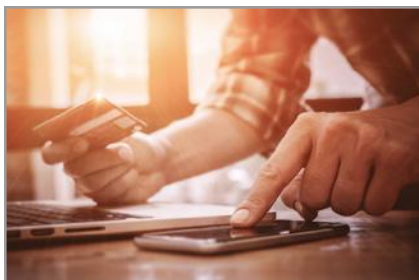


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# Hurricane Dorian Bahamas Appeal

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Hurricane Dorian wreaked havoc in the Bahamas on September 1st. While the full impact of this catastrophe remains unknown, the Cayman community has been eager to help.

The Cayman Islands Red Cross launched a monetary donation appeal to support the most vulnerable and this 411 sheet explains some frequently asked questions:

### Why money and not items?

- Most items people want to send in the immediate aftermath of a disaster—clothing, shoes, toys— are not priority;
- Unsolicited items create havoc on the ground as organisations do not know they are coming and then have to divert manpower and equipment to collect them and most don't have where to store them;
- Other items, like bottled water, are bulky and costly to send and only ad-

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## KAABOO Cancellation has Cayman 'Reeling'

What was billed as a three year commitment has now fizzled with little to no explanation from organizers.

KABOO Cayman - arguably one of the largest and most well produced live events in the Caribbean and certainly one of the biggest in the history of Grand Cayman - has come to a screeching halt.

Massive backdrops, littered with the biggest names in entertainment, supplemented by the sound of music filling the Caribbean sky and topped off with eager revelers, has been replaced by the hum of motorists passing by on the adjacent freeway and the sound of

crickets; at least what is left of them after a massive section of land was cleared for last year's festival.

The partnership between Dart Enterprises, Virgin Media and KABOO was one that brought much excitement and in February of 2019, organizer Jason Felts even told rapper Jah Rule to, "stay in his lane" upon an announcement the rapper was going to have Fyre Festival part 2 as a follow-up to an ill-fated part 1, according to an article on celebrity site toofab.com

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► Salt N Peppa

## CHHS Student of the Year: Tarek Francis



► Student of the Year Tarek Francis, receiving his award

As is customary, at the Clifton Hunter High School Graduation last Thursday night, a plethora of awards was handed out. There were subject awards, awards for citizenship, and other academic achievements. The final award handed out, however, was perhaps the one that holds the most prestige.

The Student of the Year is chosen based on four categories: Academics, Leadership, Extra-curricular Involvement, and Community Service. This year, nine students were considered for the award. After all was said and done, and each candidate considered, the

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TALK ON THE STREET

# Talk On The Street: Cayman 27

With Cayman 27 recently closing down, there is a huge buzz in the community. This reporter took to the streets to gauge the true feelings about this situation. The specific question posed was, "How do you feel about Cayman 27 closing down, and should the government or a private company step in and finance the reopening and running of the station?" Below are the responses of 12 individuals.



Frank, Caymanian, 41:

"I think this is a tragedy. A lot of people looked forward to watching their news at 6pm. I hope somebody does something about it."

Henry, Caymanian, 64:

"I hope Dart buys it and restarts it. He can afford to have a TV station that doesn't make money."

Jolie, Caymanian, 25:

"This makes me sad. My grandmother is sad, too. She always liked to watch the channel."

Lee, Caymanian, 52:

"I would like to see the government buy it and run it like how Radio Cayman is run."

Jennifer, Caymanian, 51:

"First of all, this is terrible. Every country needs a local channel. Cayman 27 was that for all of us. I hope it will get worked out."

Keisha, Caymanian, 37:

"I know I shouldn't say this, but I hope Dart buys it."

Adam, Caymanian, 44:

"It's a shame. I would buy it myself if I had the money."

Clifford, Caymanian, 39:

"I hate that this happened. I don't know who should help, but I hope someone does."

Mary, Caymanian, 59:

"I was surprised when I heard about it. I think our government ought to save it."

Jerome, Caymanian, 41:

"That is the nature of business in Cayman. The good businesses close down. This is one type of business that we need, though. Wish I could buy it."

Flynn, Caymanian, 48:

"It feels like a big part of Cayman is missing right now. Maybe, we can all band together and buy it. Then it will mean that we all have shares in it."

Justina, Caymanian, 51:

"Whenever something benefits the whole community in Cayman, it seems to go away. We need a TV station back. Somebody help, please."



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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

### DCFS Coordinated Activities for Seniors in September

**Activities for seniors in the districts:**

**Bodden Town:** Contact: Carol Bodden (924-3309)

• **Tuesday, 24 September** - "Young at Heart", Hosted by Cayman Islands Baptist Church, Pedro Castle Road; 10:00AM-1:00PM;

**East End:** Contact: Delmira Bodden (925-5543)

• **Tuesday, 10 September** - Craft, Hosted by: Country Side Church, 10 am-2.30pm;

**North Side:** Contact: Flavia Gardner (926-0490)

• **Tuesday, 3 September** - Games & Craft, North Side Civic Center, 10am-1pm

• **Tuesday, 10 September** - Games & Craft, North Side Civic Center, 10am-4pm

• **Tuesday, 17 September** - Games & Craft, North Side Civic Center, 10am-1pm

• **Tuesday, 24 September** - Games & Craft, North Side Civic Center, 10am-1pm;

**West Bay:** Contact: Vanda Powery (916-7902)

• **Wednesday, 4 September** - Beach Day, 10am-1pm. 📍

## COMMUNITY VOICE

### Key concerns outstanding on the proposed Cruise Berthing Facility (CBF). Part 3

Proudly supporting participatory democracy in our Country, the first people-initiated referendum will empower voters to have their say on the Cruise Berthing Facility.

This letter forms Part 3 of a 3-part letter which seeks to highlight some, but not all, of the numerous significant and unquantified risks associated with this project.

1. Finance model transparency  
What will Caymanians really pay for the project? Governments have a duty to deliver value-for-money projects with public finances.

1.1. Capital investment will be CI\$196 million for Option 2 from the preferred bidder, Verdant Isle Consortium, funded by (1) 40% from its own capital (2) 60% through a bank loan. However, required feasibility studies and public infrastructure costs remain either unassessed or publicly undisclosed including: (1) Geotechnical study of George Town Harbour (2) George Town Revitalisation (3) Road upgrades (4) Increased Demand for Island Resources - Waste Management/Water/Electricity (5) Spotts Dock upgrades (6) Coral and Shipwreck relocation.

1.2. What are the interest rates and payment terms to repay investors (1) Verdant Isle; and (2) on the Bank loan? Section 3.6 of the Outline Business Case (PWC report) indicates private cost of funds could be 10-15% per year, who will ultimately pay for this?

1.3. Government concessions  
The USD \$2.32 per head tax concession being given to the cruise lines, using 2018 numbers of 1.9 million passengers per year, is a **direct loss** to government revenue, i.e. Caymanians, of **USD\$ 4.4 million per year**. Where is the value-for-money assessment?

1.4. Project Management  
Airport design flaws and overruns reported by the Auditor General have been significant, what will be done differently for this project?

1.5. Competitive disadvantage of cruise lines unable to berth  
With berthing, cruise lines reported they would likely stop calling on

Cayman if they were unable to berth (PWC report pg.19). What will happen on days with more than 4 ships? Will other lines be willing to pay their competitors, Royal Caribbean and Carnival, to use the pier?

2. Cruise ship reputation & long-term outlook

Cruise tourism is vitally important to our Islands and a positive cruiser experience is what we all want for Cayman. However, news and social media continue to highlight areas of concern over:

2.1. Illegal activity  
Questionable practices by the Industry such as (1) Fines and penalties for illegal activity e.g. dumping of black-water & garbage (2) Sanitation and safety

2.2. Learning from other popular cruise destinations

Why aren't we learning from jurisdictions reacting to over-tourism problems? (1) Venice recently banned mega-ships (2) Bruges, Dublin, Dubrovnik, Amsterdam and Santorini are introducing policies to limit or reduce cruise numbers (3) Cruise ships are crashing and damaging piers, eg Honduras, Puerto Rico, Buenos Aires, Bermuda.

3. Outline Business Case (PWC report, addendum & supplement)

3.1. Uncertainty  
The valuation by PWC is subject to inherent limitations based on varying assumptions and unreliable/unavailable data which have significant implications for the results. These uncertainties are critical when considering whether this project will truly provide long term benefits for Caymanians.

3.2. Final conclusion raises red flags  
The PWC conclusion reads "**The impact of the CBF is still driven by the number of visitors to the Cayman Islands who participate in "diving" [watersports activities] and their behaviour in response to any damage to the reefs in GTH. These questions are fundamental to the economic rationale of the CBF.**"

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dress the problem for a short period of time whereas the better solutions- like water purification systems can address that problem for a longer period of time. That money would be better invested in those systems than to send the short solution;

- The needs of the affected population change drastically as the response shifts from the emergency stage- funds allow organizations and the affected individuals themselves to better meet those changing needs;

- The International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) has agreements in place to purchase items in bulk which translates your \$1 donation into \$7 on the ground;

- The "honeymoon" period following a disaster is short and soon items will begin to incur government fees and storage fees and if organizations can't afford to pay they forfeit the items.

## Will the money raised in Cayman be sent to the American Red Cross?

- No- none of the funds raised for appeals outside of the United States go to or through the American Red Cross

- The Cayman Islands Red Cross is a branch of the British Red Cross and a member of the International Federation of the Red Cross

- The Red Cross Movement is global and originated in Switzerland in 1863- it does not stem from the American Red Cross

## Will the Cayman Islands Red Cross take out any fees from the appeal?

- No- the Cayman Islands Red Cross does not take any fees from the emergency appeal.

- Emergency appeals add to the organisation's work load, but the staff and volunteers have made a decision to make that their contribution to the response.

## Can I volunteer myself instead?

- While this is a noble thought, sending untrained and unprepared volunteers into a disaster zone would be irresponsible.

- The IFRC does accept trained volunteers in times of disaster to help on the ground.

- Volunteers must be active in their home countries before they can be deployed.

- The CIRC offers the National Intervention Team (NIT) training for active volunteers who wish to take up leadership roles in the organisation's Disaster Management Programme.

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## Island Heritage makes substantial donation to the Red Cross Hurricane Dorian Bahamas Appeal

"Our thoughts are with all those affected by Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. This hurricane is unprecedented in its strength and the length of time over which it is wielding devastation. At Island Heritage, we are standing ready to do our part in beginning the process of rebuilding, not just through our donation in support of the work of the Red Cross, but by promptly assessing and processing claims once these start to come in."



## Governor and Premier Offer Support and Solidarity to Bahamas

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper and the Honourable Premier, Alden McLaughlin today spoke of their sympathy for the people of the Bahamas as they endure the terrible effects of Hurricane Dorian.

As the devastating winds, storm surge and rainfall continue to make their way across the northern islands of the Bahamas, the Governor and Premier pledged to provide humanitarian assistance to the Government of the Bahamas. Cayman's support will be coordinated with the Government of the Bahamas, regional partners and the UK under the umbrella of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), which Cayman is in the process of joining.



► His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper

As an initial response, Cayman has offered to deploy its police helicopter to help with the initial response to the storm. The new RCIPS helicopter is able to carry out search and rescue and medivac operations as well as aerial reconnaissance and the delivery of equipment and personnel to affected areas. RFA Mounts Bay, which is equipped with a helicopter and practiced an amphibious landing of disaster relief equipment and supplies on Cayman's Seven Mile Beach in June, is also steaming towards the Bahamas.

The Governor said: "The reports coming from Abaco and Grand Bahama are very concerning and Cayman stands ready to help our friends in the Bahamas in the best way that we can. We have made an initial offer to deploy our new helicopter to assist should this be required. Being able to access remote communities after an event

like this is crucial and storms like Dorian highlight the importance of the investments that the Government is making in air operations and disaster management. It is important that any assistance to the Bahamas is properly coordinated with our partners in the region and we are in contact with CDEMA and the UK to ensure this is the case."

The Premier commented: "I would like to express my sympathy to the Government and people of the Bahamas at this very difficult and challenging time. It is important that the countries in the region support each other fully when devastating storms like this threaten the lives, property and livelihoods of our people. Cayman remembers the effects of Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and we will do all we can to provide appropriate assistance to the Bahamas."

## Assistance to Bahamas will be coordinated

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper and The Honourable Premier Alden McLaughlin confirmed today that Cayman assistance to Bahamas will be coordinated with regional partners and provided after needs are clarified now that the storm has passed. Cayman has already offered air support from the RCIPS Air Operations Unit although this may not be required as significant air support is now being provided by the US and UK authorities. An offer of medical support, similar to that provided to Anguilla in 2017, is also being made and needs are being confirmed with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA). Government will also consider offering a Cayman Airways relief flight to deliver necessary support.



