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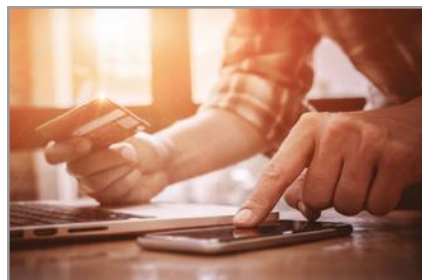
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JGHS Graduation

By Christopher Tobutt

"The World Awaits" was the apt theme for this year's John Gray High School Graduation Ceremony. It was a landmark graduation for the school, with better exam results than ever before. Many dignitaries were present, including His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, Hon Tara Rivers, and Hon Juliana O' Connor Connolly, had come to help them celebrate.

High School Principal, Jonathan Clark, said: "Class of 2019, you achieved great things. You have achieved our best results ever. Before me I see 162 graduates. 76 students that will receive Level 1 diplomas, 87 students with Level II diplomas and higher; including 78 with Level II honours, from which 27 have achieved high honours. I think that deserves a round of applause.

"You should all be very proud of the individual academic journeys you have had," Mr. Clark continued. "You need a positive attitude to learning and a growth mindset, so Class of 2019 I would also like to add 'resilience,' or 'grit.' You have had to deal with many challenges. Run towards adversity, not away from it. These things build your character, and you, as students of Cayman and John Gray High School, have the character of resilience to achieve all you dream of.

"Be a person that lives for those around them; that creates their own destiny and be someone who is known,



► Aaron Faulknor received the Award for Excellence in Business Studies, from Hon. Tara Rivers

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Lions Club shines the spotlight on Prostate Cancer

Prevention is better than cure. That was the message from the Lions Club of Grand Cayman as they recently hosted an educational seminar on Prostate, Colon and Testicular Cancers at the Seafarers Association Hall, George Town.

The event also served as the formal launch of the Club's annual PACCE

(Prostate & Colon Cancer Event), the 8th Annual Delano Hislop Memorial Journey for Life Walk / Run.

Mr. Hislop was a vibrant member of the Club who passed away from Prostate Cancer. The event is held in his honour annually. Proceeds from the

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► Seafarers Association President Denniston Tibbetts gets a check-up at the Lions Club of Grand Cayman as they recently hosted an educational seminar on Prostate, Colon and Testicular Cancers at the Seafarers Association Hall

Key concerns outstanding on the proposed Cruise Berthing Facility

As our Islands approach the first people-initiated referendum, critical data voters need to make a truly informed decision on the Cruise Berthing Facility, has still not been made public. The Government should release any undisclosed information that they do hold immediately, and the referendum date should be scheduled to allow for the completion of and public consultation on the updated Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") and updated Final Business Case reports, to allow our citizens to make a fully informed decision on this matter of national importance.

This letter forms Part 2 of a 3-part letter which seeks to highlight some, but not all, of the numerous significant and unquantified risks associated with this project. Information has been obtained by CPR from publicly available reports found on the websites for the Department of Tourism www.supportourtourism.com and Department of Environment www.doe.ky.

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EDITORIAL

Be prepared!

It's that time of year when we pay more attention to what's brewing in the Atlantic and Caribbean regions.

Forecasters have predicted a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season this year with, the respected group from Colorado State University indicating it is likely that there will be 12 named storms with five hurricanes, two of which are expected to be major.

Although we have been fortunate enough to be spared nature's wrath in recent years, we ought not to let our guards down. All it takes is one storm to change our fortunes. We just need to remember the catastrophic damage that Irma and Maria left in their wake across the region a couple of years ago.

As the hurricane season begins, we ought to have our plans in place. Home Affairs Minister Tara Rivers offered the following advice in her address to mark National Preparedness Day on May 20th:

"The primary purpose of observing the National Day of Preparedness is to highlight the importance of being ready for the upcoming hurricane season and other natural disasters. The day is observed on a public holiday, Discovery Day, so that all residents can have the opportunity to review their respective family plans and identify anything that requires attention, to ensure the highest level of personal preparedness."

Like many countries, the Cayman Islands are vulnerable to a variety of natural hazards including hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods. With the beginning of hurricane season swiftly approaching on June 1st, it is especially important that residents are prepared because planning ahead can save lives!



As the Minister responsible for Home Affairs, I therefore urge all residents to not only evaluate your family and business plans, but also identify how you can help to prepare your community and assist in the event that a hazard strikes.

In addition to ensuring that your family's hurricane supplies are well stocked, you can enhance your family's level of preparedness by taking small steps, such as discussing your personal plans with all family members so that everyone knows what to do and what to expect; installing carbon monoxide detectors; reviewing your home and business insurance coverage to ensure that your premiums are up to date and starting your own emergency savings fund."

Let her words be a guide that we should not wait until the threat of a storm is imminent to start thinking about how we plan to stay safe should the need arise. Let's also think about the vulnerable among us: the elderly and disabled in our communities, as well as anyone else who may need help if a hurricane is about to strike.

Let's hope we don't have to worry about storms this year, but if we do, let's ensure we are prepared.

COMMUNITY VOICE

Letter to the Editor: Kudos to the RCIPS

It was pleasing to hear of the RCIPS' Day Of Action on Thursday August 15th.

Judging by the abundance of accidents, many due to reckless driving habits, I would suggest that there continues to be further checks solely targeting the roads.

While I know these blitzes require additional RCIPS staff being out of office, the public needs to know that these problems are being dealt with.

I am also aware that as schools begin to open, the RCIPS will again

be monitoring traffic around school zones to promote and ensure student safety.

Thanks to the RCIPS officers who go out of their way to perform their duties. This includes HR Officer, Ms. Aaliyah Johnson, who was featured in the 21st August edition of your newspaper.

This augurs well for the future as the RCIPS continues to develop its staff.

Sincerely,
Nyda Flatley

Key concerns outstanding on the proposed Cruise Berthing Facility (CBF). Part 2

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1. Jobs

1.1. Cruise industry jobs provide average monthly income of US\$1,662 (BREA report). How will (1) Short term construction jobs and (2) more of the same cruise industry jobs, regardless of the number, help Caymanians obtain financial security for a decent standard of living?

1.2. The EIA (Baird Report) estimates direct losses of USD \$9 -10.5 million per year of revenue and associated jobs from the loss of the harbour reefs including 2 historical shipwrecks, the Balboa (directly) and Cali (indirectly). What is the net number of jobs after water sports businesses can no longer operate in GT Harbour, and restaurants have closed from noise pollution during construction?

2. Carrying Capacity

2.1. Cruise Vs Stayover constraints
With only 76 square miles, Grand Cayman's infrastructure and natural environment cannot handle mass cruise tourism which displaces overnight tourists as well as local residents from our most desirable locations. In 2018 both a record-breaking 1.9 million (<https://www.visitcaymanislands.com/en-us/statistics/cruise-arrivals/cruise-arrivals-by-month>) cruise passengers arrived by tender and stayover visitors reached 463,000 (<https://www.visitcaymanislands.com/en-us/statistics/visitor-arrivals/air-arrivals-by-month>). The Department of Tourism (PWC Outline Business Case, Appendix D Pg 7) gave a limit of 2.1million cruise passengers "to maintain the delicate equilibrium between cruise and overnight tourism". What is the projected or committed passenger increase with the cruise port? A comprehensive assessment of Cayman's carrying capacity needs to be undertaken for long-term planning and identifying tourism caps, which many popular travel destinations are being forced to implement.

2.2. Cruise-ship itinerary re-routing
Cayman's geographical location places us ideally as a stop between Jamaica

and Mexico on a cruise itinerary. With cruises departing on a weekend from the southern US states for both clockwise and anti-clockwise tours most ships arrive on a Wednesday or Thursday. The Minister of Tourism indicated we would not receive an increase in passengers per year, rather the cruise schedule will smooth out over the year. (1) Will the cruise lines re-schedule their itineraries and departure days just to avoid Wednesday or Thursday being Cayman's busiest days? (2) Will cruise lines stop repositioning their ships to Europe and other northern routes during the summer months to make sure that Cayman gets passengers instead?

3. Coral and historic shipwreck relocation

"Coral relocation" or "Translocation" for GT Harbour merely includes taking live coral from the surface of ancient marine structures. This complex habitat, with formations reaching up to 3-4m in height off the seabed are the foundation for beautiful tunnel swim-throughs for divers and provides shelter for juvenile species of marine life, making it an integral part of the marine ecosystem. Successful translocation is hugely dependent on uncertain, difficult to predict environmental factors, including increased susceptibility to disease. According to the EIA attempting to relocate 12 acres of coral colony could cost USD\$12million - USD\$87.4million, with no guarantee of success, and will not re-create the three-dimensional nature of the current environment. How can the cost of coral and shipwreck relocation be included in the Option 2 USD\$ 196M cost when additional research needs to be performed?

Part 3 will examine infrastructure impacts and financing model concerns.

It is also important to emphasise the referendum question chosen by Cabinet should reflect the original petition wording and be clear, easy for voters to understand and ensures fairness and objectivity.

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



► Sotos reef and surrounding reefs (Credit: CPR Cayman)

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Official Funeral Planned for John Bonwell, McLean, OBE, JP

The Union Flag and Cayman Islands Flag flew at half-mast on all government buildings yesterday (Monday, 26 August 2019) to mourn the death of former legislator John McLean.

Mr McLean, who died over the weekend, spent twenty-four years as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for the district of East End.

During that time he served three four-year terms as the Member of Executive Council with responsibility for agriculture and subject areas such as communications and works. This position is equivalent to what is known today as Cabinet Minister.

Flags will fly at half-mast again from two days before his official funeral details of which will be shared with the public once available.



► John Bonwell, McLean JP, OBE

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► Cameron Gilson received a Music Award from Glen Inanga, along with awards for Math and IT



► Daniel Gray received a Food Nutrition and Health Award from Christopher Kirkconnell



► Lovella Anderson received the Leisure and Tourism Award from Hon. Tara Rivers

JGHS Graduation – “The World Awaits”

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wherever they travel the world, for their Cayman Kindness. You have shown discipline, achieved excellence, and we are very proud of you. Behind you is infinite power, before you is endless possibility. God Bless you. The world awaits.”



► JGHS Principal Jonathan Clark

There was a special presentation of a bouquet of flowers for a very special teacher, Ms. Jane Kelly, for her many years’ dedication to teaching at John Gray, before the evening’s keynote speaker, Mr. Elroy Bryan, a previous graduate from John Gray, took to the podium:

“People don’t care how much you know, till they know how much you care,” he began, before relating a story about his two-year-old girl, climbing a ladder: “Half way up she paused and said something I have never heard her say before: ‘Daddy, I can’t do it.’ I quickly responded back: ‘yes you can.’ It amazed me how early doubt in oneself and fear of failure can set in.

“What are the things that you’re Aspiring to be? What are the things that motivate you? It feels like yesterday when I was walking the corridors of John Gray, hanging out with friends and enjoying life before the world with all its responsibilities and demands. Let me tell you now that the world is not as forgiving as school, and in the world, they play for keeps, not like



► Time for the Graduates to switch sides of their tassels, signifying graduation

in school where you can have second and third chances.

“If I can be standing before you tonight as the Acting Senior school improvement officer for Special Needs, then there is no reason why those people in this gradu-

ating class tonight cannot be whatever they set their minds to be,” he said.

The graduates each came forward to receive their diplomas, and there were also special awards for those who had excelled in a particular area. 🌐

Miller Urges Government To Act on Boating Safety

In the wake of the most recent fatal boat accident in the North Sound, Mr. Ezzard Miller, elected representative for the district of North Side, has called on the Government, and more specifically the Minister with responsibility for the Port Authority, to act on Private Members’ Motion No. 5 of 2015/2016 passed unanimously by the Legislative Assembly on 26 October 2015.

