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The Office of Education Standards has just released its Annual Report 2019, entitled 'Every School A Good School', however the findings from the report show that most of Cayman's schools, especially the government schools, fall below expected performance levels.

The Office of Education Standards (OES) is the appointed body responsible for the evaluation of all educational institutions in the Cayman Islands, which is required under the Education Law (2016). The report contains a summary of the findings of the first 25 school inspections undertaken over the past academic year.

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Government outlines spend on promoting cruise berthing project

The government has detailed on what it has spending several thousands of dollars to promote and explain to the public the controversial cruise berthing facility project.

Last November, Judy E Powery, Administrative Officer with the Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport, responded to an FOI request asking for details relating to government spending on all advertising relating to the proposed cruise berthing facility from 1st January 2018, including radio, TV, newspaper ads and online advertising. A local PR and marketing agency, Fountainhead, was contracted by the Ministry from August 2018 to January 2019 (subsequently extended), employed on a retainer of CI\$5,000 per month to assist government with providing the public with information on the project, the Ministry representative stated in response to the request.



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COMMUNITY VOICE

Letter to the Editor

4th September 2019

As the petition verification process nears to an end, the first ever people-initiated referendum is imminent. Caymanians will make the decision on the largest capital works project in our history and not a political agenda.

This participatory democracy couldn't have come at a better time. In the last year, we've seen numerous publications by the government, on every available social media/news platforms to try and convince us that cruise berthing is the only way our tourism product can survive. They've gone as far as to pay to spread misleading "facts" such as:

1. It will create 900 new jobs
2. It will make us more competitive
3. It will save our cruise industry
4. It will bring more passengers
5. It will cost 200 million
6. It will be paid back in 25 years
7. It won't cost the Caymanian people a dime
8. We will get it back in 25 years

I could list a few more misleading reasons, however I must stay focused on the next few paragraphs, which will illustrate exactly what is taking place right before our very eyes. Please pay close attention.

In the earlier part of this year, the government was quick to inform us that two other cruise lines had made a commitment to help finance the piers, banking on the optics of how it would resonate with the tour operators and other locals, who are not fully aware of the true details.

When the preferred bidder was made public, we found out that Royal Caribbean International and Carnival Cruise Line were a part of the Verdant Isle Group, who won the bid. We later found out that Royal Caribbean International and Carnival Cruise Line made it very clear they didn't want any other cruise lines being a part of this investment.



Now, if one didn't care about the survival of our islands' ability to secure a future for the next generation, then that very interesting turn of events wouldn't show up on their radar. However, for those of us that are very cued into what is going on, I must make the following facts public and ensure people are aware, so when it's time to vote on this issue we understand what's at stake.

Let's dive straight into the details.
1. Reasons for Royal Caribbean International and Carnival Cruise Line not wanting any other cruise lines involved with the berthing facility is so they can continue to control the cruise market in the Caribbean. Some interesting facts to digest: 60% of their global revenue comes from the Caribbean region and 35% of the entire cruise industry comes from the Caribbean, so make no mistake, they need the Caribbean to survive because this is a billion dollar industry.

2. The Cayman Islands tourism product is a vibrant industry that is flourishing with record-breaking numbers every year because of our uniqueness, plus clean environment, along with a low crime rate. This allows us to be a premium destination and why cruise lines call to our port. However, we have heard some really disturbing statements by our own government saying 'it's all at risk' if we don't build a berthing facility.

3. Here's the breakdown: Royal Caribbean International and Carnival Cruise Line's only objective is to have a port to park their Oasis-class and above ships. Please don't forget, there are many other cruise lines out there that call to our

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Timing of Flag Lowering for John McLean, MLA

The Protocol Office requests individuals, businesses and organisations, who wish to lower their flags to half-mast ahead of the funeral of the late John McLean, MLA, to do so at 9.05 a.m. on Monday, 9 September 2019.

This is to facilitate an official flag-lowering ceremony for the late MLA's family at Government Administration Building at 9am sharp, after which a moment of

silence will be observed. All other flags should be lowered to half mast at 9.05 and members of the public may observe a moment of silence if they so choose.

Flags should continue at half-mast for the rest of the day Monday and again on Tuesday when Mr McLean's funeral will be held. They should then resume their normal position at the top of the flag pole on Wednesday morning. 🌐



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► Fire Officer, Mr. Kody Welds with Quinn the puppy

CIFS lends support for the Humane Society

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) had extra helpers on hand last week when two puppies, Quillan and Quinn from the Humane Society paid the Central Fire Station a visit. The three month old puppies are both Cayman mixed

breed and were brought to the Humane Society shelter with their siblings. They are now looking for new homes.

“The Humane Society puts in such tireless work to find these dogs a permanent home. The CIFS are more than

happy to help in whatever way we can to raise public awareness of what they do. Especially if that means giving these adorable puppies a few well deserved pats,” Acting Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Brevon Elliott commented.

Anyone interested in meeting Quillan, Quinn or any other dog needing a new home are encouraged to contact the Humane Society directly on 949-1461 or through their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/caymanhumanesociety.

Government outlines spend on promoting cruise berthing project

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For that cost, Fountainhead have been employed to provide a number of public relations services, such as the creation of a landing page website, creating a social media campaign strategy and content, writing press releases, organising town hall meetings, creating a video-based campaign and producing monthly newsletters.

Following an FOI request in July of this year, Ms Powery advised that the cost of promoting and explaining the

project from 1 January 2018 to 4th July 2019 (the date of the FOI request) was CI\$75,613.50, the majority of which was spent this year (CI\$60,333.50).

According to a breakdown of the payments made by the Ministry to promote the project as revealed by the FOI request, the Ministry paid CI\$16,992.90 in print media for advertisements from the end of August to the middle of October last year. It also spent CI\$8,040 in radio advertisements from mid September to the end of November last year, CI\$7,920 with DMS broadcasting from April to

May of this year and CI\$8,432 on Support Our Port television advertising with Cayman 27 from May to June of this year, among other payments.

Each FOI request wanted to know all spending by the Ministry on the Support Our Tourism group, to which Ms Powery explained that the Support Our Tourism campaign was being administered by the Ministry’s PR Manager and Foun-

tainhead and that there were no other contracts, salaries or expenditure being incurred by the Ministry with respect to the Support Our Tourism campaign. The Ministry also stated that they did not have any contracts in place with Cayman’s Port, Cayman’s Future groups, nor did it pay any salaries, advertising expenditure nor any other form of expenditure with respect to that group.



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THEN & NOW

This is the third and final part of our Then and Now series on tourism, bringing you from the 1980s up-to-date with Cayman's present-day tourism industry.



