finances," he said.

"We know when we are ill, one of the first things we want as human nature is to have our family members with us," he said. One of the challenges we've faced is that all these years we have lacked a proper mental health facility and we've had to send our patients overseas. We've had a contract with Jamaica and we've been sending many there for many years. We have about fifteen there and the problem is that many family members feel alienated from their loved ones there."

Hon Tara Rivers said, "I am really happy to be part of a government that is now really bringing this to fruition. This long term facility will certainly address a huge need we've had for a very long time.

Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin said, "I believe it is going to be world class and it will mean that we will be able to bring home many of our own people who are in similar facilities in the region."



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► (L-R) Premier Alden McLaughlin, Dr. Lockhart, Captain Eugene, Tara Rivers, and Dwayne Seymour



► Reciting the Athletes' Pledge



► Levi Superville, followed by Juan Pablo and James Crooks in the final stretch of the 3000m

John Gray reigns again

By Christopher Tobutt

It was a great time to enjoy the camaraderie of teammates from school, try to beat some records (maybe even qualify for CARIFTA) and make friends outside your school circle too. Oh and have quite a lot of fun, whether taking part or cheering for your school. The day began in fine style, with the singing of the National Song (actually in wonderful three-part harmony) and reciting the Athlete's Pledge.

John Gray retained the Inter Secondary sports title against 12 other private and government schools, and one home-schooler. Second came Clifton Hunter, and Third, Cayman International School. The other schools in the two-day event, between 11 and 12 March at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex included Cayman Academy, Cayman International School, Cayman Prep & High School, Cayman Islands Further Education Centre, Dual Enrollment -UCCI, Grace Christian Academy, Layman E. Scott High School, Lighthouse School, St. Ignatius Catholic School, Triple C School, and the UCCI.

On Thursday 11 March track events included the 400m finals for boys and girls, 1500m for boys and girls, and the 100m for boys and girls. Field events included Under 18 Boys Discus, Under 18 Girls High Jump, Under 14 Girls Long Jump Final, and Under 14 girls' discus final, the under 12, girls high jump final, and the under 16 girls shot put final.

During Friday morning of the , track events included the grueling 3000 meter finals both for boys and for girls, as well as 200m races. Levi Superville won the Boys' 3000 in a very exciting finish, with Juan Pablo coming second, and James Crooks third. Events also included the Under-16 boys long jump, as well as shot put, javelin, discus and long-jump events. There were lots of medal presentations towards the end of the morning and afternoon, too. The events on Friday finished off with the 4x100 relays, which are always exciting.

Martine McKenzie won the 400m hurdles and Delora Johnson won the Long Jump and the High Jump. Aaliyannah Anderson excelled by winning the 100m, 200m. Devonte Howell won the 100m, 200m, 400m, and Stephen Watson won the High Jump and the Long Jump.



► Levi Superville came first in the 3000m, followed by Juan Pablo and James Crooks



► Boys' high jump



► Flying over the finish line



► Girls Long Jump

John Gray reigns again

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Minister the Hon Tara Rivers said "I'm just so happy to be here on behalf of the government for the inter-secondary schools sports day, a staple of our academic calendar and its really great to see both public and private schools and even home school children are out here in a healthy, competitive environment and fostering friendships across school lines as well."

John Gray Principal Jonathan Clark said, "I feel grateful and thankful for us being able to compete at the inter secondary

championships, we couldn't do this last year because of the covid lockdown, so I think we should all be thankful for the steps that have been taken to protect everybody and I think the athletes should appreciate the opportunity they've got today, where other athletes cant do this in other areas of the world. Obviously I want John Gray High School to win, but I want our athletes to compete in a respectful and winning mentality as well. Good luck to everybody."



► Javelin

Girls Softball – Game Reports

SOL Pumas 7, Sol Panthers 6

CILLA Girls Softball concluded the regular season on Monday, March 15th as the SOL Pumas held on to defeat the SOL Panthers, 7-6 in another close contest.

Kenia Rostran led the offensive attack for the SOL Pumas, reaching base both times and scoring two runs. Pitcher Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin pitched a complete game to earn the win.

The SOL Panthers were led by Eowyn Hawkins, who reached base in all three at bats and scored twice. Teammate Hannah Bodden was also on base three times.

