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Sports galore at Expo



By Lindsey Turnbull

Anyone fancying trying a new sport for the first time would have been spoilt for choice if they had attended last Saturday's first annual Sports and Fitness Expo, held all day at the Arc at Camana Bay, as it brought together a whole host of Cayman's sporting associations together under one roof. Organised by Sportista, the sports wear and accessories store and Kelly Holding, the event was also well supported by some great sports and fitness companies, all eager to showcase their particular sport and service to visitors.

Rhonda Kelly of Kelly Holding, the company that produces lots of Cayman's excellent high-level sporting events, was joined by marathon-loving Robyn Larkin as they promoted this year's full and half marathons.

"It's well worth taking part because it's a really great course and it's very well organised," Robyn advised.

Sportista's Stephanny Reyes said that they were keen to show the public all the great sporting events and associa-

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*5,438 submitted June 12th + 199 submitted July 11th
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COMMUNITY VOICE

CPR Cayman Responds - Verdant Isle's Group Announced as Port Preferred Bidder

Campaigners for a referendum on the port project said Government's announcement on the Preferred Bidder was an expected part of the process and welcomed government's acknowledgment that no contract should be finalized until after the petition verification process is complete.

Cruise Port Referendum (CPR) Cayman, said it was now incumbent on Government to reveal the full details about the cost of the project, how it would be funded and the revised designs. Government has previously indicated that it was not able to give these details while the procurement process for the Proposed Cruise Berthing Facility and Upgraded Cargo Area was taking place.

It is also understood that the winning bidder of the Finance, Design, and Build contract will be responsible for financing an update to the Environmental Impact Assessment on the final design. The details of how that process will take place and other aspects of how the project proceeds are expected to be revealed Monday.

In welcoming Government's announcement, CPR Cayman added again that the Government should also not sign any binding contracts or contracts with penalty, until after the referendum result to avoid paying contract breach penalties with public funds.

As a grassroots community organisation CPR Cayman was / is seeking more information in an effort for Caymanians to be able to make an informed decision on this very substantial project that will not only affect our marine environment but also our Territory's finances, social fabric and quality of life.

We look forward to the Government's Press Conference on Monday when they are expected to reveal to the Public, all and complete details of this Project such as but not limited to;

- a) the total cost of the project
- b) the detailed financing model including cash and in-kind commitments,

including contract duration and required increase in cruise passenger numbers

c) the revised designs that have been agreed upon

d) the specifics of the updated Environmental Impact Assessment process, including public consultations, geotechnical and carrying capacity studies and the entities that will carry out these studies

e) the related upland development, and the

f) complete job list of the new 999 full time positions the Government has stated that the project will create

g) the updated / final business case

h) the plan for 3 years of construction: traffic, cruise arrivals, tour operators and businesses unable to operate during construction and/or after the build

Mario Rankin of CPR Cayman said supporters of the petition should not be discouraged by the announcement. He said it was an expected part of the ongoing process and, based on the early results of the verification process for the petition, he believes a referendum is now inevitable.

"The work that everybody put in has borne fruit and I am convinced that the verification process will be completed and that people will get their chance to vote on this in a referendum."

We understand that Supporters of the People's Initiated Referendum may be feeling discouraged by Friday's Announcement. CPR Cayman would like to reassure each of you that by all indications as of today with the verification process, your referendum is inevitable.

In closing, we are encouraged that Government has for the first time acknowledged and have shown some level of respect towards the People's Initiated Referendum by at least waiting for the Verification to be completed.

More information can be found on the campaign Facebook page. People can also contact cprcayman@gmail.com.



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► Artist's impression of the new project

Verdant Isle Port Partners win berthing bid

Premier Hon Alden McLaughlin announced that Verdant Isle Port Partners had won the bid for the new port berthing facility in George Town. The winning bid had been decided on three key points, he said. One was the nature and extent of the cargo dock upgrade portion of the contract; the next was environmental impact, and the third was, "the best financial deal for the country."

It was a significant milestone, and something which various governments had been talking about for the last 20 years, Mr. McLaughlin said, but it had been the, "hard work done by the last two administrations," which had finally helped it move one step nearer to completion.

The project would cost, "Less than 200 million dollars," he said. Verdant Isle were a good choice too, he said, because they were actually a consortium of four different companies, each one of which had a proven track record of working with the Cayman Islands.

Mr. McLaughlin went on to express his satisfaction that the port will not be managed by one single company. Rather, he said, it would continue to be managed

by the Port Authority, and he claimed it to be "The best outcome without political interference."

He went on to explain that, during the bidding process, correct process had meant it had effectively been impossible to divulge important details about the design, building, procurement and maintenance of the project, and acknowledged that this had led to considerable frustration, both amongst the projects protagonists and antagonists. "That is why we could not show the design," he said.

Mr. McLaughlin was quick to speak out against what he claimed to be misinformation, including allegations of corruption which had been promulgated through certain local media outlets. Mr. McLaughlin was very emphatic that correct protocols had been established at every phase of the process.

Deputy Premier, Hon Moses Kirkconnell spoke next. He began by explaining how happy he was with the Verdant Isle consortium, and how familiar the construction companies who were involved were with the Cayman Islands Environment.

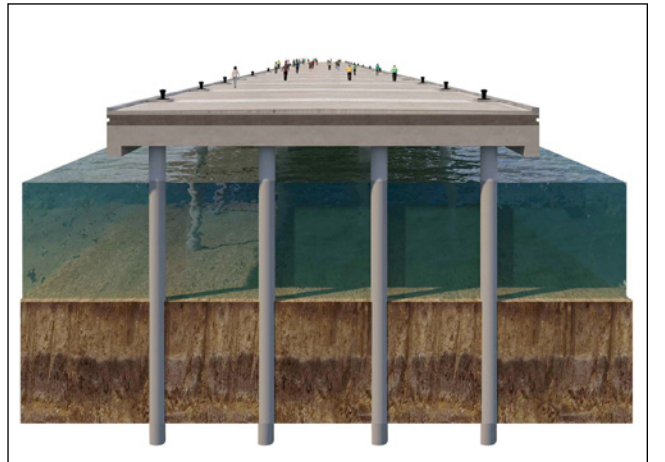


► Hon Alden McLaughlin, Hon Moses Kirkconnell, and StranBodden

While acknowledging environmental concerns, he stressed that the government had looked carefully at plans which minimized negative environmental impact, and that this had been a priority. A new design had emerged, he said, which involved putting piers in deeper water, and now there would be no dredging of Hog Sty Bay.

