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Cross border cooperation needed to combat crime

By Lindsey Turnbull

The Cayman Islands welcomed Commissioners of Police from all over the Caribbean last week, hosting the 34th annual general meeting and conference of the Association of Caribbean Commissioners of Police, of which there are 25 member states across the Caribbean. The four-day event took place at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort and focused on the theme of improving regional policing effectiveness in a changing world.

Following an opening ceremony and parade, the Commissioners considered the first topic of the agenda, policing in a digital age. Lieutenant Colonel Michael Jones, Executive Director of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS), spoke on the topic of transnational organised crime, which he said was a growing threat to regional security in this digital age.

Mr Jones spoke about the challenges the Caribbean faced, stating that, in this regard, that while the digital age brought huge benefits with its global reach bringing everyone to the same level, technology that could do good could also do evil. Illustrating the reach of the internet, Mr Jones said that 56.8 per cent of the global population, or around 4.4 billion people, had access to the internet, which was becoming viewed as



► Lieutenant Colonel Michael Jones, Executive Director of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Implementation Agency for Crime and Security (IMPACS)

a basic human right. Referring to the potential crimes this connection exposed people to, he said: "It's not just a national problem; it knows no boundaries." This was of particular pertinence to the Caribbean as this region had the fourth largest internet usage penetration globally, he advised.

The digital age, or Internet of Things, as he termed it, was found in all facets

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Hon. Arden McLean is new Leader of the Opposition



► HE Governor Roper and the Hon Arden McLean

"I am humbled that my fellow Independent Members have honoured the succession plan we agreed some 23 months ago," said Mr McLean. "I look forward to working with them all to ensure that Cayman's success story, is shared by everyone. I know this won't be an easy task, as regrettably, we have individuals in the system that are hell bent on preserving Cayman Islands prosperity for a select few. However, as I have learned from my time at sea, " a smooth sea, never made a skilled sailor" so I am battle ready."

Mr Arden McLean, Elected Member for East End, was sworn in today as the new Leader of the Opposition by His Excellency the Governor. Mr. McLean took the oath of office in the Governor's Office witnessed by family members and MLAs Alva Suckoo and Chris Saunders.

Mr McLean's appointment comes after the resignation of Mr. D. Ezzard Miller, who stood down after 23

months at the helm; having served 5 months more than he had originally agreed to do.

In addition to bringing decades of experience to the role, Mr McLean's attention to detail, willingness to listen, resilience and self-discipline will also be valued.

Alva Suckoo who has been reappointed as Deputy Leader said:

"We thank Ezzard for his contributions including his five extra months at the helm.

I am now however encouraged that we have a person, in Mr McLean, who has served this country well and who spent many years at sea and truly understands the rising tide that will be required to lift all ships. Arden has proven that he has the fortitude required to stand up for Caymanians. He also has the legislative and leadership experience required to move us for-

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COMMUNITY VOICE

COURTS DO NOT HAVE THE DUTY TO REDEFINE MARRIAGE

In the recent (and only) judicial review case regarding same-sex marriage, the Honourable Chief Justice made two rulings: one, that the present marriage law of the Cayman Islands is discriminatory against persons of the same sex who wish to marry each other, and two, that the marriage law should be changed to accommodate such wishes. What is most noteworthy here is that in order to redress the assumed discrimination, the C.J. proceeded to redefine marriage in order to eliminate future discrimination. On a matter of principle, however, this approach sets a very dangerous precedent in local jurisprudence. If this ruling is left to stand, it would logically endanger every other law in which the legislature has wisely decided that some level of just and reasonable discrimination needed to be exercised (after all, discrimination is a neutral exercise, not necessarily a negative or malicious one). Laws relating to immigration, voting rights and the holding of public office, as well as participation in commercial enterprises, and others that are designed to protect Caymanians from indiscriminate and unfair actions from foreign persons or enterprises could very well be ruled as discriminatory and then redefined by the courts to remove the purported discrimination.

Courts have neither a duty nor right to redefine categories or domains in order to accommodate petitioners whose requests cannot be met under the prevailing provisions of the laws with respect to those categories. The duty of the courts is to interpret the law as it stands in relation to the existing categories to which the law applies. For example, the courts do not have a duty, nor do they have the right to change the



► Pastor M. Alson Ebanks

definition of legal residency (or Caymanian Status) in order to provide 'rights' for expatriates who wish unrestricted entry and domicile in the Cayman Islands. In the same way, the present definition of marriage excludes certain "rights"—such as the right to multiple spouses, the right to child marriage and the right to marry someone of the same sex.

Furthermore, marriage as it has been commonly (and universally) understood was not based on some arbitrary definition by a legislature or court, but was based on the natural understanding of marriage as a legally protected social entity for the promulgation of the human family, which is the basic and foundational unit of society. It is not tradition that has given us marriage as we have known it for centuries, but common sense aligned with nature. The arbitrary redefinition of marriage by the courts is therefore an unhealthy act of social engineering by a public body that has neither the duty nor right to exercise such power.

Pastor M. Alson Ebanks

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

NATIONAL TRUST & DOE TO HOST EDUCATIONAL SESSION TO UNDERSTAND THE NATIONAL CONSERVATION LAW

The National Trust invites its members and the general public to attend a free educational session 'Understanding the National Conservation Law' on Wednesday, June 5.

The event will include a presentation by Department of Environment Director Gina Ebanks-Petrie, followed by a Q&A panel with National Trust Executive Director Nadia Hardie, and persons sitting on the current National Conservation Council (NCC), who will collectively discuss the overall purpose of the National Conservation Law (NCL) and its goals. The event is in response to a large number of National Trust members requesting more information about the NCL and expressing a need for a clearer understanding of how the NCC currently operates.

"A number of our members have approached us with questions concerning the Law and how the proposed amendments could potentially affect the future environmental well-being

of the Cayman Islands," said Nadia Hardie for the National Trust. "This event will give us an opportunity to collectively discuss the Law prior to public consultation. The event, however, is not exclusive to National Trust members; anyone who wants to further understand the Law who may not be a member of the Trust is welcome to attend."

The National Trust has a clear mandate to educate the public in areas of natural and historical preservation and as member of the NCL Review Committee, the Trust is in a position to bring to the table concerns and suggestions raised during the panel discussion.

The event will be held between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, 5 June at the Family Life Centre with registration beginning at 5:30pm and the educational session commencing at 6:00pm sharp. Please confirm attendance by calling 749-1121 or emailing events@nationaltrust.org.ky.



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of business, with most businesses using some form of ICT or internet capabilities. This made the problem more complex because of the different domains in which crimes could be committed: over land, sea, air or cyberspace. This begged the question therefore, why there was not more cooperation in policing operations trying to apprehend transnational organised crime, he said.

