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On recent Wednesday and Saturday mornings, several hundred people have been lining up in the parking lot at the First Assembly of God to find a little relief from the financial impacts of the coronavirus.

Here, the Cayman Food Bank has been distributing staple foods to individuals and families that may not otherwise have enough to eat.

Helping in this effort are students who are part of the social work programme at the University College of the Cayman Islands. The students are getting a close up look at the process of assisting people in need and, at the same time, fulfilling the fieldwork requirements of their studies.

Maureen Brooks, who is the fieldwork education liaison for UCCI's social work programme, said students are getting a good look at the role of social work in a crisis. "They are seeing and understanding how to deal

with people who may not have been in a situation like this before, who now may be embarrassed, or some even angry, about having to come to look for food," she said. "It's a good experience for so-

cial work students to know how to respond to the different emotions people demonstrate in situations like this."

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▶ Porshia Jackson, a UCCI social work student, hands a bag of groceries to a recipient at a recent Cayman Food Bank distribution

## Early storm bodes badly for the season

The 2020 Atlantic hurricane season officially starts on Monday, but ominously, it has already broken one record, and there are fears it may break another.

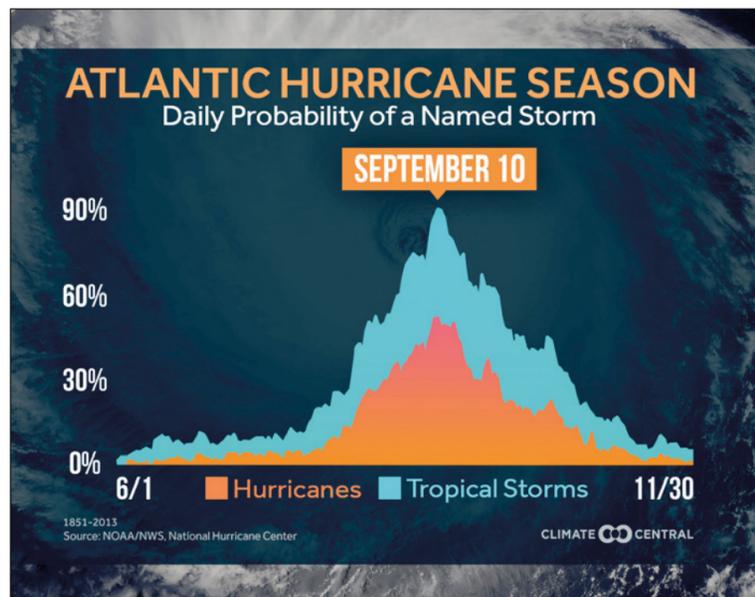
Tropical storm Arthur formed May 16 off Florida's east coast. It marked the sixth season in a row with an early storm and predictions are that this will be the fifth consecutive above-average season. If it happens it will beat

the previous record of four consecutive seasons from 1998 to 2001.

Tropical systems have been observed in every month of the year over the Atlantic, and May is no stranger to the formation of tropical systems, especially in recent years.

In 2019, subtropical Storm Andrea formed on May 20, just east of the

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## NCVO needs your help to raise CI\$1.6 million



Providing direct and essential services for many vulnerable children and families in the Cayman Islands through their nursery, pre-school and foster home, the NCVO Children Services programme is in desperate need of finances to keep it going. So, this Saturday 30th May they are holding their 41st Telethon fundraiser, this time with a unique twist, as it will be their first 'Home Edition'. The non-profit organisation has a goal of raising CI\$1.6 million to help keep going its much-needed services.

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# EDITORIAL

## Be Prepared for Hurricane Season 2020

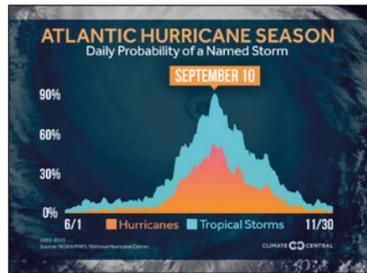
The rains of a weekend ago served as an ever-present reminder that we life in the tropics comes with the annual threat of tropical storms and hurricanes.

Each year, around this time, those of us who live in this tropical paradise usual focus our attention on getting our homes prepared for hurricane season and the prospect of a storm coming our way.

This year, the threat of the coronavirus pandemic has been front and centre of our minds. Our priority when it came to personal safety shifted from what howling winds, torrential rains and flying debris could do to harm us to shielding ourselves from an invisible virus.

While that should remain top of mind, even as we ease back toward opening up as normal, we ought not to forget the danger that can come our way. June 1st to November 30th is the official Atlantic hurricane season. Many forecasters and scientists are predicting that it will be a busy one with the possibility of up to 10 hurricanes. Where those hurricanes will go, if they materialise, no one knows.

Although we have been spared the brunt of any major storms for several years, let's follow the lead that we as



a community took in preparation for COVID-19 and ensure that we take the necessary precautions for hurricane season.

We urge you to ensure you have thought about where you will ride out any storm that comes our way; if your home is not safe or you do not feel comfortable being there, ensure you know where the nearest shelter is and that you can get there before conditions deteriorate. If you have elderly relatives, cater for them in your plans. Same for pets. Ensure your travel documents are in order. Keep adequate prescription medication at hand.

We continue to hope and pray that this is not the year that these beloved islands are not hit by a hurricane. However, if it is the year, then we trust the people of these islands would have taken the necessary precautions.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Savannah Post Office Reopens

Savannah Post Office reopens this week for residents of the eastern districts on Wednesday, 27 May and Thursday, 28 May 2020.

Savannah's operations will match the Airport Post Office's current opening hours and services, which are:

- Wednesdays - 9am - 3pm (for persons with surnames and businesses with names starting with A - K).
  - Thursdays - 9am - 3pm (for persons with surnames and businesses with names starting with L - Z).
- Services available will include:
- Domestic mail service



• International Mail Service (outgoing service is currently limited to the United States)

- Sale of stamps
- Post box rental payments
- Utility bill payments
- \* Water Authority bill payments
- \* CUC bill payments
- \* Logic bill payments

The Cayman Islands Postal Service (CIPS) is planning to reopen the West Bay Post Office on Wednesday, 3 June and Thursday, 4 June, 2020. Again, the operating days, times and services offered will mirror those of the Airport and Savannah Post Office.

Inside all post offices customers are required to follow COVID-19 prevention guidelines, by remaining at least six feet away from any other person and wearing face masks or face coverings.

### Update on Incoming International Mail

In other news the Postal Service reports that it has received a small amount of mail from Trinidad and Germany- its first incoming mail dispatch since re-opening at the end of April.

The Postal Service worked with a local company to sanitise the mail which will receive processing priority and will be delivered into post boxes this week.

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE COLLECTION OF VEHICLES

The Port Authority (PACI) wishes to advise persons with vehicles that have been imported but remain uncleared at PACI's facilities, to arrange clearing and collection as soon as possible. As space is limited at the Port Authority property, the number of uncollected vehicles is reducing the amount that can be imported each week, resulting in a backlog of vehicles in Jamaica awaiting shipment to Grand Cayman.

For those persons who have vehicles currently in Jamaica awaiting shipment to Grand Cayman, please contact your agent/broker to advise them whether you are ready and in a position to clear the vehicle immediately as it arrives in Cayman. This will help those vehicles to be prioritized for shipping and will assist us with facilitating a regular flow of vehicles to the Island, and to customers who are waiting for their vehicle to arrive.

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AS AT: 27 MAY 2020, 3PM  
\*A person who initially tested positive and who has subsequently tested negative for the COVID-19 virus in two tests done at least 24 hours apart 14 days after their positive test, or after their symptoms have gone away, whichever is longer.

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# Employers Urged to Notify WORC of Cancelled Permits

Workforce Opportunities and Residency Cayman (WORC) would like to remind employers of their legal obligation to notify the Department of the ending of employment of any of their employees.

**Under section nine of the Immigration Regulations, failure to notify the Department of cessation of employment is an offence and offenders are liable on conviction, to a fine of five thousand dollars.**

During this time while we deal with the challenges posed by COVID-19 to the Cayman Islands, we understand that

things are not necessarily business as normal for many employers. However, we remain committed to serving you and keeping you informed, as we aim to promote continued compliance with local Immigration legislation.

