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NEW CHIEF JUSTICE APPOINTED

The Judicial and Legal Services Commission (JLSC) recently undertook a formal recruitment exercise for the post of Chief Justice. As the Head of the Judiciary, the Chief Justice has responsibility for the efficient administration of justice in the Cayman Islands.

Further to this recruitment exercise by the JLSC, His Excellency The Governor, Martyn Roper, OBE has appointed Justice Margaret Ramsay-Hale as the Chief Justice effective 26th October 2022.

His Excellency said: "I am delighted to appoint Justice Ramsay-Hale to this very important role within the Judiciary. Justice Ramsay-Hale, who is Caymanian, brings extensive legal knowledge and significant leadership and management experience, including as a former Chief Justice in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Justice Ramsay-Hale impressed the JLSC with her vision, passion and commitment to strengthening our judicial system and rule of law in line with the Cayman Constitution.

"Justice Ramsay-Hale will build on the successful lega-



► Ramsay Hale

cy of outgoing Chief Justice, Sir Anthony Smellie, KCMG, KC who has provided strong leadership and services to law and justice in the Cayman Islands and the wider Caribbean over the last 30 years as a judge, with nearly 25 years as Chief Justice. I am grateful to Sir Anthony for his long years of dedicated service, which is greatly appreciated by the community. In recognition of his outstanding

contribution, Sir Anthony was awarded a Knighthood in Her Late Majesty The Queen's Birthday Honours.

"It is a signal of strong confidence in the Judiciary in the Cayman Islands that the JLSC recommended an appointment from the bench in Cayman. A high quality and fully independent judiciary is one of major strengths of our jurisdiction supporting the rule of law and our prosperity."



Species Conservation Plan for Colonial Nesting Seabirds

Public Consultation Period
28 September - 4 November 2022



Public Notice Species Conservation Plan for Nesting Seabirds Public Consultation

The National Conservation Council (NCC) is seeking public commentary on a (draft) Species Conservation Plan to protect six species of native nesting seabirds across the Cayman Islands. The Brown Booby, Red-footed Booby, Magnificent Frigatebird (Man o' War), White-tailed Tropicbird (Bo'sun bird), Least Tern and Bridled Tern populations have experienced significant declines in the last century, and for several of these species local extinction is imminent. There are no new proposed restrictions on take as these birds are each fully protected under the National Conservation Act. However, their nesting habitats remain at continued risk from threats of development, human traffic and invasive mammalian predators. The Conservation Plan therefore aims to designate critical habitats for the most densely populated, unprotected nesting sites and to provide appropriate protections to mitigate disturbance from human and animal activity.

The public consultation period will begin on 28 September and end on 4 November, 2022. The proposed Plan may be accessed online at www.conservation.ky/seabirds or at the Department of Environment offices at 580 North Sound Road, George Town. Comments on the proposal may be emailed to conservationcouncil@gov.ky, received at the DoE offices, or mailed to PO Box 10202, Grand Cayman, KY1-1002. A survey document has also been produced and will be promoted through DoE's social media channels.

A note to our clients

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This adjustment is in response to the change in the US Federal Funds rate announced by the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee in the United States on September 21, 2022.

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► Boyz 2 Men, teachers, sponsors, and VIPs



► Hon Andre Ebanks ties a black tie on one of the Boyz 2 Men

Boyz 2 Men wear their ties with pride



► Hon Andre Ebanks



► JGHS Principal Jonathan Clark

By Christopher Tobutt

56 boys gathered in John Gray High School on Wednesday 21 September for a very special occasion. They were going to be inducted into Boyz 2 Men KY, the mentorship program which helps boys on the right path to become young gentlemen. It was started by High School Counsellor Christopher Murray 12 years ago with just three boys, and has since grown year by year. It was the day they were to receive the programme's signature black tie, a symbol of self-esteem and respect for others that the boyz2men wear with pride.

John Gray High School principal Jon Clark said it was a proud moment for him, and all the boys waiting for their signature black ties. Asking the boys to rise, he noticed that some of them were quick to get up, but others weren't so sure they wanted to be noticed. "From now on there won't be anywhere to hide," he said, as he told them that they would help one another become the very best version of themselves they could be. Symbol Principal John Clarke told the boys to, "Hold fast to that which is good," quoting from the bible passage. "The boys to men programme is a very very good, but at the

same time, is only as good as we make it," he said.

In attendance was Minister of Financial Services and Commerce, The Honourable André Ebanks, MP, who gave the boys some tips about success: "What helped me was to not let the people down who had invested in me, like my mother and my grandmother. I just didn't want to let them down," he said. He said that his father wanted a different career for him than the one he wanted for himself, and that it was O.K to disagree/ those people who invested in you would still support you provided they could see that the path you had chosen was a righteous and productive one, he said. "Even now I don't want to let the citizens down. When you keep it in mind of who is invested in you, you don't want to let them down,"

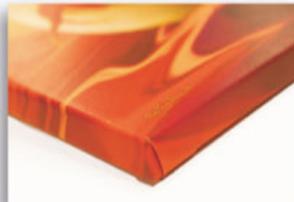
He asked all the boys in the group to rise, and follow him in a war-cry of success. "Lets go, boyz 2 men, lets go!"