Changes needed

The law itself was in need of amending because the UN Convention on Transnational Organised Crime (November 2000) to which law enforcement adhered, stated that three or more individuals were needed to form an 'organised criminal group' acting together with the aim of committing serious crime described within the Convention. This was

difficult to follow when dealing with issues such as radicalisation. For example, where a single individual overseas was trying to coax someone on the Caribbean into joining a terrorist organisation, as this person would not fit into the definition of three or more persons.

Another example was the unlawful political influence that could be exerted over voters in a country. Mr Jones said some member states were required to remove posters on voting days so as not to unduly influence voters, but he questioned whether that ban reached social media such as Facebook.

"How do you police that?" he questioned, "Especially when it's done anonymously."

While current legislation was all well and good when addressing traditional cyber security threats, Mr Jones questioned whether hybrids of such threats were covered, for example if someone

deliberately hacked into an individual's pacemaker, he asked whether that be considered attempted murder. The Caribbean was lagging behind on many aspects of policing the issue and it needed to be looked at holistically and not separately, he said.

The Caribbean was no stranger to cyber organised crime, with Jamaica reporting \$100 million lost to cybercrime in 2016. This was a conservative estimate because not all cybercrime was reported, he advised. ATM skimming ran through the entire region, Mr Jones confirmed.

Vulnerabilities occurred within business, with the public sector showing greater vulnerability than the private sector, he explained. Fundamental systems needed to be harmonised across the region, Mr Jones said, citing the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank's establishment of cryptocurrencies for the

OECS as an issue because many of these countries did not possess regulations to control the use of cryptocurrencies in member states, underpinning the fact that further legislation was needed.

A big regional challenge was that criminals were adapting faster than governments, he advised.

Solutions

Member countries needed to consider enhanced intelligence information sharing, build international cooperation and allocate appropriate responses to the issue. Mr Jones urged member states to have a component within their national budget which could be used for international cooperation. Members also needed to strengthen their interdiction, investigation and prosecution capabilities and form a coalition to develop a cyber security plan of action to increase resilience for members. 🌐

Culture and Heritage Policy Moves Forward

The implementation of the first national Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategic Plan (CHPP) 2017-2026 takes a step forward, as the policy committee reconvenes to develop the Costed Operational Plan.

The CHPP, which was approved by Cabinet and tabled in the Legislative Assembly in early 2017, sets out the policy directions for the culture and heritage sectors for the next 10 years. The policy aims to protect and preserve aspects of Caymanian heritage, nurture and foster cultural expression and support the further growth of all creative industries in the Cayman Islands.

The committee has reconvened to begin the process of developing the Costed Operational Plan (CoP), which will set out the blueprint for executing the policy and ensuring the necessary resources are made available.

"I'm pleased to be moving into the next phase of the Culture and Heritage Policy and Strategic Plan," said Minister for Culture Hon. Dwayne Seymour. "While the policy does an excellent job of outlining the principles and objectives to support the cultural expression of our people, we will only see the benefits when we implement it. The creation of the Costed Operational Plan is an essential step to doing just that."

Committee meetings will take place monthly to identify the short-, medium- and long-term priorities for the CoP. In addition, the Ministry of Culture will be holding meetings with various stakeholders to gain their insights.

The stakeholder meetings will be conducted with special interest groups in the business, tourism, and education sector; with people of various demographics and by district. Meetings have already been held with several stakeholders including the Economics & Statistics Office, the Farmers and Artisans Market and the Ministry of Education.

"Public engagement was an important part of developing the policy and

strategic plan," notes Ministry Chief Officer Jennifer Ahearn. "Engagement will continue to be an important element of the policy's implementation because at the end of the day this is a policy for the people and we want to make sure everyone has a voice and is heard."

"Operationalising this policy has now become critical to ensure the transfer of skills of boat building and thatch crafting from the older generation to the younger set, and also to ensure preservation our built heritage, among other important aspects of the policy" added her deputy Nancy Barnard.

Updates on the progress of the Culture and Heritage Policy and the aligned CoP will be provided to the public, as well as notices of engagement opportunities. The costed plan is expected to be completed later in 2019, at which point the focus will shift to implementation. 🌐



► L-R: Chief Officer Jennifer Ahearn, Minister for Culture Hon Dwayne Seymour and Deputy Chief Officer Nancy Barnard together led the reconvened committee



► Seated L-R: Culture Policy Advisor Natasha Powell, Deputy Chief Officer Nancy Barnard, Minister for Culture Hon Dwayne Seymour, Chief Officer Jennifer Ahearn, Managing Director of the Cultural Foundation Marcia Muttoo, Director of the Museum Dr Margaret (Peggy) Leshikar-Denton. Standing L-R: Artist Chris Christian, Director of the National Gallery Natalie Urquhart, Ministry of Education's representative Kiva Powell, George Town Manager Colin Lumsden, and cultural advocate Loxley Banks. Missing from the photo were: Cayman Maritime Heritage Foundation's Jerris Miller, Director of the Trust Nadia Hardie, UCCI professor Dr Christopher Williams, cultural advocates Anita Ebanks, Mary Lawrence, and Jenae Whittaker, and the Ministry of Tourism and Legal Department representatives

UPDATE: CIFS Extinguishes Brush Fire in Lower Valley

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) has confirmed that the brush fire which occurred in Lower Valley yesterday (Wednesday, 22 May 2019), is no longer burning.

After more than four hours of battling the flames and working in multiple areas to contain the fire, CIFS officers were able to successfully extinguish it at around 6 p.m. last night.

Fire personnel arrived on scene at 2:30 p.m. yesterday, and remained there hours after the fire was out to conduct perimeter checks and ensure there was no re-ignition or further threats.

Thanks to inter-agency support from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and its infrared drone technology, fire officers were able to formulate an effective fire-fighting strategy

to tackle any hotspots before they became a threat to the surrounding community.

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East End MLA V. Arden Mclean sworn in as Leader of the Opposition

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ward, and we look forward to working with him and supporting him in his new role.

Whist we have individual mandates, collectively, we are united in our fight to ensure that all Caymanians share in the success of our country, reducing the cost of living, improving the standards

in our schools, better pension for our retirees, return of free healthcare for children, ensuring prosperity for all our people, and importantly, upholding the democratic principles of our Constitution. Together we stand ready to give the Cayman Islands the leadership we need to take our country forwards in the face of all the challenges we face and will face" 🌐



► L-R: MLA Mr. Christopher Saunders (BTW), MLA Mr. Alva Suckoo (Newlands), H.E. Martyn Roper OBE, L.O.O. Hon. V. Arden Mclean JP, Mr Mcleans Wife Mrs. Alison Mclea



► The Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin

Premier congratulates to new Opposition Leader

The Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin has written to the Hon. Arden Mclean, JP, MLA, to congratulate him following the Governor's formal announcement of his appointment as the Leader of the Opposition.

