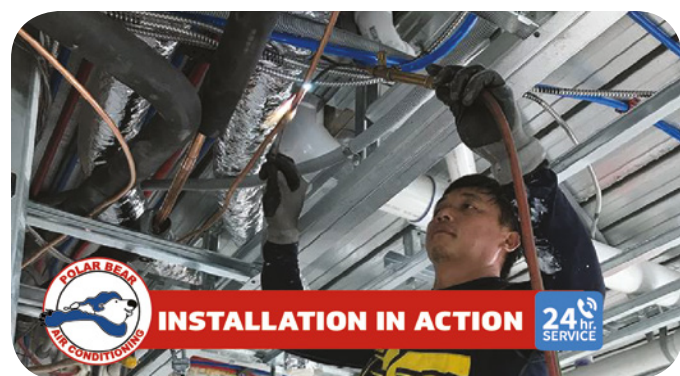




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Then and Now: From the sea to offshore

Living on a tiny island in the middle of the Western Caribbean Sea, the only way Cayman's early settlers could envision their fortunes being made was by sea. According to records, Caymanians began building boats for both trading and fishing as Cayman headed into the 19th Century. Mahogany was prolific on the island so boat builders turned to that medium for boat building. The first ship commercially built on Grand Cayman was the 'Hennen' built by James Page around 1860. Cayman-built boats were renowned for their quality throughout the region and were used for carrying cargo, mail and pleasure, but the majority were used as turtling schooners. The industry died in the late 1940s when Caymanians went to sea with big shipping companies that paid much more. According to various records, famous local ship building family names included Bodden, Arch, McTaggart, Foster, Ritch, Kirkconnell and Miller and in Cayman Brac the Scotts and Tibbets.

Cayman was also renowned for the strong rope it was able to make from the Silver Thatch tree that grew here (and is Cayman's National Tree). Caymanians



► Men unloading turtle in George Town Harbour 1020s to 1930s (Courtesy, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System)

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Lots of opportunities to meet the Royals

Although the visit to the Cayman Islands by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall may be short and sweet, there will still be a good many opportunities to meet with them as they tour the three Cayman Islands. But officials say parking will be an issue at each of the venues, so car pooling and early arrival is recommended.

Prince Charles and Duchess Camilla will be opening the Owen Roberts International Airport in Grand Cayman as soon as they touch down on Wednesday 27th March, with an official opening ceremony taking place. The public is advised that there will be clearly marked standing areas imme-

diately outside of the terminal building specifically for them. The public is recommended to arrive early and aim to be in place by 3:00pm. The car parks around the airport will be closed and there will be no parking in the immediate vicinity of the airport.

On Thursday 28th March, a bank holiday for the country, Prince Charles will be heading to the Sister Islands before heading back to Grand Cayman, while Duchess Camilla will be visiting various locations on Grand Cayman.

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► Prince Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

New RCIPS helicopter arrives



► Left to Right: The Premier, Hon Alden McLaughlin, Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne, and His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, and with the gleaming Airbus H145 which will be used by the RCIPS for law enforcement, search and rescue, and for disaster relief

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service's brand new helicopter, the Airbus H145, arrived at the Island Air Hangar on Thursday 21 March. His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper; the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin; Chief Officer for the Ministry of Human Resources & Immigration, Wesley Howell; Commissioner of Police, Derek Byrne and the RCIPS Senior Command Team and Air Operations Unit were all there when the magnificent new helicopter touched down, gleaming in the afternoon sun.

The date for the new helicopter had been brought forward because of operational difficulties putting the existing one out of action, but it is hoped that soon the Cayman Islands will have two helicopters that can be used not only

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Lots of opportunities to meet the Royals

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Prince Charles will be opening a new recreational swimming pool on Cayman Brac and the public is advised they should arrive at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex on Coastal Way in Stake Bay before 11:00am. There will be no parking in the immediate vicinity.

His Royal Highness then heads off to Little Cayman to visit the Central Caribbean Marine Institute there. Residents of Little Cayman will be able to greet the Prince of Wales on arrival and departure from CCMI. They need to be in place outside CCMI, located on North Coast Road, at 12:30pm. There will be no parking in the immediate vicinity of CCMI.

Prince Charles then flies back to Grand Cayman where he will be touring Clifton Hunter High School. Children and parents should contact the school to confirm arrangements. There will be no parking in the immediate vicinity of CHHS.

He will then visit Cayman's top attraction, the historic Pedro St. James. Public access to the reception at Pedro St James is available by dedicated shuttle bus service only. There will be no parking in the immediate vicinity of the event. The shuttle bus service will run continuously from the five locations specified below from 3:30 p.m. until 5:20 p.m. The public is invited to park in one of the remote parking lots of the provided locations, and then take the complimentary transportation to Pedro St James. Members of the public are asked to be in place at the event before 5:30 P.M. Between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. there will be no public access



► Prince Charles, Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

to Pedro St James. Following the reception, shuttle bus service will resume to the five pick-up locations.

The remote parking locations are:

- Savannah Primary School
- Savannah Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Savannah United Church
- Savannah Church of God
- Savannah Post Office

Meanwhile, the Duchess of Cornwall also has a busy programme of events lined up for her. She will begin by opening Jasmine Villa, the former Cayman Hospice-Care. A public area will be made available outside the villa, which is located behind Coconut Joe's off of West Bay Road and the public is urged to be in place 10:00am. There will be no parking available at the villa or in the immediate vicinity.

She will then head over to George Town Primary School. Children and parents should contact the school to confirm arrangements. There will be no parking at the school or in the immediate vicinity.

Allowed areas for parking will be noted in the full traffic and road advisory which will be published by the RCIPS on Monday, 25th March. 🌐



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World Water Day Message

By Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Minister for Education, Youth, Sports, Lands and Agriculture

Today we are proud to celebrate World Water Day, and the 2019 theme "Leaving no one Behind".