An officer from the RCIPS led everyone in a rendition of "Lean on Me," by Bill Withers Programme Director, and an ex-member of the very first cohort twelve years ago, Seaford Russell thanked all the people who have supported the programme in person and by supplying money. Obviously I have so many people to thank; Ernst & Young and Andre Ebanks," he said, "And David Wight has contributed to the induction ceremony for the last 5 years by providing the black neck ties." Mr. Russell thanked all the teachers who helped support the young men on the programme: "Continue to help us with these young men they may be difficult at times our goal is to never give up on these young men," he said.



► Proud in their new black ties

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One COVID related death reported

On Friday, 23 September 2022, the Health Services Authority confirmed one COVID-19 related death in the Sister Islands. The individual had severe comorbidities and was unvaccinated.

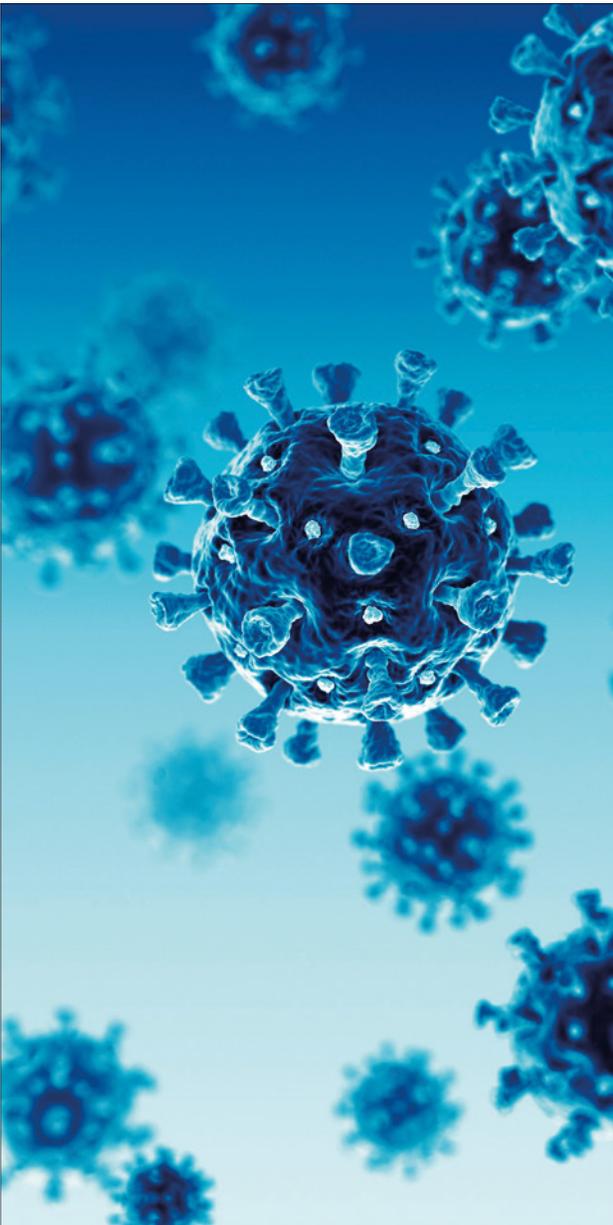
The Ministry of Health and Wellness would like to extend condolences to the family.

As this is the fourth (4th) COVID-19 related death reported in the month of September, Interim Chief Medical Officer, Dr Autilia Newton, stressed the importance of the vaccination and the booster doses, especially among the elderly and immunocompromised.

“It is imperative that we continue to use all the resources at our disposal to protect ourselves and our loved one from severe illness and death from COVID-19, and our best resource continues to be the vaccine” Dr Newton stated. “Research has shown us that the two doses of the vaccination in conjunction with the recommended booster doses will keep people out of the hospital, so I stress once again: get vaccinated and boosted.”

As announced in late August, COVID-19 reports to the public will be limited to hospitalisations and deaths. Any notable increases in hospitalisations, as well as any new deaths, will be announced to the public immediately.

The COVID-19 vaccination and booster schedule for the month of September is available on <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>.



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CAYMAN WEATHERS THE STORM OF HURRICANE IAN

By Staff Writer

After meandering across the Caribbean Sea Category One Hurricane Ian veered dangerously close to the Cayman Islands in the early hours of Monday.

In an uncomfortable reminder of the horrific devastation caused by Hurricane Ivan 18 years ago - and just two weeks off the actual anniversary date of September 12th - the wide expanse of Ian buffered the islands with strong winds and some occasionally heavy rainfall.

The extent of damage inflicted by Hurricane Ian is not expected to be even close to the scale of Ivan or other serious storms since then. Any damage was expected to be relatively minimal by comparison with reports of extensive beach erosion in some areas and some localised flooding. Several roads were made impassable and others closed as a precaution. Electricity remained stable overnight with only minor outages reported and water supply was not disrupted.

By most accounts, Cayman seems to have been well prepared, responding in a well-rehearsed and practiced choreography of preparedness and response



► Premier Wayne Panton

with emergency agencies deployed early and the public taking the necessary precautions as advised.

The all-clear was issued by the National Emergency Operations Centre



(NEOC) around 3pm on Monday.

