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RCIPS label reports of child rape as 'misinformation'



By Michael L. Jarvis
London UK

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) has moved to put a damper on reports circulating about an alleged rape of a young boy said to have occurred in Bodden Town recently.

At a press conference called to dispel rumours about the alleged incident,

RCIPS Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne was adamant in rejecting the allegations being reported especially via some social media portals, and said there hasn't been any factual evidence to substantiate the claims.

"It's causing an awful lot of tension in Bodden Town and alarm and distress to the family", Commissioner Byrne said, adding that, "we are pretty limited what

we can say but hope to correct some of the graphic and misinformation out there."

He also insisted that "there was no criminal complaint and no verifiable information."

"Absolutely misinformation," is how he described the reports.

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RCIPS conducts "Day of Action"

On Thursday, 15 August, an RCIPS "Day of Action" took place across Grand Cayman, with a large number of officers carrying out operations simultaneously throughout the day and night. Approximately 74 officers participated. The officers carried out duties such as traffic stops, serving warrants, executing search warrants, mobile and foot patrols as well as liquor license premises checks.

During the operation 55 tickets were issued on traffic operations for several offenses, including speeding, illegal tint and driving whilst using a mobile phone, 16 warrants were executed and 2 persons were arrested on

suspicion of possession and consumption of ganja, as a result of search warrants being executed. Several liquor license premises were also checked during the day and night, to ensure that they are in compliance with the liquor license law.

During the operation, several detectives and other officers who would normally be wearing plain clothes wore uniforms to increase the visibility of police officers. Officers from various specialist units were also re-assigned to carry out front line policing duties during the operation. Addition-

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► Chief Inspector Malcolm Kay making daytime Liquor License check at a local Bar

The UWI – a key partner on Sargassum Research in the Caribbean



For almost 10 years, the Caribbean region has been experiencing massive influxes of the sargassum seaweed which negatively impacts key social and economic sectors such as fisheries and tourism. The University of the West Indies (The UWI) in its strategic mission to develop a culture of resilience planning for the Caribbean, has invested significant resources over the years in tackling the sargassum challenge. In its most recent initiatives, last month, The UWI, through its new Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre (GTRCM) led a forum to facilitate collaboration, knowledge sharing and best practices to tackle the threat with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and also held discussions with the United Nations (UN).

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DVDL INSPECTION PIT ON CREWE ROAD TO CLOSE ON WEDNESDAYS

The Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing (DVDL) wishes to advise the public that the inspection pit at its Crewe Road location will be closed indefinitely on Wednesdays, starting August 28, 2019.

The inspection pit will be open for business as usual on all other business days.

There will be no changes at DVDL's Breakers location where the inspection pit will remain open for business as usual.

In addition, members of the public wishing to have their vehicles inspected on a Wednesday can visit any of the authorised private garages.



The public will be advised of the re-opening of the inspection pit on Wednesdays at Crewe Road. DVDL would also like to remind drivers that they can renew their vehicle's licence online at www.dvdl.gov.ky.

Office Closures: Needs Assessment Unit

The Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) wishes to advise the public that its offices in Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac will close from 3 p.m. on Thursday, 29 August 2019, for a staff meeting.

Normal office hours will resume on Friday, 30 August.

The NAU apologises for any inconvenience the closures may cause.



Island Heritage Roundabout Lane Closures

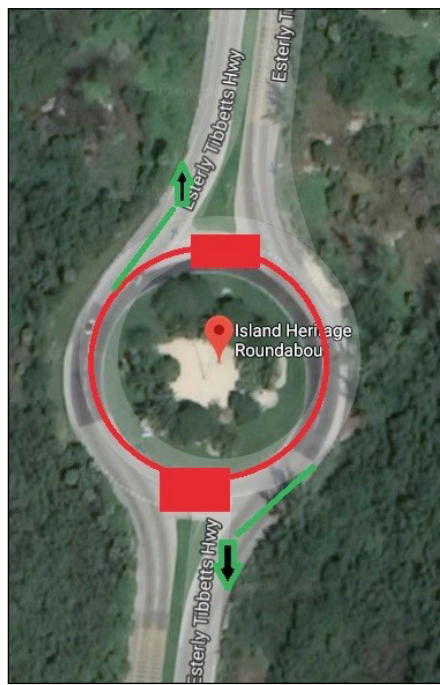
As part of the ongoing upgrades to the Island Heritage Roundabout (IHR) by the NRA, motorists are advised that it will be necessary to restrict traffic movements at the roundabout to northbound and southbound only beginning from Tuesday August 20th 2019 to Sunday August 25th 2019.

This is to facilitate the paving of the inner lane and other works.

Drivers are asked to keep watch for traffic diversions and to drive with caution to ensure their safety and that of the work crews.

Please email nra@nra.ky if you have any questions or comments regarding this project.

The NRA thanks the public for their patience during these roadworks and looks forward to providing the benefit of these much-needed improvements.



Elections Office Update

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# of Elector Signatures Submitted for Verification*	# of Verification Forms Received	# of Signatures Remaining to be Verified	# of Verification Forms Remaining to Reach 5,292**	% of the Required 5,292** Signatures Received	Date & Time of Last Update of Verified Count
5,741	4,772	969	520	90.2%	Aug 19th, 7pm

*5,438 submitted June 12th + 199 submitted July 11th + 26 submitted August 5th + 78 submitted Aug 15th
**Constitutionally required 25% of the 21,116 registered electors = 5,292

ELECTIONS OFFICE CAYMAN ISLANDS

COMMUNITY VOICE

Key concerns outstanding on the proposed Cruise Berthing Facility (CBF). Part 1

As the Election's Office verification process passes 88% and the first constitutionally enshrined people-initiated referendum becomes a certainty, much of the critical data Caymanian voters will need to be able to truly make an informed decision, has still not been made public by the Government. The Government should release any undisclosed information that they do hold immediately, and the referendum date should be scheduled to allow for the completion of and public consultation on the updated Environmental Impact Assessment and updated Final Business Case reports, to allow citizens of our Islands to make a fully informed decision on this matter of national importance.

This 3-part letter seeks to highlight some, but not all, of the numerous significant and unquantified risks where mitigation strategies could be (i) high cost (ii) unidentified (iii) based on unreliable data or (iv) subject to environmental uncertainty associated with this project (Information has been obtained by CPR from publicly available reports found on the websites for the Departments of Tourism (DoT) www.supportourtourism.com and Environment (DoE) www.doe.ky).

1.1. Berthing facility design

Following the preferred bidder announcement on 29th July 2019, no design has been made public showing numerical data to quantify the direct impact of the footprint including dredge area, concrete area and location relative to the surrounding marine ecosystems of coral reefs, hard pan & sandy bottom habitat, and historic ship wrecks.

1.2. Marine Habitat loss

The 2015 design, which Environmental Impact Assessment (the "EIA" or "Baird Report") was conducted on, proposed direct dredging involving permanent and irreversible removal of 15 acres of coral reef and total dredging of 32 acres of seabed. A footprint with 20% less dredging directly excavates 12 acres of invaluable marine habitat, 25.6 acres of seabed in total, in addition to indirect lethal and sublethal impacts on surrounding reefs.

1.3. Sedimentation

Lethal and sub-lethal sedimentation from (a) dredging during (i) construction (ii) periodically during operation as well as (b) Cruise Ship thrusters during operation, will impact marine ecosystems approximately 220m surrounding the immediate dredged area (Baird Non-Technical Summary Section 14, illustrated in Figure 14.1). The public needs to have information on the design to see how extensive this indirect negative consequence will be.

1.4. Water clarity

Dredging of limestone and coral material creates milky white 'clouds' in the



water column clearly observable at other port locations around the Caribbean. Cayman is famous for our enviable, over 100ft visibility, of water clarity. George Town Harbour's breath-taking crystal-clear aquamarine waters are the first view of Grand Cayman for both air and cruise arrivals. This will be lost forever, replaced by a cloudy murky sea we are more familiar with only during Nor'westers (but without the high waves). Are we prepared for this irreversible loss and the immediate disappointment of our visitors?

1.5. Air pollution

Air Pollution risks, monitoring and mitigation have not been highlighted by the government despite an entire section of the BAIRD report dedicated to air quality (Appendix G). Perhaps this is unsurprising as the Cayman Islands has no numerical standards on ambient air quality. There will be significantly more air pollution as a result of ships closer to shore and increased road traffic. Does government have any pollution mitigation strategies? How is government planning to prevent health related illnesses from increased air pollution? Will govt provide better health insurance over and above the SHIC plan? Is it fair that those working and living in the immediate George Town Harbour area are exposed to these toxic fumes?

1.6. Wave heights

Low-lying George Town residents and merchants risk an increased susceptibility of storm flooding once the natural occurring coastal coral reef defences are permanently destroyed. Seawalls are costly, unsightly and protection is not guaranteed.

Parts 2 and 3 will examine the proposed coral relocation, socio-economic considerations, job opportunities, infrastructure impacts, carrying capacity and the financing model.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasise the importance of ensuring the referendum question chosen by Cabinet fairly reflects the original petition wording and is clear, easy to understand for voters and ensures fairness and objectivity.

Linda Clark, FCCA, MSc Marine Environmental Management
On behalf of CPR Cayman

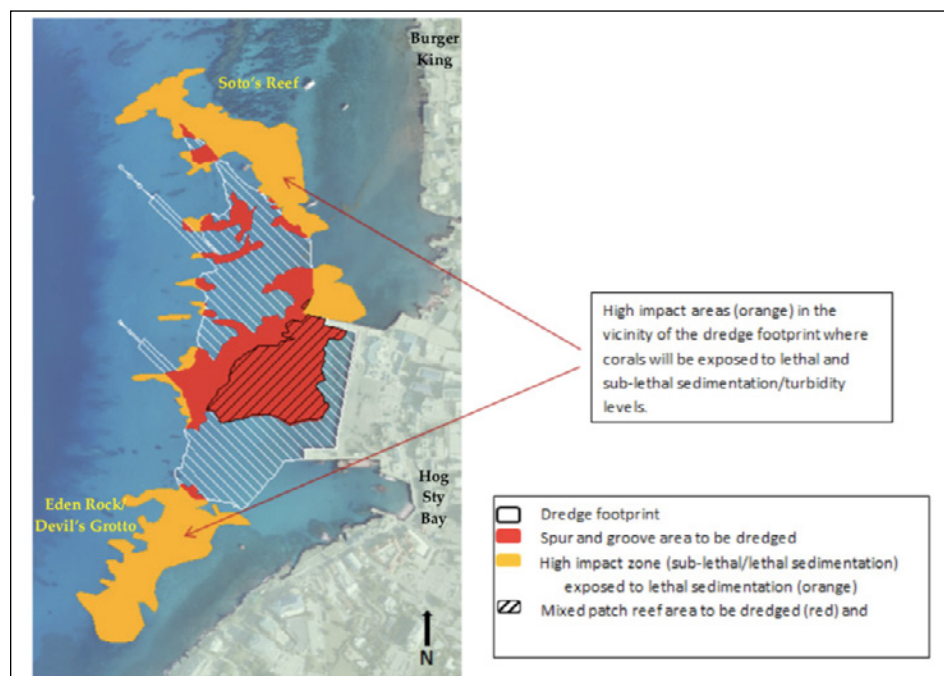


Figure 14.1: Estimated Spatial Extent of Direct and Indirect Impact Zones on "Coral Reef Habitat"

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The UWI – a key partner on Sargassum Research in the Caribbean

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The forum held on Friday, July 26, specifically addressed the type of sargassum which originates from the coast of Brazil. Outcomes from the discussions identified gaps and initiatives to foster synergies towards a solution. Presentations were made by Professor Mona Webber, Director of The UWI's Centre for Marine Sciences and Discovery Bay Marine Laboratory; Andres Bisono Leon and Luke Grey from MIT; Precision Engineering Research Group; and Marion Sutton, Oceanographer and Project Manager from Collecte Localisation Satellites in France.