► Honourable Premier Alden McLaughlin

The Premier said: "It is vital that relief efforts are coordinated effectively by the international community and major humanitarian NGOs. Providing financial support and ensuring regional partners have access to our equipment and other physical assets, should they require them, is the best way that we can support the people of the Bahamas at this time".

The Governor commented that: "I know that Caymanians feel a strong sense of empathy with the people who have been affected by Hurricane Dorian. As the Red Cross has pointed out, the collection of unsolicited goods by the public and organisations can harm relief efforts following disasters such as this. I would urge the public to provide assistance by providing funding to relief organisations like the Red Cross to enable appropriate and targeted assistance to be effective".

## Opposition statement on Hurricane Dorian

Opposition Leader Hon. V. Arden Mclean J.P. has issued the following statement on behalf of the Official Opposition:

Good Afternoon,

The Opposition members have been following the progression of Hurricane Dorian across the Caribbean and, in particular, the devastation it has brought to the islands of the Bahamas. We are deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of the Bahamian people and remain hopeful that while they have suffered terrible losses to their homes and businesses, that the loss of life and injuries will be less significant. Sadly however, reports coming to us indicate that there are a number of fatalities and injuries.



► Opposition Leader Hon. V. Arden Mclean J.P.

This hurricane serves as a sobering reminder of our own experiences with Hurricane Ivan, and we know first-hand just how emotionally and physically damaging a storm of this magnitude can be.

I have already asked the Hon. Premier to keep me apprised of what initiatives the Government is taking to assist the Bahamas. Most certainly there is a need to help, and as soon as is practically possible we should mobilise our resources and offer that assistance. The Premier has my support in this regard.

I have asked members of the Opposition to be prepared to assist in the local relief efforts, and we will coordinate with the Government and our constituents to ensure that this happens as efficiently and effectively as possible.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the Bahamian people as the recovery process begins.

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Evidence directly from the international dive community demonstrates the extreme likelihood of undervaluation:

- Ocean Futures Society President and Founder Jean-Michel Cousteau's open letter to the Ministers of Tourism and Environment.

<https://www.caymancompass.com/2018/10/04/cousteau-open-letter-opposing-cruise-berthing-facility/>

- Mission Blue, founded by leading Oceanographer: Sylvia Earle, designated GT Harbour as a "Hope Spot".

[https://hopespots.mission-blue.org/info?hs\\_id=73](https://hopespots.mission-blue.org/info?hs_id=73)

- International petitions on the project shared by wide-reaching international organisations such as DEMA (Divers Equipment & Marketing Association) reaching over 30,000 signatures.

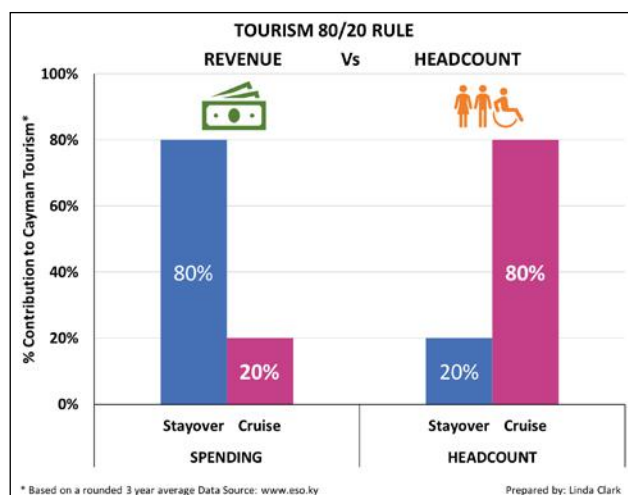
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Significantly, while approximately 80% of our annual tourism headcount comes from cruise and 20% from stayover, Caymanians benefit more from stayover guests whose dollar spending contributes approximately 80% of annual tourism revenue, the "80/20 rule".

Government should immediately release undisclosed information and set a referendum date which allows for completion of and public consultation on revised (1) **Environmental Impact Assessment**; and (2) **Final Business Case reports** to allow our citizens to make a fully informed evidence-based decision on this matter of national importance.

Linda Clark, FCCA, MSc Marine Environmental Management  
On behalf of CPR Cayman  
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\* Information has been obtained by CPR from publicly available reports found on the websites of Tourism [www.supportourtourism.com](http://www.supportourtourism.com) and Department of Environment [www.doe.ky](http://www.doe.ky).







► Acting Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Brevon Elliott (far left), Acting Deputy Chief Fire Officer for Aviation, Mr. Witney Tatum (white shirt, second from the left), Chief Officer, Dr. Dax Basdeo (blue shirt, second from the right) and Deputy Chief Fire Officer for Administration, Ms. Tina Choy (far right) welcome the new fire officer recruits

► Acting Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Brevon Elliott addresses the new class of fire officers (Photos by Lucy Russell, GIS)

# CIFS Welcomes New Recruits

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) has welcomed a class of 21 new fire officer recruits to the agency on their first day in their new role on Monday, 26th August.

The Chief Officer for the Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs, Dr. Dax Basdeo, Ph.D., JP, attended their first meeting on Monday to help welcome the recruits.

The new fire officers were selected following a recruitment drive held in March 2019 which attracted 170 applicants of whom 130 were Caymanian. All Caymanians were invited to progress through the recruitment process, with the successful candidates being presented with conditional offers by CIFS in July 2019.

A rigorous testing phase helped CIFS select the most capable candidates for the role and included literacy and numeracy tests, a physical test, face-to-face interviews, medicals and background checks.

During the physical test the recruits were required to demonstrate physical strength, stamina and endurance. "The process our new recruits had to go through before being selected is particularly intensive. We need to know that they are capable of rising to the many challenges of the role before inviting them to join the agency," Acting Chief Fire Officer, Mr. Brevon Elliott explained.

He continued, "I commend all our newest recruits for the great commitment they've shown throughout the recruitment process. We are extremely pleased with

the group of men who have been selected and I am confident that they will continue to do well as they embark on basic training over the next several months."

The new fire officers begin their careers in the CIFS at a pivotal time for the agency which has, with the support from the Ministry, been implementing an extensive training programme over the course of 18 months, which the new fire officers will now also be able to take advantage of.

Commenting on the new class of recruits, Dr. Basdeo said: "I would like to congratulate everyone for getting to this stage and demonstrating their capabilities. Our goal as a Ministry now is to help develop the officers further as we work to foster a world class uniformed service." 🌐

# Government outlines spend on promoting cruise berthing project

The government has detailed on what it has been 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.

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

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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 Fountainhead 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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# Governor gains insight into latest patient care technology at HSA

Governor Martyn Roper was introduced to the breadth of services and advancements in technology available through the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA) during his tour of the Cayman Islands Hospital on Wednesday, 28 August 2019.

Accompanied by the Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, HSA CEO Lizzette Yearwood, Board Members and senior managers, Governor Roper visited areas within the hospital where he interacted with staff and patients alike.

Members of the medical staff showed Governor Roper the latest in patient care technology within the HSA to improve diagnosis, treatment, intervention and patient outcomes including the 3D mammography machine, rated among the best in the world. The state-of-the-art machine allows doctors to detect cancer in the early stages. The technology is made available through collaboration with the Cayman Islands Cancer Society.

The tour concluded with a visit to the dialysis unit where Governor Roper learned about the higher than average life expectancy of dialysis patients in the Cayman Islands in comparison to patients in the United States. The crude mortality rate of dialysis patients in Cayman last year was 9% compared to 16% of patients in the US and the average life span of Cayman's dialysis patients is about eight years compared to the six years of US patients (US Renal data report 2018). This positive outcome is, in part, thanks to the care and attention of the team and new developments in technology, including the offering of continuous renal replacement



► Governor Martyn Roper, the Minister of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, HSA CEO Lizzette Yearwood, Ministry of Health officials, board members and senior managers of the HSA

treatment (CRRT) which allows those who are critically ill to continue receiving dialysis.

"Investing in equipment and services to provide better clinical diagnosis and

patient outcomes is crucial in the fight against killer diseases. I am impressed with the progress that has been made, the dedication of the staff I met and HSA's plans for the future," said Gov-

ernor Roper as the Board talked him through the future relocation of certain services to Smith Road in 2020, expansion of existing services and addition of new ones. 🌐



► HSA Medical Director informs Governor Roper of all the opportunities for further training available to medical professionals at the HSA



► Acting Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) and Critical Care Unit (CCU) Nurse Manager Karen Stewart gives Governor Roper a tour of her unit



► HSA Dialysis Nurse Manager Erlin McLeod discusses her unit with Governor Roper

## Cox Lumber partners with another bright young Caymanian!

Cox Lumber Ltd, Cayman's #1 contractor supplier, continues to be involved in our community! The Cox Lumber internship program has provided valuable work and life experience for Caymanians looking to build their resume, improve skills and learn responsibility.

This summer Cox Lumber Ltd is proud to have added another college bound young person to our team. Caymanian Janelle Thomas (pic below) a recent St. Ignatius graduate is planning on attending Solent University in South Hampton UK this fall majoring in accounting.

This summer Janelle's managers' at Cox Lumber report she has excelled at assisting with spread sheets, inventory and office support and her friendly outgoing attitude has made her popular with customers and coworkers.

We wish Janelle the best this fall! At Cox Lumber we salute Cayman's youth and will do our part to help



► Janelle Thomas

those willing to learn and gain experience. For more info on Cox Lumber's internship program contact Joe. Shetler@CoxLumberLtd.com 🌐

## Harneys awards young Caymanian with legal scholarship

Harneys is pleased to announce that Diana DeMercado has been selected as the recipient of Harneys' three year scholarship to complete her Bachelor of Laws at the Truman Bodden Law School in Grand Cayman.

Diana DeMercado is from Cayman Brac and expressed her excitement for winning the scholarship stating "I am honoured to be selected as the legal scholarship recipient, I know how competitive the market is and coming from such a small island as the Brac, I am extremely grateful that they saw something in me and look forward to a bright future with the firm."

The scholarship will cover the full length of the recipient's Bachelors and comes with a paid professional experience during their school breaks as an intern at Harneys. During the months of July and August, Diana participated in her first round of the internship programme where she worked alongside the Dispute & Resolution practice group mentored by Mark Burrows, Associate. Once Diana has qualified with her postgradu-



► Diana DeMercado has been selected as the recipient of Harneys' three year scholarship

ate qualification she will be eligible to undertake articles of clerkship with the firm, which once complete will allow her to qualify as an attorney in Cayman.

Marco Martins, Managing Partner at Harneys said "Harneys continues to be committed to investing in the local community and we are delighted Diana has chosen to pursue a degree in Law and look forward to helping her achieve this goal." 🌐

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# User-Generated Content Builds Trust, Inspires Bookings

When Coca Cola launched their personalized coke bottles, dubbed the "Share a Coke" campaign, with bottles named after people, it took off all over the world. To keep momentum going, customers were asked to share pictures of themselves enjoying a drink with their personalized coke bottle on social media. The result? Coca Cola's customers stepped into the role of advertiser and their user-generated content (UGC) delivered millions of dollars in revenue along with a whole new image to the company. Even I took part of the phenomenon!

## But what exactly is user-generated content?

UGC is any type of content that has been created and posted online by unpaid contributors or, using a better term, fans. It's pictures, videos, testimonials, tweets, and blog posts, and is the act of users promoting a brand rather than the brand itself.

For the hospitality and tourism sector, managing online reputation and UGC is of utmost importance due to the specifics of the industry. Service, being one of the most important parts of a touristic product, is intangible and dependent on human factor. Therefore, consumers do not trust general advertisement statements of 'providing best and customized services', but rather seek the feedback of customers who have already tested the service themselves.

## Why is user-generated content so powerful?

According to a study by customer relationship management solution provider, Salesforce, 92% of consumers trust online content from friends and family above all other forms of brand messages, 53% of millennials say that UGC has influenced their purchasing decisions, 50% of consumers find UGC more memorable than brand-produced content pictures. In short, we enjoy sharing, we seek advice online and we trust personal opinions.

## Where to manage user-generated content?

Some of the most popular sites customers share and seek advice are: Travel UGC websites designed specifically for reviews, such as TripAdvisor, Yelp and WikiTravel, OTA's websites such as Booking.com and Expedia, and travel metasearch engines, such as Kayak.com and Trivago.com.

## Ways to enhance user-generated content on different platforms:

Give your customers stories worth telling. Host a photo contest on Social Media such as Facebook and Instagram. Create "wall of fame" on your website with the best content of your guests. Be present on UGC websites. Monitor and answer the comments users make about your business. Display comments posted by guests on websites such as TripAdvisor on your website.

## How to leverage user-generated content?

Let's consider a simple formula to calculate the number of potential storytellers that your hospitality business has each year. If you have a 100-room hotel that has a 60% occupancy rate with 1 to 4 guests per room, you have nearly 31,000 storytellers staying at your hotel each year. The same calculation applies to the number of covers a restaurant serves, or to the number of guests who went on that tour or excursion. Use them to your advantage to spread the word about your business and to increase loyalty. Do not underestimate the power of UGC and start managing your online reputation now!