In a recorded message, Hon Premier Wayne Paton commend the public for its response to what could have been an even more serious situation.

“I am extremely pleased to have seen the efforts made by the public to pre-

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► Governor's beach



► GT harbour



► by Hammerheads



► Edén Rock



► GT harbour



► GT Harbour looking to Burger King

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pare for the worst while praying for the best. In this situation, this is the safest and most strategic thing to do.”

His Excellency Governor Martyn Roper also issued a statement.

“Fortunately the impact across all three Islands has not been as bad as expected, but it is always right to over-prepare. It has been a great test of our systems,” he wrote in a social media post.

“HMS Medway is now in our waters,

having arrived here at incredible speed in challenging seas following our call for support. It is reassuring to know how fast the ship can get to us for any future weather events. The ship will be visible off Grand Cayman for the next couple of days. The troops may come ashore tomorrow (Tuesday) and assist with relief efforts.”

Commenting on the efforts of the emergency response teams, Mr Roper said: “We have a tried and tested crisis response team that we can all be proud of. They get better each time, learning lessons from previous events. Thank you also to the general public for being prepared and to Government Information Services and the media for keeping

us well informed.”

He also reminded the public that “although the all clear has been lifted there still remains a threat from waves and rain so please continue to exercise caution.”

The preparations for the passage of Hurricane Ian triggered a mini-boom for some businesses as residents rushed early to stock up on supplies. By Monday afternoon most services were starting the gradual return to normal.

Ian, which passed just off the west of Grand Cayman on early Monday as a Category One hurricane was no comparison to the ferocity of Category Five Hurricane Ivan, although more developments along the coastline since that

monstrous hurricane’s passage in 2004 could affect the overall damage estimate. However, stricter building codes may have also minimised the extent of property damage.

Further disaster from Hurricane Ian may have also been mitigated by the long advance notice and preparation time since it emerged as a tropical depression in the Atlantic east of the southern Caribbean islands last week and wobbled across the Caribbean Sea.

Now past Cayman, the hurricane was expected to rapidly intensify possible up to Category Four cutting across the western tip of Cuba before reaching Florida later this week as a Category Two hurricane, according to forecasts.



► looking north to GT harbour



► SMITH COVE



Cayman Residents brace for the Hurricane



► Fosters Food Fair was filled with customers preparing for Tropical Storm Ian on Saturday, 24th September.

The frenzy at local supermarkets during last week, has revealed just how savvy people in the British Territory have become with regard to hurricane preparedness.

Leaving nothing to the last minute, persons across Grand Cayman took the prospect of Tropical Storm Ian seriously, in the wake of storms like Grace, which wreaked havoc on the Island in 2021.

Others who remember the lightning speed with which Hurricane Ivan developed and leveled the Island of Grand Cayman, know just how ominous the threat of a looming storm can be.

Many shoppers said they were prepared for the eventuality of a storm and even if Cayman was spared the destruction and ensuing inconvenience, they were making sure they were not going to have to go without essentials, such as water, tin foods, batteries, and other supplies.

"I don't think we should take any chances with this storm. We have all seen the destruction these systems can cause and it is better to be safe than sorry," noted Keisha Davis, who added that she had three children and had to make sure to have sup-

plies for them in the event of stores being closed.

The tenor at local gas stations was the same, as that at the supermarkets as motorists was their way to the pump to make sure they would have fuel during the next few days.

On Friday, many businesses closed early to give their employees an opportunity to prepare for the looming storm, which no doubt added to the numbers of customers seen at supermarkets and gas stations.

Banks also featured long cues, as persons made sure they had cash on hand for emergency purchases after a possible hit from the system.

"Everybody is being more responsible and I am proud to see Cayman is a place where people take these storms seriously. Coming from Florida, we are also aware of just how bad things can get and the more prepared you are, the better chance you give yourself to make it out safely," noted Visitor John McKinnley.

As of 8.25pm on Saturday, 24th September, the Met Service said Ian is expected to become a hurricane late Sunday evening while south-west of Jamaica and moving



► The aisles of Kirk Supermarkets were filled with customers who all said they were taking Hurricane preparedness seriously.

farther away towards the Cayman Islands.

Maximum sustained winds remain near 75 km/h (45 mph) with higher gusts; however, significant strengthening is forecast during the next few days.

"Jamaica is currently well outside of the range of tropical-storm-force winds, which extend outward up to 95 km (60

miles) from the centre," noted the Met Service. As a result, Jamaica is no longer under a Tropical Storm Watch.

However, Cayman remained under a Hurricane Warning and residents braced for the possibility of the storm arriving between Sunday evening and Monday morning.



Further to the 'All Clear' issued by the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) today, the Ministry of Education has announced that government schools will remain closed to students until Wednesday, 28 September.

Teachers are asked to report to

work at 9:30 am on Tuesday, 27 September.

The delayed reopening will facilitate cleaning and preparation activities for meals and classrooms, and allow the Department of Education Services (DES) Facilities Unit to conduct comprehensive site checks in all

government schools to ensure no safety hazards exist for staff or students.

Private schools will advise parents of reopening arrangements.

For further notifications and updates on Hurricane Ian, visit Cayman Islands Government's official platforms at www.gov.ky.