In 2010 the United Nations recognised that the "right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation is a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights." Sadly, today billions of people are still living without safe water.

Gratefully here in the Cayman Islands we have access to safe and sustainably managed water for all; and that is thanks, in large part, to the work of Water Authority - Cayman.

Since its inception the Authority has been hard at work building a water infrastructure that supports the needs of the people of the Cayman Islands. Its network covers the vast majority of Grand Cayman and significant investments have been made to expand the network in Cayman Brac. Also, the Authority has plans for future service in Little Cayman.

The Authority works to ensure that when we do turn on our pipes the water is safe, by conducting routine testing of the public water supply distribution network.



► Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Minister for Education, Youth, Sports, Lands and Agriculture

Water is an essential building block of life. Not only is it essential to quench thirst or protect health; water is vital for creating jobs and supporting economic, social, and human development.

This World Water Day, we are proud to recognise this important aspect of the Authority's work and the women and men who strive every day to ensure all of the Cayman Islands has access to pure and wholesome water. 🌐

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PUBLIC PARKING & TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Public access to the reception at Pedro St James Castle is available by dedicated shuttle bus service only. The public is invited to park in one of the remote parking lots and take the complimentary shuttle buses to Pedro St James.

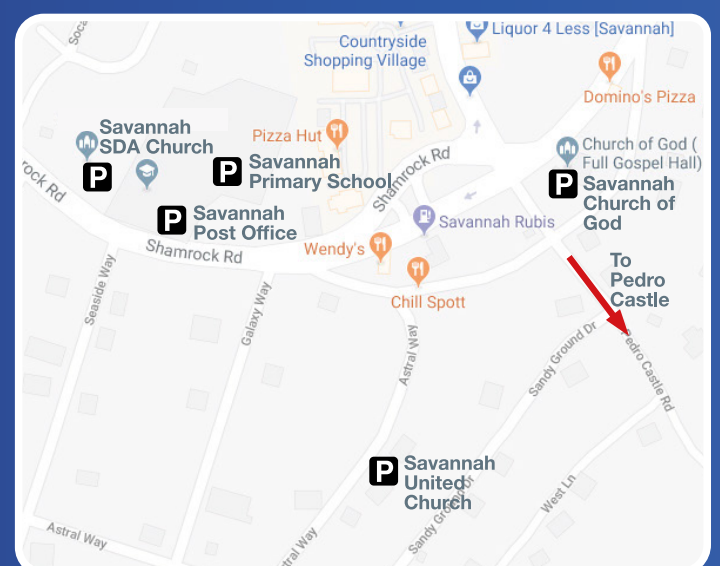
There is no public parking around the event site.

Complimentary shuttle bus service will run from five remote parking lots and will run continuously from 3:30pm until 5:20pm. Between 5:30pm and 7:30pm, there will be no public access to Pedro St James.

Following the reception, complimentary shuttle bus service to all five remote parking lots will resume.

REMOTE PARKING LOCATIONS

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- Savannah Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Savannah United Church
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Interest rates to remain stable for 2019

Last week Wednesday the US Federal Reserve Board issued a statement saying interest rates would not be raised for the rest of this year. This is good news for borrowers whose mortgage rates and credit card interest rates that are linked to Prime rate changes should remain stable until 2020, but bad news for people with savings in the bank looking to receive better returns on their money.

According to a release by the Federal Reserve Board - The United States' Central Bank - the decision was made because of sluggish economic growth, despite the strength in the employment market.

"Information received since the Federal Open Market Committee met in January indicates that the labor market remains strong but that growth of economic activity has slowed from its solid rate in the fourth quarter," a statement said.

While the US unemployment rate remained low, recent indicators pointed

to slower growth of household spending and business fixed investment in the first quarter of 2019, the Fed said, while inflation for items other than food and energy remained at 2 per cent, so their longer-term inflation expectations have not changed much.

In order to retain maximum employment and price stability the Fed said they would maintain the target range for Fed Funds at 2-1/4 to 2-1/2 percent. This would keep US rates at around 1 per cent under the long-term average by the end of this rate hike cycle.

"In light of global economic and financial developments and muted inflation pressures, the Committee will be patient as it determines what future adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate may be appropriate to support these outcomes," the Fed said.

What that means is that this a pause in the interest rate hike cycle with the next



► Federal Reserve Holds Interest Rates Steady

hike likely being delayed until 2020, and then experts believe there is only one

more hike of around 0.25 percent penciled in.

RUBiS Launches 2019 RUBiS Top Student Program

RUBiS Cayman Islands launched the RUBiS Top Student 2019 awards program this week opening the submission period for the program which aims to recognise, reward and motivate children with a financial grant to pursue their passions.

The contest is open to students aged 7-12 in the Cayman Islands who demonstrate enthusiasm towards activities they are passionate about such as; fine arts, performing arts, sports, STEM activities or academic achievement.

With \$15,000 worth of prizes up for grabs RUBiS Top Student entries will be assessed by two independent judging panels who will select 10 finalists. Nine finalists will receive a financial grant of \$1,000 each, and one lucky finalist will be selected to win the grand prize of \$5,000.

Speaking about the launch of the RUBiS Top Student contest, Mr Jermaine Sharpe, Head of Marketing and Sales, RUBiS Cayman Islands said;

"RUBiS understands the best way to encourage the youth of Cayman Islands is to provide a financial grant which would assist young people with the necessary tools they need to further pursue and develop their passions.

A RUBiS Top Student is someone who exhibits drive, determination, dedication and enthusiasm for their chosen passion - whether it's football, ballet, tennis, chess, painting or playing an instrument.

We understand that there are many educational grants available in the Cayman Islands but these are usually reserved for older children who are in high school or looking to move onto

third level education. We feel that the 7-12 age group is just as important as this is a time that children are starting to develop long term interests.