## What are the legalities of sharing content?

It's so easy to share user-generated content, but that doesn't mean you're legally able to without some ramifications. Make sure you understand the rules and establish best practices. There are third-party services to make sure businesses have the proper copyright permissions in place, but also increasingly rigorous data rules in the European Union put the onus on businesses to make sure they're using content the right way. If content will be displayed on



► Brooke Meyer is the managing partner of Caymera International



ads or in print, be very careful with the approval process. Do your due diligence and follow the appropriate steps.

## How do you track returns on investment?

The "million-dollar question" is how to translate social media success into direct return on investment. While business owners would like to see a direct correlation between social media efforts and revenue, social media is similar to customer service - it's difficult to tie a dollar value to a great front desk person even when you know they're incredibly valuable.

Putting rate codes directly in social media posts is certainly an option, but that can sometimes erode the value of using user-generated content. Influencers will be hesitant to share content because they want to appear authentic.

Essentially, the ideal strategy is a marriage of your business's branding and user-generated content. Marketing efforts built around user-generated content should be approached with the same level of detail and planning as any traditional marketing. Make sure the customer knows how to tag your business on social media channels. If they see your social media icon, but it

doesn't say what your handle is. That's like saying 'call me' without giving them a phone number.

For assistance with creating and implementing your content strategy, contact Caymera International.

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**92%** of consumers trust organic, UGC content above all other forms of advertising.



# KAABOO Cancellation has Cayman 'Reeling'

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However, today it is KAABOO and its absence after such fain-far that is in question, though this is nothing like the colossal failure and ensuing fiasco Fyre Festival left in its wake.

Mr Felts pointed indicated that the decision was made by partners in his remarks regarding the cancellation, stating: "The event was produced flawlessly... and produced fantastic results with a year one sell out. It was merely a business decision made by the partners.

"After careful deliberation, the partners behind KAABOO Cayman regret to announce that the event will not be returning to the Cayman Islands in 2020, as originally planned," he added.

The event's cancellation is eerily reminiscent of the 2010 cancellation of the Jazz Fest in the Cayman Islands. Though the Jazz Fest was an event that had difficulty with profitability and in fact the cost to benefit ration was inverse; not the case with Kaboo, according to Mr. Felts.

At it's peak there was up to 10,000 patrons at the two day festival and social Media was ablaze with chatter on the heels of the announcement that there would be no KABOO, as persons had already bought tickets; such was the popularity of this production.

There is a post circulating on social media in which the organizers of KAABOO indicate funds will be returned to those whom have purchased tickets.

As the event was well patronized, representatives in the local music industry say it is not a reflection on Cayman's viability as a LIVE music destination.

Many of the Islands well known musicians chimed in on social media with Barefootman making light of the cancellation quipped:



► Shaggy performed at KAABOO 2019

"Kaboo cancelled after one year. Still going strong after 30 years = Hi Tide, Lammie, Andie Martin, Dexter Bodden, Barefoot Man, SeanB, Suckerbox, Henry Lesly and more....Support our local musicians.

Cayman Islands local band Sucker Box will be performing at Kaaboo in Del Mar California later this year.

A Dart spokesman said, "We are proud to have been part of KAABOO Cayman 2019, an event which showcased the Cayman Islands to the world

and a venue on Seven Mile Beach that provided both visitors and residents with an unforgettable festival experience. Not proceeding with a 2020 KAABOO Cayman event was a business decision agreed by the partners of KAABOO Cayman. We wish KAABOO the best on its US events."

Felts stated, "After careful deliberation, the partners behind KAABOO Cayman regret to announce that the event will not be returning to the Cayman Islands in 2020, as originally planned."



► Richard Branson and Flo Rida at KAABOO Cayman



# Condolence Books in Memory of John McLean, OBE, JP, MLA

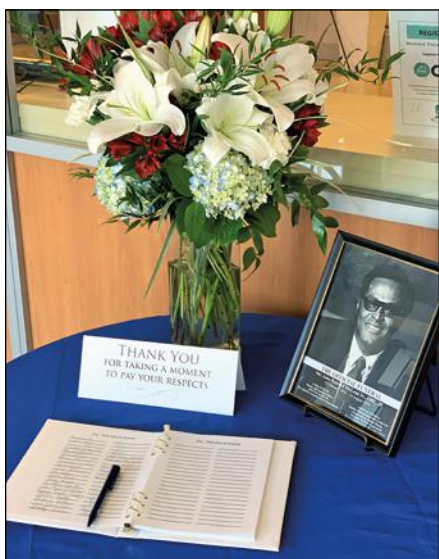
In memory of John Bonwell McLean, OBE, JP, MLA the Cayman Islands Government is hosting condolence books in which the people of the Cayman Islands may pay their respects to the late legislator and his family.

The condolence books are available for interested members of the public to sign until Monday, 9 September 2019 from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations:

- **Government Administration Building**  
\* 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman
- **Legislative Assembly Building**  
\* 33 Fort Street, George Town, Grand Cayman
- **East End Post Office**  
\* 2550 Sea View Road, East End, Grand Cayman

Mr McLean was highly regarded by his peers and the people of the Cayman Islands. A former Member of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly (1976-2000), he proudly served his East End community as its elected representative for six consecutive terms.

Mr McLean was a Member of the Executive Council, what is now known as



► Condolence books are at three locations

a Cabinet Minister, for three four-year terms. Portfolios for which he was responsible included agriculture, lands, natural resources, communications, environment and works.

The Cayman Islands Government will fly flags at half-mast on Monday, 9 September and Tuesday, 10 September 2019. 🇵🇸

# Official Observances & Services for John McLean, OBE, JP, MLA

The Cayman Islands Government will commemorate the life of the late John Bonwell McLean, OBE, JP, MLA with the following official public observances:

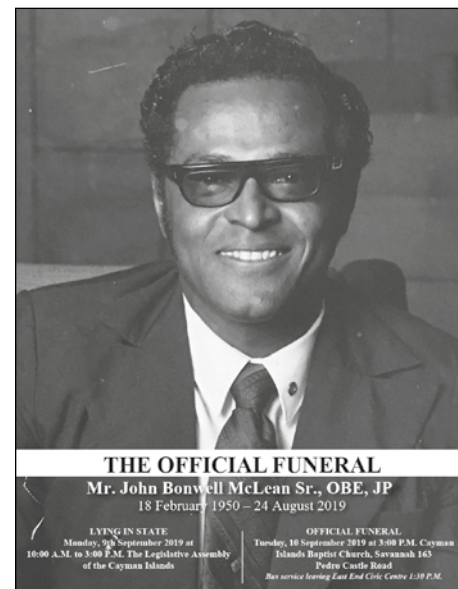
### Monday, 9 September 2019

- The official lying-in-state at the Legislative Assembly Building from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- \* Members of the Legislative Assembly will lead off the procession followed by Mr. McLean's family.
- \* Government leaders, civil servants and members of the public will be able to pay their last respects to Mr McLean.

### Tuesday, 10 September 2019

- The official funeral service for Mr McLean will be held at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church in Savannah.
  - \* The church is located at 163 Pedro Castle Road
  - \* The service will begin at 3 p.m.
- Mr McLean will receive full official honours with the draping of the Cayman Islands flag on the casket, which will be guarded by a two-person team from the uniformed services.

For the lying-in-state and the official funeral there will be a uniformed Guard of Honour and vigil. This will be comprised of a mixed contingent from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Services (RCIPS), the Cayman Islands Fire Services (CIFS) and Her Majesty's Cayman



► Official Funeral for Mr John McLean

Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS). The Bearer Party (Pallbearers) will be made up of personnel from the RCIPS.

As a sign of respect, the Cayman Islands flag will fly at half-mast at all Government building locations on Monday and Tuesday, (9-10 September).

Condolence books are also available for interested members of the public to sign during business hours at the Government Administration Building, the Legislative Assembly Building and the East End Post Office until Monday, 9 September 2019. 🇵🇸

# The 'Classy' Manager - Can we have more Please?

Let us face it - managing people can be tough work. However, when one manages well, irrespective of the level from which one does so, it can be very rewarding.

Many aspire to manage - to establish direction, initiate, organize, set structure, motivate, manage conflicts and help to determine policies. Many have degrees in management; however, not all managers are 'classy'.

Bestselling author, Jim McCormick, in his book - **The First Time Manager** - summarizes his take on what 'class' means in a manager. A former Chief Operating Officer of a large and successful firm, McCormick gives us some points to seriously consider concerning the importance of what some might mistakenly refer to as 'the small things.'

Throughout this article, I quote him verbatim. He says that class is not dependent on one's social status but on one's behavior. The classy manager treats people with the 'dignity their humanity deserves', does not use foul language even when irritated as the classy manager's wide vocabulary makes 'four letter words' unnecessary.

The classy manager is comfortable with not being the centre of attention, and does not tell 'off-color' or racially insensitive and demeaning jokes. This manager separates any sexual desires from the workplace, and would never make a remark to a person of the opposite sex that would not be said in front of his or her mom.

The classy manager, he continues, keeps calm in challenging situations, does not 'burn' bridges, learns from her mistakes and moves on and resists the temptation of making 'derogatory' comments about the organization - 'no matter how justified you may feel it is at the moment of disappointment.'

This person stresses 'we' and downplays 'I' and makes a habit of displaying good manners, and does not become obsessed with receiving credit, but in giving it.

Other key virtues of the 'classy' manager are that he respects himself and never makes demeaning remarks about his spouse. She is loyal to her staff, does not believe that she is superior to her staff, and does not take action when angry but waits for the return of reason.

Truly important is the fact that this special breed of manager knows that 'the best way to build oneself is to first build others.' He recognizes that class is 'authentic and works hard at making actions consistent with words'.

Managers can all learn from the final qualities of the classy manager - he does not build himself up by tearing others down, he leads by example and knows 'the importance and value of a warm smile.'

McCormick is so right - class in a manager 'consists of what is done, often of greater importance, what is not done.'

The 'little things' are in fact the 'big things.' 🇵🇸



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# THE CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

## What is the National Emergency Notification System (NENS)?

It is a system for getting public safety messages to as wide an audience as possible in the Cayman Islands in an efficient and timely manner.

### Why is it needed?

The Cayman Islands is vulnerable to natural hazards such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods, as well as threats from incidents such as transportation accidents, chemical spills and fires. In certain circumstances, public safety can be improved through the prompt issuance of information to residents about threats and recommended response actions.

### Is it required by Law?

Yes, The Disaster Preparedness and Hazard Management Law (2019 Revision) states: There shall be established a National Emergency Notification System (NENS) for the Islands operated under the supervision of the Director (Of Hazard Management Cayman Islands). The National Emergency Notification System shall enable the Government to broadcast emergency announcements to the public on such frequency or in such manner as is specified in a memorandum of understanding between the Government and a person who is licensed to operate an ICT Network under the Information and Communications Technology Authority Law (2019 Revision).

### What does the Law state about who is authorized to initiate a National Emergency Notification?

No announcement shall be broadcast on the NENS unless it is in writing and approved and signed by a Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council in consultation with the Director, except in the event of a sudden onset like a tsunami or an earthquake, which requires swift notification to the public, the Director may authorise the broadcast of an emergency announcement and shall notify the Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council of the broadcast as soon as is practicable thereafter.

**National Emergency Notification System**

All radio broadcasts will be briefly interrupted on the following dates for Radio Alert System testing

**Tuesday 3rd September  
Friday 6th September  
At 11:30am**

During the test, a short message will be played advising the public that this is a test.

**National Emergency Notification System**

**What you can expect from the Radio Alert System test**

Beep. Beep. Beep.

**This is the Cayman Islands Government with a coordinated test of the National Emergency Notification System. Broadcasters are testing equipment used to warn you during an emergency. This concludes the test.**

Beep. Beep. Beep.

All radio broadcasts will be briefly interrupted on Tuesday 3rd and Friday 6th September at 11:30am for Radio Alert System testing.

► Radio Alert System Test - Social Media

### Can other Departments or Agencies use the National Emergency Notification System?

Yes, provided that the message is first approved by either the Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council in consultation with the Director of HMCI. It is anticipated that entities such as the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, the Cayman Islands Airports Authority, the Cayman Islands Fire Service, the Department of Environment, the Department of Environmental Health, the Health Services Authority and the Cayman Islands National Weather Service can request the use of the NENS system to deliver vital public safety messages if the need arises.

### What is Phase 1?

Phase 1 of the NENS is a partnership between the Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs, Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI), the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC), the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) and local radio operators. Equipment has been purchased and installed by Government to enable an emergency message to be simultaneously distributed across all radio stations in the Cayman Islands.

