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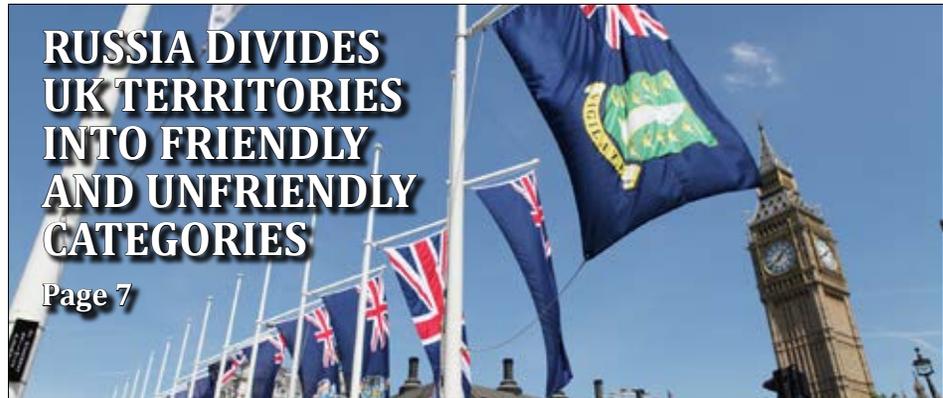
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# VILLAGE TOURISM IN THE CARIBBEAN

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” - Psalm 133:1*

By Basil Springer

One of the enjoyable experiences in writing my weekly column is the feedback from readers which leads to content for another column.

Last week was no exception. “Thank you Basil for this great article on community tourism and hope you will do another one on the importance of the Villages as Businesses (VAB programme for sustainable development of communities for Jamaica and the world and which (is) now supported by the Diaspora as Community Economic Tourism,” responded Diana McIntyre-Pike, President/Founder at Countrystyle Community Tourism Network/Villages as Businesses.

Goal number 16 of the 17 United Nations Millennium Sustainable Development Goals is dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development.

Rotary International (RI) is a leading international service organization which brings together business, professional and community leaders to promote – among many other values – peace in the world.

February 2022 is Peace & Conflict Resolution month in the RI calendar.

Tourism, by definition, brings people together. Community tourism cements relationships at the grassroots level and establishes a foundation on which to build unity and sustainable tourism.

It was reported in the media last week that “the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) is supporting communities as they prepare to welcome visitors back (after COVID-19) and realize the potential of tourism to kickstart recovery and drive sustainable and inclusive growth.”

“As restrictions on travel continue to be steadily eased or lifted, UNWTO is shifting its focus from supporting its members as they mitigate the impacts of the historic crisis to rethinking tourism’s longer-term role in building resilience and providing opportunity,” the report read.

UNWTO promotes communities as the centrepiece of tourism’s future.

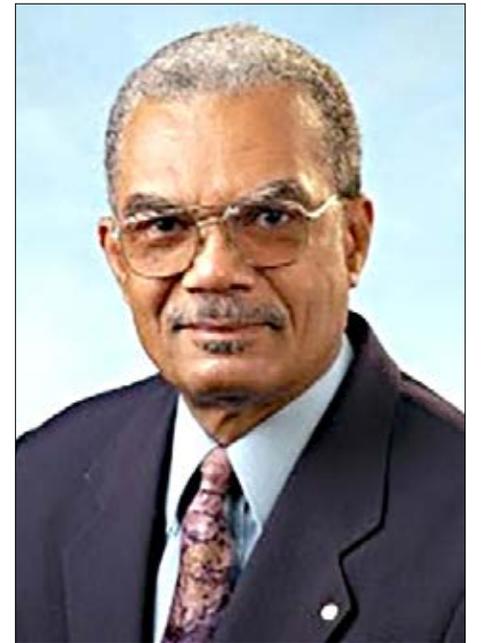
In January 2015, McIntyre-Pike penned an article on the objective and purpose of the Countrystyle Community Tourism Village programme, which rests in the fundamental vision of Countrystyle to empower and develop communities, on a sustainable basis; dynamically marketing and exposing their natural culture, talents, passions and potential to the world; and packaging each individual community as a unique destination (product) within their general destination.

In September 2020, former St. Lucia Prime Minister Allen Chastanet, himself a proponent and visionary of village tourism, lauded the village tourism project in Anse la Raye as an initiative focused on driving community tourism, while encouraging tourists to immerse

themselves in the rich history and culture of the destination. The objective is to create new employment opportunities for local St. Lucian entrepreneurs and existing businesses owners in rural communities. Village Tourism provides an authentic experience, while integrating tourists into the fabric of the local economy.

This project was supported by the Government of St. Lucia and the Caribbean Development Fund towards the development of quality community infrastructure which will see the upgrading of the tourism services provided by the local village community.

Here are seven systematic generic steps to expedite Village Tourism projects and propel them on the journey to sustainable success: (1) Recruit a shepherd (life coach and business mentor) – guidance; (2) Establish the value proposition – what you promise to deliver to your clients; (3) Define governance systems – sound foundation; (4) Foster partnerships with government, UNWTO, funding organizations, Rotary clubs and the private sector – financial security; (5) Recruit marketing and PR expertise – brand image enhancement and revenue generation; (6) Hire leadership and management personnel – high productivity, cost containment, profitability; and (7) Embrace workforce development – sustainability.



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Let us take advantage of this opportunity to establish unity and peace among our people, across our villages, and the entire world.

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# Mr. D. Ezzard Miller thanked for his Public Service

Recently a small group of staff from the Office of the Auditor General, Government and Parliament along with two other special guests and Mrs. Miller gathered to pay tribute to Mr. Ezzard Miller for his contribution to the Cayman Islands public service particularly through his Chairmanship of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) between 2009 until 2021.

Mr. Miller was first elected as Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for North Side in 1984 and during his second term in office from 1988 to 1992, he served as Government Minister for Health and Social Services. After a period working in the private sector, Mr. Miller returned to the Legislative Assembly after being re-elected as MLA for North Side in 2009. He became PAC Chairman that year and served as Chairman of the Public Accounts

Committee for a large part of the period between 2009 and 2021. The celebratory event was timed to mark a year's anniversary of the last meeting of the previous PAC in February 2021.

Auditor General, Sue Winspear, presented Mr. Miller with a plaque commemorating his contribution and tributes were paid by all in attendance including the Hon. Deputy Governor who commented on how Mr. Miller had really developed the role of the Public Accounts Committee and made the importance of oversight bodies such as the Office of the Auditor General relevant to ordinary people.

Sue Winspear said "I think it very important that the considerable contributions of Mr. Miller are recognised. Under the years of his stewardship of PAC, Cayman moved from having virtually no public sector

entities with unqualified financial statements to the other extreme now whereby a qualification on a set of entity financial statements is seen as a rarity." Winspear continued "Other significant things driven through during his tenure on PAC include improvements to public sector procurements through the introduction of the Procurement Act, improvements in the management of major capital projects and improvements to Statutory Authority and Government Companies governance through the Public Authorities Act."

Mr. Miller commented "I truly appreciate this recognition by the Office of the Auditor General for my contribution as chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, but all the credit for the improvements in the public finances is not mine, much of this credit belongs to the Auditor



General, her hard-working staff and to the civil servants, particularly those in the Ministry of Finance who accepted most of the challenges the Public Accounts Committee issued. I would also like to acknowledge the members of the Public Accounts Committee over the years, especially Hon. Sanders, for their hard work and commitment."



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► Rendering of the future pedestrianised Cardinal Avenue from Seafarers Way, that includes new street lighting, furniture, and landscaping

# Cardinal Avenue enhancement begins

One-way traffic between Albert Pantan Street and Edward Street.

As part of the Central Business District Enhancement Project Phase One Upgrades, Cardinal Avenue between Seafarers Way and Albert Pantan Street will finally close to general vehicular traffic on Monday, 14 March, as it begins its transformation into a pedestrianised street.

Since the upgrade project kicked off on 31 January the project team, which is being led by the Ministry of Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, has undertaken all measuring and surveying requirements for the full Cardinal Avenue en-

hancement site as well as other ancillary work.

From Monday, this section of the street, between Seafarers Way and Albert Pantan Street, will be accessible to local traffic only. The eastern section of the road, between Albert Pantan Street and Edward Street, remains open to general one-way traffic via Albert Pantan Street.

"We saw a last-minute opportunity to carry out the initial weeks of project work without closing the road to general traffic," explains Colin Lumsden, George Town Manager and Revitalisation Initiative Coordinator. "This also gave us time to carry out some more stakeholder

meetings and we hope the ample notice, as well as the additional few weeks of vehicular access to Cardinal Avenue, has helped local businesses and the general public to prepare for the new flow of traffic into central George Town once the road closes."

Cardinal Avenue will remain open to foot traffic for access to shops, cafes, and businesses, which continue operations as usual.

The Central Business District Enhancement Project is a part of the George Town Revitalisation Initiative; a multi-year government project led by the Ministry and designed to bring life and vibrancy back to Cayman's capital.