► Seven Mile Beach in 1968 from the Denny Ranson collection (Photo credit: the Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



► Camana Bay has added a whole new dimension to tourism

Cayman's present-day tourism industry

By Lindsey Turnbull

In her 'Anatomy of a tourism success story' written by Barbara Currie Maguire in the May 1981 Nor'wester magazine, Ms Maguire says "during the past five years, the Cayman Islands has emerged as the Caribbean's fastest-growing tourism destination."

This was the opinion of Mr Luther Miller of the Barbados-based Caribbean Tourism Research Centre, who had visited the Cayman Islands earlier that year as part of a regional study on the overall profile of North American Tourists.

In the Eighties, the friendliness of the people, the stability of the government and the sound economy, coupled with proximity to mainland US and business opportunities that were rapidly growing were all considered reasons for Cayman's superior growth in its tourism product, according to Miller. However, he warned that territories in the Caribbean had offerings which duplicated themselves, such as the spectacular beaches and turquoise seas. He ventured that they needed a product in order to attract visitors, and Cayman clearly had already established itself as a tourism destination because the number of repeat visitors it already attracted, proving that theory, he said.

Integral to the development of the tourism product were planning, promotion, and monitoring of the industry and they formed the basis for a continued success story, he felt. Cayman's Tourist Board and then Department of Tourism (evolving as a result of the 1974 Tourism Law) were created to do just that. This law provided for a Tourism Advisory Council and a Hotel Licensing Board, all of which created the background for a quickly-developing tourism industry. The island also benefitted from a growing number of daily international flights bringing visitors into Cayman from all over the US via various hubs connected directly to Cayman.

Tourism statistics from four decades ago provide further evidence for the phenomenal growth in tourism in the Cayman Islands. By 1980 there were 120,241 visitors arriving by air and 60,873 visitors arriving by cruise ship for a combined total of 181,110 that year.

In 1986 the DoT started promoting the Cayman Islands on US TV with the tagline, 'Our people are our best asset'. In that year Grand Cayman also saw the opening of two important hotels: the Hyatt Regency and Treasure Island Resorts. These two moves proved significant because just one year later air arrivals increased by 26 per cent, the largest single increase year-on-year for a decade.

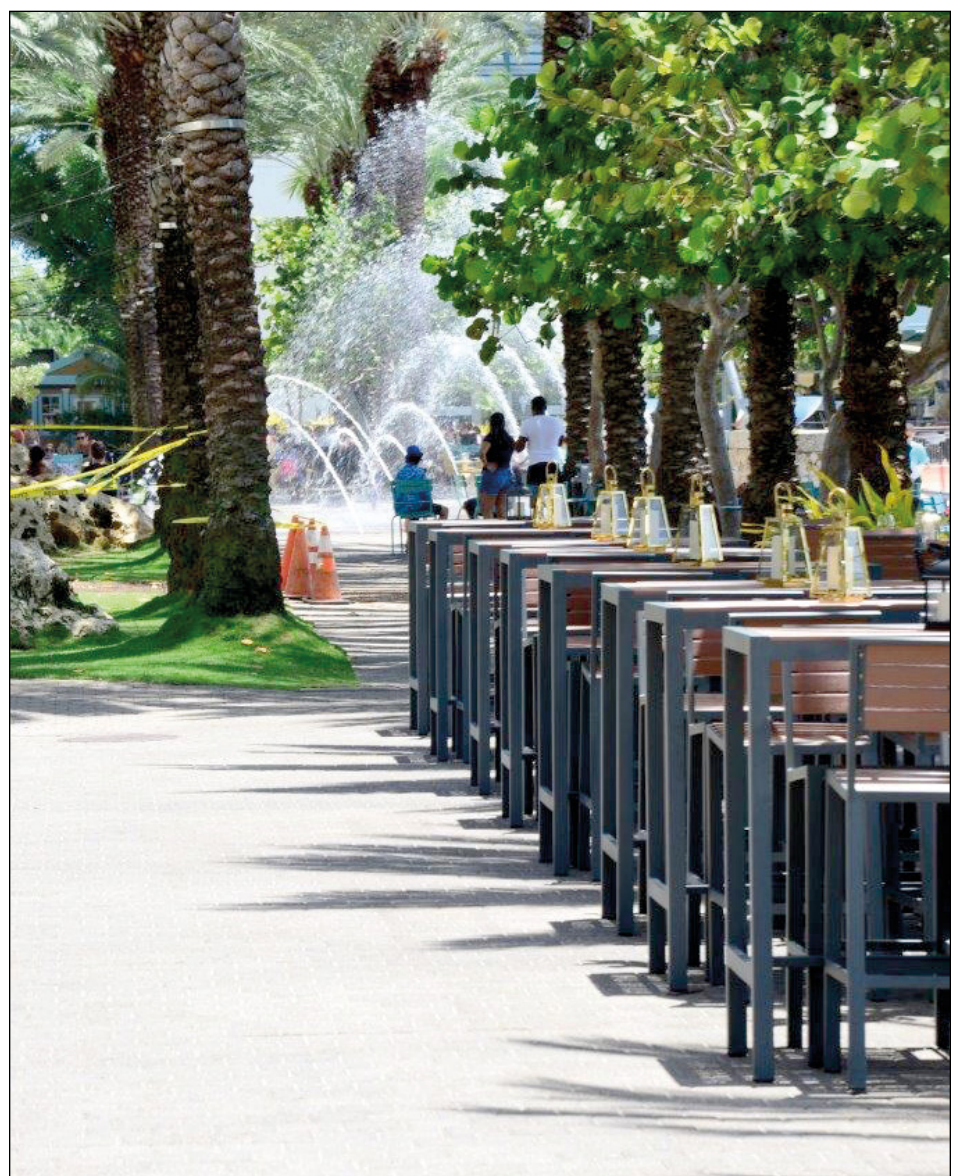
At the turn of the century, Cayman's tourism product dramatically unfolded, aided with the opening of some luxury resorts, such as the Westin opening in December 1995, adding hundreds more guest rooms to the tourism offering. The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman's opening was delayed by the onset of Hurricane Ivan in 2004, eventually opening in early 2006, bringing a five-star luxury resort into Cayman's tourism mix.

2001 saw the formation of the Cayman Island Tourism Association, a non-profit association representing all aspects of tourism-related business. It was formed through an amalgamation of the Cayman Tourism Alliance and the Cayman Islands Hotel and Condominium Association.

In 2005, possibly one of the most significant moves in Cayman's recent development took place - breaking ground at Camana Bay. The first tenants to anchor their space at Camana Bay were the movie theatre, Books & Books and Café del Sol (now Starbucks), immediately providing visitors to the newly developing town with plenty of reasons to visit. Offices quickly followed, as did restaurants, residences and retail outlets, rapidly creating a centre point not only for visitors but a place for locals to enjoy as well. In 2010 Camana Bay won the Governor's Award, its innovation and sustainability being recognised at the first annual Governor's Award for Design and Construction Excellence.

