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Taste of Cayman provides a cultural feast

By Lindsey Turnbull

Even though it was postponed for three months, Taste of Cayman still drew thousands to the annual food and drink festival at Camana Bay when it was held last Saturday, and this year organisers gave visitors an extra slice of fun. Broadening the festival, they brought a distinctly Caymanian flavor to the proceedings with an All Things Cayman tent that saw excellent performances from the Cayman National Youth Choir, Cayman Youth Orchestra and a fashion show that showcased the talented thatch work of Rose May and Effie Ebanks. A Cayman style beef competition and Cayman heavy cake competition also served to reinforce the Caymanian-culture theme.

The kids cooking demonstration was another hit, as was the amateur chef cook off and mixology competitions. The Experience Room added another dimension, where visitors could see if they enjoyed dining in the dark as well as learn useful wine tips.

Of course, food was very much on the menu and diners could use their tokens to purchase all manner of goodies, from

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▶ The Okoli family enjoying some great food

Orchid enthusiasts flock to the Botanic Park

By Christopher Tobutt

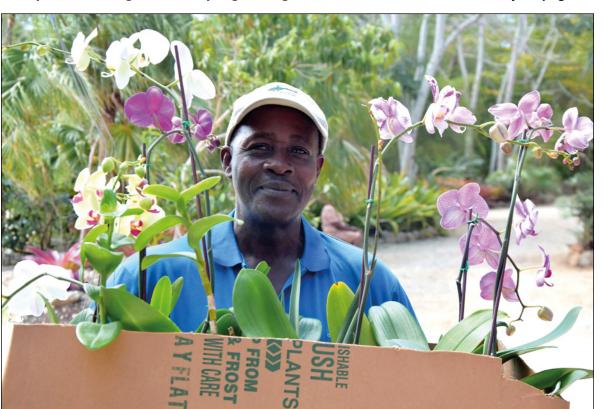
You had to get their early to pick the very best. Of course, everyone has a different idea of what is the best, because that is what makes orchids special: their personalities are as unique as the people who

Getting near to the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park, you could see lots of pleased faces peering through tall, delicate blooms of the most exquisite colors and patterns, bobbing in the breeze as they brought them back to their cars. Perhaps 'pleased' is not quite the right word. Sometimes, especially when you start talking to them, they begin acting

like teenagers who have just fallen in love for the first time. Orchids seem to have that effect on people; they are not ordinary flowers.

"They're just so stunning, the unique colors," said Tracey Erler who had chosen her favorites and was busy waiting in line to pay for them in the newly build Children's Garden Classroom. "I think it's about finding the right spot, and keeping them there and not moving them too much. Once you have found the place that they like you just leave them alone, and take care of them," she

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▶ Botanic Park employee helps bring some orchids back to the park entrance for a purchaser

DEH removes 93 **Derelict Vehicles**



▶ In photo, DEH collector, Patrick Rankine removes a derelict vehicle from a George Town community

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has removed 93 derelict vehicles from communities throughout Grand Cayman since Monday, 4 March as part of its ongoing efforts to address some of the long-standing nuisances on the island.

"We have been able to significantly reduce the number of vehicles that pose an immediate threat to public health," said DEH Acting Director Mr Richard Simms. "We intend to reduce the population of derelict vehicles even further, as the program continues."

To supplement its existing fleet of operational grab trucks and maximise the number of derelict vehicles it can remove, the DEH has procured, temporarily, the services of Bodden's Heavy Duty Equipment.

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EDITORIAL

Global News Briefs

The Cayman islands is a melting pot of cultures. This situation is common around the globe as many foreign nationals leave their homeland for better employment opportunities or to find a life partner.

The Cayman Islands is no exception and in the past 30 years many non-Caymanians travelled to these shores for a better wage and also to avoid paying income taxes in their countries.

As a developing newspaper, we find it necessary to publish offshore news in addition to the many local stories that we carry.