The Cardinal Avenue upgrades are expected to take five months and will create new opportunities for locals in the capital and enhance the visitor experience for tourists.

Follow George Town Revitalisation Initiative on Facebook ([facebook.com/GTRevitalisation](https://facebook.com/GTRevitalisation)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/gtrevitalisation/](https://instagram.com/gtrevitalisation/)) for more information on the initiative and its projects.

## About the George Town Revitalisation Initiative

The George Town Revitalisation Initiative is a multi-year government project led by the Ministry of Planning, Agricul-

ture, Housing and Infrastructure and designed to bring life and vibrancy back to the Cayman Islands' capital. Taking a holistic approach towards revitalising the central business district, in the spirit of New Urbanism, the project has identified key downtown areas that need to be enhanced to encourage both visitors and residents to spend more time there, whilst also preserving some of the iconic architecture that gives the waterfront its character. Enhancement work includes new road links, pedestrianised streets, green spaces and pockets parks as well as new, state-of-the-art infrastructure that will all enhance city life.

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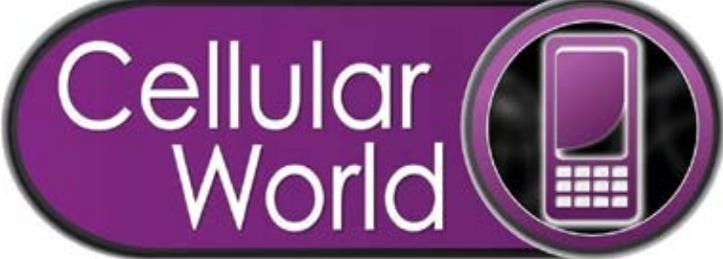
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# Tiger shark not sighted again

The tiger shark spotted in deep waters off South Sound on 2 March but at press time had not been sighted again. It was not at the Sandbar as widely reported. About 10ft in length, it was calmly feeding on a sea turtle carcass which was floating on the surface of the water, stated the Department of Environment. Although turtles are among the natural prey for sharks, it's unclear if it hunted the turtle or was attracted by the smell of the carcass. Living so close to some of the world's

deepest waters, we have a unique opportunity to observe rare marine creatures.

In January, the DoE received reports of an increase in the sightings of sharks in the vicinity of the Sandbar, North Sound and we have therefore issued a stingray feeding advisory to key resource users and the general public.

Though a tiger shark visit may sound intimidating, sharks are a sign of a healthy ecosystem. And contrary to popular belief, sharks are not interested in attacking



► Tiger sharks do not normally attack humans



► The shark was spotted in South Sound

humans. Sharks are attracted to certain smells in the water, like the turtle carcass, or oily fish like tuna, or fish guts. This is why it's important that people visiting Stingray City of the Sandbar not use anything other than squid or ballyhoos to feed the rays. Any other forms of chum (fish bits) may not only attract a curious shark but, my also encourage the

fish to associate the presence of people with food, a commonly occurring behaviour when wildlife is fed.

The DoE emphasises that it is illegal to feed or attract sharks anywhere in Cayman waters and within the Wildlife Interaction Zone, only approved foods (ballyhoo and squid) may be fed to the rays.

The DoE advises that if anyone sees a shark, stay calm, snap a photo, but do not approach or engage the shark. If undeterred, observers should calmly exit the water and observe from the boat. The DoE advice claims: "We can happily coexist with our ocean neighbours with a little respect, appreciation and common sense."

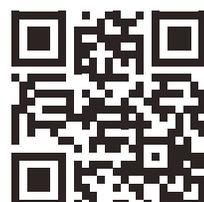


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# New National Emergency Notification System launched

On Monday, the Cayman Islands Government launches a National Emergency Notification System (NENS) mobile app. The NENS app will allow direct communication with all subscribed users in the Cayman Islands in the event of a national emergency or disaster.

Developed by Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) in collaboration with key local and regional stakeholders, NENS is a free mobile application that delivers emergency alerts directly to subscribers by email or SMS text. Residents and visitors can download the free app on their phones by going to [nens.gov.ky](https://nens.gov.ky).

Premier and Minister for Sustainability & Climate Resiliency Hon. G. Wayne Panton said building a national culture of disaster preparedness and resiliency is a collective responsibility and encouraged all Cayman Islands residents to subscribe to the mobile alert app.

"In a national emergency or disaster, safeguarding human life is of paramount importance. We all have a role to play in following the official guidance from HMCI to prepare for emergencies but we can't always predict when a disaster or emergency will happen. That's why it's important

to download the new mobile app so you can stay informed and know what action to take to keep yourself and your loved ones safe in the event of a national incident," Panton said.

HMCI Director Danielle Coleman said the department is continually working to increase the number of ways that emergency messages are delivered to the public.

"Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning. HMCI has a number of methods by which we communicate with the public in emergencies, including by sending information to local media, posting to our website and social media sites, and the radio alert system established in collaboration with Department of Public Safety Communications," she said. "The new NENS app is yet another method for us to deliver important public safety messaging to keep our community safe in a national emergency or disaster."

The emergency alert will include details of the incident including what kind of incident it is, where it is primarily located (if applicable) and when it occurred. The message will also include any essential

public safety messaging such as instructions to stay away from the area or to seek higher ground.

## Simulated tsunami exercise to be NENS first test case

Registered subscribers to the NENS mobile app will experience the first test of the system on Thursday, 10 March, as part of CARIBE WAVE, a regional exercise to develop and improve emergency responses to a simulated tsunami event.

The Cayman Islands is one of several Caribbean countries taking part in the 2022 exercise, which is coordinated by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Coleman said the Cayman Islands will use the tsunami exercise to test and improve the national tsunami warning system.

"Regular exercising of response plans is critical to maintain readiness for an emergency. The simulated tsunami scenario will provide an opportunity for HMCI to

exercise our operational lines of communications which includes the National Emergency Notification System, review our tsunami response procedures, and promote tsunami preparedness," she said.

Subscribers to the NENS mobile app will receive a test notification to their mobile device as part of the exercise.

## How to get the app

1. Visit [nens.gov.ky](https://nens.gov.ky) to opt-in to the service; Choose 'app' and provide your email to sign up.

2. Download the AtHoc app, entering the email address you used to opt in to the service to verify and activate your account.

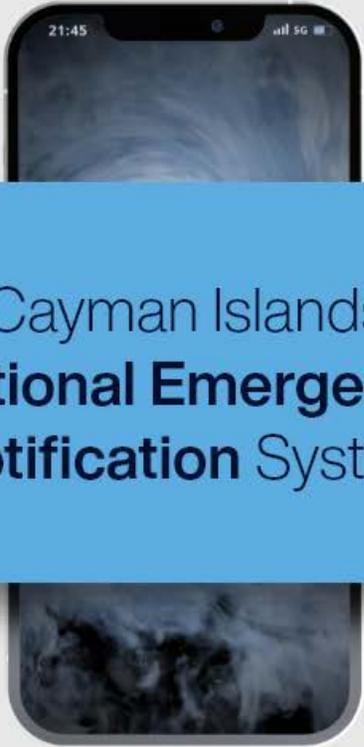
3. AtHoc app will ask you for an organisation code. Your organisation code is HMCI. Press 'send'.

4. The screen will indicate you are now set up to receive notifications.

Watch a video tutorial here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-83YKly4a1M>

For more information, please contact HMCI's Public Awareness and Training Officer, Simon Boxall on 244-3145 or [Simon.Boxall@gov.ky](mailto:Simon.Boxall@gov.ky)





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# RUSSIA DIVIDES UK TERRITORIES INTO FRIENDLY AND UNFRIENDLY CATEGORIES

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

The British Overseas Territories (OTs) continue to feature in the fall-out from the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

This time it's in a list of so-called "unfriendly countries" published by the Russian government in response to the crippling economic sanctions it's having to endure for its invasion and war on Ukraine.

However, the OTs omitted from the list are just as noticeable as those which have been included on the list which names 43 countries and territories.

On the Russian register - which is also being referred to as a 'revenge list' by some global media outlets - are Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands and Gibraltar.

It does not include the Cayman Islands, Bermuda and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

The United Kingdom - the administering authority of the OTs is also listed alongside the UK Crown Dependency of Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Other OTs and Crown Dependencies are not mentioned although all of them are required under directives from the British government to institute sanctions against

the Russian government, oligarch allies of Russian President Vladimir Putin, and several Russian companies.

The Russian government did not give any specific indication of why it chose to list some of the territories and not others.

Assets including private jets and yachts as well as financial investments regarded by the British government as being not fully compliant with the relevant legislation have been targeted in the OTs and the Crown Dependencies as part of a global clampdown against Russia in reaction to its continuing attack on Ukraine.

Also included on the list of 43 countries are all European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) member countries along with Japan, Singapore, Australia and Switzerland along with the financial centres of Liechtenstein, Monaco, and San Marino.

The official Russian Tass news agency said on its website: "The Government of the Russian Federation has approved on Monday a list of foreign states and territories that commit unfriendly actions against Russia, its companies, and citizens."