Discussions with the UN were held on July 30. The UN team, represented by the Head of the Caribbean Sub-Regional Office of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Sub-Regional Coordinator for the Caribbean of the Food & Agriculture Organisation, agreed to collaborate in a number of areas to manage the scourge of the sargassum seaweed impact. The meeting led to agreement to focus on improving monitoring to predict sargassum landing and development of monitoring system available via a mobile app, which would allow the general public, including affected groups such as fisher folk, to be able to better prepare for any landings of this seaweed.

Commenting on the various initiatives, The UWI's Pro Vice-Chancellor, Graduate Studies and Research, Professor, Stephan Gift said, "Our regional University has been and continues to be actively involved in sargassum research and is committed to collaborate with international institutions on this issue."

Across its campuses, The UWI has been at the forefront of investigating, applying science and technology to address problems and take advantage of opportunities related to sargassum. In 2015 and 2018, the Cave Hill campus hosted two regional sargassum symposia, which brought together scientists, members of the public and private sec-

tors along with stakeholders across the fishing and tourism industries. Following these meetings, extensive applied research projects and development programmes have been ongoing with regional and international partners. Some of these include sea turtle conservation, management plans and removal, practical guides for fishermen, early warning and tracking of the sargassum, as well as turning it into useful products such as fuel.

At St Augustine, researchers have been investigating the commercialization of novel substances derived from sargassum seaweed for sustainable agriculture and pesticide reduction. So far, the findings from its use have indicated significant decrease in plant disease and marked increase in crop yield. Another major investigative project involves the application of an extract from sargassum as a biodegradable alternative in the reduction of solid waste as well as for the treatment of polluted water for domestic use.

In addition to the recent collaboration in Jamaica through the GTRCM, researchers at the Mona campus established a 'Sargassum Group' to explore the commercial uses of the seaweed. This has led to experiments involving its use as compost fertilizers for agricultural crops and mangrove seedlings and as an extract on breast cancer cell lines and antimicrobial applications. As the work of this group continues, it will join forces with the Centre to research and monitor risks associated with sargassum and tourism resilience and crisis management.

The issue of sargassum is also expected to be featured during the Global Tourism Resilience and Crisis Management Centre's upcoming Summit of the Americas carded for October 9-10, 2019 at the Mona campus. The Summit themed, Tourism Resilience for Sustainable Developments is aimed at further examining and showcasing the experience, best practices, and lessons learnt from tourism climatic resilience initiatives around the world.



LIQUOR LICENSING QUARTERLY SESSION

Monday, 9th of September 2019, at 10:00am,
Government Administration Building, Room 1038, Elgin Avenue,
George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

1. Confirmation of minutes: Minutes of the 6th of June 2019

2. Grant applications: Applicants shall attend before the Board at the time of the opening of the sessions and such other times as the Board may require and may, in addition, be represented by a person qualified to practise law in the Islands.

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- ROBERT & SYLVIA HAMATY - TORTUGA FINE WINE & SPIRITS**
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- JIRDEN ENTERPRISES LTD. T/A CZECH IN GRILL**
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Location: Block 43D, Parcel 164, 563 Bodden Town Road, Bodden Town
- CAYMAN WINE BOUTIQUE LTD. T/A THE TASTING ROOM & WINE CELLAR**
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- BLACKBEARD'S TRADING COMPANY LIMITED**
Business: RETAIL & PACKAGE
Location: Block 12D, Parcel 33, Unit 2 Camana Bay, George Town
- BLACKBEARD'S TRADING COMPANY LIMITED T/A RUM STOP**
Business: RETAIL & MUSIC AND DANCING
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- TROPICAL TRADER CO.II LTD T/A CHICKEN! CHICKEN!**
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Location: Block 28D, Parcel 12, Country Corner Development, 8 Hirst Road, Bodden Town
- ROBERT & SYLVIA C. HAMATY**
Business: PACKAGE
Location: Block 5B, Parcel 148, Centennial Towers, Unit HS5, 2454 West Bay Road, West Bay
- BONFIRE URBAN KITCHEN LTD**
Business: RESTAURANT
Location: Block 12E, Parcel 71, Locale Hotel, 269 West Bay Road, George Town
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3. Ratification of Section 13 Decisions

Cayman Islands Softball Association
Licence No.: 3819
Application: Occasional Licence June 28 – July 1, 2019
Decision: Approved

Prentice Panton T/A Liquor 4 Less
Licence No.: P60-102
Application: Vary the licensee to Reflections Discount Club Ltd. and vary the address from Block 28C, Parcel 419, Unit #5 Savannah Plaza to - Block 28D, Parcel 29, 1760 Shamrock Road
Decision: Approved

Treasure Isle Enterprise Ltd. T/A Treasure Isle Market
Licence No.: 0818P
Application: Vary the address from Block 13D, Parcel 43H4, 190 Eastern Avenue to - Block 14C, Parcel 156, 84 Eastern Avenue
Decision: Approved

4. Renewals
For further details on renewals please visit www.dci.gov.ky; and/or the Cayman Islands Gazette.

Shelise Jeffery

Shelise Jeffery - Business Licensing Officer I
Liquor Licensing Board of Grand Cayman

Any member of the public who wishes to object to the aforementioned must do so in writing addressed to: *The Chairman of the Liquor Licensing Board, Department of Commerce & Investment, 133 Elgin Avenue, Government Administration Building, Suite 126, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands* at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

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RUN WITH CCMI'S 'REEF RELIEF SQUAD' TO HELP SAVE CORAL REEFS

Runners and walkers at this year's Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon can help support coral restoration efforts by joining CCMI's fundraising team.



Runners and walkers are invited to join in the effort to save Cayman's coral reefs by signing up to be part of the Central Caribbean Marine Institute's (CCMI) 'Reef Relief Squad' at the Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon. It takes dedication and training to complete a race, and participants can feel a sense of accomplishment from knowing they are not only challenging themselves by taking on a marathon, half-marathon or leg of the four-person relay; they are also ensuring that their effort contributes positively to Cayman's coral reefs by raising money for CCMI as part of their experience.

"We are excited to get involved in such a fantastic event here in the Cayman Islands. By encouraging people to get out and run or walk in the Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon while raising money for important reef monitoring programme, research projects and coral restoration efforts, we hope to inspire action from our Grand Cayman supporters," said Kate Holden, Director of Advancement.

This is the first year CCMI will participate as an official charity affiliate with the Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon, but the organisation is no stranger to the



event. In 2017, Derek Haines completed his Volcanoes and Marathons challenge when he crossed the finish line of the race, which was his third marathon that year (he also climbed two volcanoes), raising US \$50,000 for the new Reefs Go Live virtual learning experience.

Co-Race Director of the Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon, Rhonda Kelly said, "The Intertrust Cayman Islands Marathon is pleased to welcome CCMI to our family of fundraising charities. The ground-breaking work that the organisation is doing to protect our local coral reefs through research, conservation and education is not only relevant and vital to the future sustainability of Cayman's marine ecosystem but it is also informing the preservation efforts

of other countries around the world. We hope that this new avenue for fundraising will be fruitful for CCMI and provide much needed funds to fulfil its vision of a world with vibrant oceans and healthy coral reefs."

Anyone wishing to register to participate in the Reef Relief Squad should email events@reefresearch.org for a special discount code that gives 5% off race registration. After a runner is registered, CCMI will provide information on setting up a fundraising page, ideas on how to fundraise, facts about coral reefs and ocean health, and send an invite to be a part of a Facebook group for Reef Relief Squad members. Regular communications and support will come from CCMI to help Reef Relief Squad mem-

bers successfully fundraise before race day on 8th December.

To help motivate participants, CCMI is offering special incentives for reaching fundraising goals. For example, all runner who raise at least \$250 will receive a special Reef Relief Squad tech shirt that they can run in during the race. Incentive rewards can be collected at the packet pick up on 7th December at the CCMI table.

To register for and learn more about the Reef Relief Squad, email events@reefresearch.org or visit <https://reefresearch.org/get-involved/events-outreach/reef-relief-squad/>.

For more information about CCMI, Healthy Reefs, and how to help protect our reefs, visit www.reefresearch.org.

Rotary Sunrise helps students get an early start

The Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise (Rotary Sunrise) donated 30 backpacks filled with school supplies on Thursday, 15 August 2019.

"We hope to ensure that the last thing students have to worry about is whether they have notebooks or a pencil, allowing them to focus on their education," said President Pat.

The members of Rotary Sunrise packed the bags, 15 for Primary and High School each. "This is the second year we were

able to provide the bags to the Department of Children and Family Services" said Co-Director of Community Service Jenna Mungall, "we hope to continue supporting the families of Cayman each year."

Rotary Sunrise focuses on local projects in Literacy, Youth and Community Service. They meet every Wednesday at George Town Yacht Club at 7:00am, you may email rcgcsunrise@gmail.com for information about volunteering or visiting the club.



▶ Rotarians presenting school bags; Keisha Smith, Co-Director of Community Service Jenna Mungall, President Pat Steward, Department of Children and Family Services Deputy Director Rayle Roberts, Co-Director of Community Service Nanalie Cover, Prospective Rotarian Jamaal Anderson, MASH Manager Tiffany Myles

Maples Group Appoints New Managing Partner to its Law Firm in London

The Maples Group's law firm, Maples and Calder, is pleased to announce the appointment of Heidi de Vries as the Managing Partner of its London office. Heidi will take office on 1 December 2019, succeeding Paul Govier who is retiring from the firm. Paul joined the firm 17 years ago and will continue to support the London office in a consultancy capacity until November 2020.

With immediate effect, Heidi will assume the position of Joint Managing Partner, working alongside Paul Govier and will take on the role of sole Managing Partner from 1 December 2019.

Heidi is widely recognised as a leading Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands lawyer and has extensive investment funds' expertise along with strong management experience, having previously held the position of Managing Partner at another firm. Heidi joined the firm in 2012 and specialises in the structuring, formation, ongoing maintenance and restructuring of hedge funds and private equity funds. Her portfolio of clients include large financial institutions as well as boutique and start up managers. Heidi was recently named as a leading woman in Hedge Funds by the Hedge Fund Journal and will be the first woman to be appointed as Managing Partner of the Group's law firm in London.

Joining Heidi in a leadership capacity, Harjit Kaur has been appointed as head of the Funds & Investment Management practice in London. Harjit joined the firm in 2007 as a member of the Funds & Investment Management team where

she specialises in the establishment and maintenance of all kinds of alternative investment funds in the Cayman Islands. She advises numerous leading European fund managers and their onshore counsel on the formation, ongoing legal and regulatory compliance, restructuring and termination of different types of Cayman Islands investment vehicles, including hedge, hybrid and private equity funds. Harjit also regularly advises clients on a broad range of corporate and commercial transactions, including shareholder arrangements and regulatory matters such as AML, FATCA and CRS compliance. Over the next few months, Harjit will work closely with Paul Govier to drive the practice forward.