### Where are we at with Phase 1?

It is ready to launch! The first public test will take place on August 30th, the second test September 3rd and third test on September 6th (same time for all tests - 11:30 am). The first test will consist of an attention signal tone only. While the 2nd and 3rd test will include an attention signal tone as well as a text to speech test broadcast message that is estimated to last about twenty 20 seconds. The alerts can be issued remotely without any action being taken by radio operations. Very simply the radio programming is interrupted for the duration of the short alert message.

### What does Government expect of the Radio Operators?

Licensed radio operators in the Cayman Islands will sign a MOU with Government as a stipulation of their license agreement under the ICTA Law (2019 Revision) and in accordance with the Disaster Preparedness and Hazard Management Law (2019 revision), that is about all they need to do other than occasionally allowing technicians to check that the equipment is working and replacing parts if necessary.

### Is Phase 1 going to be effective?

Government of course recognizes that residents are not always tuned into the

radio, but it is an important first step, and the Cayman Islands will be one of the first countries in the Caribbean to have a National Alert System in place. Radio is also a very important communications vehicle in the aftermath of a disaster, especially if there is an extended power outage. Radio stations can typically get signals out to the public using a generator if they have to, ensuring that residents will still receive critical messages even with a battery operated radio. It also provides a cost effective solution and is robust.

### Where do we go from here?

HMCI and its partners are appreciative of the support and commitment shown by the radio stations for Phase 1 and hopefully the test will be a success. Government has already laid the groundwork for the next phase of the NENS which will include placing crawling text across cable television channels. Also, an emergency app is planned whereby residents who sign up for the app will receive emergency messages to their smart phones. All these different mechanisms to deliver emergency alerts will originate from a single dashboard – in other words a single message can be sent simultaneously across multiple channels – such as the radio, cable television and to the emergency app. 📍

## POLICE NEWS

# Serious Motor Vehicle Collision results in one fatality

Just after 12:20 on Sunday morning, 1 September, police officers on Bodden Town Road east of the Bodden Town Police Station observed a dark coloured vehicle pass them heading in the direction of George Town, travelling at a high rate of speed and driving in a reckless manner. The officers activated flashing lights and observed the vehicle turning onto Anton Bodden Drive, overtaking 3 other vehicles that were ahead of it. The driver then lost control of the vehicle and collided into the last of the 3 vehicles that it was overtaking in the vicinity of Belford Estates.

Officers soon arrived at the location of the collision and came alongside the driver of the vehicle who had managed to regain control of the vehicle, instructing him to stop. The driver disregarded the officers' instructions, and sped off along Anton Bodden Drive, heading towards Condor Road. The officers briefly followed the vehicle in an effort to ascertain its license plate number but soon

lost sight of it while still on Anton Bodden Road. Upon reaching the junction of Shamrock Road and Condor Road, the officers were stopped and spoken to by a member of the public who informed them that they saw a vehicle speeding and heading in the direction of George Town.

The officers travelled along Shamrock Road in an effort to locate the vehicle, checking side roads from the main road along the way. During their patrol, in the vicinity of Northward Road, another member of the public stopped the police vehicle and informed the officers that there had been a collision in the vicinity of Doubloon Drive. The officers arrived on the scene and observed that a vehicle had collided with a wall in the vicinity of Doubloon Drive. This was the same vehicle that had been involved in the earlier collision on Anton Bodden Drive.

Two male occupants were inside the vehicle. One of the men appeared to have been severely injured and an ambulance

was called immediately. First-aid was rendered to the occupants at the location until the arrival of EMS. Both occupants were transported to the hospital by ambulance, with the severely injured man being in critical condition.

At about 6:15AM on Tuesday, police were informed that the occupant of the vehicle who had been in critical condition, a man age 27 of George Town, had succumbed to his injuries and had been pronounced dead.

A 25-year-old-man from George Town has since been arrested on suspicion of



causing death by dangerous driving and other traffic related offenses. The man remains in custody pending further police investigation. 📍

# CHHS Student of the Year: Tarek Francis

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choice was ready to be announced on graduation night.

On Thursday night, when the awardee's list of accomplishments was read out, it was like a shopping list of worthwhile attributes. These ranged from a spot at the Global Young Leaders Conference, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award, and a trip to the Bali Asia International Model United Nations Conference.

This year's recipient also represented Cayman in the Caribbean Junior Duelling Challenge (Culinary) in Barbados. He was vice-captain for his academy track team, and director of the Cayman Islands Youth Assembly. He represented the Cayman Islands in the Annual Caribbean Student Colloquium held in New York, and he is a current host of the Youth Flex Radio Show. Addition-

ally, this individual is a Proud of Them awardee, and a National Youth Cook-off Champion. Academics were not neglected, either because with his examination results he tallied 11 passes at CSEC Examinations.

The place erupted with applause as Tarek Francis was announced as the winner. "I am very happy and surprised to get this award" Tarek remarked. "I want to thank my family, and my teachers, and my friends for their support. I hope that by winning this award, it makes other students want to do the same thing."

Cayman has a long history of producing hardworking, ambitious, high-achieving, citizens. Tarek Francis, the 2019 CHHS Student of the Year, is another example of that tradition. One thing is for sure, the future is bright in the Cayman Islands.

Congratulations, Tarek. 📍

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Fidelity Fun Run Series 1 of 3

**7 September** - Fidelity's annual series of 2 mile fun runs begins on Saturday 7 September starting at 7:30am at Walkers Road opposite CIFEC School. The 2 mile loop begins there, then onto South Church Street, finishing on Denham Thompson Way. Entry is free for anyone under 15 and \$25 for the whole series or \$10 per single race. There are various race divisions and points will be awarded.

Well behaved on-leash dogs are welcomed. For more information and to register, go to [www.caymanactive.com](http://www.caymanactive.com)

## Free Entry for Residents to the National Museum

**7 September** - Residents can enjoy free entry to the National Museum this and every Saturday to learn about the unique natural and cultural heritage of our three Islands. Call 949 - 8368 for more information.

## Traditional Cooking Class: Breadfruit Salad

**7 September** - The National Trust of the Cayman Islands is having a cooking class on "How to make a delicious breadfruit salad" at the Mission House on Saturday 7 September from 10am to 12:30pm. Adults and teens are CI\$35. Email [projects@nationaltrust.org.ky](mailto:projects@nationaltrust.org.ky) to sign up.

## Miss World Cayman Islands Pageant 2019

**7 September** - The competition to choose Miss World Cayman Islands 2019 will be held at the Harquail Theatre on Saturday 7 Sep-

tember. Cocktails will be served from 6pm and the show begins at 7pm. Tickets are \$60 each and can be purchased online at [eventpro.ky](http://eventpro.ky).

## YMCA - Extended After School Programme

**9 September** - The YMCA's Extended After School Programme begins on Monday 9 September. The primary school programme runs Monday through Friday from 3 - 6pm and is offered at most government primary schools. Students may register with their respective schools and the fee is \$25 per month. The high school



► YMCA - Extended After School Programme

programme runs from Monday through Friday from 3pm to 5:30pm. High school students may register online at [ymcayman.ky](http://ymcayman.ky). For more information call 922 - 2432 or email [esp@ymcayman.ky](mailto:esp@ymcayman.ky).

# 5 Sneaky Ways to Burn Calories at Work

You may think the 30 minutes you spend every other day in the gym is enough to keep you trim and healthy, but it's not. If you want overall good health, you need to eat well and find windows of exercising opportunity every day—not just during your scheduled workouts.

How can you squeeze in a little exercise when most of your hours are spent sitting at a desk, meeting in the conference room, and preparing for big presentations? Read on to find out when you can squeeze in exercise and how to do it.

**1. On the Way to Work.** To start your day with a smidgen of calorie-burning exercise, you may need to wake up a few minutes earlier than usual. Not to get in a workout before tossing on your power suit, but rather so you'll have time to torch a few calories on the way to work. To shed some calories before clocking in, you have a number of options depending on your situation. You can bike or walk to work, perform seated calf raises on the bus, or park your car at the far end of the parking lot so you get to walk farther to reach your office. And of course, once you get to your building, take the stairs.

**2. When Doing Mindless Tasks.** Admit it: everything you do at work doesn't require an amazing amount of brainpower. Take advantage of the easy tasks by multitasking with some exercise. The easiest option is to flex and squeeze your body. From your glutes and your abs to your pecs and thighs, you can get rid of a few calories by simply flexing them as you work. As you grow accustomed to the flexing, you may find it to be a great way to work your way through a long, difficult meeting.

**3. Every Time You Finish a Task.** When you first get to work, make a to-do list. This will help keep you on track and will also set you up for exercise rewards. Each time you cross a task off your list, give yourself an exercise reward. This could be walking a couple laps around the office, standing up and doing a cou-



► Ernest Ebanks

ple quick stretches, or closing your office door and knocking out a dozen push-ups. Know what your reward of the day will be and go for it.

**4. When You Need to Communicate.** Helpful as email may be, there is a way to communicate with your colleagues that actually keeps your body moving. That way? Getting out of your seat and walking to your coworker's office to talk things through. Have to make a few phone calls? Stand up as you talk or better yet, pace back and forth during the conversation.

**5. At the Top of the Hour.** A great way to sneak a little calorie burning into your routine is to get up every hour. And your exercising doesn't need to be super intense. All you need to do is stand up. Do this for five minutes, eight times a day, and you will drop 100 calories a day.

That's right—all you have to do to stand up for your health is stand up!

**All of these bonus calorie burning tips are great - when done in conjunction with a consistent, challenging exercise program. If you aren't yet one of my valued clients then now is the time to join in - call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email [bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com](mailto:bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com) today to get started!**

# MCT OIL

MCT - stands for medium - chain triglycerides and is a healthier fat that experts point out is far healthier than others. Why is this so? Well the body absorbs it faster and is more readily available to be used for fuel.

MCTs are digested quickly and are considered a better source of fuel for the body. Even though there's saturated fats present they are as bad as once thought because of how quickly they are metabolized.

Studies show that MCTs increase the production of Peptide YY and leptin, hormones that make the body feel full. When compared with coconut oil, taking 2 tbsps of MCT oil with breakfast led to subjects in one study feeling less hungry at lunch time. It has also been shown to reduce waist line and has less calories than LCTs.



Since it has fewer carbon molecules, it breaks down quickly and travels from the gut to the liver, where it's metabolized and used for fuel. This oil is a key pillar of the Ketogenic diet because of how quickly it transforms into ketones. The oil is also known to increase concentration and energy.

The oil is also a great boost to exercisers. It has been shown to reduce the build-up of lactic acid during moderate and intense exercise. It can also increase the body's use of fat instead of carbohydrate when doing your workout.

Studies have shown that the MCTs in coconut oil can guard against yeast infection such as - thrush. Research has also shown to have a positive effect on bacteria in the gut, and plays a key role in the health of your digestive system.

In addition to aiding weight loss and improving exercise tolerance, studies also indicate its positive effect on cholesterol as being more enhanced than that of olive oil.

So, here's another great nutrient to assist in your health regimen. I use the powdered form of this amazing nutrient from that manufactured by BIOTRUST. It's a marvellous addition to my smoothies.



# THE GREAT BRITISH BREXIT DRAMA

British prime minister Boris Johnson on Tuesday dramatically called for early parliamentary general elections on October 15th.

It came on the day when Mr Johnson hosted his first Prime Ministers Questions (PMQs), after recently winning an internal Conservative Party leadership election, and the second day after parliament resumed following the summer recess.

Leader of the Opposition, Jeremy Corbyn, immediately pounced on it called it "a cynical move by a cynical prime minister."

Mr Corbyn, who has been calling for a return to the polls because of the ongoing stalemate in the UK over Brexit, however, rejected the election challenge by the prime minister.

It was the latest move in two days of a parliamentary chess game between government and opposition in the unfolding and intensifying drama over Brexit that has gripped the UK as the October 31st date to leave the EU draws closer.

Mr Johnson has insisted it's a 'do or die date deal or no deal' deadline.

It's far from over. The British government has a crucial meeting pre-planned for October 17th with the European Union (EU) over Brexit at which the Boris Johnson government is expected to present an alternative withdrawal plan.

The previous deal agreed between former prime minister Theresa May and the EU over three years, was thrice rejected by the UK parliament.

Opposition parties are seeking a further extension beyond October 31st in a motion aimed at preventing the UK from crashing out without a deal.

They took control of this week's parliamentary agenda in a series of gambits in the parliament this week.

When sittings resumed on Tuesday following the annual summer parliamentary break, the stage was set for another showdown over Brexit; the process of the UK leaving the European Union (EU).

Drama was expected, but when it happened, it exceeded expectations.

It immediately saw a bewildering series of parliamentary manoeuvres by government and opposition MPs

Even parts of former prime minister Theresa May's thrice-rejected Brexit Withdrawal Agreement was surprisingly given a new lease of life.

