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# Government to focus on Referendum Question and date

The Government has welcomed the completion of the process to verify signatures on the Cruise Port Referendum petition.

Premier Alden McLaughlin said, "I would like to repeat my thanks to Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell, and his excellent team for their hard work and efficiency in concluding the signature verification process so quickly and smoothly."

The Premier added, "The drive to build a new cargo and cruise berthing facility for the Cayman Islands has been going on for at least the last six years while my Government has been in office. This referendum process has been going on for a year. With a preferred bidder now ready to deliver the cargo and cruise port enhancements this country needs, we need to get on and bring things to a conclusion."

"We understand that many Caymanians have signed the petition because they had questions and concerns about the port. We are answering those ques-



► Premier Alden McLaughlin

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# CPR Cayman Renews Request for Key Information

As the petition verification process neared completion, CPR Cayman wrote to Premier Alden McLaughlin to renew their call for transparency and full disclosure of key information concerning the Government's proposed Cruise Berthing Facility.

CPR Cayman's 11th September 2019 letter states:

"It is imperative that the Caymanian people have the opportunity to make a fully informed decision at the polls on the Government's proposed cruise berthing facility, and we request your assurances that the following information and reports, at a minimum, will be concluded and made public, sufficiently in advance of the referendum on this matter of significant national importance.

1. the revised cruise berthing and cargo port design 2. the updated environmental impact assessment of revised design 3. the final business case report 4. full details of the proposed financing arrangements with Verdant Isle Port Partners"

Despite the announcement of the preferred bidder in late July, significant information about the port project has yet to be made public by the Government, leaving the citizen's group concerned about when these crucial facts will be disclosed.

"We are sure that you and your Honourable Members of Cabinet will agree that holding our first People-Initiated Referendum without full disclosure of all pertinent information to the



► Governor with CPR Cayman

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# New Cayman Youth Football Leagues formed

Plans are underway to expand and develop football competitions in schools across the Cayman Islands.

This follows the formation of the Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL), a non-profit organisation, registered in the Cayman Islands pursuant to the Non-Profit Organisations Law. The CYFL will assume responsibility for administration of the CUC Primary Football League (PFL), which has been running for over 15 years and the Dart Under -13 High School League which is entering its third year. Both competitions are for boys and girls.

The CYFL will also introduce the CUC Under 16 High School Leagues during this school term. This league will offer competitions to high school boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16. It is estimated that following the



► Individuals from the newly formed Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL) organisation include (from left) Bryan Hunter (Appleby), Chloe Tatham (CYFL Director), Richard Hew (CYFL President & Director), Mark Whiteside (CYFL General Secretary & Director), John Pitcairn (CYFL Treasurer & Director) and Richard Barton (CYFL Director)

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# EDITORIAL

## It's time to go to the Polls

The Government has announced that they will now focus on the Referendum Question and date.

Caymanian Times have decided to reactivate its weekly poll which only allows 1 vote per person.

This prevents multiple votes and the results are tabulated electronically on an overseas server which also prevents tampering.

We have chosen not to display the results on a continuous basis on the website as we have found that this affects voters thought process and does not provide accurate results.

Our next poll which is now open for voting will ask the simple question "Should the Cayman Islands Govern-



ment move ahead with plans to build a new Cruise Port?"

Voters will also be allowed to make comments in anonymity.

All residents are encouraged to vote by visiting [www.caymaniantimes.ky](http://www.caymaniantimes.ky) where they can also leave a comment.

Polls close at 6am Monday Tuesday, September 23 and the results and comments will be published on our website later that day and printed in our Wednesday newspaper.

**New Poll Question:**  
Should the Cayman Islands Government move ahead with plans to build a new Cruise Port?

- Yes
- No
- Don't care
- In another location
- Others 🌐



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## 5,292 (100%) Signatures Verified

The Elections Office announced on Wednesday that it has received Cruise Port Referendum Petition Signature Verification forms from registered voters, totaling 5,305. This exceeds the 5,292 signatures needed to satisfy section 70 of the Cayman Islands Constitutional Order 2009.

During the verification process, the Elections Office utilised the Verification Form Process which asks those who have signed the petition to complete an affidavit. These forms were signed in the presence of Elections Office staff or submitted with accompanying supporting documentation from voters who were overseas at the time. This approach allowed the verification process to be distributed to multiple verifiers and allowed the process to be performed expeditiously.

Included in the verification form total of 5,305 are a number of forms received in advance of their signatures being forwarded by the Cruise Port Referendum organisers. Over the coming days the Elections Office will complete the

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# of Elector Signatures Submitted for Verification	# of Verification Forms Received	# of Signatures Remaining to be Verified	# of Verification Forms Remaining to Reach 5,292*	% of the Required 5,292** Signatures Received	Date & Time of Last Update of Verified Count
5,862	5,305	557	(10)	100.25%	Sep 11th, 4pm

\*5,438 submitted June 12th - 199 submitted July 13th - 26 submitted August 5th - 78 submitted August 15th - 54 submitted August 28th - 19 submitted September 6th - 21 submitted on September 7th - 21 submitted on September 8th  
 \*\*Statistically required 25% of the 21,138 registered voters - 5,292

final checks on the remaining signature forms and prepare a formal report for Cabinet.

The Supervisor of Elections and the senior team at the Elections Office would like to thank the public and especially the team of elections support staff for their efforts in completing the verification exercise with professionalism and dedication.

The Elections Office will no longer be open on Saturdays and will return to its regular office hours of 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday starting on Monday 16th September. 🌐

## Chamber to Host Roundtable for Micro & Small Businesses

Micro, and small business owners and other entrepreneurs are being invited to attend a roundtable and social at the Chamber of Commerce Training Centre in Governors Square, on Wednesday, September 26, 2019, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring together micro and small business owners, individual entrepreneurs and persons desiring to start a business, to talk about how the Chamber can help them, through training and other interventions. This initiative is a partnership between the Chamber and the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure.

The Chamber and the Ministry have been working together since 2015 to provide training for micro, and small enterprises, to help them improve their businesses. This initiative has also included guidance and training for individual entrepreneurs or sole traders and persons wanting to start a business. So far, almost 1,200 micro and small business owners and other entrepre-

neurs have benefitted from 46 Workshops, held between 2015 and 2018.

Persons who own micro or small enterprises and other entrepreneurs or business-minded individuals who need guidance and training intervention are invited to register for this roundtable by visiting: <https://web.caymanchamber.ky/events/Free-Micro-Small-Business-Roundtable-1740/details>

Interested persons may also call the Chamber of Commerce on 949-8090, or email [programmes@caymanchamber.ky](mailto:programmes@caymanchamber.ky) for more information.

### About the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce

Established in 1965, The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization that exists to support, promote and protect businesses in the Cayman Island, and the wider community. The Chamber currently represents over 600 businesses and associations from every major industry and sector. 🌐

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as we release more information now the preferred bidder has been appointed."