The Motion called for the Government to introduce regulations under the Port Authority Law to require persons owning boats larger than 21 feet and powered by engines in excess of 150 horsepower to pass a required test on boat safety, rules of navigation, and the general operation of boats in Cayman waters.

Mr. Miller is now also urging Government to enact and publish comprehensive safety regulations together with penalties for infringements, and to ensure proper marking and lighting of all channels used by the boating public. He is also calling on government to assent to the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG).

In the meantime, the 2015 Motion moved by Mr. Miller has not been actioned despite its unanimous support.

“I said during the debate on this motion in October 2015 that this was a situation waiting for accidents to happen and that introduction of these new safety regulations was urgent,” Mr. Miller said. “Unfortunately, since then there have been several fatal boating accidents and despite accepting the accolades for supporting the Motion, Government has done nothing to address the dire situation in the nearly two years since the Private Member’s Motion has been passed.”

“It is time for some action on this matter before there are any more of these tragic and most distressing accidents on the water,” Mr. Miller said.

New safety regulations should extend to requiring registration of all boats in the Cayman Islands and annual inspection similar to that for vehicles on land, Mr. Miller said, adding that commercial boats should be subject to random inspections by CIMA and the RCIPS.

“One only has to visit Rum Point or Kaibo on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon to observe the flagrant disregard of rules that should obtain in cases of overtaking, passing, approaching and departing docks, navigating to and departing from anchorage at Rum Point, and transiting to canals,” Mr. Miller said.

As a launching platform from which to address the growing dangers being experienced locally in leisure boating, Mr.

Miller recommended that Government takes immediate steps to assent to COLREG (Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea). The mandates and resources afforded by COLFREG would buttress the Islands’ proud maritime heritage and help to safeguard the reputation of the Cayman Islands Maritime Authority (CIMA).

“Importantly, drilling down to the impact on boating operations, the adoption of this convention would give greater authority to CIMA and the RCIPS to enforce the rules required to maintain safety on the water for all.”



► Mr. Ezzard Miller, MLA

Speaking to Government’s responsibility and accountability for the proper marking and lighting of all channels used by the boating public, Mr. Miller said: “It is a national disgrace that government can arrange hundreds of millions of dollars to build a cruise port that is not needed but somehow it cannot find a few thousand dollars to make sure the lights on the Rum Point channel are working properly.” The elected representative said that these lights have malfunctioned for years.

Mr. Miller said that these and other deficiencies in government’s oversight and diligence in the area of water safety have led to the current much deplored lowering of standards in the operation of leisure boats in local waters.

For example, Mr. Miller said, “It used to be that whenever you crossed a dive boat with divers in the water there was a ‘divers down’ flag flying and a lookout on the boat. Now far too often I have observed the divers down flag flying without the required accompanying lookout on the boat.”

The Member for North Side envisages that on the introduction of appropriate comprehensive water safety rules, Marine Enforcement Officers who come across such infractions would be able to issue tickets and other penalties on the spot, similar to how this is done by land-side traffic officers.

The overall impact of this comprehensive approach to water safety would be heightened and broadened oversight and enhanced effectiveness

of our Marine Enforcement Officers in enforcing the rules governing operations of leisure boats in Cayman waters. 🌐

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New Book released by Dr. Dalton Watler-Lyons

By Christopher Tobutt

Challenges of Emerging Societies is a new book by local author Dr. Dalton Watler-Lyons. The official launch took place at George Town Library recently. It is an exciting book because, while there have been several literary contributions to Cayman's history, in-depth analysis of social currents seen within its context of dynamic political and economic change are few and far-between. Dr. Watler-Lyons' analysis also contains elements of a vision which reaches into the future and helps us gain new insights and aspirations about the society which we share and love – the Cayman Islands.

But its applicability also pertains to many other different emerging societies, especially those belonging to smaller countries who may be struggling to retain their sense of cultural identity within the onslaught of the ever-present global forces.

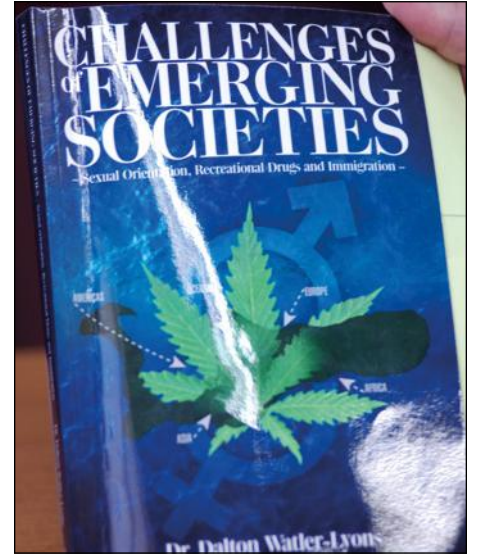
"Dr. Dalton Watler has embarked upon a journey to shed light on a very salient and challenging subject that has significant implications for the future of



► Woody DaCosta



► Dr. Dalton Watler-Lyons



► The new book

the Cayman Islands," Dr. Marc Lockheart said, in a written comment. "His expertise with youth has given him a unique perspective of the topic's impact on this vulnerable segment of our population. He has been able to highlight connections between antisocial conduct and social mores, especially in the context of the Cayman Islands."

Present at the launch were several noted academics and historians, including Dr. Steve McField, who spoke at length about the book and its significance. Dr. McField drew attention to the book's analysis of the effect of guest workers, and the way that their employment in the community depresses the labour market: "In other words he says, 'you cannot build an economy on economic migrant workers, who depress the labour market. You cannot do that, be-

cause you pull down the local job market, instead of pulling it up."

Next, Cayman radio talk-show host, Woody DaCosta read from, and commented on, excerpts from the book, highlighting the parts that in his opinion, reflected the 'pulse' of the Cayman Islands. "Finding a balance between opposite forces... those forces may be called good bad, or right or wrong, liberal conservative, traditional and non-traditional. Sometimes establishing the correct balance between those may continue for a longer time before that balance can be broken," he said.

"This book would be a great present for anyone you care about, or you could give it to a representative," he advised.

When Dr. Watler-Lyons took to the podium, he explained that, when he was growing up in Colombia, the importance of being "macho," was impressed on the

male youth, leaving negative impressions of those of more diverse sexual orientation, for example. He warned us of the consequences of losing our collective and, by extension, our sense of personal identity, too, which were all in danger of becoming submerged by powerful currents of change.

"I am proud to be a Watler," he said. "Imagine the Cayman Islands 50 years from now; imagine there being no Watlers, Boddens or Smiths?" he asked.

Dr. Dalton E. Watler-Lyons (DBA) began his career as a coach and a physical education teacher. Dr. Watler-Lyons was a former assistant professor of social science at the University College of the Cayman Islands and director of sport. He is currently the Deputy Chief Officer for the Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport.



► Signing copies

DOT continues to simplify business processes

The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism (DOT) has launched a new video on its corporate website OurCayman.ky and YouTube channel to guide licensed accommodations through the mandatory tax submissions process.

"The Ministry of Tourism is steadfastly committed to using innovation that empowers our tourism partners—whether newcomers or long-term—to feel confident that the process of doing business with us is not complicated or burdensome," commented Chief Officer Stran Bodden, who guided the development of this project. "We must endeavour to always consider our partners when creating or improving processes such as tax submission, especially when the process is mandated by law. Whenever possible, we will cut through red tape and support our tourism sector through innovation, online tools and the in-person customer service that we are known for."

Providing tips on how to complete and submit monthly Cayman Islands

Government Tourism Accommodation Tax Submissions, the short video guides users through the entire process. "This how-to video gives our licensed properties a complete walk through from beginning to end of the submission process. At the DOT, I am proud to say that we listen to our clients and those in the tourism community to identify ways to create an environment that is pro-business," shared Mrs. Rosa Harris, Director. "We continually provide the tourism community with tools such as this and will continue to create other tools that will simplify the business of working with us."

In addition to embracing technology for tax submission, the Department continues to develop upskilling opportunities through a variety of training programmes offered throughout the year. The next seminar being offered by the DOT is a Homeshare Summit, available to licensed accommodations providers who use platforms such as Airbnb,



VRBO, and the like. Taking place on 4 September, licensed homeshare providers will hear from panellists about the importance of providing unique experiences for their guests. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet local vendors who can help enhance the Cayman-kind experiences already offered at their properties.

To watch the new Tax Submission video, please visit the corporate website <http://paytaxes.ourcayman.ky> or the official YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q80Anl-wx9W4&feature=youtu.be>

To sign up for the Homeshare Summit, email events@caymanislands.ky. Space is limited and for licensed properties only.

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Summer is almost over, but Lemonade Day is almost here

Cayman National Bank Ltd. in connection with DMS Broadcasting Ltd., are pleased to present the Second Annual island-wide Lemonade Day! Are you an aspiring kidpreneur? Take the first step to starting your own business this Lemonade Day, 31st August, and make some extra summer cash. For more information stay tuned to any of the DMS broadcasting radio stations or visit us on Facebook.

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GIRLGUIDING CAYMAN ISLANDS BRANCHES BREAKOUT CAMP - BERMUDA 2019

Girlguiding Cayman Islands sent a contingent of 8 Guides and 4 Leaders to Bermuda, to take part in Branches Breakout 2019.

This was the first time the Cayman Islands have taken a group to an International Camp in Bermuda. They joined 6 other countries from around the world, and in rain or shine, took part in various activities, including pitching tents, Outward Bounds, forts, boat rides, sailing, snorkelling, archery, hiking, raft building, campfire and much much more.

They also had the opportunity to learn about the different visiting countries and make crafts to take home. The Cayman Islands showed how to make a Las Tortugas Bookmark and handed out samples of rum cake and traditional peppermint candy.

On International Night the Guides represented Cayman Islands with a performance of the National Song, followed by a medley of traditional folk songs – Munzie Boat, Conch Na'Ga'No Bone and Chip up potato.

The girls and leaders had a wonderful time, challenged themselves, learned new skills, made many friends and developed memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you to Girlguiding Bermuda for being wonderful hosts!

Girlguiding Cayman Islands (GGCI) is a branch association of the largest female organ-

isation in the world. The organisation works towards the positive development of girls and young women in the Cayman Islands.

The purpose is to help girls acquire skills for life, by teaching leadership and values while participating in fun activities. The girls engage as they build their confidence, discover their full potential and make a positive difference in our community. Girls can begin their Girlguiding journey from age 5 within the Rainbow section and move up through Brownies, Guides, Rangers and on to become young leaders.