Every day we see parents pulling into our service stations as they drive their children around to all their various activities. It's a tough job for these parents and if we can help make life a little easier for them with a financial grant towards their children's activities, we are pleased to do so," Mr Sharpe said.

The contest opened 19 March 2019 and applications can be submitted until 5pm on 12 April 2019. One of the grants will be designated for a special needs student who participates.

In its third edition, the biennial contest was first launched by RUBiS Cayman Islands in 2015 and to date has donated over \$42,000 in financial grants to over 30 students in the Cayman Islands.

Students, with their parents or legal guardian's permission, can enter by completing an online application and submitting a video showcasing the entrant's skill and talent in the area of submission on www.rubiscaymanislands.com





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Steve Ali Joins HighWater as Head of Client Relations

The directors of HighWater Limited are pleased to announce the promotion of Mr. Steve Ali to the role of Head of Client Relations. In this newly created position Steve Ali will manage the Client Relationship team consisting of eight staff members and will report to the directors of Highwater.

Mr. Ali joined HighWater in 2014 with over 20 years of experience, having previously worked in managerial roles at Citco and PWC. HighWater's founder Mr. Gary Linford commented: "We are fortunate to have Steve working with us. He is extremely well liked by his clients, highly respected and exemplifies the quality of support enjoyed by HighWater's directors."



► Mr. Steve Ali

THEN AND NOW

Our new series takes us back in time to appreciate how far we have come as a nation. This week we focus on the development of industry in the Islands.

From the sea to offshore

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exported the rope to Jamaica in particular and according to Cayman Islands National Archives' records, in 1907 515,000 fathoms were exported at five pounds a hundred fathoms, going up to 15 pounds per hundred fathoms just two years later. The sale of rope provided the only income for many families at the time.

A natural progression from the boat building industry, and also as a result of Cayman's plentiful supplies, was the catching of turtles, to be used and consumed locally or to be sold to passing ships. But by the late 19th century Cayman's stock of turtles was depleted and turtlers had to go to the cays and banks of Central America in search of turtles, an often-perilous voyage that was made even more dangerous by the prevalence of hurricanes in the Caribbean.

Industry takes a new route

In 1966 the passing of the Banks and Trust Companies Regulation Law was to make the most profound impact on industry that the islands had ever experienced, and would pave the way, in just a few decades' time, for a massive shift in careers for local people. This law allowed the licensing and supervision of institutions looking to carry out general banking or trust business (Category A licenced) or offshore business only (Category B licenced).

In 1953 the first commercial bank opened its doors in Dr Roy McTaggart's dental parlour on South Church Street, a sub-branch of Barclays Bank of Jamaica.

Cayman has since gone on to develop into one of the world's most successful offshore financial centres, excelling at the establishment of investment funds and captive insurance companies. According to statistics from the Economic and Statistics Office, in 2017 there were 40,856 people in employment in the Cayman Islands, the vast majority (just over 29,000) were employed in some kind of clerical, service or professional capacity and only just over a thousand employed in skilled fishery/agriculture positions.

Tourism in Cayman was tremendously boosted by the development of the Owen Roberts International Airport in



► Royal Bank of Canada, 1964/1965 (Courtesy the Cayman Islands national Archive Photographic Collections)

1953 on Grand Cayman. The industry was officially recognised in the Cayman Islands in 1965 with the passing of the Tourist Board Law, creating an entity designed to promote Cayman as a vacation destination. According to CINA records, Commissioner Sir Alan Cardinall who served in Cayman from 1934 to 1941, thought "Grand Cayman has what is probably the most perfect bathing beach in the West Indies", while Commissioner Andrew Morris Gerrard (1952-1956) was recorded as stating that Grand Cayman's greatest asset after its "invisible export of seamen, was the stretch of white sand on Seven Mile Bay".

Cayman's tourism industry has grown tremendously since the early legislation as passed, with Seven Mile Beach being voted one of the best beaches in the world in recent years, proving those early commissioners correct in their assessments. Some of the world's top hotels and resorts have accommodation in Cayman, with both the Hilton and Hyatt brands slated for development here in the near future. The more than two million visitors to Cayman (as at the end of 2017) would most certainly also agree.

In 2017 there were 63,415 residents in Cayman, 35,878 of whom were Caymanian and 27,537 of whom were not, indicating the high level of immigration

that has occurred over recent years to accommodate Cayman's growing industries of both financial services and tourism.



► Butterfield Bank's former Fort Street headquarters, Courtesy Butterfield Bank



► Butterfield built its brand-new headquarters in 2006



► Local craftsman Alan Ebanks demonstrates the art of plaiting silver thatch

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Dr. Ivan Eubanks Selected by U.S. Department of State for Prestigious English Language Specialist Assignment

The U.S. Department of State announced the selection of Dr. Ivan Eubanks of the University College of the Cayman Islands for a one-month English Language Specialist project focusing on academic writing for publication in Pakistan at the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Dr. Eubanks is part of a select group, as one of approximately 80 U.S. citizens each year selected to serve on an English Language Specialist assignment.

Dr. Eubanks served for eight years as Editor in Chief of the *Pushkin Review*, an international, bi-lingual, peer-reviewed journal. He has also served in an editorial capacity for *Educational Studies, WR*, and other publications. He has extensive training in curricular design and writing pedagogy, and has trained university faculty and administrators in those areas in Russia, Mexico, Honduras, and the U.S. In Pakistan, he will work with early-career faculty from around the country in their endeavors to prepare their research for publica-

tion in international, English-language, peer-reviewed journals.

The English Language Specialist Program is the premier opportunity for leaders in the field of teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) to enact meaningful and sustainable changes in the way that English is taught abroad. Through projects developed by U.S. Embassies in more than 80 countries, EL Specialists work directly with local teacher trainers, educational leaders, and ministry of education officials to exchange knowledge, build capacity, and establish partnerships benefiting participants, institutions, and communities in the United States and overseas.