We also want to take this opportunity to remind employers of their legal obligation to ensure all employee work permits are current and up to date. Employees on work permits are not allowed to engage in any duties for any other employer, or outside the approved occupation, without approval from WORC. Failing to comply with

this can also result in prosecution.

A special thanks to the employers who have already taken the necessary steps to comply with this requirement. We strongly encourage other employers to follow suit, to avoid potential prosecution.

Work permit cancellations should be submitted to [WPCancellations@gov.ky](mailto:WPCancellations@gov.ky).

To report any immigration related complaints or concerns please email [WORCcomplaints@gov.ky](mailto:WORCcomplaints@gov.ky).

Visit [www.WORC.ky](http://www.WORC.ky) for additional details on services offered.



► Old Walkers building

## POLICE NEWS

# Drug Canoe lands at Spotts Beach

Just after 5AM on Thursday, 21 May, police officers were on patrol when they came upon a canoe in the Spotts Beach area of Shamrock Road. A search of the location was conducted and several packages were located and seized by police.



The packages contained suspected ganja and two handguns, along with live rounds of ammunition.

The police immediately initiated a search for the crew of the vessel that was found, which had apparently landed illegally. Just after 11AM Thursday morning, a 46-year-old man from Jamaica was located and arrested on suspicion of illegal landing, importation of an unlicensed firearm and other firearm related offenses, as well as being concerned in the importation of ganja and other drug related offenses.

On Saturday, 23 May, the Jamaican National arrested in relation to this incident was formally charged for 2 Counts of Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Possession of Unlicensed Firearm (Ammunition), Being Concerned in the Importation of Ganja, Being Concerned in the Supply of Ganja and Landing in the Cayman Islands without Specific Permission by an Officer.

He appeared in court on Monday 25 May via video link and was remanded in custody until 8 June.



# George Town Man Charged in Relation to Two Burglary Incidents

A 43-year-old man of George Town has been charged with Burglary, Theft, Damage to Property and Breach of Curfew following his arrest on Friday 22 May. The man was arrested in relation to a burglary incident that took place at a bar located on Mary Street, George Town on Sunday 17 May.

The 43-year-old George Town man was subsequently arrested in relation

to a second burglary that took place at a restaurant on Eastern Avenue on Thursday 21 May. He was also formally charged with Burglary and Breach of Curfew following an investigation into this incident.

The man appeared in court and answer to charges relating to both incidents on Monday 25 May via video link. He was remanded in custody and is scheduled to reappear on 9 June.

# West Bay Man Charged with Robbery

A 27-year-old man of West Bay was charged with Robbery, Assault ABH and Common Assault on Monday, 18 May, after being arrested in relation to an incident that took place on Thursday 14 May on Whitman Seymour Drive in George Town.

Just after 4:30PM on Thursday 14 May, police responded to a report of two men entering a residence and assaulting the occupant. The men were said to have also stolen a quantity of cash. The 27-year-old man of West Bay was subsequently arrested on suspicion of robbery



and aggravated burglary and held in custody pending investigations.

He appeared in court on Tuesday 19 May, via video link, where he was granted bail to return on 12 June, 2020.

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► UCCI social work students Mya Dunkler, second from right, and Porshia Jackson, help a recipient at a recent Cayman Food Bank distribution



► UCCI social work student Estefanie Barnett registers an applicant's information with the Cayman Food Bank during a recent morning distribution

# Cayman Food Bank Puts UCCI Social Work Students on the Front Line

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Felicia Robinson, director of UCCI's social work programme said this is the first-time students have done some of their required fieldwork hours at the Cayman Food Bank. Just prior to the restrictions imposed by the government to slow the spread of the coronavirus, Robinson said she had been in talks with the food bank about having students help the organization with client assessments and administrative work. Shortly after the 12 government programmes where students do their fieldwork shut down, the partnership with the food bank was cemented.

The students are helping with some administrative work, but they are also doing the hands-on work of putting together food packages and distributing them to those in need. It has been a mutually beneficial arrangement.

Marie Eden is director of operations for the Cayman Food Bank. She said she is thrilled to have the UCCI students assisting her team of volunteers during a time of increased demand. "We wouldn't be able to do this without them," Eden said. "We went from seeing 100 families

a week to 700 and more and it's growing."

On one recent Saturday, more than 300 people were given bags of food. Toward the end of the distribution, it looked as if some people might be turned away empty handed, but the volunteers scoured the agency's pantry and were able to provide some food to everyone in line. Eden said she's not sure whether that will continue to be possible. "We're constantly asking for donations," she said. "The community has been stepping up, but we don't know how long that will last."

Robinson said once the crisis is over, she plans to continue to use the Cayman Food Bank as an avenue for her students to get experience. Eden said she welcomes the arrangement. "We have a new database," she said. "We're hoping the students can help with registration and input of information."

One student, Estefanie Barnett, spent her time at a recent Saturday morning



► Recipients line up to receive groceries at a recent distribution by the Cayman Food Bank

distribution, helping to gather information for that database. She was checking in the people standing in line, taking information from passports or drivers licenses and providing vouchers so the recipients could collect their bags of food. Barnett said she helped her parents run a charter company prior to the virus shutdown and understood how so many people have been thrust into needing assistance. Helping at the food bank, she said, "is rewarding, but at the same time humbling."

Her fellow student, Rochella Moya, said the volunteer experience has been eye opening. "It just shows you that a lot of people out there are in need," Moya said. "It allows us to see what we would do in a crisis situation. When you talk about it in class it's completely different." Dealing directly with those in need, she said, illuminates some of what she's learned at UCCI. "It brings together empathy, compassion, all these core values we need to have," she said.

Student Mya Dunkley said the work has made her more confident about the path she is on. "It shows me what it's like to be in a helping profession," Dunkley said. "It shows me that this is the area I want to be in." Director Robinson said her students are getting an experience the programme hasn't offered before. Their dedication has impressed her. "Some of them have already completed their hours, but they're still going there to help," Robinson said.

The experience, she said, brings the principles she teaches into immediate practice. "This is a unique time we are in," she said. "The students are part of a history making team. We have the chance to show how important social work is."

If you are interested in learning more about UCCI's Social Work Programme visit [ucci.edu.ky](http://ucci.edu.ky) and sign up to receive more information.

If you would like to support the Cayman Food Bank please contact [info@caymanfoodbank.com](mailto:info@caymanfoodbank.com) or call 345-926-6111. 🌐



► Rochella Moya, left, a UCCI social work student, prepared bags of food for distribution by the Cayman Food Bank

## Extra repatriation flights to Miami added for June

In response to the ongoing high demand for repatriation flights from Cayman to Miami, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) has now added flights on June 12 & 26, 2020. This will result in a series of Miami repatriation flights that will operate on June 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2020, with the same flight schedule as previously announced:

- FLIGHT - KX3102
- DEPARTS GRAND CAYMAN - 10am
- ARRIVES IN MIAMI - 12:30pm

Note: connecting flights from the Sister Islands to Miami are also available.

Cayman Airways is reminding all passengers travelling on these repatriation flights to please review and follow the policies in place with regards to baggage, pets, and wearing masks. Those policies are as follows:

### Immigration requirements

Persons travelling to the United States must be US citizens or those legally able to travel to or through the USA. Passengers are responsible for ensuring that they have the necessary travel documents for entry into any country. There are no special COVID-19 entry requirements for US citizens entering the US at this time, with the exception of Miami Airport requiring all passengers to wear a face mask throughout the airport.



### Baggage Allowance

Passengers (except infants under 2) will be allowed one free checked bag up to 55lbs per bag (not exceeding 62 linear inches), plus one carry-on bag not exceeding 11" x 16" x 24". A maximum of 2 excess bags per passenger can be accommodated for this flight. These additional bags will be at a cost of US\$20 for the first excess bag and US\$50 for the second excess bag. No overweight or oversized bags will be accepted. Passengers who expect to have excess bags MUST prepay for it at the time of booking or at least 24 hours before travel. Please note that the first bag will travel

confirmed, but excess bags will travel space-available and may take several weeks to reach the passenger should baggage space not be available on the repatriation flight.

### Pets

A limited number of pets can be accommodated on a first-come, first-serve basis. These must be requested and approved at least 24 hours before travel. Pets without prior approval will be unable to travel. Passengers are responsible for ensuring they meet all necessary customs requirements for the importation of pets to any country.