"Sadly, there is also a small group of people who are simply opposed to the government's plans at any price and who appear willing to throw out any kind of misstatement or half-truth to further their objectives."

"At each stage in this process, those opponents have been quick to allege impropriety on the part of Government Ministers. At each stage they have been wrong."

"First, scurrilous allegations were made that Cayman's cruise and cargo port improvements were being made solely to benefit the business interests of one or more Ministers. We have repeatedly shown not only that there are no such business interests but the port is in the vital best interest of our nation not any individuals."

"Secondly, they alleged that the Government was failing to follow proper procurement and bidding processes. In fact we have followed a best in class procurement route."

"Then we heard that civil servants were being intimidated from signing the referendum petition. That was shown to be false."

"Next the country was told that the whole thing was a stitch up and that a deal had already been agreed with China Harbour. The preferred bidder announcement demonstrated the untruth of that assertion."

"Political interference in the verification process was the next hue and cry of our opponents. Yet again, they have been shown to be wrong as the verification process has been followed through efficiently and diligently by our elections staff."

"Now we are hearing allegations that the Government will try to duck the referendum by determining that Cayman's cruise and cargo port is not an issue of national importance or that the Government will somehow pervert the purpose of the referendum by manipulating the question."

"As throughout this process, those allegations are completely without foundation. Let me lay them to rest now."

"It is central to the Government's support for Cayman's new port and cargo facilities that they are necessary in the national interest. There is no question of us seeking to avoid a referendum."

"As to the referendum question, we intend that the question should be drawn up in accordance with best practice principles including that it should, as far as possible, be neutral in its phrasing."



Throughout this process, the Government has maintained the highest standards of probity and good practice. That will not change now."

"The business of government needs to go on and there is much we need to do in the next few weeks, not least bring forward a two year budget. However, the country needs certainty and the

Government therefore intends to get this referendum process completed as quickly as possible."

"To that end, Cabinet will turn its attention immediately to considering a draft Bill, including a proposed formulation of the referendum question and the date on which the referendum will be held." 🌐

# Walkers Announces Nine Cayman Islands Promotions

Walkers is pleased to announce that five attorneys in its Cayman Islands office have been invited to join the partnership. In addition, four associates have been promoted to senior counsel.

In total, there were 31 promotions globally, which represents Walker's largest round of promotions to date. In effect from July 1 2019, there are nine promotions in the Cayman Islands, six in Ireland, five in Hong Kong, four in London, three in Singapore, two in Jersey and one the British Virgin Islands and Guernsey offices respectively.

In the Cayman Islands office, Bicrom Das (Investment Funds), Clive Thomas

(Private Capital & Trusts), Ed Pearson (Investment Funds), Monique Bhullar (Private Capital & Trusts) and Tamsin West (Investment Funds) have all joined the partnership.

In addition, Christine Ballantyne-Drew (Investment Funds), Jo-Anne Stephens (Private Capital & Trusts), Matt Bernardo (Investment Funds) and Shamar Ennis (Finance) have been promoted to senior counsel.

Walkers' Global Managing Partner, Ingrid Pierce, states, "We are delighted to announce this year's partner and counsel promotions. The number of promotions we have made this

year is indicative of the depth of skill across the firm and the commitment to our clients. I am proud to work with

such talented colleagues who bring a wealth of expertise to our core legal services." 🌐



▶ (L-R) Top row: Bicrom Das, Ed Pearson, Tamsin West. Middle row: Monique Bhullar, Clive Thomas, Jo-Anne Stephens. Bottom row: Matt Bernardo, Christine Ballantyne-Drew, Shamar Ennis



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# CPR Cayman Renews Request for Key Information about proposed Port Project as Verification Concludes

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voting public would be a miscarriage of justice, failure of due diligence and set a dangerous precedent for participatory democracy in the Cayman Islands.”

Voters must be provided with key up to date information in order to make

an informed decision on this costly and controversial project.

In accordance with Section 70 (3) of the Constitution, the referendum will be binding on the Government if assented to by more than 50% of registered voters.

Following a stellar effort throughout the summer by the Elections Office un-

der the leadership of Elections Supervisor Mr. Wesley Howell, the verification process reached the 99% mark on Monday 9th September, and the confirmation of the 25% threshold to trigger the referendum is expected later this week.

CPR Cayman is a concerned citizens group and non-profit organisation that

is advocating for a democratic approach to the proposed Cruise Berthing and Cargo Facility (“CBF”) in George Town harbour.

More information can be found on the campaign Facebook page. People can also contact [cprcayman@gmail.com](mailto:cprcayman@gmail.com).

## Statement by HE the Governor Thanking Elections Office Staff

I would like to thank Wes Howell and his staff at the Elections Office for their excellent work and dedication in verifying the signatures on the petition for a People’s Initiated Referendum on the cruise berthing project.

“It is clear that the threshold to trigger a referendum has been reached and the Elections Office will now be working to ensure that this is conduct-

ed in a fair, transparent and professional manner.

“This will be a historic moment for the Cayman Islands and a reflection of the mature democracy that has evolved here.

“I will continue to attach importance to ensuring good governance, fairness and the integrity of the referendum.



▶ HE Governor Martyn Roper

## Opposition Calls Cruise Berthing Referendum A Fight for Democracy

Opposition Leader Hon. V. Arden McLean J.P. on Wednesday offered congratulations to the members of Cruise Port Referendum Cayman and the many thousands who signed the petition calling for a People-Initiated Referendum and were then subjected to a signature verification process that the Opposition criticized as excessive and bordering on political interference. The Opposition advocated for a verification process based on a sampling of the signatories, however the Government decided to verify 100% of the required signatures.

The members of the Opposition also want to congratulate Elections Supervisor Mr. Wesley Howell and his team for conducting an efficient and timely verification, and for maintaining a high level of integrity and transparency.

In recognising this important democratic milestone Mr. McLean stated, “I am pleased to see that the verification process has been completed and we can now turn our attention to conducting the Referendum. There are a number of questions regarding how this process will be organized, how observers will be appointed, and of course what the actual question will be and when will the Referendum be held.

Mr. McLean added, “The triggering of the Cayman Islands’ first People-Initiated Referendum is an event that we cannot take lightly. It shows that the Cayman Islands has a Democratic framework, in the Constitution, which encourages and allows Participatory Democracy by our people. The Government needs to take heed of the lesson this experience is teaching us, which is, to never ignore the wishes of the people. Indeed, we must respect and revere the people’s wishes if we wish to remain in the positions of trust that they have given us.”

Mr. McLean went on to say that, “I am deeply concerned with the Unity Government’s lack of regard for various provisions contained within the Constitution, and their abject failure to implement some of the basic laws and institutions mandated by the Constitution such as the Advisory District Council Law, the Standards in Public Life Law and the Referendum Law. These failures make this Referendum much more than a disagreement with the Government over the Cruise Berthing Project. It has now become a fight for Democracy.”