Mr. Kirkconnell also stressed the importance of the improved cargo handling capability of the new project, adding that even if there had been no such project, then the cargo handling facilities would still have to be improved. But this way was better, because of the plan to repay the developers over the span of 25 years from passenger landing fees, which had previously been used to pay the tenders.

The new development would spell all kinds of tourism-related opportunities for Caymanians, in many areas including taxis, housing, restaurants and retail outlet, and that this would include,



► Artist's impression of the new project

"Hundreds of jobs," for school leavers, too.

"Evolution of the megaship has changed the face of cruise tourism in the Caribbean," he said.

Next, Mr. StranBodden, Chief Officer in the Ministry of Tourism spoke about the project, giving out some facts and figures. Bidders were evaluated on six key criteria, Mr. Bodden said: "Financial, Technical, Risk management, Environmental, Legal, and Price."

The project will be financed by a 60/40 debt to equity ratio, Mr. Bodden added.



► Hon Moses Kirkconnell

Cayman meets OECD's economic substance requirements

Cayman Finance is pleased to note that the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), has completed a review of the Cayman Islands' domestic legal framework that includes economic substance legislation and found that the Cayman Islands tax neutral regime is not harmful and meets all economic substance requirements.

The review was conducted by the OECD Forum on Harmful Tax Practices (FHTP) in June 2019. Cayman was one of 11 jurisdictions assessed during this round of reviews.

As part of the Inclusive Framework, the FHTP will annually review changes in the legal framework, as well as the implementation of safeguards and enforcement measures in practice.

"As a premier global financial hub, it is important that international standard setting bodies, like the OECD, have reviewed Cayman's legal framework and independently reaffirmed that we meet all of the

relevant international requirements and that Cayman's tax neutral regime does not pose harm to other countries' tax bases," said Cayman Finance CEO Jude Scott.

"We continue to support the work of the Cayman Islands Government that ensures the Cayman Islands meets all relevant international standards implemented by the OECD," he added.

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► Cayman Finance CEO Jude Scott



▶ Runner Ava Hider, Derek Lerner from Race Caribbean, runners Luke Dodson, Theodore Augustus Kelly Jr and Gabe Rabess



▶ David Pursley from Stingray Swim Club and Marlene West from the South Sound Squash Club

Sports galore at Expo

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tions available on island, altogether under one roof. That was how the idea for the Expo took shape, she said.

"The non-profits in particular were very keen on the idea of an Expo," she confirmed. "We've never had a one-stop-shop promoting sports and fitness and so they jumped on board."

"At Sportista we are more than a retail store, we didn't want to just sell products," she advised. "For example, if a customer wants to purchase a shoe, we want to know what sport the customer is playing to ensure that they walk away with exactly the right product. We are about education, about bringing our customers the best possible products and also about bringing the community together."

Sportista is moving from its current location to another spot in Camana Bay, to One Nexus Way and Stephany said they were excited to be able to continue to serve their customers at their new store.

Positive benefits of rugby

One such non-profit is the Cayman Rugby Football Union, whose booth was manned by their Youth Development Manager Edward Westin and his brother, Youth Development Officer Paul. They spoke about the many benefits young people could gain from playing rugby, including learning team-building and social skills as well as developing traits such as integrity and passion over time. They run programmes for under 6s all the way through to under 19s, as well as adult programmes.

Edward said rugby was a great social sport where parents could take their youngsters to play on Saturday mornings and enjoy some great bonding time with their youngsters. he confirmed he had gone all the way through the junior rugby programme and now working full time on encouraging young people to play was a great way to give back to the sport.

Sports trainers Claire Deeny and Eckerd McField manned the King's Sports Centre's Powerhouse Gym booth. With



▶ Allie and Analeah get involved



▶ Stephany Reyes from Sportista

both trainers new to the gym, they confirmed that they would be bringing a new dynamic to the popular Red Bay gym.

"I'm going to be introducing a whole new set of classes, including Pilates, stretching and flexibility and rehabilitation classes," Claire confirmed, while Eckerd said he was busy studying for his master trainer qualification.

Eckerd said that training with him would be a life-changing experience for his clients, as they would learn how to change their entire mindset not just for the one hour a day when they train with him, but for their whole day.

"They will learn the discipline and focus that they can carry through to make lifestyle changes to stay fit and happy," he said.

Making a splash

Learning to swim is a must for youngsters on an island that is surrounded by water and has a swimming pool at many a back garden. David Pursley from Sting-

ray Swim Club, which holds swimming lessons at the Lion's Pool, was excited to be able to promote his swim programmes that are geared not just to the serious swimmer, but to youngsters who simply love spending time in the water.

Speaking at his booth at the Sports and Fitness Expo, he was keen to stress that their programmes cover all abilities and that youngsters could learn to swim or improve their swimming skills in a safe and positive environment. He confirmed that they were also working on a masters programme, that would give adults the chance to improve their swimming skills as well.

Marlene West is a well-known squash champion in Cayman, having recently returned from Gibraltar where she won the won mixed doubles, the team and the individuals women's squash tournament at the Island Games in July. She shared a booth with David.

"Squash is a fun and social sport that allows people to play a sport in-

doors, so they can play at any time, no matter what the weather is outside," she confirmed. "It's also becoming far more recognised in Canada and the US, where an increasing number of schools (not just the Ivy League schools) are offering scholarships to young players. In fact, the US team's coach comes to Cayman each year to scout for players."

Race Caribbean was another well-manned booth, with owner Derek Lerner explaining that he had teamed up with running club 345 Athletic Club, a natural partnership for the race management company, which managed 30 to 40 races in Cayman each year.

All in all, there was a total of 28 booths offering people the chance to try anything from fencing to table tennis, volleyball to dance. Visitors were also entertained by the likes of the Cayman Islands National Dance Company and enjoyed a Sportista fashion show, among lots of other entertainment.