"I have no doubt that you will bring your customary robustness and attention to detail to this vitally important part of your new role." Mr. McLaughlin wrote to the new Opposition Leader. "Please accept my personal best wishes and those of all of us on the Government benches as we wish you well during your tenure as the Honourable Leader of the Opposition."

The Premier also noted that there are several important areas that he

worked very closely with Mr. McLean's predecessor and that he looks forward to continuing that work with Mr. McLean together in the best interests of the Cayman Islands country and its people.

Those areas of cooperation include the Constitutional reforms being negotiated with the United Kingdom Government and the work that the National Security Council is doing to make our Islands safer.

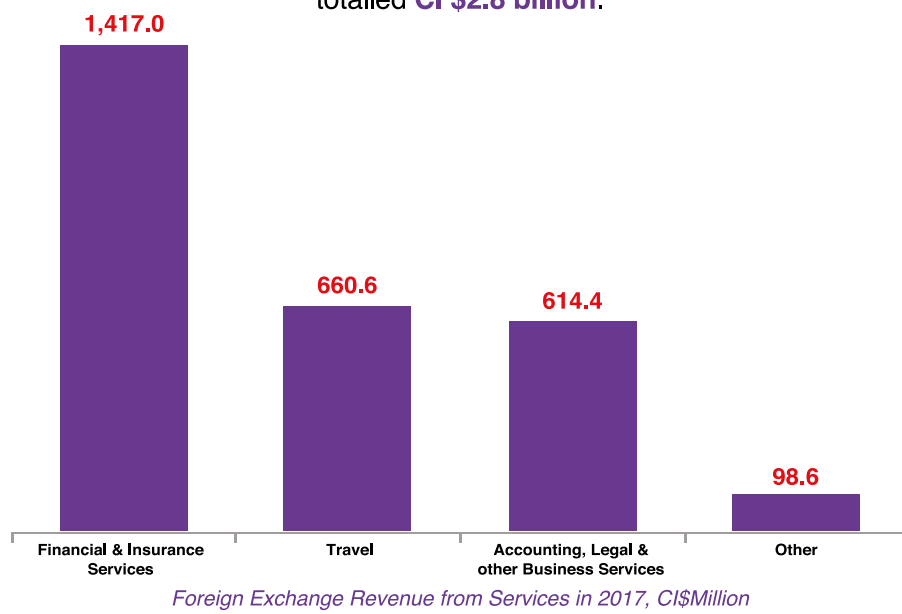
The Premier recognised in his letter to Mr. Mclean the responsibility that the Opposition has in Cayman's system of Government to provide healthy challenge and rigorous scrutiny of the Government on behalf of the people. 🌐



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Cruise Port Referendum (CPR): 5,300 signatures collected | Petition to be delivered to Cabinet

Cruise Port Referendum (CPR) Cayman advised on Friday that the petition for the people initiated referendum on the proposed cruise berthing facility, in accordance with Section 70 of the Cayman Islands Constitution 2009, has now exceeded the minimum requirement to trigger a people initiated referendum.

The grassroots community group have now collected and internally verified over 5,300 signatures of Cayman Islands registered voters. The petition is currently being prepared to be delivered to Cabinet and following meetings with the Supervisor of Elections and His Excellency the Governor, the petition shall be presented to Cabinet. In announcing this historic benchmark, they hope that their elected leaders, as a democratic unity government, will respect the constitution and be guided by good governance. The collection of signatures remains ongoing to safely exceed the minimum requirement, and registered voters who have not yet signed the petition are encouraged to sign right away to be a part of Cayman Islands history in the making. CPR Cayman will host a public meeting next week Thursday 30th May

at George Town Town Hall from 6pm - 8pm to share information on the proposed project and the latest updates on the process for a people initiated referendum. They wish to thank all of those who have helped to support the efforts for the people initiated referendum and look forward to taking the issue forward to a referendum. Cruise Port Referendum Cayman is a grassroots initiative of concerned citizens advocating for a democratic approach to the decision-making for the proposed cruise berthing facility.

Petition booklets are still available at the following businesses around Cayman: Rubis Savannah, Four Winds Esso & Hell Gas Station in West Bay, Silhouette in Camana Bay and Pure Art and Cathy Church Photo Centre in George Town. Registered voters who wish to have the petition brought to them, at home or at work, can call 327-5411.

Organisers continue to encourage people not registered to vote but eligible to do so and interested in participating to register at the Elections Office.

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



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Economic Forum to provide update on key policies

The Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Ministry of Finance & Economic Development will host the 2019 Chamber of Commerce Economic Forum at the Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa on Friday, May 31, 2019.

Delegates will receive an update on the Government's finances from Hon. Roy McTaggart, Minister for Finance and Economic Development, and the key economic policies that the Ministry is considering.

"As the main goal of the Chamber of Commerce is to help further business development across our islands, it is important to us to be able to analyse the impact of policies and assess how much they have helped or hindered the local business community, in order to provide recommendation on how to further develop and improve such policies," President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chris Kirkconnell, said.

"The policies that will be discussed at the forum are important for all local

business-owners to know and understand, as these policies directly impact decisions that they will need to make to ensure that their business is successful," Mr. Kirkconnell said. "We are thrilled to present this opportunity for our members to further educate themselves on these policies."

The Economic Forum will also present delegates with the opportunity to participate in interactive panel discussions following each presentation, covering topics such as planning for the impact of Economic Substance legislation; growing a sustainable tourism product; Preparing Cayman's workforce and the new WORC plan and balancing population, infrastructure and economic growth.

"As always, it is important to us to give our members a platform to have their queries answered and to receive clarification on important topic. The Forum serves as a great opportunity for this," Mr. Kirkconnell said.



► Chris Kirkconnell



► Hon Roy McTaggart

The Economic Forum is proudly sponsored by DART, Cayman First, the Department of Tourism and Coldwell Banker.

The forum will run from 12:30 - 6:30 P.M., on Friday, May 31st. Tickets are \$50, including lunch and cocktail reception and are available at www.cayman-chamber.ky

Celebrate Cayman Memorabilia On Sale

On Tuesday, 28 May from 11 am to 2 pm Celebrate Cayman Coat of Arms memorabilia will be on sale in the lobby of the Cayman Islands Government Administrative Building.

Sales will continue every Tuesday and Thursday through the month of June.

Items on sale are:

- Celebrate Cayman Umbrellas CI\$ 25
- Celebrate Cayman Neckties CI\$ 25



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THERESA MAY QUILTS BUT THE BREXIT PROBLEMS REMAIN

By Mike Jarvis
UK Correspondent

Her voice cracking in an uncharacteristic display of emotion, British Prime Minister Theresa May on Friday announced her resignation bringing to an end her turbulent Brexit-laden three years in office.