Mr. McLean stated that he is calling on the public to now get involved in the process, participate in any forthcoming consultations, pay attention to the meetings of the Legislative Assembly and to avail themselves of as much information as possible prior to the Referendum.

“This is where the public needs to become more involved and ensure that they keep a watchful eye on how the Government proceeds with the Referendum. We have already seen questionable behaviour, and we certainly should expect much more. I will ensure that the Opposition does its part in helping to educate and engage with the public during this process and to provide any necessary assistance.”

Long serving public servant and Savannah MLA, Mr. Anthony Eden, added that he was very pleased with the outcome, as never before have so few people done so much for democracy despite the obstacles placed by the Government.

Mr. Eden went on to say, “This goes to show that the Caymanian spirit to persevere lives on and is able to overcome all challenges and challengers.”

The Opposition plans to meet with H.E. The Governor in the coming days and will remain involved in the process moving forward.

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# CAYMAN RETAINS UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S QUALSHIP 21 STATUS

The Cayman Islands has qualified for continuance in the United States Coast Guard's Quality Shipping for the 21st Century (QUALSHIP 21) Program for the 9th consecutive year.

The United States Coast Guard (USCG) has again recognized the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry (Cayman Registry) for their excellent Port State Control record and listed them as one of the few qualifying Flag Administrations eligible for the prestigious QUALSHIP 21.

QUALSHIP 21 is the USCG's matrix system of extending recognition to foreign ships, which fly the Flag of a State which has demonstrated an excellent safety and pollution prevention record with respect to its ships. Ships in the QUALSHIP 21 system are required to undergo significantly less Port State Control inspections by the USCG whilst in US waters. Essentially, the QUALSHIP 21 system rewards good ships thereby contributing to the elimination of sub-standard vessels.

Cayman's commitment to quality shipping is evident as Cayman Flagged vessels that call on U.S. ports have compiled an excellent Port State Control record in the past three calendar years. Cayman's rolling three-year detention percentage is below the 1.0% threshold that is required for inclusion into the QUALSHIP 21 program.

Mr. A. Joel Walton, CEO of the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (parent organization of the Cayman



Registry), remarked, "The Cayman Registry is very pleased with its qualification for continuance in the United States Coast Guard's QUALSHIP 21 Program." He continued by saying "This qualification is a testament to the hardworking team of the Registry, shipowners and managers for their continued outstanding efforts. We will strive to maintain QUALSHIP 21 status by continuing to

uphold international standards pertaining to shipping."

Undoubtedly, having QUALSHIP 21 status brings significant benefits to ships flying the Cayman flag. The Honorable Premier, Mr. Alden McLaughlin, Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs said, "The Government is very happy to once again accomplish the QUALSHIP 21 and will

continue to support the Cayman Registry, to ensure it meets all necessary requirements in order to remain compliant." He continued, "I would like to thank the Cayman Registry and its partners for maintaining an outstanding safety and quality record for the Cayman Flag."

The status is reviewed by the USCG annually and the names of QUALSHIP 21 ships are posted on the USCG's website.

# Bahamas helicopter heroes welcomed home

By Christopher Tobutt

It was a big heroes' welcome home for the crew of "X-ray One," the Royal Cayman Islands Police Helicopter. The team, who had been helping move people and vital supplies around hurricane-devastated Abaco Island in the Bahamas, were warmly greeted by H.E the Govern-

nor, Martyn Roper, Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin, and Hon. Deputy Governor Franz Manderson, as soon as the helicopter touched down at Owen Roberts International Airport.

Smiles broke onto the crew's tired faces as hands were shaken, as the last of the crew stepped down onto the concrete. They had seen much sadness, and

been pushed to their limits, but they had made a big difference and everybody knew it.

During the six-day deployment the team flew 42 missions from Nassau to the affected Islands, carried 125 passengers including 8 young children and 20 adult evacuees. They shipped desperately needed kit including tarpaulins and communications equipment to many inaccessible locations.

With airfields in Abaco and Grand Bahama now becoming more operational and providing more options for relief flights using fixed wing aircraft, the decision was taken to bring the team home.

Captain Nigel Pitt said: "We flew approximately six or seven flights each day and in the region of six to ten hours of flying each day. We were moving people - either N.G.Os, military, government officials - North into Abaco or Grand Bahama.

We found devastation in Abaco. It looks horrendous. The worst area af-

ected is Marsh Harbour, which is the size of George Town to West Bay. It's a massive area. and when I say 'devastated' I mean 'flat' he said.

"Everybody was so welcoming, from the moment we spoke to the first man in the aviation tower on our way in: 'We really appreciate you coming.' Everybody everywhere has been so welcoming."

Painting a picture of part of just one day, he said: "One day we were going up to do a reconnaissance, and as we stopped to refuel at Marsh Harbour Airfield, and someone came across to us and said, "Can you take this medicine up to Fox Town. We land at Fox Town in a little baseball court, and we deliver the medicine. While we're delivering the medicine, there is a group of people who were desperate to get out; there was a lady with an injured leg. We were loaded at the time and we said, "Two hours, we will be back, and we will come and get you, so we came back in two hours, and we picked up this family.

H.E the Governor said: "The Bahamas has gone through a really terrible time, but I think to send a helicopter and help them out is really special and they've done an incredible job over a long week.

Premier Alden McLaughlin said: "It's an incredibly proud moment for Cayman to be able to welcome back the crew who have done such an incredible humanitarian job in the Bahamas. You have to have a lot of pride - a little place as small as we are, we are able to help our brothers and sisters elsewhere. We know, better than most, what it's like after a hurricane."



► The X-Ray One touches down



► H.E The Governor, Martyn Roper, greets Captain Nigel Pitt



► The Crew of the X-Ray One stands alongside H.E The Governor Martyn Roper, Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin, and Hon. Deputy Governor Franz Manderson

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Lawyers from across three of Appleby's global jurisdictions have been recognised in the 2019 edition of Legal Week's Private Client Global Elite Directory. Cayman partner and Global Head of Private Client and Trusts, Carlos de Serpa Pimental, Jersey partner Fraser Robertson, and partner and Local Group Head of Private Client and Trusts in Bermuda, Vanessa Schrum have all been recognised as 'Global Elite'. Cayman Senior Associate Esmond Brown has also been noted as 'One to Watch'.

Since its launch in 2017 the Private Client Elite has become a highly respected global directory of the world's premier private client and trust, and estates litigation lawyers as well as identifying the 'ones to watch' within the industry.