Hurricane fears rose on Sunday

Hurricane concerns were sweeping throughout the Western Caribbean region as a tropical storm developed at the start of the week which led to Cayman Islands Governor Martyn Roper issuing a public warning.

He posted a statement on Friday: "I'm sure everyone is aware and is preparing for the tropical storm/potential hurricane heading our way Sunday evening and into Monday. It is likely to impact all three islands. The UK, as ever, stands ready to support Cayman.

"The Premier and I have been in close contact on preparations and earlier this week I discussed the type of support we might need directly with senior London officials. Further planning discussions have taken place this week with Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI), my office and colleagues in London.

"One of the RCIPS helicopters has been in Turks and Caicos this week supporting in the aftermath of Hurricane Fiona. The helicopter will remain there, safely situated out of the way, which is normal practice for security reasons when there is a threat of storm. It will return to Cayman immediately after the storm has passed. The second helicopter remains on island and is fully operational.

"The Royal Navy ship HMS Medway, which was pre-positioned in the Caribbean as part of the UK's support this hurricane season, is now on its way to support us if needed. Medway can offer immediate assistance with a Crisis Response Troop embarked, alongside Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief equipment and supplies.



► HMS Medway is on standby



► RFA Tideforce is ready to help if necessary

"The vessel has skilled engineers on board who can help restore the airport if needed, as well as utilities support, fresh water and food stores and trained medics.

"We also have a second Royal Navy Ship RMS Tideforce currently en route to support TCI. It is another UK asset in the region that stands ready to support if needed."

Mr Roper added that the UK's Operational Liaison and Reconnaissance Team (OLRT), a four-person team of UK Ministry of Defence personnel, arrived on Grand Cayman on Friday and will work under HMCI, and the National Emergency Operations Committee. He added: "This is also an opportunity for the team to exercise for any future threats."

Mr Roper announced: "The 100 strong Cayman Islands Regiment, established with

UK support and trained by the UK MOD, are also on standby. The Regiment was created for this very reason. It is normal practice and also very important in these situations to over prepare and then pare back as needed. That is what we have asked the UK to do."

To reassure us, he said: "Preparation remains key. We have strong, regularly tested, crisis response systems. Covid tested them rigorously and they performed very well. But it is important that the community also prepares for the worst. The current forecast is for possible cat 1 hurricane force winds in some areas of Grand Cayman. "But we should all be ready just in case it is worse than this and prepare accordingly. We have seen extreme weather events across the

world. Climate change is real and feeding greater intensity and strength of adverse weather globally.

"Please look out for others in the community - your neighbours, friends and family members, especially the old and frail."

- Follow Hazard Management Cayman Islands for a comprehensive list of the items needed to prepare for hurricanes as well as the location of emergency shelters (see: <https://www.caymanprepared.gov.ky/>)

- For official bulletins and updates visit gov.ky

- It's worth downloading the National Emergency Notification System app which will enable you to receive hurricane notifications directly to your mobile device. Go to <https://nens.gov.ky/> for more information.

RFA Tideforce is ready to help if necessary



► Notch and Big Mountain on Stage



► Notch and Members of Big Mountain

Caymanian singer Jeán - eric Smith aka Mr. Notch has been breaking ground in the local music industry for decades, as was the case just recently when the musician completed an unprecedented three month tour throughout the UK and the United States, alongside major acts such as UB40, Maxi Priest and Big Mountain.

An inspirational performer who has always been raising the bar for local musicians, the artist's international appearances alongside such celebrated acts, charts new territory for those to come in his wake.

With the first stops of the three week tour taking place in summer festivals throughout the United Kingdom, featuring other major international headliners, Mr. Notch and reggae impresarios Big Mountain wowed audiences

with their rendition of the popular Alton Ellis classic, 'Girl I've Got A Date'; a collaborative single featured on Big Mountain's previously released Versions Undercover album (2008) as well as on their recently released album, Best of Big Mountain.(2020)

The Caymanian born singer had previously toured the UK summer circuit in 2021, alongside ASWAD and Wayne Wonder. That initial tour was the forerunner to his most recent foray into the major arenas of Britain and the United States.

In 2021, Mr. Notch's tour with Big Mountain included stops at Huddersfield, Leeds, Manchester, Birmingham.

After the February 2022 release of 'Reggae Man' the follow up single to 'Black My Story', Mr. Notch was again invited to tour Great

Britain w Big Mountain on their follow up UK Summer Festival tour this year.

Dates included Cardiff Wales, Glasgow Scotland and London England. Other acts featured on these dates were Shaggy, Chaka Demus n Pliers, Collie Budz, Third World, Julian Marley and many more.

After wrapping up the UK leg of the tour, Mr. Notch and Big Mountain made their way to the United States where they joined the Bigger Bagga Riddim Tour, alongside heavyweights such as UB40, the Original Wailers featuring Al Anderson and Maxi Priest.

The tour saw the musicians playing some 28 dates in 15 States, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, NYC (Central Park), Massachusetts and Boca Raton Florida to name a few

These tours follow a grueling recording

and promotion schedule, which started with the artist releasing his debut single 'Black My Story', before traveling to the United Kingdom to promote its release during the height of the COVID world pandemic (2019/ 2020).