The SOL Panthers turned two excellent double plays. Right fielder Ayjha Ebanks made a fine running catch and threw to first to double off the runner. Later in the game first baseman Demae Lee caught a soft liner and again got the second out at first base.

The game ball was presented to first year player Ayjha for her great catch.

The SOL Pumas finished in first place for the regular season with a 6-2 record.



► SOL Pumas

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Pumas	2	2	0	3	0	7
SOL Panthers	3	0	1	1	1	6

Final Regular Season Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
SOL Pumas	6	2	0	82	87	0
SOL Jaguars	4	3	1	94	93	1.5
SOL Panthers	1	6	1	82	78	4.5

SOL Jaguars 12, Sol Panthers 11

The end-of-season tournament began on March 17th with a thrilling game as the SOL Jaguars rallied from deficits of 6-0 and 11-3 to pull out a dramatic 12-11 win in their final at bat.

The SOL Panthers built up a good lead with a balanced offensive attack. Lili Aleria, Stephanie Menko, Keirsten McLaughlin, and Demae Lee each scored two runs, with Stephanie's RBI double being the big blow in the six run first inning. Catcher Jahzara Barnes added two RBIs.

The SOL Jaguars were led by Rio Windsor, who was two for three with three runs scored, Janey Veilleux, who scored two runs, Shay Windsor, who was two for three with three runs and an RBI, and Clara Ramos, who was three for three with two runs and two RBIs.

The intense game came down to the final inning. The SOL Panthers led 11-8 with two outs and the bases loaded for the SOL Jaguars. Shay hit a high pop-up just behind second base that appeared to be the final out. However the catch was dropped and



► SOL Jaguars

all three runners managed to score on the play after the ball bounced away. Shay later advanced to third base on a wild pitch and Clara brought her home with the game winning run on a solid line drive base hit to centre field.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Panthers	6	5	0	—	—	11
SOL Jaguars	3	5	4	—	—	12

SOL Pumas 10, Sol Jaguars 7

In Saturday's contest Leila Dixon, Angelle Bodden and Jelijah McLean each had two run singles, as the SOL Pumas used a balanced offensive attack to defeat the SOL Jaguars, 10-7.

Aydis Rostran, Tracey Campbell, Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin and Stefany Martinez each scored twice for the victors, while Jialy pitched a complete game, striking out five batters. Aydis made a fine catch in the first inning and ran over to tag first base to complete a double play. Tracey also made a very good catch on a pop

fly near second base later in the game. Lindsay Bodden had a solid defensive game while playing first base for the first time this season.

The SOL Jaguars had seven different players score a run, and Withney Jackson hit a three run homer in the second inning. Clara Ramos finished 1-1 with an RBI and two walks, but Jialy kept most of the bats silent on this night. Zhanna McDonald

made a good catch on a fly ball to left field.

Game balls were presented to Jialy of the SOL Pumas for being on base three times and her good pitching, and to Withney of the SOL Jaguars for a good inning of pitching and her three run homer to left centre.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Jaguars	1	3	1	0	2	7
SOL Pumas	2	3	3	2	—	10

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	RD
SOL Pumas	1	0	0	10	7	+3
SOL Jaguars	1	1	0	19	21	-2
SOL Panthers	0	1	0	11	12	-1

A reminder to the general public that Little League's fundraising raffle is taking place over the next month, with a grand prize of CI \$10,000. For further information, or to get tickets, please contact info@littleleague.ky or 916-5643.

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OVERSEAS TERRITORIES MENTIONED FOR ASYLUM PROCESSING



► British Home Secretary, Priti Patel

A report in The Times newspaper suggests that some Overseas Territories could be under consideration as processing centres for asylum seekers.

The UK paper says top British government officials have named Gibraltar and the Isle of Man among several locations being looked at.

But the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo has said the issue "has not been raised with me at any level".

He told BBC News he had "very serious concerns" over the idea, which he rejected as "entirely unviable".

The Isle of Man, a British Crown Dependency, has also denied knowledge of the plan.

This comes at the British Home Secretary, Priti Patel, is preparing to introduce new legislation aimed at clamping down on refugees crossing the English Channel mainly from France.

The legislation proposes what has been described as new 'legal safe routes for genuine refugees' to be accept-

ed into the UK especially those coming directly from war zones.