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► Cayman partner and Global Head of Private Client and Trusts, Carlos de Serpa Pimental

# Michelmores' International Trust Advisory Group returns to host seminar in Grand Cayman

The Michelmores Trust Advisory Group is returning to Grand Cayman for a second year running to host a seminar for Cayman Islands private wealth professionals - the seminar will look at those issues that are likely to be a concern for trustees in the future.

Michelmores' International Trust Advisory Group is headed by Jonathan Riley, Jennifer Ridgway and Sacha Pickering who will all be in Cayman for the event.

Jonathan Riley, Head of Private Wealth at Michelmores, said:

"Following the success of our 2018 conference, we are delighted to be returning to Cayman again this year. We continue to see this as an opportunity to strengthen our ties with the many leading lawyers and private wealth advisors in the jurisdiction and look forward to welcoming familiar faces to our event in September."

Joining Michelmores for the seminar will be William East, Barrister from 5 Stone Buildings and Shân Warnock-Smith QC from ICT Chambers in Grand Cayman. Ms Warnock-Smith is



► Jonathan Riley, Head of Private Wealth at Michelmores

one of the leading silks in her field and will be chairing the event again this year.

William East will outline the importance for trustees of recent developments in the principles of estoppel. Jennifer Ridgway and Sacha Pickering will explore the legal and practical con-

siderations when dealing with insolvent trusts and how to manage the risks, and with the increasing demand for 'investing for good' Jonathan Riley will consider how trustees might manage questions arising from their involvement in impact investing.

The team will also provide an update on U.K. tax issues for Cayman trustees and will examine a range of planning opportunities for trusts and their beneficiaries.

The event will be taking place at the Kimpton Seafire Resort on Tuesday 24 September and is free to attend.

# Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL) formed to develop school football

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introduction of this new age group there will be over 1,000 school age children participating in the inter school football competitions.

Director and President of the CYFL, Mr. Richard Hew stated, "What started out as the CUC PFL with only boys' competitions for 18 schools has now grown tremendously and continues to grow and enhance the competitions. We needed to bring more resources to bear under a proper governance and administrative structure, hence the formation of the CYFL. Mr. Neil

Murray, who has almost single handedly run the competitions in the past will continue to play a large role with additional support from the CYFL Board."

- The CYFL Board of Directors currently consists of:
- Richard Hew, Business Executive – Director; President
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  - John Pitcairn – Director; Treasurer
  - Richard Barton – Director
  - Neil Murray – Director
  - Chloe Tatham - Director

The 2019 CUC Girls' Primary Football League (GPFL) season will kick-off with the customary GPFL Opening

Rally this Saturday, September 14 at the Annex Field followed by the 2019 CUC PFL Opening Rally on Saturday, September 21 also at the Annex Field.

The Dart Under 13 High School Leagues will commence on Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19.

The CYFL expresses sincere thanks to major sponsors CUC and Dart for continuing to sponsor the school football competitions, to Appleby for assisting with the development of the CYFL constitutional documents and to Estera for assisting with the company registration and providing registered office services.

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POLICE NEWS

# Unmarked Police Vehicle Involved in Traffic Collision

At about 9:30AM on Wednesday, 12 September, an unmarked police vehicle was involved in a single-vehicle

collision on Bodden Road in George Town. The vehicle was travelling west-bound along Bodden Road with lights

and sirens activated, when it maneuvered to avoid a collision with a private vehicle and, as a result, struck a

utility pole. No one was injured in the collision and the matter is under investigation. 🌐

# RCIPS & DOE Remind Iguana Cullers of Responsibilities

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and Department of Environment are issuing a reminder to registered iguana cullers and members of the public regarding the requirements and responsibilities of iguana cullers participating in the DOE's ongoing Green Iguana Cull.

Firstly, all iguana cullers who are using firearms (air rifles) for the purposes of the cull are required to place signs prominently in the area where they will be discharging the firearm. These signs are to indicate that they are conducting a cull in that area. Cullers using air rifles must also wear a high-visibility vest identifying them as an iguana culler. Most importantly, any culler using an air rifle must have a valid firearms license issued by the RCIPS. Simply having a culling license does not automatically entitle you to use an air rifle.

All iguana cullers must secure permission from property owners before entering onto any private property to conduct a cull, whether or not they are using an air rifle.

The RCIPS and DOE are also encouraging members of the public to contact the RCIPS if they witness any culler who is in breach of these requirements.

"We have had recent reports of cullers trespassing on private property or firing air rifles without displaying the proper signage," said Inspector Courtney Myles, head of the RCIPS Community Policing Department. "We want members of the public to know that we take any reports of trespass or firing air rifles illegally very seriously. For the cullers, just remember that having a license does not exempt you from following the law. Any such offenses will be investigated and dealt with accordingly."

The DoE acknowledged that, partly due to the success of the cull, cullers may be facing increased difficulty in maintaining their numbers, but stressed that their requirements remain unchanged.

"We sympathize with the fact that things are tougher now with the reduced number of greens in the wild and that people may be tempted to take shortcuts," said Fed Burton, manager of the DOE's Terrestrial Resources Unit, who oversees the Green Iguana Cull. "However there is no excuse for failure to follow the guidelines put in place for registered cullers. Such failures will not be tolerated and, if caught, your culling license will be revoked."

The DOE is also reminding cullers to be mindful of receiving iguanas from third parties.



"You are responsible for the conduct of anyone who provides you with iguanas that you submit for the Green Iguana Cull," said Mr. Burton. "If they are found to be breaching the requirements in culling iguanas, you may be the one who ends up penalized."

"We have seen great success with the Green Iguana Cull, which is now in its eleventh month, and we look forward to working with the public and our cullers to ensure that the same standards are upheld going forward, for the continued success of the program and, most importantly, the safety of the public," Mr. Burton added. 🌐

# THE BAHAMAS BATTLES BACK

By Mike Jarvis London UK

The enormity of the task facing the Bahamas is daunting to say the least, as it tries to pick up the pieces from deadly Hurricane Dorian.

But, it's a task that must be tackled head on.

Indications are that the initial paralyzing shock of the horrific scale of the disaster is now giving way to a resolve to rebuild.

50 people are so far confirmed to have died in the storm. Around 1,300 are still missing, a number scaled back from a previous estimate of 2,500.

That was a welcome piece of good news for the country whose northern islands of Abaco and Grand Bahama were quite literally sat on by the ferocious hurricane which made landfall on September 1st.

In the ensuing 48 hours of relentlessly pounding 180 to 200mph winds, incessant rain and 20ft storm surges, Hurricane Dorian would rip up weather records as it ripped the islands apart, especially Abaco.

Records now show that it was the most powerful storm to have made landfall in the Atlantic hurricane zone.

Early damage estimates are already running into the multi-billions.

The destruction is on an apocalyptic scale, especially on Abaco and Grand Bahama.

While the local government grapples with the huge task of recovery and rebuilding, first priorities are aid, food and shelter for the survivors, most of whom have lost everything.