The nation, the EU - and indeed the world, were enthralled by a spectacle of political moves, the likes of which were almost unprecedented in Westminster; the seat of the British parliament and model of global parliamentary democracies.

It manifested in a series of tactical moves and counter moves between new prime minister Boris Johnson's ruling Conservative Party and the main opposition Labour Party on the one hand, and within and within the Conservatives on the other.

At issue was control of the parliamentary agenda, a possible prorogation, snap elections...all built around the core issue of Brexit; deal or no deal, leave by October 31st or further delayed.

In the process, on Tuesday evening Prime Minister Johnson lost his ultra-slim one-seat majority when a member of his party dramatically crossed the floor to sit with the smaller but resurgent Liberal Democrats.

Despite that setback, the prime minister nevertheless proceeded to dismiss 21 members of his party (removed the Whip) who dared to support the motion brought by the opposition to block the UK leaving the EU without a deal.

Among those purged were former cabinet ministers and long-standing party stalwarts including the grandson of Sir Winston Churchill.

By Wednesday the number of Conservative MPs being sidelined increased by one to 22, when another joined the rebellion against 'no-deal'.

The measure being proposed by the opposition parties and rebel (now former) Conservative MPs, seeks to keep avenues open for the UK to reach a reworked Withdrawal Deal with the EU including a possible three months extension beyond the current October 31st deadline.



The gravity of the issue at stake was magnified during Wednesday's weekly Prime Ministers Questions - a staple of British parliamentary process.

The usually rambunctious affair in which the prime minister questioned, supported and challenged on a range of policy issues, saw the full spectrum of parliamentary theatre.

It has also been suggested that Prime Minister Johnson was strategically seeking to force an election date in his favour by tactically forcing the opposition to agree to a snap election.

That came to a head on Wednesday evening when Prime Minister Johnson did put forward the October 15th election motion.

Despite the UK now operating on a fixed-term parliament, there is the scope for the sitting prime minister to gain control under specific circumstances. Earlier on Wednesday, the new Chancellor Sajid Javid, presented an unusually upbeat Spending Review - an update of the annual budget - containing several generous funding plans.

It was a stark contrast to the austerity-focused budgets of the past ten years in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

It was immediately seized upon by the opposition who charged that it was just a sweetener for planned elections.

By Wednesday evening, Prime Minister Johnson had thrown down the gauntlet for an October 15th election. Up to press time, the manoeuvrings were continuing with filibustering being the latest strategy.




WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
88° / 84°	88° / 84°	87° / 82°	86° / 83°	87° / 83°	86° / 81°	85° / 80°
Partly sunny	Partial sunshine	Some sun, a shower or two	A passing p.m. shower or two	Mostly cloudy, a few showers	Rather cloudy, a thunderstorm	Cloudy, spotty showers

OBITUARIES

**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Emmanuel Ezekiel Brown "Manny", who passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Agape Church, 50 Fairbanks Rd, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. Interment at: New Pease Bay Cemetery In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Emmanuel E. Brown Bodden Town Under 15 soccer Scholarship Fund. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Linda R. Barlow, who died peacefully in her sleep at home on Thursday, August 29, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com




**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Berice Florina Ebanks, who passed away on Sunday, September 01, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, Walkers Rd, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, September 08, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Albert Berry, who passed away on Sunday, September 01, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



The Family of the Late **Marguerite McDaniel** regret to announce her passing on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, 7 September 2019 at St. George's Anglican Church.

Interment will follow at the Prospect Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jasmine.

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



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

The family of the late **Mrs. Elizabeth Hurlston** of South Sound, regret to announce her passing on Sunday, 1 September 2019, at the age of 105.

A service of thanksgiving will be held on Saturday, 7 September at 2 p.m. at Elmslie Memorial Church.

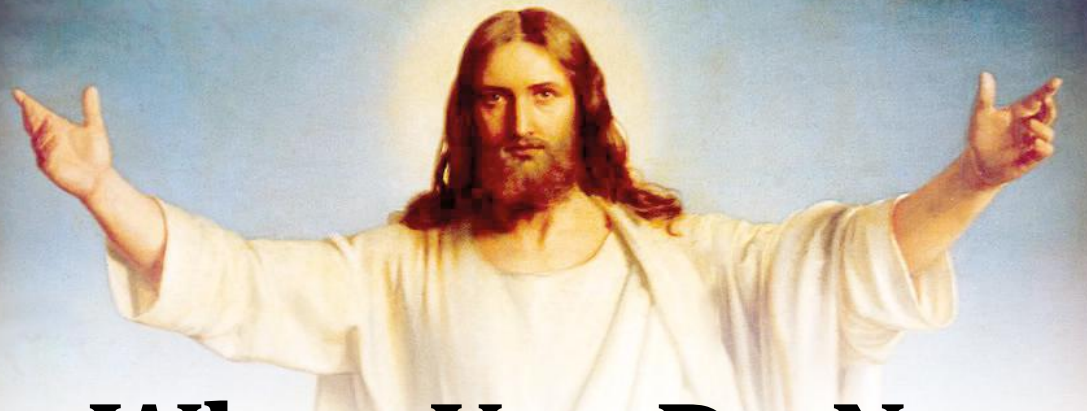
Interment will follow at the South Sound Cemetery.

Those attending are asked to wear bright colours. In lieu of flowers please make a donations that will be divided between Jasmine (Hospice Care) and various ministries in Haiti.



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

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



When You Do Not Know How to Pray...

The Rev'd Christopher Pierce, Rector  
www.churchofenglandcayman.org

What do you do when you don't know how to pray? You know, those times when you cannot string a coherent sentence together because life has just turned you upside down and sifted you like wheat. Have you not been there? If not, don't worry, you will.

So, what is a follower of Jesus to do when overwhelmed by life? Perhaps you've lost a loved one. Perhaps you've gotten bad news from the doctor. Perhaps your car has gone belly up and you've not the means to get it repaired or replaced. What if you've been betrayed by someone you thought of as a friend? Any unlimited number of possible scenarios could be hashed and re-hashed and the result could be something akin to despair if not for faith and the clear teaching of Scripture in this regard.

I know, there might be some reading this that have bought into the teachings of the so called "prosperity gospel" which says that followers of Jesus will never get sick or be short of money. If you listen closely to them...you might just hear them rubbing on their bibles like someone believing they have a genie in a bottle to call on... but to no avail.

The scriptures are full of examples of how that Christians are not exempt from the troubles of this world. The Apostle Paul was beaten 3 times with rods, 5 times with a cat 'o nine tails, shipwrecked, stoned and left for dead, and

ultimately, literally lost his head over Jesus. The Apostle Peter was imprisoned for his faith and was held in contempt by those who would not hear. He died crucified upside down.

Think about in modern days how that we continually hear of Christians being falsely arrested. Example: Asia Bibi spent nine years in solitary confinement in a Pakistani prison because of being falsely accused of blasphemy against Mohammed. She was just released.

What about Jesus? He was by all accounts the gentlest man. He was the greatest teacher. He performed miracles to demonstrate that he was more than just a man but that he was also the promised saviour, the Christ who'd been long promised. What did all his stellar attributes get him? False accusations, ridicule, humiliation, beatings, torture, and finally death on a cross... not because of anything that he'd done but because of what man had done.

So how are his followers to survive the problems of this world with their minds and faith intact? I will tell you what helps me...knowing that during my not knowing how to pray, the Holy Ghost is praying for me in words that I cannot understand and that Jesus after his resurrection and ascension sits at the right hand of God the Father making intercession for me. In short, when you don't know how to pray, the Holy Ghost and Jesus have got our backs...really our souls, covered in prayer. Now, do you think that God the Father will not answer positively their prayers on our behalf? I didn't think so. Keep your eyes on Jesus. 🙏

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<b>DISHES</b>	<b>BEVERAGES</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stew Turtle</li> <li>• Stew Conch</li> <li>• Cayman Style Beef</li> <li>• Fish</li> <li>• Fish Rundown</li> <li>• Jerk Chicken</li> <li>• Jerk Pork</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fruit Juices</li> <li>• Beers</li> <li>• Cocktails</li> <li>• Mocktails</li> </ul>

**Soup Available**

**SIDES:** Breadfruit, Roast Corn, Plantains, Cassava, Festival, Fried Dumplings, Rice & Beans, White Rice, and Cole Slaw  
**Portion Size: Taste | Snack | Meal**

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# Local Healthcare Officials Celebrate 62 years of Polio Eradication

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) announced that the region of the Americas, including the Cayman Islands, has once again received Polio free certification.

In 1994, the Region of the Americas was the first in the world to be certified and is now celebrating 25 years of Certification of Polio Elimination. The achievement aims to encourage the hope of living in a Polio free world – only Afghanistan and Pakistan still have new cases of polio present.

Of note, the Cayman Islands have been free from Polio since 1957 and boast 93% vaccination coverage.

Dr John Lee, Chief Medical Officer for the Ministry of Health, said, "The Public Health Department is tasked with the surveillance and prevention of communicable and non-communicable diseases; this is a sign of a job well done. Their hard work and diligence has greatly helped to ensure the health and safety of the residents of the Cayman Islands."

As part of the effort to maintain Cayman's Polio free status the Public Health Department includes, as part of their vaccination schedule, IPV (the inactivated polio vaccine) given to infants at two, four and six months of age.

"Polio is a debilitating and often fatal viral illness and we are proud to celebrate 62 Polio free years. The Cayman Islands, through the Public Health Department, maintains a robust vaccination schedule with a coverage rate of 95% for most vaccines. We encourage residents to continue to do their part to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases," added Dr Samuel Williams-Rodriguez, Medical Officer of Health.

According to the Polio Global Eradication Initiative, certification of Polio elimination is "conducted on a regional basis. Each region can consider certification only when all countries in the area demonstrate the absence of wild poliovirus transmission for at least



three consecutive years in the presence of certification standard surveillance."

For more information, call the Public Health Department on 244-2889 or 244-2621 or Faith Hospital on 948-2243.

# Green Iguana surveys for 2019 complete

Department of Environment (DoE) scientists have completed the fieldwork for the annual Green Iguana survey on Grand Cayman and are currently evaluating results with an eye toward reporting updated population estimates for the invasive species sometime in October.

For the last five years DoE surveys and subsequent data evaluation, performed with the expert assistance of Dr. Frank Rivera-Milan of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have shown the Green Iguana population increasing five-fold between 2014 and 2018 (from about 254,000 to about 1.3 million).

"We believe the new data will show a decline in those numbers," said DoE Terrestrial Resources Unit Manager Fred Burton. "However, let no one believe that by the time we report these figures we will have culled all of the Green Iguanas remaining in Cayman. We must remember this year's hatchlings are now

emerging and the cullers are now in a race to keep pace with them."

To combat the prolific breeding lizards, three culler registration efforts have been held since the start of the Grand Cayman Green Iguana Cull Project. As a result, more than 500 people have signed up to cull the invasive species leading to the delivery of more than 870,000 Green Iguanas to the George Town landfill.

DoE officials have recorded 513 registrations – including companies, teams and individual cullers – for the cull project.

"At this stage, the DoE and our cull management company, Cornwall Consulting Ltd., feel like we've done everything we can to register interested Caymanians to participate in the cull," Mr. Burton said. "However, if anyone is still interested in signing up, they can head down to the landfill site between 8am and 5.30pm Monday-Saturday, as registration for the project has been left open-ended."

All cull participants must be Caymanian and at least 18 years old. Participants who wish to use an air rifle to cull Green Iguanas must first obtain a licence for such device from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service. Cullers must adhere to all laws and regulations existing in the Cayman Islands. The cull registration does not give anyone permission to enter private property without the property owner's consent, and iguanas must be culled humanely.

The Green Iguana Cull Project is expected to continue through to the end of 2019. Mr. Burton said funding to continue the cull through 2020 and 2021 has yet to be confirmed.

"To this point, the Green Iguana cullers, the Cornwall Consulting management team and DoE officers have been more than equal to the task to rid our islands of these pests," said Temporary Minister of Environment, Councillor Eugene Ebanks. "We thank the public for their patience and support, and remind



them that we will need their continued full support to reach our target."

For updates on the Green Iguana Cull Project, please check the DoE website at [www.doe.ky](http://www.doe.ky). Individuals can also contact DoE Public Education and Outreach Officer Brent Fuller with any questions about the project via phone 244-5984/922-5514 or email [brent.fuller@gov.ky](mailto:brent.fuller@gov.ky)

# Elections Office with Final Push for Signature Verification

The Elections Office renews its efforts to complete the verification process as it makes a final push to verify the remaining 145 signatures.

Door-to-door verifiers are making a strong push to contact individuals who weren't reached during earlier stages of verification by revisiting homes.

Individuals who signed the petition and have not yet verified their signature are encouraged to consider the below options still available to them for doing so.