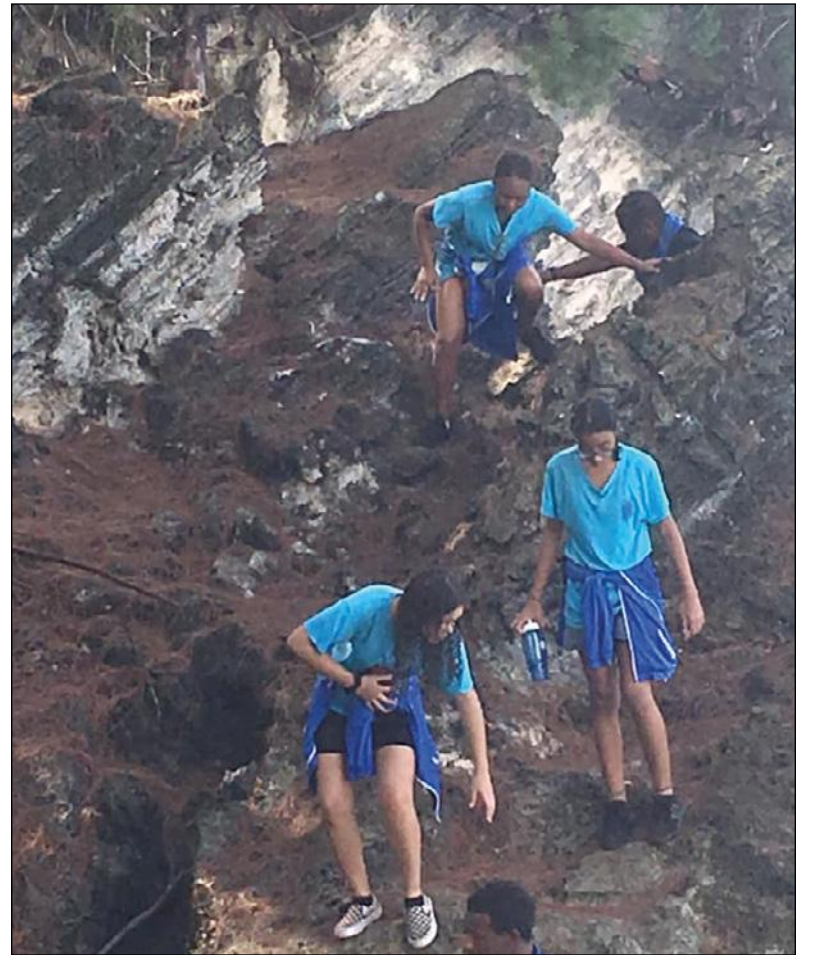
Join Us!

Being involved in GGCI is very rewarding and we are always looking for volunteers to help us with the administration of running the organisation and for more leaders to support unit meetings.

For more information about our Guiding sections and availability in our units, or if you believe you could help make a positive impact, we would love to hear from you!

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Lions Club shines the spotlight on Prostate Cancer

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event are donated to Jasmine (formerly Cayman HospiceCare) and the Cayman Islands Cancer Society.

The educational was aimed at raising cancer awareness and garnering support for the annual fundraiser.



► Lions Club of Grand Cayman president Cordella Chollette and the Club's mascot spread some goodwill during the seminar by distributing free groceries to the needy

Special guest speaker Dr. Andy Shillingford delivered an address on the importance of testing and early cancer detection. The event was attended by members of the Association and the surrounding community.

As part of the Club's push to stress the need for testing, nurses were on hand to conduct free PSA screenings for interested individuals.

The meeting also saw the debut of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman's new Lion mascot. Donations of grocery supplies were also delivered to needy members of the public in attendance.

The Seafarers Association also donated \$5,000 toward the Club's annual PACCE (Prostate & Colon Cancer Event).

The next educational seminar is planned for September 3rd in Bodden Town.

The 8th Annual Delano Hislop Memorial Journey for Life Walk / Run will be held on Sunday September 22. It starts with pre-registration at 6 a.m. at the all new Jasmine Building on West Bay Road across from Margaritaville Beach Resort.

To learn more or to sign up for www.caymanactive.com/registrations



► Seafarers Association President Denniston Tibbetts presents Lions Club of Grand Cayman member Andrew Eden (right) and Lions Club of Grand Cayman President Cordella Chollette with a donation of \$5000 for the Club's PACCE event which will be held on September 3rd

Improve ROI by Investing in Employees This Off-Season

There's a popular saying in cold-weather destinations: Summer bodies are made in the winter. This same concept can be applied to the hospitality business in a way: The seeds of a successful busy season are planted in the off-season. Right?

It's easy to think we're in the simple transaction business of selling goods and services – a taxi ride, a rental car, a well-appointed room, and a delicious meal. However, there's so much more to it, and the value of those goods and services increases significantly when we recognize the importance of the intangible elements that create the customer experience.

An intangible element, for example – is a hospitality or tourism business's image – its specific promise, personality, positioning and emotion – essentially delivered to the customer by the employees. It's certainly a large responsibility to be carried out, most especially if the employees aren't completely trained.

To create a positive business image and increase the value of the services or products it provides, invest in quality employee training. And, by training, I don't mean dusting off the one-sized-fits-all-five-year-old training binder for the new team members to 'read through', either. I mean, a well-planned quality training program that has more than just superficial knowledge; but one that has a deep and broad knowledge of categories, skills and processes.

We, in the hospitality and tourism industry are a diverse workforce, which includes a variety of positions that may or may not have a strong educational component or requirement. Positions may be filled by employees who have

an incredible desire to learn but to their detriment haven't received formal training. They perform their duties to the very best of their abilities – and sometimes the best they can do – without training – is costing the company money through errors, inefficiencies, or dissatisfied customers. Employees that are not trained end up getting frustrated and quit and as a result, employee turnover further costs the company.

From an employee's perspective, there is the added benefit of creating a pipeline of promotable employees. If they are properly trained and always growing, you never have to look far for that next rising star. From the guest or customer perspective, better-trained employees are going to deliver better on the company mission statement as well as the brand standard. This means happier customers, who turn into loyal customers, which means more sales and better guest survey scores and reviews.

The entire workforce is a reflection of the hospitality culture, and it demands training from the bottom to the top – and, there's no time like the off-season to begin a training program. Making the most of this off-season to maximize your busy season's profitability requires five easy steps:

Appreciate the value of education

View education and training opportunities as a benefit – not an added up-front expense, which returns its cost many times over. Show your employees, and the community, that you invest in education. You will attract and retain the best talent, who will repay you again and again with their knowledge, training, and passion.

Develop and train talent

Invest in developing and training employees. Many hospitality employees start in entry-level positions and work their way up into higher level jobs. When a company takes the time to train its employees, it is easier to recognize the talent that can be developed for higher

management positions. Cross-trained employees can also help temporarily fill gaps when needed reducing extra strain on the organization.

Think outside of the dusty company training binders

Knowing a story about a company's founder or exactly where each unusual ingredient is sourced isn't education, it's marketing. Incorporate a variety of educational topics into your plan. Some topics may be position-specific, and others could range from problem-solving, to critical thinking to emotional intelligence, and maintaining professional and ethical standards. Cross-cultural training is also very useful and strongly encouraged for employees from different cultures and ethnicities to work together, but it is also necessary for employees to learn how to handle certain situations that are raised by customers from diverse cultures, religions, and ethnicities.

Be consistent

Make learning a part of the culture of your operation. Training should occur regularly, with talented and knowledgeable individuals leading the way. Ultimately, a culture that values education will result in a team that naturally seeks more knowledge on its own time and brings it with them to work.



Lead by example

Learn alongside your employees. Teach them if you can, but don't worry if that's not your role. Simply doing your job well can be a terrific way to establish excellence among the rest of the team.

An investment in your employees' skill sets is an investment in your com-



► Brooke Meyer is the managing partner of Caymera International

pany. When everyone gets better, everyone gets better.

Caymera International offers individual and group training on a variety of topics to include, but not limited to: Diversity, Safety and Security, Restaurant Revenue Management, Food Service Management: Marketing, Service, and HR Systems, Marketing The Hospitality Brand Through Digital Media, Services Marketing, Planning and Management, Hotel Revenue Management, Hotel Sales 101, Hotel Sales: Prospecting New Business, Understanding Financial Statements, Customer Service, Responding to Customer Reviews, Critical Thinking, Guest Problem Solving and more.

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DCI NOTICE

ATTENTION REAL ESTATE AGENTS & DEALERS
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THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING AS A DESIGNATED NON-FINANCIAL BUSINESS AND PROFESSION (DNFBP), UNDER SECTION 55F OF THE ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS (2018 REVISION), HAS PASSED.

ENFORCEMENT NOTICES ARE NOW BEING ISSUED.

Under Section 55S of the Anti-Money Laundering Regulations (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2019, you may be liable for an administrative fine of \$50,000 (sole trader) and \$100,000 (company).

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

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

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

Minister of Education supports UCCI Students during New Student Orientation and Registration Week

UCCI opened its doors to New Students for the fall semester on August 23, 2019. Kicking off a week of Orientation and Registration activities. The Hon Julianna, O' Connor- Connolly, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, attended the session and was able to generously gift ten students with CI\$250.00 vouchers towards their tuition.

This monetary surprise was welcomed by students as this year's orientation celebrates UCCI's one-stop shop. This new endeavour allows students to register for classes, receive advising support and be ready for the start of the new semester after visiting one location.

Dr Stacy McAfee, president and CEO of UCCI stated, "UCCI is reinventing how we advise, register, orient and engage students to ensure that they thrive and enjoy a rich university experience in class and through various co-curricular activities."

The purpose of New Student Orientation (NSO) is to prepare students to successfully transition to college. New

or returning students were able to get information about the goals, mission, policies, admission requirements and programmes of study available at UCCI. NSO also allowed students to become familiar with their new surroundings by attending sessions with Alumni, and campus tours lead by the Student Representative Council Students.

A small open campus event was also held in the afternoon of NSO to allow students the opportunity to interact with professors in their chosen departments.

As a part of the festivities, students were treated to a Career Fair hosted by the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman which was held on campus on August 27th and 28th. Students and Alumni were able to look at opportunities to further their careers while continuing their education.

If you are interested in starting your success story at UCCI, students are encouraged to visit the Sir Vassel Johnson hall until August 30th to register for classes being offered in the fall se-



For more information visit our website at ucci.edu.ky or set up an appointment with our admissions team by calling 623-0567.

YMCA To Offer After-School Programme at the Field of Dreams

The YMCA Cayman Islands is expanding its after-school programme to a new site at the Field of Dreams. This structured programme will provide a variety of active learning opportunities, designated homework time and recreational activities along with all the fun and excitement that students have come to expect from the Y. Character development, homework help, sports and recreation, healthy snacks, teambuilding exercises, STEM activities and creative arts are all elements of the programme.

Available for students ages 5 to 12-years old, the new programme will run from 3pm to 6pm Monday to Friday in accordance with the 2019-2020 school calendar. The fee is \$12 per day without transportation and \$15 per day

with transportation from specific, nearby schools.

"The Field of Dreams After-School programme gives children a change of pace and scenery from that of the school environment, while still providing them with the opportunity to learn, stay active and make new friends," said Jenny Stuesser, Programme Director.

Registration for the Y After-School programme takes place every Monday to Friday from 11:00am to 5:00pm at the Field of Dreams and registrations are accepted on a monthly basis.

For more information about YMCA programmes or registration details, log on to www.ymcayman.ky, call 925.3276 or email ysummercamp@ymcayman.ky.



Kids enjoy fun activities at the Field of Dreams

Keeping our focus on the Big Issues as the School Year Begins

By now, all the students are getting ready for school, whether from Kindergarten, which means 'garden for the children', to University. Moreover, educators, at whatever level, are getting into the rhythm and familiar activities of their profession.

This semester, as all the others, has come with its familiar challenges, but even as educators take these on, we must keep our eyes on the big issues as to why we are all in the business of education and, in particular, the role of the education sector in the Cayman Islands.

As we teach our classes or administer in our various settings, let us not lose focus of the fact that our every activity, however seemingly unimportant, must be toward the educational project, the creation of well-trained minds and persons of sound characters.

After all, as the World Bank report 2008 says, highly educated people are needed to achieve sustained good governance, strong institutions and a developed infrastructure. Therefore, educa-

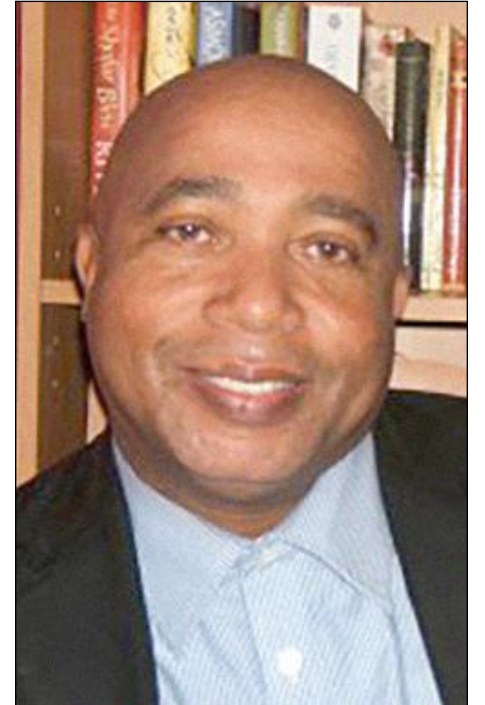
tion is the single most important factor affecting a country's development and the most sustainable approach to poverty alleviation.