Since 1991, the English Language Specialist Program has sent hundreds of TESOL scholars and educators abroad to promote English language learning, enhance English teaching capacity, and foster mutual understanding between the U.S. and other countries through cultural exchange. On assignment, EL Specialists may conduct intensive teacher training,

advise ministries of education or participate in high-level educational consultations, and offer plenary presentations at regional, national or international TESOL conferences. These projects are challenging and those selected represent the best of the U.S. TESOL community. In return, the program provides professional development opportunities to help participants experience different cultures and build skills that can greatly enhance their TESOL careers back home.

English Language Specialists are counted among the more than 50,000 individuals participating in U.S. Department of State exchange programs each year. The Specialist Program is administered by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University.

For further information about the English Language Specialist Program or the U.S. Department of State, please visit our elprograms.org/specialist, contact us by telephone at 202-632-6452, or e-mail ECA-Press@state.gov.



► Dr. Ivan Eubanks

New RCIPS helicopter arrives

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for law enforcement, but for enhanced search and rescue. The new helicopter, in particular, has higher specifications, including a greater range than the existing one, and it is envisioned that it can be used to help other islands in the region in the event of a hurricane or other natural disaster. It also has a winch capability, and a search and radar system. It can also carry up to eight passengers.

The new RCIPS helicopter was jointly funded by the Cayman Islands and the United Kingdom, with around a quarter of the US\$11 million cost being paid for by the UK's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund and the rest being paid for by the Cayman Islands Government. The operation of two helicopters will provide year round 24/7 cover and the ability to assist other territories in the region in times of crisis and disaster.

Police Commissioner Derek Byrne said: "This greatly enhances our national security apparatus here on the Islands dealing border security and criminal interdiction in our territorial waters. It also assists us with medivac and will assist us with search and rescue the helicopter has advanced avionics, and it has just arrived on the island and we are very pleased to have it. We should thank the Premier and the Governor for the work they did in accelerating the delivery of the helicopter here. I had a ride in it a while ago with my senior command team. It's an outstanding piece of equipment, and it is going to be put to great use here in the Cayman Islands. It carries two medivac stretchers now instead of one, it carries more passengers and a bigger space, and it allows for greater range, and we can add extra fuel tanks in case we need it to go even longer distances."

H.E Governor Martyn Roper said: "I want to say thank you to so many people who have helped bring this about - first of all the Honorable Premier whose vision did so much to make this UK/Cayman jointly funded second helicopter a



► The Premier, Hon Alden McLaughlin, Commissioner of Police Derek Byrne, and His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, pictured with members of the Air Operations Unit and RCIPS Senior Command Team

reality. Of course we now have a second helicopter and it is really important that it gives us greater resilience. This is a state-of-the-art piece of equipment and we have that now on the Cayman Islands for law enforcement, medivacs, air & sea rescue, and for helping other territories facing natural disasters. I think that's a really positive step forward for the islands."

Hon. Alden McLaughlin said "I just want to pay tribute to the entire team that have worked so hard to get the helicopter here this early and I have to say to you I like working with this Governor, he helps us get things done in a way I've rarely ever seen."



► The Premier, Hon Alden McLaughlin, His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper, and senior officials get shown inside



► The new RCIPS helicopter lands at Owen Roberts International Airport



► The new helicopter touches down

BREXIT: THE OTs WATCH AND WAIT

By Michael L Jarvis, London UK

A call by the Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo that the UK should revoke Article 50 to leave the European Union is worthy of attention.

Mr Picardo has said that the fact a decision on whether to grant an extension to the Article 50 negotiating period is in the hands of the EU should serve as a warning.

It's one of the rare occasions in which a leader of a British Overseas Territory has directly intervened to voice a position on the ongoing Brexit negotiations.

Britain's Overseas Territories (OTs), barring Gibraltar, have in the main been standing on the Brexit sidelines as observers to the unfolding drama between the 'mother country' and the European Union (EU).

Gibraltar was the only which had a vote in the 2016 referendum, due to its contiguous EU mainland border with Spain, and long-standing Spanish territorial claims which have been a feature of the Brexit negotiations.

But now Chief Minister Picardo has taken the bold step of directly inserting himself into other aspects of the Brexit debacle...and with good reason.

Like the other OTs, Gibraltar will be affected by the break-up.

The UK and the EU are embroiled in a tense, though not quite yet acrimonious, divorce which holds long-term implications for the OTs - as any divorce would for children of the partners who are splitting up.

There is acrimony but it's more within the UK, especially at the political level and filtering down through the masses.

The country is woefully divided over this issue.

The same split that determined the outcome of the 2016 referendum (52% to 48%) is now evident almost to the same degree with fractures in parliament and amongst the people.

The country is caught in a Brexit bind and is now relying on the good graces of the EU to allow it an exit of the least friction.

That hope is becoming more and more difficult as intransigence, intractability and political opportunism seem to

be the order of the day at all levels of the UK body politic.

Divisions within the government, the ruling Conservative Party, and the official opposition Labour Party have dragged the country down a dark alley of an almost irreversible stalemate.

Recovery from this is going to be long and difficult and it will require leadership beyond the limitations of the calibre now being exhibited.

For the OTs, mere voiceless spectators to this charade, it's a wait and see game.

Whichever way Brexit falls will impact the OTs - and at this stage, the outlook, despite commitments from the UK - are not encouraging, especially economically.

Projections of the future post-Brexit UK tend to reflect the views and expected fortunes of who's making the predictions.

Brexiters see 'visions of sunlit uplands', Remainers agonise over economic uncertainty.

Somewhere between is a glimmer of rationality that in the current and immediate future global economic climate, things for the UK and more likely to get worse before they get better.