### Health and Safety Measures

Various measures will be in place for the health and safety of passengers and crew, including:

- Middle seats will be left empty
- No Business Class seats will be sold or assigned
- All passengers must be wearing their own face mask, which they must wear from check-in and through the duration of the flight. Miami Airport now also requires passengers to wear masks in the airport on arrival as well.
- CAL airport staff will be wearing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the check-in and boarding process, and check-in counters will be sanitized frequently during the check-in process
- Social distancing rules will be enforced for the boarding process (6-foot spacing between each passenger)

### Booking process

One-way tickets for these flights to Miami can be purchased online at [www.caymanairways.com](http://www.caymanairways.com) or by calling Cayman Airways Reservations on 345-949-2311 or 1-800-422-9626 (toll free in the USA) between 8am and 6pm weekdays, and 9am-3pm on weekends. Only credit or debit cards will be taken over the phone for bookings. Passengers with existing tickets for travel to and from Miami will be able to use them for these repatriation flights. 🌐

# FISH MARKET OPENS AT SOUTH TERMINAL, HARBOUR DRIVE

The Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure has announced that the local fish market is now open to the public at the South Terminal on Harbour Drive in George Town.

Members of the public with surnames beginning A-K are only allowed to attend the market on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and surnames L-Z on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Individuals with hyphenated and multiple surnames should use the first letter of the first surname.

All individuals are required to wear a face mask and maintain a distance of 6 feet from any person where possible.

Government recently announced the temporary move of the fish market from its previous location on North Sound Road, to ensure the safety of operators and the general public amid COVID-19.

Commerce Minister Hon. Joey Hew stated that a system has been put in place to facilitate a supply chain of fresh fish in supermarkets, restaurants and at the George Town fish market.

"We have made sure that proper protocols have been established with the fish market set up and the quarantining of fishermen when they return from international waters. Guidelines and proper signage have been placed at the market to provide information for the health and safety of all involved," said Minister Hew.

The Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure has worked along with the Public Works Department, Port Authority, Customs and Border Control as well as the Coast Guard to facilitate the move.



► Signage at the fish market which is now located at the South Terminal on Harbour Drive

## CBC Confirms Officer Tested Positive for COVID-19



**Cayman Islands Customs & Border Control**

Customs & Border Control (CBC) was informed by the Public Health Department that a CBC Officer has test positive for COVID-19.

The employee is now in isolation and the Public Health Department has im-

mediately commenced the required contact tracing.

"We pray that our colleague will remain in good health and will test negative at the end of the two week period of isolation", stated CBC Director, Mr Charles Clifford.

The need for further testing/isolation will be determined once the risk assessment is completed.

More than 120 CBC officers/employees have been tested for COVID-19 thus far and testing is continuing.

CBC's policy is to sanitize the work area of an employee that has tested positive for COVID-19 immediately after notification of a positive result.

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# Tertiary Education in the Aftermath of Covid-19 - Challenges and Opportunities

The global environment has changed dramatically since COVID-19. The International Labour Organization says that nearly half of the world's workers are at immediate risk of losing their jobs, so far more than 344,000 lives have been lost, with more than 5.3 million confirmed cases. The global economy is contracting sharply putting millions out of work and the most vulnerable into further poverty.

The tertiary education infrastructure across the globe has been severely tested by the wide-scale disruption caused by this virus. These have been many and varied. Some international students have been left stranded in countries they went to receive tertiary level education because borders closed quickly, and international flights became scarce. Caribbean students studying abroad, in some cases have been severely affected, but their governments have stepped in to help as in the case of medical students from Guyana and Jamaica who are studying in Cuba.

Even when colleges and universities sought to bridge the teaching gap by going fully online, it left a 'soft underbelly' of students who did not have the technological and other resources to take advantage of online platforms being used by their various schools. The uncertainties and dangers of the virus also posed psychological difficulties for many students. Others lacked the discipline required to be successful at the

online delivery of teaching and learning.

UNESCO has noted that many millions of students are currently unable to attend classes and that the number is growing daily. Higher educational institutions, like other institutions in society, were caught off guard with this situation and are struggling to find the appropriate solutions to respond to emerging problems while maximising the opportunities.

Various analysts, in pointing out these present challenges, have written about the extent to which higher education will be different after COVID-19. For example, some have pointed to the fact the Chinese overseas study market, worth some US\$ 64.6 billion, will be uncertain, at least in the immediate future. Not to be underestimated is the importance of the Chinese student market for universities in developed countries with implications for their economies. Students are likely to postpone plans for studying overseas until the COVID situation is played out.

Some tertiary education analysts are projecting a decline in enrollment of between 15-25%. There is the challenge of thinking through the proper time for the resumption of on-campus instruction, the nature of commencement activities, possible reduction in graduation rates, how to make online instruction more effective, how to onboard and orient new students, how much flexibility to use in

deciding on entry requirements given that examination bodies have also been severely affected and are themselves making their own adjustments.

Despite these challenges, opportunities abound. There is now a wider role for online learning going forward. The combination of in-person and on-line learning should become a permanent feature of higher education. Students must be given a choice whenever this is possible. They will decide based on their personal circumstances bearing in mind that after the crisis they and their families are likely to have much catching up to, financially and otherwise. Much disruption has occurred. Many, especially the more mature ones, have come to find advantages with the flexibility offered in the online format and have developed a routine as to how to use it while working. Opportunities must be made for this to continue.

Irrespective of format, there is no substitute for an excellent educator. Some have gotten accustomed to the online format and the best must be given opportunities to continue, whether fully online or hybrid. These decisions must be student driven. The opportunities for further education are boundless. A wider role for online learning will mean a require a full analysis of what aspects of educational delivery will be offered in person and what part will be offered online. This will necessitate more opportunities for the continuous training of faculty. This will ensure that they become even more effective with the online format. Educators need additional skills and beliefs in order to teach in an online environment to enable learning.

There are opportunities for more online outreach to prospective students, for flexibility in application deadlines, and more creative approaches for open campus and new student orientations. Secondary school students, in the main, have also been immersed in online learning. More use of teleconferencing will allow for academic conferences to made smaller and delivered in sections.



► Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CX Education Volunteer programme

Higher education institutions are challenged to make summer semesters more creative and engaging to allow students to make up for lost time. The best of in-person and online learning will positively affect student's ability to get on with their education and to graduate. In fact, guided by their national governments, a reduced number of courses on campus and more online will allow institutions to gradually work themselves back to some form of normalcy.

In thinking through their financial circumstances and the expected downturn in income from student tuition fees, consideration must be given to more flexible payment options for students. The fact is that most schools depend on tuition to complement government contribution as they do not have the luxury of endowments to fall back on.

Flexibility, driven by student needs, underlined by consideration for faculty and staff welfare, will allow tertiary institution to navigate successfully the COVID-19 situation. 🌐



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# NCVO needs your help to raise CI\$1.6 million

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Miriam Foster, the NCVO's CEO outlined why this year's telethon is especially crucial as a fundraising tool.

"We are not collecting school fees and our overtime at the home has doubled because the care workers live on site 24/7, leaving their families for 30 days at a time," she explained. "We have taken a 200K loss and it looks to continue."

The late Ms Olive Miller, OBE, who passed away recently, was the NCVO's founder and former board member, an individual who spent much of her life advocating for children in Cayman. Ms Foster said she refused to have their founder pass and let the NCVO pass as well.

"The NCVO's 41st Telethon: HeARTs from Home Edition will be in loving memory of our founder and former board member, Ms Olive Miller, OBE. She was a passionate woman who deeply cared about the needs of the community, especially children. Since 1974, her drive shaped the NCVO's rich history of helping," Ms Foster said.

### How can you help?

The annual NCVO telethon usually takes place in October, but, due to the uncertainty of the financial climate, and the crucial work that the NCVO undertakes in helping vulnerable people in the community, the annual October telethon will take place on May 30th from 12pm-12am and will be a multimedia, cultural event showcasing local artists virtually.

The telethon will be simulcast on NCVO.ORG.KY, Cayman Life TV on Logic Channel 33, Radio Cayman, and Hurley's Media Radio Stations, as well as social media.

Ms Foster said that the live telethon was part of a pre-recorded 12-hour "party for your ears" in collaboration with OneWorld Entertainment, Cayman Life TV, and Juse Media, which will feature high-quality upbeat, musical content brought to listeners by celebrity hosts.