Frederick H. Harbison goes even further when he writes that human resources are the ultimate basis of the wealth of nations and that a country's pursuit of wealth is synonymous with achieving the maximum possible utilization of human beings in productive activity and the fullest possible development of the skills, knowledge and capacities of the labour force.

It is human resources- 'the energies, skills, talent, and knowledge of people which are, or which potentially can or should be applied to the production of goods or the rendering of useful services for the social, political, cultural and economic development of nations' says Harbison. So all of us who are involved in education, are engaged in the most important project on the island and are therefore part of that engine of social and economic progress and development.

However, even as we emphasize an education that prepares our students to think critically, to innovate and to adapt, we must also teach values. As important as Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are, and the Arts and the Social Sciences, education must build character. Core ethical values such as caring, honesty, fairness, compassion, trustworthiness, self-discipline, a strong work ethic, responsibility and respect for others must be built into the curriculum and into our lessons. Thomas Lickona's outline of the 'Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education' in the **Journal of Moral Education** is a good start. Character Education is the term used for efforts to implement programmes in moral values, ethics and citizenship education.

He says further that 'In an effective character education program, character is broadly conceived to encompass the cognitive, emotional, and behavioral aspects of the moral life. Good character consists of understanding, caring about, and acting upon core ethical values. The task of character education therefore is to help students and all other members of the learning community know "the good," value it, and act upon it.'



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

If not, we would have missed the point of true education, which at its heart must develop whole persons as fundamentally good human beings, considerate of self, others, and the broader human community.

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THE CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

What is the National Emergency Notification System (NENS)?

It is a system for getting public safety messages to as wide an audience as possible in the Cayman Islands in an efficient and timely manner.

Why is it needed?

The Cayman Islands is vulnerable to natural hazards such as hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis and floods, as well as threats from incidents such as transportation accidents, chemical spills and fires. In certain circumstances, public safety can be improved through the prompt issuance of information to residents about threats and recommended response actions.

Is it required by Law?

Yes, The Disaster Preparedness and Hazard Management Law (2019 Revision) states: There shall be established a National Emergency Notification System (NENS) for the Islands operated under the supervision of the Director (Of Hazard Management Cayman Islands). The National Emergency Notification System shall enable the Government to broadcast emergency announcements to the public on such frequency or in such manner as is specified in a memorandum of understanding between the Government and a person who is licensed to operate an ICT Network under the Information and Communications Technology Authority Law (2019 Revision).

What does the Law state about who is authorized to initiate a National Emergency Notification?

No announcement shall be broadcast on the NENS unless it is in writing and approved and signed by a Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council in consultation with the Director, except in the event of a sudden onset like a tsunami or an earthquake, which requires swift notification to the public, the Director may authorise the broadcast of an emergency announcement and shall notify the Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council of the broadcast as soon as is practicable thereafter.

► Radio Alert System Test - Social Media

Can other Departments or Agencies use the National Emergency Notification System?

Yes, provided that the message is first approved by either the Chairman of the Management Executive or the Chairman of the Management Council in consultation with the Director of HMCI. It is anticipated that entities such as the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, the Cayman Islands Airports Authority, the Cayman Islands Fire Service, the Department of Environment, the Department of Environmental Health, the Health Services Authority and the Cayman Islands National Weather Service can request the use of the NENS system to deliver vital public safety messages if the need arises.

What is Phase 1?

Phase 1 of the NENS is a partnership between the Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs, Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI), the Department of Public Safety Communications (DPSC), the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg) and local radio operators. Equipment has been purchased and installed by Government to enable an emergency message to be simultaneously distributed across all radio stations in the Cayman Islands.

Where are we at with Phase 1?

It is ready to launch! The first public test will take place on August 30th, the second test September 3rd and third test on September 6th (same time for all tests - 11:30 am). The first test will consist of an attention signal tone only. While the 2nd and 3rd test will include an attention signal tone as well as a text to speech test broadcast message that is estimated to last about twenty 20 seconds. The alerts can be issued remotely without any action being taken by radio operations. Very simply the radio programming is interrupted for the duration of the short alert message.

What does Government expect of the Radio Operators?

Licensed radio operators in the Cayman Islands will sign a MOU with Government as a stipulation of their license agreement under the ICTA Law (2019 Revision) and in accordance with the Disaster Preparedness and Hazard Management Law (2019 revision), that is about all they need to do other than occasionally allowing technicians to check that the equipment is working and replacing parts if necessary.

Is Phase 1 going to be effective?

Government of course recognizes that residents are not always tuned into the

radio, but it is an important first step, and the Cayman Islands will be one of the first countries in the Caribbean to have a National Alert System in place. Radio is also a very important communications vehicle in the aftermath of a disaster, especially if there is an extended power outage. Radio stations can typically get signals out to the public using a generator if they have to, ensuring that residents will still receive critical messages even with a battery operated radio. It also provides a cost effective solution and is robust.

Where do we go from here?

HMCI and its partners are appreciative of the support and commitment shown by the radio stations for Phase 1 and hopefully the test will be a success. Government has already laid the groundwork for the next phase of the NENS which will include placing crawling text across cable television channels. Also, an emergency app is planned whereby residents who sign up for the app will receive emergency messages to their smart phones. All these different mechanisms to deliver emergency alerts will originate from a single dashboard – in other words a single message can be sent simultaneously across multiple channels – such as the radio, cable television and to the emergency app. 🌐

Be Informed About Outages

Real-time Power Outage Updates

We do our best to prevent power outages, but when they do occur, we want to keep you informed.

Customers are now able to track scheduled and unscheduled power outages on the Company's website through CUC's "Public Outage Map". Visit www.cuc-cayman.com and click on the "View More" or the "View Map" buttons on the home page for real-time information on scheduled and unscheduled outages.



The Environmental Management System at the North Sound Road Power Plant is registered to ISO 14001



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Alvin McLaughlin Collection Exhibition at the National Museum

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

Youth Rally 2019

30 August - The Ministry of Peace Church is holding its 2019 Youth Rally at its church on Friday 30 August from 7 – 9pm for young people ages 5 -13 years old. The theme is " I can do all things through

Christ who strengthens me." There will be worship, praise, drama and prizes. Transportation will be provided. Please call 946 – 4291.

Walkers Art Programme Registration

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

For those unable to access online registration, alternate arrangements can be made by contacting education@nationalgallery.org.ky.

Musical showcase featuring hip hop artist Theolodge

30 August - Join hip hop artist Theolodge and local artists at The Lodge at The Strand on Friday 30 August. This free event is from 9 to midnight and is being put on by the young members of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Grand Cayman. Email natalie.baldwin@cicc.ky for more information.

CIIPA Run/Walk

31 August - Help to raise funds for the local YMCA by participating in CIIPA's Run/Walk. Runners and walkers of all levels are invited to this fun event. There are 2 distances for runners to choose from – 10K or 5K and walkers do a distance of 5K. Registration is CI\$25 and this includes breakfast provided

by Amazon Cafe and entry into the raffle prize drawing. The run/walk begins and ends at Cricket Square. Well behaved on – leash dogs are welcomed. For more information visit www.ciipa.ky.

Summer Story Time

31 August - The Cayman Islands Public Library in Bodden Town has its last session of Summer Story time with Uncle Vic this Saturday at 10:30am. For more information, call 947 – 0966 or email boddentown@caymanlibraries.com.

Youth Talent Show

31 August - The Business and Professional Women's Club of Grand Cayman will host a musical showcase in support of the Cayman Crisis Centre's TAYA Lounge. This Youth Talent Show will take place on Saturday 31 at the Harquail Theatre from 6 – 9 pm. Cost is \$10. Email natalie.baldwin@cicc.ky for more information.

Octane & Caffeine

1 September - Cars and Coca-Cola will be on tap at Tony's Toys this weekend as the automotive centre hosts 'Octane & Caffeine', a car show for the entire family, on Sunday, 1 September from 2pm to 6pm at Tony's Toys Automotive Center, located at 91 Sherwood Drive off Seymour Drive in Industrial Park. The event is part of Tony's Toys yearlong 20th anniversary celebrations and is free to the public.

PRB Community Group School Supply Drive

2 September - The PRB Community Group will be hosting a back to school drive to assist the Prospect Red Bay community children and schools ensuring they have the supplies for a successful start of the school year. A DONATION BOX is located at the Seafarers Hall and items can be dropped off between 7am and 3pm weekdays. 📍

Why You Need a Personal Trainer

There's a reason why celebrities and other highly successful people use coaches and trainers: **IT WORKS.**

And that is why so many people are turning to personal trainers to help them move from mediocre to excellence in their pursuit of health, fitness and weight loss.

The reality

More than 91% of people who start an exercise program quit early—even before their new routine becomes a habit, and 61% will give up within the very first week!

Why? Because changing your lifestyle is hard. In spite of all the infomercials and ads claiming that you can lose weight and transform your body in thirty days (or six weeks at the longest), the truth is, getting fit requires a lifestyle makeover that takes

- Time
- Determination
- Support

If any of these components is missing, the odds of success plummet.

The fix

The good news is that one component virtually guarantees the continued presence of the other two, and that is support--and support is the heart of what a good personal trainer provides.

A personal trainer helps with the time factor in two ways:

1. Finding time in your schedule to actually work out
2. Sticking with your program long enough to reach your goals.

A personal trainer supports you looking at your schedule and find ways to make fitness fit. A seasoned personal trainer has much wisdom in the area of time management and is a master at figuring out how to work exercise into even the busiest schedules. He can



▶ Ernest Ebanks

also design workouts that are both efficient and effective. Finally, a personal trainer can also provide the motivation that you need to keep going, long after you would have stopped were you doing working out by yourself.

Determination is also an area that a personal trainer supports you in. At the beginning of your new fitness program, you have excitement, novelty and the joy of discovery to keep you going. But eventually, what used to be new and fun becomes old and boring. If determination fades, you will find yourself wandering off track in search of the next exciting pursuit.

Your personal trainer will help you keep your determination. He will remind you why you are doing what you are doing. He will get into your life and help you move past obstacles that arise, and he will talk you out of excuse-making. He will constantly hold before you the consequences of your choices. He will keep you moving forward.

And finally, a personal trainer supports you as your source for practical, step-by-step instructions for building health. Your personal trainer is an expert in the field of exercise science. While under the tutelage of a personal trainer, you do not have to design your own program of fitness, constantly wondering whether you are doing the right exercises in the right way. *A personal trainer will create a customized blueprint that will help you achieve your goals.*

A personal trainer is your insurance policy against being another number in the appalling fitness dropout statistics. Don't try to go it alone; we all need help.

Position yourself for success by working with a personal trainer and watch fitness and robust health become part of your life.

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Oolong TEA

Made from the leaves, buds and stems of the Camellia sinensis plant, this tea is slightly fermented and semi-oxidized giving a taste in between black and green tea. The most famous of this tea comes from Fujian region of China. Being one of the most commonly used teas in China and Taiwan, it packs a punch when it comes to health virtues.



BOOSTS METABOLISM - It helps you burn fat faster by raising your metabolism for up to two hours after drinking it. It contains polyphenols that have the power to block enzymes that build fat. This means you can lose weight with this tea so long as you don't load it with sugar and sweeteners.