In 2016 Cayman upped its hotel offering again, with the opening of the Kimpton Seafire in November of that year. The opening marked the boutique hotel company's first move into the international luxury resort market and Cayman's first new hotel in more than a decade.

Statistics highlight the increasing numbers of visitors looking to enjoy



► Camana Bay has added a whole new dimension to tourism

Cayman as their holiday destination over the most recent decade: in 1996 Cayman saw 373,200 air arrivals from visitors. That figure leapt to 418,400 in 2017. But Cayman has also seen significant numbers of cruise ship passengers interested in making Cayman part of their vacation itinerary. In 1996 there were 800,300 cruise ship visitors to Cayman's shores and in 2017 that figure was 1,728,400. Today, the question as to whether to expand Cayman's cruise ship offering by developing a new port to accommodate larger cruise

ships is a hot topic of discussion for the country.

The success of Cayman as a tourism destination shows no signs of faltering, with air arrivals almost topping half a million last year and almost two million cruise visitors, making 2018 a record-breaking year. Increasing arrival numbers for 2019 show no signs of abating either, and, with two new resorts scheduled to begin construction in the coming months, the Hilton and the Grand Hyatt, Cayman seems poised to continue this growth well into the new decade.



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port. They are largely responsible for our current success and won't be able to use the piers once "the Big 2" are allowed to finance them. Those are the cold, hard facts.

4. When looking at other jurisdictions that have entered into public-private partnership with these two companies, you will find there's never a happy ending, where that country enjoys the host of so-called benefits that were promised prior to the agreement. We should look closely at the proposed terms of re-payment for their investment into our port.

That 25 year payment plan that is being promoted by the government and cruise lines isn't exactly what it seems. Here's why: In the absence of a guarantee from "the big 2" to bring the desired number of passengers required for the re-payment of the cost of their investment, this can become very tricky.

If we are unable to pay back the cost within that allotted 25 years due to unforeseen circumstances, like bad weather, we can see that 25 year turn into 30 or even 40 years, and that won't be in the best interest of the Caymanian people. This is why it's so important that our government share the information, in full detail, on what agreement they have in place with these two cruise lines.

5. After much reading and research, I have come to the belief that Royal Caribbean International and Carnival Cruise Line are simply buying out our cruise industry, with its clear agenda and with the government's consent. The writing is on the wall, it's been there the entire time. When you look closely at all of the pieces of this puzzle, it becomes crystal clear what's truly at play here, and that is that they are

- Making sure they are the only two investors that finance the port
- Making sure they collect and control most revenues from berthing head tax etc. for as long as it takes to repay
- Controlling the cost of all pre-booked tours by their companies, creating an unfair advantage to the other people operating tours without a pre-booked contract with them.

This sounds more and more like another Falmouth!

6. This a full analysis of what is written on the wall for all to see. It's deliberately designed to be confusing to us all, with shallow promises of jobs and economic growth in an already thriving industry that doesn't need a berthing facility to maintain its success. It's only to further secure their stronghold on cruise tourism industry in the Caribbean, which accounts for 60% of their global revenue.

Please take note that there is very little to zero conversation or information being circulated in any of our own government pro-port campaigns about any of the other cruise lines that aren't owned by the Big 2. Why is that? They are just as important to the numbers that we post annually of cruise passengers that visit our island.

I will end with this last revelation of what is actually happening. The government claims that this investment will be repaid mostly with the monies generated by the tender fees, \$5.20 now. Here is where it gets tricky once again. If that is in fact the case, does that mean that if the other cruise lines that are not allowed to use the piers decided to "pass us by" and those passengers that would have potentially contributed to the head tax revenue that pays back the investors are lost, wouldn't this clearly create a major concern with the timeline of 25 years to re-pay the players in this arrangement and put our port at risk of staying in the ownership of a foreign entities for a much longer period?

This new port isn't to increase the headcount and subsequently create more jobs, or generate more revenue for the Caymanian people, this is to give them full monopoly of the cruise industry.

Mario Rankin

RCIPS Helicopter Deployed to The Bahamas

The RCIPS helicopter has deployed to The Bahamas to support the relief effort following the devastation of Hurricane Dorian.

The request from the Bahamian authorities was received on Wednesday 5th September and approval for the helicopter to make the trip received from His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper and the Honourable Premier Alden McLaughlin later that same day.

The aircraft has deployed with two crew (two pilots and four Technical Flight Officers) and it is anticipated they will be supporting the rescue operation performing evacuation flights and aerial surveillance.

The H145 Airbus helicopter was purchased as part of a joint deal with the UK to boost Cayman's capability to carry out search and rescue, law enforcement and border protection operations but also to assist our fellow territories and other parts of the region during times of crisis.

It can be configured in various ways to take up to five passengers and three crew or two patients on stretchers or up to 500kg of cargo.

Since its arrival in March 2019 it has airlifted 18 patients from Cayman Brac to Grand Cayman so is well versed in medical evacuations.



The Governor said: "To help and support neighbouring nations in their time of need was one of the key reasons the UK sought to support the Cayman Islands in acquiring a new helicopter. Sadly we are having to deploy it much sooner than any of us would have hoped but it is built for this very purpose and the pilots and crew are well-versed with dealing with patients and flying over an island-based terrain.

The Premier Alden McLaughlin added: "As Caribbean nations we must stand together to support each other in these times of need. The Cayman Islands

will do our part to support The Bahamas starting with the deployment of the RCIPS helicopter and trained personnel at this time when they most need it.

"The Government will provide other assistance as requested by the Bahamian Government. We remember all too clearly the effects of this kind of devastating storm and the tangible difference an aircraft and crew can make."

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Ministry of Peace Church Holds Youth Rally

By Flynn Bush

Last Friday was the end of the first week of school, and in West Bay there was a joy-filled celebration happening in a white building on Town Hall Road. The Ministry of Peace Church held its Youth Rally 2019, geared specifically to ages 5-13. It was a truly unique event; and inspiring as well.

The evening began with group warm-ups, both the physical and vocal kinds, and an Olympic style parade, complete with the singing of national song. There was a prayer, and songs meant to inspire, leading into the main activities. The activities were led by parents of the youth, themselves members of the church. There were races, and games, and competitions, and games, and entertainment, and games, and drama, and more games; all with an inspiring message interwoven seamlessly.

Now, this budding church in the heart of West Bay has a three-fold emphasis. As Pastor Mitchell Ebanks-Exctain elo-



quently explained, the goal is, "To present the Gospel, promote Family, and uplift Discipleship of Jesus Christ as the highest profession there is." This youth rally attended to all three parts of the church's mission.