"There will be raffles, sponsor videos, artist highlights, and fundraising toward the NCVO's goal of CI\$1.6 million for annual operating expenses," she stated.

The live portion of the event will take place in a Zoom Room, a virtual "backstage" with hosts, games, and live updates of funds raised.

"During the telethon, everyone is encouraged to donate online by visiting NCVO.ORG.KY. Additionally, the community can participate in other events leading up to the event," she explained.



These events including becoming a member of the NCVO's 'Nifty Neighbour' Membership Programme by completing the \$92 KYD for 92 Kids Challenge. People can also visit the virtual HeART Market and purchase art and experiences. There are some beautiful art pieces here just waiting to be snapped up, created by well-known local artists who have produced paintings, craft work, painted glassware and more, all ready for purchase online. People can also play 'Bingo with a Beat' and listen to local DJs and Share a Meal with the NCVO by ordering from a participating restaurant - go to the NCVO's Facebook page for all the details.

Ms Foster concluded: "Help us fulfill Ms Olive's legacy and allow the NCVO to continue to be dedicated to the care, education, and well-being of children and families of the Cayman Islands. For more information visit NCVO.ORG.KY"



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**WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST**

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
85° / 80°	84° / 79°	85° / 81°	84° / 80°	84° / 80°	83° / 78°	84° / 79°
An a.m. t-storm; partly sunny	Clouds and sun with a t-storm	A stray morning thunderstorm	A shower in the morning	A shower in the a.m.; cloudy	Cloudy with a few showers	A thunderstorm in sports

**MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION**

**ISOLATED? PSALM 22: 1-10**

The Russian writer Fyodor Dostoyevsky says, "the degree of civilization in a country can be judged by entering its prisons." At this very moment we all feel imprisoned. Our once normal lives have become as a cocoon. We seem to be trapped but let me assure all of us WE ARE NOT FORSAKEN.

We are intended to live in relationship and community, not in isolation. This is what makes solitary confinement such a miserable and harsh punishment. I reflect on Noah at this point.

For 40 days and nights he and his family were cut off from reality. This was the, "FIRST LOCKDOWN." They sailed on and on never once flinching nor complaining. The company of the animals must have been something to behold. They remained steadfast in the hope, trust and mercy of God, though unseen but fully known. We can do the same in this time.

It was the agony of isolation that our precious Saviour endured from the trial to the cross. His eternal relationship

with the Father was broken temporarily on the cross, as He bore our sins, sorrow and suffering. Hear Him, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken Me?" Here He was ALONE. The disciples had already forsaken Him. He was totally removed from the Father, who could look upon Him because our sins laced His body. But Jesus had already assured the disciples and all His would be followers, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you."



So, during this time when you feel crushed by this lockdown remember Noah and his family, and yes our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST. 🙏

**Governor's Updates**

• **Cayman is 6th in world on tests per population** - Our extensive testing is putting us in a better position than many other countries to take evidence-based decisions on further easing of restrictions, closely aligned with Dr. Lee's medical advice. We are now up to 6th in the world on number of tests per head of population. A significant achievement. Our screening of front-line staff, largely focussed just now on the construction sector, gives us confidence that it is safe to open up in a gradual way. This will help to kick-start the local economy. Lots of discussion underway about how we move safely from suppression level 3 (moderate) to suppression level 2 (minimal suppression) at beginning of next week.

• **Opening up of more businesses** - We will make announcements on Friday concerning opening up of even more of the local economy, provided the test results continue to go well. It will be a new normal. For foreseeable future we will all have to practise social distancing, undertake basic hygiene and wear masks in public places. As the Premier has already said, amongst other measures, we hope to be able to open up more shops and possibly outdoor restaurants. Our strategy remains on track. Our extensive testing enables us to beat this together.

• **Flight to the Philippines** - I am extremely pleased with Saturday's air bridge flight to the Philippines. We were able to assist approximately 280 people to leave the islands. We were very fortunate that on this occasion we were able to fund travel for some of the most needy. Some passengers who were registered with the Needs Assessment Unit (NAU) and/or those with cancelled or expired work permits had their tickets funded via two very generous anonymous donations. Without those donations some of those passengers wouldn't have been able to travel so I do want to send particular thanks to the donors. My thanks also to the Philippine authorities, airport staff, NEOC staff, the UK Embassy in Manila and my outstanding team who led and ensured this flight happened.

• **BA flights and flights to India** - We are arranging more BA air bridge flights and details will be announced as we have them. We are on track for a flight to the UK in the first half of June. My team are also making good progress regarding a flight to India and I hope to be able to make an announcement on that soon.



► His Excellency, the Governor, Martyn Roper

• **Miami Flights** - Cayman Airways have added two more dates for flights to Miami - 12 and 26 June. These are outbound only and won't bring people back in. Contact Cayman Airways on 949 2311 or Caymanairways.com for availability.

• **Tribute to RCIPS** - We've been in this situation for over two months now. On 22 March we closed our borders and on 24 March the first curfew began. I would like to pay particular tribute to the Police Commissioner and his team, CBC and the Special Constables. Not only have they performed fantastically throughout, our law and order situation remains very stable which is extremely good news.

• **Shout out to charities** - I also want to give a shout out to our charitable sector including; Acts of Random Kindness, Meals on Wheels and Resilience Cayman which is a newly formed community organisation partnering with the Chamber of Commerce. They are all doing really important charitable work, particularly around providing food kitchens and meals and many of our restaurants have stepped up to support them in doing that. My thanks to all of those involved.

• **General Elections** - The Cayman Islands General Election will be held on Wednesday, 26 May 2021. In just over twelve months Cayman Islands voters will go to the polls, exercising their democratic right to vote for elected members. This is the second General Election to be held under the one person one vote, Single Member Electoral District.

• **Thank you Cayman** - We are successfully driving the virus out of our Islands. Going in hard and early with tough measures has paid dividends. That would not have been possible without the outstanding cooperation of everyone on the islands. Thank you. 🙏

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**OBITUARIES**

**Churchill's**

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Craig W. Rankine, who passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. A Thanksgiving Service will be held privately for Family in accordance with Government regulations.



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

**Churchill's**

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Edward Patrick McField better known as "Pat", who passed away on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. A Thanksgiving Service will be held privately for Family in accordance with Government regulations.

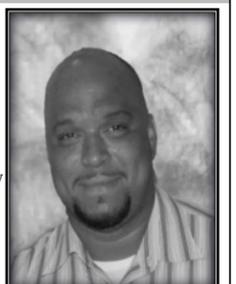


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**Churchill's**

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Leslie C. Hydes Jr. who passed away on Tuesday April 21, 2020. A Thanksgiving Service will be held Privately for family in accordance with Government Regulations. This Funeral service will be livestreamed on the Churchill's funeral Home Facebook Page on Saturday May 30, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. In Lieu of Flowers donations can be made to the Special Olympics Cayman Islands to CNB KY chequing account #01105336 or U.S Savings #02209194



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

The Family of the Late **Olive Hilda Miller**

regrets to announce her passing on Tuesday, 19 May 2020.

A private service will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2020 at the Elmslie United Church at 3:00 p.m. The service will be live streamed on CIG TV & Elmslie United Church YouTube Channel.

Interment will follow in Prospect Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



**Bodden Funeral**  
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# ESTER - C is it Better?

If you are looking for a better way to improve your immunity, then you might be intrigued by the claims made from the manufacturers of Ester C. According to the research, this special form of vitamin C stays in your body for a full 24 hours. Working in harmony with D-3, it works to ensure that the body is operating at optimal levels. Ester C was discovered in the 1980's when its inventor set out on a quest to produce the very first stomach friendly vitamin C.

Ester c is packed with powerful antioxidants that limit cell damage by stabilizing and mopping up free radicals from the body. Research shows that consuming more of the vitamin C, blood antioxidant levels can increase by as much as 30%.

The vitamin C is also water soluble which means it acts as a diuretic, causing the kidneys to remove excess sodium and water from the body. As a result the walls of the blood vessels relax and hence the blood pressure is lowered.

Fruits rich in the vitamin C, such as gooseberry, has been reported to increase the bioavailability of iron from staple cereals and the pulses. Iron's main role is to increase the supply of oxygen to the body.

In this current lockdown situation, you will happy to know that the vitamin C is great for weight loss. To get in ample amounts outside of supplementing, add more sweet potatoes, and citrus fruits to your health regimen. My family has sweet potatoes, all kinds of fruits, and Ester C on a daily basis.