As explained, real estate purchases, financial trades and deals involving loans in Russian roubles will now require 'special



authorisation' from the Kremlin if they involve companies from countries on the list, which experts say "will spell chaos for business flowing in and out of Russia."

The list follows a decree by Russian leader Vladimir Putin in response to the far-reaching and tightening sanctions which have been slapped on his country and his wealthy supporters.

This move by meant to allow the Russian government, sanctioned companies and citizens labelled as oligarchs to temporarily pay foreign currency debts owed to overseas creditors from the so-called "unfriendly countries".

The payments must be made in rubles, the Russian currency, by opening a special account with a Russian bank.

## *Jubilee trees planted at the Government Administration Building*

On Friday, 4 March, H.E. Governor Martyn Roper and Premier Hon. G. Wayne Panton joined the Ministry of Sustainability & Climate Resiliency to plant two trees at the Government Administration Building in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee as part of the local Plant a Tree for the Jubilee initiative. The team planted a

Silver Thatch donated by Gary Chisholm and a Mahogany facilitated by Caribbean Blooms. The Silver Thatch joins another thatch palm planted in 2012 in commemoration of The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, while the Mahogany can be seen close to the main vehicular entrance. Both trees are now pinned on the national tree planting digital map



# Will the Cuban Embargo ever end?

Who would have thought that when Fidel Castro descended the thickly forested Sierra Maestra Mountain range with his rag tag army, drove Baptiste from power and installed a communist state in Cuba, that an embargo inflicted on this country by President Kennedy in April 1960, would still be in place today? Maybe no one.

Six decades of the revolution but the embargo has survived the Bay of Pigs fiasco, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Soviet implosion and 'The Special Period', the end of the Cold War and with it the sidelining of leftist ideas and the solidifying of liberal democracy and economics. It survived the visits from Pope John Paul II in 1998 who declared during his visit 'May Cuba with all its magnificent possibilities, open itself to the world, and may the world open itself to Cuba', and that of the three day visit of President Obama in 2016 who took with him between 800 and 1200 businesspeople and congressional leaders.

The embargo which began with President Kennedy's Proclamation 3447 disallowed all trade with Cuba. The aim was to weaken and isolate the Cuban economy and the country generally, so that the government would be overthrown, and the spread of Soviet communism slowed in line with the US policy of containment.

There was more than a glimmer of hope under President Obama when he announced a major shift in U.S. policy toward Cuba in December 2014 that moved away from a sanctions-based policy aimed at isolating Cuba toward a policy of engagement and a normalization of relations. So serious was the attempt to normalize relations, he visited himself and developed a relationship with then President Raul Castro. In retrospect, maybe if President Raul had known who would come next, he might have done much more to take advantage of that moment.

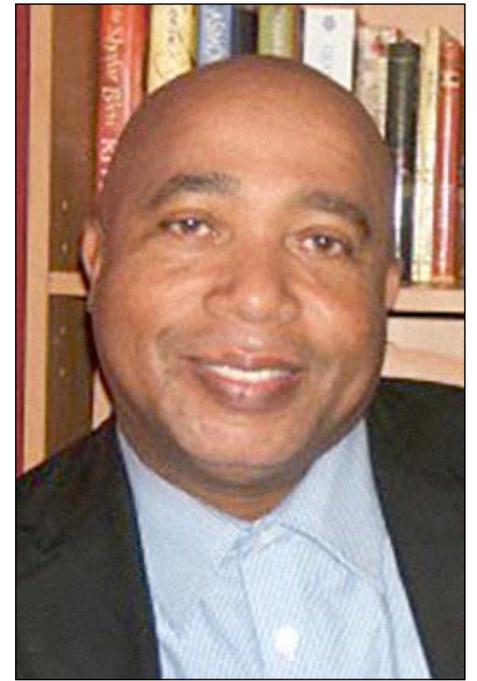
He might have gone beyond his series of gradual market-oriented economic policy changes to opening the economy far more to private-sector activity and scaling back Cuba's largely state-controlled economy. Independent organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and the InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights, have consistently raised concerns about press freedom and human rights and fundamental political freedoms. But they raise these concerns also for China which enjoys special trading relations with the United States. For example, in the 2021 World Press Freedom Index, China placed 177 out of 180 countries.

The Trump administration increased sanctions from 2019-2021 overturning

gains made under Obama. It restricted travel and remittances, imposed restrictions on Cuba's medical missions and placed Cuba on the list of countries said to be promoting terrorism, among other measures.

Writing in the Guardian recently, David Adler notes the effects of the embargo on the Cuban economy and people. 'The docks are half-empty: the US has banned all cruise ships, cultural exchange and educational delegations that once drove the largest industry on the island. The Western Union branches are shuttered: the US has banned all remittances through Cuban firms and their affiliates to the millions of Cuban families that rely on assistance from abroad. The hospitals are understocked: the US embargo has forbidden the export of medical technology with US components, leading to chronic shortages of over-the-counter medicine. Even the internet is a zone of isolation: the US embargo means that Cubans cannot use Zoom, Skype or Microsoft Teams to communicate with the outside world.'

On many occasions Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries have told the United States that its decades-old trade and economic embargo against Cuba has "run its course" and should now be lifted, but to no avail. More recently for example



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In a July 26 letter sent to President Joe Biden, CARICOM chairman and Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne said that "strong and mutually beneficial relations" have been developed between Cuba and the Caribbean countries over a 49-year period and CARICOM regards "Cuba and its people as a valuable and respected member of our family of Caribbean nations".

CARICOM and the vast majority of the world's countries have been consistent in rejecting what Prime Minister Browne labelled 'the anarchistic and failed policy'. Quoting the late Trinidad and Tobago Prime Minister Dr Eric Williams on this matter is always useful. He had explained the reason behind four Caribbean countries establishing diplomatic relations with Havana in 1972, "In the 1970s we should have learned the lesson that economic boycott is not the most realistic, nor indeed the most productive attitude to be adopted with a country whose economic and social system we do not share ... At all levels within the family of nations of the hemisphere, reconciliation with the estranged is the ineluctable choice, rather than ostracism."

The embargo just does not make sense from an ideological or humanitarian perspective. It flies in the face of the thrust for a global free-market, free-trade system that the US is believed to be spearheading. A vibrant Cuban economy will not only be good for the Cuban people but for the region and the world.



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## POLICE NEWS

# Police Investigate Fatal Collision in Cayman Brac

The RCIPS CIFS were on the scene at a fatal motor-vehicle collision on Tuesday involving a single vehicle that occurred just after 2PM today 8 March. The colli-

sion took place on South Side West Road in Cayman Brac.

The Bluff Road along South Side West, in the area of the public beach, was closed

while officers carried out investigations.

The RCIPS Traffic and Road Policing Unit's accident re-constructionists have been activated and were on the way to

Cayman Brac from Grand Cayman to assist with the investigation.

The RCIPS thanks the public for their cooperation.

## RCIPS Celebrates International Women's Day by Highlighting the First All-Women Police Parade

The month of March is celebrated worldwide as International Women's month and today, Tuesday 8th March, is recognised as International Women's Day. In light of this the RCIPS would like to highlight the first ever all-women-parade that took place on Sunday 6th February in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

During the parade, Inspector Wendy Parchment was selected as the Commissioner of Police's designate, and the contingent, consisting of over 25 women within the service, was led by Sergeant Keren Watson. The colour party on the parade was led by newly promoted Detective Sergeant Camica Parker and included several other experienced officers.

Inspector Wendy Parchment stated, "Law enforcement, specifically policing, around the world, has traditionally been a male dominated field. So, to have been selected to participate, as the Commissioner of Police's designate, in the first ever all women's parade in the history of the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, was my distinct honour and pleasure. The fact that it was to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee made it even more special."

The contingent of women was comprised of police officers from various ranks and areas within the service, including detectives from investigative units, community police officers, firearm officers, patrol officers, traffic officers and even some officers who hold administrative roles.

Sergeant Keren Watson stated, "Preparing for the parade was challenging as a lot of the ladies involved had not done drill for quite some time. We had to practice for hours at a time for several days leading up to the parade. We wanted to ensure that we were as sharp as possible for this historic event."

One officer, PC Arissa McKenzie with the George Town Police Station, who has only



been a police officer with the RCIPS since 2019, said, "Being amongst the youngest members of the RCIPS, with less experience than the others, I was very proud to have been a part of the contingent in the All-Women Parade for Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I felt a sense of honour throughout the parade and even during the rehearsals. Working with the RCIPS has been a challenging but rewarding experience for me, I recommend that other women consider policing within their realm of possibilities when consid-

ering their careers, because the opportunities are vast for both development and upward mobility."

"On behalf of the Senior Leadership Team, I would like to thank everyone who took the time out to organise this event, train our female officers for parade and those in the background ensuring everything ran as smoothly as possible," says Deputy Chief Officer Mrs. Nancy Barnard, "The women made us proud and took us one step closer in securing our service amongst the others in line with

the Deputy Governor's goal of becoming a World Class Civil Service, by displaying inclusion and gender equality, which is of particular importance to the Commissioner of Police, Derek Byrne. Women comprise about 50% of the population and we are focussed on our policing service better reflecting that demographic."