LOWERS CHOLESTEROL - The tea is known to reduce cholesterol and improve heart health. Because it's semi-oxidized, it produces a perfectly sized polyphenol molecule that activates the enzyme, Lipase, which is known to dissolve body fat.

AIDS DIGESTION - It alkalizes the digestive tract, reducing inflammation in those with acid reflux and ulcer problems. Being mildly antiseptic it can clear bad bacteria from the belly. When consumed hot its calm, smooth flavour can soothe your stomach.

STABILIZES BLOOD SUGAR - The anti-oxidants in this tea are so powerful has been shown in studies to do wonders for metabolizing sugar.

So, if you find drinking water is just too plain, here's an alternative. Oolong tea. It's great to consume it warm to hot. Packed with anti-oxidants, the Oolong tea leaf combines catechin and caffeine which fight free radicals. So, at your next grocery stop be sure to pick up your pack of OOLONG TEA. Enjoy!!! 📍



POLICE NEWS

Two Arrested for Taking Marine Life

On Wednesday, 21 August, RCIPS officers, along with officers from the Cayman Islands Customs and Border Control Service, conducted a joint operation at an address on Up The Hill Road in West Bay. During the operation, officers had cause to search a vehicle at the location. Officers recovered a package containing suspected ganja and arrested a man, age 27 of Bodden Town, on suspicion of possession and consumption of ganja.

During a further search of the vehicle, officers discovered a turtle shell with what appeared to be blood. As a result, officers conducted a search of the residence, where they found a package of suspected turtle meat.

The 27-year-old man was further arrested on suspicion of taking marine life without being licensed. A second man, age 39 of West Bay, was also arrested on suspicion of the same offense.

They have been granted bail as investigations continue.

"Although our initial search was conducted based on possible drug offenses, the marine offense that was detected is quite significant," said Detective Superintendent Peter Lansdown. "As the police service, it is part of our remit to investigate and prosecute these offenses as well, in conjunction with our partner agencies, and it is a responsibility we take very seriously."

"The shell was taken from an adult Green Sea Turtle that was one of less than 150 such animals left in the wild around the Cayman Islands. It is also the second turtle shell recovered in an apparent poaching incident within the past month on Grand Cayman," said Dr. Janice Blumenthal of the Department of Environment.

"Although the Department of Environment has seen a steady increase in the number of turtle nests in recent years, poaching of even a few endangered adult sea turtles can lead to a reversal of that trend very quickly." 📍

Man Arrested for Assault GBH following Single-Vehicle Collision

Shortly after 2:05AM on Sunday, 25 August, the 9-1-1 Communications Centre alerted officers to a report that a male had been overheard threatening to stab a woman known to him. The officers were provided with further information, including the details of the vehicle the man and woman were said to be travelling in. It was also ascertained that the vehicle had subsequently been involved in a collision.

Officers responded and located the vehicle which had left the roadway on Bodden Town Road, just east of Gun Square Road, and come to a stop. Officers observed a man and woman

standing outside of the vehicle, and that the woman had what appeared to be an injury to her head. EMS attended the scene and, while rendering treatment to the woman, determined that she had received stab wounds to the head.

As a result, the man, age 29 of Bodden Town, was arrested on suspicion of assault GBH. Officers also conducted a search of the vehicle and recovered a knife. The man remains in police custody as investigations continue.

The woman was transported for treatment via ambulance, and subsequently discharged. 📍

Man Assaulted and Robbed on School Road, George Town

Just after 3:15AM on Sunday, 25 August, police was dispatched by the 9-1-1 Communications Centre to a report of robbery that was said to have taken place on School Road, George Town.








It was reported that a man was attacked by another man, who was traveling along School Road. During the assault a quantity of cash was stolen from the victim's pockets. The suspect made off from the location on a bicycle. The attacker was said to have been tall, slim and have low cut hair.

The victim attended the hospital where he was treated for minor inju-

ries and then discharged. The police are seeking the assistance of anyone who may have been in the area and seen the incident take place. They are encouraged to call the George Town Police Station at 949-4222.

Anonymous tips can be provided directly to the RCIPS via our Confidential Tip Line at 949-7777, or via our website <https://www.rcips.ky/>. Tips can also be submitted anonymously via the Miami-based call centre of Crime Stoppers at 800-8477(TIPS), or online <http://www.crimestoppers.ky/submit-tip/>. 📍


WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
85°/80°F	86°/82°F	86°/82°F	87°/82°F	87°/83°F	86°/84°F	86°/84°F
Periods of sun	Partial sunshine	Clouds and sun, a shower	An afternoon shower	An afternoon shower	Partly sunny, a stray t-storm	Partly sunny

OBITUARIES

Churchill's Funeral Home

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



Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Emmanuel Ezekiel Brown "Manny", who passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. John William Turner, who passed away on Monday, August 12, 2019. Remembrance gathering at Star Fish Point on Sunday, September 01, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to remember and share stories. Please bring a drink to toast him and please, please, please come in your everyday clothes, the clothes he saw you in. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com




Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Malachi Richards, who passed away on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at West Bay Seventh Day Adventist Church on Sunday, September 01, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Mr. Richards will be repatriated to Jamaica few days after the Thanksgiving Service. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



Churchill's Funeral Home

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



The Family of **Mr. Oliver Winton Rivers** regrets to announce his passing on Thursday, 22 August 2019 at the Faith Hospital, Cayman Brac after a short illness.

A service of Celebration will take place on Saturday, 31 August 2019 at 10:00 a.m. At The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Creek. Interment immediately following at the Creek Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested that monetary donations be made to the Veteran's & Seaman's Society of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. Condolences can be registered at www.boddenfuneralservices.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The Family of the Late **Marguerite McDaniel** regret to announce her passing on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, 7 September 2019 at St. George's Anglican Church.

Interment will follow at the Prospect Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Jasmine.

Condolences can be registered at www.boddenfuneralservices.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



Thank God for Answered Prayers

By the Rev'd Christopher Pierce Rector, Saint Alban's Church www.churchofenglandcayman.org

In 1990, singer Garth Brooks had a very popular song entitled, "Unanswered Prayers." It was the follow up to "Friends in Low Places" which had dominated the American Country Music charts in the last quarter of the year. In the song, the singer realises that it was good that God had not answered some of his prayers the way he desired, which is actually a fairly profound theological point. Rather than a subservient divine equivalent to an on-command genie, God had answered the petitioner's prayer according to what was best for him rather than what he wanted. The all-knowing, unchanging, all-powerful God Almighty had been like a good parent and done what was best.

Each week in our worship service we have a particular prayer that serves to focus our thoughts on the day and last week it read thus: "Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

The Collect has us call on God to so order our prayers that we pray according to His pleasure. In James 4:3 we find this: "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." You can see the scripture's influence on the week's focus prayer.

In that most fundamental of all teaching about prayer, Jesus said to His disciples, "When you pray, pray this way: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our

daily bread..." We prayed that prayer at every service.

Now, let me share with you a personal story about how God demonstrated to our family that He was hearing our prayers and knew our desires. It still encourages us to this day and the supernatural element adds to the joy. It is an account of His faithfulness and provision in a most unexpected way.

One year, when I was in seminary, money was very tight but that's nothing odd for seminarians. We had 3 small children and had just moved to complete my graduate school training for ordination. It was nearing the Thanksgiving holiday and whilst we had more than enough food, we didn't have enough for anything special. We had told the kids and they were understanding, but then out of the blue, someone at the church had given us a cash gift which meant we would be able to get something more fitting a celebration of God's provision.

We sat the children down and told them our blessing and asked what they would like to have for the special meal. They were of one mind, they had one desire. They wanted a Honey-baked Ham...nothing else would fit the bill. So, we prayed, thanking the Lord for the gift He'd provided and thinking that the gift was making the Honey-baked Ham possible. Then the doorbell rang and another gift came into view.

At the door was a delivery man standing with his arms full. He' was holding a large Honey-baked Ham...sent three days before by an old friend whom I'd not spoken to in months. God had answered our prayers, knowing all our circumstances and providing in such a way there was no doubt as to who was behind it all. He's still in the business of answering the prayers of His people...so pray and give thanks for His perfect answers in advance.

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► Jade Pitcairn in an epic battle against Trinidad



► Emma Turnbull helped the team win bronze

Cayman national squash team bring home medals from CASA

By Lindsey Turnbull

With just a small team participating in this year's Caribbean Area Squash Association (CASA) championship, the Cayman national team took on the mighty giants of squash in the region to win bronze for the country in the men's, women's and overall team placements.

The event was CASA's senior championship that takes place each year in a different participating Caribbean location. The 2019 event took place in Guyana's capital Georgetown and participating teams were Barbados, Bermuda, BVI, Cayman Islands, Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Cayman's men's team consisted of Cameron Stafford, Jake Kelly and Julian Jervis and the women's team was Marlene West, Eilidh Bridgeman, Jade Pitcairn, Lara Conolly and Emma Turnbull. Cayman also had a vets team of Marion Goodall and Jody Jervis.

In the singles events, Cayman's top men's player, Cameron, got silver to Jamaica's top player, Chris Binnie, who took home his ninth winning trophy for Jamaica.

"The team performed well in Guyana," Cameron said. "Everyone did the country proud in all categories. I'm also happy with my performances during the tournament against the Caribbean's best. A lot of positives to take back for the team and I. It will give us more confidence to go one better for next year."

Cameron played alongside Cayman's women's top player, Marlene West, in the mixed doubles to a decisive win against Trinidad to earn themselves a gold for Cayman, while Julian Jervis and Jake Kelly gained bronze in the men's doubles and Eilidh Bridgeman and Jade Pitcairn also gained bronze in the women's doubles.

Hard fought wins

One of Cayman's youngest senior team members, Emma Turnbull, 19, said the competition was tough.

"This was my first senior CASA, having played in five junior CASA championships," she advised. "It was a big step up in competition. The hardest women's matches for the women's team were the ones against Trinidad, as Cayman needed to beat them to get the bronze.

In order to win best of five, we needed to win three, but when we played Trinidad, we all went to either four or five games. Jade Pitcairn's match was particularly nail-biting as her fifth game went to 11-13 and she saved three match balls in the process. She eventually took the match in a thrilling battle."

Emma said she refereed this match, her first time refereeing at a senior CASA event, and it pushed her heart rate through the roof.

The team's youngest player at 17, Jade said she felt like Cayman played exceptionally well over the week.

"Eilidh Bridgeman and I won bronze in the women's doubles event playing possibly our best squash yet," she said. "The team event is always my favourite event throughout the whole tournament because you are playing for your country instead of for yourself. The women's team was very strong this year and every player on the Cayman team fought hard to claim third place in the women's

category. With the help of our men and vets teams, Cayman was able to capture the third-place overall trophy which hasn't been done in many years."

Marlene had words of praise for the entire team:

"It was good to be back in the midst of Caribbean squash after a few years of being absent. I am extremely proud of the efforts of the team and am confident that we can continue to improve and get stronger within the region."



► The women's team gained bronze for Cayman Jade Pitcairn, Emma Turnbull, Eilidh Bridgeman, Lara Conolly and Marlene West



► Marlene West and Cameron Stafford played Trinidad to win gold for Cayman



► Cameron Stafford came up against stiff competition from Jamaica's Chris Binnie in the men's final

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► The Cayman team won bronze



► Cameron Stafford, Julian Jervis and Jake Kelly won bronze for Cayman

BOLSONARO DITHERS WHILE THE AMAZON BURNS

I don't know if Brazil's president, Jair Bolsonaro, plays the fiddle, but the burning of the Amazon rainforest and his handling of the crisis bear stark and troubling comparison to Rome's Emperor Nero.