With the pain of defeat etched on her face, despite the stoicism of her departure speech, Mrs May announced that she will resign as leader of the Conservative Party on June 7th.

She will, however, stay on as Prime Minister until such time that her successor is chosen.

It's clearly a case of Mrs May jumping before she was pushed as she was looking down the barrels of an ultimatum from the powerful 1922 committee of backbenchers for failing to deliver Brexit or some acceptable form of it.

The process to replace her as Conservative Party prime minister will begin the week after she gives up the party's leadership.

It's worth pointing out what Mrs May has, in fact, resigned from.

While leader of the Conservative Party is almost inextricably linked to the office of Prime Minister, Mrs May will stay on in the role for however long it takes her party to decide on a leader.

It's not quite clear how long that would take, nor what decision-making powers Mrs May will continue to hold and wield in the interim.

There are several important ceremonial events coming up over which she will officiate.

The main one is the visit of the President of the United States, Donald Trump and the D-Day commemoration.



► UK Prime Minister, Theresa May during happier days

The timing of what is essentially the first steps of her own exit coincidentally, or perhaps strategically, allows her to be in office in full, rather than some semblance of a caretaker capacity, to meet the US president on his upcoming state visit to the UK.

But even that could be tricky as Mr Trump, not known for his diplomatic skills, could very well slip into an 'I-told-you-so' mode.

He has been a constant critic of Mrs May over her handling of Brexit, which has been her undoing.

The US leader has been an ardent supporter of Mrs May's arch Brexit rival, Nigel Farage, whose newly formed Brexit Party was expected to trounce both the Conservatives and Labour parties in last week's European parliament elections.

Mrs May also has other pre-arranged prime-ministerial engagements coming up, including Brexit-related meetings with the EU and meetings in Japan.

THE BREXIT EFFECT

The days leading up to her resignation announcement must have been nerve-racking for the outgoing Prime Minister.

Her practised outward persona - or facade - of being steely, tenacious and determined, seemed to be fraying by Wednesday evening when British media caught her in a vulnerable moment.

A published paparazzi photo (no doubt of high value by now) shows what appeared to be a teary-eyed Mrs May in the back of her official car.

Behind the steely facade, her critics say is a leader at the ends of her political career, doggedly trying and repeatedly failing to orchestrate her legacy.

By Thursday, the European parliamentary election day in the UK - that shouldn't have been as the UK should have already left the EU - new writings had appeared on the wall. In fact, a series of them.

It was reported that Mrs May was, despite advice against it, going to make a fourth attempt to seek UK parliamentary approval for the deal she has struck with the EU.

She had already brought to the parliament three times before only to have it rejected all three times, one of those by the largest margin said to be in British parliamentary history for a sitting prime minister.



► UK Prime Minister Theresa May

In addition to her attempt to coax or even ram it through parliament, her efforts to seek a politically unorthodox accommodation with the opposition Labour Party, and even take her deal on a glad-handing tour of the UK to directly win over British hearts and minds to it, have all been futile.

By late Thursday came another change that Mrs May had shelved plans for a fourth attempt at getting parliamentary approval for her deal.

By Friday morning, the 37 resignations from her government over Brexit had risen to 38.

It had been hinted that she would make an announcement on Friday morning.

When that announcement came mid-morning Friday, her determined defence of her achievements in office was only overshadowed by the failures she omitted.

Mrs May chose only to admit that she was unable to get parliamentary support for her Brexit deal.

At the end though, the impenetrable wall of stoicism she had built around herself cracked.

Betrayed by her voice and the pain of defeat etched on her face, Mrs May's tough exterior was on the verge of dissolving into tears before a global audience.

It was a touching moment. She stepped back from the podium and took the first steps away from power as she strode back into her office, defeated by Brexit.

The Conservative Party has been in near disarray and much of that blame is placed squarely on the shoulders of Mrs May.

The Labour Party is not doing much better either.

Its leader Jeremy Corbyn is battling growing doubts about his leadership.

That makes the outcome of the EU parliamentary elections unusually important this time as a gauge of the state of British politics.

It could be an indicator of how the choice will go when the Conservatives set about selecting a replacement for Mrs May.

That person is now expected to be in place by July before parliament goes on summer recess.

One thing is clear, however; internal divisions over Europe have claimed the career of another Conservative Party prime minister.

The key question now becomes what will a new Prime Minister do?

What options would he or she have?

Outgoing Prime Minister May had at one time declared "no deal is better than a bad deal" but had to ditch that mantra under pressure from inside and outside her party, in the face of demands for a better deal.

But "no deal is better than Mrs May's deal" is known to be an option favoured by at least three of the known contenders for her job.

Whoever wins the leadership vote - whenever that is held - will have until October to try for a better deal than Mrs May's which will mean attempting to reopen divorce talks with the EU.

If that fails, to borrow from the Atlantic hurricane season limerick it will be 'October all over and 'no deal' will automatically kick in... unless her successor goes for that option earlier.

Until then, anyone of Mrs May's alternating slogans will still be available to recycle - more in deed and not just mere words:

- "Strong and stable leadership"
- "Brexit means Brexit"
- "No deal is better than a bad deal"



► Alyssa Hislop



► Chopper

Alyssa raises funds for local dog charity

Alyssa Hislop, a Year 5 student at Cayman Prep and High School, was inspired to raise money for local dog charity, One Dog at a Time.

Using her own initiative, she began organising a sparkling, pink lemonade stall with the extra bonus of delicious sweets and treats to run in conjunction with her parents' warehouse sale!

With her able assistant, Miss Petula, the pair handcrafted a scrummy selection of cakes and cookies including banana bread, nutty banana bread, strawberry shortcake, chocolate chip cookies and vanilla chocolate nut cookies! "It was a real feast!" said Alyssa "We started selling at 9am and we were very busy from the start! People raved about the food and loved looking at the poster I had made of all the dogs that are looking for a home through One Dog at a Time."

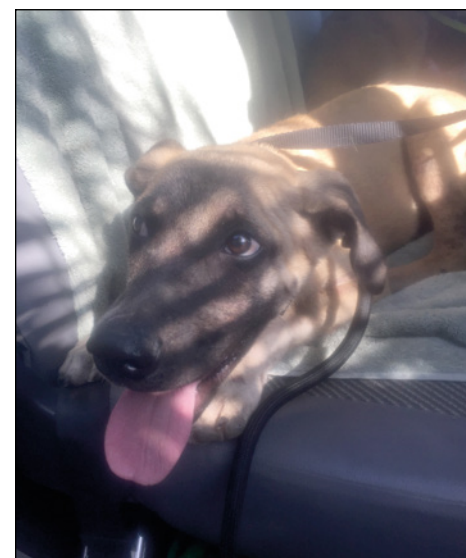
Alyssa is a keen charity fundraiser on island "I've already raised \$150 for the

Humane Society and this money went towards some new equipment such as beds and toys so the dogs are more comfortable." Alyssa decided to raise funds for ODAAT as she loves dogs and animals. She declared she wanted to share the love and in just three hours, raised over \$500!