The vitamin C has also been viewed as giving more energy and boosting mental health. Although it is a bit difficult to nail down, people with higher intake of the vitamin have been noticed to be less likely to suffer from fatigue and depression. If you would like to switch to Ester C, check with your health care provider.

Our family uses this brand. 🌐



► Ernest Ebanks

## Never Give Up

Feeling stressed? Most people are these days.

The past couple of months have been filled with new levels of stress as we've all dealt with the coronavirus pandemic.

But you don't have to let stress get the best of you.

When stress is getting you down, you need something that makes you feel good and is good for you.

I'm talking about exercise!

Every time you exercise you increase your body's production of endorphins.

In case you have forgotten, endorphins are responsible for those good moods you get into after a race and the pleasure you feel while chomping down on a piece of chocolate.

However, before you grab a piece of chocolate and skip your workout, remember the end result of each and

choose which one will help you battle stress in the long run.

(Hint: It's not the chocolate.)

Any and all exercise you do helps you fend off the effects of stress, in addition to all the other benefits of exercise: including but not limited to burning fat, increasing energy, reducing joint pain, regaining a youthful appearance...the list goes on.

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► Hurricane Dorian smashed through the Bahamas last year



► Hurricane Ivan damage in Grand Cayman in 2004

# Early storm bodes badly for the season

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Bahamas before luckily dissipating the next day. Sadly for the Bahamas though, Dorian smashed through it last September, destroying numerous homes and displacing thousands.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center announced that between 13 and 19 named storms and as many as six major hurricanes could pass at a time when the Caribbean and the United States is already reeling from COVID-19.

In the US, disaster preparedness experts say it's critically important for people in evacuation zones to plan to stay with friends or family, rather than end up in shelters during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Shelters are meant to keep you safe, not make you comfortable," said Carlos Castillo, acting deputy administrator for resilience at FEMA.

La Niña is one extreme of a climate pattern that affects hurricane formation. The other extreme, El Niño, is known to depress hurricane formation in the Atlantic.

The latest update from NOAA shows a 50 percent chance that the Atlantic will remain right in the middle of the two extremes, in what's known as neutral conditions. But there's also a 40 percent chance that a La Niña could develop.

Previous forecasts this year have also called for an active season, in part due to the way April's record-breaking heat warmed up the swath of Atlantic Ocean where hurricanes often form and the potential formation of La Niña.

"It is not possible to predict how many of these potential storms will hit land," said acting NOAA administrator Neil Jacobs. That will become clearer as each individual storm is tracked by the National Hurricane Center.

Unlike other years, a hurricane making landfall carries extra risk this year



► Tropical storm Arthur hit two weeks before the hurricane season started

as the coronavirus continues to spread throughout the US. Thankfully, it is under control in the Caribbean with many islands locking down. Caribbean nations have entered a crucial phase though because as they open their economy and airports, the danger of re-infection is the danger.

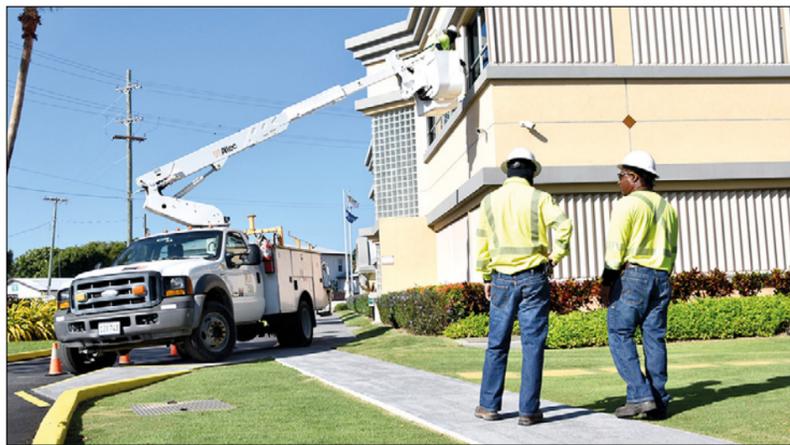
Emergency managers worry that people told to evacuate when a hurricane is coming won't feel safe in a crowded shelter.

In Cayman, a minor storm may knock out the power for a few days and produce some flooding, while a major storm could call for evacuation. Both require planning ahead and being prepared. Early preparations should include gathering supplies for an evacuation or sheltering in place, making a family plan and testing storm protection equipment in advance, like storm shutters and generators. CUC is primed for hurricane damage.

It's recommended a minimum three-day supply of water per person, along with a good supply of non-perishable food items and dry goods. Other suggestions include required medications, battery-powered or hand-crank radio, flashlights with batteries, cell phone chargers, clothes and pet supplies. Residents should also gather together important documents.

The family plan should include an evacuation plan, in the case of a major storm - where will you go, who will you stay with - as well as a sheltering-in-place plan if you plan to stay for minor storms. Cayman residents who lived through Hurricane Ivan in 2004 are most aware of the need to be prepared.

Other preparations should include putting up hurricane shutters, removing loose items from the yard and bringing them inside to prevent them from becoming projectiles, and gassing up any vehicles.



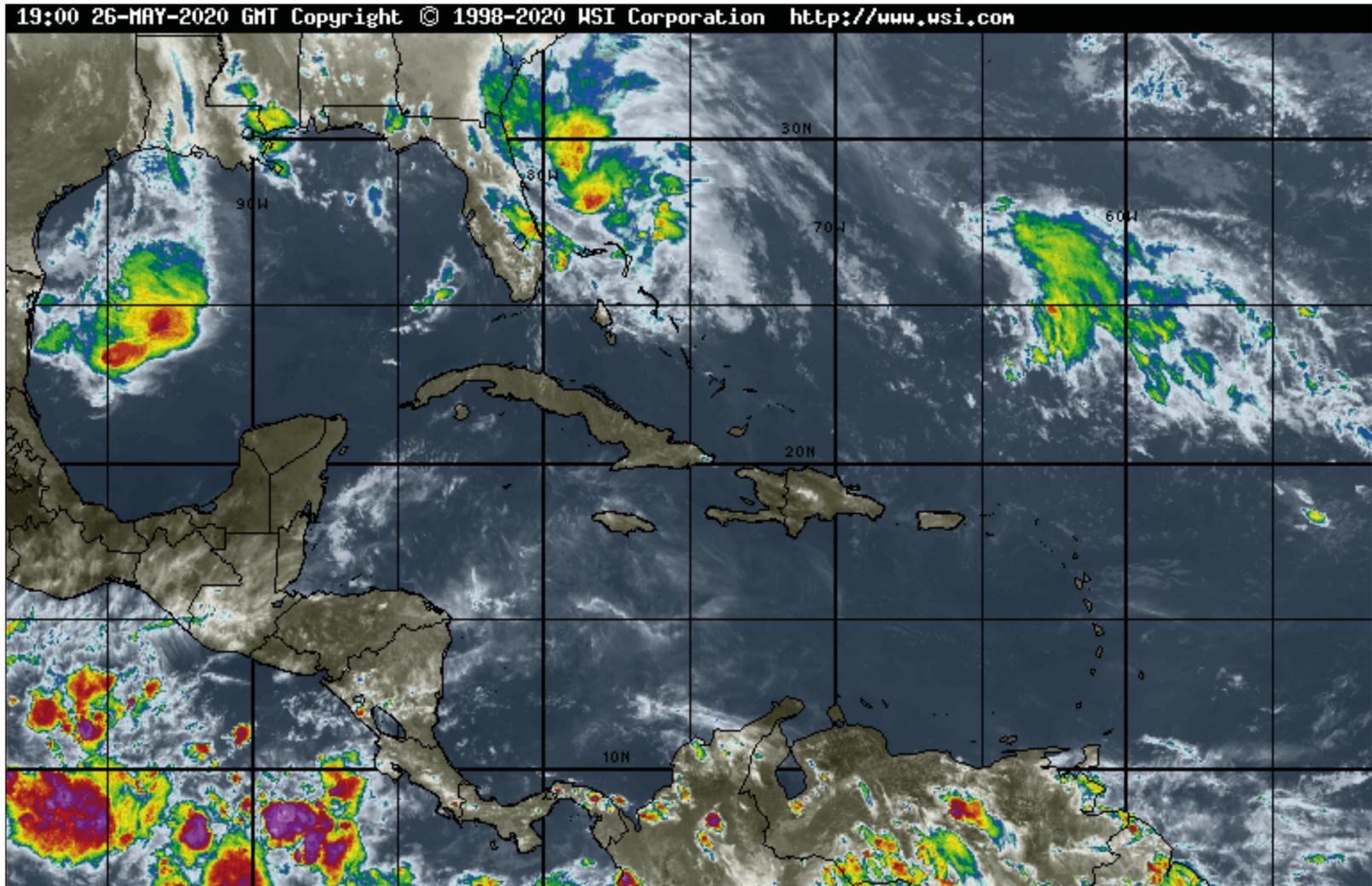
► CUC is ready for worst case eventualities