It might even be worse - and in some respects it already is.

The Amazon rainforest is regarded as the lungs of the world.

So, it's understandable that if there's a crisis as serious as the burning swathes of its pristine jungle, the world would be concerned.

The G7 group of leading global clearly is. The matter dominated this year's summit in Biarritz, France.

There's no question of President Bolsonaro's culpability and complicity in this crisis.

He has actively encouraged the clearing of huge swathes of the Amazon for farming and industrial exploitation.

The resulting deforestation has been a trigger point for wildfires, some started deliberately by farmers and now burning out of control.

In an alarming turn of events, President Bosanaro has rejected an offer of a \$US22 million grant from the G7 group of nations (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States) to help battles the blazes.

Wildfires said to be the worst on record have been scorching huge swathes of the Amazon region causing untold ecological damage.

Over 9,000 fires are burning, covering an area about half the size of Brazil.

Not only are they destroying the biodiversity of the area, but are disrupting the way of life of the region's indigenous peoples, and having a wider global contributory effect to climate change.

In the strangest of paradoxes, many of the indigenous farmers are fire-starters themselves, clearing and burning land for farming - with the approval of the Bolsonaro government.

The resulting deforestation which has ballooned since Mr Bolsano took power has been accompanied by industrial exploitation - much of illegal - but ignored by the authorities.

Mining and logging are two of the main ventures and companies have been venturing deeper and deeper into the forest.

Money and politics in Brazil are at the centre of what global leaders and environmentalists are calling an outrage and are demanding a halt to the policies driving the practices.

But the right-wing populist president, known for his bellicose pronouncements, has been quite literally bulldozing his way past local and global opposition to his policy of opening up the Amazon.

His claims of pushing an economic agenda, especially by freeing of lands for small farmers have met severe criticism both at home and overseas.

Amidst growing tension over challenges to his policies Mr Bolsonaro recently fired one of his main environmental advisors.

But pressure is growing on President Bolsonaro, a close ally of the US's Donald Trump - who is also pursuing questionable environmental policies.

When the matter of the Amazon wildfires came up during the G7 summit, President Trump, who had previously pulled the US of the Paris Climate Change Accord, was noticeably absent.

But, like the Amazon fires so far, the global pressure on President Bolsonaro is unrelenting and the issue of the Amazon wildfires has - pardon the pun - spread like wildfire.

It's now global headline news and can even be seen from space...by Brazil's own space agency which, ironically, has resulted in President Bolsonaro sacking the head of the science agency for cautioning about the environment and climate change risks posed by his government's policies.

That President Bolsonaro is rejecting the G7 offer of aid to help put out the fires is no alarming.

What's even more alarming is his gas-lighting of the issue in Trumpian fashion.

His government's response to the offer of \$22 million - around half of which is pledged by the UK - is to claim that



"maybe those resources are more relevant to reforest Europe".

There is also much hostility between President Bolsonaro and his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron in particular.

Mr Macron has been an outspoken critic of the Brazilian president's environmental policies.

Adding fuel to an already flammable situation, Mr Bolsonaro is accused of mocking the French president's wife on social media, and has accused the French leader of having a "colonialist" attitude towards Brazil.

In an encouraging sign, the Brazilian government has bowed somewhat to international pressure in the past few days.

It has announced that it's sending thousands of fire-fighters to battle the blazes, and would be clamping down on illegal operations in the Amazon.

President Bolsonaro has also given what appears to have been a hint that he might accept the G7 aid after all...albeit on his own 'Trumpian' terms.

"First of all, Macron has to withdraw his insults. He called me a liar. Before we talk or accept anything from France... he must withdraw these words then we can talk," he has stated.

In the meantime, the Brazilian government has accepted a donation of 4US 5 million from the Hollywood actor Leonardo DiCaprio to help with fighting the Amazon fires.

Might he have had a stronger argument if he'd just complained that one person's offer of assistance was 25 per cent of the combined offer of the seven richest countries on the planet?

It may take some time yet before the fires and the diplomatic spat are extinguished.

Tropical Storm Dorian Makes Little Impact on Barbados, St Lucia

Tropical Storm Dorian moved across Barbados late last night and across St Lucia this morning without causing any significant damage, and is now heading into the Eastern Caribbean Sea.

Warnings and watches have been discontinued for Barbados and St Lucia which were virtually unscathed, but at 8 a.m., a tropical storm warning remained in effect for Martinique, St. Vincent and the Grenadines and Puerto Rico; and a tropical storm watch was still in place for Dominica, Grenada and its dependencies, Saba and St. Eustatius, and the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Punta Palenque and from Samana to Puerto Plata. A hurricane watch is now also in effect for Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic from Isla Saona to Samana.

The centre of Dorian passed across the southern tip of Barbados at about 10 o'clock last night and the island experienced sustained wind speeds of 38 miles per hour with gusts up to 55 miles per hour. Similar conditions persisted for the following few hours with a gradual decrease thereafter.

But no major incidents, damage or injuries were reported and the all-clear was given at 5 a.m., with provisions being made for the reopening of businesses and the public service at 10 a.m. The Grantley Adams International Airport reopened at 7 a.m.

During an early morning press briefing at the National Emergency Operations Centre, Prime Minister Mia Mottley thanked Barbadians and all agencies mobilized to ride out the storm for their compliance and commitment to ensuring that persons were safe.

However, she reminded residents that there were still three full months to go in the season, and urged them to continue their preparedness efforts, and cleaning up the country.

"The system allowed us to mobilize and focus on some areas.... The work done on Sunday made a significant difference in our state of readiness," she said.

Mottley was joined by acting Attorney General, Wilfred Abrahams; Minister of Home Affairs, Edmund Hinkson; Director of the Department of Emergency Management, Kerry Hinds; and other ministers who all gave agency updates.

Overall, Hinds indicated that there were reports of fallen trees, poles and power lines in Christ Church, St. Andrew, St. George, St. John, St. Michael and St. Thomas, while there was one report of a lifting galvanize, resulting in a lifting roof and an evacuation in St. Peter.

All reported incidents were assigned to members of the Roving Response team, the Barbados Light and Power and the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance. Water outages were also recorded in some parishes as a result of power failures by the Barbados Light and Power Company Limited.

Meanwhile, the Ionics Fresh Water Ltd. Desalination Plant, which was taken offline during the storm, is now back in operation and water tankers are being dispatched to areas still affected by water outages.

Reports also indicate that everything went well at the shelters, where a total of 103 people sought accommodation. Cleaning crews will be deployed to clean



► Prime Minister Mia Mottley joined by (from left) acting Attorney General, Wilfred Abrahams; Minister of Health and Wellness, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Bostic; Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Kirk Humphrey; Minister of Home Affairs, Edmund Hinkson as they report on the impact of Tropical Storm Dorian

the shelters, in preparation for the resumption of regular activities.

The Royal Barbados Police Force also stated that there were no reports of injury or incidents, while Minister of Housing and Lands George Payne said the 18 houses that were put on standby in the event of damage, were not utilized.

No issues were reported at the Grantley Adams International Airport or seaports, nor was there any damage to fishermen's boats. On the tourism side, there were no reports of any incidents.

After passing Barbados late last night, Dorian storm passed over St Lucia this morning, and there were no initial reports of any major damage. But the national shutdown is still in effect.

Prime Minister Allen Chastanet urged citizens to stay indoors until the all-clear was given by the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO). He said NEMO would issue a statement soon.

At 8 a.m., Tropical Storm Dorian was about 15 miles west-northwest of St Lucia, with maximum sustained winds down to 50 miles per hour, and it was moving towards the west-northwest at 13 miles per hour. But forecasters say slow strengthening is expected during the next 48 hours, and Dorian is forecast to be near hurricane strength when it moves close to Puerto Rico and eastern Hispaniola tomorrow.

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TROPICAL UPDATE

Dorian Striking Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands; Hurricane Threat Grows For Southeast U.S.

As at press time, 10am on Wednesday, Tropical Storm Dorian was striking the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, the first storm there since 2017's Hurricane Maria, and is an increasing danger to the Southeast U.S., including Florida, over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Dorian is expected to intensify once it moves past Puerto Rico.

For now, Dorian's center is expected to track to the east of the Turks and Caicos and southeast Bahamas, but that is subject to change.

Dorian is then expected to bend toward the west-northwest by Friday.

Exactly when and how sharp that leftward bend occurs will be critical in determining where Dorian strikes the southeast U.S.

The latest National Hurricane Center forecast has Dorian threatening the northwest Bahamas early this weekend, then parts of Florida, Georgia, perhaps the Carolinas later in the Labor Day holiday weekend.

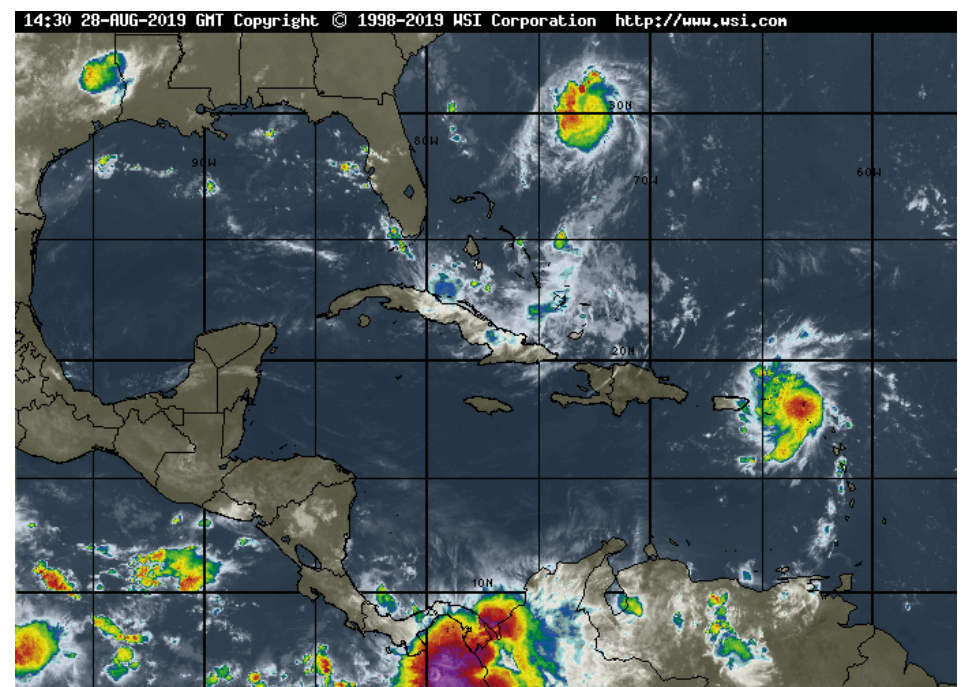
"However, there has been considerable run-to-run variability among the models, so confidence in the long-term track remains low," the NHC said in a forecast discussion early Wednesday.

Among the myriad track possibilities are a track farther north along the

Southeast coast or one slicing across the Florida Peninsula, then emerging into the Gulf of Mexico.

Furthermore, it is increasingly likely Dorian will both intensify and grow in size as it moves toward the Southeast U.S. It is possible Dorian may be a formidable hurricane by that time.

All interests in the Bahamas, the northern Gulf Coast, Florida and the Southeast coast from Georgia to the Carolinas should have their hurricane plans ready and monitor the forecast of Dorian closely.