A short video was produced to commemorate the historic event, including comments from the Governor and Inspector Parchment. The video may be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/PcfaGJkxptQ>



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## Jobs by Occupation A - Z for the Week of 11 March 2022

Accountants	Commercial sales representatives	Generalist medical practitioners	Messengers, package deliverers and luggage porters	Shop keepers
Accounting and bookkeeping clerks	Computer network and systems technicians	Glaziers	Metal moulders and coremakers	Shop sales assistants
Accounting associate professionals	Concrete placers, concrete finishers and related workers	Graphic and multimedia designers	Mining & quarrying labourers	Shop supervisors
Administrative and executive secretaries	Conference and event planners	Hairdressers	Mixed crop growers	Software and applications developers and analysts
Advertising and marketing professionals	Construction managers	Hand packers	Motor vehicle mechanics and repairers	Special medical practitioners
Aged care services managers	Construction supervisors	Health professionals	Nursing professionals	Sports coaches instructors & officials
Aircraft pilots and related associate professionals	Contact centre information clerks	Health service managers	Odd job persons	Stall and market salespersons
Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Mechanics	Craft and related workers	Heavy truck and lorry drivers	Office supervisors	Stationery plant and machine operators
Bakers pastry cooks and confectionery makers	Crane hoist related plant workers	Home based personal care workers	Other assigned cleaning workers	Stock clerks
Bartenders	Credit and loans officers	Hotel receptionists	Painters and related workers	Stonemasons, stone cutters, splitters and carvers
Beauticians and related workers	Dancers and choreographers	Hotel managers	Personal services workers	Street and related service workers
Bicycle and related repairers	Data entry clerks	House builders	Pet groomers and animal care workers	Structural metal preparers and erectors
Bricklayers and related workers	Debt collectors and related workers	Human resource managers	Petroleum and natural gas refining plant operators	Supply, distribution & related managers
Broadcasting and audio visual technicians	Dental assistants and therapists	Information & communications technology operations technicians	Pharmacists	Sweepers and related labourers
Building and related electricians	Domestic cleaners and helpers	Information & communications technology sales professionals	Physio and other codes assigned as therapists	Tailors, dressmaker & furriers & hatters
Building caretakers	Earthmoving and related plant operators	Information & communications technology service managers	Plasterers	Teachers aides
Building construction labourers	Economists	Insulation workers	Plumbers and pipe fitters	Teaching professionals
Building frame and related trade workers	Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers	Interior designers and decorators	Policy administration professionals	Technical and medical sales professionals (excluding ICT)
Building structure cleaners	Electrical engineers	Jewellery and precious metal workers	Primary school teachers	Telecommunications engineering technicians
Business services agents	Electrical mechanics and fitters	Kitchen helpers	Professional services managers	Tobacco preparers & product makers
Business services and administration managers	Electronics engineering technicians	Landscape architects	Receptionists (general)	Traditional and complementary medicine professionals
Butchers, fishmongers and related food preparers	Environmental and occupational health inspectors & associates	Laundry machine architects	Restaurant managers	Transport clerks
Buyers	Fast food preparers	Lawyers	Retail and wholesale trade managers	Travel guides
Cabinet makers & related workers	Finance managers	Legal and related associate professionals	Riggers and cable splicers	Underwater divers
Car taxi and van drivers	Financial analysts	Legal professionals	Roofers	Upholsterers & related workers
Carpenters and Joiners	Financial and investment advisers	Legal secretaries	Sales and marketing managers	Valuers and loss assessors
Cartographers and surveyors	Fitness & recreation instructors & program leaders	Livestock farm labourers	Sales workers	Vehicle cleaners
Cashiers and ticket clerks	Floor layers and tile setters	Managing directors & chief executives	Secondary education teachers	Veterinarians
Chefs & Cooks	Food and beverage tasters and graders	Manufacturing labourers	Security guards	Veterinary technicians and assistants
Chemical and physical science technicians	Food service counter attendants	Manufacturing supervisors	Senior government officials	Waiters
Cleaners and helpers in offices and hotels	Freight handlers	Mechanical engineering technicians	Service station attendants	Welders and flamecutters
Cleaning and housekeeping supervisors in offices, hotels	Fumigators, pest and weed controllers	Mechanical engineers	Services managers	Window cleaners
Clearing and forwarding agents	Garden and horticultural labourers	Mechanical machinery assemblers	Sewing, embroidery and related workers	
Clerical support workers	Gardeners horticultural and nursery growers	Medicalimaging & therapeutic equipment technicians	Shelf fillers	
	General office clerks	Medical assistants	Ships, deck crews & related workers	
			Ships' deck officers and pilots	