From the time I set foot in the building prior to the event, until I left, I felt a warm spirit of welcome. As each child

and their parent arrived, it was evident they were drawn in by that same feeling as well. Pastor Mitch's volunteer event staff were inviting, kind and caring; and their love shone brightly.

The children obviously knew they were in a safe place, both physically and emotionally, and their faces were pasted with permanent smiles. This was a refreshing sight, as so many children nowadays often appear to be burdened by the cares of the world. On this evening, in this place, there was a joy exuding from these children. The adults exuded it, too.

Since the theme of this evening's event was "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," it was reassuring to see the youth exhibiting that this was a belief held strong. The world needs more young people who feel that the possibilities are limitless; especially in a time when others around are only seeking to tear them down, discourage them, and destroy their dreams. The Ministry of Peace Church is undoubtedly doing a good thing. This ministry is active winning hearts, securing souls, and cultivating dreams of Cayman's youth.



Statement by HE the Governor on the Passing of Former MLA Mr John McLean



► Former MLA Mr John McLean

I was saddened to hear the news of the recent passing of former MLA John McLean. Mr McLean devotedly served the Cayman Islands, dedicating 24 years of his life to politics.

During his long political career Mr McLean represented the East End in the Legislative Assembly where he promoted new infrastructure on these islands and amongst many things can be credited with bringing telephone lines to the East End. He was a pioneer for development of these wonderful Islands.

He was also a family man. I would like to offer my sincere condolences to his family and friends. He will be remembered for his outstanding service to these islands and will be greatly missed.

The flag at Government House will fly at half-mast on Monday and Tuesday in tribute to Mr McLean.

Cayman's cycling champ wins French race

It was his home town, Calvados in Normandy, France, and when Jerome Ameline, Cayman's Cycling Champion, (winner of Cayman's 58-mile Championships) recently went there for a 2-week holiday with his family, he just happened to find out there was going to be a big, 66-cyclist race taking place there, which he joined right at the last minute. And then he just happened to win that, too.

"I noticed on social media that it was a bicycle race scheduled in the village where I grew up in Calvados, Normandy, and I contacted quickly my old cycling club in France where I used to race and they told me that I could do the race with a special 'Day Pass,' and all I needed would be a doctor's certificate," Mr. Ameline explained. Luckily, he already had his trusty bike with him: "The race was the following day I arrived in France, and after putting my bike together from my travelling box. It was a short circuit race, with 10 laps of 4 miles each.

"The start was more than very fast, and sometimes my speed exceeded 35 miles an hour," he said. "After a few minutes, I thought I would not be making it to the end and it took me two full laps to settle down and get more comfortable. I usually try to escape from the pack to avoid a final sprint, as sprinting is not my strength, but the pace was so high and also with strong wind, I decided to just stay inside the peloton trying to save energy," he said. It was in the very last stretch that he decided to pull out

all the stops and get ahead of the pack:

"I made a brutal acceleration, taking the last corner in second position and then managed to pass the line in first place. I was not expecting such a good result, especially being jet lagged and not being used to riding in a large peloton anymore.

"I was wearing my Cayman Champion Jersey and it felt good to represent Cayman now my new home, back in my original home country."

How did he celebrate? Well, by cycling 700 miles all around the Cognac region, with his sister, who loves cycling too.

Mr. Ameline grew up around cycles and cycling, and loves anything to do with cycling. He presently owns Revolutions Indoor Cycling at the Barnett Building George Town where he is a spinning instructor. Although he has tried out several different sports, including rowing and boxing, he always comes back to cycling. His very first race was more than 31 years ago, when he was just 13, and he has loved the sport ever since. This year he has been training very hard, and recently finished a training session at high altitude, in Colorado. He would love to see the sport take off here in Cayman and feels there are many benefits of getting involved. It is a low-impact sport, and so is just right for people who cannot run because of injury or strain to their joints. Like many serious cyclists he would very much like to see a proper racing track for cyclists to use.



► Cayman's Cycling Champion, Jerome Ameline takes First Place at the podium



► The 40-Mile race in



► Richard Simms and Stephen Quinland at the swipe-station



► Stephen Quinland

Stephen Quinland Appointed DVES Director

The Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure (CPI) announces the appointment of Stephen Quinland as Director of the Department of Vehicle and Equipment Services (DVES), effective 1 September 2019.

Mr Quinland, who has been in the Acting Director position since 2018, will oversee the Department's operations, administration, Government Fuelling Facility and District Emergency Fuelling Facilities.

He will be responsible for implementing the Government's Fleet Management Programme, which includes fleet asset acquisition, maintenance and repair, asset disposal, provision of fuel, spare parts inventory, as well as developing and administering the Department's operating budget of over \$5 million dollars.

The Fleet Programme has over one thousand vehicles and equipment assigned to government agencies and departments in the Cayman Islands. It consists of diverse makes and models of motorcycles, passenger vehicles and light-heavy duty trucks. Also included in the fleet are police, hazmat emergency response vehicles, ambulances and specialised heavy equipment.

Minister of Commerce, Planning Infrastructure, Hon. Joey Hew says Mr Quinland "brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the post for a successful tenure given his progressive level of responsibilities and leadership within the Department."

Chief Officer in the Ministry of CPI, Alan Jones expressed great satisfaction with the selection of Mr Quinland for the position. He underscored that the appoint-

ment of a competent Caymanian to such senior level augurs well for the civil service and that it is further evidence of good succession planning in critical areas.

"Mr Quinland is a valuable member of the Ministry of CPI's management team. He is a loyal and dedicated worker who stepped into the Acting Director position when needed and we are pleased that he is fully assuming this role as Director", Mr Jones adds.

Mr Quinland says he is excited to be Director of DVES as "it is a testament that hard work and dedication pays off". He notes that he sees his position as an opportunity to contribute to the government and the people of the Cayman Islands. "We have been reviewing our services and how they affect the environment in which we work and live. We will be phasing out certain chemicals

where possible and monitoring their use and disposal. We are also gearing up, through training, to support government's commitment to the National Energy Policy in terms of our progressive conversion of fleet to more efficient alternatives," he states.

Mr Quinland previously served as Deputy Director of DVES from 2011 to 2018, where he assisted the Director in the development a management of a \$4.7 million annual operational budget. He was also responsible for the development of fleet administration standards and vehicle operating policies.

Additionally, Mr Quinland who has been in the civil service since 2006 has worked as Assistant Manager of Licensing, and Vehicle Licensing and Transport Unit Inspector at the Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing. 🌐

Most schools fall short of expected performance levels

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In 2018 the full inspection of schools and early years centres began with seven performance standards under review including students' achievement in English, mathematics and science; students' personal and social development; teaching, learning and assessment; the curriculum; health, safety, support and guidance; leadership and management; and overall performance.