We are mindful of the increasing numbers of residents from various territories and understand the need to publish news relating to their home-



With this in mind we have added a weekly Friday segment titled Global News Briefs and our editions now cover headlines from Canada, United Kingdom, Phillipines, Cuba, Venezuela

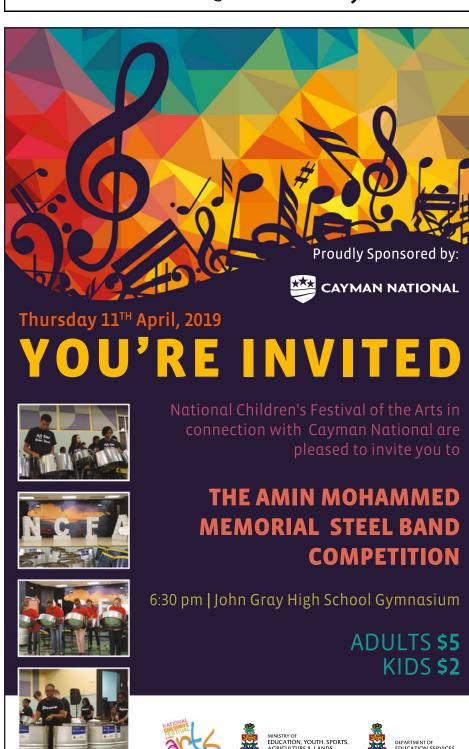
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DEH rids Grand Cayman of Derelict Vehicles

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Mr Simms discourages residents from disposing of derelict vehicles in public spaces or in a manner that may be harmful to public health.

The Acting Director, however, urges residents to dispose of derelict cars at the George Town Landfill as this is free of cost and will help to alleviate many of nuisances that currently plague pockets of the island.

Under the Cayman Islands Litter Law (1997 Revision), a derelict vehicle is any vehicle that appears to be abandoned by reason of its condition. This includes any vehicle which is without its engine, any of its wheels or other critical parts and has remained unlicensed during the preceding six

The Cayman Islands Litter Law (1997 Revision) also states that, whoever throws down, drops or otherwise deposits and leaves any litter in, into or from a public place in such circumstances as to cause, contribute to or tend to lead to its defacement by such litter is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or imprisonment for six months.

For additional information; please call the DEH at 949-6696 or send an email to dehcustomerservice@gov.ky. 🏈

Minister of Tourism Congratulates Cayman Airways For Best Airline in the Caribbean Award

The Minister for Tourism, Honourable Moses Kirkconnell extends congratulations to Cayman Airways on being named the Best Airline in the Caribbean by TripAdvisor and a top Specialty and Leisure Airline within North America.

It is a tremendous honour for Cayman Airways to receive such prestigious awards, which are recognized globally as benchmarks of excellence. Ranking in the top spots in two categories is a true validation of our national airline's quality and consistency.

Whilst one award recognizes Cayman Airways leadership in the Region, the other acknowledges its strong

standing among some of the biggest airlines in the world.

Additionally, by being based on customer satisfaction surveys and the reviews of travellers, the Trip Advisor awards demonstrate that Cayman Airways provision of our distinctive 'Caymankind' customer service is resonating with travellers and exceeding their expectations.

Quite simply, these outstanding awards provide confirmation that the

▶ Minister for Tourism, Hon. Moses Kirkconnell

Cayman Airways brand is strong and our national airline is delivering the best airline experience in the Caribbe-

The Ministry of Tourism is very proud of Cayman Airways commitment to continually enhancing the passenger travel experience and I would like to pay tribute to the crew members, staff, management and Board of Directors for their stellar efforts in earning this well-deserved, world-class recognition.



Water Authority - Cayman is now accepting applications for its 2019 CI\$30,000 to pursue an undergraduate academic or technical/vocational degree or diploma in a field of study relevant to the Authority's work.

Applications may be obtained online via www.waterauthority.ky, by e-mailing <u>HR@waterauthority.ky</u>, or in-person at the Authority's headquarters at 13G Red Gate Road, George Town, Grand Cayman or 96 Cross Road, West End, Cayman Brac.

APPLICATION DEADLINE is 30 APRIL 2019.







Cayman Youth Orchestra in the All Things Cayman tent

Taste of Cayman provides a cultural feast

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Asian favourites at Wok n Roll to samosas and more at Gateway to India. The Good Mood Food truck did a roaring trade in burgers, no doubt due to its inclusion of the impossible burger on its menu - a nod to the growing number of vegetarians and vegans out there searching for this amazing burger that tastes like meat but is purely plant-based. Island Naturals also did some excellent vegan options, with their amazing jack fruit tortillas and frozen snickers our favourite meal of the evening. Popular local restaurants such as The Brasserie had huge, long lines of hungry diners waiting to sample their food.