In the main, it's a game of wait-and-see.

And that is equally the position of the OTs; a matter of wait and see - and cheer team UK from the sidelines without quite having a say.

Brexit, like cricket, seems to be a game of uncertainties.

And that's where the comparisons end, for, unlike cricket, Brexit's uncertainties are anything but glorious.

And to a large degree, they are both games.

Unlike cricket, especially the Ashes series between England and Australia, it's not a simple matter of planning for the next series.



► Theresa Mary May, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Leader of the Conservative Party

The difference with Brexit is that the political brinkmanship evidenced all through the process by British governments - under Cameron and May - have been unnecessarily and dangerous risky for the country.

Mrs May especially, while understandably repeatedly pledging to uphold British democracy in the outcome of the referendum - as unpalatable and unexpected as it might have been for her - has demonstrated an inability to be flexible, or an unbending commitment to being set in her ways.

The mess has not been created by the EU despite some emerging suggestions that the current stalemate is due to the EU via it's Brexit negotiating arm, in the European Commission.

There has in fact been some flexibility on the part of the EU which is facing the prospect of a major internal trading partner (the EU is the UK's biggest trading partner), and a top net budget contributor.

And there's a plethora of other important and long-standing arrangements with must be unravelled even before trade negotiations start.

Brexit is the UK's biggest and most far-reaching political decision in a generation and it holds implications for generations to come.

Unless, as seen by some top European Union officials, a new generation of British leaders will seek to rejoin the EU.

But before that, Britain must complete its self-inflicted messy process of leaving the EU.

The UK is seeking an extension of Article 50 under which it had previously agreed - negotiated even - with the EU to leave on March 29th.

Many dates are being tossed around after Prime Minister Theresa May's hardline stance on her 'red lines' became increasingly blurred in the face of mounting political pressure at home - in her own cabinet, party and in parliament.

As the clichéd saying goes: 'however the cookie crumbles, at the end of the day, we are all in this together'.

It could very well mean, that in spite of the conclusion of the UK Parliament Foreign Affairs Committee's conclusion that it has not seen an appetite for it, a way will have to be found for the OTs to have a voice in this matters as ultimately, they are also affected.

In divorce proceedings, even the children have a voice as their future too is at stake.

The coming week will be crucial...as will the weeks after that. 🌐



► British Parliament

POLICE NEWS

Man Found Deceased on Watering Place Road on Cayman Brac in Suspected Hit and Run

Just before 4AM on Friday morning, the 9-1-1 Communications Centre dispatched police and emergency services to a report of a man unresponsive in the street on Watering Place Road on Cayman Brac in the vicinity of the Esperanza Bar. Police and emergency services, including a doctor, responded to scene, where the man was pronounced dead. No vehicle was present at the scene and circumstances strongly suggest a hit-and-run.

Officers have closed Watering Place Road in the vicinity of Esperanza Bar for investigation; the road is expected to be closed throughout the morning. Traffic is being diverted through Anne Tatum Road and Ashton Reid Drive.

Anyone with any information about this incident, including anyone in the vicinity at the time who may have seen a speeding vehicle or damaged vehicle, is asked to please contact the **Cayman Brac Police Station at 948-0331**. In-



formation can also be passed directly to police anonymously on our website <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip/>, or

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Greenhouse, Deloitte dominates week 3 in CIFFA CoEd League

CoEd Teams were on fire for week 3 of the Burger King Flag Football CoEd League. First game under the lights was a nail-biting one between Maples and Burger King. Deontae Andrews was the recipient and scorer for most of Maples throws, courtesy of Cindy Joe. Andrews scored three touchdowns total, with Raven adding extra points. However, Burger King also had an agenda of their own with Quarterback Gary Rutty providing touchdown opportunities to Angel Rutty, Betsy Smith, Richard Campbell and Ryan Smith. The game will end with Burger King topping Maples 25-24.

Field 2 also had a heated matchup between Bogle Insurance vs Magnum Chargers. Bogle had some great offensive plays by Khadijah Chisholm and Rupert Whittaker. Albert Whittaker was also a force for his team both offensively and defensively. The game ended in Bogle's favour 23-6.

The 7:30 matchups featured Deloitte up against Glasshouse. Glasshouse struggled on offense throughout the game but managed to maintain a strong defence overall. Despite Abdull Patterson scoring the only touchdown for Glasshouse, they would still come up short against Deloitte, who had touch-

downs scored by Carly Dignam, Anya Edun and Chris Bennett, courtesy of their Quarterback James Stephen. The game ended in Deloitte's favour 25-6.

On field 2, Tribe Tattoo went up against Dolphin Discovery. Andrew Wisdom supplied Maurice McLaughlin and Maleke Ebanks with touchdown opportunities. Discovery had a great game both offensively and defensively, but would lose by a touchdown. The score ended 12-7 in favour of Tribe Tattoo.

The final games of the night were nothing short of exciting. Cayman National went up against Cayman Auto. In the first play of the match for Cayman Auto, Kara Rankine ran a 50 yard touchdown. Robbie Cribb quarterbacking skills provided Michael and Sarafina with touchdowns as well. However, Cayman National was also a force both offensively and defensively. Adrian Rowe scored two touchdowns and two extra points, while Daniel Cancencia scored one touchdown and an extra point. In the end, Cayman Auto will win 36-29.

On Field 2, Greenhouse challenged Cayman Water. Cayman Water was no match for the seasoned team as David Taylor's quarter back skills supplied Erica Bosch and Latoya McLean with touchdowns,



► Ryan Smith of Burger King scored a crucial TD for his team



► Carly Dignam scores the first touchdown for her team Deloitte

with Taylor adding two touchdowns in the mix. The game ended with Greenhouse blowing out Cayman Water 33-2.