The Maples Group, a global service provider offering clients a comprehensive range of legal, fiduciary, fund, regulatory and compliance, and entity formation and management services has 18 offices worldwide and has been operating in London for over 20 years. The London office serves as an important European hub for the Group's international client base by providing full service legal advice on the laws of the British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Ireland and Jersey. It also provides fiduciary, fund, regulatory and compliance, and entity formation and management services

Newly appointed joint Managing Partner of the London law firm, Heidi said, "I am delighted to have been elected as Managing Partner of our law firm in London. It is a privilege to have the op-



▶ Heidi de Vries, Managing Partner of the Maples Group London office

portunity to lead the London team and I hope to build on Paul's leadership, steering the law firm steadily into the next decade. London, along with other European cities is facing into a period of uncertainty, we will continue to provide a seamless service to our clients who are operating in this changing and challenging environment."

Commenting on the appointments, Global Managing Partner, Alasdair Robertson added, "We are delighted that someone of Heidi's experience and calibre is to become Managing Partner of our London law firm. Heidi has been an outstanding partner in our Funds & Investment Management team. Her ap-

pointment is an endorsement of her personal qualities and professional ability. We have no doubt that the London office will continue to thrive under her collaborative leadership. Harjit's appointment to a leadership position also enhances and strengthens our leadership team in London. Harjit has worked in our Fund & Investment team in London for over a decade and has developed a stellar reputation both internally and with clients."

In January 2019, Maples and Calder and MaplesFS consolidated their offerings under a single brand, now called the Maples Group, bringing together their internationally recognised offerings.



Cruise passenger spending onshore will benefit Caymanians

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impression. Take a few minutes to thoughtfully fill out all your profile information – including contact information, location, hours of operation, and website. Profile and cover photos are worth a 1000 words!

Share Thoughtfully

What you post becomes a representation of the business. Stay aware of the image you're crafting as a result of the content you share. Use the 80/20 rule: 80 percent of the content you post, or share should be entertaining or informative, while no more than 20 percent of your social media communication should relate to the goods or services your business provides.



Post Regularly

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Match the Right Content to the Right Network

Each social media platform has its own purpose and audience. Understanding this and matching your content and tone to the proper social media outlet is imperative for success.

Avoid Poor Grammar and Spelling

Grammar mistakes and spelling errors can quickly reduce your credibility. To help avoid them, prepare your social media updates in a document or spreadsheet with spell check. You can also ask for someone to proofread before you share.

Don't #Abuse #Hashtags

Using hashtags connects your post to all other posts on that topic and with that same hashtag. It's a convenient way to categorize and search content on social media networks. However, it's not necessary to turn every word (or sentence!) in a post into a hashtag. Using hashtags correctly will increase your



► Brooke Meyer is the managing partner of Caymera International

online visibility and followers. When used too much, it looks spammy and becomes ineffective.

Give Credit When Credit Is Due

Attribute the author or photographer when you share an interesting post or a gorgeous image. Take the time to find the social media handle responsible for the original post and include it in your tweet. Also, send out thank you posts to those who mention or share your posts. You can make great connections for your business when you play well with others on social media.

Brooke Meyer is the managing partner of Caymera International, a Caymanian-owned hospitality and tourism consulting and advisory firm. She holds a master's certificate in Hospitality Management from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY and has also earned continuing education certifications in Hotel Real Estate and Asset Management, Digital Marketing, and Revenue Management from Cornell University. She has an unwavering commitment to mastering the dynamics of the hospitality industry – and sharing that wisdom with her peers, clients, and stakeholders. Visit Caymera at caymeragroup.com. info@caymeragroup.com



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In addition, a criminal conviction for breach of the Regulations may lead to a fine of \$500,000 plus two years' imprisonment.

For assistance please contact enforcement@dc.gov.ky or **244-3168**.

DCI would like to thank the majority of DNFBPs who have already registered.

St Matthew's University donates funds to the Cayman Heart Fund

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) recently received a generous donation from St. Matthews University.

The University offers CPR and BLS classes through-out the year and a portion of the funds collected are donated to the CHF supporting their work in the Cayman Islands.

Qualified students receive a certificate authorized by the American Heart Association. "We try to make our classes as interactive and engaging as possible. We want our students to leave the classroom having learned new skills as well as knowledge, not just a certificate. We are always pleased to hear our students tell us that they find themselves in that situation, they won't hesitate to help" Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator | BLS Coordinator | BLS Instructor, Lloyd Griffin said.

St Matthews University (SMU) is a school of Medicine providing quality, affordable medical and veterinary education. Since 1997, more than two thousand students have obtained their MD (Doctor of Medicine) and MVD (Doctor of Veterinary Medical) degrees from SMU.

The University's Dean and Professor of Pathology, Dr. Amitabha Basu said, "we are proud to be associated with the CHF in delivering essential lifesaving skills to the people of the Cayman Islands. We have been providing BLS training to local medical, paramedical staff members, students, and non-medical personnel since July 10, 2010."

"There is an urgent need to make CPR (Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation) training a must in schools and colleges

and especially at the community level so that family members of those people, who fall under high risk zone for developing heart ailments, can give immediate medical assistance in times of emergency. Knowing how to give CPR properly can be a great asset and can save the life of a person when his or her heart stops beating."

Cayman Heart Fund, Board Chairman, Mr. David Dinner, also mentioned his appreciation to the University's instructors for their ongoing support and commended the instructors on their commitment to saving lives in the Cayman Islands.

Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator | BLS Coordinator | BLS Instructor, Lloyd Griffin said "We enjoy the rewarding work we do in conjunction with CHF to help educate the public about cardiovascular disease and dealing with emergency situations. The scary thing about cardiac arrest is that it can happen at any time and giving people the ability to help someone while emergency care is on the way can make all the difference."

Cayman Heart Fund, Board Member, Barrie Quappe said, "I love teaching CPR/First Aid at St. Mathew's University. They strive for excellence in their program which is affiliated with the American Heart Association. We train lay persons, medical professionals and anyone who wants the peace of mind that they know what to do in an emergency. One of my students remarked: "This is really easy!" and it is but it can also be tiring and so the more people



► Dr. Sukumar Thorenoor Kumaraswamy: Assistant Professor, Dept. Of Microbiology and Immunology | BLS Instructor, Lloyd Griffin: Clinical Skills Lab Coordinator | BLS Coordinator | BLS Instructor, Dr. Pritam Biswas: Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, Cayman Heart Fund Coordinator Angelique Bodden and Dr. Basu: Dean of Basic Sciences

who can do CPR, the more they can take turns and not tire too easily, maintain good blood circulation to the brain at a crucial time."

For more information about the CPR and BLS classes at SMU please contact the Cayman Heart Fund.

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to the reduction of heart and circulatory disease in the Cayman

Islands. Heart and circulatory disease, known as cardiovascular disease (CVD), is the number one health problem in the Cayman Islands. Cayman Heart Fund is dedicated to educating the public, influencing policy and supporting access to high quality healthcare through various programs and initiatives.

For more information contact: 345-916-6324 or info@caymanheartfund.com.

Tertiary Level Teaching in the Digital Age

The digital age is characterized by knowledge explosion and accessibility. At no other time in the history of mankind have students had so much information – now at the click of their buttons. Today, for the interested student, it is knowledge management rather than knowledge transmission that is required many experts now say.

The Conference Board of Canada summarizes the 'Employability Skills' required in this digital age. Communication skills are needed. In addition to the traditional communication skills of reading, speaking and writing coherently and clearly, the Board adds social media communication skills.

The ability to learn independently, that is the student taking responsibility for working out what she needs to know, and where to find that knowledge is also important because the knowledge-base is constantly changing. Ethics and responsibility, says the Board, is required to build trust which is 'Needed in informal social network but critical in a world where there are many different players, and a greater degree of reliance on others to accomplish one's own goals.'

Teamwork and flexibility is another crucial skill needed now as 'Knowledge workers need to know how to work collaboratively, virtually and at a distance, with colleagues, clients and partners. The 'pooling' of collective knowledge, problem-solving and implementation requires good teamwork and flexibility in taking on tasks or solving problems that may be outside a narrow job definition but necessary for success.'

W. Tony Bates, writing on the subject of teaching in the Digital Age explains that thinking skills, 'Meaning critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, originality, strategizing are, perhaps, the most important skills needed in a knowledge-based society as businesses increasingly depend on the creation of new products, new services and new processes to keep down costs and increase competitiveness. Because most knowledge-based activities depend heavily on the use of technology, digital skills are critical especially when integrated with and evaluated through the knowledge-base of the subject area.'

Many observers point out that knowledge management is perhaps the most over-arching of all the skills. Bates says that 'Knowledge is not only rapidly changing with new research, new developments, and rapid dissemination of ideas and practices over the Internet, but the sources of information are increasing, with a great deal of variability in the reliability or validity of the information. Thus the knowledge that an engineer learns at university can quickly become obsolete. There is so much information now in the health area that it is impossible for a medical

student to master all drug treatments, medical procedures and emerging science such as genetic engineering, even within an eight year program. The key skill in a knowledge-based society is knowledge management: how to find, evaluate, analyze, apply and disseminate information, within a particular context.'

This is a skill that graduates will need to employ long after graduation.

I agree with those who contend that the development of these skills requires a fundamental and irreversible shift in teaching and learning strategies.



► Dr. Livingston Smith is the Vice President and Provost of UCCI

The focus must be less on information transmission and more on questioning, exploration of ideas, presentation of alternative viewpoints, and the development of critical or original thinking as these are the very skills needed by students in a knowledge-based society.

In this respect, the lecture approach, though it has some continuing utility, is largely irrelevant to the digital age. The lecture approach, consistent with structured classrooms which were creatures of the industrial age, was birthed when books were few and knowledge confined and held at premium value because of its scarcity. But the truth is that most current students cannot bear lectures beyond 20 minutes even with the most dramatic and interesting styles of presentation. The challenge is to use lectures sparingly to begin a course, to focus on key concepts, for summative reasons and so on as students are expecting lectures especially to keep them focused and to explain knotty concepts.

With information available quickly and in huge volumes, the focus must be on how to manage knowledge, not how to give it; on dialogue and discussion and 'practical, personal and social skills'

and not on that method, 'the lecture' which in Latin means 'reading.'

So with the necessary downgrade or reform of the 'lecture approach' the facilitator must provide more student oriented methods such as project, case and problem-based learning, collaborative learning, inquiry-based learning, seminars and tutorials. The research says

that these methods require much more frequent interaction with students and are much more likely to develop deeper forms of learning.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alvin McLaughlin Collection Exhibition at the National Museum

23 August - 30 November - Visit the Cayman Islands National Museum to view the collection of East End resident Alvin McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin's collection is used to showcase the individuality, culture and heritage of the East End district. The museum is opened from Monday to Saturday and schools can book tours. There is free entry to residents every Saturday. For more information call 949 - 8368 or email info@museum.ky

Summer Story Time

23 - 31 August - The Cayman Islands Public Library in Bodden Town continues its Summer Story time with Uncle Vic every Saturday at 10:30am until August 31st. For more information, call 947 - 0966 or email boddentown@caymanlibraries.com.