▶ Table tennis got intense



▶ Dancers entertained



▶ Edward and Paul Westin from the Cayman Islands Rugby Club



▶ Powerhouse Gym at King's Sports Centre trainers Claire Deeny and Eckerd McField and volunteer Mannie Ramus

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022-00986	6-Mar-2000	023-00493	4-Mar-1982	022-22812	31-May-2010	022-16406	24-Nov-2005
022-17784	9-Oct-2006	012-08774	12-Feb-1988	013-01046	13-Apr-1994	023-03451	29-Mar-2000
023-04308	28-Sep-2001	022-20022	7-Apr-2008	022-08918	20-Nov-2000	033-00037	8-Oct-1991
022-09086	26-Mar-1996	013-00770	30-Nov-1993	022-22931	28-Jun-2010	022-16853	15-Mar-2006
012-28416	20-Nov-2006	022-06676	1-Apr-1996	023-00839	20-Jan-1995	023-05311	10-Sep-2003
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022-18625	25-Apr-2007	012-16294	9-Jul-1993	023-00843	4-Jul-1990	023-03502	29-Jan-2001
023-00156	18-Aug-1989	012-36969	30-Sep-2010	032-00398	20-May-2005	013-01290	20-Jul-2000
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Jewel Hydes
 VP- Regulatory Reporting

Dated this 9th day of July 2019.

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► East End's giant conch shell



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Heritage Days maintain local culture

Pirates Week in the Cayman Islands has evolved from a modest affair to a full-blown festival stretching over all three islands over a couple of weeks.

Pirates Week 2019 will start in Cayman Brac on Friday 1 Nov, move on to Grand Cayman on Thursday 7 Nov and finish up Friday 17 Nov in Little Cayman. It promises to be another 11 fun filled days of piracy and celebration of our culture and heritage. The festival draws over 35,000 attendees each year, transforming the islands into a mass of colour and revelry.

Apart from the usual parades, games, live music, sporting events, performances, and fireworks to enjoy, the Heritage Days in Grand Cayman's five districts are ideal opportunities to highlight Cayman culture.

The District Heritage Days are an important aspect of the overall festival and schools are encouraged to arrange field trips for youngsters to learn how their ancestors worked, played and even worshiped. These individual district days also offer some of the best opportunities to see and purchase Caymanian craft work and local food and desserts, as well as the brilliance of local musicians.

Each district committee celebrates their unique traditions, artefacts, food

and people. This is a competition to find the overall District Heritage Day winner and give them bragging rights for an entire year.

East End was the first district to showcase its uniqueness last year. Volunteers re-thatched an old-time, outside kitchen, gave a stage a fresh coat of paint, and spruced up the East End Heritage Field.

They had displays, artefacts, memorabilia and booths and demonstrations throughout the day.

It also featured skits by East End primary school students, a kids' corner, and plenty of food, including local favourites, such as conch and crab dishes, as well as hot dogs, candy and snow cones for younger palates.

All organised by Pirates Week Executive Director Melanie McField who believes that combining the festivities over two weeks across all three islands allows for more participation in all the festivities.

District Days dates are:

- Tuesday, 12 Nov - East End
- Wednesday, 13 Nov - West Bay
- Thursday, 14 Nov - North Side
- Friday, 15 Nov - Bodden Town
- Saturday, 16 Nov - George Town

Overall, the Pirates Week Festival is the fantasy festival that offers a perfect opportunity to play dress-up and simultaneously experience the true culture of the people of the Cayman Islands. 🌐



► H.E. Governor Martyn Roper



► Pirates' Landing



► Pirates' Landing

Six contestants in Sashing Ceremony

By Christopher Tobutt

Six beautiful princesses, looking just as if they had stepped straight out of the pages of a storybook, stepped into Grand Old House for the 2019 Cayman Islands Miss Universe pageant, for their Sashing Ceremony. Regal gowns and rich colours flowed and unfurled like the leaves of an enchanted tree, while cameras flashed like the paparazzi in front of Hollywood movie stars. Who was going to be crowned Cayman's next Queen?

Pageant-time is a time of year everyone loves, because it is a chance to bring out the crème de la crème of the Cayman Islands, and show it off to the whole world in the best tradition of high-class glamour and glow.

One by one the contestants stood in front of the podium in order to introduce themselves and their sponsors, and this year's charity platform, the Alex Panton Foundation.

Contestant #1 Mahalia Seymour is a 25-year old from George Town who is passionate about reducing environmental waste. She has already initiated several beach cleanups, and is a keen advocate for reducing the use of plastic



► Kadejah Bodden



► Mahalia Seymour



► Francine Wright

in the Cayman Islands, and is Sponsored by Wuave's Fashion.

Contestant #2 Samantha Dixon, 27, from East End enjoys traveling, reading swimming, and making a difference in the community, she said. "I think it's safe to say that we all know someone who has suffered from anxiety, depression, or has gone through a very low period in

life, when they have felt they had no one to talk to. The Alex Panton Foundation provides just that, needed support for when you are going through a difficult period in life." Ms Dixon is sponsored by Mega Foods Distributors.

Contestant #3 Mariah Tibbetts, 25 said: "I am representing the majestic district of Bodden Town and also a little bit of Cayman Brac. I am a kind, ambitious and dynamic woman. I chose to enter the pageant to give back to the community, and support meaningful causes such as our platform this year." Ms Tibbetts is sponsored by ACE.

Contestant #4 Aleka Beckford, is a 24 year-old, also from Bodden Town. "For me, being a Caymanian is a privilege and opportunity to share Caymankind with the rest of the world, and become a role model for the next generation," she said. Ms Beckford has an interest in Youth Parliament and is currently studying online at the University of the West Indies, pursuing a bachelor of arts in Management Studies. She is sponsored by Airport Professional Services.

Francine Wright, 23, from Bodden Town is **contestant #5**. Ms Wright was previously a member of the Cultural and Entertainment Affairs Committee and a participant in the the GAH Mentorship Programme at the University of the West Indies, where she is studying towards a BSc. in Social Sciences Fashion Mart "I am passionate about community service, helping others, having been



► Samantha Dixon

part of community service from a very young age," she said.

Contestant #6 Kadejah Bodden, is a 23 year old from Bodden Town who holds a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry and a Master's degree in Regenerative Medicine from Queen Mary, University of London. For her, becoming Miss Cayman Islands would provide a solid platform on which she can elicit change and learn more about the issues facing Cayman to find better solutions. Sponsored by Personnel 2000. 🌐



► Mr. Parker Tibbetts, of ACE, who was the sponsor for Mariah Tibbetts

Raegan Ruty Shifts Focus From Pan American Games to 2019 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships

After a valiant effort, Cayman Islands Gymnast Raegan Ruty has shifted her focus from the 2019 Pan American Games to the upcoming World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Germany, after she was unable to qualify for the individual apparatus finals on Saturday, 27 July 2019.

Ruty says, "Not qualifying for finals was definitely disappointing. I really wanted to qualify and go in front of the audience again to show everyone what Cayman has to offer, but I definitely learned a lot from this competition."