# Companies with Vacancies

1. \$smart Group Cayman Ltd T/A Buy \$smart
2. 19North Construction Ltd. T/A Anchorock
3. A1 Plumbing Services Ltd.
4. ACP Construction Ltd
5. ADVANCE FIRE & PLUMBING LTD.
6. Air Masters Ltd T/A Air Masters Ltd
7. AJB HOLDINGS LTD. T/A BOTANICA
8. Alan Patino T/A HF Construction & Development
9. Allegiance Technology Ltd.
10. Annmarie Tomlinson T/A Hairstyles Mobile Car Wash
11. ARA CONSTRUCTION LTD
12. Arch and Godfrey (Cayman) Ltd.
13. ARK TRADING LTD. T/A LIVING.KY
14. Athalie Bryson T/A Reliable Radiator & More Mobile Services
15. AUTOMOTIVE WORKS LTD T/A MOTORTECH AUTO REPAIR
16. AVIATION COMMUNICATION (AV COM) LTD
17. AVS Corp. Ltd
18. AZ Group Ltd T/A Pimped Auto
19. Bank of China, Grand Cayman Branch
20. Baraud International Recruitment Consultants Ltd.
21. BARBARA & GRAYSON LIBERTY T/A LIBERTYS RESTAURANT
22. Barcam (Cayman) Ltd. T/A Barcam Esso
23. Berghem LTD T/A Le Vele
24. BERMAN FISHER LIMITED T/A HLB BERMAN FISHER
25. BMS Ltd.
26. BOLCAR LTD. T/A George Carvalho
27. Broadhurst LLC. Attorney at Law
28. Brown's Fuel Services Ltd
29. Brown's Holdings LTD
30. Bug Busters Co. Ltd. T/A Bug Busters
31. Burger Holdings Ltd
32. Burns Rankin T/A Rankin's Electrical Services
33. Butterfield Bank (Cayman) Limited
34. BV Group Ltd T/A Bon Vivant
36. Cable & Wireless (Cayman Islands) Limited
37. Calvary Baptist Christian Academy Ltd.
39. Campbells
40. CAMPBELL'S WELDING & CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LTD.
41. Capelli Beauty Salon LTD
42. CAPT. MARVIN'S WATERSPORTS LTD T/A ANNA'S WATERSPORTS
43. Car Boutique T/A: Tony's Toys
44. Car City Ltd. T/A Car City
45. Carnivore Cayman Ltd.
46. Cayman Airways Ltd.
47. Cayman Animal Hospital
48. Cayman Armoured Courier Services
49. Cayman Cleaning and Janitorial Services
50. CAYMAN CLIMATE CONTROLS LTD
51. Cayman Cricket
52. Cayman Diving
53. Cayman Islands Monetary Authority
54. Cayman Islands Urgent Care, Ltd. T/A Doctors Express
55. Cayman Life Holdings T/A Cayman Beauties
56. Cayman Medical Ltd.
57. Cayman Physiotherapy Ltd
58. Cayman Platinium Janitorial Ltd
59. Cayman Platinum Construction Ltd
60. Cayman Riding School Ltd
61. Cayman Sourcing Ltd T/A Shop Smart Deals
62. Cayman Theraplay Ltd
63. Cayman Turtle Centre
64. CCB Cayman Ltd T/A Starbucks
65. CHARTERLAND LTD.
66. Christopher N. Ebanks T/A Precision-Tech
67. Churchill's Funeral Home
68. CI PRECAST LTD
69. CIBC Cayman Bank Limited
71. Cleveland A. Frater T/A C&H Construction
72. Club Extreme
73. Cobalt Coast Resort
74. Compass Media Limited
75. Complete Lube & Maintenance
76. CRAZY CRAB LTD T/A CRAZY CRAB
77. Creative Tech Ltd
78. Crowe Cayman Ltd.
79. CTMH Doctors Hospital
80. Custodians Ltd
81. Dart Enterprises Ltd.
82. Dart Management Services Ltd.
83. DDL STUDIO LTD
85. DENIA WALKER T/A SOLID ROCK CONSTRUCTION
86. Dew Point Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Ltd.
87. Diana M. Ramsay-Linton T/A RamStone Construction
88. Digicel Cayman Ltd.
89. Dinner Martin Attorneys T/A Dentons
90. DMS Bank & Trust Ltd.
91. DMS Organization Ltd
92. Dr. Foley's Eye Clinic
93. Easy Financing Ltd T/A Easy Cash
94. Eats Ltd. T/A Eats Crocodile Rock Cafe
95. EDEN ROCK DIVING CENTER LTD
96. Edie's Decor Ltd
97. Efccon Group Ltd. T/A Efccon Construction
98. EFG BANK AG, CAYMAN BRANCH
99. EisnerAmper Cayman Ltd.
100. ELECTRA-TECH SERVICES LIMITED
101. eShore Ltd. T/A eShore
102. Every Bloomin Thing
103. Evron Ltd T/A Evron Construction
104. Fast Foods Company Ltd. T/A Kentucky Fried Chicken
105. Fine Homes and Apartments Construction, LTD
106. First Impression Ltd
107. FirstCaribbean International Bank (Cayman) Ltd
108. Foster's Food Fair Ltd.
109. Genesis Trust & Corporate Services Ltd.
110. George Town Yacht Club
111. GMC GENERAL CONTRACTORS CO. LTD.
112. Gold Heart Caregiver Agency Services
113. Grace Christian Academy
114. GRAND CAYMAN MARRIOTT BEACH RESORT
115. Grand Pavilion Assets Ltd.
116. H & B ONE LTD.
117. Heritage Holdings Ltd.
118. HI-TECH ELECTRONICS INC
119. House Smart Technologies
120. HURLEY'S (GRAND HARBOUR) LTD. T/A HURLEY'S MARKET PLACE
121. Iberica Materials Ltd
122. Employer ICOA LTD
123. IMP Agency Ltd.
124. Inaja Productions Ltd T/A Inaja Productions
125. Infinite Mindcare Ltd.
126. Integra Healthcare Ltd
127. Intertrust Holding (Cayman) Limite
128. ISLAND PAVING (1985) LTD.
129. ISLAND PAVING (EQUIPMENT) LTD.
130. Island Recycling Ltd.
131. ISLAND TASTE GROUP LTD
132. J&R CONSTRUCTION LTD
133. James Contractors Ltd.
134. Jessie's Juice Bar Ltd T/A Jessies Juice Bar
135. Joy Ltd. T/A Quality Pharmacy
136. JUDAH MOBILE CAR CLEANING SERVICE
137. Kirk Freeport Plaza Ltd
138. Kirk Market
139. KIRK OFFICE EQUIPMENT LTD.
140. Kirkconnell Enterprises Ltd. T/A Kirk Home Centre
141. KMAN VETS LTD T/A KMAN VETS
142. KMAN VETS LTD T/A KMAN VETS (VET SERVICES)
143. KPMG
144. L.E.D LTD T/A TROPICAL MACHINE SHOP
145. LAVISH HAIR STUDIO T/A ROWE CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE
146. Lemmie's Trucking Services (1989) Ltd.
147. Locale Cayman Ltd
148. Luxe Property Group Ltd.
149. Mac Plumbing & Maintenance Services Ltd
150. MaplesFS Service Company Limited
151. marine power ltd
152. McAlpine Limited
153. MCRUSS GROUP LTD T/A MCRUSS GROCERIES
154. MLJC Holdings Ltd T/A Casa43 Mexican Kitchen and Tequila Bar
155. MOOREMARINE LTD
156. Morritts Properties Cayman Limited T/A Morritts Tortuga
157. Mourant Cayman Limited
158. NATIONAL CEMENT LTD.
159. National Security Services Ltd.
160. NCB Property Services Ltd.
161. Not Your Standard Ltd.
162. OAKTREE SERVICES LTD
163. Ocean Frontiers Ltd.
164. OFFICE SUPPLY LTD.
165. OfReg
166. Ogier
167. Old Dutch T/A The Alexander Hotel
168. Paddle Wheel Adventures Ltd
169. Palm Road Medical Limited
170. Palm Sunset Ltd
171. Paperman's Coffee House
172. PENHA IMAGE DUTY FREE LTD
173. Personnel 2000 Limited
174. PESTKIL LTD.
175. Phoenix Limited T/A Phoenix Construction
176. Piper Resorts (Cayman) Ltd.
177. Pirates den Ltd. T/A PD's Pub
178. PJ Construction Limited T/A PJ Construction
179. PMG General Construction & Steel Work
180. Pooley Cabinets Industries Ltd.
181. Precision Trucking / Equipment Services LTD
182. Professional Pharmacy Services Ltd T.A CTMH Doctors Hospital Pharmacy
183. Professional Waste Management Limited
184. Progressive Distributors Ltd.
185. P'S Clean Janitorial Services Ltd
186. R&R Auto Ltd
187. Red Sail Sports Cayman Ltd
188. Rhondalf Services Ltd T/A The Veterinary Clinic & Specialty Boarding
189. RiskPass AML+ Compliance Ltd
190. RSM CAYMNA LTD.
191. Ryde Cayman Limited T/A Ryde Cayman
192. S.E.S. INVESTMENTS LTD
193. SALON 2000 LTD
194. SCOTT DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD
195. SEALAND ADVENTURE TOURS LTD
196. Seaside Hospitality Ltd T/A Da Fish Shack
197. Seven Mile Medical Clinic Ltd.
198. Shamar Green T/A Sosa's Car Wash
199. Singh's Roti Shop
200. Smile Dental Clinic Ltd.
201. SOL PETROLEUM CAYMAN LIMITED
202. Sprogs Ltd. T/A Sprogs Garden Playschool
203. St. Matthew's University (Cayman) Limited
204. Starfish Village Ltd T/A Villlage Mntessori
205. SteppingStones Recruitment Ltd
206. Sterling Security Solutions Ltd
207. Sunset Divers Limited
208. SUPERIOR AUTO LTD
209. SUPERIOR DRYWALL LTD T/A SUPERIOR DRYWALL
210. Surebuilt Construction Ltd.
211. Synergy Chiropractic & Physiotherapy Ltd.
212. The Achievement Centre Ltd.
213. THE ANIMALS LTD T/A THE BIRD
214. THE EDGE COMPANY LTD T/A OVER THE EDGE
215. The Jewellery Factory Ltd T/A The Jewelry Center
216. The Pilates Studio Ltd.
217. The Platinum Group Ltd/ T/A Liftech Ltd.
218. The Ritz Carlton Hotel
219. The Security Centre Ltd
220. The University College of the Cayman Islands
221. The Wharf Restaurant Ltd
222. TOP JOB CONSTRUCTION
223. Topimex Distributors Ltd.
224. TRI-ISLAND AGGREGATES (C.I) LIMITED
225. United Contracting Ltd T/A UCL
226. Universal Air Conditioning Ltd
227. URIAH & CHERELENE MUNROE T/A RC AUTO PARTS
228. VERDA & RAYBURN EBANKS T/A R&V CONSTRUCTION
229. Vistra (Cayman) Limited
230. Walkers
231. Walkers Professional Services
232. West Bay Hospitality Ltd.
233. Wirl Trading Co Ltd T/A Brandsource Home Gallery
234. WORK OF ART WOODWORKING KY LTD
235. Xianglong Development Co. Ltd.
236. Zila Ramirez-Ebanks T/A Blake's Tours

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# NCB Group has all the Wight Shots at St. Ignatius Scramble

The twelfth St. Ignatius Church and School Golf Scramble took place on Friday, March 4th at the North Sound Golf Club. Twenty-four teams participated on a sunny, windy afternoon, which featured some great golf and several fun contests and prizes. Following the competition the golfers received a number of awards, raffle prizes, and a buffet dinner.

The winning team was 'NCB Group', with a net score of 49.5: Payten Wight, Alan Wight, Matthew Wight and Ian Wight. Second place was 'KPMG', with a net score of 54.0: Joel Dodson, Cary Marr, Gordon Rajamohan and Jeff Cummer. Third place was 'Re/Max', with a net score of 54.5: Dillon Claassens, Todd Hazlewood, Chris Spigner and Grant Stephenson. Members of all three teams won gift cards from the pro shop. The 'Bedell Cristin' team finished 24th with the highest score of the day, earning a round of golf courtesy of the North Sound Golf Club.

The Closest to the Pin contest was won by Clive Thomas on hole nine and Alan Wight on hole thirteen. Longest drive winners were Dearbhaile O'Kelly for the ladies on hole two and Matthew Wight for the men on hole twelve. All four winners received \$100 gift cards from Kirk Freeport.



► NCB Group - 1st Place 2022



► KPMG - 2nd Place Team 2022

Nickolai Ugland won the putting contest, earning a beautiful watch from Kirk Freeport. He left his 55 foot downhill putt just under 9 inches behind the hole.

'Frandalf's Four' was voted best dressed team, with 'Health City' coming in second. Members were Ian Jamieson, Fran Donoghue, Martin Cooke and Iain Robertson.

Andy Adapa and Christopher Smith each won a gift card for correctly guessing that 12 of the 95 players would hit their tee

shots onto the green on hole five, but no golfer was able to get the magical hole-in-one on that hole.