Caroline Johnston, Vice President of ODAAT exclaimed "Alyssa's achievements are amazing!" After a long discussion and sharing ODAAT's wish list, Alyssa chose to put her donation towards puppy medical bills for newly rescued German Shepherd pups, Chopper and Cody, plus some new toys and other equipment for them.

Rescued just before Star Wars Day, the two dogs, named after characters from the franchise, are recovering from serious skin infections in the One Dog Kennels. "The boys are approximately seven months old and despite their previous neglect, they are the most loving

and enthusiastic dogs with a real zest for life! Cody loves running around the large garden with my own dogs and other fosters that I have," said Caroline Johnston. "Chopper not only has severe mange but also a serious, secondary skin infection. Both have to be bathed on a regular basis as well as taking medication. In just the short time I've had them, their recovery is amazing. The condition is not contagious and the dogs have obviously realised what life should be like. If they could talk, I know they'd say "Thank you for rescuing us and making our lives fun, free, full of love and cuddles. Thank you for making sure we don't have to worry about where our next meal or drink comes from and giving us comfy beds to sleep in. Thank you for keeping us cool and giving us cuddles and hugs. Thank you for healing our wounds that made us feel really sick. Thank you for giving us a chance."



► Cody

If you would like to foster or adopt dogs from One Dog at a Time, please email info@odaat.ky or message them via FB [onedogatatime13](https://www.facebook.com/onedogatatime13)

Leading Southeast Asia Fintech Start-Up Looks to Expand Operations to Grand Cayman

Omise Holdings' ("Omise") founder and CEO Jun Hasegawa recently spoke at GAIMOps Cayman on *The Real-Life Applications of Blockchain* alongside Northern Trust. The leading payment gateway provider in Southeast Asia, Omise was on-island to explore opportunities to expand its operations to the Cayman Islands.

Omise provides strategic advisory services to its subsidiaries (Omise Payment Gateway, OmiseGO and GO.Exchange) and raises funds on their behalf.

The company aims to transform payments by combining traditional and non-traditional financial services and platforms in an open infrastructure.

At the keynote interview, attendees learned about new financial technology advancements, including the recently launched exchange platform GO.Exchange, and how blockchain technology



► Omise Holdings' founder and CEO Jun Hasegawa speaks

can support and create efficiencies for economies - from emerging markets to large institutional investors.

"We live in a mobile world with a very large population of 'underbanked' individuals, who do not have access to basic financial services such as savings, lending or payment methods," explained Hasegawa. "These individuals can be serviced by centralized networks like GO.Exchange because these networks can be used without requiring a third-party. Instead of trusting influential or biased relationships, people can now trust a mathematically, non-biased protocol."

OmiseGO, one of Omise's subsidiaries, is also helping financial services providers ("FSPs") solve issues caused by centralization via its development of the OMG Network. The OMG network is a decentralized public network that can bridge legacy financial systems with blockchain technology to help alleviate performance problems, remove friction and ease capital flow bottlenecks. OmiseGO is building a global platform for open financial services, which will enable transparent, peer-to-peer transactions in real-time and facilitate self-sovereign financial services across geographies, asset classes and applications. The team also works with these enterprises to form their payment and eWallet strategy, co-create new products and provides consulting services and implementation support.

These developments can help to significantly streamline processes like Know Your Customer (KYC) and directorship services. For example, instead of physically stamping the document copy, a notary can use a private key to digitally sign the document and use the intended FSP's public key to secure and encrypt the document. The intended FSP can then use their private key to decrypt the document while also using the notary's

public key to identify and authenticate that the notary was the true originator of that action.

As the sixth largest financial center in the world, Cayman is an attractive jurisdiction for leading fintech companies such as Omise Holdings, who already recognizes that the island has the ingredients necessary to support fintech unicorns (billion-dollar companies).

"While on-island, we learned a lot about the local ecosystem, and we were blown away by the island's caliber of service providers and robust regulatory and compliance framework. We are keen to work with the jurisdiction to set-up a fully-compliant infrastructure that meets Cayman's globally-recognized compliance standards to support our business objectives."

Currently, Omise (Payment Gateway) serves small, medium, and global enterprises such as McDonald's, Burger King, Toyota, and DTAC. The firm is one of the fastest growing companies in Southeast Asia and has been recognized by Forbes Japan as one of the top 10 best start-ups for two consecutive years. To learn more, visit website www.omise.co/about.

About Omise Holdings

Omise Holdings is a leading fintech company in Southeast Asia and the parent company of Omise (Payment Gateway), OmiseGO and GO.Exchange. Leveraging innovations such as blockchain technology, the company is transforming the way the world conducts payments by developing an open financial infrastructure that merges traditional and non-traditional financial services and platforms. Follow Omise Holdings on Twitter (@OmiseHoldings).

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The Action continues for Team Cayman in Varadero, Cuba

The beach volleyball courts at Public Beach seemed relatively quiet now that Norceca had moved onto its next stop on the Beach Volleyball Tour. Many of the teams that competed in Cayman went on to play in Nicaragua the following weekend on May 4th & 5th. Meanwhile Cayman Islands Volleyball Federation opted to skip that stop, because they wanted to give the women's team adequate time to regroup and reevaluate their tactics before leaving for Cuba on May 9th. Ileann Powery and Stefania Gandolfi's are no strangers to Cuba, as they had the privilege of playing in Cuba and Mexico during the 2018 tour, making this their third stop as a team.

The ladies first game was in the mid-day heat on Friday, May 10th against Team Canada's May and Lenarduzzi, to whom they lost to in two straight sets 21-10 and 21-9. Powery and Gandolfi took the time between games to strategize and scout out their next opponents. Their tactics were strong going into the first set against El Salvador's Vasquez and Vargas, because they only narrowly lost with by 21-17. Unfortunately they didn't manage to make it to a third set because they were defeated 21-9. Despite their track record from the previous day, Gandolfi and Powery took to the courts on May 11th revitalized and raring to go. They quickly took the first set against Jamaica 21-12, but they couldn't keep the momentum up in the second set, losing 13-21. Smith and Wright fought hard in the 3 set, but Powery and Gandolfi kept up with them point for point. In the end, the Cayman's women's team fell short by two points with a loss of 17-19. With it all said and done the women played their last game



in bottom bracket again Cost Rica, and that third loss sealed their fate in 13th place.