The 17-year-old was the first athlete to compete for the Cayman Islands in Mixed Group 3 for the Artistic Gymnastics Women's Qualification Subdivision 1, alongside three athletes from Jamaica and two from the Dominican Republic.

Ruty needed to score in the top 24 to proceed to the finals, which includes Floor, Vault, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam and Individual All-Around. Ruty, unfortunately, missed the mark and placed an overall 38 out of 58 competitors. She placed 40th in Vault, 49th in Uneven Bars, 48th in the Balance Beam and 46th in Floor, with the following scores:

- Vault - 12.075
- Uneven Bars - 9.600
- Balance Beams - 9.400
- Floor - 9.900

"I feel really good [with my scores], there was a bunch of skills that [I completed for the first time] and I made those

skills really well, like bars, that was a new bar routine completely. Even though I missed my dismount, the hardest part of my routine, I made it pretty well, pretty solid and clean, so I was really happy about that," says Ruty.

Ruty's coach, Edward Umphrey said these Games were filled with a lot of first for the young gymnast, including her very first Pan Am, the first athlete to compete for the Cayman Islands and, her first set of newly upgraded routines.

"Even though Raegan didn't qualify I am extremely proud of her. Many of the girls that she was competing with in the competition already competed at multiple Olympic Games, Pan Am Games and CAC [Central American and Caribbean] Games and every game you can think of. This is Raegan's first Pan Am Games and really her biggest competition." Umphrey added, "We completed a lot of new upgrades for this competition and she did them very well, probably the best I have seen her do, so that was a huge accomplishment and really just showed me where her mindset is at."

In the qualification round, Ruty was up against some of the world's best including, USA gymnasts Morgan Hurd, 18, and Riley McCusker, 18, who are poised to become the faces of U.S. gymnastics heading into Tokyo; and Ellie Black, the 23 year-old Canadian, who was the most-decorated athlete at the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games, winning five medals.

Ruty comments, "It was fun to just get out there and hear all the girls yelling my name, just living in the moment and just embracing the crowd and the music. It was just amazing."

Ruty is now using Lima as a measuring stick to prepare her for the upcoming World Championships in October, where she can forge her path to the 2020 Olympic Games.

"I have the World Championships coming up, so this meet was good at seeing where I am physically and mentally [...]

and getting ready for the World Championships to qualify for Tokyo," says Ruty.

There is no mistaking the fact that qualifying for Tokyo at the World Championships is a goal for Ruty, but she says she is still basking in the Pan American dream.

"After my floor routine when I saluted I said 'I did it, I finished!'" Raegan added, "I said 'You know what? I can do this, I own this, I can do this. It's crazy, it is really just a once in a lifetime opportunity and I just, I did it!'" 🌐



Lima 2019 Pan American Games Opening Ceremony

The 18th Pan American Games officially commenced on Friday, 26 July 2019 at Lima's Estadio Nacional.

With more than 50,000 people in attendance and 41 participating countries, Kemar Hyman, a two-time Olympian and Cayman Islands 100 metre national record holder, led the Cayman Islands delegation of eight into the stadium as the country's flag-bearer.

Under an overcast sky and slight mist, the delegation of eight joined the parade of nations into the stadium to the beat of Peruvian drums, and around the Nevado Pariacaca, the sacred mountain of Lima. Dressed in 'island chic' attire, the men wore light blue linen pants, white shirts, hats and boat shoes, while the women also supported hats but were in white dresses and white heeled sandals.

The delegation included Raegan Ruty, Gymnast; Angel Ruty, Gymnastic Manager; Edward Umphrey, Gymnastic Coach; Jesse Jackson, Sailor; Raphael Harvey, Sailing Coach; Eilidh Bridgeman, Chef de Mission; and Jade Webster, Press Attaché.

Athletes entered the stadium in an order dictated by tradition; the host of the inaugural Pan American Games Argentina entered first, the Peruvian delegation entered last representing the host na-

tion. The remaining countries entered in Spanish alphabetical order. Cayman Islands, Islas Caimán, was the 24th country to enter into the arena, directly behind Honduras and in front of British Virgin Islands, Islas Vírgenes Británicas.

Peru received the largest cheer from the crowd as their delegation was led out by an Ekeko, the Tiwanakan god of abundance and prosperity.

The spectators in the sold out stadium were taken back through Peruvian history, with ancient cultures and civilizations evoked through music and dance. Pre-Hispanic gods, Peruvian Paso horses and a digital reincarnation of Peruvian singer Chabuca Granda featured throughout the Ceremony.

Peruvian Tenor Juan Diego Florez, wowed the crowd with his song 'The Cinnamon Flower' which brought actual tears to the eyes of some in the audience. Latino megastar Luis Fonsi sent the decibels soaring into the Lima sky.

As the Opening Ceremony came to an end, 16 days of competition are set to begin across 39 sports, with near 6,700 athletes expected to participate.

Raegan Ruty will start the competition for the Cayman Islands on Saturday, 27 July competing in qualifying round for Artistic Gymnastics.



Laser Standard Sailor Jesse Jackson takes on 5 days of sailing, starting on Aug. 3 and ending on Aug. 9.

John Bodden begins on Aug. 6 in the 400m free and 200m butterfly. Bodden will also swim on Aug 10. in the 1500m freestyle. Lauren Hew and Brett Fraser commence on Aug. 7 in the 200 m freestyle and 100m butterfly, respectively. Hew will then compete on Aug. 8 in 100m freestyle and Aug. 9 in 50 m free-

style. Fraser will follow along on Aug. 8 and Aug. 9 in the 100m freestyle and 50 m freestyle.

Kemar Hyman begins his 100m sprint prelims on Aug. 6, if he qualifies to the semifinals Hyman will race on Aug. 7.