## TROPICAL UPDATE

# Atlantic Tropical Cyclones and Disturbances

*There are no tropical cyclones in the Atlantic at this time.*

*The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1st through November 30th.*



# HSM's Restructuring and Insolvency Team Restructures to Meet Demands

68 Fort Street, Grand Cayman (Tuesday, 26 May 2020): The HSM Group has experienced an increase in interest for their restructuring and insolvency services, especially from businesses facing financial issues from the COVID-19 crisis. To help keep up with the demand and maintain exceptional service, HSM has reallocated its lawyers to assist in this area of the firm.

HSM's restructuring and insolvency practice now comprises of Ian Lambert, Partner and Head of Litigation, Insolvency and Restructuring; Adam Crane, Senior Associate; Peter de Vere, Head of Corporate and Commercial; Sarah Allison, Senior Associate of Debt Solutions and Shula Sbarro, Associate of Debt Solutions.

Managing Partner at HSM, Huw Moses, feels that this shift will allow the focus to be on assisting clients and businesses amidst the upheaval in normal business practices in the Cayman Islands. "It is not business as usual during COVID-19," commented Huw. "As a full-service law firm HSM is flexible



► HSM Building on 68 Fort Street George Town

and able to meet the new needs in these challenging times."

Ian adds, "Overcoming debt is difficult even in the best of times. In a crisis, our

restructuring and insolvency lawyers create and execute coordinated solutions in a timely manner. Using a holistic approach, we draw on local and multi-disciplinary skills to provide advice on all aspects of restructuring and insolvency, as well as employment, immigration and corporate issues."

Through a comprehensive and precise analysis of the situation, HSM's lawyers can provide sound recommendations across domestic and cross-border restructurings, guidance on the wind-down process while maximising returns to owners and if necessary, provide representation for clients in the courtroom.

To help further assist the local market in the Cayman Islands, HSM will host a free videoconference course with the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce on business liability in relation to COVID-19. This course will take place on Friday, 29 May 2020 from 9am to 11am. Participants must express interest to the Chamber at [Programmes@Cayman-Chamber.ky](mailto:Programmes@Cayman-Chamber.ky) and request a link to sign up to receive a Zoom invitation. 🌐

# Retail businesses get creative to survive

By Lindsey Turnbull

The restrictions placed on small and medium-sized retail businesses due to the Covid-19 corona virus pandemic have created for them a sink or swim situation; adapting by reaching out to customers, one by one, seems to be the way forward for business owners if they want to survive this new era of shopping.

Jodi Hunter and her husband Shawn Lunt are used to scores of tourists and locals perusing their Funky Monkey clothes store in Governor's Square, a place that's packed full of leisure and resort wear, jewellery and accessories for young and old, men, women and children. But when the store was required to close for lockdown, Jodi said she had to reinvent her business pretty quickly.

"It has always been a challenge, running a small business. We've always had to change and reinvent ourselves, constantly creating a new image," she said. "But since lockdown we have had to work ten times harder for ten times less revenue. It's hard. I'm not going to say it's not."

However, even though operating under Covid-19 restrictions have been a challenge, Jodi said she is at least able to provide some kind of retail offering for her clients.

"I'm grateful that we are still open," she confirmed. "We are able to reach out to our customers through Facebook, Instagram, or through email or over the phone. I've even joined TikTok!"

Jodi said she provides virtual shopping tours for her clients, whereby she walks through the store videoing what is available. Sometimes clients know exactly what they want; sometimes she or Shawn model clothing to give clients an idea of what a certain piece of clothing looks like.

Jodi said there have been benefits to this new way of shopping.

"I've been able to better understand the needs of my customers by trying on the clothes and really seeing how they look, something I haven't always had time for. In that way, when a customer asks me for something specific, I'm able to recommend a particular item because I know exactly what it looks like on," she advised. "We have also developed a new fan base, with people who have not shopped with us before seeing our clothes and videos on social media."



► Jodi offering a client a personal service at Funky Monkey



► Art is in plentiful supply at Pure Art

At the start of lockdown Jodi and Shawn were only able to deliver orders, but now they have been allowed to offer curbside pick-up, which has been very helpful, Jodi said, as delivery took up valuable time for the couple. Jodi encourages people to see their offerings via social media and said she hoped people liked their humorous videos and posts.

"Keeping a sense of humour has been essential," she confirmed.

## Pure Art offers personalised experience

Pure Art has been another beacon for tourists and locals for decades, though lockdown has meant shutting the doors to walk in customers of this iconic South Sound building, full of artwork and other locally made crafts. Calling the situation initially "dire", owner Debbie van der Bol said her business probably would not have survived had it not been for the fact that she had been able to offer a delivery service first on Mother's Day during lockdown and now offering a personal shopping and delivery service to customers who call the store over the phone. Customers have often seen the art she has on offer via her social media postings. At the time of writing Debbie was awaiting permission to offer curbside pick up for customers, which she anticipated would be imminent.

"It's been hard to keep track of new things to post as I have had to gear up my social media postings from maybe once a week to much more frequently," Debbie said. "I used to laugh and wonder if once a week was too much! In that way, I can offer customers the chance to browse and see what we have in store."

Debbie also offers her What's App contact details (547 5522) so customers can enjoy the personal shopping experience, tailor-made for their needs. Debbie can correspond directly with clients, sending images of artwork that they might like. She has also used Zoom to chat with clients and has had clients send images from her Instagram posts of items they would like to purchase. Thankfully, Debbie said customers have been constant, looking for a punch of colour in their homes or to decorate their outdoor spaces, decorating with outdoor lighting and mobiles. Pure Art staff have delivered up to West Bay and out to Bodden Town,



► Shawn models for clients

but Debbie, as with Jodi, said that curbside pick-up, would make things a lot easier for her.

Hoping that restrictions for shoppers will be lifted at some point, Debbie said she was already making plans for how people would eventually shop inside the store and was thinking about issues such as the wearing of face masks, limiting the number of persons inside and possibly introducing appointments.

Debbie said that it was crucial for everyone to think local when making their purchases, to keep businesses like hers afloat.

"Really well done to all small businesses who have adapted and managed to keep going," she said. "We need to invest in our local stores. We have the time to shop at leisure and we can shop or buy gift cards."

Shoppers should be able to find what they are looking for as shops are ready for the business.

"Expect stores to be very well stocked," she confirmed. 🌐



► Jodi has turned model for her customers

## GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

## UK shops desperate to reopen

All non-essential retailers will be able to reopen in England from 15 June, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has announced, as part of plans to further ease the lockdown.

However, the move is "contingent on progress in the fight against coronavirus", and retailers will have to adhere to new guidelines to protect shoppers and workers, he added. Outdoor markets and car showrooms will be able to reopen from 1 June.

It comes as the number of coronavirus deaths in the UK rose by 121 to 47,000 on Tuesday.

Johnson said new guidance had been published for the retail sector "detailing the measures they should take to meet the necessary social distancing and hygiene standards".

"Shops now have the time to implement this guidance before they reopen," he said. "This will ensure there can be no doubt about what steps they should take."

He added: "I want people to be confident that they can shop safely, provided they follow the social distancing rules for all premises."

Commenting on the development, Business Secretary Alok Sharma said: "Enabling these businesses to open will be a critical step on the road to rebuild-



► British retailers are desperate to reopen their doors

ing our economy and will support millions of jobs across the UK."

The British Retail Consortium said it welcomed the announcement, adding it provided "much-needed clarity on the route ahead".

A spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry added that the new guidance would help retailers to open "safely and securely".

However, not all businesses are pleased with the announcement.