Week 4 resumes next Friday, March 29 as this Friday, Ed Bush Field will

welcome the Concacaf Match between Cayman and Montserrat. For information regarding the association or game schedule please email ciffa345@gmail.com.

Cayman's Equestrians Meet the International Challenge

By Eve van den Bol

Recently, the Cayman leg of the annual international equestrian competition among the Caribbean Islands of Antigua, Bermuda, Barbados, Jamaica, Trinidad and the Cayman Islands took place at The Equestrian Center located on the Linford Pierson Highway.

The Caribbean Dressage Challenge, an event organized by the Caribbean Equestrian Association (CEA) and run locally by the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation (CIEF), enables riders from CEA member countries to compete against each other without having to travel with their horse. Instead, the judge travels from island to island, scoring each competitor's ride at an officially organized horse show in each country.

Ms. Brenda Minor, a Canadian FEI 4* judge, returned to score the event for the second year in a row. With the FEI 4* designation, Ms. Minor is qualified to judge all international competitions other than the Olympics and world championships, and as such, is one of the highest level of judges in all of North America. "Part of our sport development efforts include bringing in internationally recognized judges to the Cayman Is-

lands for our shows, especially as we are preparing our elite athletes to compete at the Adequan Global Dressage Festival in Wellington, FL in 2020 and 2021 and the CAC Games in 2022," explained Tanya Ziemniak, Chairperson of the CIEF's Horse Show Committee.

Riders competing in the CEA Dressage Challenge are ranked both individually and by country team. The country team consists of the top three adult and top three child riders based upon the difficulty of the test they ride and the scores they receive. Barbados and the Cayman Islands are the first of the six islands in the CEA to hold their 2019 Dressage Challenge. Once all of the countries in the CEA have completed their competitions, the final standing for Cayman's riders individually and for the Cayman national team will be known. Last year, the Cayman Children's Team placed 3rd overall in the Caribbean, while the Cayman Adult Team placed fourth.

Based upon this weekend's results, the CIEF has determined the Cayman Team for this year's Challenge. Representing the Adult team are Jessica McTaggart, Gina Lomas and Cathy Osborne. Kayla Mannisto, Abbey Swartz, and Leah Alberga round out the Children's team.



► Rosana Stroh scored the win in the junior section of the Introductory B Test riding Me and My Shadow

For the second year in a row, Kayla Mannisto, riding Pony Up and Jessica McTaggart riding Jolly Rancher were named Children's and Adult High Point Champions, respectively, of the CEA Dressage Challenge. Kayla and Pony Up were also named Children's High Point Champion at the CIEF's last dressage show in February. In addition to holding the CEA Dressage Challenge, the CIEF held other dressage classes for interested riders.

Winners of each of the classes held this past weekend are listed below in order of most difficult to least difficult test ridden. Dressage Challenge classes are noted with the words CEA.

- FEI Prix St. Georges (CEA) – Jessica McTaggart-Giuzio riding Loris 7
- First Level Test 3 – Adult (CEA) – Jessica McTaggart riding Blue Ridge Dream On
- First Level Test 3 – Child (CEA) – Kayla Mannisto riding Pony Up
- First Level Test 1 – Adult – Cathy Osborne riding Joey
- Training Level Test 3 – Adult (CEA) – Jessica McTaggart riding Jolly Rancher
- Training Level Test 3 – Child (CEA) – Kayla Mannisto riding Pony Up
- Training Level Test 1 – Child – Leah Alberga riding Moon Lady

- Introductory Test C – Child – Olivia Ziemniak riding Zeus
- Introductory Test C – Adult – Tami Maines riding Partenon
- Introductory Test B – Child – Rosana Stroh riding Me and My Shadow
- Introductory Test B – Adult – Tami Maines riding Partenon



► Kayla Mannisto won two classes on Pony Up and was also named Junior High Point Champion



► Rosana Stroh scored the win in the junior section of the Introductory B Test riding Me and My Shadow



► Cathy Osborne rode Joey for the win at First Level Test 1



► Leah Alberga on her pony, Moon Lady, won at Training Level Test 1

US President to Meet With Five Caribbean Leaders

As the United States continues to press for Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro to step down from office, President Donald Trump will meet with leaders of four Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and a fifth regional leader, whose countries earlier this year agreed not to recognize Maduro's latest term in office.

In a statement issued yesterday, the White House said Trump would meet with the leaders of The Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia and the Dominican Republic at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida.

It said the meeting with the Caribbean leaders "will reaffirm our strong friendship with and commitment to these countries, and signal the importance of the Caribbean to the hemisphere".

"The President will discuss his vision for our diverse relationships in the Caribbean and the potential opportunities for energy investment. The President looks forward to working with countries in the region to strengthen our security cooperation and counter China's predatory economic practices," it added.

The statement also noted that Trump would use the meeting as an opportunity to thank these countries for their support for peace and democracy in Venezuela.

The Bahamas, Haiti, Jamaica, St Lucia and the Dominican Republic voted with 15 other Organization of American States (OAS) members in supporting a resolution calling on member states "to not recognize the legitimacy of Nicolas Maduro's new term" which began on January 10 this year.

Guyana was the only CARICOM nation voting in favour of the resolution that is not attending the meeting with Trump.

In the vote taken on the same day Maduro was sworn in for a second consecutive term, Dominica, St Vincent and the Grenadines and Suriname voted no. St Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and Belize abstained, and Grenada was absent.

But CARICOM leaders have reiterated a policy of non-interference in Venezuela's affairs, offering to mediate to help the South American nation resolve its own crisis. 🌐



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Jamaica's Education Minister Forced to Resign Amid Corruption Allegations

Minister of Education, Youth and Information Ruel Reid has resigned amid allegations of corruption in his ministry. He has also stepped down from the Senate.

Prime Minister Andrew Holness made the announcement this morning, days after the opposition People's National Party (PNP) called for an investigation into alleged "cronism, nepotism, and corruption" in the Ministry.