The Cayman Islands have competed at each edition of the Pan American Games since joining the quadrennial competition for the first time at the Indianapolis 1987 Pan Am Games. 🌐



TROPICAL UPDATE

Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

WS National Hurricane Center Miami FL
800 AM EDT Mon Jul 29 2019

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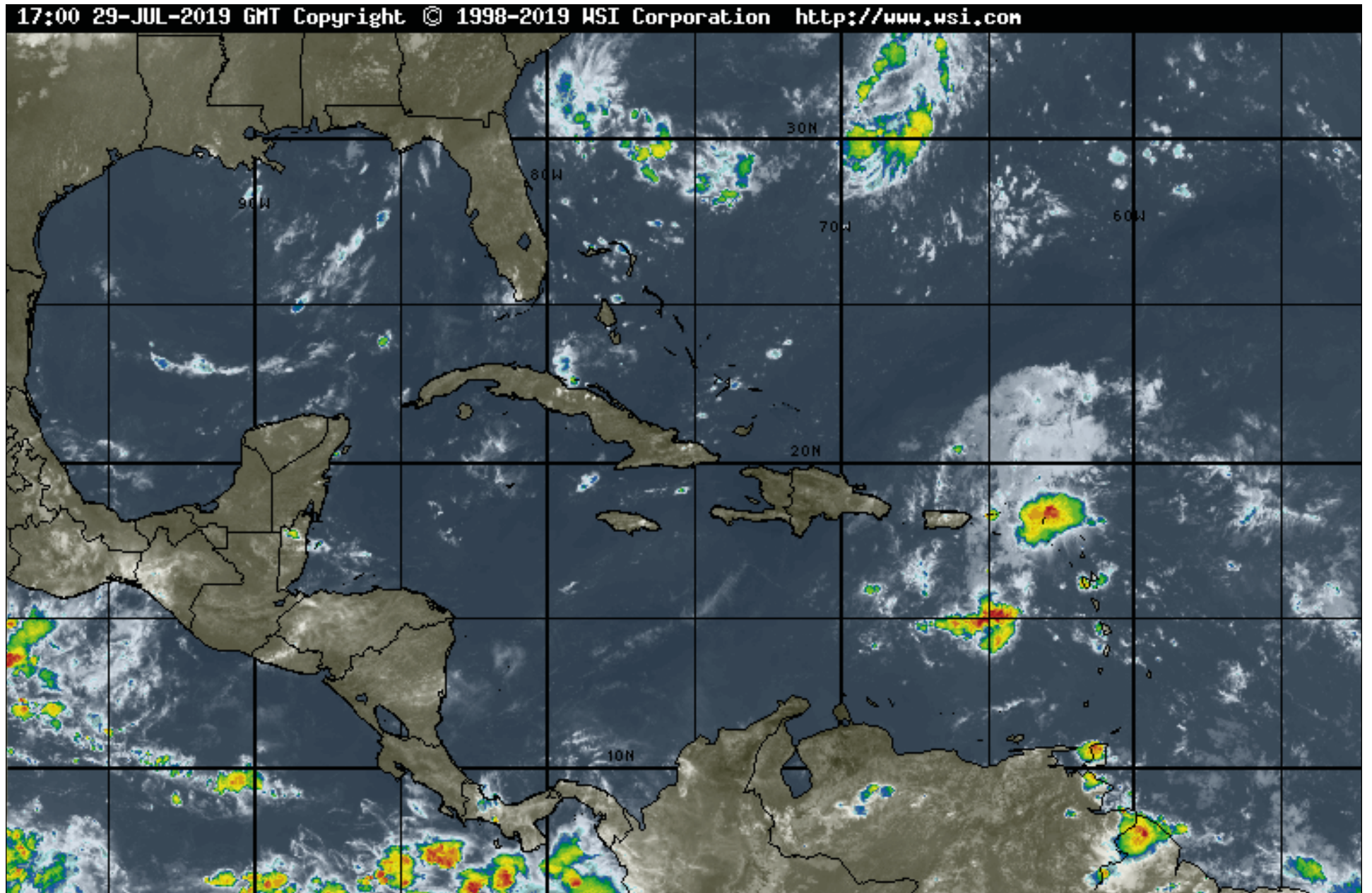
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limited. This system is expected to move west-northwestward across the Caribbean Sea and the Greater Antilles during the next few days bringing locally heavy rainfall and possibly some flooding across portions of these islands. Little or no development of this disturbance is anticipated during the next couple of days. However, conditions could be a little more con-

ducive for tropical cyclone formation when the system reaches the the Florida Straits or the Bahamas over the weekend.

* Formation chance through 48 hours...low...10 percent.

* Formation chance through 5 days...low...20 percent. [NOAA]



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 re-

frigeration). 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
- Mediciner 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.

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Griezmann's move still in dispute

There have been plenty of rebuilding across Europe's top clubs this season and with the five major leagues about to kick off, it's worth analysing the comings and goings.

This could all change between now and the start of the season - with the deadline for everyone on Monday, 2 Sept, except English clubs which is 8 Aug.

It is the end of an era at Atletico Madrid as La Liga's meanest defence for six of the past seven seasons has been broken up. Stalwarts Diego Godin, Filipe Luis and Juanfran have all left on free transfers after eight years together (one Luis season at Chelsea aside).

Lucas Hernandez, who overtook Luis at left-back, is also going - to Bayern Munich for \$70m.

Atletico have had a complete overhaul of the squad, with \$220m spent on new faces - and about \$280m recouped by sales.

Five or six debuts are likely on the opening day - including three new faces alongside Uruguay international Jose Gimenez at the back. Kieran Trippier was a surprise signing from Tottenham at right-back, young Brazilian Renan Lodi is their only option on the left - with ex-Espanyol man Mario Hermoso and Felipe from Porto competing to be alongside Gimenez.

Atletico's Antoine Griezmann left to go to Barcelona for \$110m - although Atleti want more in a legal dispute. They spent all of that money - and another \$5m - to

sign Benfica teenager Joao Felix, who has only won one cap for Portugal.

In midfield Rodri left to become Manchester City's \$65m record signing, with Marcos Llorente, arriving from Real Madrid, likely to take his place.

Another famous defence is changing at Maurizio Sarri's Juventus. Their famous backline of Andrea Barzagli, Leonardo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini are no more.

Barzagli has retired after 281 appearances for the club, while Sarri is unlikely to play the wing-back formation of the past, meaning there is only space for one of Bonucci or \$70m signing from Ajax Matthijs de Ligt next to captain Chiellini.

De Ligt is one of three young defenders to come in, with Luca Pellegrini, a recruit from Roma, likely to challenge Alex Sandro at left-back.

The kings of the free transfer have done it again with club legend Gianluigi Buffon, 41, returning as well as experienced midfielders Aaron Ramsey and Adrien Rabiot.

They have had to pay Wales' Ramsey \$400,000 a week to make the move from Arsenal, with Rabiot - who was frozen out by Paris St-Germain after failing to sign a new deal - likely to be on big wages too.

No more Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben. The duo played on opposite wings for Bayern Munich for a decade. Ribery won nine Bundesliga titles in 12 seasons, with Robben managing eight in 10. The pair scored a combined 185



► Antoine Griezmann has joined Barcelona

league goals before leaving at the end of their contracts this summer.