Art at the Strand

23 August - This Saturday and every Saturday, from 3pm to sunset, the Visual Arts Society local ART market at The Strand features artists displaying arts, crafts, paintings, prints, hand-crafted

jewellery & ceramics for sale in front of the Lodge/Eco-Den. For more information or to become a displaying artist, email info@visualartcayman.com

Soldier Crab Sundays - Crab Racing

25 August - Participate in the Caymanian tradition of Soldier Crab Racing on Sunday 11 August at the Royal Palms Beach Club, West Bay Road. This is a fun way to help the NCVO in its goal to raise \$1.6 million dollars by October. Participation donation in \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Visit ncvo.org.ky for more information.

Free HIV Screenings

27 August - The Public Health Department has extended its hours for free HIV screenings. The free testing is now available from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. every Tuesday at the Cayman Islands Red Cross on Huldah Avenue, George Town. Call 949 - 6785 for more information.

Seniors Tour and Tea Party at the National Museum

23 August - The National Gallery and EY welcome Seniors for a

morning of art and conversation. The special event will begin with a tour of the new exhibition 'Tropical Visions: Landscape Painting from the National Collection' with a chance to share stories and memories inspired by the artwork. This will be followed by tea service with refreshments and pastries in the Gallery gardens. Admission to the event is free thanks to the generous sponsorship of EY Cayman, please RSVP by calling (345) 945-8111 or emailing receptionvolunteer@nationalgallery.org.ky by 19 August. Transportation assistance can be arranged if requested.

New Student Orientation

26 August - There is orientation for all new students going into government primary and secondary schools in Grand Cayman on Monday 26 August. This is mandatory and parents must accompany the students. Orientation times may differ from school to school so you are advised to call the school before.

Release of Exam Results

26 - 27 August - Release of Exam results for Yr. 12 students is on Monday 26 August and Tuesday 27 for Yr. 11 students. Initial consulting will be available at for students.

School reopens

27 August - The new school year begins for all government primary and secondary schools (with the exception of CIFEC). Most private schools will also open. Check individual schools for confirmation.

Speaker Series: Wreck of the Ten Sails

27 August - The National Museum continues its Speaker Series with a discussion on the Wreck of the Ten Sails from 6 to 7:30pm. Log on to museum.ky for more information.

CIIPA Run/Walk

27 August - Help to raise funds for the local YMCA by participating in CIIPA's Run/Walk. Runners and walkers of all levels are invited to this fun event. There are 2 distances for runners to choose from - 10K or 5K and walkers do a distance of 5K. Registration is CI\$25 and this includes breakfast provided by Amazon Cafe and entry into the raffle prize drawing. The run/walk begins and ends at Cricket Square. Well behaved on - leash dogs are welcomed. For more information visit www.ciipa.ky.

Young Men at Risk Workshop 5

28 August - The Alex Panton Foundation (APF) in conjunction with the Community Affairs Min-

istry invites everyone to to a presentation on Young Men at Risk on Wednesday, 28th August at the North Side Civic Centre. The workshop will explore - How emotional distress is communicated in young men; Challenging and risk taking behaviours displayed by young men; Warning signs to watch for and Help-seeking. Email info@alex-pantonfoundation.ky for more information.

Walkers Art Programme Registration

30 August - Registration for this popular extracurricular art programme opens Friday, 30 August at 9:00 AM online at <https://www.nationalgallery.org.ky/learn/learning/kids-family/walkers-art-club/registration/>. This popular extracurricular art education programme offers students of all ages and abilities weekly art classes to enhance skills and expose students to local and international artists. Participants are instructed by trained arts educators and are encouraged to express themselves, emphasizing creativity and experimentation through age-appropriate projects, themes and skills. For those unable to access online registration, alternate arrangements can be made by contacting education@nationalgallery.org.ky.

What do Insulin Resistance and Summer Have in Common?

Plenty, it turns out, and it has everything to do with what you're eating this summer. Even though summer brings with it an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables, making it easier to eat healthily, it also brings added risks.

What could taste better during the lazy, hazy days of summer than fruity cocktails and rich ice cream? Unfortunately, these are the foods that can spell danger for your blood sugar level. The few minutes of pleasure that you derive from those cold, sugary treats can pave the way for decades of chronic illness.

Blood Sugar Basics

When you eat sugary treats, your blood sugar levels rise. Your blood sugar level is a measure of how much sugar or glucose is circulating in your bloodstream. Too much glucose in your blood is dangerous, so your body works hard to lower the levels. It does this by releasing insulin, a hormone which enables your cells to absorb the excess glucose.

The danger comes when you continue eating too much sugar, because your body responds by producing more and more insulin. Too much insulin trains your cells to become resistant to insulin, and this is called **insulin resistance**.

The net effect is that it then takes more and more insulin to make your cells remove the glucose from your blood. When this happens, your blood sugar levels stay elevated, your insulin levels stay elevated and you develop pre-diabetes.

Still want that ice cream?

Moderation is the Key

Don't panic. This doesn't mean that you can never indulge in a sugary treat again. What it means is that you need to be smart about the amount you eat and how you eat it.

Have you ever heard of the glycemic index? It is simply a way of categorizing foods according to their effects on the level of glucose in your blood. A food with a high glycemic index will cause

more glucose to build up than will a food with a low glycemic index.

In order to control your blood sugar levels, it is helpful to eat lots of foods with a low glycemic index. *And if you eat foods with a high glycemic index, be sure to pair them with low glycemic foods in order to slow the effect on your blood sugar.*

High glycemic foods include white flour, white sugar, white rice, and even big, white potatoes. **Low glycemic foods** are foods that have lots of fiber and protein. These would include beans, whole grains, lean proteins and nuts.

Simply being aware of the glycemic index will help you eat in a way that reduces the stress on your body. If you are going to have an ice cream treat, make sure you eat it at the end of a meal that contains low glycemic foods. And, if possible, have it on a resistance training day - that will help also!

So this summer, have an occasional treat, but be sure it is *occasional*...seriously. Your body will thank you!



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WHY I LOVE CHOCOLATE

I was really never a fan of chocolate nor chocolate oriented foods and delicacies. I just couldn't muster the desire for them. However, in researching this much admired and tasty treat I have now become an ardent lover and consumer of this awesome, healthy treat. The ancient Mayan Kings were absolutely crazy about the health and mood lifting perks of cocoa bean. In fact, Montezuma drink as many as fifty elaborate cups of cocoa drink daily. So here are some healthy reasons for indulging in chocolate.



NUTRITIOUS - A 100 gram bar of chocolate with 80+ % cocoa contains 11 g of fiber, 67% RDI IRON, 58% RDI Magnesium, 89 % RDI Copper and 98% RDI Manganese. Just be sure to consume in moderation.

ANTIOXIDANTS - Dark chocolate is loaded with organic compounds that are biologically active and function as antioxidants. In one study which included blueberries, and acai berries, dark chocolate was found to have polyphenols and flavonoids.

LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE - Here's a great one for you. Its flavonoids stimulate the endothelium which line the arteries to produce nitric oxide. One of the functions of NO is to send signals to the arteries to relax, lowering the resistance to blood flow and subsequently blood pressure.

HEART DISEASE RISK - The compounds in dark chocolate appear to be highly protective against the oxidation of LDL. In a study with 470 elderly men, cocoa was found to reduce the risk of death from heart disease by a whopping 50% over a period of 15 years. Amazing!

SKIN PROTECTION - The bioactive compounds in dark chocolate are also great for your skin. Its flavonoids can protect against sun damage, improve blood flow to the skin and, increase skin density and hydration.

Each night after dinner I enjoy 2-4 squares of dark chocolate as a healthy dessert. Make sure it's 80% dark or upwards. Try it.

POLICE NEWS

RCIPS label reports of child rape as 'misinformation'

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Commissioner Byrne did confirm that there is a matter of child safeguarding that the police have been looking into but denied it involved sexual or physical violence.

"There is absolutely no information, no indication, nothing that would indicate that anything of a sexual or physical assault took place," he told an unusually scheduled weekend press conference.

He also confirmed that RCIPS officers were dispatched to Miami to speak to the parent and child who had left the territory as part of the investigation.

He said the child was referred for assistance overseas, but that's as much information as the police were willing to provide.

Calling for the information in the public domain to be corrected, he said "it is purely a child safeguarding, a child protection issue. That's what it is at the moment. It's not a criminal investigation, and that's what needs to be corrected."

It was explained that a matter was brought to the attention of the police via Cayman Islands Hospital, the Department of Children and Family Services and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

The involvement of those agencies has led to speculation over the exact nature of the incident.

Speaking on the issue, Inspector Kevin Ashworth, head of the Family Support Unit, explained: "It's not our business to publish private information about children and indeed families."

When that reaches a criminal investigation and it becomes a court process then obviously it becomes in the public domain."

There have also been reports of individuals being named as alleged perpetrators, accomplices or otherwise facilitators directly or indirectly associated with the matter.

Commissioner Byrnes has cautioned: "There are consequential or ancillary issues relating to people being dragged into it wrongly, information being given in the public domain about hush monies and particular persons being involved, and that is absolutely incorrect."

However, despite the police's effort to quell the matter, it continues to attract much public attention, especially in on-line forums.

It is also felt that Commissioner Byrnes's comment of "That's what it is at the moment" leaves the door open to further avenues of investigation.

The RCIPS "Day of Action" Operation

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al foot patrols were carried out in certain areas that usually have problems or that are vulnerable to crime.

Superintendent Robbie Graham in charge of Uniform Services states "Aside from the numbers of tickets, arrests, and warrants that were carried out during our day of action operation, the preventative aspect that comes as a result of our increased visibility and strategic patrols cannot be measured. We are always seeking to improve officer visibility to ensure community confidence and reassurance." He continued to say "While we cannot redirect our resources this way on a continuous basis, we hope to carry out similar operations more often in the future, as resources and operational needs permit."

These types of operations are usually carried out annually to test response and operational capabilities on a large scale.



► Officers conducting vehicle checks in Savannah



► Officer carrying out search during the operation Day of Action

Man Seriously Injured in Incident on North Sound Road

Shortly after 8:45PM on Sunday night, 18 August, officers responded to a report of an altercation at a business towards the east end of North Sound Road. A security guard had come upon four young males who were using a pool facility that was not open to the public at that time.

The males were spoken to and eventually left the premises, however they returned sometime later with two other males and began throwing rocks at the security officers and other staff, striking some of them.

During the incident one of the security officers was struck and seriously injured by a vehicle that had been on the compound. It is suspected that one of the males who had been throwing the rocks, was able to enter the vehi-

cle and drive it, before fleeing with the other males and leaving the vehicle behind.

The man who was struck by the vehicle, along with another who was hit with a rock, were both transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment. The man who was hit with the rock was subsequently discharged, while the man who was struck by the vehicle remains in hospital in critical condition.

The matter is currently under investigation and police are asking anyone with any information to come forward. Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who may have seen the males at the location earlier in the afternoon/evening is asked to contact **George Town CID at 949-4222.**

A smile and 'stick-to-itiveness' net EOM for Nadira

Freedom of Information (FOI) Analyst Nadira Lord is the Cayman Islands Government Employee of the Month for July 2019.

Ms Lord, who works in the FOI Unit of the Cabinet Office, collected the EOM award for Delivering an Outstanding Customer Experience by being an exceptional team player.

In addition to her onerous duties as the sole FOI Analyst for the CIG, Ms Lord exhibits commitment to teamwork by assisting the Protocol Office with the planning and execution of major public events. These include the National Heroes Day and Queen's Birthday celebrations, Remembrance Sunday Ceremony, and facilitating major official visits such as the CPA Regional Conference, the Royal Visit by HRH the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and the recent visit of the Prime Minister of Jamaica.