In a brief statement, Holness said he met with Reid amid allegations in the public domain and, "in keeping with the principles of good governance", he requested and received his resignation.

"The Minister's resignation will ensure that any investigation into matters of concern will not be in any way impeded by his presence or oversight of the Ministry," the Prime Minister stated.

"The Ministry of Education Youth and Information will now fall under the temporary supervision of the Office of the Prime Minister which will start

its own review of the ministry and its agencies."

Earlier this week, Opposition Leader Dr Peter Phillips said the PNP had received information regarding misuse of public funds and corruption at the ministry, similar to what had been uncovered in the scandal at state-owned oil refinery Petrojam.

He said the issues specifically involved the Caribbean Maritime University and how funds sent to the ministry by the HEART Trust for the Career Advancement Programme as well as the Technical, Vocational, Educational and Training (T-VET) Rationalisation Project were being utilised.

"We are aware that politically connected persons are being employed as advisors but are not doing any work," Dr Phillips had claimed.

He said the situation was a clear case of misuse of public funds, and the allegations required further investigation by the authorities. 🌐

Search Begins for New Prime Minister After Haiti Government is Ousted

President Jovenel Moïse is again searching for a prime minister, after Jean Henry Céant and his Cabinet were ousted just over six months after coming to office.

The Lower Chamber of Deputies fired Prime Minister Jean-Henry Céant and his 21-member government in a no-confidence vote on Monday.

In the vote to censure the government, 93 Deputies voted in favour and six against. There were three abstentions.

Neither Céant nor any of his ministers were present for the vote. When it was taking place, the prime minister had been waiting in the Senate where he had been summoned to answer questions about five Ameri-

cans who had been arrested with an arsenal of illegal weapons in Haiti but then released at the request of the US government. The hearing was postponed because of failure to get a quorum.

Following his firing, Céant, who will remain in place as only a caretaker prime minister along with his caretaker government until his successor is chosen, said the move was "unacceptable".

"The decision is illegal and outside of the constitution," he told the Miami Herald newspaper.

Céant had been appointed by President Moïse in August 2018 to succeed Jack Guy Lafontant who resigned due to the economic crisis. 🌐



► Prime Minister Jean-Henry Ceant and his 21-member government were ousted in a no-confidence vote

Jamaica to Close Venezuelan Embassy Temporarily

Against the background of the political crisis in Venezuela, the Jamaica government has decided to close its Embassy there, for now.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Kamina Johnson Smith said in a statement this morning that the Embassy in Caracas will close its doors temporarily, on April 1.

"We have been monitoring circumstances related to the operations of the Embassy, both in the wider context of our diplomatic representation review, as well as in the particular circumstances of the mission in Caracas. The Ministry along with its Embassy have been experiencing significant challenges in the operations at the post for some time, and temporary closure is now the practical solution," she said.

During the period of that closure, the Foreign Minister explained, the management of Jamaica's relations with Venezuela will be undertaken from the Ministry's headquarters in Kingston.

Johnson Smith added that over the past two years, her Ministry has been reviewing its resident diplomatic pres-

ence overseas, due to the ever changing global environment and the emergence of new patterns of trade and investment as well as technical and economic cooperation.

And she said that later this year, there will be further announcements regarding Jamaica's diplomatic representation overseas, "including openings where we believe our presence could be mutually beneficial to us and our host country".

Venezuela's opposition leader Juan Guaidó, who declared himself interim leader last month, continues to be supported by the United States and other Western nations in his attempts to force President Nicolas Maduro from office.

Amid the political battle, citizens continue to deal with food and medicine shortages that have driven more than three million people from the country since 2015, according to the United Nations.

The UN human rights chief Michelle Bachelet also charged today that Venezuelan security forces, backed by pro-government militias, have quashed



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peaceful protests with excessive use of force, killings and torture.

Addressing the Human Rights Council, Bachelet cited allegations that the

National Police's Special Actions Force had executed 37 people in January in Caracas in illegal house raids in poor areas supporting the opposition. 🌐

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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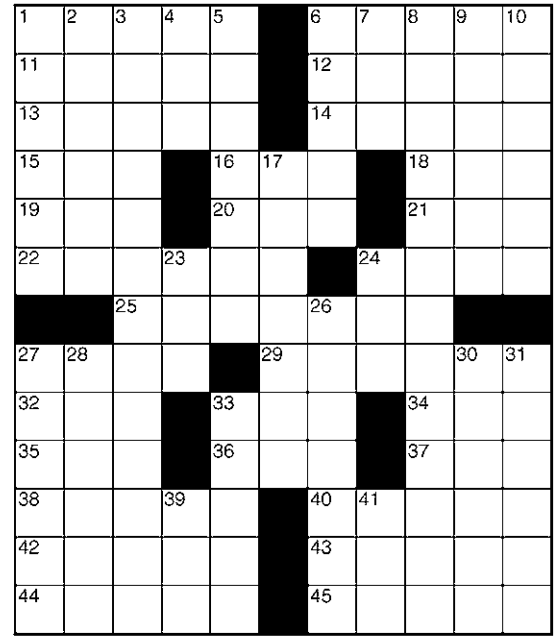