**Missed a visit from the Elections Office door-to-door verifiers? Contact the Election Office on the methods below to arrange a new time and place to verify your signature.**

- Call the Elections Office at 949-8047

- Email [office@elections.ky](mailto:office@elections.ky)

- If you received a call card, contact the Elections Office using the number displayed on the card

**Moved recently? If you signed the petition but are**

**now living at a different address to your registered address, contact the Elections Office as soon as possible.**

- Email [office@elections.ky](mailto:office@elections.ky)
- Call the Elections Office at 949-8047

**Verification in person continues at the Elections Office headquarters during their extended opening hours.**

- The Elections Office is located on the second floor of Smith Road Centre in George Town

- Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Friday from 8:30am to 5 p.m.

- Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Commenting on the final stages of the verification process, Mr. Howell said, "the remaining few individuals are certainly the most difficult to reach. This is why we are increasing our efforts to contact those who have not yet verified their signature. I strongly encourage petitioners

who have not verified their signatures to contact our offices. With the support of the remaining petitioners we anticipate being to wrap up verification in the coming days."

More information and details on the CPR verification locations and voter registration requirements can be found on the Elections Office website at [www.elections.ky](http://www.elections.ky)

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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 Signatures Received	Date & Time of Last Update of Verified Count
5,795	5,150	645	145	97.3%	Sep 3rd, 7pm

\*5438 submitted June 12th • 199 submitted July 11th • 26 submitted August 5th • 78 submitted Aug 15th • 54 submitted August 28th  
\*\*Constitutionally required 25% of the 21,116 registered electors = 5,292

ELECTIONS OFFICE

CAYMAN ISLANDS

## Crime Stoppers and The Cayman Turtle center against Poaching

On Saturday, August 4, 2019 the Royal Cayman Islands Police received an anonymous call alerting them to a wild green sea turtle shell located at Morgan's Harbour. The Shell, which is more than 3 ½ feet long is believed to have come from a poached turtle. The Department of Environment, along with other authorities are investigating the remains. Cayman Turtle and Conservation Centre (T/A Cayman Turtle Centre) is pleased to partner with Crime Stoppers and announce CI\$2,000 additional reward money available to anyone with information on this or any other incident of wild turtle poaching, or information on the sale of wild turtle meat, that leads to the arrest of an individual responsible for, or participating in, such activities.

If you have any information, please call our Miami based anonymous line at 800-8477 or give a web tip on our website, [www.crimestoppers.ky](http://www.crimestoppers.ky)

ALL INFORMATION ARE ANONYMOUS

Reward will be up to 10,000\$ from Crime Stoppers plus CI\$2,000 from the Cayman Turtle Center.

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# Fatalities in The Bahamas From Hurricane Dorian Rise and More Dead Expected; Parts of Abaco Decimated

The death toll from Hurricane Dorian's passage through the Bahamas has increased to seven, and Prime Minister Dr Hubert Minnis said that number could rise even further as the full extent of the monster storm's impact is realized.

After doing an aerial tour of the Abaco Islands which Dorian ripped through as a Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds around 185 miles per hour on Sunday, Minnis told a press conference last night that in addition to the five previously confirmed dead, two of the 25 people who had been rescued had died of their injuries after being transported from Abaco to New Providence. He could not confirm the ages or sex of the victims.

"I want to assure and inform the Bahamian population that we can expect more deaths to be recorded. This is just preliminary information," he said.

Urging people not to circulate photos or videos of the dead, Minnis added: "Let us have some compassion for the families of those who lost their lives. Let us pray for them. Please, I ask you to avoid sending or sharing images of those who perished in the storm. Let us act with compassion. Do not make the grief process worse for families by spreading pictures."

Reporting on the damage in the Abacos, the Prime Minister said parts of the island had been "decimated", with severe damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure. He said the southern part suffered less devastation than the north.

The main centre, Marsh Harbour, including the airport, has been severely damaged; 60 per cent of the homes in North Abaco are damaged; the National Airport in Abaco is underwater; the runway is flooded and the surrounding area is like a lake; and the Mudd, a shantytown of Haitian immigrants, is completely destroyed.

The Prime Minister said the priority at this time is "search, rescue and recovery".

The United States Coast Guard is assisting the Royal Bahamas Police Force and Royal Bahamas Defence Force with search and rescue efforts and transporting the injuries and critically ill off the island.

A 600-foot ship of the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom, stocked with food and supplies, was expected to arrive in the Abacos last night; and additional food, water and health supplies is expected to be supplied by



► A still from video of an aerial tour of Abaco by WXChasing

the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) today.

And now that Dorian has passed Grand Bahama, which was hammered for a day and a half as the hurricane slowed to a crawl before becoming stationary for several hours, officials will do an initial assessment of that island. 🌐

## Rihanna to Help Hurricane-Ravaged Bahamas

Said to be heartbroken by the battering that several islands in the Bahamas received from Hurricane Dorian, superstar Rihanna has promised financial support, as a picture began to emerge of death and destruction over a wide swathe of the archipelagic nation.

Through her charity, the Clara Lionel Foundation, the Grammy award-winning songstress has pledged assistance to the Bahamas, whose second-largest city Freeport on Grand Bahama was savaged, a day after the hurricane devastated Marsh Harbour in the Abaco islands.

The northwestern Bahamas was pummeled by 185 miles-per-hour winds and the Category 5 hurricane dumped over 20 feet of rain when the storm struck the Abaco islands on Sunday night. The death toll has climbed to seven.

Rihanna said: "It truly breaks my heart to see the complete devastation

that Hurricane Dorian is having on The Bahamas. You are in our prayers."

The 31-year-old's foundation also came to the assistance of Puerto Rico when it was devastated by Hurricane Maria in 2017.

In a separate development, the Barbados Defence Force is also readying its efforts to assist The Bahamas.

Chief of Staff Colonel Glyne Grannum has revealed that while the BDF is not yet ready to start warehousing relief supplies, it has begun compiling a catalogue of the items it may be asked to ship, using three of its largest vessels.

He said by carefully documenting and quantifying the supplies, the BDF, through the Barbados Coast Guard, would be able to plan for the most efficient method of moving the supplies, given the extent of the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian and the dis-

tance between Barbados and The Bahamas.

The Defence Force is asking individuals, businesses and groups who are interested in donating to the cause to contact them at [www.bdfbarbados.com/help-bahamas](http://www.bdfbarbados.com/help-bahamas), email [helpbahamas@bdf.gov.bb](mailto:helpbahamas@bdf.gov.bb) or call 536-2500.

The latest pledges have come 24 hours after Prime Minister Mia Mottley announced that once the all-clear was given Barbados would be urgently assisting its sister CARICOM nation.

"The people of the Bahamas can rest assured that they are in our prayers, and



that our resources, limited though they may be, will be deployed to help them through this most difficult time," the Prime Minister said yesterday. (Barbados Today) 🌐

## PAHO Working With Bahamian Health Officials to Respond to Medical Needs Post-Dorian

A Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) team is working closely with health authorities in the Bahamas to support their response to Hurricane Dorian, which has damaged health facilities and flooded hospitals on Abaco and Grand Bahama.

Prior to the hurricane, the PAHO country office contributed to the Ministry of Health's preparedness and response planning. PAHO also pre-positioned experts from its sub-regional office in Barbados to assist the country in on-site assessments of Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) and health infrastructure and facilities' needs. Additional support on logistics, civil and military coordination, information management, surveillance, and coordination are expected to arrive in the next 24 hours to work with counterparts in the country.

A Rapid Assessment is crucial to assist the health ministry in the implementation of urgent life-saving interventions, said Dr. Ciro Ugarte, director of PAHO's Health Emergencies Department.

Hurricane Dorian struck the Abaco islands most severely, and significant damage to health infrastructure is likely, although communications are currently cut, and the island cannot be reached.

Some 400 persons sought shelter at the clinic in Marsh Harbour on Abaco,



and seven people have been confirmed dead and several residents sustained serious injuries. In Grand Bahama, Dorian stalled over the island with intense rainfall, 165 mile-per-hour winds and 15 to 20 feet of storm surges.

PAHO said health personnel from New Providence and other unaffected Family Islands are on stand-by to be deployed to Abaco and Grand Bahama to replace exhausted health care professionals. The MoH is determining what addition-

al medical teams need to be deployed to the affected islands and will decide on deployments according to the needs on the affected islands.

On Grand Bahama Island, Rand Memorial Hospital has 70 nurses, 3 emergency physicians and senior health officers on standby for medical needs on other islands, and the Ministry of Health is setting up a rotating system for physicians and nurses to provide support to Marsh Harbour Clinic.

But PAHO noted that extensive flooding in both affected islands, damage to the Rand Memorial Hospital in Freeport, Grand Bahama, displacement of persons as a result of property damage or loss and psychological trauma of the population could bring additional public health challenges.

PAHO's country office in the Bahamas is also working closely with the National Emergency Management Agency of The Bahamas. Experts are assessing what medical supplies will be needed, after an evaluation of the country's health facilities and their operational status.

Other countries and organizations in the Caribbean and elsewhere have offered to send emergency medical teams, Dr Ugarte said, but an assessment of needs must be completed first.

PAHO is also working closely with The Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA), and other international partners to support the Government of the Bahamas in rapidly assessing the damage from Hurricane Dorian and in prioritizing needs.

It said it will liaise with international partners to mobilize human and financial resources to respond to the health sector needs identified and requested by the national authorities. 🌐

## Walt Disney Company to Donate More Than \$1 Million to Relief and Recovery Efforts in The Bahamas

The Walt Disney Company, led by Disney Cruise Line, has committed more than \$1 million in cash and in-kind support to help relief and recovery efforts for those in The Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian.

"The Walt Disney Company stands with the people of The Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian," said Robert Iger, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Walt Disney Company. "We hope our \$1 million donation will provide much-needed relief and help our neighbours, colleagues, and all those impacted by this devastating storm begin the long process of recovery as they work to put their lives and communities back together."

Disney's commitment includes a \$1 million donation to non-profit relief agencies who will be undertaking recovery and rebuilding efforts, as well as the provision of supplies – including food staples and basic construction materials – to those in impacted areas.

Additionally, Disney employees with immediate needs in impacted areas of The Bahamas will have

access to a range of resources. Disney Castaway Cay, which experienced tropical force strength winds, employs more than 60 Bahamians from Abaco and Grand Bahama, as well as several employees from other Bahamian islands.

"The Bahamas is such a special place to us and our guests, and we have watched the devastation created by Hurricane Dorian with concern and heartache," Jeff Vahle, president of Disney Cruise Line, said. "We stand with the Bahamian people, and especially those in Abaco and Grand Bahama, as they recover from the worst storm to ever make landfall in The Bahamas. As the needs in these communities are assessed, we are prepared to aid the relief and recovery efforts through funding, the provision of supplies and by providing support to our Bahamian crew members."

Disney said it continues to monitor Hurricane Dorian and will coordinate on an ongoing basis with non-profit organizations on emergency response efforts. This



includes sharing lifesaving information with families before and during emergencies, pre-positioning supplies at-the-ready to respond rapidly to natural disasters, and providing resources to activate large-scale responses as needed in the event of a disaster. 🌐



## TROPICAL UPDATE

# Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

**Tropical Weather Outlook**  
**NWS National Hurricane Center Miami FL**  
**800 AM EDT Wed Sep 4 2019**

For the North Atlantic...Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico:

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on Hurricane Dorian, located about 100 miles east of the coast of northeast Florida, on Tropical Storm Fernand, located a short distance

east of the coast of northeastern Mexico, and on newly formed Tropical Storm Gabrielle, located several hundred miles west-northwest of the Cabo Verde Islands.