The regional and global response to the plight of the battered tourist paradise has been swift and generous.

Among those leading the relief effort are the United Kingdom, the United States, Caricom, the Canadian and Dutch governments, the United Nations, and individual Caribbean countries including the Cayman Islands.

The RCIPS helicopter has been deployed to the disaster-stricken country where it has been carrying out medevac services and other relief support.

The initial emphasis on search and rescue is now shifting to "recovery, stabilisation and restoration", according to Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Innis in a timely and touching national address this week.

His administration had come under early pressure for shortcomings in the coordination of the rescue operation in



► Hurricane Dorian destruction



the immediate aftermath of the devastating Category 5 storm.

"There have been problems in the coordination of this aid," Prime Minister Minnis admitted, "due to the magnitude of this devastation."

But he gave an assurance that efforts were being intensified to get to grips with the situation.

"I understand the deep frustration of those who have had to deal with bureaucratic roadblocks.

"We are aggressively shredding the red tape that is frustrating many who want to help," he declared.

But where that red tape is being 'shredded' in the Bahamas, it was being firmly embedded by its chief disaster relief benefactor, the United States.

President Donald Trump, who has been highly praised by the Bahamian leader for the swiftness of the US response, has come in for harsh criticism for his choice of language is addressing concerns about an exodus of hurricane refugees from the Bahamas to nearby Florida.

Many persons left destitute by Hurricane Dorian were taken the short distance to Miami, in what was hailed as a magnanimous humanitarian gesture by American authorities, business enterprise and private citizens.

But their efforts at evacuation were rather crudely and abruptly shut down by President Trump.

"Look, the Bahamas had some tremendous problems with people going to the Bahamas that weren't supposed to be there. I don't want to allow people that weren't supposed to be in the Bahamas to come in to the United States, including some very bad people and some very bad gang members and some very

very bad drug dealers," the American president declared.

His comments was seen as directed mainly at the Haitian community in the Bahamas, many of whom are known to be illegal economic migrants.

It's also feared that many of those who lost their lives in the storm, and most of those missing, especially on the island of Abaco, were undocumented Haitians.

The regrettable tone of President Trump's statement has been condemned as another example of his anti-immigrant posturing and particularly badly timed especially as US border control officials had assured that effective vetting procedures were in place.

There's no question that the Bahamas has had a massive challenge with illegal immigration, especially within the country's sizeable Haitian community.

Prime Minister himself was previously criticised for using ill-advised language in stating his country's non-participation in the Caricom free movement project.

Caricom was among the first to go the aid of the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian.

It's clear that the disaster has laid bare the scale of the issue of politely termed undocumented migrants (illegal immigrants) in the Bahamas.

They might never be able to account for many of the missing, and identifying some of the dead could be a major task if they were 'undocumented'.

It has also been reported that the US has denied Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to people from the Bahamas displaced by Hurricane Dorian, according to US media reports.

The status would have allowed Bahamians to work and live in the U.S. until the emergency at home subsides.



► Bahamas Prime Minister Hubert Innis

TPS was also granted to Monsterrations fleeing their erupting Soufriere Hills volcano in the 1990s, victims of Haiti's 2010 earthquake, and other countries.

It's being discontinued for Haiti and is being reviewed on a country-by-country basis.

Hurricane Dorian is throwing up another challenge to the Bahamas that's already surfacing in the area of foreign relations.

While there has yet been no clear indication of the extent to which China might get involved in the country's disaster recovery and rebuilding, the stage is already being set for a major power-play of influences.

With billions in foreign aid needed to rebuild on Grand Bahama and Abaco, some observers are already looking at a potential hearts and minds tug-of-war between the two global superpowers.

China is already heavily invested in the Bahamas in ports, other infrastructure and business interests. The US has a vested interest in China's presence and influence on its doorstep.

How the Bahamas navigates the already choppy waters of international relations between Beijing and Washington is left to be seen as it undertakes the mammoth task of rebuilding as it needs all the help it can get.

For the moment the priorities are shelter, food and security in the wake of destructive Hurricane Dorian...and batten down the hatches once more.

There's another storm heading towards the Bahamas.

Though forecast not to be on the scale of Dorian, it's nevertheless the last thing they need right now. 🌐



► Hurricane Dorian destruction





# CARIBBEAN AIRLINES TO START SERVICE BETWEEN KINGSTON, JAMAICA AND HAVANA, CUBA FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Caribbean Airlines announces the start of twice weekly non-stop service between Kingston, Jamaica and Havana, Cuba from November 06, 2019.

This new flight will operate on Wednesdays and Fridays, using a Boeing 737-800 NG aircraft, with a seating capacity of 150, adding 300 seats per week to both markets.

In commenting on the new route, Garvin Medera, Caribbean Airlines Chief Executive Officer stated: "Caribbean Airlines is committed to strengthening connectivity in the region and we are expanding our northern hub in Jamaica. We are thrilled to start this non-stop service between Kingston and Havana, Cuba from November 06, 2019. This new flight will operate twice per week on Wednesday and Friday, using our Boeing 737-800 NG aircraft, with a seating capacity of 150. We are working closely with our valued stakeholders to ensure that this route is a success".

This latest launch follows the start of twice weekly non-stop service between

Kingston and Barbados, which began in April and the introduction of service between Kingston and Grand Cayman which commences on October 29.

Caribbean Airlines is making regional travel easier and more convenient and customers can look forward to special fares between Kingston and Havana from as low as USD 139 oneway (before taxes).

Cuba is the Caribbean's largest island and it is rich in history and culture. The island is almost 800 miles from end to end, with a population around 11.48 million and some of the Caribbean's most dazzling beaches. Cuba's depth and diversity make it one of the most fascinating countries in the region.

Flights for travel to Havana, Cuba on Caribbean Airlines are available for sale at Caribbean Airlines ticket offices and via [www.caribbean-airlines.com](http://www.caribbean-airlines.com) and the Caribbean Airlines Mobile App, which is available for free download via the Apple Store and Google Play. 📱



► Caribbean Airlines Boeing 737

## CARIBBEAN AIRLINES PROPOSED SCHEDULE BETWEEN KINGSTON AND HAVANA, CUBA

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BW 006	WEDNESDAY	HAVANA	KINGSTON	10:45 A.M.	12:25 P.M.
BW 007	FRIDAY	KINGSTON	HAVANA	8:05 A.M.	9:45 A.M.
BW 006	FRIDAY	HAVANA	KINGSTON	10:45 A.M.	12:25 P.M.

# Bahamas Prime Minister to Call for National Day of Mourning for Hurricane Dorian Victims

Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis says a national day of mourning must be held to properly mourn those who died as a result of Hurricane Dorian.

The count is now at least 50.