The timing of the promotional tour for 'Black My Story' was strategized to coincide with Black History Month in the UK and was launched with the professional assistance of Music Media Management at the time.

Mr. Notch is now set to release his fourth single 'Search the Town' later this month, in a continued attempt to generate demand for an album; continuing on the momentum of Black My Story, Reggae Man and his latest release Got To Have Love.

The Artist's international and regional success at this juncture are a culmination of 40 years in the music business.

"To be asked by Big Mountain to come back with them on their return tour of the UK was truly a feeling of validation of my previous and ongoing efforts to have my music break into the UK market, but to then be given the opportunity to appear with them on the UB40 Bigga Bagga Riddim USA Tour was truly the icing on the cake and the end to an amazing summer," noted Mr. Notch.

He added that, "I've performed in New York City before but performing in Central Park, New York was always a dream of mine and after 40 years of being a professional musician it has finally been ticked off the bucket list."

"I'd say the moral to my story is never give up," he remarked, "so I really can't wait to get back in the studio'.

National Trust Announces New Council 2022-2023

The Annual General Meeting (“the AGM”) of the members of the National Trust was held on Thursday, September 22nd, 2022, at the George Town Yacht Club, the Barcadere Marina at 606 N. Sound Rd. Doors opened for registration at 5:30 pm.

The AGM was held to present the 2021/22 Annual Report and Financial Report for year end June 30, 2022, elect members of the Council of the National Trust for 2022/23 as well as transact any other such business that came before the meeting. The AGM was well attended with approximately 120 members in person and over 200 proxy forms. Members enjoyed complimentary cocktails and canapes at the event. Members who were unable to attend in person were given an opportunity watch the AGM online via Zoom.

The programme included the Official commencement of the AGM by Megan

Wright (Legal Counsel) while Gregory McTaggart, Vice Chairman (acting Chair), chaired the AGM.

Dan Peterson, Treasurer gave a report on the 2022-23 financials featured in the Annual Report and Annick Jackman, outgoing Executive Director gave an organizational overview. Annick Jackman, introduced Frank Roulstone, incoming Executive Director.

Members were electing 9 new General Council Members from a list of 18 candidates. Gregory McTaggart (Vice-Chairman) and Dan Peterson (Treasurer) begin the second year of a two-year term. Once the votes were counted by Megan Wright it was announced that the following candidates had been elected to the 2022/23 National Trust Council: Melanie Carmichael as Chairperson, and Peter Davey as Secretary. General Council Members include Patricia Bradley, Fred Burton,



Lauren Dombowsky, Ellen Lazzari, Chris Egglisshaw, Olivia Scott-Ramirez and Sonya van de Wouw. Luitjen, Arthurlyn Pedley, Laura Powery

Suggested Hurricane Supply List

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

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

Drinking Water:

- One gallon per person/per day in unbreakable containers, Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.

- Don't forget to add additional water for mixing formula if you have children and for your pets. Rotate the drinking water each year.

- Food preparation and sanitation require another two quarts (minimum) per person daily.

- Purchased bottled water that has been sealed is best for storage. It meets FDA guidelines for food and is not as vulnerable to temperature changes as unsealed water

- **Tip:** Purchase water this year and use it for drinking next year. This allows for rotation on an annual basis and keeps the water fresh. **Yes water can go bad!**

Water for sanitation use:

- Store extra containers of water to be used for flushing toilets, cleaning, and bathing.

- Purchase water purification tablets (Halazone) to be used if you still have running water but are told to boil water before using it. This allows you to fill the bathtub and other containers without purchasing expensive drinking water.

- **Tip:** Keep plastic containers (milk jugs and other containers) and fill them with water when a storm threatens. You can put these items in the freezer to keep food cold longer in the event that the electricity goes out.



Non-perishable Food:

- Maintain at least 3-7 days of food for each member of the family.

- Small, preferably single serving cans (should not require cooking or refrigeration). Dried fruit, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, soft drinks and pet foods.

- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables.

- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).

- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper in water proof containers.

- High energy foods like crackers, granola bars, trail mix.

- Raw vegetables that do not need refrigeration.

- Fresh bread.

- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, instant coffee, tea bags.

- Sterno for cooking.

- Vitamins

- Food for infants

- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils

- Non-electric can opener

- Aluminum foil

- Plastic storage containers

- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)

- Pedialyte (to restore hydration if needed)

- **Tip:** Purchase only items that you like to eat and would eat even without a storm. Rotate these items by using them Dec-May each year and purchasing new items Jan-May. This allows you to reduce the cost of buying items for a hurricane kit at one time and keeps the items fresh. **Yes even canned goods have a shelf life!**

Baby Needs:

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

Sanitation

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

First Aid Kit

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

Non-Prescription Drugs

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

Prescription Drugs

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

Clothing and Bedding

Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear per person.

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

Entertainment

- Games
- Books
- Cards
- Extra batteries for games Coloring books, crayons.