Taste of Cayman didn't disappoint with musical entertainment either, with Beneil Miller and the Fyre Squad warming up the crowd nicely, followed by The Neverines, who were so good they were



▶ Governor Martyn Roper and CITA President Theresa Leacock-Broderick



► The gateway to India team

called back to the stage for more. With the fireworks display going off in the background, it created the perfect backdrop for this excellent band. DJ RKM also did a fantastic job in playing such a mix of music it had loads of people of all

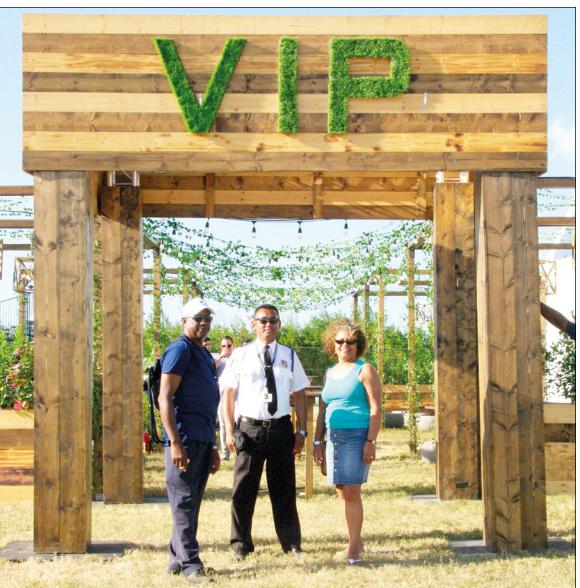
ages and backgrounds up on their feet dancing. The Simply Queen band rounded off the event in fine style. ③

















▶ Island Naturals was our favoured food

Rotary Schoolhouse opens as Children's Garden **Grows Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Park**

The new Children's Garden at the Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Park has been a flurry of activity the last few months. In March, a new education centre was completed and officially opened by His Royal Highness Charles the Prince of Whales during his recent visit to the Cayman Islands. This Rotary Schoolhouse is just the first step of the park's Children's Garden. Local Rotary clubs partnered with the Queen Elizabeth II, Botanical Park, to develop an innovative, botanical science and nature education building; that promises to ignite next generation curiosity and initiate interest in exploration of Cayman flora, endemic species and natural history.

Beginning in mid-2017 the three Rotary Clubs in Grand Cayman jointly committed \$150,000 (KYD) as a major donor for construction of the Rotary Children's Education Centre, now officially named the Rotary Schoolhouse. While visiting the Cayman Islands Dr. Patrick Adizua, District Governor of Rotary District 7020 toured the project site in July, 2018. With funding in place, construction started on foundations in December, 2018. Within four months the building was completed in time to be officially be open by the parks namesake's son, Prince Charles.



▶ Rotary Presidents Meet His Royal High-

The education centre was designed pro-bono by; John Doak Architecture, APEC Consulting Engineers and Corporate Electric. Additional donations and support came from ITC Tile, AL Thompsons and Cayman Islands Roofing Company which helped reduce costs. McAlpine donated cedar planking; saved from the Airport's former A-Frames, which were repurposed into benches and other furniture for the schoolhouse. Most of all, a big thank you to our contractor, Lalev Construction, for a job well done.

The Rotary Schoolhouse is located on the left, along the main tour path going south east, just past the Orchid Boardwalk. The schoolhouse will be surrounded by flourishing endemic flora, an expansive lawn area and other interactive elements that will create indelible memories, and positive stimulation for the many children that will be passing

Continued support and sponsorship for the remaining Children's Garden is being provided by; Greenlight RE, Cayman National, Genesis Trust, Rawlinson & Hunter, Vigoro, Girl Guides Cayman Islands, the Garden Club of Grand Cayman, Krys Global and Associates, John Doak Architecture, Corporate Electric, Apec Consulting Engineers, and numerous other private donations have com-



▶ Rotary Schoolhouse With Flags in Fore-



► Rotary Schoolhouse

mitted towards this valued monumental project. Additional donations are always welcome. Please contact John Lawrus, General Manager, Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park (345) 947 9462.

The 65 acre, Queen Elizabeth II Botanical Park was opened in memorable ceremony by Monarch, Her Royal Highness, Elizabeth II, on her second visit to the Cayman Islands as Head of State. The Park is located in tranquil Northside and is home to the world's most endangered iguana species, the Cayman Islands endemic Blue Iguana, a Heritage Garden that features the trees that supported early Cayman settlers in conjunction with early Cayman pharmacy (medicinal plants), Lake and Wetlands, the Colour Garden, Old Cayman Home and Caboose and the Blue Iguana Recovery Project.

The Rotary Schoolhouse will seek to foster echo sensitivity, history, botanical science, art and conservation targeting next generation children in the Cayman Islands.



Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing



▶ Unveiling by His Royal Highness

humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org 😚







Saturday **April 13th**

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The ARC, Camana Bay

Free Admission

Food Vendors + Entertainment for the Kids

At **CUC's Energy Efficiency Forum & Fair** you'll learn how to save on energy efficiency upgrades to help lower your energy bills and make your home more energy-efficient. Learn about CUC's Customer Service offerings, energy management tools and the Company's renewable energy plans.

Several local retailers will be showcasing their products specialising in air conditioning, home insulation, lighting, energy-efficient appliances, residential and commercial window tinting and electric vehicles. Representatives from a number of local banks will be on hand to offer financial tips for energy-efficient home improvements and upgrades.



Great Door Prizes from CUC and participating vendors. Visit booths at the event to get your chance at loads of Prizes and Giveaways!







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Orchid enthusiasts flock to the Botanic Park

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Cayman Islands Orchid Society Chairperson Delorese Ebanks had been working hard to organize everything to make the show such a big success: "The Orchid show is a combination of efforts from the Botanic Park as well as the Cayman Islands Orchid Society. We've been doing this collaboration now for over 20 years and usually most of the proceeds are in aid of the development of the Orchid Broadwalk, which is a broadwalk at the Botanic Park, dedicated to the maintenance and conservation of the orchid, specifically orchids that are indigenous to the Cayman Islands," she explained.

"Every year and the community supports us tremendously, as is evident today with lots of people are out shopping and enjoying the orchids that we have imported. They are really gorgeous aren't they?"

When it comes to indigenous orchids, the society does not sell these because

they are protected by law, but its members do take part in wild orchid rescue missions when habitats are being threatened: "If there is a development that is going on, we get permission from them to go into their property and save the indigenous orchids there. Once they are rescued, we maintain them. They are not for sale they are just held at the park here or by members. A lot of them are mounted throughout the local park here," Ms Ebanks said.

It was a good day for people who are interested in looking after native orchids, as Orchid Society member Frank Roulstone was giving a talk on their care. The Wild Banana Orchid is probably the best known, and is endemic to the Cayman Islands, and Cayman's National Flower, but there are actually more than 20 species of native orchids in the Cayman Islands.

John Lawrus Manager of the Park said. "I'd like to thank everyone that has come out and supported this orchid show and



▶ Part of the wonderful display of orchids, put on by the Orchid Society

sale. The Orchid Society and the Botanic Park have come together to provide an incredible display of privately owned orchids as well as the biggest selection we have ever had at the Botanic Park for our sale.



▶ Delorese Ebanks who worked so hard organizing the event



► The orchid sal

1000-mile cycle ride raises funds for Lighthouse kids

By Christopher Tobutt

Alan Harcombe loves cycling. He should, because he's been a keen cyclist for more than three decades. If you never caught the cycling "bug" then maybe you don't know. But other cyclists understand: the thrill of feeling the wind in your face and the pride of moving fast under your own power.

But now Mr. Harcombe has really gone the extra mile. He is using his passion for cycling to raise funds for the Lighthouse School PTA by cycling a grueling 100 miles a day, every day for 10 days. That's right: 1000 miles in all -that's nearly half way across the whole of the USA. He hopes to raise around 20 thousand dollars from generous corporate as well as kind individuals, with all of the money being used for new equipment for Lighthouse kids to use.

"I have a daughter with special needs, who attends Lighthouse school. They really do so much for these kids and my kid Jamie is for certain in the perfect place at this time," Mr. Harcombe explained. "The school has some ongoing projects for the betterment of the property and kids' facilities so I thought it would be great to try and assist with their fundraising projects. I think the project also is a perfect fit to fall in line with their 'Will You Be Our Partner?' campaign being driven the school PTA. That is an initiative focusing on building relationships with Cayman's corporate commu-

nity to partner with the school in developing and assisting our special needs children through volunteerism, community involvement, and donations."

Each day his 100-mile route takes him right round Grand Cayman. Beginning at South Sound he cycles along Shamrock Road past Bodden Town all the way to East End, and then back along the Queens Highway all the way to Rum point, where he turns around and comes back down Frank Sound Road, and often adds another loop back to East End and Frank Sound Road again to make more miles, before heading back up the West Bay Road and then turning around for the home stretch back to South Sound.

The circuit takes just over five hours on a good day, sometimes getting nearer to six. That's pretty fast going, and of

course Mr. Harcombe has had to train hard: "I started January 1st this year getting back on the bike in anticipation of this event," he said. "I do mostly shorter quicker rides during the week with longer rides on a weekend with fellow cyclists to train. I think the most challenging part will be the recovery on a day to day basis, ensuring that the body is sufficiently fueled for the day's ride



▶ Cyclist Alam Harcombe wants to raise funds for the Lighthouse School

but also having the next day in mind as well. Keeping the tiredness in check will be the key."