There is no doubt that every competition is a learning experience for the athletes, and there are numerous benefits of sending our athletes to compete in these Norceca stops. "For starters, the exposure to some of the top teams from surrounding countries allows them to improve their game. In addition,

the teams earn points each time they compete in a stop, which are needed to improve our ranking in order to attend some of the higher caliber events such as Pan Am Games," explained Technical Director, Javid Ali. Powery also took away some valuable lessons from the experience as she elaborated: "Cuba was a challenging experience when it pertains to the factors that affect beach volleyball game play. The winds were very strong,

but my teammate and I tried our best to adjust and use it to our advantage. This trip also reassured my desire to want to better my game and hopefully win games going forward." The next stop for this duo will be Island Games, but until then we can look forward to watching as Cristin Alexander-Bruton, Chante Smith, Nathan Dack, and Richard Campbell take on the competition in La Paz, Mexico on June 8th, 2019. 🌐

Action continues in the Boys Under 11 FA Cup

The first round of the 2019 Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) Boys Under 11 FA Cup was completed this past Saturday, May 18 at the Annex Field in George Town.

In first round games played during the week, Academy SC Saints advanced to the quarter finals following their 2-1 penalty shoot-out victory over 345 FC III and Academy SC Wanderers defeated East End United FC 3-1.

With both teams unable to find a winner in regulation time, Academy SC Saints' Patrick Roberts and Auberon Drackett scored two of their team's five penalties to secure the 2-1 win. 345 FC's Evan Barry was the only scorer of his team's five penalties.

In the second first round game, Academy SC Wanderers secured the 3-1 victory as Ijah Jennings, Oliver Cooke and Liam Whiteside all found the back of the net. Aiden Wedderburn scored for East End United FC.

On Saturday morning, a very young Sunset FC Makos outfit surprised the more experienced George Town SC I team 2-1 as Louis Shakespeare scored the all-important winner in the final minute of regulation time to lift the Makos into the quarter finals.

The Makos had taken the lead through Finley Hirst's 15th minute opener but George Town levelled the score in the 24th minute as Jayce Hurlston found the back of the net following a defensive mix-up in the Sunset rear guard.

Chances to break the 1-1 deadlock were at a premium but neither team could capitalise. With penalties looming, Sunset's Louis Shakespeare ended the contest scoring a last minute winner, much to the delight of his team mates and coaches.

2019 Boys Under 11 league champions 345 FC I continued their dominance as they secured their spot in the quarter finals defeating Scholars ISC 5-0 (respect rule enforced). Colby Jakubiak



► Sunset FC Makos (blue) defeated GTSC I 2-1 in the first round of the Boys Under 11 FA Cup

and Jamie Price scored two each and Christo Durrant added a fifth to secure the win.

Not to be outdone, the 2019 Boys Under 11 league runners-up Sunset FC Warriors matched 345's score as they beat George Town SC II 5-0 (respect rule enforced). Jaxon Cover scored four of his team's five goals and Jaydon Ashdown added the fifth.

Cayman Brac FC were unable to travel to Grand Cayman to play their scheduled

first round game so Latinos FC advance to the quarter finals.

In the quarter finals, which are scheduled for Saturday, May 25, its Sunset FC Warriors vs. 345 FC II (9:30 am); Academy SC Saints vs. Latinos FC (10:30 am) and 345 FC I vs. Academy SC Wanderers (10:30 am). Sunset FC Makos receive a bye to the semi finals. The draw took place on Sunday, May 19.

In a Girls Under 13 league game played on Friday, May 17, Academy SC Dolphins

defeated Academy SC Mermaids 5-0 thanks to goals from Taegan Williams (2), Gabby Rouse and Eva Bothwell.

In the only other youth game played on Saturday, Sunset FC defeated Bodden Town FC 2-1 in the Boys Under 13 league.

A full schedule of CIFA youth league action continues this Saturday, May 25 with the Girls Under 11 FA Cup final, Boys Under 11 FA Cup quarter finals, Boys Under 13 league games and Boys Under 15 FA Cup semi final action. 🌐

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LIAT Loses Appeal and Must Pay Dismissed Employee More Than US\$1.5 Million

Regional airline LIAT has failed in its efforts to avoid paying more than US\$1 million to a former employee in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI) who was forced out of the company, after almost five decades of employment, because of his age.

The Antigua-based company had appealed a decision by a jury in February to award William Cherubin US\$1,551,320 in damages. But Justice Douglas Brady of the USVI Superior Court has dismissed the appeal and ordered the airline to pay the money.

Cherubin took the cash-strapped airline to court claiming he had been fired because of his age – contrary to LIAT's claim that it was because of poor performance –, which was in contravention of the Virgin Islands Civil Rights Act which prohibits discrimination of employees on the basis of age.



He was 71 years old when he was dismissed on June 4, 2015, without notice, with the company accusing him of violating company policy on three occasions. During his 47 years at the compa-

ny, Cherubin had risen from a job as a ticket agent to manager of ground operations.

Justice Brady said in his ruling that "the totality of the trial evidence was

sufficient to permit a jury to infer that LIAT's proffered reasons [for Cherubin's dismissal] were false".

"Evidence of Cherubin's emotional pain and suffering following his termination was sufficient that the Court cannot find that the jury's verdict was seriously erroneous as against the clear weight of the evidence," he said.

"Accordingly, the Court will not interfere with the jury's award and LIAT's motion for a new trial will be denied."

During the trial, it had been disclosed that four years before Cherubin was fired, LIAT offered employees over the age of 62, including Cherubin, a retirement package in exchange for their voluntary resignations.

Cherubin's supervisors had urged him to take the offer, telling him he was over the typical retirement age. But he decided to continue working.

Medical Marijuana Products Approved For Importation in Barbados

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has approved five marijuana-based drugs to be placed on the National Drug Formulary, the list of affordable generic and brand-name medications offered by the Barbados Drug Service (BDS).

The BDS will procure the medications and doctors will be able to prescribe

them. But there will be no smoking allowed.

News of this came yesterday from Minister of Health and Wellness, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bostic, who said the decision followed recommendations from the Barbados National Drug Formulary Committee.

He made it clear that the smoking of marijuana would not be part of the process since there was no scientific evidence to suggest that there were any benefits in terms of ailments.

"The Drug Formulary Committee made a strong recommendation on this...so that was ruled out from day one, and that was presented to Cabinet and it was accepted, and we are going to stay with that until any other information is made available to the ministry to suggest otherwise," he explained.

The Health and Wellness Minister told the audience that the training seminar was mandated by

Cabinet in order to ensure that high standards were set as the project advanced.

He said that he had been made aware that there were stores in Bridgetown that were already selling the products.