The idea, said to be fashioned on the Australian system, surfaced last year when it was reported that the government had considered building an asylum processing centre on Ascension Island, a British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean.

At that time, Alan Nicholls, a member of the Ascension Island Council, said moving asylum seekers more than 4,000 miles to the British overseas territory would be a "logistical nightmare" and not well received by the islanders.

In the UK, the opposition Labour Party has called the idea "ludicrous, inhumane, completely impractical and wildly expensive".

A British Home Office official has said: "The UK has a long and proud history of offering refuge to those who need protection. Tens of thousands of people have rebuilt their lives in the UK and we will continue to provide safe and legal routes in the future."

ST MAARTEN REFERS THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO THE UN

The parliament of the Dutch Caribbean territory St Maarten has referred the administering power, The Netherlands, to the United Nations on allegations of neocolonialism.

MPs in St Maarten object to conditions attached to a COVID-19 aid package. It includes a monitoring body appointed by the Dutch government to oversee reforms ranging from more efficient tax collections to public sector cutbacks and tackling criminality.

The petition, signed by 12 of the 15 MPs in St Maarten's parliament says while they accept the package and some of the conditions, a monitoring body to oversee those critical areas of local government functions is unacceptable.

They claim the Dutch government is using the pandemic and a previous wrangle over aid from the devastating Hurricane Irma of 2017 to tighten its grip on the territory.

St Maarten along with Curacao and Aruba voted for a new 'kingdom partner' status with the Dutch government in 2010 which gives them more individual autonomy but leaves oversight of good governance, defence and the judiciary in the hands of the Dutch government.

The Dutch Junior Foreign Affairs Minister, Raymond Knops, was reported by Dutch News.nl as saying that he was "unpleasantly surprised" by the complaint to the UN and has asked the St Maarten government for an explanation.

"I have had to conclude that St Maarten at the moment is not able to function fully autonomously," he said.

"We do not want to take away the island's autonomy but to help it assume full autonomy in the years to come."



► St Maarten parliament



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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Jamaican cops start wearing cameras

Jamaican police officers have started wearing body-worn cameras.

They are being rolled out for members of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF), Prime Minister Andrew Holness said. He said the cameras will provide protection for members of the JCF and the public through the provision of an objective view of incidents.

"This will have a positive impact on the speed at which incidents are investigated and disposed of," Holness said.

"Our strategy is multidimensional, practical and citizen-focused. Through our steady and deliberate efforts, we have been seeing results and I am confident that we will overcome the crime monster in Jamaica," he said.

Holness said the government is committed to improving the working condi-



► Body-worn cameras will help Jamaican cops

tions and mobility for members of the police force.

He claimed that around 120 police facilities have been repaired, refurbished and constructed over the last three years, while there has been significant investment in creating a more standardised, fit-for-purpose and newer transportation fleet.

Cuban mining signs more deals

Cuba's mining industry is in line for millions of dollars' extra revenue following recent partnership deals.

Cuba has signed several agreements with overseas companies in the past six months, despite COVID-19 challenges. While mining remains a state-controlled activity in Cuba, foreign companies have been active in the sector for decades.

Partnerships include the Moa mine in a deal between Canada's Sherritt International and Cuba's state-run General Nickel Company, which produces huge quantities of nickel and cobalt. Australian mining companies have sealed two deals in Cuba in recent months.

In September, Caribe Metals Corporation and Cuban state-run miner Geominera formed the Minera del Sur deal, focused on tailings at historical copper mine El Cobre.



► Cuba's expanding mining industry helps the economy

Meanwhile, Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel has taken steps to overhaul the economy, which has struggled amid a slump in tourism during the pandemic.

These include scrapping the US dollar-pegged convertible peso and updating the list of activities self-employed Cuban nationals are allowed to undertake.

Antigua PM asks Biden for vaccines

Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne has written to US President Joe Biden requesting that Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries be given some of the AstraZeneca vaccines his government is providing Canada and Mexico.

The White House announced Thursday that four million doses of the vaccine would be released to the US' two neighbours, marking the first time it has directly supplied vaccines abroad.

In a letter to President Biden, Browne pointed out that the Caribbean is the third border of the US, and the same way in which that country's safety would be imperilled if the population of Canada and Mexico were not inoculated to achieve herd immunity, the US would remain at risk if CARICOM countries were neglected. The fact that many

Americans will want to vacation in the Caribbean also strengthens his appeal.