President of the Lighthouse School PTA Gerald Joseph said: "What Alan has done is a pretty remarkable feat. The purpose of the funds will be reconstruction of the school playground, which really needs to be rebuilt in order to provide access to all the children of the school. Up until now the 10-year old school playground does not enable some of the children with certain physical disabilities to be able to use it properly. The funds will also provide a nice, soft surface for the children so they will not hurt themselves if they fall. If the funds Alan raises stretch far enough, we would also like to purchase special iPads for the children to use."

Governor Visits DCFS on Ongoing Familiarisation Tours

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, visited the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on Wednesday, 3 April 2019.

Mr. Roper was accompanied by the Ministry of Community Affairs' Chief Officer, Teresa Echenique, and the department's Director, Paulinda Mendoza-Wil-

As part of the Governor's ongoing Civil Service familiarisation tour, he first met with senior management. The roundtable meeting included representatives from the Elderly Services, Foster Care and Adoption, Family Services, MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub), Finance and Administration, Youth Services and Community Development teams.

Following a brief introduction and overviews by the Chief Officer and the Director, the Governor thanked the managers for their hard work and dedication, as well as that of their staff. He then learned more about the department's role and remit from each team leader.

Among the areas discussed were the department's ongoing restructuring, the challenges it faces and the reasons for



▶ The Governor, in the company of Chief Officer Teresa Echenique (centre), meets with the Department of Children and Family Services Senior Management team during his recent DCFS familiarisation tour. (L-r) Foster Care and Adoption Nicole Quiland, Elderly Services Cassandra Fearon, Family Services Leanora Wynter-Young, DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams, Finance and Administration Davin Barrett, Youth Services plus Community Development Christine Miller; and MASH Tiffany Myles

ers in recent years. He was also given staff had excelled.

the increased workload of social work-several instances of where social work

As well as taking an interest in social work policy and practice, His Excellency Mr. Roper offered his continuing support and invited team leaders to forward suggestions on how he could do more.

The Governor then took a walkabout of the department's George Town offices, interacting with DCFS social workers and support staff.

"I'm hugely impressed with the work of DCFS staff given the challenging and often complex issues that they deal with on a daily basis," said the Governor.

"It is important for me to thank you in person and to tell you that I recognise and appreciate what a great job you are doing, in helping a lot of people who need assistance during difficult times in their life," he told them.

"The Department was extremely pleased to welcome His Excellency to DCFS," said Mrs. Paulinda Mendoza-Williams.

"His visit gave staff the opportunity to share the complexities of their jobs as well as insights into the restructured teams and new services such as our Elderly Services," she concluded.



▶ The Governor (third from right) meets the MASH team. (L-r) Diarmuid McEleney, Keisha Smith, Melissa Alexander, Carol Robinson, Tiffany Myles- MASH Manager, Tynisa Forsythe and Herlen Geopano during his tour of DCFS



▶ (L-r) Department of Children and Family Services Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams gives the Governor a guided tour of the DCFS offices to meet staff accompanied by the Ministry of Community Affairs Chief Officer Teresa Echenique



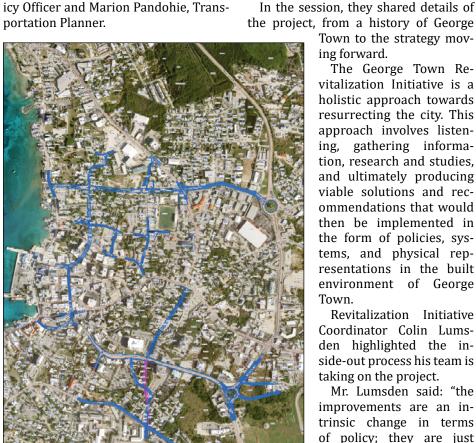
▶ The Governor meets the Department of Children and Family Service's newest social workers. (L-r) Family Services Candace Hylton, Foster Care and Adoption: Emma Evans, Lydia Watling and Marjorie Whittaker; Youth Services: Caitlin Connor and Belinda Gordon and Annakay Miller from Family Services

George Town Revitalization Project Presented To Industry Experts

The team behind the George Town Revitalization Project recently presented "George Town, a Fresh Look" to delegates gathered at the Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort, for the fourth biennial Cayman Islands Property and Construction Conference.