Each school was then given a rating: 'excellent' meant an

exceptionally high quality of performance or practice; 'good' was the expected level for every school in the Cayman Islands, both public and private; 'satisfactory' was the minimum level of quality required for the Cayman Islands and 'weak' meant the quality was not yet at the level acceptable for schools in the Cayman Islands.

Crucially, the report noted that the expected level of performance for every school in the Cayman Islands was good.

Nine government schools were evaluated under this round of inspections: Clifton Hunt-

er High School, Creek & Spot Bay Primary School, John Gray High School, Layman Scott High School, The Lighthouse School, Little Cayman Education Services, Prospect Primary School, Savannah Primary School and West End Primary School. Clifton Hunter High School and Savannah Primary School received a 'weak' rating, The Lighthouse School received the best rating of 'good' and the remainder were all 'satisfactory'.

Private schools fared just slightly better, with two out of the eight inspected receiving 'weak' scores: Triple C and Wes-

leyan Christian Academy, two receiving 'satisfactory' reports: First Baptist Christian School and Grace Christian Academy and the remainder receiving the expected 'good' report: Cayman Prep and High School, Island Montessori, Montessori by the Sea and Starfish Village.

The eight Early Years centres that came under scrutiny had widely varying levels of success. Bright Start, Miss Nadine's and Tiffany's Pre-School all received 'weak' reports, Little Trotters received the only 'excellent' report out of any of the schools reviewed and Discovery Kids, Just for Kids and Tiny Tots Academy all received just 'satisfactory' reviews.

Between September 2017 and June 2019, the OES also completed 19 follow-through inspections, evaluating the progress made by the school in addressing previous inspection recommendations.

This also made for dire reading, with seven follow-through inspections reporting 'weak' reviews for the following schools: George Town Primary School (two follow-through inspections); Cayman Brac Daycare; Clifton Hunter High School, Tiffany's Pre-school and Sir John A Cumber Primary School (two follow-through inspections). Just two were reported as 'good' - Red Bay and West End Primary Schools and the remainder were 'satisfactory' - Creek and Spot Bay, Edna M Moyle, Prospect, Savannah, Bodden Town, George Town Primary (third follow-through),

Cayman Brac Daycare, East End Primary (two follow-throughs), and Bright Start Learning Centre.

The report did offer some hope for improvement.

"A majority of the public schools inspected during 2018-19 were found to offer a satisfactory quality of education overall. This represents some improvement from the last round of inspections conducted in 2014-15 during which the overall performance of most public schools was evaluated as 'unsatisfactory'. Nevertheless, there is currently no mainstream public school which meets the expected level in terms of overall performance quality," it stated.

As far as public schools were concerned, parents get what they pay for, as the report stated:

"A review of the private schools and early years centres whose overall performance was judged to be 'good' or 'excellent', highlighted that all six schools were noted to have fees in the middle to high fee bracket category. Consequently, of the schools inspected to date, there are, at present, no schools performing at the expected level within the low fee bracket."

A hard copy of the report, outlining the quality of education in the Cayman Islands to support improvement while highlighting areas the need for further development, is being sent to all the schools and early years centres in due course. 🌐

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BritCay's Parent Company Colonial Group International Mobilises to Help Hurricane Dorian Victims

BritCay's parent company, Colonial Group International Ltd. (CGI), has been closely monitoring the impact of Hurricane Dorian on the Bahamas and positioning staff and resources to help people in need.

The hurricane is clearly a massive catastrophe for the Bahamas, particularly for the residents of Grand Bahama and the Abaco Islands, which were subjected to the worst of Dorian's fierce power.

Our first concern is for the safety and needs of residents and their families as they begin working to put their lives and that of their communities back together. Immediate relief has been sent via boat to our Freeport-based staff to help their personal recovery and the setting up of our operations.

To that end, our Bahamas-based companies – Atlantic Medical Insurance Limited, Security & General Insurance Company Limited, and Nassau Insurance Brokers and Agents have, as of yesterday, begun to receive claims in our temporary accommodation. Additionally, our loss adjusters are on-the-ground and have begun to service our clients.

Additional resources and supplies are being mobilised including nurses and staff from both Nassau and head office in Bermuda to provide support



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and distribute relief supplies, including critical medical supplies and care packages to our insureds.

We will continue moving resources and manpower into places where needed most, drawing additional support from our regional network of companies. Our "people come first" mission is about being prepared and committed to promptly meet the needs of our clients, particularly after catastrophic events. In the words of Bahamian Prime Minister Hubert Minnis, Hurricane Dorian has inflicted 'unprecedented devastation' on the people of Bahamas. Colonial Group will do its part to help the Bahamas get back on its feet.

British Caymanian Insurance Company Limited (BritCay) is part of the Colonial Group of Companies, which trades as Colonial Group International Ltd. 🌐

CDB allocates almost USD 1 million for immediate Bahamas relief

As immediate response to the devastations caused by Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas, the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) has allocated almost USD 1 million for the Government of the Bahamas.

"We are devastated by the loss of life and infrastructure in Bahamas, hit by the strongest storm ever recorded in the archipelago. The Caribbean Development Bank stands ready to support the people of the Bahamas to make quick recovery," said Dr. Wm Warren Smith, CDB President.

CDB has today disbursed USD 200,000 as an Emergency Relief Grant to the Bahamas National Emergency Management Agency for humanitarian assistance and has allocated a USD 750,000 Immediate Response loan to assist with the clean-up and short-term recovery.

CDB President Smith went today to the Bahamian capital Nassau for consultations with the Bahamian Prime Minister Hon. Hubert Minnis and to tour the affected areas. The President was part of a high-level delegation, headed by Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Chair and Prime Minister of Saint Lucia, Hon. Allan Chastanet, and included Prime Minister of Barbados, Hon. Mia Mottley, CARICOM Secretary-General, H.E. Irwin Larocque, and Executive Director of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency, Ronald Jackson.

"Countless houses, medical facilities and roads were destroyed or are under water, and the number of lives lost is still rising. The devastation is a stark reminder that climate change is real and a major



threat to our Region. Our Region needs to build better and stronger in order to minimise damage and mitigate future losses," said Smith.

Among the support offered, the CDB President pledged the Bank's assistance with the restoration of essential services on the affected islands, including water and sanitation, and through the repurposing of available balances from other loans for priority recovery projects in the power and education sectors. The Bank is also ready to scale up assistance to provide mental health and psychosocial support in the aftermath of disasters, which is a project that CDB started jointly with the Pan American Health Organisation prior to the hurricane season.