The British Association of Independent Retailers said many small shops had been preparing to open from next week, adding: "It is therefore a little disappointing for the smaller retailers not to be able to open until June 15, especially as they can make it safe to do so." 🌐



► Canada workers hope to get two weeks paid sick leave

## Canada may get 10 days sick leave

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said his government intends to give all workers a minimum of 10 days paid sick leave per year as Canada starts to prepare for a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"Nobody should have to choose between taking a day off work due to illness or being able to pay their bills. Just like nobody should have to choose between staying home with Covid-19 symptoms or being able to afford rent or groceries," Trudeau said.

Canada has reported more than 85,000 cases of coronavirus and over 6,550 related deaths.

For those infected, sick leave is usually a provincial jurisdiction, which complicates the national effort.

Trudeau said putting the necessary mechanisms in place for a national

paid sick leave program would be challenging, but his government and the provinces are determined to try.

"When the fall comes and flu season starts up we don't want people who develop a sniffle to suddenly worry that while they really shouldn't go into work but they can't afford to not go into work and therefore the risk of contributing to a wave significantly, could be a real problem," he said.

Canada's top doctor repeated her assertion that a second wave of the virus could be worse than the first and encouraged public health officials to build up capacity for testing, hospital beds and personal protective equipment in order to prepare.

US-Canada border will remain closed to nonessential travel for at least another month. 🌐

## Venezuela oil relief from Iran

Venezuelan authorities celebrated on Monday as the first of five Iranian tankers loaded with gasoline docked there, delivering badly needed fuel to the crisis-stricken nation that sits atop the world's largest oil reserves.

The gasoline shipments are arriving in defiance of stiff sanctions by the Trump administration against both nations, and they mark a new era in the burgeoning relationship between Venezuela and Iran, which is expanding its footprint in the Western Hemisphere.

"We keep moving forward and winning," Venezuela's Minister of Energy Tareck El Aissami tweeted. State TV played images of the ship pulling through Caribbean waters as Venezuelan fighter jets flew overhead. El Aissami posted photographs on his Twitter account of the sun rising over the tanker docked at El Palito refinery.

Washington says both Iran and Venezuela are ruled by repressive regimes. It had recently announced a \$15 million reward for Maduro's arrest on drug smuggling charges in a "maxi-



► Venezuelan officials celebrate the arrival of oil from Iran

mum pressure" campaign against the socialist leader.

Washington recognises opposition politician Juan Guaidū as Venezuela's legitimate leader in a coalition of nearly 60 nations, which consider Maduro's election a fraud because his most popular rivals were banned from running.

In a sign of rising tension inside Venezuela, the chief prosecutor on Monday asked the pro-Maduro Supreme Court to decide whether Guaidū's political party Popular Will should be designated a terrorist organisation. 🌐

## Cuba's stem cell treatment for virus

Cuba's National Institute of Haematology and Immunology announced it has started a clinical trial to use stem cells in people convalescing from Covid-19.

According to Dr Consuelo Macías Abraham, director of that institution, it is about the use of adult stem cells in Covid-19 patients who have lung lesions, the report said. "We have been able to include in the study patients classified as seriously and critically ill while hospitalised who had acute respiratory symptoms," she said.

"It has been possible to appreciate in them the permanence of inflammatory or fibrotic lesions, aftereffects of the infection by the new coronavirus, detected by means of high-resolution Computerized Axial Tomography."

She specified that the aim is to eliminate or reduce post-infection pulmonary interstitial or fibrotic inflammatory lesions, preventing the progression of the disease and improving the person's quality of life.

Essentially, the treatment could benefit all critically and seriously ill patients with proven lung lesions. "We have already treated patients from Havana and



► Cuba is using stem cell research for tackling the virus

patients from other provinces are being recruited."

She told Cuba News that "the trial marks the beginning of the care of the recovered patient in the national health system, including the primary level, with a comprehensive first-level study and the possibility of consultations with other specialties."

According to the latest data, the Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP) reported 15 new Covid-19 patients on Tuesday, in which there were no deaths due to the disease, according to Dr Francisco Durán, national director of epidemiology.

With the new positive cases, the number of infections on the island totalled 1,931, of which 177 remain hospitalised. 🌐

## Honduran women inmates kill six

A group of inmates at a women's prison in Honduras used a fire to distract prison officials and murdered six other prisoners.

The National Penitentiary Institute said that the incident began around 11pm Saturday local time when an inmate set fire to an area at the prison north of Tegucigalpa where two newly incarcerated women were undergoing a 14-day quarantine for the new coronavirus.

Amid the confusion, a group of inmates broke out of two other cells and headed to the prison gymnasium, where they killed six other women who had recently entered the prison.

Prison officials said they were working with police and prosecutors to investigate the attack.



► Police at the scene of the prison murders

Honduran prisons, which often hold rival gang members, are notorious for violence, though usually in lockups that hold men.

Nineteen inmates died in a December riot at the Porvenir prison in central Honduras and 18 died in another incident at the prison in Tela, along the Caribbean coast. 🌐

## Philippines wants \$26b stimulus package

The Philippines Trade Department wants lawmakers to pass a 1.3-trillion-peso (\$26 billion) stimulus package that will aid the recovery of industries and their displaced workers.

Of the total stimulus being discussed at the House of Representatives, about half is planned for wage subsidies and loans for businesses hit by the lockdown, the Trade Department said. The remaining half of the proposed package will be used to build facilities for health, education and food security.

The government will "help turn the tide for businesses and workers affected by the health crisis," Trade Secretary Ramon Lopez said. Quarantine measures will be eased further to allow more industries to operate,



► Philippines employees want to get back to work

he said. Schools may remain shut indefinitely after Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte said he doesn't want classes to resume until a coronavirus vaccine becomes available. Duterte also said local government units should prepare to accept tens of thousands of migrant workers expected to return in the coming months. 🌐

# Gabriel is back for West Indies

West Indies captain Jason Holder is happy to see ace fast bowler Shannon Gabriel back to fitness and ready to return to international cricket, if the proposed upcoming series in England takes place.

Holder reiterated that safety was paramount as officials continued discussions over the logistics and medical protocols for the first-ever series in a bio-secure environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Gabriel is one of the West Indies' leading bowlers in recent years and has an impressive record of 133 wickets at an average of 30 runs per wicket.

He had a stellar year in 2018 with match figures of 13 for 121 against Sri Lanka in St Lucia – the third-best match figures in West Indies history.

The 32-year-old Trinidadian missed the one-off Test against Afghanistan in India, last November as he opted for corrective surgery on a long-term ankle injury. He last played, against India, in Jamaica last September.

"I'm happy to have him back. He's been able to get over the injury. I'm just glad he's pretty much healthy again," Holder said on Barbados radio.

"Shannon goes through a lot physically when he bowls. He is one of those bowlers who puts a lot of strain on the body so it's good to see that he can now run in.

"He was bowling through a lot of pain; he was pushing really hard. It's good he's in a lot less pain and will be able to execute for West Indies again."

Holder, the world's top-ranked Test all-rounder, said when the game re-

sumes following the break caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, bowlers will need to prepare cautiously.

"Our bowlers have to be careful when we start back – we have to make sure we don't push it too hard too fast," said the 28-year-old Barbadian.

"We will have a build-up leading up to that first Test match. These are all things that have been part of many discussions and we know we will have to gradually build things up leading into the first game."

Gabriel, along with Holder, Kemar Roach and Alzarri Joseph, are the nucleus of West Indies' pace attack in the longest format.

The final decision on whether West Indies will face England in the three-Test series is expected to be made soon at a Cricket West Indies board of directors meeting.

In preparation, CWI recently identified an expanded list of 30 players for the tour. According to the regional governing body, this was to help its operations and medical departments, which were working on a plan for the potential travel to the United Kingdom.

With travel in the Caribbean at a virtual standstill because of the outbreak, CWI said it is monitoring all home territories from which players embarked, while also understanding the COVID-19 testing capabilities of these territories and ensuring visas and relevant documentation were secured.

Under the current proposal, the tour will bowl off in July and feature strict



► Shannon Gabriel is vital to West Indies bowling success



► Jason Holder is hopeful of touring England in July

social distancing and quarantine measures.

"We fully expect the quarantine for two weeks, but within our discussions with the England and Wales Cricket Board we would expect to be in a facility that allows us to train outdoors," said CWI chief executive, Johnny Grave.