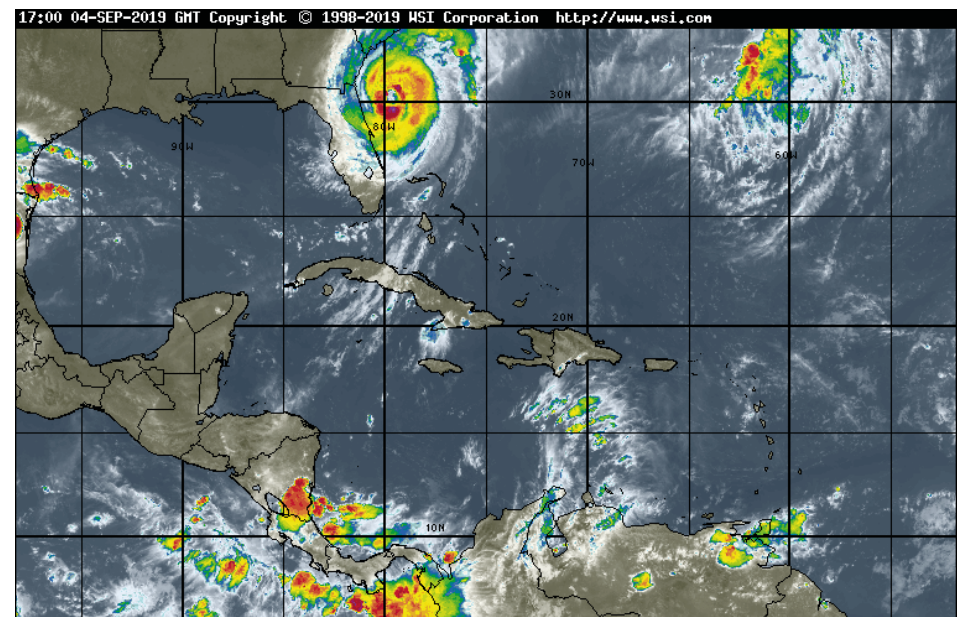
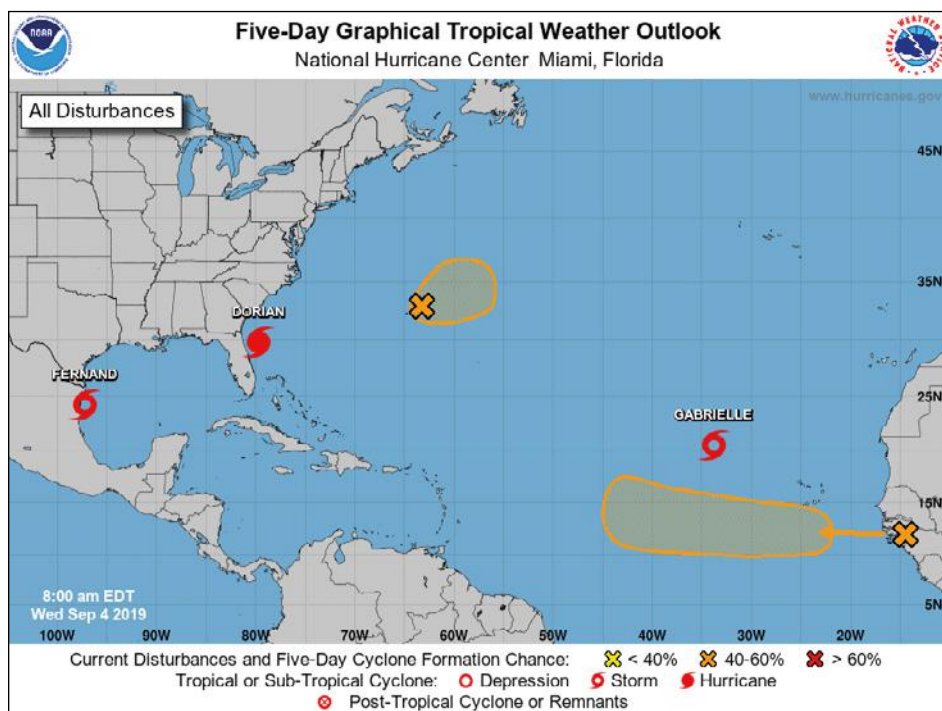
1. A small area of low pressure, located just east of Bermuda, is pro-

ducing disorganized showers and thunderstorms. Some development of this disturbance is possible, and a tropical depression could form during the next couple of days as the disturbance moves northeastward away from Bermuda. Afterward, upper-level winds are forecast to become unfavorable for tropical cyclone formation.

- Formation chance through 48 hours... medium... 50 percent.
- Formation chance through 5 days... medium... 50 percent.

2. A tropical wave is forecast to emerge later today over the far eastern tropical Atlantic west of Africa. Environmental conditions are forecast to become mostly conducive for development late this week, and this system has the potential to become a tropical depression over the weekend or early next week while it moves westward to west-northwestward.

- Formation chance through 48 hours... low... near 0 percent.
- Formation chance through 5 days... medium... 60 percent.



# Suggested Hurricane Supply List

To prepare for the unknown, each home should have a 72-hour Disaster Survival Kit. You will need to pack some essential items to help you and your family survive, whether you stay at home or leave it during a disaster.

Ensure at least three days (72 hours) supply for each person. Do not forget pets where applicable! The following is a minimum suggested list of Survival Kit supplies:

### Drinking Water:

- One gallon per person/per day in unbreakable containers, Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.
- Don't forget to add additional water for mixing formula if you have children and for your pets. Rotate the drinking water each year.
- Food preparation and sanitation require another two quarts (minimum) per person daily.
- Purchased bottled water that has been sealed is best for storage. It meets FDA guidelines for food and is not as vulnerable to temperature changes as unsealed water
- **Tip:** Purchase water this year and use it for drinking next year. This allows for rotation on an annual basis and keeps the water fresh. **Yes water can go bad!**

### Water for sanitation use:

- Store extra containers of water to be used for flushing toilets, cleaning, and bathing.
- Purchase water purification tablets (Halazone) to be used if you still have running water but are told to boil water before using it. This allows you to fill the bathtub and other containers without purchasing expensive drinking water.
- **Tip:** Keep plastic containers (milk jugs and other containers) and fill them with water when a storm threatens. You can put these items in the freezer to keep food cold longer in the event that the electricity goes out.

### Non-perishable Food:

- Maintain at least 3-7 days of food for each member of the family.
- Small, preferably single serving cans (should not require cooking or refrigeration). Dried fruit, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, soft drinks and pet foods.
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables.
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).
- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper in water proof containers.
- High energy foods like crackers, granola bars, trail mix.
- Raw vegetables that do not need refrigeration.
- Fresh bread.
- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, **instant coffee, tea bags.**
- Sterno for cooking.
- Vitamins
- Food for infants
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic storage containers
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)
- Pedialyte (to restore hydration if needed)
- **Tip:** Purchase only items that you like to eat and would eat even without a storm. Rotate these items by using them Dec-May each year and purchasing new



items Jan-May. This allows you to reduce the cost of buying items for a hurricane kit at one time and keeps the items fresh. **Yes even canned goods have a shelf life!**

### Baby Needs:

- Special foods (enough for several days)
- Formula (enough for several days)
- Extra diapers
- Medicines (get a copy of prescription)
- Blankets
- Diaper Rash Ointment
- Baby Wipes
- Powder
- Bottles
- Pacifier
- Favorite toy/blanket
- Medicine dropper
- Diaper-rash ointment

### Sanitation

- Toilet paper, towelettes, soap, baby wipes, liquid hand sanitizer
- Liquid detergent
- Feminine supplies
- Personal hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo etc.)
- Plastic garbage bags, ties (for personal sanitation uses)
- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Household chlorine bleach, disinfectant
- Plenty of absorbent towels

### First Aid Kit

- Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.
- Adhesive bandages various sizes – Sterile gauze pads (various sizes)
- Germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Non-latex gloves – Adhesive tape – Anti-bacterial ointment – Antiseptic spray
- Cold packs (non refrigerated type) – Scissors – Tweezers – Rubbing alcohol
- CPR breathing barrier, such as a face shield – Thermometer, Safety pins.

### Non-Prescription Drugs

- Aspirin or nonaspirin pain reliever, Benadryl, peroxide
- Anti-diarrhea medication, Antacid (for stomach upset)
- Syrup of Ipecac (use to induce vomiting if advised by the Poison Control Center)
- Laxative
- Activated charcoal (use if advised by the Poison Control Center)

### Prescription Drugs

- Heart and high blood pressure medication
- Insulin (enough for a 30 day supply)
- Hearing Aid and extra batteries
- Prescription drugs
- Denture needs
- Contact lenses and supplies
- Extra eye glasses
- **Tip:** If your insurance will allow, get a 90 day supply of prescriptions and have at least a 30 day supply on hand. n't wait until a couple of days before a storm to go to the ppyou may not get your prescription refilled; the lines arevery quickly.

### Clothing and Bedding

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.
- Sturdy shoes or work boots

- Towels
- Rain gear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pillows
- Hat and gloves
- Sunglasses
- Tent
- Lawn chairs

### Entertainment

- Games
- Books
- Cards
- Extra batteries for gamesColoring books, crayons.

### Miscellaneous

- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Paper, pencil
- Needles, thread
- Camping utensils
- Map of the area (for locating shelters) and returning to the area.
- Cash or traveler's checks
- **Tip:** Have enough cash to sustain you through a 2 week period. Without electricity, most businesses (if open) will not accept credit cards and may not accept traveler's checks.
- Emergency preparedness manual
- Citronella candles

### Not evacuating and staying home?

- Ensure you have enough food, water, medications, and other supplies in your survival kit to last at least 2 weeks.
- Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and other containers with water for cleaning and flushing. Additional water is stored for drinking.
- Cover all windows and other openings with hardened protections. If you do not have manufactured shutters, cut plywood and secure to protect the windows.
- Close all interior doors and brace outer doors.
- Select an interior room to use as a safe room.
- Plan as though you were evacuating and have enough cash on hand to sustain purchasing of gas, food, and other supplies in the days following the storm.
- If you have a generator, ensure you have enough gas on hand to sustain usage for several days.
- Ensure you have sufficient medications in case you are confined to your home for several days. Post-storm there may not be any electricity and pharmacies will probably closed even with a minor storm.
- Plan to cook on a camp stove or grill in the days immediately after the storm passes.



GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

## Philippines recruits more tourism police

Philippines has passed a law to ensure tourists are kept safe by specially assigned police officers.

To ensure the safety and security of tourists in the Philippines, the Department of Tourism and the Philippine National Police have agreed to train more tourist police personnel that will be deployed in tourist spots.

The new law is aptly called the Tourist-Oriented Police for Community Order and Protection program (TOPCOP).

"We're happy to strengthen our partnership with the police to ensure the safety and security of international and domestic visitors in the country's tourist destinations," Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said.

Ms Puyat said the TOPCOP training will showcase what she calls the "Filipino brand of service" highlighting the "Filipinos' unique and genuine hospitality."

"With the police help, we can rest assured that we are not alone in sending



► Filipino police ensure the safety of tourists

a strong message to our visiting tourists that our country will continue and always will be a safe destination," she said.

Police General Oscar Albayalde, the PNP Chief, welcomed the DOT's support to the program "that will enhance police visibility in visitor areas, where PNP personnel will patrol, as well as set up tourist assistance centres and complaints desks."

The Philippines is hoping to reach its target of 8.2 million foreign tourist arrivals in 2019, a million higher than 2018. 🌐

## Canada rows over gay issues

Canada's social issues like gay marriage and abortion have become huge issues in the lead up to the country's autumn election, as the Liberal Party tries to convince voters that the Conservatives want to backtrack on LGBTQ and abortion rights.

Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party has fired an early salvo against Conservative party leader Andrew Scheer, and his past record on gay marriage and abortion. But whether it will wound his primary opponent remains to be seen.

A Liberal minister released footage last week of Mr Scheer in 2005 opposing same-sex marriage during a debate in parliament. Although his remarks have been a matter of public record for some time, the footage renewed concerns that he would let his personal beliefs influence policy decisions.

For days Mr Scheer avoided commenting on his past statements, but on Thursday he gave a press conference where he tried to assuage concerns.

Just before, the Liberals launched another attack, this time with footage



► Justin Trudeau supports pride events

taken during the 2017 Conservative leadership contest.

In it, an anti-abortion activist says Mr Scheer has promised him that Conservative MPs who oppose abortion would be allowed to vote with their conscience if the matter were to come up in parliament.

Mr Scheer accused the Liberals of "dredging up divisive issues" to distract people from Liberal scandals and poor economic policy. He reiterated that his Conservative Party considered both same-sex marriage and abortion to be "settled law", meaning the party would not seek to make either illegal again.

However, he was a bit hazy on how he would deal with members of his own party who wished to pass socially conservative legislation. 🌐

## Honduras strengthens ties with Israel

Honduras has opened a trade mission with diplomatic status in Jerusalem, a move the country's president said was a "first step" toward moving the embassy to the city.

"Today is a historic day for Honduras and Israel," Juan Orlando Hernandez declared, moments after he and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu officially inaugurated the Honduran "Trade and Cooperation" office in central Jerusalem.

The opening of the trade office is merely a "first step," the president said, noting that the second step — opening an embassy — would follow in the coming month.

The office, which has "diplomatic status" as it is considered an extension of the Honduran embassy in Tel Aviv, is located inside the Jerusalem Chamber of Commerce on 10 Hillel Street. It will bring "more investment and more opportunities for the Honduran people," Hernandez predicted.



► Juan Orlando Hernandez, left, with Benjamin Netanyahu

At the event, Mr Netanyahu thanked Mr Hernandez for opening this "important mission" in Jerusalem and for his recognition of the city as Israel's capital.

Last week, Mr Hernandez said that for him, opening a trade office in the city is "the recognition that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel." 🌐

## Cuba's marine laws rely on US

Cuba has introduced sweeping reforms of its fishing laws in a move seen as smoothing the way for possible collaboration with the US on protecting their shared ocean, despite Donald Trump's policy of reversing a thaw in relations.