"The Caribbean Development Bank is prepared to fully support a clearly-defined national recovery plan prepared by the Government of The Bahamas with financial means and technical expertise," noted Smith. 🌐

Bahamas Trying to Cope with Storing the Dead and Treating the Injured post-Hurricane Dorian; Health Minister Speaks of Crisis

More morticians are being flown into the hurricane-hit Abaco and Grand Bahama as the death toll rises, and additional doctors and treatment facilities are being flown in for the scores of people who sustained serious injuries when Hurricane Dorian slammed into the northern Bahamas at the beginning of the week.

At least 30 people are now reported to have died.

Yesterday, when he said the death toll had risen to 23, Health Minister Dr Duane Sands reported that additional morticians and refrigerated coolers to store bodies were being transported to the two islands as they were "running out of cooler capacity". He said morticians were also being flown in to embalm the remains that authorities have limited capacity to accommodate.

"Make no bones about it, the numbers will be far higher than 23," he said on local radio station Guardian Radio 96.9 FM. "It is going to be significantly higher than that. It's just a matter of retrieving those bodies, making sure we under-

stand how they died. It seems like we are splitting hairs, but not everyone who died, died in the storm."

When asked to estimate the number of fatalities from Hurricane Dorian, the Health Minister declined to hazard a guess, but said: "I believe the number will be staggering."

Also expected to rise is the number of injured.

Speaking on the radio show, Minister Sands said that stood at 80 and the government did not have the capacity to deal with that "health crisis".

The World Health Organization and others have therefore been asked for help.

"We will have three additional mini hospitals brought to both Abaco and Grand Bahama," he said, adding that 50 more doctors would be flown in to provide acute, long-term and psychological care.

Additionally, he said, the University of Miami has donated US\$9 million worth of medical supplies.

The US Coast Guard said it had rescued 201 residents as of yesterday.



▶ Rescue workers recover the body of a victim of Hurricane Dorian yesterday in Marsh Harbour, Abaco. (Photo Credit: Brendan Smialowski / AFP)

"Our emergent priority is to get the critically wounded out and help the government of the Bahamas get the infrastructure back up so it's safe, san-

itary and liveable – at least on a temporary basis – for those folks," said Captain James Passarelli of the US Coast Guard. 🌐

Royal Caribbean Cruises Providing 20,000 Meals a Day for Bahamians Impacted by Hurricane Dorian

In the wee hours of yesterday morning, more than 100 crew members from Royal Caribbean's Empress of the Seas became the first to activate the company's disaster relief operation to bring relief supplies and 20,000 daily meals to the Freeport, Bahamas community.

Crew members prepared sandwiches, proteins with rice and fruits and snacks for the company's first distribution at noon yesterday.

Over the next few days additional ships from its fleet —Symphony of the Seas, Celebrity Equinox, Mariner of the Seas and Harmony of the Seas— will repeat the process.

Along with Empress, the company is deploying container ships with much needed supplies including 47,000 bottles of water, 362 generators, 250 tarps, 25,000 square feet of plywood, 55,400 diapers and 7,500 pounds of pet food.

Royal Caribbean is committing US\$1 million to Dorian disaster relief and matching every dollar of guest and employee donations. To make sure those donations go where they can do the most good, they are collaborating with the Bahamian government and its non-profit partner, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), and a network of Bahamian charities and other local organizations, including the Bahamas Feeding Network.

"We can't make every bad memory of Dorian go away. But we can start making things better—today," said Richard Fain, Chairman and CEO, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd (RCCL).

According to Alex De Roeck of Royal Caribbean, the effort is not a one-time affair.

"We will be delivering these meals every day during the duration of this effort to be of service to the Grand Bahamian people," said De Roeck, who works in hotel operations, RCCL Miami. "We will be diverting our cruise ships to this port every day to ensure that this effort continues.

"What will be happening is, we will provide the items and deliver them, but local Emergency officials will decide where they are to be delivered and distributed."

While Royal Caribbean has most of its ships ported in Nassau, Alex said that the cruise line will use a different ship each day to make the trip to Grand Bahama to deliver the meals.

He said the company is seeking to set up a feeding kitchen on the island, but that option was not concrete, as they have to work with NEMA to discuss the feasibility and location of such a kitchen. 🌐



CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

Bahamas death toll rising

The death toll of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas is at least 20 people with officials certain the number will rise, the prime minister, Hubert Minnis, announced as he declared a "historic tragedy" on the archipelago.

Mr Minnis also warned of reports of looting on the Abaco Islands, a northern band of islands in the Bahamas hardest hit by Dorian, which pummelled the area as a slow moving category 5 hurricane last week.

Mr Minnis, who had returned from a flyover of the Abacos, warned of "generational devastation" in the northern region of the Bahamas that also includes Grand Bahama, the archipelago's northernmost island.

Large parts of the Abaco Islands have remained inaccessible to rescue crews, who continue to prioritise emergency evacuations, meaning the full scale of

devastation caused by the hurricane is still not completely clear.

Mark Lowcock, the United Nations under-secretary-general for humanitarian affairs and emergency relief coordinator, said that the agency estimates around 70,000 people in the northern Bahamas remain in need of relief assistance.

Many countries in the Caribbean have sent help through supplies, cash and services. Royal Caribbean Cruises has delivered tens of thousands of meals and other supplies to Bahamian residents affected by Dorian. Royal Caribbean Cruises CEO Richard Fain said the devastation left by Dorian in the northern Bahamas is breath-taking.

"It's hard to appreciate - those of us in Miami are used to seeing hurricanes. We get them for a few hours," he said. "But on Grand Bahama, that storm just sat over them without moving for 38 hours."



► Parts of Bahamas were completely flattened

Trini boss: I'll take lie detector

Trinidad and Tobago politics is in turmoil as two former senior civil servants argue over whether there was a policy of firing people of East Indian descent from the Strategic Services Agency.

After former Strategic Services Agency head Matthew Andrews labelled former Intelligence Director Carlton Dennie a pathological liar, Mr Dennie agreed to subject himself to a lie detector test as he maintains he was asked to fire people of East Indian descent from the service.

Mr Dennie insisted he had nothing to hide. "I have passed many lie detector tests in the past and I have no problem taking one now," he said. Mr Dennie had initially alleged that the directive



► Carlton Dennie is being called a liar

for the racist policy at the SSA was given by Prime Minister Dr Keith Rowley but he later changed his story and indicated that it was Mr Andrews who had made the order. The claim forced Mr Andrews to host a press conference where he said he was prepared to challenge the allegations in court.

Dominica car show needs revving

Dominica held its fourth annual Auto Sport Show which organisers deemed a success. The show, at Sikwi Park in Castle Bruce last weekend, saw auto enthusiasts showcase the best of bikes, cars, buses and SUVs in music, design and driving skills. The event was organized by 767 Street Promotion - Krew meets Krew, to enhance auto sport in Dominica.