This often means long extended hours on the go, facilitating, delivering, problem solving, trouble shooting and representing the CIG. On Ms Lord's nomination form it was noted that there is no job too great or small that she does not tackle and she does so with a smile on her face, epitomising professionalism, care and passion for her work. Ms Lord has taken on this extra work without any compensation.

In handing the award to Ms Lord before Cabinet Office staff last Friday, 16 August, Deputy Governor Franz Manderson reflected on her efforts:

"Recently the Cabinet Office was short of two critical staff members and charged with delivering a major event. I am advised that Ms Lord literally worked 18 hour days with little to no rest for the entire week.

"In one instance when she was finally getting some rest, she was called out of bed in order to create a moment of magic. A VIP Visitor decided at the last moment to extend his stay while at the airport. She left her family to rush to the hotel to secure rooms for the VIP. This resulted in the VIP walking out of his car into the hotel, where he was greeted by Ms Lord who was displaying a bright smile at almost 1:00AM. The VIP was taken straight to his room without a second of hesitation or delay. What is even



► Nadira Lord and Deputy Governor

more miraculous is that she achieved this moment of magic while her car literally broke down on the road, forcing her to borrow a car to complete the task.

"Two words which describe her performance are World Class!" Mr Manderson concluded.

Cabinet Secretary Samuel Rose also presented Ms Lord with a Chief Officer's Choice certificate. He thanked her for being an essential team member and delivering top-notch customer service, evidenced by glowing feedback from both international and local beneficiaries of such services.

Director of the Policy Coordination Unit Jason Webster, who nominated Ms Lord, described her as "maintaining both a very high level of professionalism and an engaging, positive and winning attitude while carrying out her duties for the Protocol Office. She problem solves, pinches pennies, is creative and solution-driven. She accepts impossible tasks with a smile and sees them through to the end."



► Ms Lord, flanked by the Deputy Governor, Cabinet Secretary, and Cabinet Office staff

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Gerry Kirkconnell Receives Little League's George Rivers Award

Local businessman and community leader, Gerry Kirkconnell, was surprised to hear his name called at a recent Cayman Islands Little League (CILL) reunion event where he was watching kids play a spirited game of baseball. The person calling his name was JC Calhoun and the reason for the interruption was to present Mr. Kirkconnell with the George Rivers Award, a meaningful, longstanding tradition of recognising CILL volunteers that has been revived.



► JC Calhoun presented Gerry Kirkconnell with the George Rivers award at a recent Little League Alumni Night

The George Rivers Award was created to honour dedicated, long serving CILL volunteers who wear a variety of hats to make the programme run smoothly. Mr. Rivers himself was a committed coach, umpire, chauffeur and so much more who had a great attitude and was truly supportive of all the kids. All four of his kids earned Little League 'Sportsmanship' awards, a character trait that was fostered at home. He died suddenly several years ago as a result of a heart attack.

Mr. Kirkconnell's relationship with Little League began almost from the organisation's inception. His four sons and most of their friends all played the game while he coached; some still play in the co-ed softball league today. He also sponsored teams during those years and continues to do so. In addition, Mr. Kirkconnell was instrumental in helping to develop new fundraising revenue

streams for the organisation such as the Little League Golf Tournament, which his company, Kirk Freeport, sponsored with one of its brands, Rolex, and which became one of the most anticipated annual charity golf scrambles. The Little League auction was another idea of his and he was one of the most generous donors of items over the years.

Upon accepting the award Mr. Kirkconnell commented on how much his family had enjoyed the Little League programme over the years, how much his kids had gotten out of it, and especially how much the behavioural principles being taught in the programme were needed in Cayman. He also encouraged the alumni to

get out and volunteer to coach up the next generation and pass on what they have learned through Little League emphasising how the organisation builds community through its programmes.

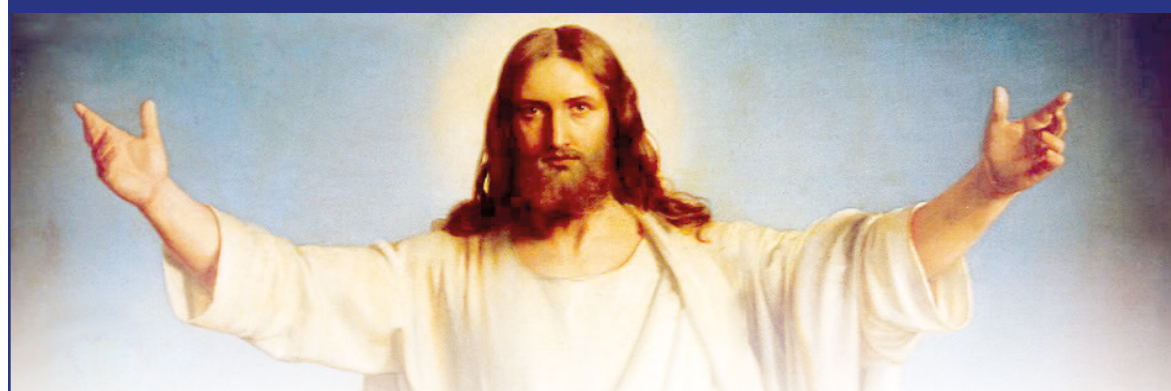
Past recipients of the George Rivers Award are Jeremy Rice (2011), Pam Parsons (2010), J.C. Calhoun (2009), Jim Parham (2008), Minnie Giddings (2007), Donnie Ebanks (2003), Robbie and Paula Cribb (2002), Rod and Penny McDowall (2001), Kevin and Robin Hartmann (2000), Robert and Jeanette Totten (1999) and Sara Mackay (1998).

For more information about Cayman Islands Little League email info@littleleague.ky or call 916.5643.



► (L-R) Previous George Rivers Award Recipients Sara Mackay, JC Calhoun, current recipient Gerry Kirkconnell and YMCA CEO Greg Smith

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



FRET - FREE LIVING - PSALM 37: 1-11

Does it bother you that much attention is given to people who stand for all things? Perhaps it is entertainment stars who get the headlines while espousing immoral philosophies in their music, movies, or programmes. Or it could be leaders who openly thumb their noses at right- standard of living.

It would be easy to fret about this and wring our hands in despair, but this Psalm suggests a better way. Listen to David's advice, "Do not

fret because of evil doers, nor be envious of the workers of iniquity." While it is right to be, "salt and light," in this tasteless world- attempting to conquer sin by reflecting Jesus' light wherever possible, we cannot let negative forces cause us to live in anger and wrath. We may not like what we see and hear from some aspects of society, but remember this always: GOD IS IN CONTROL. Trust Him to do what is right, and DON'T FRET.

OBITUARIES

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Joseph Woods, who passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019. A Thanksgiving service will be held at the Bodden Town Seventh Day Adventist Church, 153 Cumber Ave, Bodden Town, Grand Cayman on Thursday August 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00- 3:00 p.m. Interment at: Family Cemetery (Pease Bay)



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Elvis Presley Ebanks AKA "Bob Marley", who passed away on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. A Graveside Service will be held at Boatswain Bay Cemetery, West Bay, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Sunday, August 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00- 3:00 p.m.



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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. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. John William Turner, who passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Malachi Richards, who passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be Announced at a later date.



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Trella Marie McRae, who passed away on Wednesday, July 31, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.

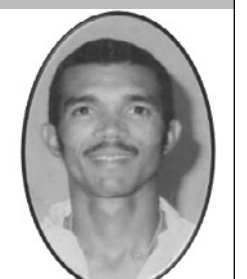


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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Virgil Morgan Bush, who passed away on Monday, August 5, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Wesleyan Holiness Church, 150 NW Point Rd, West Bay, Grand Cayman on Saturday, August 24, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment at: Boatswain Bay Cemetery



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CARIBBEAN AIRLINES TO LAUNCH SERVICE BETWEEN KINGSTON, JAMAICA AND GRAND CAYMAN FROM OCTOBER 29, 2019

Caribbean Airlines announces the start of service between Kingston, Jamaica and Grand Cayman, from October 29, 2019. The flights will operate twice weekly to Grand Cayman from Norman Manley International Airport, Kingston, Jamaica each Tuesday and Saturday.

Now business, leisure and other travellers can easily connect to Grand Cayman from many of our other destinations including Trinidad, Barbados and St Maarten via Kingston; to enjoy all the country offers. The flight schedule attached.

In commenting on the new route, Garvin Medera, Caribbean Airlines Chief Executive Officer stated: "Grand Cayman is a welcomed addition to our schedule as we continue our mission to connect the Caribbean. We are excited to offer our customers more choice and more destinations for leisure and business travel with the start-up of our service between Kingston and Grand Cayman in October. Jamaica and Grand Cayman have always enjoyed a very close connection and this addition of 300 seats per week into either market will strengthen this relationship, and we are

working closely with our valued stakeholders in Grand Cayman and Kingston to ensure the route is a success".

Grand Cayman is the largest of the three Cayman Islands with an area of 122.23 km² (75.97 miles²) and a population of around 65,813. Tourism accounts for about 70% of the islands' GDP, with tourist arrivals exceeding 2 million.

Flights for travel to Grand Cayman on Caribbean Airlines are available for sale at Caribbean Airlines ticket offices and via www.caribbean-airlines.com and the Caribbean Airlines Mobile App, which is available for free download via the Apple Store and Google Play. [!\[\]\(cf531ed27e91483460120fcc057b3901_img.jpg\)](#) [!\[\]\(34fde9b7c74442c0438f550a41236260_img.jpg\)](#)



CARIBBEAN AIRLINES FLIGHT SCHEDULE BETWEEN KINGSTON, JAMAICA AND GRAND CAYMAN

FLIGHT	FREQUENCY	ORIGIN	DESTINATION	DEPART	ARRIVE
BW 005	TUESDAY	KINGSTON	GRAND CAYMAN	11:25 A.M.	12:35 P.M.
BW 004	TUESDAY	GRAND CAYMAN	KINGSTON	1:30 P.M.	2:35 P.M.
BW 009	SATURDAY	KINGSTON	GRAND CAYMAN	9:40 A.M.	10:50 A.M.
BW 008	SATURDAY	GRAND CAYMAN	KINGSTON	11:50 A.M.	12:25 P.M.

Guyanese Teachers to be Trained to teach Venezuelan Migrant Children

Nineteen teachers will soon begin training which will equip them with the necessary skills to teach English as a second language to children of Venezuelan migrants who've travelled to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country to escape hardship in the Spanish-speaking nation.

The Government through the Ministry of Education said it has been working with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to develop educational interventions, which will improve the learning and communication skills of these children. Eight communities in Region One are expected to benefit from this initiative.

UNHCR representative on the Multi-Stakeholder Committee, Cecile Guerrero made this announcement at yesterday's stakeholder meeting, which was held at the Department of Citizenship. The Committee is tasked with monitoring the arrival of Venezuelan migrants into Guyana.

Guerrero informed the Committee that 17 teachers from Region One and

two from Georgetown will gather in Mabaruma later this week for the training, which will last until the end of the month. The two Georgetown-based teachers, she said, will be trained to be trainers. These teachers will be tasked with training their colleagues when and wherever the need arises.

The Committee was informed too that the Canadian based facilitator, who will be conducting the training, arrived in Guyana earlier in the day.

So far, in excess of 800 Venezuelan children are enrolled in schools.