Hosted by the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, the audience comprised over 200 professionals from bankers to architects and devel-

Led by the Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joey Hew, the panel consisted of Tristan Hydes, Deputy Chief Officer at the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure; Colin Lumsden, George Town Manager and Revitalisation Initiative Coordinator; Charles Brown, Senior Policy Officer and Marion Pandohie, Trans-



Sample slide from the RICS Conference, showing information relevant to the Revitalization Project: map, artist's drawing and photographs of key elements



"George Town, A Fresh Look" panel at the 2019 Cayman Islands Property & Construction Conference. From left to right: Marion Pandohie, Transportation Planner; Charles Brown, Senior Policy Officer; Hon. Joey Hew, Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure; Tristan Hydes, Deputy Chief Officer, Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure and Colin Lumsden,

George Town Manager and Revitalization Initiative Coordinator



ing forward. The George Town Revitalization Initiative is a holistic approach towards resurrecting the city. This approach involves listening, gathering information, research and studies, and ultimately producing viable solutions and recommendations that would then be implemented in the form of policies, systems, and physical representations in the built environment of George Town.

Town to the strategy mov-

Revitalization Initiative Coordinator Colin Lumsden highlighted the inside-out process his team is taking on the project.

Mr. Lumsden said: "the improvements are an intrinsic change in terms of policy; they are just as much about changing hearts and minds. The revitalization will focus efforts on both diversification and inclusion, especially as cur-



▶ Hon. Joey Hew, Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure answers questions from delegates at the 2019 Cayman Islands Property and Construction Conference

rent trends point towards an increase in downtown living and away from suburban living, a trend driven by millenni-

The Ministry is seeking to address issues such as: a lack of parking, traffic, housing options, transit and transportation, walkability and connectivity, lack of lighting, green spaces and parks as well as single-use zoning.

Deputy Chief Officer Tristan Hydes explained that bringing on board the George Town Manager is just one telling sign of Government's commitment to the initiative.

He added: "Mr. Lumsden has been busy over the first couple of months and I foresee it ramping up even more as we implement projects over this year. From landscaping to infrastructure, buildout to code review, we're optimistic that developers will take a Fresh Look at George Town".

Next steps for the project include a partnership with CUC to improve lighting in the city centre, tree planting, city furniture, an extension to Godfrey Nixon Way and parking initiatives.

Watch the presentation in full on CIGTV C3 ch. 3 and Logic ch. 23 and on-demand on YouTube. 🏈



▶ David and Cameron Bridgeman

Fathers and sons in National Gallery exhibition

By Lindsey Turnbull

The latest exhibition running at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands is called Cross Currents and features 42 local artists across all artistic genres. Within the exhibition are two fathers and sons exhibiting at the same time: Chris and Rory Mann and David and Cameron Bridgeman. The Caymanian Times caught up with the latter two to see how their involvement in the exhibition came about, and what they are working on right now.

Finding a new path

Former school teacher David Bridgeman is a well-known figure in the local art scene, having had many successful art exhibitions here including a solo show at the National Gallery in 2014. He has also had successful shows overseas, the most recent being an exhibition at the Framers Gallery in London in 2017. But, since coming back from the 2017 show, David said he had needed a new impetus and had been searching to find an artistic path.

"I was really thinking: what shall I do now, when a chance encounter with a UK-based portrait painter led me to start a professional development course that I began in November last year," David explained. "That has helped to open up a whole new way of thinking and has unlocked new ideas for me."

David's acrylic and charcoal on a huge 63 x 80 inch canvas at the Cross Currents exhibition is entitled 'Up, Up and Away' and was the main piece in his London exhibition. It is a typical abstract piece that includes images and symbolism with which David enjoys exploring, in particular his signature tree symbol, which appears in many of his works.

New horizons

David's son, Cameron, is currently studying Fine Art Sculpture and Environmental Art at the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland.

"I am really loving studying in Glasgow as it's a very creative and fantastically lively city," he said. "There is always so much going on. The course requires us to be very self-motivated. There is a lot of self-directed planning and self-evaluation, so it is important to be well-dis-



▶ David at work in his studio



▶ Up, Up and Away by David Bridgeman

ciplined and organised. The course also teaches students how to present their work and present it in a professional manner and to not be afraid of creating work out of our comfort zone, to take risks, to explore materials and most of all to enjoy the process of working as an artist."

Cameron's piece in the National Gallery exhibition is a sculpture and is entitled 'George's Marvelous Machine'. He gives some background to its evolution.

"A friend of mine, George, built and flew an experimental aircraft in Cayman but the plane was sadly destroyed in Hurricane Ivan. George kindly let me have any parts to create something new. I took him up on his offer to create this piece which is dedicated to him," Cam-

This year he has been interested in playing with new materials and exploring their properties.