Miscellaneous

- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Paper, pencil
- Needles, thread
- Camping utensils
- Map of the area (for locating shelters) and returning to the area.
- Cash or traveler's checks
- **Tip:** Have enough cash to sustain you through a 2 week period. Without electricity, most businesses (if open) will not accept credit cards and may not accept traveler's checks.
- Emergency preparedness manual
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CHTA PRESIDENT CALLS FOR “DYNAMIC TAX” TO ADDRESS HIGH COST OF AIR TRAVEL



► Nicola Madden-Greig, OD at IATA Caribbean Aviation Day

The President of the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) is rec-

ommending a tiered “dynamic taxation system” as a novel and potential solution to address ongoing concerns about the high cost of air travel within and to and from the region.

Calling for a flexible approach to levying airline taxes, CHTA’s President Nicola Madden-Greig said one of the major constraints facing Caribbean travel is the heavy burden of taxation, and governments could well consider successful revenue management tactics employed within the tourism and aviation sector.

Understanding that the full removal of taxes may be challenging, the CHTA president suggested a tax policy that is responsive to international travel demand seasonality. “For example, governments can affix a higher airline ticket tax in the peak winter season and lower taxes in the summer when demand is weak,” she said, adding that giving consumers better prices to drive visitation during the slow season could boost tourism, com-

merce and intra-regional VFR (Visiting Friends and Relatives) travel.

Speaking recently at IATA Caribbean Aviation Day in Grand Cayman, the successful Jamaican hotelier said the economics of such a variable policy may in fact result in a net gain in tax revenue to Caribbean governments. “As travel becomes more affordable and we stimulate more travel, this will result in more local spending, and consequently an increase in local tax collections,” she said, underscoring there will be an overall net benefit to the consumer thanks to lower ticket prices.

“I think it’s a concept that should be explored,” said Madden-Greig, who argued that a well-developed strategy could address diverse perspectives on taxation. “There’s a way to do it that allows for flexibility so you still have taxation on the front end, but when you need to drive demand, you can reduce those taxes and make up the difference on

the tail end,” she said. The taxation details however must be transparent, she warned.

Madden-Greig, the Jamaica-based Group Director of Marketing & Sales at The Courtleigh Hospitality Group, said she hopes to explore the “dynamic taxation strategy” at the upcoming Caribbean Travel Forum, taking place at CHTA’s Caribbean Travel Marketplace in San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 3 to 5, 2022.

“This could definitely answer the call for reduction in taxes, but not a reduction necessarily all year-round,” the CHTA president explained, suggesting that policy makers could consider alternate tax regimes for regional and international flights in order to drive multi-destination and intra-regional travel.

She admitted that research is required on the technological options to implement the system: “It may not be an immediate solution, but it’s a solution we can work towards.”

POLICE NEWS

Police Respond to Several Firearm Incidents in Grand Cayman

Between Friday 23 September and early Saturday morning Saturday 24 September, police were dispatched by the 9-1-1 Communications Centre to three firearm related incidents across Grand Cayman.

The first incident took place just after 10:50PM on Friday 23 September, where police were dispatched to a two-vehicle collision that took place on Shamrock Road in the Prospect area. Officers attended the locations and identified one driver with injuries in one of the vehicles, but discovered that the other driver had fled the scene.

One of the attending officers made checks in the surrounding area of the collision for the second driver who had fled the scene and located a man fitting his description. When the officer stopped the man, he pointed a firearm at the officer, causing the officer to retreat for his own safety. The man made off on foot and the Firearm Response Unit officers attended the location in search of the man, but he was not found.

After the scene was assessed as safe by Firearm Response Officers, the ambulance attended the location and transported the injured driver to the hospital, where he was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and later released. The vehicle that was driven by the man who fled the scene was recovered as evidence by the investigators. No firearm was reported to have been discharged during this incident.

The second incident was reported just after 1:10AM today, Saturday 24 September where it was reported that there ap-

peared to have been shots fired on Seaview Road in the vicinity of Fiddler’s Way, East End. Firearm Response Unit officers attended the location and spoke with several persons out and about in the area who said they did not witness any such incident or hear anything of the sort. Searches were conducted in the area and nothing suspicious was seen or found.

The third incident took place just after 4AM, Saturday 24 September, police responded to a report of shots being fired from vehicles located on West Bay Road in the vicinity of Lime Tree Bay, West Bay. It was reported that an injured man was transported to the hospital by a white Honda sedan vehicle. The man appeared to have sustained several life-threatening-injuries as a result of gunshot wounds, and is currently in critical condition.

The vehicle that the man was transported in was recovered by investigators as evidence and the scene of the location was cordoned off for searches and crime scene investigations to take place, resulting in the West Bay Road being closed for a short time. The roadway has since been re-opened for public use.

These incidents are all being investigated by the Criminal Investigations Department within the RCIPS and detectives are encouraging anyone with information, especially those who were witnesses to call the Major Incident Room at 649-2930. Alternatively, anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777<tel:949-7777>, or via our website<<http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip>>.

Man Arrested for Counterfeit Money and Drug Offenses in Cayman Brac



Yesterday, 21 September, officers responded to a report that a man had attempted to use a counterfeit CI \$100 note at a business in Cayman Brac on two separate occasions. The officers conducted enquiries and later located the man and arrested him on suspicion of uttering a forged note.