The move is the first time an environmental law in Cuba specifies the need for scientific research, which experts say will mean greater reliance on state-of-the-art US technology.

"If we don't look for collaboration, we can't have the full picture," said Jorge Angulo Valdes, a Cuban marine biologist at the University of Florida. Ocean science must continue to transcend political pressures, he said. "Trump is doing everything he can to close the doors on collaboration. Cuba is doing everything to make it easier to keep those doors open."

Cooperation is as vital to US interests as it is to Cuba, Mr Angulo-Valdes said. The two countries are separated by just 90 miles of water, and Cuban waters provide spawning grounds for species of snapper, grouper and other



► Cuba's damaged coral reefs need help from the US

commercially important reef fish in the US. Maintaining healthy numbers of bonefish, a lucrative game fish in south Florida, for example, depends on protecting the species in Cuban waters, where the bonefish spawn, said Angulo Valdes.

The reforms are Cuba's first major overhaul of fishing laws for more than 20 years and a major step for preservation of some of the world's most important marine ecosystems, said Dan Whittle, Caribbean director of the US-based Environment Defence Fund which has worked with Cuba on conservation and sustainable fishing and brokered several of its key environmental agreements with the US. 🌐

## Corbyn welcomes election talk

Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn says the UK "needs" a general election, despite warnings from Tony Blair that it could prove a "trap" for Labour. The prospect of a general election looks likely, probably on Oct. 14.

Mr Corbyn said his "priority" was to work towards blocking a no-deal Brexit, with an election afterwards.

But Mr Blair warned Labour could "struggle" at any poll held before the Brexit issue was "resolved".

The ex-PM said some voters "may fear a Corbyn premiership more" than a no-deal scenario.

At a speech in Salford, Mr Corbyn said an election was the "democratic way forward" and "would give the people a choice between two very different directions".

"Live discussions" are going on in No 10 about asking Parliament to approve a snap poll if MPs wanting to block a no-deal Brexit defeat the government this week.



► Jeremy Corbyn hopes to win a UK general election

Under the Fixed Term Parliament Act, the Prime Minister Boris Johnson could call a general election if two-thirds of MPs vote for one.

One could also be held if a motion of no confidence was passed and no alternative government was confirmed within 14 days. Mr Johnson has said he wants the UK to leave the EU on Oct. 31, with or without a deal.

However, many MPs from his own party, as well as the opposition, are against a no-deal Brexit and are expected to bring forward legislation to try to block such a move. 🌐

## Venezuela accuses Colombia of plot

The Venezuelan government has presented evidence of what it called paramilitary training camps in neighbouring Colombia to plot violent attacks to undermine President Nicolás Maduro.

Communications Minister Jorge Rodríguez appeared on state television to accuse Colombian President Iván Duque of doing nothing to stop the aggression against Venezuela — or even supporting it.

Mr Rodríguez showed satellite images and coordinates that he said prove the existence of three paramilitary camps along the border inside Colom-

bia. They are used to train 200 armed men, he said, at times directly addressing Mr Duque.

"If you brought this kind of evidence to Venezuela, we would act immediately," Mr Rodríguez said. "We are sure you won't do anything, because you are complicit with these terrorists."

The accusation comes amid mounting tensions between the two South American nations as Colombia's government backs a campaign by Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó to oust Mr Maduro's socialist government. 🌐



► President Nicolás Maduro may not last much longer



# Barnes blasts flaky Sancho

John Barnes has told Jadon Sancho to “go into the real world and see what real discrimination is about” after the England star admitted seeing players racially abused makes him question why he plays football.

The 55-year-old Jamaican was an outstanding winger for England for over a decade. He was one of the first black players to make it in England and had to endure awful racism throughout his career. Barnes suggested footballers, due to their privilege and wealth, don't know what real racism and discrimination is.

Barnes spoke passionately about the many cases of footballers suffering abuse from supporters and online since the start of the season.

Former Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku is the latest player to be targeted, with Cagliari fans making monkey noises at the Belgian as he scored a

match-winning goal for new club Inter Milan over the weekend.

Paul Pogba, Marcus Rashford, Tammy Abraham and Kurt Zouma are among the other players who have been recently abused by online trolls, which has reopened the debate on how to better combat racism in football.

But Barnes says it will always be a problem for the game if it is present in society and insists clubs, governing bodies and authorities have “got it the wrong way around” in their fight against it.

And he has called for footballers to use their voices to fight the issue of racism and discrimination in wider society, not just in their own sport.

“We have to get it out of society before we can get it out of the game,” Barnes said. “It's impossible to get it out of the game as long as it exists in all walks of society.

“As with homophobia and sexism, you can't target any one industry, you can't target Hollywood with Harvey Weinstein and say, ‘well if he goes to prison there's got to be no more sexism’.

“It's ridiculous. We're doing this the wrong way around! These incidents will keep on happening until we get rid of racism in society. It exists in all walks of society, in which football is just one.”

Barnes also issued his response to Borussia Dortmund winger Sancho, 19, who has said players will start falling out of love with football if it racial abuse continues.

He added: “You love football because of the game, not because of some idiot who is going to shout at you from across the street.

“If Jadon is going to fall out of love with football, let him give up football and let him go into the real world as a young black man without an education



► John Barnes is outspoken

and without being able to play football, then he'll see what it's really like to be a black person who is racially abused.

“As much as footballers want to talk about how terrible it is for them, look at what's happening in the black community of kids without an education and who haven't got jobs.

“If he thinks that's bad, let him go into the real world and see what real discrimination is about.

“We're now coming full circle, we're trying to get something to change so let's get these black superstar footballers to tell us what we should do and tell us how terrible it is for them.

“What they should do is use their voice to talk about discrimination where it really hurts people in the inner cities with kids who can't get jobs or opportunities.

“He's signed a nice new contract, is he willing to give that contract up because he's falling out of love with football? I don't think he is.

“Let's not get it blown out of proportion.”



► Jadon Sancho is a novice pro



► Romelu Lukaku received monkey chants

# Neymar forced to stay at PSG

Neymar has stayed at Paris Saint-Germain after seeing his desired transfer back to Barcelona fail.

“Se queda,” Spanish for he's staying, read the L'Equipe headline on its front page with a photo of the Brazilian.

“Faced with the impossibility of completing his transfer to Barcelona, Neymar had informed his entourage he has decided to end the season at PSG,” the paper said.

Neymar, 27, became the world's most expensive player when PSG paid the equivalent of US\$264 million for his transfer from Barcelona two years ago.

A scorer of 51 goals in 58 appearances in his two seasons in the French capital, Neymar has not featured at all for his club this season amid the uncertainty surrounding his future.

He trained with PSG, but coach Thomas Tuchel omitted him from the team that beat Metz 2-0 in Ligue 1 action on Friday.

Efforts to negotiate a suitably lucrative transfer back to Barcelona have floundered.

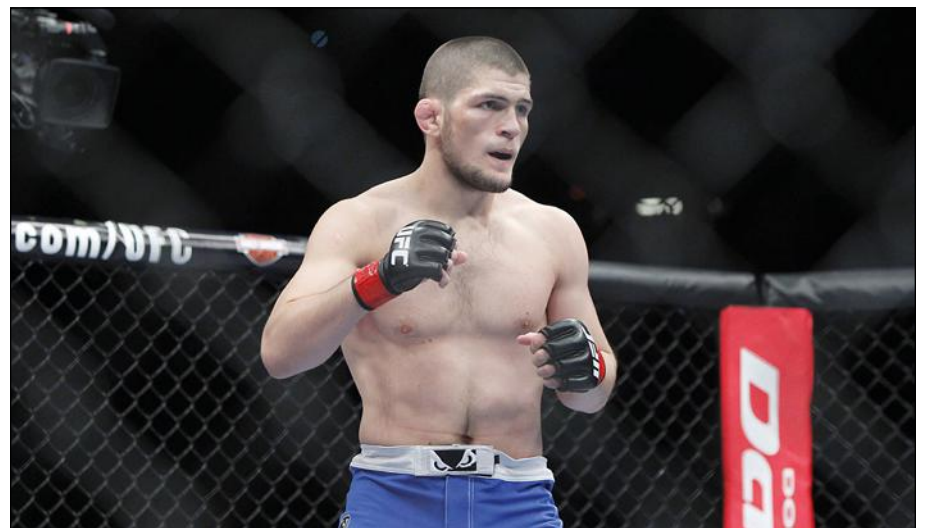
Failure to sign Neymar will likely leave a lot of damage to repair between Neymar and PSG, Barcelona's board and the fans, and Barcelona players who were offered to PSG as part of a potential deal.

“The bomb was deactivated at the last minute, but the trail of burnt fuse has left cracks in the ground, cracks in many relationships,” Marca said.

“The failure of his signing leaves many of the characters involved affected, with wounds that won't just be healed with a plaster. These characters will have to go again as if nothing had ever happened.”



► Neymar must rebuild bridges at PSG



► Khabib Nurmagomedov is the UFC lightweight champ

# Khabib must stay low

UFC lightweight champion Khabib Nurmagomedov returns to action on Saturday for the first time since defeating former champion Conor McGregor last October. In the main event of UFC 242 he will meet interim champion Dustin Poirier, who is coming off his own signature victory over reigning featherweight champion Max Holloway.

It's no secret that Nurmagomedov wants to get the fight on the ground and go to work. The 30-year-old Russian is one of the best wrestlers in the UFC and has an uncanny ability to land with power on the ground. Likewise, Poirier, also 30, will certainly have the edge when the fight is on the feet. Whatever the outcome, it promises to be an exciting encounter.



► Dustin Poirier's best chance is to stay upright

# Johnson, 38, still has hoop dreams

Veteran small forward Joe Johnson looks set to make a sensational comeback to the NBA, with many clubs interested in signing him.

After sitting out the NBA last season, Johnson returned to competition this summer, joining Tri-State Triplets of Ice Cube's 3-on-3 league, BIG3.

Even at 38, he totally dominated, winning MVP and leading his squad to the title, which he clinched with a game-winning 3-pointer. As it turns out, his impressive cameo may earn him another contract in the NBA.

Johnson worked out for the Philadelphia 76ers last week. In addition, the veteran has workouts planned with a number of other contenders, including the Milwaukee Bucks, Los Angeles Clippers and Denver Nuggets and possibly the Detroit Pistons and Brooklyn Nets.

Johnson's last NBA action came in the 2017-18 season, when he played 55

games split between the Utah Jazz and Houston Rockets. He was mostly a bit player for the Rockets, averaging just 6.8 minutes during the postseason as Houston pushed the Golden State Warriors to the brink in the Western Conference finals.

Already in his late 30s, and with over \$220 million earned, it wasn't a surprise that Johnson appeared to be done in the NBA after that season. But as this BIG3 campaign has shown, he still has something left. There's no reason to expect him to play heavy minutes for any team, but he has plenty of experience and is still an effective isolation scorer. There's a reason they call him Iso Joe.

As the playoffs have shown repeatedly, teams are so well prepared for what you're trying to do on offense that sometimes you need to just give someone the ball and tell them to get you a bucket. Johnson, despite his age, can still do



► Joe Johnson is making an unlikely NBA return

that. There's no one else out there with his kind of talent and experience that contending teams could sign, and at the

very least he's worth a look for all the contenders who are reportedly interested.



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By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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Yesterday's answer

**SUDOKU**

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

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Word Search

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| Bather | Down    | Rise    |
| Belt   | Dry     | Screen  |
| Burn   | Fish    | Shade   |
| Burst  | Flower  | Shine   |
| Dance  | Glasses | Spot    |
| Day    | God     | Stroke  |
| Dew    | Lamp    | Trap    |
| Dial   | Light   | Worship |

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

**CURTIS**

By Ray Billingsley

Panel 1: "WHAT'S THE SUDDEN INTEREST IN MY AGE?"

Panel 2: "THIS DUMB KID AT SCHOOL WAS BRAGGIN' ABOUT HOW YOUNG HIS MOTHER LOOKS!"

Panel 3: "I TOLD HIM MY MOM IS TWENTY-ONE!"

Panel 4: "AREN'T YOU SWEET, BUT NO, YOU WEREN'T BORN WHEN I WAS TEN!"

**THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN**

By Stan Lee

Panel 1: "ROOF'S COMING UP FAST! YOU READY, FIST?"

Panel 2: "SINCE THE DAY I CAME BACK FROM K'UN-LUN!"

Panel 3: "SMASH!"

**JUDGE PARKER**

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

Panel 1: "DEAD MOM, LIVE MOM, I DON'T CARE! DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY AGENTS ARE SWARMING THIS PLACE AS WE SPEAK?!"

Panel 2: "OH, WE TOOK CARE OF THEM. THOUGH WE DID KEEP ONE TO MAINTAIN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION."

Panel 3: "NO SIGNS OF AGENT PARKER YET."



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