His announcement came during a visit to Grand Bahama, where he held a press briefing and was updated by all of the relevant agencies on Grand Bahama as they continued the relief effort on the island, which was severely impacted by Category 5 Hurricane Dorian as it passed through Abaco and Grand Bahama on September 1.

"I will be making a national address, during which time I will ask for a National Day of mourning and for flags to be flown at half-mast in honor of those individuals who have died during this devastation," said Prime Minister Minnis.

"I want to extend condolences to those individuals who have lost loved ones."

The Prime Minister acknowledged nobody could have predicted exactly what kind of devastation Hurricane Dorian would have left behind once it passed over the islands: "But what I can say is that the entire international community is with us. "They have been assisting us from day one. They have made commitments that they will assist us in rebuilding our country."

He noted that not only was the United States there to lend their support to The Bahamas, but the entire CARICOM community also reached out and offered

assistance in the form of monetary assistance, man-power and advice.

Addressing the complaints by many about the decision to close the country's air space (particularly over Grand Bahama and Abaco), Prime Minister Minnis said that in spite of the criticism, he holds firm to the decision, calling it the right one in the face of the circumstances.

"We wanted to limit the amount of aircraft flying over these islands to humanitarian aircraft only," said Prime Minister Minnis. "There would have been a lot of negativity regarding that and a lot of people have complained. But we did that because we felt that there would have been too much people using the opportunity to fly over these islands just for sightseeing purposes.

"If that happened, it would first of all, hinder the work of those humanitarian aircraft coming in to assist and deliver aid. Secondly, because the towers at both Abaco and Grand Bahama are down, having so many aircraft fly over at the same time could have possibly result in midair collision, which would have been another disaster on our hands."

Recalling a personal experience recently, Minnis said that during a trip to Abaco to view the devastation there, the airplane (which was carrying him, the Prime Minister of St. Lucia, Prime Minister of Barbados, Chairman and Secretary General of CARICOM, the Bahamian Commissioner of Police and others) had to suddenly drop its altitude because an-



► Upon his arrival at the Emergency Operation Center, which is tasked with the job of coordinating hurricane relief efforts on Grand Bahama, Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis took time to speak with some of the volunteers at the EOC. Left of the Prime Minister is Minister of State for Grand Bahama, Senator Kwasi Thompson. (Photo credit: BIS/Yontalay Bowe)

other aircraft was on a collision course with their aircraft and the plane was not responding to the Bahamasair pilot.

"That's the perfect example of why we had to make the decision to close the airspace to aircraft not involved in Humanitarian aid," the Prime Minister said.

During the press briefing, the Prime Minister was given a rundown on the efforts being made by various agencies in the restoration process. He also heard

from Island Administrators for all of the constituencies in Grand Bahama and how the storm affected their respective communities and the people within them.

"I want to thank you all for the excellent work that you're doing, because without your support, confidence and ability in the aftermath of this terrible event, the death toll could have been much higher," he said. 📱

# Guyana Signs Historic Pact to Protect Amazon Forest

Guyana has joined six other Amazonian countries in signing a pact to protect the Amazon, the world's largest tropical forest, at the time when it is under threat from fires.

The pact, signed by heads of states and other senior ministers of Guyana, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname and Brazil in Letecia, Colombia aims to coordinate disaster response and satellite monitoring.

Guyana's Minister of Natural Resources Raphael Trotman, who repre-

sented President David Granger at the signing, pointed out that the continuing inferno in the Amazon - "two-thirds of which is in Brazil, and the reason for us being here" - threatens the rainforest eco-system and also affects the entire globe.

"The effects of damage to the Amazon go far beyond Brazil and its neighbours. We are the lungs of the earth, we must all breathe to live. Therefore, our presence here is in recognition of the value and importance of the Amazon, and the Guiana

Shield, and our role as custodians, stewards and guardians of it," he asserted.

The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest which produces approximately 20 per cent of earth's oxygen and spans eight countries, including Guyana.

It covers 40 per cent of South America, is inhabited by 30 million people and is home to vast numbers of mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, most of them, unique to the region. New plant or animal species are discovered at a rate of one every two days in the Amazon. 📱



► (Left to right): Brazilian Foreign Minister Ernesto Araujo, Bolivia's President Evo Morales, Peru's President Martin Vizcarra, Colombia's President Ivan Duque, Ecuador's President Ivan Moreno, Suriname's Vice President Michael Ashwin Adhin and Minister Trotman in Letecia, Colombia at the historic signing

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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

# Bahamas fear 'staggering' death toll

Bahamas emergency services have listed 2,500 people as missing after Hurricane Dorian struck the islands two weeks ago.

This official count suggests the final death toll will be in the hundreds, though the number of missing has yet to be checked against those in shelters. Tens of thousands of people remain in need of aid.

Dorian equalled the highest winds ever recorded for a hurricane at landfall when it struck the Abaco Islands. Large areas were devastated on the Abacos and on Grand Bahama.

Bahamas officials concede the death toll could be "staggering". Aid and government officials say about 5,000 people

have been evacuated from the two hardest hit island groups. Some 6,000 to 7,000 remain, according to a report by the UN World Food Programme. Over 76,000 people have been affected. Hundreds of people are being housed in temporary shelters in the capital, Nassau.

Emergency workers plan to build two tent cities around Marsh Harbour on Great Abaco Island. The town was devastated by the hurricane, which flattened shanty towns known as the Mudd and Pigeon Peas.

Some residents have complained that aid has been too slow to arrive, but the Bahamas government has defended its operations and denied covering up the true death toll.



► Emergency services in the Bahamas have a huge task



► Guyana relies heavily on its oil revenues

# Guyana excited by oil find

Guyana is anticipating the announcement of another major oil find within a few days which will significantly boost the country's economy. Guyana's chief investment official made the announcement at the SPE Offshore Europe conference in Aberdeen, Scotland.

"There have been some big discoveries and, by Friday we will be announcing another one", said Owen Verway, CEO of the Guyana Office for Investment, adding that he could not give more details. "We are one of the hottest destinations for the oil and gas industry right now and that is set to continue."

The frontier province has been among the most successful upstream

hotspots for the industry. Since 2015, ExxonMobil and its partners have made 13 discoveries offshore Guyana totalling around 5.5 billion barrels.

The oil finds are expected to boost Guyana's economy amid ongoing political uncertainty. In December, the David Granger administration suffered a vote of no-confidence but a promised election in a population of 770,000 has been repeatedly delayed by appeals and voter registration issues.

"GDP is going to double in a matter of 17 months," said Mr Verway. "I do not believe another country in the world has experienced that speed of growth in the last century." In 2018, Guyana's GDP grew by 3.4pc to \$3.6bn, according to the World Bank.

# Dominica PM given deadline over accounts

Dominica's Leader of the Opposition United Workers Party Lennox Linton has given Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit until Friday, Sept. 20, to account for monies from Dominica's Citizenship by Investment Programme which he insists has not been properly accounted for.