Officers then conducted a search of the man’s residence, during which they recovered a quantity of ganja and utensils that appeared to be used in the consumption of

cocaine. The man was further arrested on suspicion of possession and consumption of ganja, consumption of cocaine and possession of a drug utensil.

He was granted bail as investigations continue.

Members of the public are reminded to remain vigilant for counterfeit notes which continue to be in circulation: <https://www.rcips.ky/rcips-fci-issues-reminder-on-circulation-of-forged-bank-notes-22-august>



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FC kids love Saturday football training

By Christopher Tobutt

Lots of kids, mostly around primary school were running as fast as they could through javelin sticks at the Theoline L. McCoy Primary School in Bodden Town. It was one of FC International's famous football training sessions for kids, and they were loving it. Then they were doing it again, but this time with a football, keeping control of it all the time. It was pro-level football coaching for kids and it made them all feel like stars.

Like Ashley Manderson: "I like the drills, and also the games. Today I enjoyed going backwards through the cones. Next to her, Kayden, 11 said, "the thing today that was really cool was how we got to go really fast through the javelin sticks. I like this camp because I can lose weight gain agility and you can really go places playing football

FC international hold camps all summer long, and aim for camps in every single district, so that none of the kids get left out, altogether touching the lives of well over 300 kids. There are nice cool drinks of fruit punch and there is a meal too. Today it was pizza, and sometimes there is an extra-special treat as the ice cream truck pulls up and all the young football stars get in line. Some camps are a week long, and the kids go during their summer holidays. Others, like this one, are on a Saturday morning after the school term has begun.

Kids get out of the house on a Saturday morning and join in the fun of meeting one another, learning new football skills, discipline, and most important of all, playing together. The camps are run by a dedicated team of volunteers from FC International including the club's Technical Director, Elbert McLean, and Club President, Kennedy Ebanks (and many more, too many to name individually).

The volunteers do it because they all love football, and they know what it did for them when they were growing up, so they don't want any child to miss out. The camp is completely free, and each of the kids get smart football shirts to wear, and a meal. It relies on the generosity of donors, and there are several notable MP's who always



► Everyone shout "football!" – the kids, coaches and volunteers at Bodden Town

step up to the plate to offer their support, because they know about the great things that camps like this do for kids.

Elbert McLean said, "We want to contribute back to society by helping the kids get something positive together. This morning the kids have been learning skills like passing, controlling, and teamwork and stuff like that." After the drills are over, it is time for more fun as the kids play games.

President Kennedy Ebanks thanked all the sponsors and everyone who has helped make the camp a success, including all the young coaches and even the moms and grandmas who come to see their kids and grandkids, and help serve the food and drinks. It builds confidence and self-esteem into the kids, and these days that can't be bad.



► One of the young soccer stars leans dribbling – with Javelin poles



► Left to right Coach Elbert McLean, President Kennedy Ebanks, 10-year old Ashley Manderson, and 11-year old Kayden

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Dominica's party is back

Dominica's biggest annual tourist attraction, makes a welcome return, the World Creole Music Festival, from October 28-30.

Through the festival, the indigenous culture and vibrant music will be celebrated. The government has also announced the Fringe calendar of events. October is independence season for Dominica, so they invite people all across the globe to celebrate with them through cooking events, amazing fetes, and so much more.

Dominica World Creole Music Festival is the only event in the region guaranteed to perform every musical genre from the Caribbean. From soca, dancehall and reggae to zouk, kompa, and bouyon, the three-day festival is a musical feast that also incorporates popular global sounds such as afrobeats.

The 2022 staging will be equally diverse, offering dancehall stars Shenseea and Dexta Daps, soca icons Patrice Roberts and Kes the Band, bouyon king Asa Banton, afrobeats ace Burna Boy and many more.

Having featured almost every who's who in the Caribbean, the organisers Discover Dominica Authority, turned to the public for assistance in choosing the line-up for the 22nd staging.

Like every festival in the region, the World Creole Music Festival is returning after a two-year hiatus through pandemic restrictions.

The highlight of Creole Week is usually held at the end of October and leads into the country's Independence Day celebrations on November 3.

Dominicans in the diaspora and visitors from around the Caribbean, particularly neighbouring islands such as Martinique, Guadeloupe, St Maarten/St Martin, Haiti, St Kitts and Nevis and St Lucia, make the trip for the festival.

Marketing for the event began in February, with Trinidad and Tobago, the largest English-speaking market for Dominica among the major targets.

"The top three markets are the US, French West Indies and the Commonwealth Caribbean like St Lucia and Antigua but we really want to make greater inroads into Trinidad and Tobago," event director Kimberly King said, stressing that Dominica is more than the festival and they are selling the entire experience that the Nature Isle has to offer.

In terms of transportation to Dominica, King said the island is accessible via different regional routes and there is a direct flight from

Trinidad via Caribbean Airlines on Thursdays. CAL is also doing a specific return leg on October 31.

For those on the ground, particularly in the north of the island, there will be a shuttle from Portsmouth.

Beyond the main stage and the Carnival-like atmosphere usually created by the performers, the World Creole Music Festival offers visitors a true Dominican experience.



► Burna Boy is one of the stars appearing



► Dominica's World Creole Festival is huge

Grenada gets more spicy Honduras has jailed Bonilla



► Grenada is renowned for its selection of spices

Grenada's Ministry of Agriculture is increasing the production of spices on the island with the launch of the Spice Replanting Program for every parish.