"So we're talking about cricket venues that have hotel accommodation on the site, and therefore the entire practice facility as well as hotel accommodation would be in a bio-secure environment."

The UK has been one of the hardest hit regions affected by the coronavirus, with 270,000 infections and over 37,000 deaths.

## Arsenal gunning for Coutinho

Arsenal are to begin talks with Barcelona midfielder Philippe Coutinho's agent. The Brazilian 27-year-old has spent the season on loan at Bayern Munich, but the Bundesliga champions will not pay the \$106m required to make the deal permanent.

In other football gossip, Barcelona will prioritise signing Inter Milan striker Lautaro Martinez, 22, and Juventus midfielder Miralem Pjanic, 30, this summer but if those deals are not possible, they could move for former forward Neymar, 28, from PSG.

Rafael Benitez wants to return to manage Newcastle United once the proposed Saudi Arabia-backed takeover is complete and would like to sign Manchester City centre-back John Stones, 25, and Chelsea midfielder Ross Barkley, 26. Neither players are first choices at their respective clubs and a chance of a fresh start would suit both.

Paris St-Germain are negotiating an agreement with Arsenal in an attempt to sign forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang, 30, for \$35m.

Juventus striker Gonzalo Higuain, 32, could return to the Premier League after a disappointing loan spell with Chelsea - Newcastle and Wolves are both interested.



► Philippe Coutinho could be heading to Arsenal

Wolves striker Raul Jimenez, 29 and valued at \$58m, is being monitored by Manchester United, Arsenal and Real Madrid.

Bournemouth striker Joshua King, 28, is a target for many of the current top six clubs in the Premier League after Manchester United's \$20m deadline-day bid was turned down in January.

Burnley goalkeeper Joe Hart, 33, is out of contract this summer and feels he will have to move abroad to get first-team football.

Manchester United's hopes of extending striker Odion Ighalo's loan deal look to be over after Shanghai Shenhua demanded the 30-year-old return for the start of the delayed Chinese Super League season next month.

## NBA looks set for return in Disney World

The NBA is in talks to resume the season at Florida's Disney World Resort in late July. The season was paused on 11 March because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Plans are to make Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex a single site for games, practices and housing.

The league is engaged in exploratory conversations with the National Basketball Players Association and the resort, according to NBA spokesperson Mike Bass.

"Our priority continues to be the health and safety of all involved, and we are working with public health experts and government officials on a comprehensive set of guidelines to ensure that appropriate medical protocols and protections are in place," Bass added.

The regular season is yet to be completed. Milwaukee Bucks currently lead the Eastern Conference and Los Angeles Lakers are top of the Western Conference.

There have been 1.65 million confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States and nearly 100,000 deaths.

The lifting of the lockdown will be great for Giannis Antetokounmpo who is dreaming of visiting Mykonos with the NBA trophy.

During a podcast the 'Greek Freak' referred to the Milwaukee Bucks' re-



► Giannis Antetokounmpo wants to visit his Greece homeland

mendous improvement from the day he joined the NBA. He said: "The biggest difference is the organisation. We have created an organisation that wants to win."

The Bucks were cruising to the best record in the Eastern Conference when the season was put on pause due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Once we win the championship, we will get the trophy and some cigars, and then we will all go to Mykonos together," Antetokounmpo said. "Mykonos is one of the best Greek islands. It is an island for parties, and you must go with a group of men. It's not so much to go with the other half. We have, for example, Santorini which is a really romantic place. It has the best sunset in the world. You can go there with the other half."

# Woodley, 38, wants UFC title back

Tyron Woodley won the UFC welterweight belt with the fastest knockout in the division's history in a title bout. Successive title defences put him in the all-time great category until an unexpected defeat. He lost it with a lacklustre performance in his last outing and needs a signature performance to get back on track.

Woodley will get that opportunity against the fearless Gilbert Burns when they meet in the main event of UFC Fight Night on Saturday in Las Vegas. Woodley, 38, has a 19-4-1 record. Burns holds a 18-3 record.

Burns, ranked No. 6, has won five straight and is coming off a knockout of Demian Maia in March. Woodley, despite his age, is the slight favourite.

Before he was dethroned by Kamaru Usman in March 2019, Woodley was making his case for being one of the greatest champions in the division. Woodley has since seen two bouts be cancelled as he attempts to work his way back to the top of the division.



► Tyron Woodley believes he can be UFC welterweight champ again



► Gilbert Burns can beat Woodley

For Woodley, a win over Burns would not only cement his place in the division, but a shot at the title and if successful then make the jump to the mid-

dleweight division where names like Robert Whittaker, Till, and champion Israel Adesanya will await him if he chooses to make that move. Although

Woodley is favoured to win, Burns is five years younger and has looked impressive in winning five of his last six bouts.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Sibilant summons

1 Balls

5 Acid's opposite

11 Furniture wood

12 Take part

13 Concerning

14 "Sense and Sensibility" writer

15 Liner workers

17 Chop down

18 Glowing cinder

22 Traffic tie-up

24 Singer Della

25 Take the gold

26 Clumsy fellow

27 Agassi of tennis

30 Transparent gem

32 Wall worker

33 Co. abbr.

34 Sent to the bottom

38 Book worker

41 Latest fad

42 Newfangled

43 Illegally off base

44 Warehouses

DOWN

1 Singer Redding

2 Budget item

3 What those without tools work with

4 Ridicule sharply

5 Cracked

6 At higher volume

7 Words on a candy heart

8 Tiny laborer

9 Tell tales

10 Travel stop

16 Cobbler's tool

19 Big pastries

20 Spot

21 Stagger

22 Used the pool

23 Ship of 1492

28 Lineup

29 Concert bonus

F	A	T	E	Q	U	O	T	E	D	
A	L	A	N	U	N	W	I	S	E	
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G	L	E	A	M	S	O	R	R	Y	
A	D	S		A	J	A	X	R	O	B
O	B	E	R	O	N	Z	I	N	E	
R	E	V	E	R	T	A	B	E	L	
A	T	E	A	S	E	P	S	S	T	

Yesterday's answer

10 Travel stop

16 Cobbler's tool

19 Big pastries

20 Spot

21 Stagger

22 Used the pool

23 Ship of 1492

28 Lineup

29 Concert bonus

30 Drill need

31 Snare

35 Coffee dispensers

36 They may clash

37 Shoulder muscle, for short

38 Print measures

39 URL part

40 Altar vow

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

1/06

Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Word Search

- Behold
- Binocular
- Clear
- Eyeball
- Eyes
- Glance
- Glass
- Look
- Lorgnette
- Monocle
- Observe
- Peek
- Peep
- Peer
- Perceive
- Pupil
- Retina
- Scope
- Seeing
- Sight
- Spectacles
- Squint
- Stare
- View
- Vision
- Watch

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P	H	G	I	S	A	B	L	C	E	N	A	P	C	B
R	M	E	S	L	S	L	H	R	S	W	E	U	O	M
E	E	W	B	E	Y	O	G	S	E	C	L	P	G	S
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I	A	V	C	E	O	L	E	A	E	P	O	U	U	Y
G	E	N	H	N	G	S	C	Y	E	I	I	S	W	E
H	B	O	O	C	C	L	I	R	S	N	T	A	V	B
T	L	C	M	O	E	P	C	I	T	A	C	N	S	A
D	L	C	P	S	E	E	V	B	R	W	E	I	V	L
E	I	E	W	E	I	H	T	E	I	C	F	T	S	L
P	B	G	P	V	B	R	H	O	L	D	L	E	C	R
U	R	V	E	B	I	N	O	C	U	L	A	R	U	E

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



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I WANT US TO MAKE LIKE WE'RE HAVING A BATTLE ROYALE--

AND MJ WILL TAKE PICTURES OF IT!

I THOUGHT IT WAS YOUR HUSBAND WHO TOOK PHOTOS FOR THE DAILY BUGLE.

WELL...DON'T TELL THE PUBLISHER, BUT SOMETIMES I HELP HIM OUT A LITTLE.

STAN LEE ALEX SAVTUK 3-7

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WHY? SO YOU CAN TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU MISS ME?

OR SAY SOMETHING HONEST, LIKE HOW YOU WANT ME TO GET SAM TO REPRESENT YOU OR YOU ONLY MARRIED ME SO I WOULDN'T TESTIFY AGAINST YOU?

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