Suggested Hurricane Supply List

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

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

Drinking Water:

- One gallon per person/per day in unbreakable containers, Avoid using containers that will decompose or break, such as milk cartons or glass bottles. A normally active person needs to drink at least two quarts of water each day. Hot environments and intense physical activity can double that amount. Children, nursing mothers, and ill people will need more.
- Don't forget to add additional water for mixing formula if you have children and for your pets. Rotate the drinking water each year.
- Food preparation and sanitation require another two quarts (minimum) per person daily.
- Purchased bottled water that has been sealed is best for storage. It meets FDA guidelines for food and is not as vulnerable to temperature changes as unsealed water

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

Water for sanitation use:

- Store extra containers of water to be used for flushing toilets, cleaning, and bathing.
- Purchase water purification tablets (Halazone) to be used if you still have running water but are told to boil water before using it. This allows you to fill the bathtub and other containers without purchasing expensive drinking water.
- **Tip:** Keep plastic containers (milk jugs and other containers) and fill them with water when a storm threatens. You can put these items in the freezer to keep food cold longer in the event that the electricity goes out.

Non-perishable Food:

- Maintain at least 3-7 days of food for each member of the family.
- Small, preferably single serving cans (should not require cooking or refrigeration). Dried fruit, peanut butter and jelly, coffee, tea, soft drinks and pet foods.
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables.
- Canned juices, milk, soup (if powdered, store extra water).
- Staples – sugar, salt, pepper in water proof containers.
- High energy foods like crackers, granola bars, trail mix.
- Raw vegetables that do not need refrigeration.
- Fresh bread.
- Comfort/stress foods – cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereals, lollipops, **instant coffee, tea bags.**
- Sterno for cooking.
- Vitamins
- Food for infants
- Paper cups, plates, and plastic utensils
- Non-electric can opener
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic storage containers
- Lots of ice (you can freeze your water supply)
- Pedialyte (to restore hydration if needed)
- **Tip:** Purchase only items that you like to eat and would eat even without a storm. Rotate these items by using them Dec-May each year and purchasing new items Jan-May. This allows you to reduce the cost of

buying items for a hurricane kit at one time and keeps the items fresh. **Yes even canned goods have a shelf life!**

Baby Needs:

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

Sanitation

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

First Aid Kit

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

Non-Prescription Drugs

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

Prescription Drugs

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

Clothing and Bedding

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



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

Entertainment

- Games
- Books
- Cards
- Extra batteries for gamesColoring books, crayons.

Miscellaneous

- Wind-up or battery-operated clock
- Paper, pencil
- Needles, thread
- Camping utensils
- Map of the area (for locating shelters) and returning to the area.
- Cash or traveler's checks
- **Tip:** Have enough cash to sustain you through a 2 week period. Without electricity, most businesses (if open) will not accept credit cards and may not accept traveler's checks.
- Emergency preparedness manual
- Citronella candles

Not evacuating and staying home?

- Ensure you have enough food, water, medications, and other supplies in your survival kit to last at least 2 weeks.
- Turn refrigerator to coldest setting and keep closed.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and other containers with water for cleaning and flushing. Additional water is stored for drinking.
- Cover all windows and other openings with hardened protections. If you do not have manufactured shutters, cut plywood and secure to protect the windows.
- Close all interior doors and brace outer doors.
- Select an interior room to use as a safe room.
- Plan as though you were evacuating and have enough cash on hand to sustain purchasing of gas, food, and other supplies in the days following the storm.
- If you have a generator, ensure you have enough gas on hand to sustain usage for several days.
- Ensure you have sufficient medications in case you are confined to your home for several days. Post-storm there may not be any electricity and pharmacies will probably closed even with a minor storm.
- Plan to cook on a camp stove or grill in the days immediately after the storm passes.

GLOBAL NEWS BRIEFS

Trudeau aura tainted as elections approach

With Canada's general elections approaching in October, its Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, must be worried of staying in power.

Mr Trudeau started his term in 2015 by presenting a gender-balanced, multicultural Cabinet, which he said was a signal that his Liberal government would pursue policies of social equality at home, the "highest ethical standards" in government and Canadian leadership abroad.

Just 43, movie-star handsome and bearing one of the most famous names in the country's politics, Mr Trudeau sparked hopes at his inauguration that he would raise Ottawa's clout and visibility around the world simply through the force of his personality.

But four years later, Cabinet resignations, a damaging ethics scandal, the grind of governing and battles with the provinces have dimmed Mr Trudeau's lustre. Canada's 23rd prime minister is now facing a tough battle for a second term in Oct. 21 elections.

"He started out by taking this high-toned, morally uplifting plan to lift hundreds of thousands of people out of poverty, a dedication to the environment, and especially a change towards women and aboriginals," said Pat Gossage,



► Justin Trudeau's popularity has collapsed

founder of Media Profile and onetime press secretary to Mr Trudeau's father, former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. "That's all backfired."

Mr. Trudeau's highest-ranking aboriginal Cabinet minister, Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould, resigned this year after accusing her boss of pressuring her to reduce criminal charges against the Montreal-based SNC-Lavalin, a politically connected global engineering firm that is one of the corporate crown jewels of Mr Trudeau's political base of Quebec. Though Ms Wilson-Raybould and an official ethics inquiry found Mr Trudeau broke no laws, the long-running investigation tarnished his political brand just as the election season was gearing up. 🌐

Philippines promotes retirement idyll

The Philippines is becoming one of the most attractive places in the world for tranquillity, quality of life and affordability.

Whether someone is spending their golden years sitting outside a villa with sunset views and sea breezes, or with their feet propped up in a penthouse within a bustling city, their dream retirement home could be in the Philippines.

Its geographic diversity, tropical climate, relatively low-cost services and facilities and proximity to the rest of Southeast Asia has made the Philippines an appealing option for expats and retirees alike.

Data from the Philippine Retirement Authority, a government-owned corporation mandated to develop and promote the country as a retirement haven, shows that there are over 64,500 foreign retirees currently living in the Philippines.

Most of them (83 percent) are Asians, with people from China top-



► The Philippines is a magnet for expat retirees

ping the list. The US, the UK, Germany, and Australia are also among the top 10 sources of foreign retirees in the country.

In the Philippines, retirees can lead a comfortable life for less than US\$1,000 per month, including accommodation, dining out and domestic travel. The country also offers many good business and investment opportunities due to its steady growth.

For those looking at the Philippines as a potential retirement destination, PRA recommends Dumaguete, Cebu, Davao and Makati in Metro Manila. 🌐

First Lady is going to prison

Honduran Supreme Court has found the ex-First Lady Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo guilty of siphoning funds from programs designed to help poor children in a case that became known as "Caja Chica de la Dama" (The Lady's Box). The Court delivered the sentence after press time.



► Rosa Elena Bonilla de Lobo misappropriated \$770,000

Mrs Bonilla is facing between 58 and 87 years in jail as the Tegucigalpa court convicted her of three counts of misappropriation and eight of fraud. Between 2010 and 2014 - at the time her husband Porfirio Lobo was the country's president - the former First Lady diverted to her own account up to US\$770,000 in public funds, including international donations for social programs.

She then used the money to cover personal expenses, such as construction projects, medical bills, jewellery or her children's education.

Mrs Bonilla was arrested early last year along with her brother-in-law and was charged with running a money laundering ring.

Mrs Bonilla's former private secretary Saúl Escobar Puerto was also pronounced guilty, while her brother-in-law, Mauricio Moro Padilla, was acquitted.

Mrs Bonilla's lawyer, as media reported, said she will seek to overturn the sentence, while her husband said he "will not rest until his Rose is free." He has already announced he would appeal to Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, if needed.

US Federal prosecutors accused earlier this month Mr Porfirio Lobo and his successor, Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, of "receiving campaign contributions from cocaine traffickers in exchange for protection," but both Mr Lobo and Mr Hernández denied the accusations. 🌐

Cubans not allowed on own beaches

Cuba's constitution guarantees its people access to its beaches, but many locals are unable to enjoy the island's pristine white sands and crystal-clear blue waters.

While foreign tourists flock to such paradisiacal Havana sites as Varadero, which was this year named the second most-beautiful beach in the world

by American travel website TripAdvisor, Cubans are typically found elsewhere.

"Not many tourists come here," said 43-year-old Rey Gonzalez, who was enjoying a day at Guanabo, a beach east of the capital.

Guanabo's sand isn't as white and the water not quite as clear as Varadero's, but that mattered little to Mr Gonzalez, who was there with his family.

"For me, all the beaches are the same: the sand, the sea ... you don't see the difference when you're swimming," said Mr Gonzalez.

Guanabo beach may not be the best or prettiest beach in Havana, but it's the only one that's easily accessible to locals. Like everything else in communist Cuba, beaches are a political issue,



► Cubans are prevented from certain beaches

although tourism officials deny this.

Despite the official party line, dissidents like the late writer Reinaldo Arenas complained that they couldn't go to certain beaches that were reserved for members of trade unions.

Likewise, for many years, Cubans were banned from hotels, and today they're still not allowed to board boats. Another reason Cubans are kept off their island's beaches is tourism.

Last year's 4.75 million visitors brought in US\$3.3bil, money the Cuban government sorely needs as it struggles under crippling US sanctions.

At least one hotel in Varadero advertises an exclusive beach, and locals say over-zealous security guards kick them off hotel beaches. 🌐

Desperate Venezuela now using euros

From supermarket checkouts in the capital Caracas to electronics stores in the central city of Maracay, Venezuelans struggling with hyperinflation and a deep economic crisis are turning to a new form of currency - euros.

Runaway inflation that has made even large piles of the local bolivar currency worthless - combined with the socialist government's relaxation of restrictions on the use of foreign currency - has encouraged Venezuelans to turn to dollar bills for everyday transactions in the past year.

But in the past four months, euros have also started proliferating in markets and stores in the South American country.

With the stock of dollars in circulation still far greater than euros, Venezuelan merchants tend to quote items at the same price in the European and US currency - ignoring the euro's higher value on international markets.

"That's just how it works here," said Oscar Ramirez, an electronics trader at the City Market shopping centre in eastern Caracas' Sabana Grande neighbourhood, who was quoting phones at the same price in both currencies.



► Venezuelans are relying on euros now

The increased use of euros follows the United States imposing a series of sanctions on the OPEC nation's oil industry.

With the US financial system closed to state oil company PDVSA, as Washington tries to cripple the finances of Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro's administration, the company has asked clients to make payments for crude exports in euros.

And with international companies increasingly hesitant to pay using traceable bank transfers for fear of being hit with US sanctions themselves, PDVSA has collected payment for at least two shipments of exported crude in euros cash via intermediaries. 🌐

Revellers swelter at Carnival

Britain has seen the hottest late August Bank Holiday Monday ever, as temperatures soared across the UK. Daytime temperatures in the UK were as high as the Cayman Islands.

Temperatures reached 33.2C (91.8F) at Heathrow by mid-afternoon the Met Office said, beating the previous record of 28.2C set two years ago.

The blazing sunshine of the hottest Bank Holiday Monday on record provided the perfect backdrop for the vibrancy of Notting Hill Carnival.

The leafy trees across the west London suburb provided shade for thousands of revellers to enjoy the booming sounds of the parade as it went by.

Music filled the streets as people piled out to mark the long-standing celebration of Caribbean heritage in the capital. It was the 60th staging and over one million people attended on both days.



► The 60th Notting Hill Carnival was the hottest

Trawsgoed near Aberystwyth saw the top temperature of 24.3C in Wales, while Scotland's highest was 24C at Fyvie Castle in Aberdeenshire. In Northern Ireland, thermometers peaked at 21.2C in Killowen.

On Sunday, the record for the hottest late August Bank Holiday weekend was broken, with a high of 33.3C.

Last month, the UK's highest ever temperature was officially recorded in Cambridge at 38.7C. 🌐

Loma skills prove he's No.1

Vasyl Lomachenko, the best boxer in the world, displays his amazing skills again this weekend, this time in London.

The brilliant Ukrainian was a formidable amateur and has boxed at world title level since turning pro six years ago. He easily tops the pound-for-pound rankings and could stay there for years. He has unbelievable speed, power, technique and footwork derived from being an accomplished dancer.