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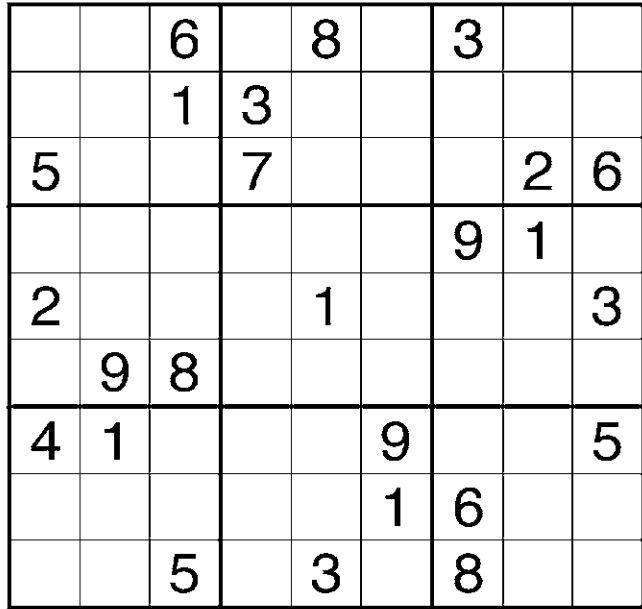
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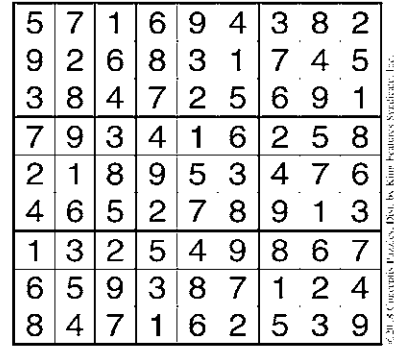
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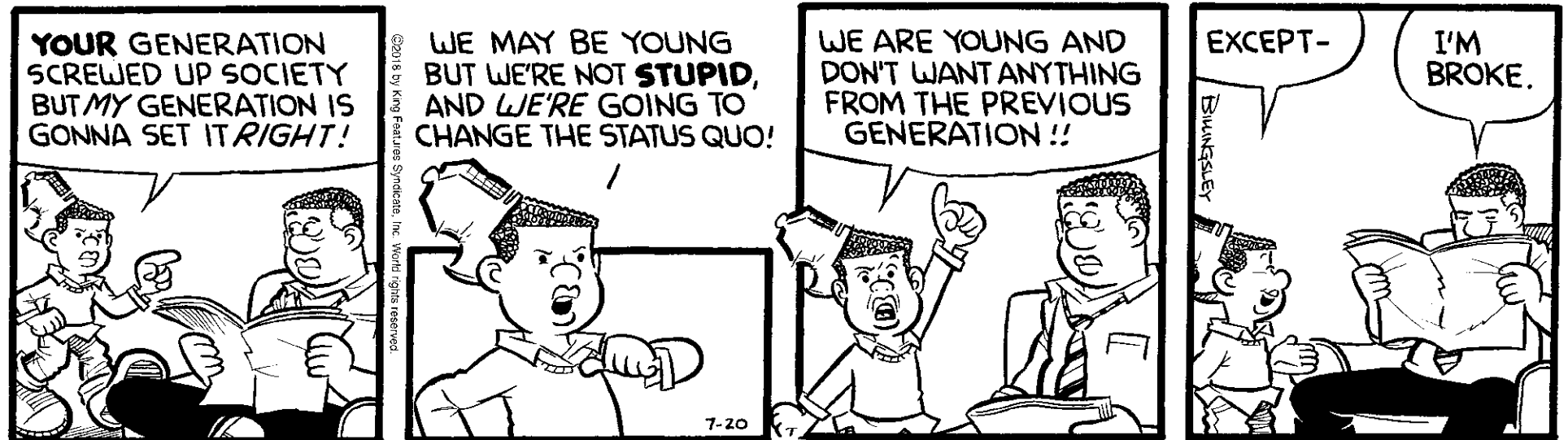
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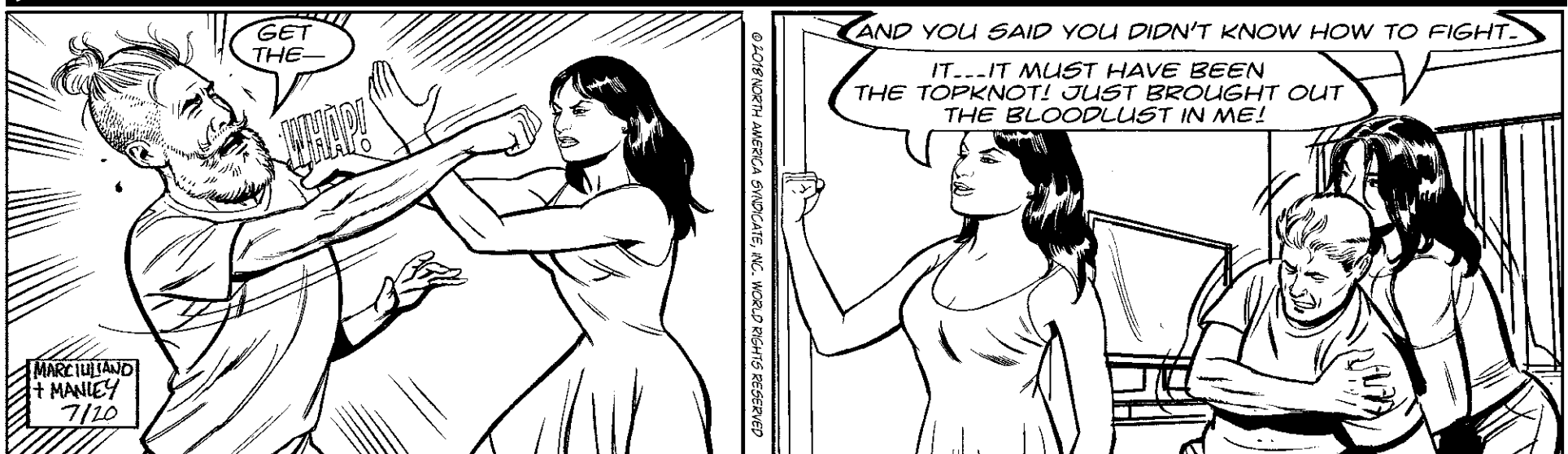
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