Lead organiser, Sherian "Ching" Austria said that this event brings people together, especially young men, and it was evident by the large crowd that showed up from across Dominica.

However, she lamented the lack of support by government officials who she claims, don't see the benefits of this event and fail to embrace it.

"Auto sports is very poor (in Dominica) due to the fact that we don't get much help from the higher authorities," Ms Austria said, adding that her group has been lobbying government for support, but they have flatly refused to assist.



► Dominica's auto show was on a football field

"We have asked them for the Canefield airport (runway); we ask them for a lot of stuff. Sometimes, we (the bikers) go out to St Lucia to represent Dominica and still we don't get the support that we need."

While many welcomed the Auto Sport Show in Castle Bruce, footballers felt that Sikwi Park is not the right location to host the event as the playing field is destroyed by owners demonstrating their driving skills.

Jamaica attracts more Russians

Jamaican tourism continues to grow with the news from Tourism Minister, Edmund Bartlett, who announced new flights out of South America and Russia to the island.

Mr Bartlett said further expansion in the island's hotel room stock by more than 1,000 over the next three months, are projected to result in an average eight to nine per cent growth in stopover visitor arrivals. A 10.2 per cent growth in overall revenue generated by tourism is expected in 2019.

Regarding the airlift arrangements, Mr Bartlett said from Dec. 2, LATAM Airlines will commence service between Lima, Peru and Montego Bay, with three flights per week. This will increase the number of flights out of South America to 14, with COPA Airlines currently operating 11 weekly flights between Panama and Jamaica.



► Jamaica's Riu Ocho Rios is about to reopen

Russian airline Pegas Fly, which currently provides flights to Jamaica using 747 aircraft, will be using bigger jets, which will increase passengers travelling to Montego Bay to 500 per trip.

Rooms brought back on stream include 790 at Riu Ocho Rios while among the new inventory are 500 by the H10 Hotel Group, with 500 more soon after.

Mr Bartlett also mentioned the opening of the AC Marriott Hotel, which "will add a significant number of rooms to Kingston."

Barbados allows cannabis dealers

Barbados is preparing to allow foreign cannabis companies to set up operations there. They will be required to ensure locals own at least 30 percent of the business, the Ministry of Agriculture revealed.

Barbados Attorney General Dale Marshall introduced the Medical Cannabis Bill 2019 in the House of Assembly last month to usher in a legal industry. If adopted, Barbados would follow Jamaica, St Vincent & the Grenadines, and Antigua & Barbuda in permitting medical cannabis.

Agriculture Minister Indar Weir said of the 30 percent rule: "This is designed to make sure every last Barbadian is given a chance to participate. We're not just singling out one



► Barbados is about to introduce medical cannabis

group, but that every group that has an interest will be part of this industry."

Mr Weir promised the Rastafarian community that he would allocate a minimum of 60 acres to them, on which they can cultivate cannabis for medicinal purposes. The rastas are pushing for marijuana to be legalized for religious reasons as well as medicinal issues.

Spicemas attracts many more

Grenada's Spicemas festival solidified its position as one of the top Caribbean carnivals to visit with record numbers.

Spicemas was held the first week of August and is the Spice Isle's signature carnival event. It saw a 7.7 percent increase in visitor arrivals this year, said the Grenada Tourism Authority.

There was a total of 13,327 arrivals during the festival period, compared to 12,379 in 2018.

Part of the growth, tourism officials said, was due to extra intra-regional flights from LIAT and "global recognition of Grenada's artistes, culture and music," officials said. Most visitors came from the US and Trinidad and Tobago.



► Spicemas was the best attended so far

"The numbers speak to the growing interest in Spicemas as one of the best Carnivals to visit in the Caribbean. Our people make the experience memorable and enjoyable with their warm hospitality and visible pride in their music and culture," said Grenada Tourism Minister Dr Clarice Modeste-Curwen. "Grenada for Spicemas 2020 promises to be a spectacular event."

St Lucia stirs honey pot

St Lucia is buzzing from the prospect of revitalising its honey industry.

A government statement said that the apiary industry has great financial potential and Export St Lucia and the Ministry of Agriculture with assistance from Compete Caribbean have initiated a plan to grow the industry.

Export St Lucia chief executive officer Sunita Daniel said: "Our desire is to increase production of high-quality natural honey which is export ready and globally competitive. We are extremely thankful to all the stakeholders for their hard work and especially Compete Caribbean for this initiative."

Apiculture, the more technical term for beekeeping, is the maintenance of bee colonies, commonly in man-made hives. The honey produced is harvested and used by various sectors including



► St Lucia's honey production will increase

food and beverage, cosmetics and health and wellness.

By-products of honey production are also valuable. Apitoxins and bee-venom are used in the treatment of many nerve-borne illnesses; flower pollen and royal jelly are used by men as aphrodisiacs; beeswax is used a lot by cosmetologists.

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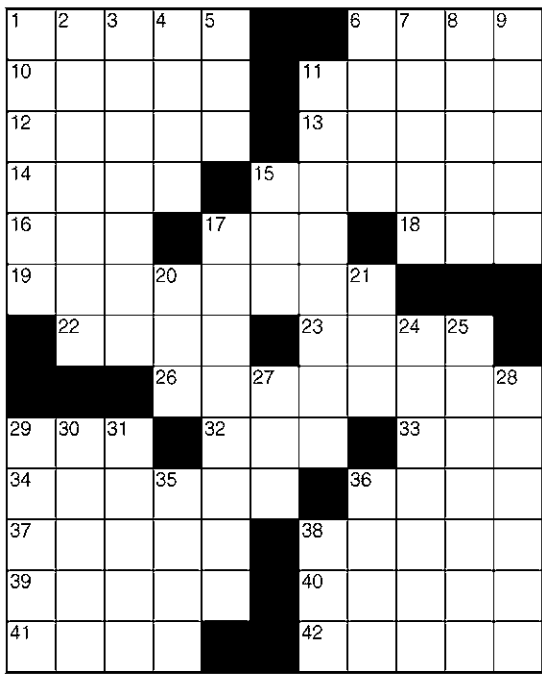
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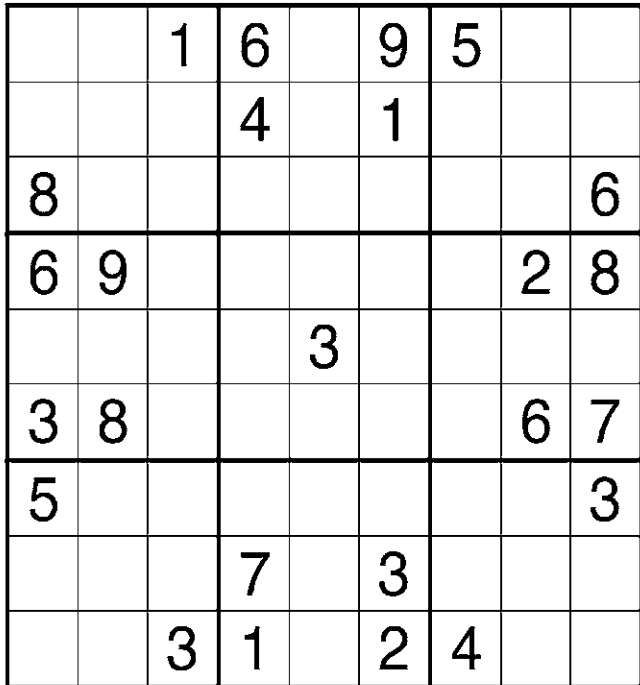
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SUDOKU