Kingsley Coman and Serge Gnabry are able replacements, but Bayern have publicly declared their interest in Manchester City and Germany winger Leroy Sane.

Bayern still have rebuilding to do. They have signed France's two World Cup-winning full-backs in Lucas Hernandez and Benjamin Pavard for about \$100m in total, with both deals confirmed before the end of last season. But highly-rated young German forward Jann-Fiete Arp is their only other recruit so far.

To fit their defenders in, Bayern manager Niko Kovac will need to make tough choices. With one of the best right-backs in the world in Joshua Kimmich, Pavard is more likely to play in the centre next to Niklas Sule. They have already sold Mats Hummels to Borussia Dortmund, with Jerome Boateng likely to leave too.

Attacking midfielder James Rodriguez returned to Real Madrid at the end of his loan spell.

There has been no major overhaul at PSG, with three good - albeit not superstar - signings for the first team and several fringe players leaving.

In an uncharacteristically sensible signing, solid central midfielder Ander Herrera comes in on a free transfer from Manchester United. Sevilla playmaker Pablo Sarabia faces a battle with Angel di Maria for a spot alongside Neymar and Kylian Mbappe in behind Edinson Cavani.

Of course if Neymar - a Barcelona and Real Madrid target - leaves, then who knows who PSG might end up signing.

Barcelona have made two big signings - Griezmann and Frenkie de Jong, but other than that it has been changing back-up keepers and letting fringe players leave.

De Jong - one of the stars of Ajax's Champions League semi-final run - has moved for \$70m and is seen as the long-term replacement for holding midfielder Sergio Busquets.

Griezmann and new team-mate Lionel Messi are the only two players to score 10 or more goals in each of the past seven La Liga seasons. A 4-4-2 would mean 32-year-old Luis Suarez could lose his place and even a 4-3-3 would see Griezmann having to play on the wing instead of the centre. If Neymar joins from PSG, then that would complicate things further.

Zinedine Zidane wanted a refreshed Real Madrid team this season - and he has got his wish. The French manager left at the end of 2017-18 because he felt the club needed big changes and president Florentino Perez did not. Two managers in 10 months later and Perez finally agreed, bringing Zidane back.

The big recruit has been Eden Hazard, whose move from Chelsea could end up costing \$150m. That gives Gareth Bale even less chance of starting and he is expected to leave possibly for China.

They have also signed a new striker in Luka Jovic, who scored 27 goals in 48 games for Eintracht Frankfurt last season. 🌐



► Gianluigi Buffon returns to Juventus

Holloway shows why he is blessed

Featherweight champion Max "Blessed" Holloway maintained his grip on the UFC's undisputed 145lb title with a dominant display against former lightweight champion Frankie Edgar at UFC 240 in Edmonton.

Hawaii's Holloway, 27, eased his way into the fight before upping his intensity as the fight progressed to secure scores

of 50-45 49-46 48-47 on the judges' scorecards to extend his winning streak at featherweight to 14 with a unanimous decision victory.

In the night's co-main event, former UFC featherweight champion Cristiane "Cyborg" Justino returned to winning ways with a unanimous decision victory over previously-unbeaten contender Felicia Spencer in the final fight of her UFC contract.

Justino's last outing saw her lose her UFC title in dramatic fashion to compa-



► Max "Blessed" Holloway remains UFC featherweight champ

riot Amanda Nunes at UFC 232 last December. And the 34-year-old produced a strong striking display to turn back the charge of Canadian Spencer to cement her position as the number one contender for her old title.

Justino's win extended her record to 21-2, but her future remains uncertain. The UFC want her to sign a new deal and face current champ Nunes in a rematch, but rival promotion Bellator are also believed to be keen to secure her signature. 🌐

James homes in on Bryant's record

LeBron James is about to begin his 16th season in the NBA where he'll be aiming to win his fourth ever championship and first-ever one for the Los Angeles Lakers. The four-time MVP is one of the greatest players in the game's history and the future Hall of Famer has managed to break numerous records.

Yet when the new season begins in October, James, 34, will still have his sights on beating several records. Now, he is fourth in all-time career points with 32,543 points. James needs 1,101 points to pass third placed Kobe Bryant. This should be an absolute certainty unless James misses a lot of basketball through injury, an average of 13.5 points per game would be enough



► LeBron James still has plenty of records to aim for

to pass Kobe or 16 points per game if he plays just 70 regular-season games. If he can stay injury-free and achieve that this season, he can then start to work towards catching Karl Malone and Lakers legend, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

James will also be looking to climb up the rankings for all-time steals, made free throws, 3-pointers, rebounds, blocks and turnovers. 🌐

Gayle back in the one-day squad

West Indies include star batsman Chris Gayle in their 14-member squad for the ODI series against India beginning in Guyana on 8 Aug.

Gayle, who announced that he would retire after the ICC Men's world Cup 2019 in February, later changed his decision during the marquee event, saying that he would definitely play in the ODI series against India. The 39-year-old Jamaican is two short of 300 ODI appearances and on the verge of becoming West Indies' leading ODI scorer.

Gayle had staged a strong comeback in limited overs cricket with 434 runs from four innings in the home series against England earlier this year but could not carry the same form in the World Cup where he managed just two half-centuries in eight innings.

All-rounder Andre Russell was sidelined during the World Cup due to knee injury, and misses out from the ODI squad, despite being named for the

three-match T20I series beginning Saturday in Florida. Darren Bravo, the left-handed batsman who has managed only 55 runs in his last seven ODI innings is the other notable absentee. Batsman Sunil Ambris, off-spinner Ashley Nurse and fast bowler Shannon Gabriel too miss out from the 14-member squad.

John Campbell, the opening batsman who had scored 179 in a world record 365-run opening partnership alongside Shai Hope against Ireland in May, returns to the squad alongside all-rounders Roston Chase and Keemo Paul.

West Indies host India for three T20Is and three ODIs, before the first of the two match Test series gets underway on 26 Aug. in Antigua.

West Indies ODI squad: Jason Holder (capt), Chris Gayle, John Campbell, Evin Lewis, Shai Hope, Shimron Hetmyer, Nicholas Pooran, Roston Chase, Fabian Allen, Carlos Brathwaite, Keemo Paul, Sheldon Cottrell, Oshane Thomas, Kemar Roach. 🌐



► Chris Gayle's long ODI career continues

States of Public Emergency in Three Parishes in Jamaica to Stay in Place for Three More Months

The Senate has approved a 90-day extension of the States of Public Emergency (SOEs) in the western parishes of St James, Westmoreland and Hanover – until October 28.

Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Senator Parnell Charles Jr, who piloted the matter last Friday, noted that the enhanced security measures have been yielding positive outcomes across the parishes, while emphasizing the importance of extending their duration.

He said while St. James recorded a 70 per cent reduction in murders between January 18, 2018 and January 31, 2019, when the SOE was in place, its discontinuation had a negative impact which reflected in a resurgence of violent crimes and gang activity in the parish.

This, the Minister said, prompted the SOE's reintroduction in St James, and declaration in neighbouring Hanover and Westmoreland on April 30, 2019, for 90 days.

Senator Charles indicated that between April 30 and July 21, 2019, mur-

ders and shootings in St James fell by 40 per cent and 27 per cent respectively, compared to the period February 5 to April 29, 2019, prior to the SOE's reintroduction.

Additionally, he said murders and shootings in Westmoreland declined by 74 per cent and 70 per cent respectively for the SOE's duration, when compared to the previous period between February 5 and April 29, 2019.

The Minister further informed that the SOE's introduction in Hanover resulted in murders and shootings falling by 33 per cent and 80 per cent respectively.

"Notwithstanding these gains, [activities in] the tri-parish region continue to raise significant security concerns nationally. Despite the reductions in murders and shootings, which have been



► Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation, Senator Parnell Charles Jr. says the enhanced security measures have been yielding positive outcomes across the parishes. (Credit: JIS)

committed across Jamaica between January 1 and July 21, 2019.

In emphasizing that the extensions are aimed at abating violence in the declared areas, the Minister said premature discontinuation of bold actions, such as the State of Public Emergency, "is destructive to our citizens, our communities and to our country".

"So long as emergency situations exist, extraordinary solutions will be relevant and required. Our bold efforts to protect this country require a firm resolve and for all of us to remain persistent and true

to the task of ensuring a society that is safe, secure, cohesive and just," he said.

During States of Public Emergency, the security forces are empowered to search, curtail operating hours of business, restrict access to places and detain persons without warrants. 🌐

New Legislation Coming to Allow Organ Harvesting for Transplants in Barbados

The Barbados government is working on new legislation that will provide the legal framework for organs to be harvested from donors after death.

Over the last 30 years, about 19 transplants had been performed at the country's sole public hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, but these transplants have been limited to organs from live donors.

Minister of Health and Wellness, Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Bostic said Cabinet has approved a policy document prepared by the ministry to guide organ transplantation services in Barbados.

He said that with the high incidence of non-communicable diseases in Barbados, the new policy initiative would be very beneficial to Barbadians experiencing medical challenges.

Meanwhile, the minister announced that Cabinet had given approval for the ministry to contract the services of the Health Economics Unit of the University of the West Indies, St Augustine Campus,

to execute a comprehensive review of all medical services that are offered within the public health sector.

"So, we will cost every single operation, every single service which will then allow us to see what the true cost of health care really is, and using this information it would facilitate the planning and financing of health care in Barbados," he explained.

Bostic said that this follows an earlier Cabinet decision to create a position for a Health Finance Commissioner. He revealed that the position was filled, and everything was in place to complete the costing exercise within six months and move ahead with developing health care financing within the country.

The Minister also addressed the nursing shortage, and revealed that all registered nurses and nursing assistants on the island who had applied to the QEH and the health services in general, were currently being interviewed.

A six-member team, led by the Chairman of the Board of the QEH, will also



► Minister of Health and Wellness, Lieutenant Colonel Jeffrey Bostic

be travelling to Ghana from August 13 to 26, to pursue the recruitment of nurses from that country. They will be examining the system in Ghana in terms of

certification and registration to make sure that it is in line with Barbados' requirements, after which, the recruiting process will begin. 🌐

Forecasters Keeping Eyes on Tropical Disturbance Meandering over Caribbean Sea

A tropical disturbance that has been moving across the Caribbean Sea is not likely to develop into a storm right now, but forecasters say that could change in coming days and it could become the fourth tropical depression of the 2019 Atlantic hurricane season before going on to become Tropical Storm Chantal.

Shower activity associated with the tropical wave over the eastern Caribbean Sea is currently disorganized and

limited, according to the National Hurricane Centre (NHC).

"Little or no development of this disturbance is anticipated during the next couple of days. However, conditions could be a little more conducive for tropical cyclone formation when the system reaches the Florida Straits or the Bahamas over the weekend," the NHC said this morning, adding that formation chance through 48 hours is low – 10 per cent, which is the same prob-

ability for formation through the next five days.

As the system moves west-northwestward across the Caribbean Sea and the Greater Antilles during the next few days, it is expected to bring locally heavy rainfall and possibly some flooding across portions of these islands.

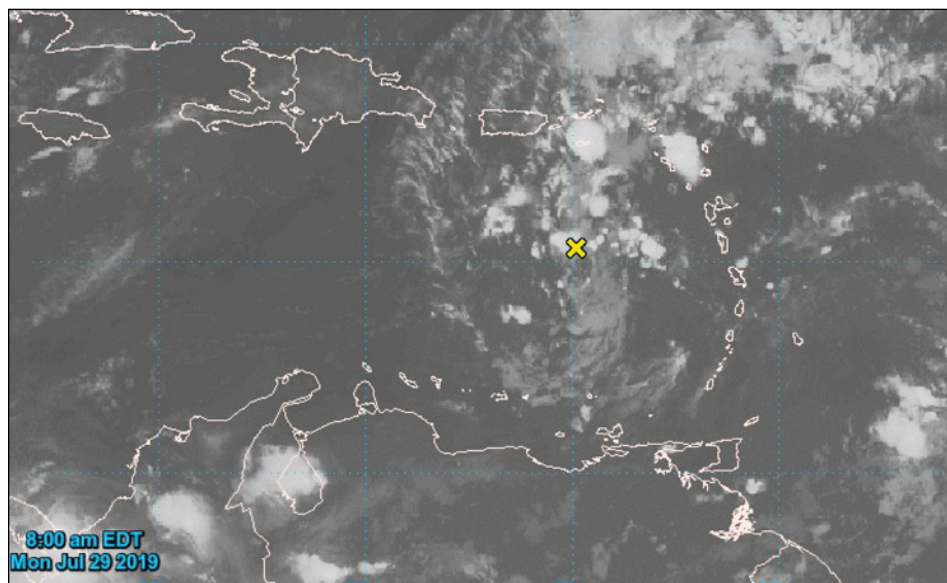
AccuWeather Meteorologist Brett Rathbun said waters are sufficiently warm for development of the system.