Mr Linton made the announcement while addressing UWP supporters and concerned Dominicans at a public meeting in Lagon, Roseau. The meeting formed part of an ongoing campaign to get Mr Skerrit to properly account for EC\$1.2 billion (KY\$370,000) of revenue generated through the CBI Programme for the financial year 2018-19, which was not included in the National Budget of 2019-20.

Mr Linton said: "Tonight we say, Roosevelt Skerrit has until Sept. 20 to tell us where our money has gone. This is a man who has been Finance Minister for 15 years; the same man who has sat on the Monetary Council of the Eastern Caribbean Currency



► Lennox Linton wants to see the PM's accounts

Union for 15 years, and you want to tell me that he cannot give us a single one-page report about our passport money that was picked up? It is not your money."

However, the UWP leader did not say what the next course of action would be, should the PM not reveal the information by that deadline. Mr Skerrit did not initially respond.

# Jamaican suicides mostly by men

Jamaica is alarmed at the disproportionate number of males who are committing suicide compared to females. According to police data, 61 people committed suicide in Jamaica last year in a population of 2.9 million. Of that number, 56 were males and five females.

Forty of those males committed suicide by hanging. Ingesting poison was the second highest method used. St Ann was listed as the police division with the highest number of reported suicides for 2018.

"Hanging is what is most common. Majority of those in Jamaica die by hanging," said Dr Donovan Thomas, founder and president of Choose Life International.

Dr Thomas, addressing a press conference in Kingston on Sept. 11, World Suicide Prevention Day, pointed out that most people who commit suicide in Jamaica are men in the 25-44 age range, most of whom are single. Of note is that while more women attempt suicide, more men follow through.

"Let's talk about the risk factors: a history of substance abuse, people with



► Dr Donovan Thomas is worried by Jamaica's suicide rate

disability, physical disabilities or illness, recent death of family or close friends, exposure to bullying, sexual abuse, and mental health condition," Dr Thomas said.

He added that among the high-risk groups are "people with easy access to harmful means of death, relationship problems, and that usually leads to murder suicide, previous suicide attempt, hopelessness, and a desire to escape their present realities".

# Trinidad worried by 'Zesser Pill'

The Trinidad and Tobago government and police are concerned at the proliferation of a new drug labelled the "Zesser Pill" that has been blamed for causing alarming physical and mental reaction in users. The fear is that it could permanently damage users or even kill them.

The Ministry of National Security said that the drug is being sold for as little as the equivalent of KY\$1.5.

"This drug has been attributed to causing severe adverse (physical and mental) behavioural reactions in users," National Security Minister Stuart Young said. "The Ministry of National Security continues to urge the public to avoid the use of any substances with psychoactive properties, in the interest of their health, safety and wellbeing."

The drug is thought to be a combination of ecstasy and cocaine. "It is in a powder form and it is also designed to look like sweets," Mr Young said, adding "we are critically concerned about it and we are doing all in our power to get that dangerous drug off the street."

Anti-substance abuse activist, Garth St Clair, recently warned that the vid-



► Dangerous Zesser Pills cost only \$1.5

eo going viral on social media showing young people passed out at the Hasely Crawford Stadium following a party, was troubling and urged youngsters to abstain from taking the drug that could kill them.

# Barbados gets latest upscale resort

Barbados-based Elegant Hotels Group has announced plans to convert its popular Tamarind beach resort into a "premium all-inclusive resort."

The West Coast property will officially re-launch as an all-inclusive on Oct. 1, making it the fourth all-inclusive in Elegant's resort portfolio in Barbados.

"We are delighted about our much beloved Tamarind hotel's conversion to an all-inclusive resort. We see enormous potential for Tamarind under the popular all-inclusive model," said Sunil Chatrani, CEO of Elegant Hotels Group. "We are excited about the prospect of the resort complementing our existing portfolio and attract discerning families seeking an active all-inclusive adventure holiday."

In a cool touch, Tamarind's all-inclusive programme will also mean a



► Tamarind resort is now an all-inclusive

curated dinner menu at the adjacent Daphne's restaurants, one of the most celebrated restaurants in Barbados.

The 101-room resort on Barbados' Tony Platinum Coast will mean unlimited all-day options at the Sugar Cane Room and the 246 Bar & Restaurant.

Other inclusions at Tamarind will non-motorised water sports, themed dining, free Wi-Fi and beach and pool "ambassador" service. Tamarind also boasts an adults-only pool, a fitness centre and a boutique spa.

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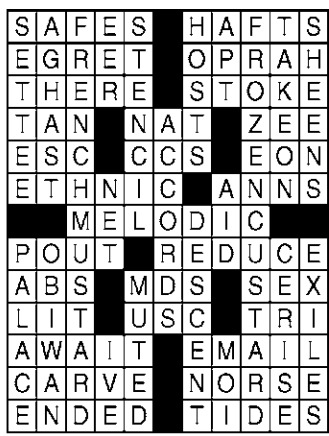
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**ACROSS**

- 39 Hobo attire
- 1 Feels the absence of
- 7 "Ed Wood" star
- 11 Ring combo
- 12 Writer Wiesel
- 13 Packed down
- 14 Relate
- 15 Kids' boo-boos
- 16 Bar-based
- 17 Musical symbol
- 18 Dojo doings
- 19 Tied up
- 21 Capture
- 22 Alley prowlers
- 25 Avoid the truth
- 26 Canary snack
- 27 Let up
- 29 Cry from the crib
- 33 Office notes
- 34 Nevada tree
- 35 Verdi piece
- 36 2006 Winter Games setting
- 37 Orange cover
- 38 Made blank

**DOWN**

- 1 Power provider
- 2 Blown away
- 3 Truck stop
- 4 Pearly Gates
- 5 Rams' mates
- 6 Lawn starter
- 7 Discourage
- 8 Swanky
- 9 Exercise system
- 10 Bit of shot
- 16 Joust need
- 18 Typed in
- 20 Bud holders
- 22 Much of Russia
- 23 Joining forces
- 24 Fleet leader
- 25 Hedy of "Algiers"
- 28 Marsh croakers
- 30 Biscotti flavor
- 31 "Nymphs" painter
- 32 Battery end
- 34 Skin opening
- 36 Talking bear of films