During the recent launch in the south-eastern parish of St David, it was announced that the government wants to have 100,000 spices under production in various locations around the island.

Before Hurricane Ivan in 2004, St David cultivated many spices, including nutmeg, cocoa, pimento, cinnamon, sapote, and tonka bean. However, the

loss of spice plantations, coupled with poor management of existing fields, resulted in a significant decline.

"St. David is the King of Spice in Grenada, Carriacou, and Petite Martinique. Clove, cinnamon, sapote, tonka bean, and the likes were all known to be produced in St David," said Adrian Thomas of the Agriculture Ministry.

The project will also introduce new spices to Grenada. Thomas said it is the government's responsibility to ensure that the 'Isle of Spice' standards are maintained.



► Rosa Bonilla is appealing her 14-year sentence

Rosa Bonilla, the former first lady of Honduras, has been sentenced to 14 years in prison on charges of fraud and misappropriation of funds destined for social programs.

She had been sentenced to 58 years in prison at an earlier trial, but the decision was annulled. But Bonilla has been sentenced to 14 years and one month. Her lawyer, Juan Berganza, said he would appeal the sentence.

Bonilla's husband Porfirio Lobo was elected president after a military coup and served until 2014

Their son Fabio Lobo pleaded guilty to importing cocaine to the US in 2017.

The Supreme Court ordered a re-trial by a lower court, which found Bonilla guilty in March this year. Bonilla's husband was elected in late 2009 after a military coup ousted then-president Manuel Zelaya, and he served until 2014.

The couple's son, Fabio Lobo, was sentenced to 24 years in prison by a US court in 2017 after pleading guilty to charges of conspiring to import cocaine into the United States.

SUDOKU

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

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Chicka-dee's perch
 - 5 Duo quadrupled
 - 10 Desert spots
 - 12 Analyze grammar
 - 13 Marlins' home
 - 14 15-Across, familiarly
 - 15 Juan's wife
 - 16 Breaks away
 - 18 Hush-hush
 - 20 Holiday lead-in
 - 21 Med. sch. subject
 - 23 Take in
 - 24 Robert Burns' "— Shanter"
 - 26 "Puttin' on the —"
 - 28 Vault part
 - 29 Bankrupt
 - 31 Crunch targets
 - 32 Duel helper
 - 36 Fastens down
 - 39 Once called
 - 40 Mall business
 - 41 Martini garnish
- DOWN**
- 43 "Blue Sky" star
 - 44 More pleasant
 - 45 Over
 - 46 French father
 - 1 Big books
 - 2 Relinquish
 - 3 Writer
 - 4 Ring feature
 - 5 Oil cartel
 - 6 Stalactite setting
 - 7 Prop for Poseidon
 - 8 Actor Emilio
 - 9 Social service
 - 11 Answer to el jefe
 - 17 Seventh letter
 - 19 Zodiac animal
 - 22 Checks the fit of
 - 24 Like Sherpas
 - 25 Make a getaway
 - 27 Kin of Ltd.
 - 28 Fight, hillbilly-style
 - 30 Exploit
 - 33 Kept in reserve
 - 34 When pigs fly
 - 35 Plow pioneer
 - 37 Spur on
 - 38 Oboe part
 - 42 Sassy talk

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Word Search

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- Zipper

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



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CURTIS By Ray Billingsley

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THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN By Stan Lee

THAT CAN'T BE! PYTHONS AND GATORS ARE NATURAL ENEMIES!

BUT THEY'RE SWIMMING SIDE BY SIDE - LIKE TO SOME COMMON DESTINATION!

I RECOGNIZE THAT GUY!

IN THE BUGLE, WE USED TO CALL HIM THE LIZARD!

STAN LEE
LARRY LIEBER
2-22

JUDGE PARKER By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

GODIVA, NONE OF THIS EXPLAINS WHY YOU'RE HERE.

I'M NOT GONNA LIE TO YOU, NEDDY. MY STAR'S FALLEN HARD, AND ANY FRIEND I HAD EITHER CHOSE ROCKY IN THE BREAKUP... OR, BEING HOLLYWOOD, SAW NO REASON TO STICK BY ME.

I'M ALONE, AND I'M NERVOUS BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE BEEN IN A "BIG" FILM. WE WERE GOOD PARTNERS ONCE, NEDDY. I THOUGHT WE COULD BE THAT AGAIN.

MARQUELLE MANLEY
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Requirements:

- Over 5 years wait-staff experience
- The ability to work in a high-volume bar/restaurant
- Provide food and beverage product knowledge
- Flexibility to work am/pm shifts, weekends and public holidays

Hourly rate CI \$4.50 plus gratuities

Kitchen Helper

Requirements:

- Assist Chefs with food preparation of menu items
- Comprehend the use and diversity of cleaning agents
- Monitor delivery of kitchen inventory
- Ability to lift heavy items and stand for extended periods
- General cleaning of public areas and kitchen workstations
- Work am/pm shifts, weekends and public holidays

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Requirements:

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- Must be able to work days, evenings, weekends and public holidays

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Requirements:

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