He pointed out that the Caribbean region is among the worst affected by the novel coronavirus pandemic through unemployment, poverty and increased debt. He said: "The vulnerability of states must become an important criterion in the provision of vaccines, and the Caribbean region is among the most vulnerable in the world."

Alarming, Browne added that "if these conditions are not addressed soon, we face a crumbling of our security systems from which drug traffickers, money launderers, people traffickers, and organised crime will take advantage to the detriment of our countries and of the US. Inevitably, there will also be a surge of refugees".



► Gaston Browne wants US vaccine help

Grenada spotlights its high achievers

Grenada is boosting its tourism profile by profiling how many talented live and originate from the Spice Island.

High achievers in many industries are the focus of a video marketing campaign that highlights the experiences available to visitors in the tri-island destination of Grenada, Carriacou and Petite Martinique as it prepares to open up from pandemic lockdown.

Grenada's fashion designers, entertainers, musicians, farmers, artists and tour guides are the focus of the campaign.

The first phase of the campaign features recording artist Jevaughn John 'V'ghn and Fe Noel, an international fashion designer of Grenadian descent. Her designs have been worn by Michelle Obama and Beyoncé.

"All have a powerful story to tell about how Grenada has shaped their lives," said Clarice Modeste-Curwen, minister of tourism. "These are the stories, experiences and connections that today's traveller is seeking."



► Beyoncé wears a Fe Noel outfit

Another campaign highlights 'oil down', Grenada's national dish, a hearty one-pot casserole of breadfruit, chicken dumplings, callaloo and other vegetables all stewed in coconut milk, herbs and spices.

Honduras prez accused of corruption again

Honduras President Juan Orlando Hernández accepted bribes from a drug trafficker as recently as 2019 — not just while running for office years earlier — a US prosecutor claimed Friday.

In the closing arguments of the trial of accused Honduran drug trafficker Geovanny Fuentes Ramírez in New York, Assistant US Attorney Michael Lockard said that the defendant had met with and paid bribes of millions of dollars to Hernández twice in 2019.

The repeated allegations against Hernández, who has been president since January 2014, have overshadowed the allegations against Fuentes Ramírez, even though Hernández has not been charged with any crime.

Hernández has repeatedly denied any connection to drug trafficking, though



► Juan Orlando Hernandez seems to be mired in corruption

one of his brothers faces the possibility of a life sentence for drug trafficking in the same court by next week.

Lockard also said that Fuentes Ramírez met with high-ranking officials in the Honduran military at Hernández's request to discuss a money laundering business.

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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Answer to previous puzzle

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1/21

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 48 So far

- 1 — nova (1960s dance)
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- 12 Nebraska city
- 13 Sports summary
- 14 To the greatest degree
- 15 "Scram!"
- 17 Even score
- 18 Seattle team
- 22 Therefore
- 23 Requisite
- 27 Layers
- 29 Model Campbell
- 30 Movie theater fixture
- 32 Overturn
- 33 Natural seasonings
- 35 Relatives
- 38 Fabric worker
- 39 Require defrosting
- 41 Praline nut
- 45 Sculpted trunk
- 46 Furious
- 47 Finished

DOWN

- 1 Tavern
- 2 Smelter
- 3 Attack command
- 4 Beaches
- 5 Greek vowel
- 6 Sinatra's birthplace
- 7 Writer Tan
- 8 27th president
- 9 Spiced tea
- 10 Tortoise's rival
- 16 Possess
- 18 Hardens
- 19 Rocker Clapton
- 20 Worrying, according to some
- 21 Mariners
- 24 Raggedy Ann, for one
- 25 Radiate
- 26 Dance moves
- 28 Bean container
- 31 Veto vote
- 34 Old photo tint
- 35 Flying toy
- 36 Computer symbol
- 37 Uncool fellow
- 40 Purpose
- 42 Coral island
- 43 Had a snack
- 44 Tennis need

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Saturday's answer

Word Search

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- Beater
- Bowl
- Butter
- Cup
- Dish
- Dough
- Eggs
- Flour
- Fork
- Heat
- Honey
- Knife
- Margarine
- Measure
- Milk
- Mixer
- Oven
- Salt
- Spatula
- Spices
- Spoon
- Stove
- Sugar
- Water
- Yeast

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

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