"However, there is some wind shear in the path of the disturbance and its fore-

cast path takes the centre just south of Puerto Rico and near Hispaniola at mid-week," he said.

Forecasters say if the system survives after this, conditions may be such to allow for organization and strengthening as it moves northwestward through the Bahamas and approaches the Florida Peninsula during the second half of the week.

Interests from Florida and the Bahamas to the northern Caribbean are therefore advised to monitor the progress of the disturbance. 🌐



Suggested Hurricane Supply List

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- Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and other containers with water for cleaning and flushing. Additional water is stored for drinking.

- Cover all windows and other openings with hardened protections. If you do not have manufactured shutters, cut plywood and secure to protect the windows.
- Close all interior doors and brace outer doors.
- Select an interior room to use as a safe room.
- Plan as though you were evacuating and have enough cash on hand to sustain purchasing of gas, food, and other supplies in the days following the storm.

- If you have a generator, ensure you have enough gas on hand to sustain usage for several days.
- Ensure you have sufficient medications in case you are confined to your home for several days. Post-storm there may not be any electricity and pharmacies will probably be closed even with a minor storm.
- Plan to cook on a camp stove or grill in the days immediately after the storm passes. 🌐

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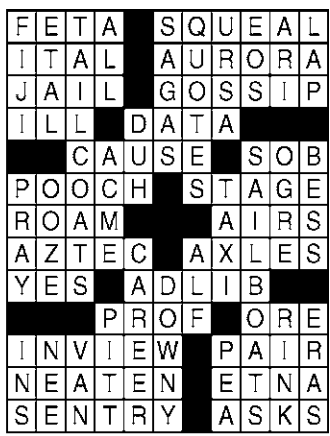
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- 22 "Waterloo" group
- 23 Hive group
- 28 Mortar's mate
- 29 Painter Frank
- 30 Great Leap Forward leader
- 31 Book blunders
- 35 Comfy spot
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- 37 Saddler's tools
- 38 Watering hole
- 39 Had a snack
- 40 Pinnacle



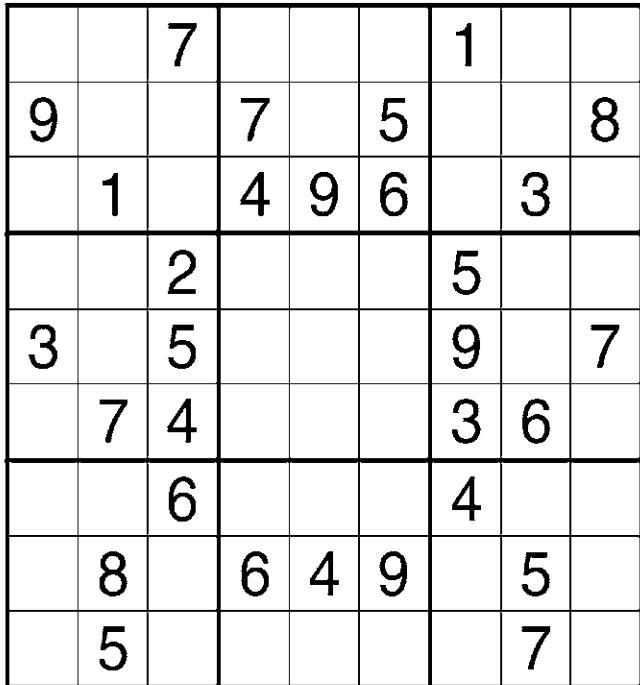
Yesterday's answer

SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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Word Search



- Babble
- Clank
- Roar
- Babel
- Clatter
- Screech
- Blare
- Din
- Shriek
- Blast
- Howl
- Thump
- Cacophony
- Jangle
- Thunder
- Chatter
- Noise
- Yowl
- Clang
- Racket



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

CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



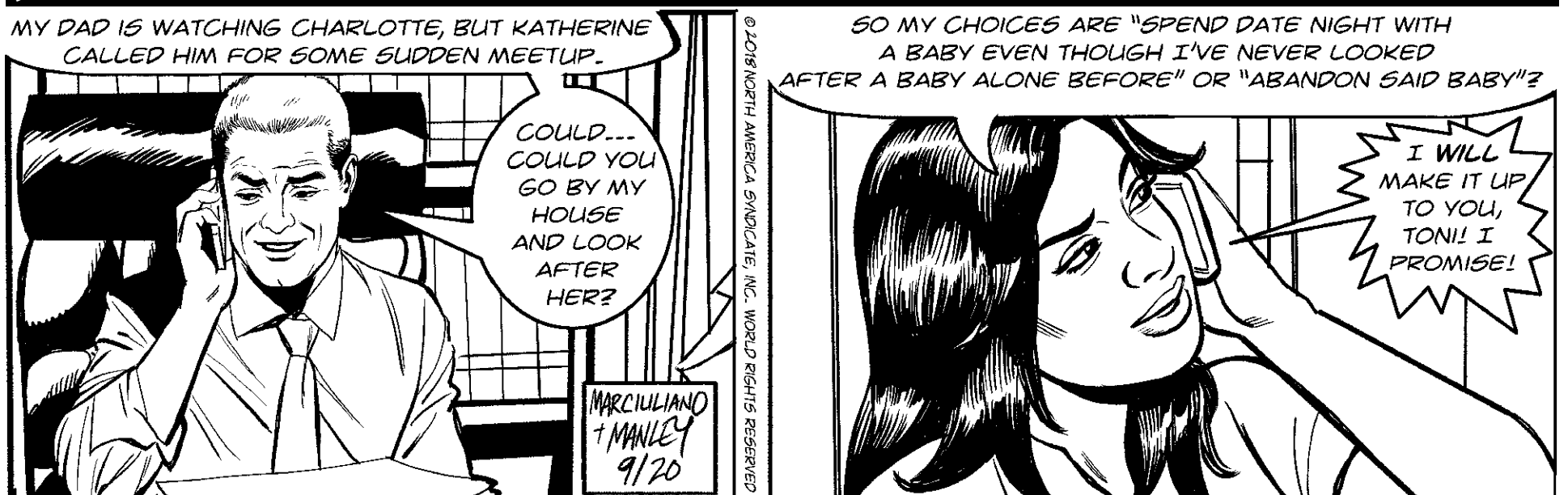
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