Nevertheless, Luke Campbell will produce "one of the biggest upsets in British boxing history" by beating Lomachenko, says his trainer Shane McGuigan. But that sounds like a hollow boast considering the champ's mesmerising ability.



► Luke Campbell has little chance of beating Loma

Campbell, 31, can win Lomachenko's WBA and WBO world lightweight titles on Saturday and claim the vacant WBC belt, claims his trainer. But the likelihood is slim.

Lomachenko, also 31, is a betting favourite because he boasts a stellar reputation.

"Lomachenko is not unbeatable and we have the attributes to be able to take away some of his qualities," McGuigan said. "I expect one of the best technical fights in the UK ever. Two Olympic gold medallists, two skilled fighters, full of power, speed and I expect one of the biggest upsets in British boxing history."

Loma, who took Olympic gold in 2008 and, like Campbell, at London 2012, has never boxed as a professional in the UK going into Saturday's O2 Arena bout.

He has gone on to win world titles at featherweight, super-featherweight and lightweight at record pace but acknowledges that at 5ft 7in, he will face a stiff challenge with a size and reach disadvantage given Campbell's 5ft 9in frame.

McGuigan added: "When you're moving up in weights like Loma has, he had so many more attributes as a featherweight than he does now as a lightweight. We have the frame which is a big advantage for us."

"They are both 31, Luke had 160 amateur fights roughly, Loma had 396 and lost one. But his body is seeing a lot of wear and tear. His dad is strategic with training, doing low impact stuff, maybe because there are injuries. It wouldn't surprise me if Luke were to walk him onto a shot and stop him that it came out there was an injury or something like that."

Lomachenko's incredible amateur record has resulted in 13 of his 14 professional bouts being for world titles - with just one loss on his record.



► Vasyl Lomachenko is boxing's most brilliant talent

Campbell, by comparison, patiently built to his only world title shot to date - a narrow points defeat by Jorge Linares in 2017 - and has reeled off three wins since.

"This is just the start," Hull's Campbell said. "This fight is the start of my career, that's how I get my head around it. You have to believe in yourself. I work in the gym, have ice baths, eat clean, I do it all, so why would I not believe in myself? I'd be silly not to."

"Some way, I will win this fight, by doing what I do best. I sometimes think 'I have sold a fight out in the capital, I must be doing something right'. This is what every fighter dreams of - a massive, pinnacle fight, selling out and everyone will be screaming my name, it will be amazing." 🌐

Holder wants better from batsmen

Captain Jason Holder has urged his batsmen to improve after West Indies' chastening 318-run defeat to India in the opening Test I Antigua.

Set an improbable 419 runs for victory on the penultimate day at the Vivian Richards Cricket Stadium, West Indies crumbled in quick time on a flat pitch for exactly 100.

Only number nine Kemar Roach, with a cavalier 31-ball 38 showed any resistance and he was just one of three batsmen in double figures. "Each batter has got to look at themselves seriously in the mirror," Holder said.

"We've just got to find solutions. I think more often than not we've been gifting our wickets, not letting the opposition work for our wickets and I think that's one area we can definitely focus on."

"If we are going to get out, we've got to make the opposition work hard for our wickets. I think we can go through the dismissals in this Test match and there were quite a few soft dismissals."

"Our batters definitely did not come to the party in this game. We fell short by quite a few runs. I felt the wicket has been a very good wicket."

"The initial phase with the new ball was probably the hardest point that a batsman should fear, I think after that it gets pretty easy. We just didn't get enough runs in this game."

West Indies were ripped to shreds by the superb Jasprit Bumrah, who produced high class swing bowling to finish with five wickets for seven runs from eight overs.

His new-ball partner Ishant Sharma picked up three for 31, while fellow pacer Mohammed Shami claimed two for 13. 🌐



► Jason Holder was let down by his batsmen

Crooks: Racists may get attacked by players

Racist abuse is so prevalent in football now, especially in England, that former Tottenham striker Garth Crooks fears a player could attack an abuser.

Football could experience another "Eric Cantona moment" if government action is not taken to stop the racial abuse of players, says Crooks.

Manchester United midfielder Paul Pogba and striker Marcus Rashford have been abused on social media after missing penalties in the past week.

United forward Cantona famously launched a kung-fu style kick on a Crystal Palace fan in the crowd after claiming he was abused during a game at Selhurst Park in January 1995.

"If something drastic is not done soon we might be reliving an Eric Cantona moment and, if we do, the game will only have itself to blame," said Crooks, a trustee of anti-discrimination charity Kick It Out.

"I never thought I'd be talking about footballers receiving racial abuse in this day and age, and certainly not on the industrial scale we are talking about at the moment."

"Racial abuse on social media is out of control and abuse in football grounds is not far behind."

Twitter has said it will meet any stakeholders to show the "proactive work" being done to tackle abuse after 26-year-old France international Pogba was targeted following a missed penalty in a 1-1 draw at Wolves.

Several of Pogba's team-mates - including 21-year-old England striker Rashford, who was targeted after missing from the spot during the shock 2-1 home defeat by Palace on Saturday - criticised the abuse, while England women's manager Phil Neville called for footballers to "boycott" social media.

"Phil Neville was compelled to make the point that we have to take drastic measures now as a football community. I think he's right," added Crooks.

"Managers and players must boycott social media. The Professional Footballers' Association's outstanding #Enough campaign was a start but clearly not enough."

"The game's authorities and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport have made strong



► Marcus Rashford's missed penalty led to abuse

statements denouncing these trolls, but the government must introduce legislation quickly."

World Cup winner Pogba posted a message on social media on Sunday saying racist abuse "can only make me stronger and motivate me to fight for the next generation".

"Racist insults are ignorance," he said in a message on Twitter, accompanied by a photograph showing him holding his baby alongside portraits of his late father Fassou Antoine and civil rights activist Martin Luther King.

"My ancestors and my parents suffered for my generation to be free today, to work, to take the bus, to play football." 🌐

With injuries, he had no Luck

The stunning news that Andrew Luck has decided to retire from the Indianapolis Colts at the age of 29, on the brink of the new season, has surprised the NFL community. Luck by name but not in avoiding serious injuries.

Luck may have been forced to give up his NFL career, but he is no quitter. Based on his goodbye at the podium he is evidently in pain, emotionally, now, as much as physically.

An outstanding talent at quarterback, he was drafted No 1 overall out of Stanford by the Indianapolis Colts back in 2012, following the team's decision to move on from a future Hall of Famer in Peyton Manning. Luck made the Pro Bowl, the end-of-season friendly featuring that season's best players (excluding those in the Super Bowl), during his first three seasons after guiding the Colts to the play-offs. He was elite. Trying to find a quarterback at the NFL level who is merely 'good' is hard enough.

His fourth Pro Bowl appearance came earlier this year, when Luck also claimed the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year award, having seemingly put the serious shoulder injury he suffered back in 2016 behind him.

That injury forced him to miss the entire 2017 campaign. Those with the audacity to question his toughness and character in the wake of his retirement should

consider why he didn't choose that moment to hang up his cleats. Instead he dug in. Until he could no more.

He said: "For the last four years or so, I've been in this cycle of injury, pain, rehab, injury, pain, rehab, and it's been unceasing, unrelenting, both in-season and off-season, and I felt stuck in it. The only way I see out is to no longer play football."

Luck was supposed to announce his retirement after the Colts' pre-season game against the Chicago Bears but, perhaps inevitably, the news leaked out. Meaning by the time Luck left the field, having been stood on the sidelines throughout, he was met with a cascade of boos.

Boos, remember, because in the eyes of those Colts supporters Luck has left them high and dry, with the new season set to begin on Sept. 8.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say I heard the reaction. It hurt; I'll be honest," he said.

Of course leaving the Colts in the lurch was never his intention, but as with any great sportsman, when the passion goes there is nothing else really left to play for.

This is not about money, because Luck is walking away from hundreds of millions of dollars. It is about finding a release. You would imagine those Colts supporters woke up on Sunday morning and felt differently. Hopefully.

As sporting retirements go it sits up there with the most surprising in memory given the timing of the



► Andrew Luck could not take anymore injury

announcement and Luck's profile, but this is also a chance to celebrate both the player - 171 touchdowns, a very strong career passer rating of 89.5 - but more importantly the man.

Odd as it might sound given Luck plays in a sport where 300lb defensive players are doing their best to crush him each week, Luck has always been admired for just how nice a person he is. Those same defenders were often complimented for their work by Luck while he laid out on the field. His character in the satirical 'Gridiron Heights' produced by Bleacher Report is constantly apologising for everything, to everyone. 🌐

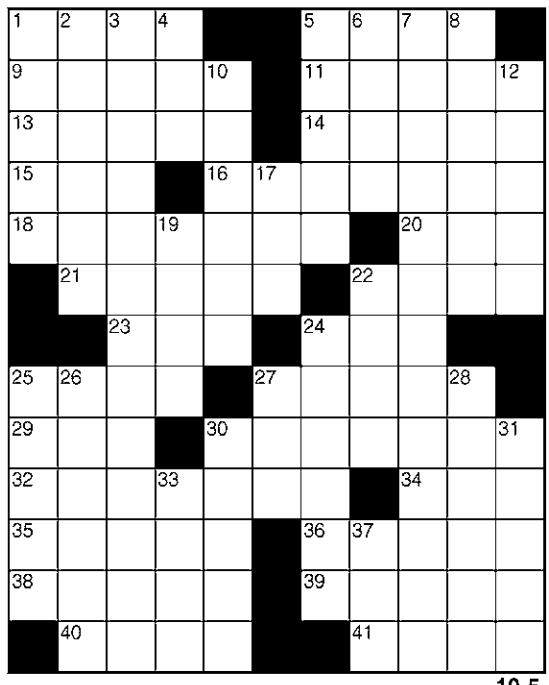
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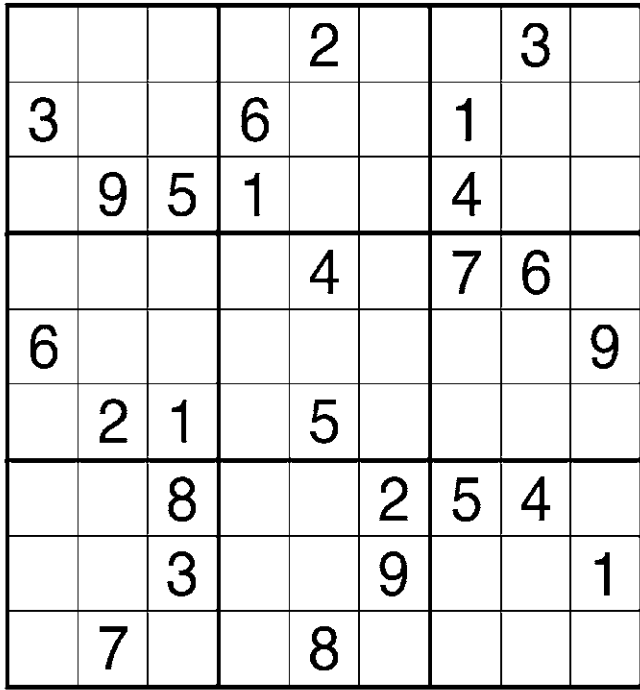


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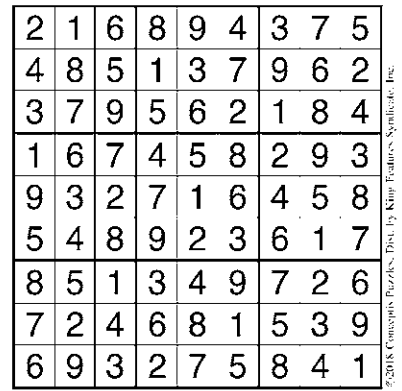
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