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

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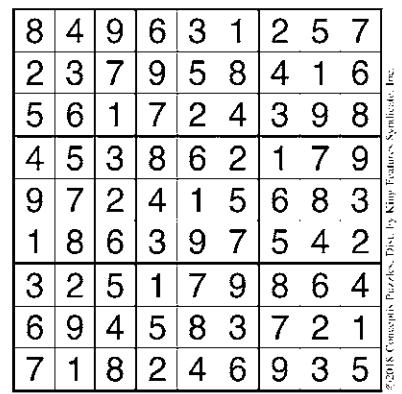
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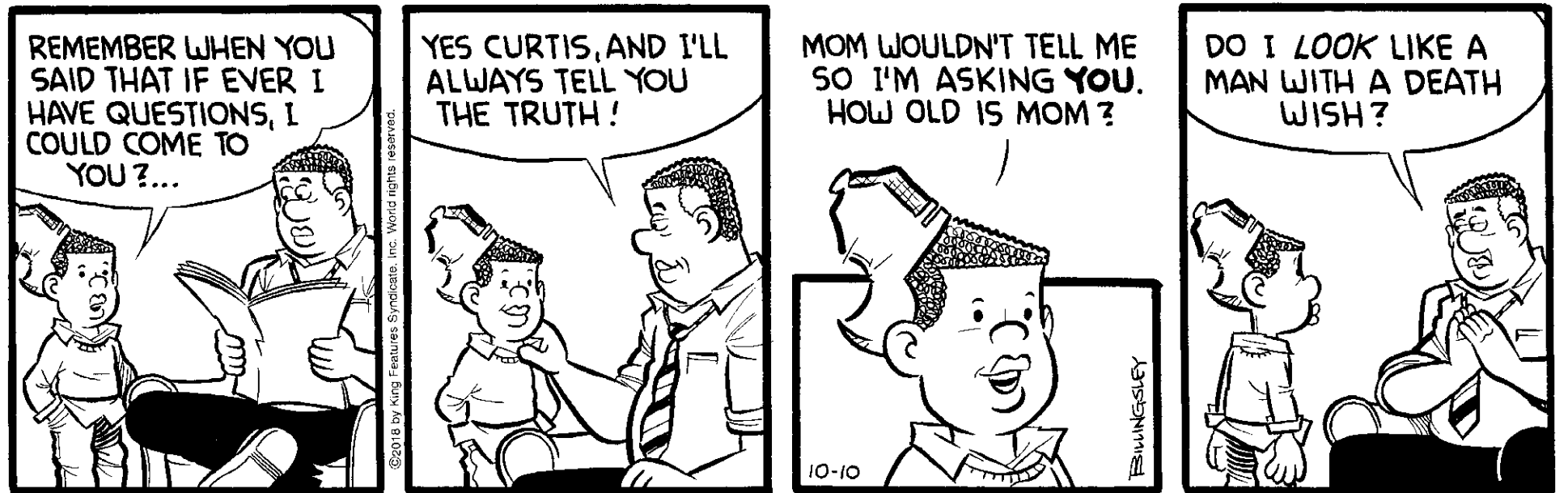


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- Cleaver
- Dagger
- Harpoon
- Knife
- Lance
- Machete
- Rapier
- Razor
- Scalpel
- Scissors
- Scythe
- Shears
- Sickle
- Spear
- Stiletto
- Tomahawk



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

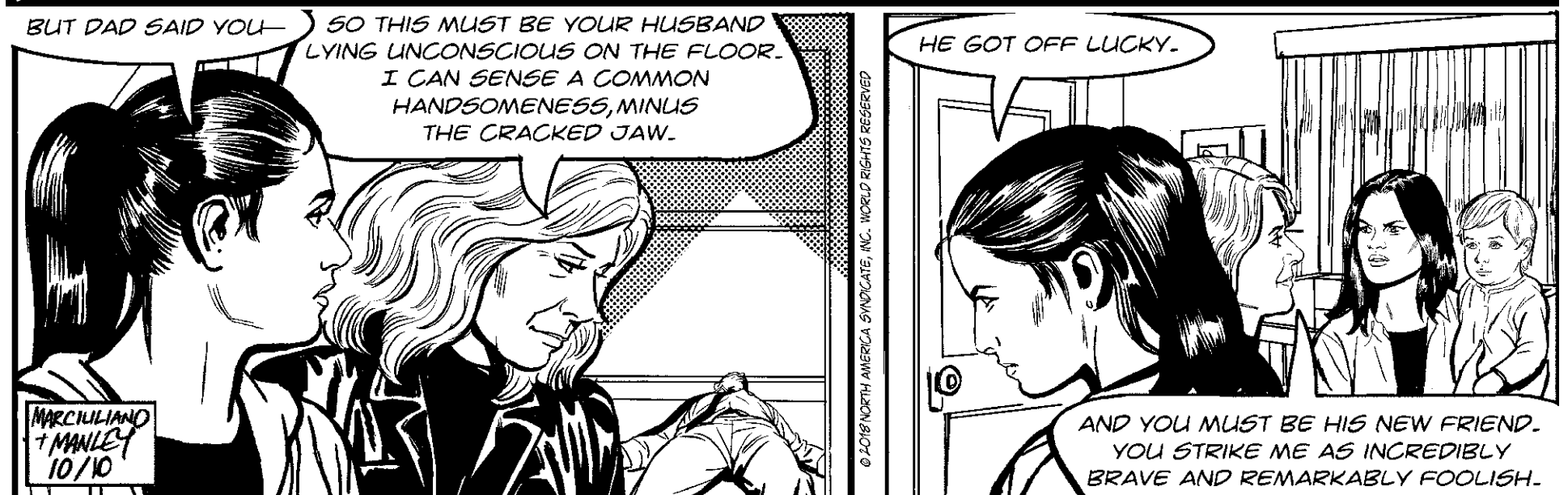
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