St. Ignatius would like to thank all of the major sponsors and prize donors: Moore and Moore Investments, Health City CI, NCB Group, Kirk Freeport, Stategic Risk Solutions, Gino's Pizzeria, Island Cleaners, and The North Sound Golf Club.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers: Pat and Joe Olszewski, May Ur-

sua, Merrell McCann, Liliana McLaughlin, Isabella McLaughlin, Victoria McLaughlin and Natalie Eickenhorst.

Final thanks go out to the North Sound Golf Club and their wonderful staff, and all of the corporate teams and players who took part this year. Nearly CI \$12,000 was raised towards the new multi-purpose sports hall building at St. Ignatius, which is slated for completion later this year.

## Aaron Jarvis gets ready for the Masters

By Christopher Tobutt

Everyone has been so proud of Cayman's 19-year-old golf champion, Aaron Jarvis, after he won the Latin America Amateur Championships. Now he is making history by being the first Caymanian to play in the Masters in April. He has already been to see the course, but he will be arriving there a week before the tournament begins, he says, so that he has plenty of time to familiarize himself with the course and mentally prepare. Later in the year, he's heading for the British Open at St. Andrews, too.

"It feels pretty great representing Cayman and putting Cayman on the map. It's an opportunity where I can take a step forward, and coming from a small place it's a unique story," he said, "So it gives me extra motivation to do well, knowing I have my country behind me and my family and friends, too.

"I think the preparation side of it will be a little different compared to other tournaments. I'll be getting my body right, making sure my mind is in the right place, too, leading up to tournament. The whole place is pretty magical, driving down Magnolia lane and seeing the place for the first time was pretty cool but going there multiple times before the tournament will allow me to get comfortable with the course. I definitely will get nervous, I think it's part of the game, but I think I will get nervous the way I control. When you get nervous you can let it affect you in a bad way, or you can take it and use it as motivation and use it to prepare for the shot coming up," he said.

"I think it's an opportunity for me to make a name for myself and put myself into the big world with the big professionals, and show people that, coming from a small place you can still make it, and by



► Aaron Jarvis with his mother, Lana, and his father, Robin

hard work and right preparation I think I have the opportunity to do that. Mr. Jarvis

hopes he might be an inspiration to Cayman's kids. It never bothered him that Cayman just had one 18-hole golf course, he said, and he used to practice there until it got dark. He began golf when he was twelve, he said, but really started getting serious about it a couple of years later. His advice for other young golfers is, "Just enjoy it because it can be stressful at times. Golf is not easy. Just have fun with it, and play with your friends, and do what you love."

He says he will think about becoming a professional after he finishes at UNLV, where he is still in his first year. He would also like the chance to do some golf camps for kids here in Cayman, "That would be a good opportunity to grow the game here. Sometime in the summer if I have a good period of time back home I'd love to do some camps and get more local public school kids involved," he said.



► Aaron Jarvis



► All ready to celebrate – the win at LAAC and going to the Masters

## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

# Cuba sees exodus of Russians

Cuba saw over 900 Russians take chartered flights home from a resort town as airspace bans imposed after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine complicated travel for tourists around the world.

Dozens of countries, including European Union nations and the United States, have banned Russian planes from their airspace as part of sanctions aimed at crippling the Russian economy. Russian President Vladimir Putin retaliated by barring its airspace to multiple countries, including 35 European nations.

An airport official in Varadero, near Havana, announced that 927 Russian passengers flew to Moscow on Sunday, among them a group from the Dominican Republic. Another 940 tourists departed on Monday, the official said.

Cuban media reported last week that the 5,570 Russians on vacation in Varadero would return on Nordwind Airlines charter flights. Nordwind has suspended their regular flights to Cuba, along with fellow Russian carriers Aeroflot and Azur Air.

Nearly 15,000 Russian and 2,000 Ukrainian tourists are stranded in the Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic said it had reached a deal with hotel chains to guarantee the tourists' accommodation until a solution is found.

International sanctions against Russia over its invasion of Ukraine could have wide-ranging impacts on its Latin American allies such as Cuba, experts believe.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic hit, Russian tourists have become the single largest group of visitors to the island. The arrival of Russian visitors to Cuba increased almost 200 percent since 2019, helping the island's battered tourism industry, which collapsed with the pandemic and the tightening of US sanctions.

That is largely due to the dramatic drop in Canadian visitors from over 413,000 in 2020 to 69,000 the next year.

Shaken by its worst economic crisis in 30 years, Cuba is struggling more than ever. But the war in Ukraine "will deal another blow to international tourism, for Cuba and the Caribbean region, increasing even more the fear of travelling," said tourism expert Jose Luis Perello.



► Havana will miss the influx of Russians

According to Juan Gonzalez, senior director at the US National Security Council, the Russian sanctions are strategic. "These sanctions against Russia are so robust that they will have an impact on those countries with economic links to Russia, and that is by design," Gonzalez told Voz de America. "Venezuela will start to feel this pressure, Nicaragua will feel this pressure and so will Cuba."

He said US sanctions against 13 Russian financial institutions "cannot fail to impact any government or business that does business with these institutions."



► Vladimir Putin has a strong ally in Cuba

## DCash may return after long absence

The Eastern Caribbean's first central bank digital currency has ceased trading for two months now.

DCash — a digital version of the Eastern Caribbean dollar used by seven countries — has been offline since 14 January but hopes to resume full service any day now, bank officials said.

The DCash crash highlights some of the technical challenges governments face as they consider embracing sovereign e-currencies.

"This is an important case study in things that can go wrong in the rollout and expansion of a digital currency," said Josh Lipsky, the director of the Atlantic Council's GeoEconomics Centre. "Every country trying to do a large rollout has had problems."

Launched last March by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank, DCash made global headlines for being the first digital currency to be used by a monetary union. While the bank still considers the project to be in the pilot phase, it has been rolled out to all but one of its eight member states. It is found in Antigua and Barbuda, Grenada, Saint Lucia and St Kitts and Nevis, which are four of the eight members of the Eastern Caribbean Currency Union (ECCU). ECCB officials hope to have rolled out DCash in the four remaining countries Anguilla, Dominica, Montserrat and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The bank reported that the DCash platform had suffered an "interruption" that



► DCash is experiencing technical problems

didn't compromise any data but it stopped all transactions.

Bitt Inc, the Barbados-based company that is the bank's technical partner on the project and is also supporting Nigeria's eNaira effort, referred all questions to the bank.

The Caribbean is being closely watched as it emerges as a pioneer in central bank digital currencies, or CBDCs. The Bahamas launched the 'Sand Dollar', the world's first CBDC, in October 2020, and Jamaica is expected to roll out the 'Jam-Dex' later this year.

According to the Atlantic Council's Central Bank Digital Currency Tracker, there are two dozen CBDCs that have either been launched or are being piloted across the globe — many of them in emerging markets. Unlike their crypto counterparts such as Bitcoin and Ether, CBDCs are digital extensions of fiat currency and are government-issued and controlled.

## World's biggest cruiser is in the region

The world's biggest cruise ship, which is five times the size of the Titanic, is passing through the Caribbean this week on its maiden voyage.

Wonder of the Seas weighs a staggering 236,857 tons and is fitted out with 19 swimming pools, 20 restaurants, 11 bars, an ice rink, casino and even its own Central Park.

The Royal Caribbean liner set out on her maiden seven-day voyage Friday from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, heading to the Caribbean.

The statistics for the record-breaking ship are staggering. It's 362 metres long (1,188 ft), it can carry 6,988 passengers along with 2,300 crew and can hold enough beer to fill all the swimming pools on board twice over. The colossal ship has 18 decks, 16 for passengers. It has a top speed of 22 knots (25mph).

Wonder of the Seas took three years to build in Saint-Nazaire, France, at a cost of more than \$1 billion. She had originally been set to launch in China last year but those plans were shelved due to the Covid pandemic.

On board is also a Boardwalk, designed on the Coney Island attraction and is lined with restaurants serving up Italian, French and German cuisine,



► Wonder of the Seas is like a floating city

along with US staples such as hotdogs and pizzas. There is also a Vegas-style casino on board. Central Park has 20,000 plants and trees.

Passengers can sip cocktails made by robots in the Bionic Bar which is situated on the Royal Promenade.

If that doesn't appeal, there's the Rising Tide Bar, which has a moving platform where guests' seats move up and down between the Promenade on Deck Five to Central Park on Deck Eight and providing great views.

Royal Caribbean claims bookings are back to pre-pandemic levels.

Chief executive Jason Liberty said: "We are eager to move forward this year. We expect 2022 will be a strong year as we bring the rest of our fleet into operations and approach historical occupancy levels."