"Let me say that I will be issuing a warning this week, a reminder of the law, and after that, we will enforce the law in its fullest to ensure that such persons come to a Christian understanding of right and wrong. The laws are not to be broken," Bostic said, stressing that certification and training were essential parts of the process.

He noted that while the Ministry of Health and Wellness was responsible for this aspect of the project, the major part of the project would be overseen by the Ministry of Agriculture, since it was government's intention to get involved in every aspect, including cultivation,



production, marketing, and research and development.

"And, I give the assurance that the average Barbadian will not be excluded from this process.... Persons who might have been ostracized and even criminalized in the past are being included in this process, as we try to map out the direction that we are going to go with this industry," Minister Bostic added.



▶ Minister of Health and Wellness, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bostic

Jamaicans Face Prison Time if Caught Wasting Water As Drought Continues

People who waste water in Jamaica, amid an ongoing drought, could be fined or face time behind bars.

The National Water Commission (NWC) has moved to make it a prosecutable offence to either waste water or use excessive amounts of its potable water for non-essential purposes.

In a prohibition notice published in the newspapers yesterday, which takes effect on Friday, the NWC said that more stringent water conservation measures must now be observed and the limited potable water that is available should be reserved for essential uses such as drinking, cooking, washing, bathing and sanitation.

Some of the breaches of the prohibition order are using NWC-supplied water in drought-affected areas for: watering of gardens, lawns, grounds and farms; refilling of tanks, ponds, or swimming pools and/or for use other than

normal domestic services; washing of vehicles by the use of a hose; watering or washing roadways, pavements, paths, garages; and any purpose which may require the use of a considerable or excessive quantity of water.

Persons who break the law may be prosecuted; and if convicted, they are liable to a fine imposed by the parish courts or imprisonment for up to 30 days if they fail to pay the fine.

NWC Corporate Communications Manager Charles Buchanan said the prohibition order is intended to send a signal to the population that not only is it not right to waste water from an already limited supply, but it is also now illegal.

"We're hoping that it will serve to persuade persons to do the right thing and in instances where persons persist in doing the wrong thing, we would have the force of law to support us in taking

action against them," he said.

Meantime, the Government has allocated an additional J\$100 million (US\$743,496) for the trucking of water and distribution of tanks to parishes affected by the current dry spell, including Kingston, St Andrew, Portland, St Mary and St. Elizabeth.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness made the announcement during the sitting of the House of Representatives yesterday.

"The NWC will continue to spend on trucking of water and (provide) water tanks to the most affected parishes," he said. Prime Minister Holness further informed that the Minister without Portfolio in the Ministry of Economic



Growth and Job Creation, Hon. Parnell Charles Jr., has been instructed to meet with the Members of Parliament and Councillors of the affected parishes, to work out trucking schedules for communities, with emphasis on critical services such as the hospitals, health centres and schools.

ILO Urges Region to Embrace Free Movement

The head of the International Labour Organization (ILO) is urging Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries to embrace immigration and quickly rid themselves of a "toxic" anti-immigration stance.

ILO Director-General Guy Ryder told the Barbados Today online newspaper that although the time is ripe for ramped-up free movement of workers, the notion is surprisingly unpopular.

He pointed out that given Barbadian concerns that workforce levels are unsustainable given an aging population, immigration was one of the fixes that should be seriously considered.

But Ryder suggested this negative attitude to immigration was by no means limited to the Caribbean but had now become a global reality.

"Here is one of the paradoxes of our time and we are seeing it across the board. At a time when the economic case for more liberal migration has never been stronger because we will all benefit economically from more liberal and permissive migration, the political

and social obstacles to migration seem to be growing," he said.

Ryder explained that several regional leaders, including Prime Minister Mia Mottley have highlighted this as a concern, which is hindering the obvious solution to underpopulation and aging population facing several Caribbean countries.

"This is becoming a toxic issue and people are becoming very defensive. In my view, I think we have to reconsider how we react to this unhelpful toxicity throughout the migration mobility process," he said.

"I met with the Prime Minister of Barbados yesterday who noted that in the Caribbean we are totally underpopulated but yet we are seeing this type of resistance and nervousness to increased migration."

Last August, the longstanding visa requirement for Haitians coming to Barbados was lifted.

But the early stages of the visa-free entry from CARICOM's poorest member state did not go smoothly, as many Hai-

tians made the journey to Barbados in search of work. Some ended being stranded in the country after promises of jobs failed to materialize. Critics blamed the lifting of the visa requirement for the problem.

Earlier this year, Minister of Home Affairs Edmund Hinkson, who holds the immigration portfolio, unveiled Government's plans to enhance the labour force by addressing the island's immediate need for skilled people through a policy of "managed migration".

He said that the island, however, would not be open to "those who are going to be a drain on our economy or public purse", but would be welcoming "those who are productive, who have skills. We need more young people in this country in their most productive age".

Ryder strongly supported Government's stance on immigration but not-



ILO Director-General Guy Ryder

ed that in order for it to be effective, there needed to be buy-in across the board.

He said: "The fact of the matter is that where skills shortages exist at a certain location, one way of compensating is simply to facilitate labour mobility. This could be restricted to the CARICOM region or it could be extended globally. However, we need to get over this reticence thinking towards migration." (*Barbados Today*)