Meanwhile, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is working along with the Guyana Water Incorporated (GWI) to implement a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) project, which focuses on the provision and storage of water, sanitation and hygiene promotion interventions in six communities in Region One.

As part of this project, a 100-metre well will be drilled at Whitewater, Region One, to provide water on a consistent basis to residents. This will complement the rain water harvesting tanks,



water storage facilities and portable water filters, which have already been handed over to the communities.

Given the positive impacts made in Barima-Waini through the pilot project,

the two entities are now looking to roll out the project in Cuyuni - Mazaruni (Region Seven). It will target three communities in its initial phase: Eteringbang, Arrau and Kurutuku. [!\[\]\(241407ae374027aec4b030ca93d07b05_img.jpg\)](#)

PAHO Warns of Complex Dengue Situation in the Caribbean

The Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has warned of the complex situation of dengue in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is currently experiencing a new epidemic cycle of the disease after two years of low incidence.

According to the latest PAHO epidemiological update, during the first seven months of 2019, more than two million people contracted the disease and 723 died. The number of cases exceeds the total number of cases reported in 2017 and 2018, although so far, it remains lower than the number recorded in 2015-2016.

"The region is experiencing a new epidemic cycle of dengue, with a notable increase in cases," said Dr Marcos Espinal, Director of PAHO's Department of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health. The climate, environmental management and the mosquito's capacity to adapt may have caused the situation to increase in complexity.

Another characteristic of the current epidemic is that children under the age of 15 appear to be among the most affected. In Guatemala, they represent 52 per cent of total cases of severe dengue, while in Honduras, they constitute 66 per cent of all confirmed deaths. According to Dr Espinal, this may be due to the fact that their age means they have been less exposed to the virus in the past and may therefore lack immunity.

Dengue is caused by a virus that has four different, but closely related, serotypes: DEN-1, DEN-2, DEN-3 and DEN-

4, all of which circulate in the Americas. When a person recovers from the infection, he acquires lifelong immunity against that particular serotype. However, subsequent infections caused by other serotypes increase the risk of acquiring more severe forms of dengue. Serotype 2 is one of the deadliest and is the one currently affecting children and adolescents.

The ten countries currently most affected by dengue, in terms of new cases per 100,000 inhabitants, are Nicaragua, Brazil, Honduras, Belize, Colombia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela. Honduras and Nicaragua have already declared national-level epidemiological alerts this year to expedite the response.

A call to eliminate mosquito breeding sites in and around houses

Given the situation, PAHO has already urged the entire community and all sectors of society to work together to eliminate mosquito breeding sites, particularly those around the home.

"Dengue is a domestic and community sanitation problem," said José Luis San Martín, PAHO's Regional Advisor on Dengue. "The most effective way to combat it is to eliminate its breeding sites in order to prevent the mosquito from reproducing because without mosquitoes there would be no transmission of dengue."

According to San Martín the community as a whole must get rid of all unused objects where water can accumulate, such as drums, old tires, cans, bottles



and vases. Domestic water tanks must be hermetically sealed to avoid them becoming hatching sites.

"Eliminating hatching sites would hit the mosquito hard by interrupting its breeding cycle, therefore reducing the mosquito population," he said.

Priority: saving lives

PAHO has also called for health professionals to be trained to diagnose and adequately manage patients with dengue and other arboviruses such as Zika and Chikungunya.

"The proper management of patients is a priority that can save lives," said San Martín, urging the population to avoid self-medicating and to instead visit a

health system early when experiencing symptoms of the disease.

The most common symptoms are high fever (40 °C), severe headache, pain behind the eyeballs, and joint and muscle aches. Warning signs of dengue that require urgent medical attention include severe abdominal pain, persistent vomiting, rapid breathing, bleeding from the mucous membranes, fatigue, irritability and presence of blood in the vomit.

There is no specific treatment for dengue (or severe dengue), but timely detection, access to medical care and proper management of the patient can reduce complications and disease progression. Death from dengue is almost always avoidable. [!\[\]\(9439342c3a13a09f7fce631aa7409579_img.jpg\)](#)

TROPICAL UPDATE

Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

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

The National Hurricane Center is issuing advisories on Tropical Storm Chantal, located several hundred miles east-southeast of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

An area of disturbed weather located over the central and northwestern Bahamas is producing disorganized

showers and thunderstorms. Some slow development of this system is possible over the next several days as it moves toward the Florida peninsula and then the southeastern United States.

- Formation chance through 48 hours... low... near 0 percent.
- Formation chance through 5 days... low... 20 percent.

CHANTAL CONTINUES EASTWARD ACROSS THE NORTH ATLANTIC WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN STRENGTH...

SUMMARY OF 1100 AM AST...1500 UTC...INFORMATION:

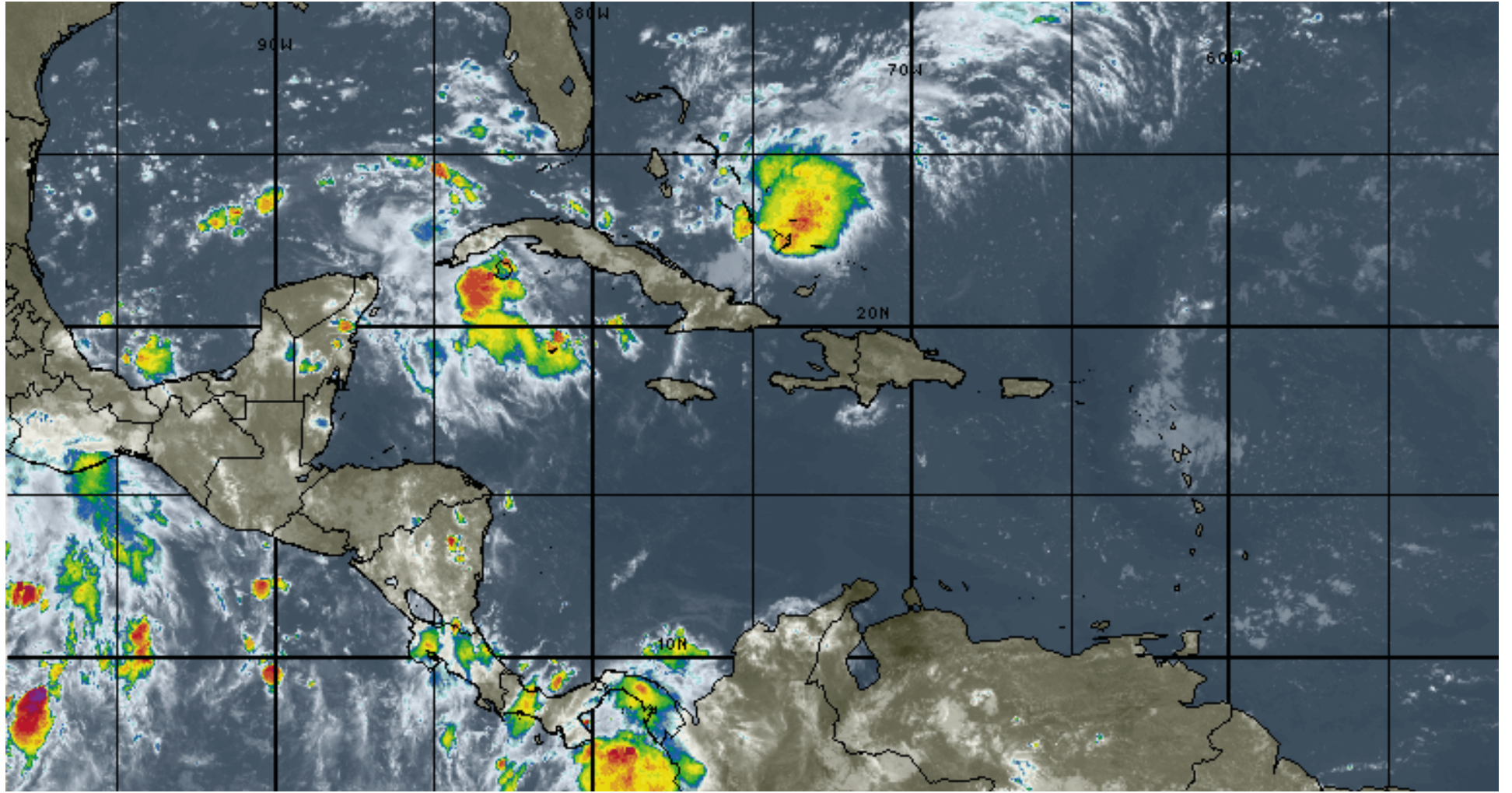
- LOCATION...40.2N 51.6W
- ABOUT 455 MI...730 KM S OF CAPE RACE NEWFOUNDLAND

• MAXIMUM SUSTAINED WINDS...40 MPH...65 KM/H

• PRESENT MOVEMENT...E OR 90 DEGREES AT 20 MPH...31 KM/H

• MINIMUM CENTRAL PRESSURE...1009 MB...29.80 INCHES

WATCHES AND WARNINGS:
There are no coastal watches or warnings in effect. 🌐



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 pyou 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 usage 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 creates space agency

The Philippines is entering a new phase in science and technology with the passage of a law creating a space agency, a move that officials say will have positive impact on its national security and its people's welfare.

President Rodrigo Duterte signed on Aug. 8 the Philippine Space Act that will govern the country's space development and utilisation policy.

"This piece of legislation will bear fruits that generations to come will be enjoying," Fortunato dela Pena, the country's science and technology secretary said as he acknowledged that data collected from space technology will have multiple applications on the ground.

Rogel Mari Sese, a Filipino astrophysicist who helped craft the law, said: "Space is no longer a luxury when it comes to national development and security. It's a necessity."

Mr Sese said the Philippine Space Agency or PhilSA is included in the current administration's Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022, and in the National Security Policy.



► The Philippines state agency is an innovative move

Based on the law signed by Mr Duterte, the country's space policy will focus on national security and development, hazard management and climate studies, space research and development, space industry capacity building, space education and awareness, and international cooperation.

A Philippine Space Council, to be chaired by the president and composed of other key members of the Cabinet, is also created to act as the principal advisory body.

The PhilSA will be situated in the Clark Special Economic Zone, north of Manila, and Mr dela Pena hopes the facility will be ready before the Duterte administration ends in 2022. 🌐

Canada don't want British Isis fighter

Canada said it is disappointed the United Kingdom had decided to "off-load their responsibilities" after revoking the citizenship of an Isis fighter known as Jihadi Jack.

Muslim convert Jack Letts, 24, who had held dual UK and Canadian citizenship, declared he was an "enemy of Britain" after travelling from Oxfordshire to Syria at the age of 18 to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

He has begged to be allowed to return to the UK from Syria, insisting he had "no intention" of killing Britons, after he was captured by Kurdish forces in 2017.

The Home Office has now stripped Mr Letts of British citizenship, meaning he is the responsibility of the Canadian government.

Canadian Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said: "Canada is disappointed that the United Kingdom has taken this unilateral action to off-load their responsibilities."

Mr Letts has been behind bars in a Kurdish prison since 2017. In 2015,



► Jack Letts will not be welcome in Canada

he posted on Facebook that he would like to perform a "martyrdom operation" on a group of British soldiers. But by the end of that year, he was indicating that he wanted to return home.

His parents are from Oxford and were found guilty earlier this year of sending him money. They received a suspended sentence.