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
29° / 26°	29° / 25°	28° / 25°	29° / 25°	27° / 26°	26° / 26°	27° / 25°
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and delightful	Breezy; a little morning rain	Breezy; a bit of morning rain	Partly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny	An a.m. shower; partly sunny

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Dress for Culture Day

**11 March** - Dress for Culture Day (DFC) 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, the monies collected via donations from the participants in Dress for Culture Day are allocated to various CNCF youth programmes including Young Image Makers, Young at Arts Theatre Intensive and the CNCF Summer Arts Camp. Want to get involved? Contact [info@artscayman.org](mailto:info@artscayman.org) to register and submit your registration and donation form (see links to forms below). Participants can also choose to take part in the Dress For Culture Facebook Photo Competition. Just email photos to [info@artscayman.org](mailto:info@artscayman.org) by midnight on Sunday, 20 March and they will be posted on

the CNCF Facebook page. The photo with the most likes wins! Prizes will be awarded in all three categories (school, business and individual). For more information, go to [artscayman.org/cayfest/](http://artscayman.org/cayfest/)

### Baby Supply Drive

**12 March** - As part of HWM, you're invited to participate in a Baby Supply Drive at Fosters at Camana Bay from 9am to 5pm on March 12th. For more information, head to [frc.gov.ky](http://frc.gov.ky).

### Little Cayman - Fireworks Show

**12 March** - All are invited to the Little Cayman Community Fireworks Show at Blossom Village Park on Mar 12 beginning at 8pm.

### Pink Ladies Fashion Show

**12 March** - The Pink Ladies Fashion show will take place at the Marriott on Saturday 12 March from 3pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$80 and include Ruffino bubbles and can-

apes. Tickets are available on the bento app or by emailing [fashion-showky@yahoo.com](mailto:fashion-showky@yahoo.com). All proceeds go towards NCVO structural projects and the Lighthouse School.

### National Gallery - The Visual Arts in Cayman: A Short Course

**14 March - 4 April** - This short course traces the story of visual arts in the Cayman Islands - from pioneer artists to modern collections. The course is CI\$100 including materials and workshop with 10% off for members. If you are interested, register at [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky) or call 945 - 8111 for more information.

### Chamber of Commerce - Effective Email Communication

**15 March** - Email has long been a core tool for business communication, yet its careless use can cause confusion, tension or other negative consequences. In this workshop, we'll explore strategies that you can use to ensure that your use of email is clear, effective and successful. For the time and cost



► STEM camp for girls

of this workshop, go to [www.caymanchamber.ky/events-training/training-centre/](http://www.caymanchamber.ky/events-training/training-centre/) or call 949 - 8090.

### Cayman Documentary Festival - Tina

**16 March** - As part of HWM, all are invited to the Cayman Documentary Festival screening of Tina at 6:30pm at the cinema at Camana Bay. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will benefit a number of local charities. For more informa-

tion about all the documentaries to be aired, head to [frc.gov.ky](http://frc.gov.ky).

### STEM Girls' Camp

**19 March** - As part of Honouring Women's Month (HWM), there will be a STEM Girls' Camp aimed at empowering young girls to be passionate about Science. This is an all-day interactive camp. For more information, call Family Resource Centre at 949 - 0006 or email [frc@gov.ky](mailto:frc@gov.ky)

## I am so sick of this

I'm here to warn you about 5 fat loss myths that most people fall for. This might come across as a soapbox rant, and for that I apologize, but trust me when I say that this is a message that needs to be spread.

Your fat loss depends on it.

Don't waste your time on these:

**This is a Myth: Diet pills will help you lose fat.**

It's so tempting! The commercials make compelling claims about the power of diet pills, but don't fall for it. The 'magic pill' has yet to be discovered (it has been discovered - exercise. It's just not in pill form...). Diet pills are more likely to damage your health and burn your pocketbook than to slim you down.

- Don't pop a pill—instead burn calories with exercise.

**This is a Myth: You should starve yourself to lose fat.**

Attempting to lose weight by starving yourself is not only ineffective, it's also dangerous. It may seem that severe calorie restriction would deliver the quickest weight loss, but your body is complex and by doing so you'll disrupt your metabolism and slow your results.

- Don't starve yourself—instead eat healthy small meals throughout the day.

**This is a Myth: Lots of crunches will flatten your abs.**

We all want our midsection to look toned as we stroll down the beach, but excessive crunches aren't the answer for tight abs. In order to achieve a lean look you'll have to focus on burning off the layer of fat that is covering up your abs.

- Don't obsess about crunches—instead focus on fat burning.

**This is a Myth: Eat packaged diet foods for speedy results.**

It is amazing to see the kinds of foods that are packaged as 'diet' or 'weight loss' aids. More often than not these products are packed with refined sugar and other artificial ingredients that your body doesn't need.

- Don't eat packaged diet foods—instead stick with nutritious whole foods.

**This is a Myth: You have to avoid carbs to lose fat.**

Carbohydrates have been given a bad rap, which is unfortunate because you can (and should) eat carbs while losing weight. The key is to stick with whole grains, oat-



► Ernest Ebanks

meal and brown rice while avoiding processed and refined flours and sugars.

- Don't swear off all carbohydrates—instead stick with wholesome carbs.

Now that you know what not to do in order to look great this summer, it's time to go over your beach ready game plan.

Here's what you need to know in 3 simple steps:

**DO THIS FIRST: Cut out the junk.**

The best way to do this is to start by purging your kitchen. Get rid of sugary,

processed and fat-filled foods. Once the junk has been cleared out don't buy any more of it. Remember that your beach ready abs depend on what you eat - don't eat junk!

**DO THIS SECOND: Focus on whole foods.**

Replace the junk food in your life with plenty of the following: cooked and raw vegetables, fresh fruits, whole grains, moderate amounts of seeds and nuts, lean meats and low fat dairy. Clean eating really is that simple.

**DO THIS THIRD: Come train with me.**

This is the most obvious step. You're ready to get into great shape and I'm in a unique position to make that happen for you.

**Want more guidance as you take your body from flab to fab? I'd love to help you! Call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Studio 325-8696 or shoot me an email [bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com](mailto:bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com) and let's get you on track to shed some major fat before summer!**

**Let's do this together.**

# DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Dawn Elizabeth Piper-Tate, who passed away on Monday, January 31, 2022. A Service of Thanksgiving will take place at the New Testament Church of God, 26 Bronze Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Interment: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Clement Miller, who passed away on Monday February 21, 2022. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at First Assembly of God, 195 Old Crewe Rd, Grand Cayman on Saturday, March, 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Interment at: Prospect



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Sandra Morris who passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at All Nations Pentecostal Church, George Town on Saturday, March, 12, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Viewing: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Interment: New Pease Bay Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

The family of the late **Carolyn Eva Kirkham** regret to announce her passing on 1 March, 2022.



A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Jasmine Hospice are welcomed.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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

The family of the late **Beulah McField** regret to announce her passing on 14 February, 2022.



A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. at Wesleyan Holiness Church on Saturday, 12 March 2022.

Interment will follow at the Boatswain Bay Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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The family of the late **Andy Molnar** regret to announce his passing on 18 February, 2022.



Mr. Molnar will be repatriated to the United States of America.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

**Bodden Funeral**  
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The family of the late **Eric Sherman** regret to announce his passing on 26 February, 2022.



Mr. Sherman will be repatriated to Jamaica.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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

The family of the late **Derek Bogle** regret to announce his passing on Feb 28, 2022.



A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. at Cayman Islands Baptist Church (Pedro Castle Rd.) on 13th day March 2021.

Interment will follow at the Eden Cemetery (Pedro Castle)

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

**Bodden Funeral**  
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The family of the late **James "Jim" Cullen** regrets to announce his sudden passing.



A celebration of his life will be held 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, 13th March, 2022 at Pedro Saint James.

Attendees are encouraged to wear Jim's favourite colour blue.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to your favourite charity in Jim's name.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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

The family of the late **ESTHER HENDERSON** regret to announce her passing at the age of 54 on February 25, 2022.



Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Alexander Gray Henderson, their daughter, Tanya Henderson, her mother, and her sisters, Alice and Djanet.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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

The family of the late **Alfred Sydney William Hydes, Sr.** regret to announce his passing on Friday, February 18, 2022 at Jasmine.



A memorial service will be held, by invitation only, at Bodden Funeral Home, 117 Walker's Road, George Town on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 10:00 am, with interment at the West Bay Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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

The family of the late **Furius Whelhan** regret to announce his passing on 3 March, 2022.



A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at: [www.gofundme.com/t/creating-a-legacy-in-the-name-of-furius](http://www.gofundme.com/t/creating-a-legacy-in-the-name-of-furius)

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

**Bodden Funeral**  
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The family of the late **Kenneth "Chappy" Yates** regret to announce his passing on 7 March, 2022. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

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**Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Precious Loving, Devoted & Wonderful Son, CHADWICK PRESLEY WOOD, in Heaven, who's beautiful life was tragically taken away from him 17 sad years ago on 5th March, 2005.**



**8th July, 1986 – 5th March, 2005**

*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12.*

*Our Precious "Chad", "May the Lord continually bless you with Heaven's blessings as well as with human joys." Psalm 128:5 TLB.*

When God made you, He decided the world needed a little more LOVE and kindness. God gave us the best gift, the kind that made our hearts thankful year after year, and Smile after smile. You had such a great heart and beautiful smile, you lit up this world.

We're thinking of you and missing you always with great sadness since you are no longer here with us. We're praying that you'll not only know what a Blessing you were and still are to us, but that you'll also be Richly Blessed by the ABUNDANT LOVE God has for you while you are in Heaven with Him. God surely must have needed an Angel like you!