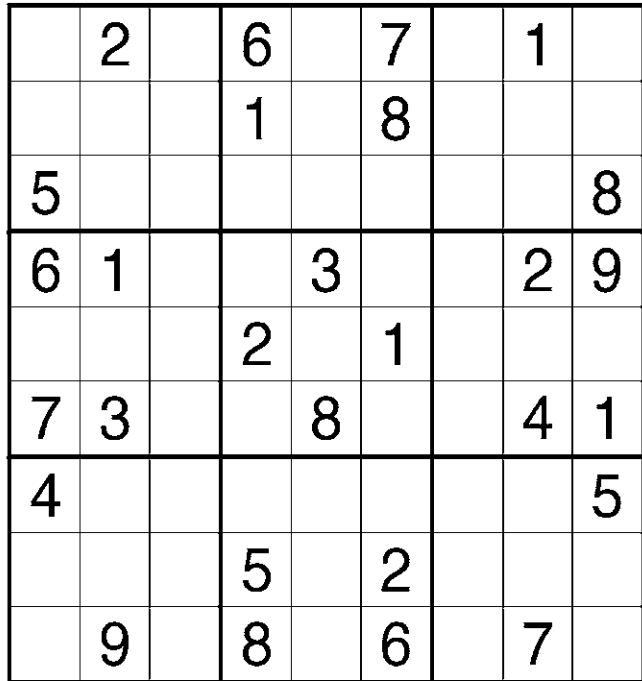
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**SUDOKU**

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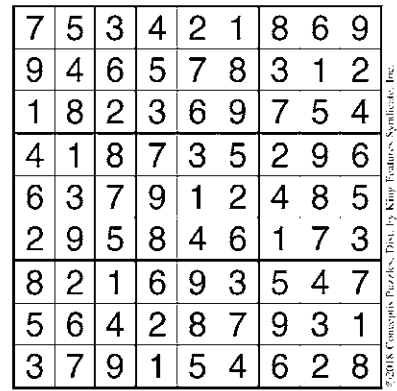
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Answer to previous puzzle



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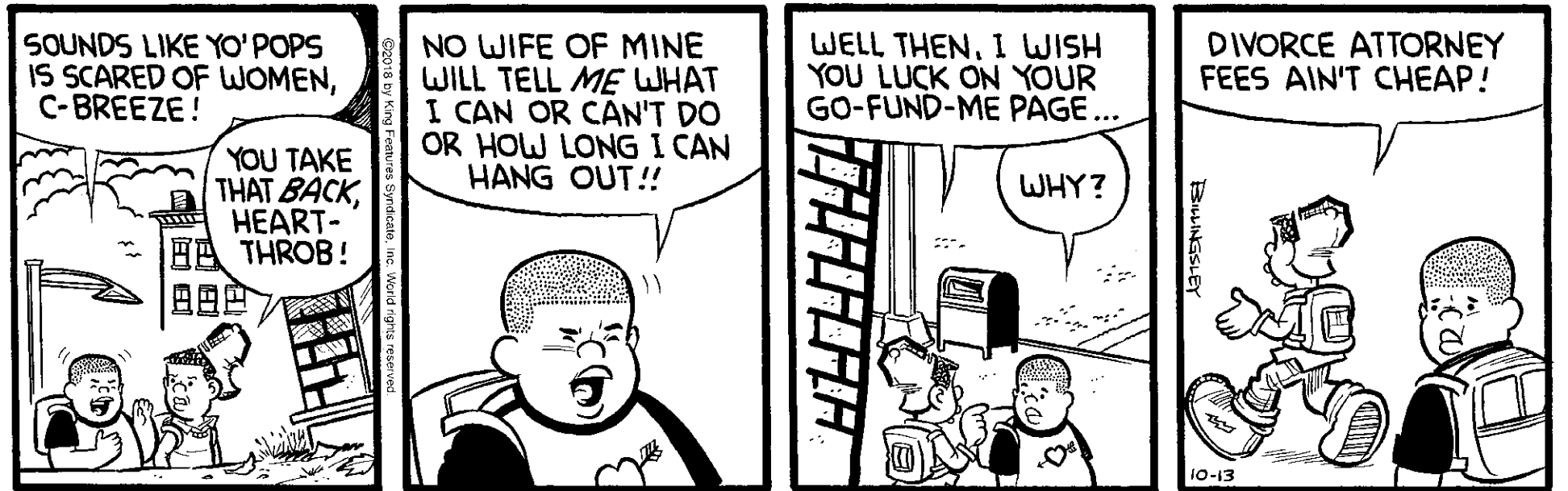
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

- Books
- Branch
- Browse
- Catalogue
- Chairs
- Checkout
- Code numbers
- Computers
- Dewey
- Due date
- Fines
- Journals
- Library card
- Membership
- Newspapers
- Periodicals
- Return
- Search
- Shelves
- Tables
- Tapes
- Videos
- Whisper

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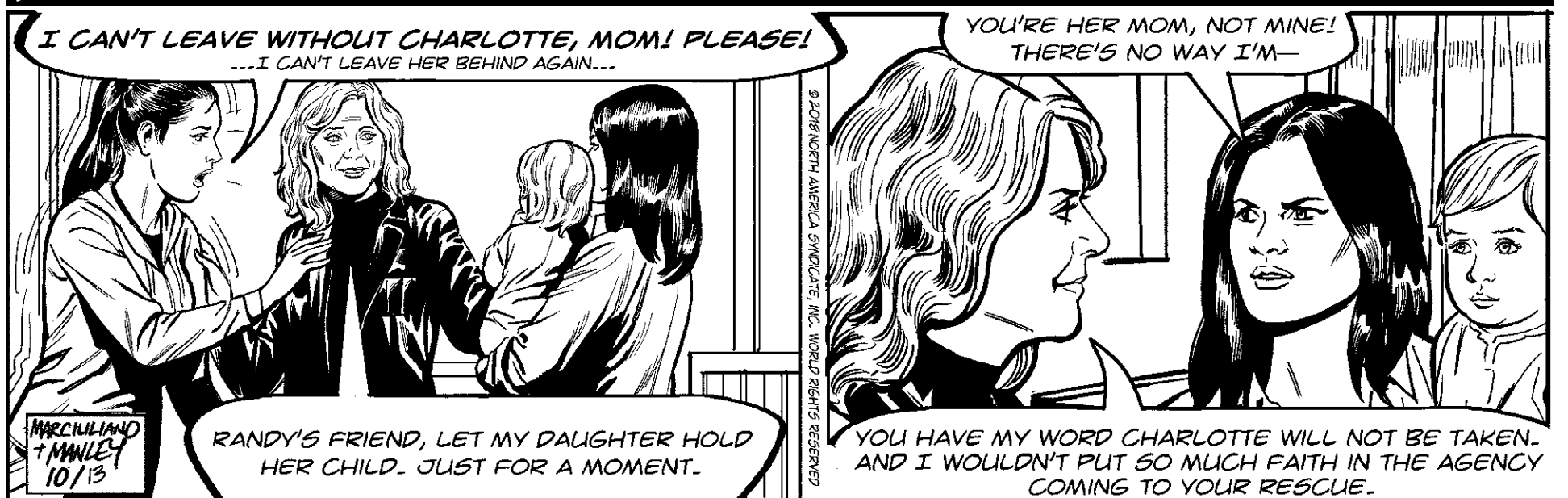
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