Asked whether Mr Letts would be allowed to come to Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wouldn't answer, saying only that the government continues to recognize it's a crime to travel for the purpose of engaging in terrorist activities. 🌐

Honduran football crowd kill four

The president of Honduras has vowed to punish the rioters - he labelled as "terrorist" - who killed four people and injured dozens in the capital before a derby football match.

The riot landed former Glasgow Celtic footballer Emlio Izaguirre in hospital. Mr Izaguirre's team mates - Roberto Moreira and Jonathan Rougier - were hurt in the violence, which lasted for hours, with the game eventually being postponed.

Mr Izaguirre was treated in a Tegucigalpa hospital for an eye injury after his team bus was attacked before his club Motagua's explosive showdown with Olimpia. He got shreds of glass in his eye, but insisted he was fine after the attack and there was no lasting damage.

Now Honduras' president, Juan Orlando Hernandez, has vowed to launch a massive crackdown on the violence, which rocked football. He said: "This



► Emlio Izaguirre's eye was damaged

act of violence will not go unpunished. Honduras must get these terrorists out of football.

"I have ordered the security forces to capture those responsible for the deaths and injuries which have filled the entire nation and the sports world with pain and mourning. We must all do our part.

"The perversity of those who incite hatred and violence as a political instrument for their own interests is reprehensible. We must radically change the management of these events." 🌐

US in secret talks with deputy leader

The US has started secret communications with Venezuela's socialist party boss as members of President Nicolás Maduro's inner circle seek guarantees they won't face retribution if they cede to growing demands to remove him.

Diosdado Cabello, who is considered the most-powerful man in Venezuela after Mr Maduro, met last month in Caracas with a close contact with the Trump administration. A second meeting is in the works but has not yet taken place.

Mr Cabello is a major power broker inside Venezuela, who has seen his influence in the government and security forces expand as Maduro's grip on power has weakened. But he's also been accused by US officials of being behind massive corruption, drug trafficking and even death threats against a sitting US senator.

The goal of the outreach is to ratchet up pressure on the regime by contributing to the tussle the US believes is taking place behind the scenes among competing circles of power within the ruling party. 🌐



► Diosdado Cabello may end the Venezuelan impasse

Cuba price controls squeezes vendors

Cuba has imposed price controls on goods and services ranging from lemons and pork to haircuts and taxi fares in what it says is an effort to reduce inflation as state wages and pensions are increased.

Prices in Havana were set for some basic foods such as beans, pork, lemons, bananas, onions and cabbage. In recent weeks, regional authorities have slapped price



► Cuban vendors are earning even less now

controls on taxi fares, beverages and haircuts, among other items. The price controls differ from province to province. Cuba has controlled prices of certain goods in the past, but the new controls mark a more systematic approach.

President Miguel Diaz-Canel announced last month a series of emergency measures to fight economic stagnation and dwindling foreign currency earnings that began in 2015 as the economy of key ally Venezuela imploded, and which have been aggravated by a series of new US sanctions.

The measures included increased wages and pensions for more than two million state employees.

The government is also introducing price controls and still-to-be-announced policies aimed at stimulating local production to meet increased consumer demand without sparking inflation. It estimates inflation was 2.4 percent in 2018.

The price controls apply both to state-run companies that dominate the economy, and a growing private sector of cooperatives, farmers, small businesses and self-employed individuals who, for example, sell produce or drive taxis. Vendors, farmers and small enterprise owners are generally unhappy as they will make little or no profit now. 🌐

Brexit fears rise, despite PM's denials

Boris Johnson has insisted preparations for a no-deal Brexit are on track, despite a leaked report warning of potential food and medicine shortages.

The UK prime minister said preparations had been "very far advanced" ahead of the original March 29 deadline. Meanwhile, Mr Johnson has written to EU Council President Donald Tusk to outline his opposition to the Irish border backstop plan.

Jeremy Corbyn has vowed to do "everything necessary" to stop no deal. The Labour leader said the leaked report made it "crystal clear how bad things will get" if the UK leaves without a deal on Oct. 31.

He added that the leak showed "chaos and dislocation" after a no-deal was "very real and threatening".

It comes as local council planning documents warned that school meal nutrition standards may need to be amended or discarded after a no deal.

Some councils are anticipating they will not meet the standards because of



► The Brexit situation is at a tentative stage

an anticipated rise in food prices and restriction of choice.

According to Operation Yellowhammer, the dossier leaked to the Sunday Times, the UK could face months of disruption at its ports after a no-deal Brexit.

Plans to avoid a hard border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic are unlikely to prove sustainable, it adds.

Michael Gove, the cabinet minister responsible for no-deal planning, has said the information in the leaked dossier was old and Brexit planning had accelerated since Mr Johnson became PM. 🌐

McLeod gets over recent hurdles

Jamaica's defending World and Olympic champion Omar McLeod, who has struggled at times this season, declared that he will not be giving up his IAAF World Championships title without a fight.

McLeod won the 110-metre hurdles at the Muller Grand Prix at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, England, on Sunday.

McLeod, 25, who recently changed coaches and is now based in Florida, was one of four Jamaicans to win their events at the meet, including world leader Danielle Williams with a dominant display in the 100m hurdles, Yohan



► Andre De Grasse, is one of McLeod's teammates

Blake in the men's 100m and Akeem Bloomfield in the 400m.

After a relatively easy run, winning in 13.21 seconds to beat American Freddie Crittenden (13.31secs) and China's Xie Wenjun (13.43secs), McLeod, who is now coached by Rana Reider, said he was "in a happy place" and anyone who wanted his title had to "come through a wall".

"It was nice to make up for what happened in London. I'm in a new environment with a new coach and I feel like I'm ready to go again," McLeod said.

After getting a bye to the IAAF World Championships in Doha, being the defending champion, McLeod said he needed to get to the championships that starts in late September, "in the best possible shape and not being half-bothered about it. Anything can happen and I need to go there as defending champion and be ready to compete".

Before that, however, he said he had other business to take care of.

"I have the Diamond League finals prior to Doha, so I need to be ready for that."

McLeod has been the stand-out performer in the sprint hurdles in recent years, winning the world indoor and Olympic gold medals in 2016 followed by the world title in 2017. McLeod won 21 of his 25 races under the tutelage of Edrick Floreal for most of that period.

But McLeod picked up a mid-season injury in 2018, then later that year Floreal moved from Kentucky to take on a new coaching role in Texas. McLeod had to make some changes and decided to move to Florida.

McLeod's 2019 campaign started promisingly enough, winning his first IAAF Diamond League race of the season with a 13.12 clocking in Shanghai. What



► Omar McLeod has made drastic changes recently

made the feat all the more impressive is that it came one day after the death of his aunt, one of his closest relatives.

But as the season progressed, McLeod started to struggle and was beaten in Nanjing, Rabat, Stanford and London. Never before in his professional career had he suffered four successive defeats.

"I was going through the season feeling unsure about a lot of things: I lost my aunt, things went downhill, I was unsure of my situation, I was getting hurt. I just didn't think I was in the best situation to defend my (world) title and run fast," he said.

"I had to tell myself, 'you're the defending champion, you need to act like that, and you need to put yourself in the best situation to go defend that title and don't have a pity party for yourself.'"

Few athletes make changes to their coaching set-up in the middle of the sea-

son. For McLeod, though, his move to Rana Reider seems to have already lifted a weight off his shoulders.

Just three weeks ago McLeod relocated to Germany, Reider's temporary summer base, where he now trains alongside an all-star multi-talented group that includes the likes of world and Olympic triple jump champion Christian Taylor, triple Olympic sprint medallist Andre De Grasse, two-time world indoor 60m hurdles champion Nia Ali and many others.

McLeod said: "The situation I'm in is almost like boot camp. We're in a dorm and all we do is eat, sleep and train. It's a good situation because I want to go out there and train, I'm eager to be around my teammates, I'm eager to listen to my coach and do whatever he tells me to do. I'm happy." 🌐

Kaepernick still hopeful of roster place

Former San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick has been out of work for almost three years. But he says he's never stopped being ready to play football.

The athlete-turned-activist posted a 59-second video on his Twitter account Wednesday of him working out to show that he's ready to play again.

Kaepernick has not played in the National Football League since the 2016 season when he sparked controversy by sitting, then kneeling, during the National Anthem before several 2016 NFL preseason and regular-season games to protest the police shootings of black men and other social injustices faced by African-Americans.

Kaepernick became a free agent in 2017. No team offered him a contract, and that October, he filed a grievance against the league, accusing team owners of colluding to keep him from being signed. He and former teammate Eric Reid, who knelt with Kaepernick, settled their collusion grievances cases against the NFL in February.

A number of quarterbacks have been signed to NFL teams, but Kaepernick remains unsigned. Preseason began Thursday night for most NFL teams.

In the video, the words: "Denied work for 889 days," flashes across the screen.

"5 a.m., five days a week, for three years. Still ready," says Kaepernick, who played for the 49ers for six years. 🌐



► Colin Kaepernick successfully sued the NFL



► Jason Holder remains world's top all-rounder

Holder remains top all-rounder

West Indies captain Jason Holder retained his all-rounder top-ranking ahead of Thursday's start of the two-Test series against India in Antigua.

The 27-year-old Barbadian topped the all-rounders' charts in Tests in January, following his stunning double hundred in the first Test against England at Bridgetown that propelled them to a massive 381-run victory.

Holder also picked up two wickets in that match, to move up two places to the top rung. He is leading West Indies in the opening Test at Sir Vivian Richards Stadium.

Holder is also the highest ranked West Indian in the bowling charts at number eight, having retained that spot while fellow bowler Kemar Roach has also retained his 11th place ranking.

Speedster Shannon Gabriel is the other West Indies bowler in the top 20 at number 12.

Australian pacer Pat Cummins tops the bowling rankings, with South African seamer Kagiso Rabada second, and veteran England seamer Jimmy Anderson, third.

In the batting rankings, West Indies opener Kraigg Brathwaite is the highest-ranked Caribbean player at 36th, with Holder popping up at 37th.

Roston Chase (41st), Shane Dowrich (46th) and Shimron Hetmyer (48th) round out the top 50.

India captain Virat Kohli tops the charts, with Australian Steve Smith having climbed one place to second spot, and New Zealand Kane Williamson lying third. 🌐

Reddish is rookies' top pick

The NBA released its annual rookie survey this week and, as always, there were a number of surprising results, but none more surprising than who the 2019-20 rookie class voted will have the best career. It was Atlanta Hawks forward Cam Reddish.

Granted, the former Duke product beat out No. 2 overall pick Ja Morant by just three percent (which is one vote), but he still received an impressive 19 percent of the votes from his peers. Here are the full results of the survey:

- Cam Reddish, Atlanta — 19 percent
- Ja Morant, Memphis — 16 percent
- DeAndre Hunter, Atlanta — 11 percent
- R.J. Barrett, New York — 5 percent
- Jaxson Hayes, New Orleans — 5 percent
- Coby White, Chicago — 5 percent
- Zion Williamson, New Orleans — 5 percent

Coming out of high school, Reddish was expected to be a top-three pick in

the 2019 NBA Draft, but his stock took a massive hit at Duke after he failed to thrive in a complimentary role alongside RJ Barrett and Zion Williamson, who combined for just 10 percent of the votes. However, even in spite of his unsuccessful season at Duke, Reddish was taken 10th overall in part due to what he showed during the pre-draft process.