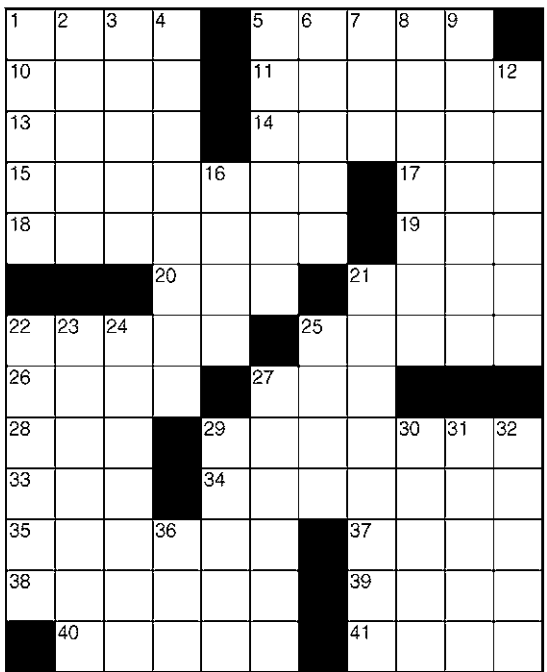
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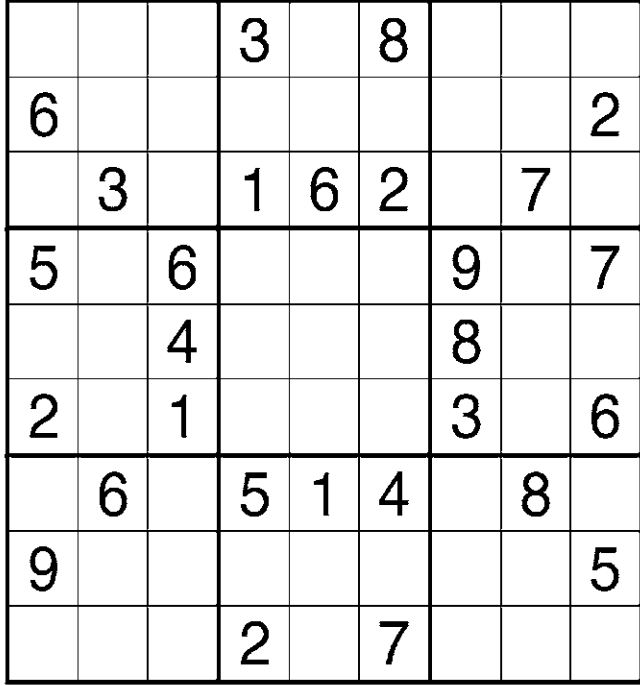
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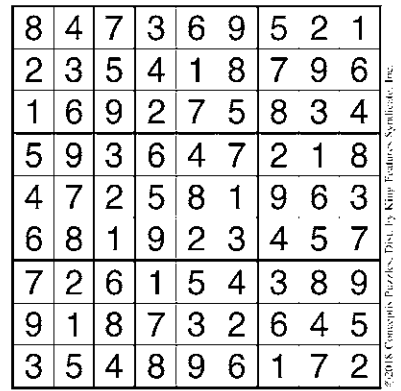
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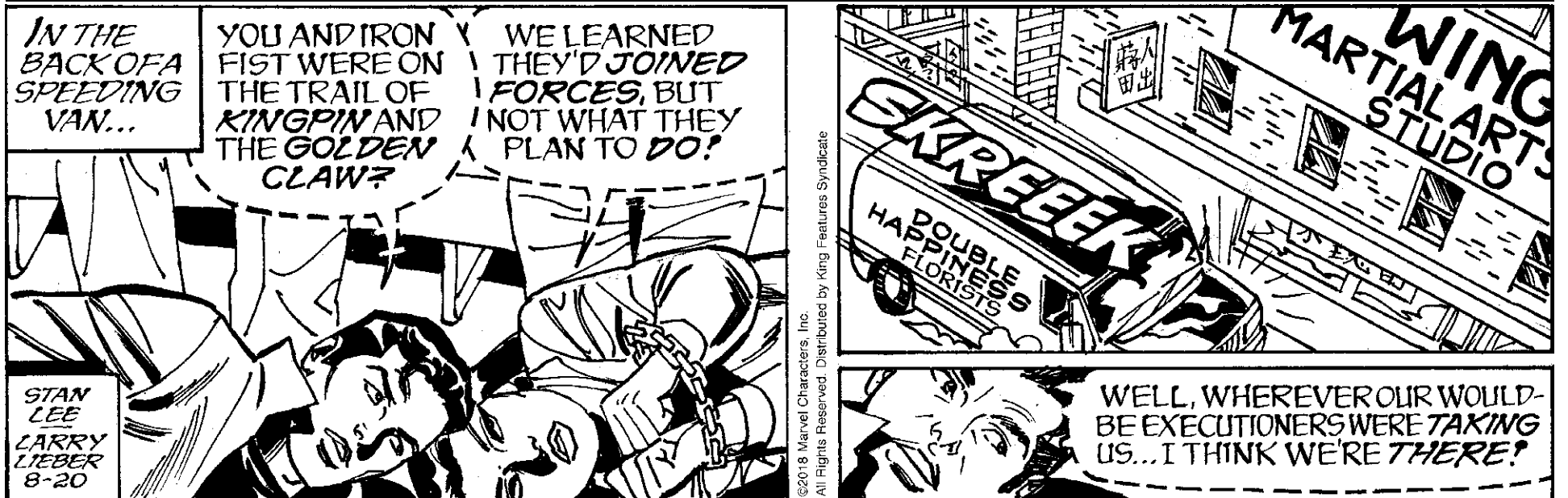
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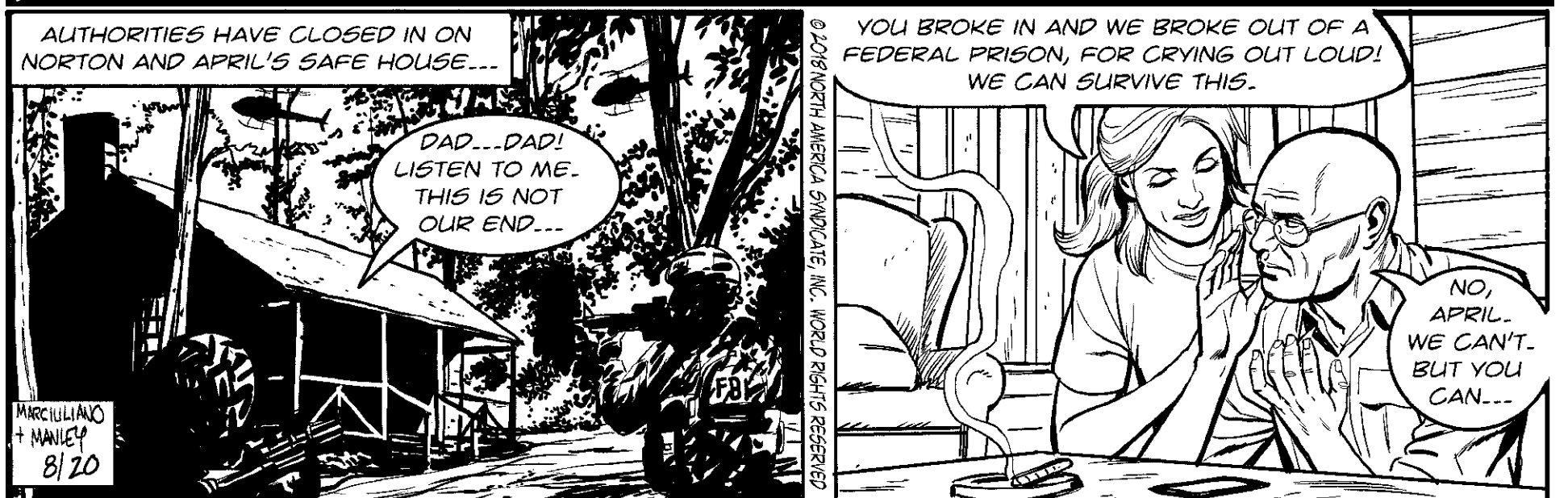
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