"I have a strong interest in found objects so this was a perfect opportunity to create something here in Cayman. I am also interested in taking materials out of their original environment and placing them into a different context," he explained. "The materials can then be seen in a different setting and they lose their original purpose and meaning. They become very different objects and take on a new life of their own."

Cameron confirmed that after experimenting with the materials and building structures, he then goes through a process of simplifying elements of the work.

"This is a useful part of the process as it helps to remove chaotic elements and allows the viewer to focus more on the stronger parts," he stated.

Being part of an exhibition in the National Gallery has been an aspiration

for this young artist since he was young.

"To exhibit with my dad makes the experience even better," he confirmed. "When I was younger, I was inspired by how passionate my dad was towards his work and now that I'm away studying sculpture and creating my own work, I have a much greater understanding of the field and how it feels to be a working artist."



▶ George's Marvelous Machine by Camer-

on Bridgeman

CIGTV WEEKLY GUIDE 9-12 APRIL

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▶ David at the opening night of Cross Currents

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Brexit, Britain and the Caribbean

The news has been slow in filtering through, but it's quite a big deal for the Caribbean in the Brexit scheme of

Britain and a number of Caribbean countries under the Cariforum banner have signed a post-Brexit 'trade continuity deal'.

It's a sort of memorandum of understanding assuring each other that once - and some even suggest if - the United Kingdom formally exits the European Union, the Cariforum members and the UK will have access on special terms to each other's market.

According to a British government statement, the trade continuity deal "eliminates all tariffs on all goods imported from the signing Cariforum states into the UK, while those Caribbean states will continue gradually to cut import tariffs on most of the region's imports from the UK."

It also says: "Based on current trade flows, exporters of bananas and other fruits and nuts could save over £14 million a year in tariff charges that could apply if the agreement wasn't in place, while exporters of sugarcane and other sugar products could save more than £20 million.

"Consumers in the UK will continue to benefit from more choice and lower prices for products from these coun-

The agreement also covers the services sector, including tourism.

British tourists spend over \$US 1 billion a year during some 900,000 visits to the Caribbean, according to the British government data.

It has been signed by nine countries, including Barbados and Jamaica.

"A further five countries, including the Bahamas and Trinidad and Tobago, have agreed to the deal in principle and are "expected to sign shortly", according to the Department for International Trade.

The Cariforum countries are Barbados, Belize, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

Trade between them and the UK was worth \$US 3.25 billion according to 2017 figures.

The UK, traditionally an important export market for the Caribbean due to past historical ties, is the region's main market in the EU for bananas, sugar cane and rum following a pattern - albeit in changed circumstances - from its plantation and empire era in the region.

The Department of Trade says "the UK bought 100% of Saint Lucia's banana exports, as well as 69% of Belize's banana exports in 2017. In addition, 81% of Guyanan, and 64% Jamaican sugar cane exports went to the UK."

This trade continuity commitment might be a bigger deal for the Caribbean countries than it is for the UK.

In the Brexit scheme of things, it hardly causes a ripple on the vast sea of trade deals the UK now needs to sign if, when

> and how it eventually leaves the EU.

Caribbean countries also have existing arrangements with the EU on two fronts; with the Cariforum grouping as well as part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of former European colonies.

While having guaranteed post-Brexit access to the UK market is vital, the EU market is critical for them.



The EU is Cariforum's second-largest trading partner, after the US.

The region's trade with the EU according to 2017 figures, although showing a significant imbalance, is nevertheless valued at over \$US 12.5 billion.

Of that, the EU's exports to the Caribbean market are valued at a little over \$US 8.00 billion, while the region earns about half that amount from its exports to the European market.

The European Commission reports that "the main exports from the Caribbean to the EU are fuel and mining products, notably petroleum gas and oils, bananas, sugar and rum, minerals (notably gold, corundum, aluminium oxide and hydroxide), iron ore products, and fertilisers."

The Caribbean's main imports from the EU are "boats, ships, cars, constructions vehicles and engine parts, phone equipment, milk and cream, and spirit drinks."

Cariforum members also benefit from trade access to the EU as part of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) group of former European colonies.

Trade with ACP countries represents more than 5% of EU imports and exports. The EU is a major trading partner for ACP countries.

But while the Caribbean's Cariforum countries might relish this early free trade engagement from the UK, it comes amidst warnings that they are being pressured into signing what some campaigners have called "these potentially damaging trade deals".