If Reddish has a Donovan Mitchell-esque rookie season in Atlanta, the rookie class can say "We told you so," but it is fairly stunning that Zion Williamson only received two votes for the player who will have the best career — when he led expected Rookie of the Year voting at 35 percent. It's important to note that the rookies haven't been especially good at the prediction game, as they've yet to get Rookie of the Year correct since 2007, when they picked Kevin Durant.

The rookie class is likewise confident in the abilities of Denver Nuggets centre Bol Bol and Cleveland Cavaliers



► Cam Reddish is the rookies' favourite

swingman Kevin Porter Jr, as they voted them the biggest steals of the draft. Bol was taken with the No. 44 pick, while Porter was taken with the No. 30 pick.

Porter is probably the safer bet going into the 2019-20 season because he is

physically more NBA ready. If Bol can overcome both of those things in the next few years, though, he could be one of the 10 best players in the draft and, as a result, an excellent value for where he was taken. 🌐

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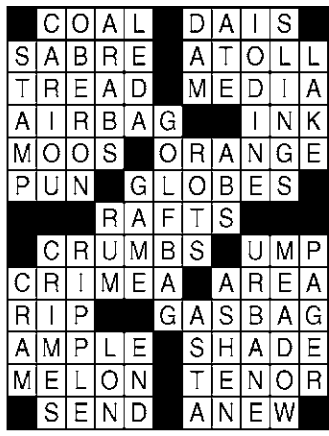
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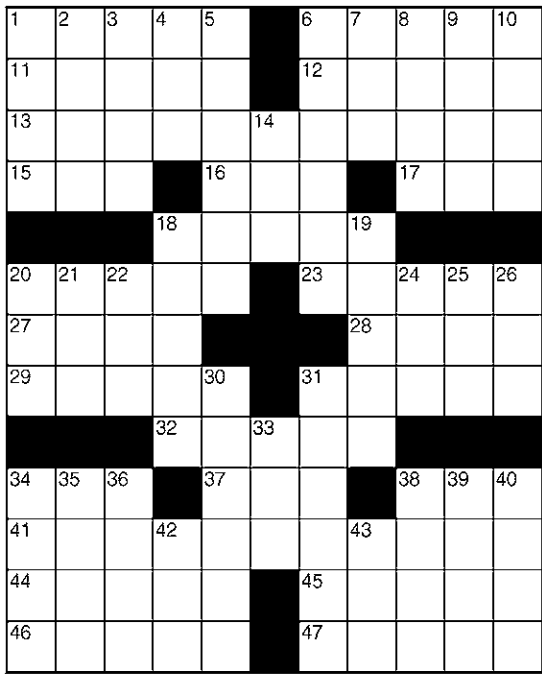
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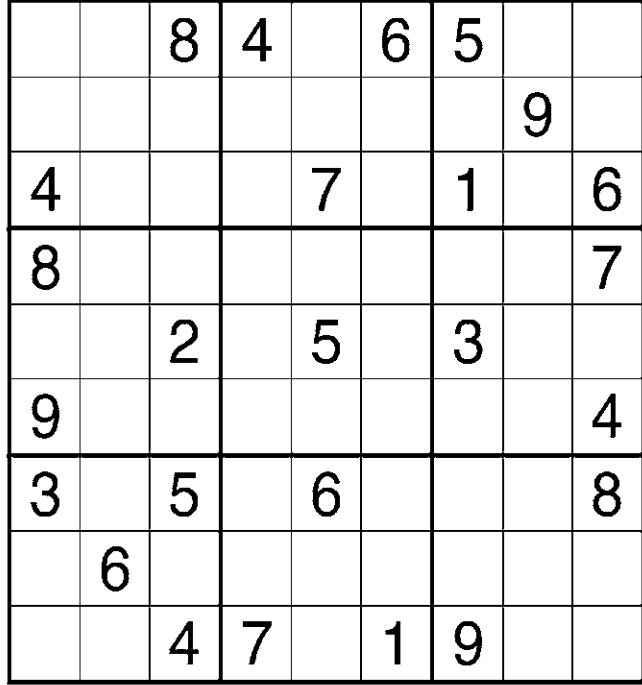
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SUDOKU

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

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By Dave Green



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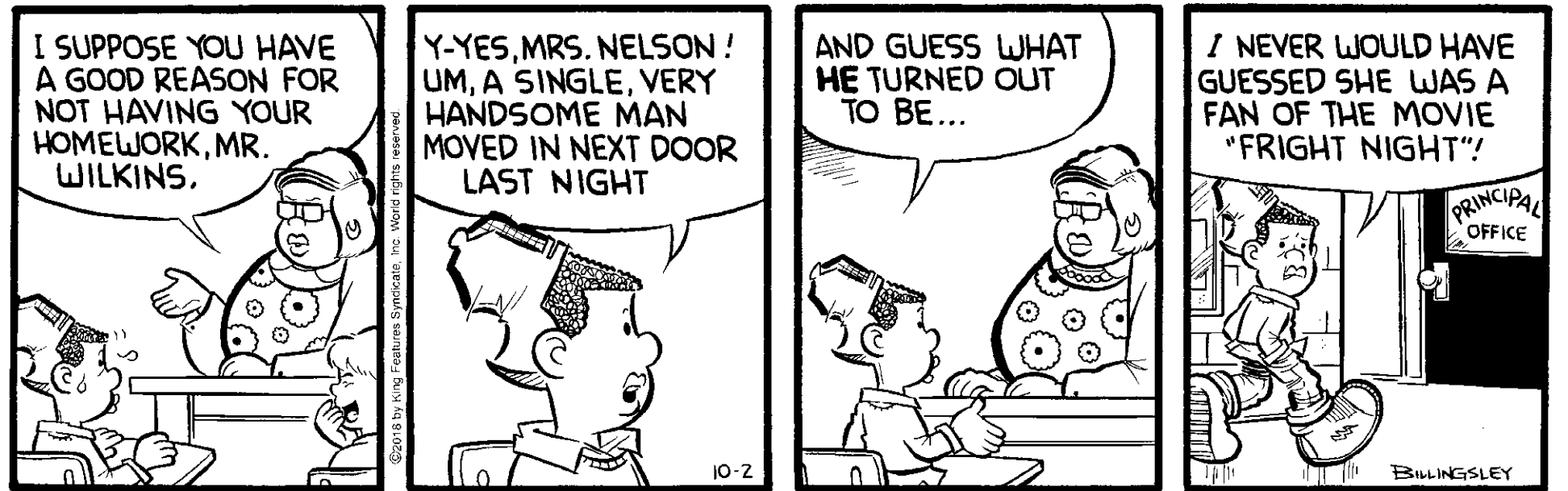
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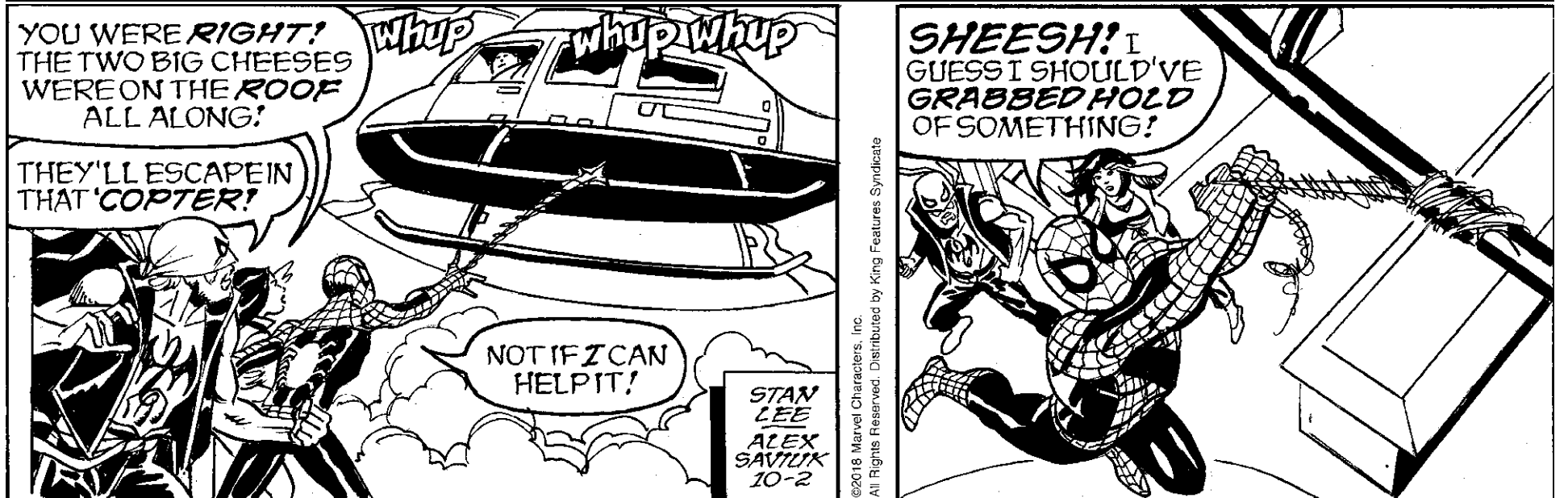
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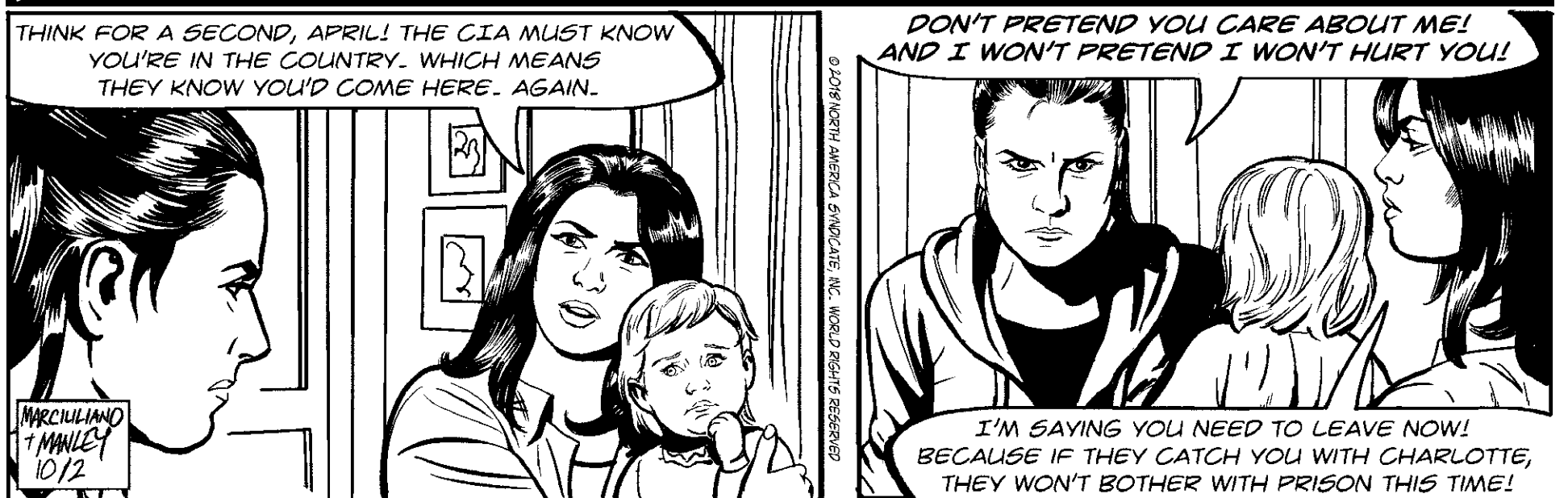
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