Chad, you were an Amazing and Special Son, Brother, Cousin, Nephew, and Uncle; True Friend, Caring Classmate, Thoughtful Student, and Great Co-Worker; a gift of the very best kind, as we continue to think of you and miss you terribly daily as you showed true love and did so much for so many. We all wish you God's Richest Blessings, Love and Joy while you are with God's Angels and other loving Family members who have left us for their Heavenly home.

Forever in our hearts and always on our minds. Never forgotten and sadly missed by your Heart-broken Parents – Aline & Ceber; Brother – Ceber, Jr.; Sister, Gina, Nephews – Jace, Chris & Jaithan; Niece – Skai; Special Cousins – Merilyn, Travis & Nikita; Rayal, Jeremy, Jesse, Orrie, Carlos, Alex, Kadi-Joy, Kadie Byrd; Loving Aunts & Uncles, other relatives & special friends – Forde Pierson, Reagan McLean, Bobby Campbell; Karin, Justin & Britt Thompson; & many others too numerous to name.

God bless you. Rest in Peace, Our Guardian Angel, Chad.

# 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

7						5	4	
	5	7		9	8			
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8								4
	2	3	1					9
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		6	9		2		8	
	8	4						2

Difficulty Level ★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

1	4	7	8	3	5	9	2	6
9	5	2	1	6	4	7	3	8
3	6	8	2	9	7	1	4	5
6	9	3	5	2	8	4	1	7
5	7	1	6	4	3	2	8	9
8	2	4	7	1	9	5	6	3
2	3	6	9	7	1	8	5	4
7	1	5	4	8	6	3	9	2
4	8	9	3	5	2	6	7	1

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Part of A.D.
- 5 Not live
- 10 Spring
- 11 Phone feature
- 12 Move slowly
- 13 Voiced a view
- 14 Resist change
- 16 Softie
- 20 Pixie
- 23 Vein yield
- 24 Clergy's counterpart
- 25 Stares stupidly
- 27 Trickery
- 28 Most adorable
- 29 Military bigwig
- 32 Table protector
- 36 Lowly despot
- 39 Niger neighbor
- 40 Looks forward to
- 41 Scheme
- 42 Come together
- 43 Circus setting

### DOWN

- 1 Pub quaffs
- 2 Dapper
- 3 Curiosity org.
- 4 Mine, of a sort
- 5 Spanish snacks
- 6 Friendship holder
- 8 Before, to bards
- 9 Pop
- 11 Small grove
- 15 Obligation
- 17 Get by casually
- 18 God of war
- 19 Final, for one
- 20 Thick slice
- 21 Katherine unit
- 22 Poet
- 25 Avocado dip,
- 26 Try
- 28 Cowboy wear
- 30 Parsley
- 31 Roofing material
- 33 Like bulls
- 34 Arkin of "Argo"
- 35 Shade
- 36 Texas's Houston
- 37 Really impress
- 38 Pitch's kin

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### Yesterday's answer

## Word Search

P	S	Y	C	Y	A	N	O	R	E	V	C	B	M	V
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- Agincourt
- Alexandria
- Arden
- Athens
- Bohemia
- Bristol
- Coventry
- Cyprus
- Florence
- Harfleur
- Illyria
- London
- Mantua
- Messina
- Milan
- Navarre
- Philippi
- Rome
- Sicily
- Verona
- Windsor

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



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### CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

### THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee

### JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

# Bowled over by Warne's passing

The cricket world is still reeling after legendary leg spinner Shane Warne passed away last week, aged 52.

Stars of the game worldwide have paid tribute to Warne in heartfelt videos, tweets and messages recalling some of their best memories with their cricket idol.

"Warne was an all-time great. A once-in-a-century type cricketer and his records will live on forever," said Australian Test captain Pat Cummins who grew up watching Warne and idolised him.

"We all had posters on the wall, had his earrings, we loved so much about Warne. His showmanship, his charisma ... his tactics. The way he just willed himself and the team around him to win games for Australia and above all else his incredible skill as a leg spinner."

Former West Indies players paid tribute too. Warne took 65 Test wickets in 19 matches against the West Indies, averaging 29.95. His best Test figures were 7-52. He managed 384 runs at an average of 13.71, highest score 47.



► Brian Lara with Warne at Lord's in 2019

Brian Lara expressed his grief on Twitter while sharing an old picture in his memory. Lara tweeted: "Heartbroken and speechless at the moment. I literally don't know how to sum up this situation. My friend is gone!! We have lost one of the Greatest Sportsmen of all time!! My condolences goes out to his family. RIP Warne!! You will be missed."

Michael Holding said while Warne wasn't immediately successful in cricket, when he began to look like a proper spin bowler "you could see greatness coming".

"Obviously from his record he was great," Holding said. Sir Viv Richards posted: "Unbelievable. I am shocked to the core. This can't be true... There are no words to describe what I feel right now. A huge loss for cricket."

Former West Indies off-spinner Nehemiah Perry said Warne's competitive mentality and professionalism provided inspiration to those he came in contact with.

The legend died of a suspected heart attack. He claimed 708 wickets in a Test career that stretched from 1992 to 2007. "He played the game hard," Perry, 53, told the Jamaica Observer.

"When he was on the field it was no-nonsense. It was a job, you go out there and you perform. He was a real true professional, and that work ethic was one of the things I took from him. Also, how he bowled with control — his control as a wrist spinner was amazing," he said.



► Shane Warne left a huge legacy

England cricket captain Joe Root said Warne just loved the game. "He was always a joy to be around, gave so much energy to the sport and obviously as a kid growing up, was a massive idol of mine," Root said. "His skill level was incredible but to have the opportunity to spend some time with him, get to know him a little bit, albeit not a lot, you know, it's deeply saddening to hear the news this morning."

## Fury: I don't trust British judges

WBC heavyweight champion Tyson Fury has attacked the scoring of last month's fight between undisputed junior welterweight champion Josh Taylor and mandatory challenger Jack Catterall.

Taylor won a controversial twelve round split decision in a bout where overwhelming consensus is that Catterall had done enough to win.

Catterall provided a very difficult boxing style to solve and also dropped Taylor for the first time in his career.

Two judges gave it to Taylor with tallies of 113-112 and 114-111, while the third scored it to Catterall 113-112. Fury felt Catterall fully deserved the decision and was robbed.

"I think the judging these days is a disgrace. I think they need a good kick in the arse for it. They can't change the decision now and they've absolutely destroyed Jack Catterall's life and career. It's disgraceful," Fury told BT Sport.



► Dillian Whyte challenges Fury on 23 April



► Tyson Fury wants fair judging when he defends his title

Fury agrees with his co-promoter, Frank Warren, who doesn't want any British judges for the upcoming mandatory fight with Dillian Whyte on 23 April at Wembley Stadium.

"I've seen an article recently where Frank Warren said there would be no British judges for this fight and I reiterate that as well. Those words echo around my training camp. We don't want British judges for this fight. We want proper, experienced, judges who will do the right thing," Fury said.

"If Dillian Whyte beats me, give him the decision. Do not try and rob anybody of this fight, give the man the decision, give the man what he deserves. If I win, do the same for me. In boxing, these fighters don't want any gifts, they don't want robbery decisions."

## LeBron defies detractors again

LeBron James is being written off again as an aging maestro but his fabulous performance last Saturday proved that even if he is inevitably declining, Father Time hasn't won yet.

James, 37, scored a season-best 56 points to help the Los Angeles Lakers beat Golden State Warriors 124-116 to end a four-game losing streak. Steph Curry scored 30 for the Warriors but could not stop the side losing a fourth consecutive match.

James is in his 19th NBA season, yet he has still managed to post eye-popping numbers, with averages of 28.8 points, 8.0 rebounds and 6.2 assists. His scoring average currently ranks third in the NBA.

The Lakers were 27-35 before facing the Warriors which means they have to improve to make the playoffs. It led to Skip Bayless of Fox Sports to wonder if James is in sharp decline.

"This is the first time that I have seen 'Father Time' tap LeBron on the shoulder," Bayless said on his podcast "I didn't think I'd ever see that. ... He's just not the same anymore. This is the first time we have seen him age right before our very closing and cringing eyes."

As an outspoken athlete and political activist, James is used to heavy criticism, but if he needed any extra motivation,



► LeBron James is still the NBA's top attraction

that was it. He scored 19 times from 31 field goal attempts in his highest points total since joining the Lakers in 2018. Whatever his stats, James is still arguably the most valuable player in the game and his brand is invaluable to the sport. Anyway, he repeatedly announces that he won't retire until he plays alongside his son Bronny when he turns pro in a couple of years.

"Right now, I don't give a damn about the 56. I'm just happy we got the win," James said. It was the 13th time James has passed 50 points in a match, dispelling the notion he is in decline. Anyway, he is in the twilight of a stellar career, but still head and shoulders above, both figuratively and literally, his peers. His career-best is 61, against the Charlotte Hornets in 2014 when he played for Miami Heat.