They caution that with Britain keen to fill the void left by its planned EU exit these countries are being forced to "sign-up blind".

The fair trade charity Traidcraft Exchange, say countries such as those in Cariforum are being rushed because of the threat of a no deal Brexit.

It claims they are being "pressured to sign up blind without knowing the value of the deals with a warning they will otherwise be lost."

The UK has been signing up a number of these 'trade continuity deals' mainly with developing countries.

While it has had indications from major trading nations that they also would be interested in signing up to trade deals with the UK, negotiations on those can only start once the UK formally departs the EU.

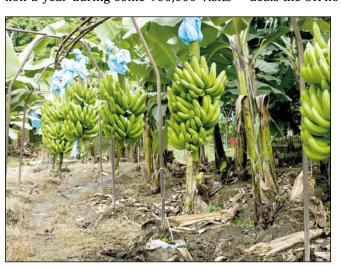
About half of all UK trade is with the EU and it would need to sign individual trade deals with the countries which already have existing pacts with the bloc and which the UK's EU membership guarantees.

That totals around 40 trade agreements with more than 70 countries.

With Brexit, all of that will be

These trade continuity deals are meant to smooth the way as the UK embarks on touch negotiations to secure its own trade pacts outside the EU.

Perhaps the most important trade deal it will have to negotiate will be with the same EU. 😚



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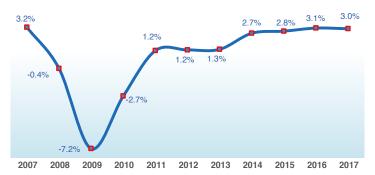
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Boys Under 11 playoffs and Under 15 FA Cup begin

The Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) youth leagues continued this past Saturday, April 6 with the highlights of the day involving the Boys Under 11 league playoffs and the first round of the Boys Under 15 FA Cup.

In the quarter finals of the Boys Under 11 league playoffs, 345 FC again demonstrated their dominance of the 2019 season as 345 FC I eliminated their younger counterparts 345 FC III 5-0 (respect rule observed) with goals from Emre Cuevos-Ebanks (2), Colby Jakubiah, Tomas Isabel and Ethan Cansell.

In the second quarter final, 345 FC II got past Academy SC Saints 4-0 thanks to goals from Jonathan Grandage, Ben Lyne, Kai Armstrong and an own goal, scored by Academy SC Saints.

The third quarter final match-up saw Academy SC Wanderers hold-off a very spirited East End United FC outfit 2-0. Academy's Joshua Bryce scored early and very late in the game to secure passage for his team to the semi finals.

In the final quarter final, Sunset FC Warriors overcame a competitive George Town SC I team 3-0 with goals from Jaxon Cover (2) and Matthew Rees.

With the semi finals scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 345 FC I face 345 FC II and Academy SC Wanderers take on Sunset FC Warriors for a place in the final.

In the first of two Boys Under 11 consolation games, Sunset FC Makos de-

feated Scholars ISC 5-1 thanks to goals from Josh Dickens (2), Finley Hirst, Alex Curnock and Haldon Hill. John Jackson scored the goal for Scholars ISC.

In the second game, Cayman Brac FC beat George Town SC II 5-0 (respect rule observed) with Javier Walton-Paz, Josiah Campbell, Kelvin Scott, Jeremiah McLean and Patrick Scott all getting on the score sheet.

In the lone consolation game set for Saturday, May 4, Latinos FC will play Sunset FC Makos, while Cayman Brac FC receive a bye to the final game, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 10.

In the Girls Under 13 league, Academy SC Dolphins got past Roma Fusion FC 6-0 with goals from Taegan Williams (3), Eva Bothwell (2) and Kaysia Lee, while Sunset SC Stingrays came from behind to defeat Academy SC Mermaids 2-1. The Stingrays' Harper Nelson cancelled out Millicent Hoffman's opener for the Mermaids and Marley Rondo secured the win and the three points for Sunset late in the game.

In the Boys Under 15 FA Cup, Academy SC Blue, Sunset FC and 345 FC I join Cayman Athletic SC in the semi finals as they secured victories in their quarter final games on Saturday afternoon. Academy SC Blue beat Cayman Brac FC 4-0; Sunset FC defeated Academy SC White 5-1 and 345 FC I were 6-2 winners over Bodden Town FC. Cayman Athletic SC received a bye to the semi finals.



Academy SC Saints (white) battled 345 FC II (orange) n the quarter finals of the Boys Under 11 playoffs. 345 FC II won the game 4-0

In the Boys Under 13 league, Future SC downed George Town SC 2-0 with goals from Tyler Beckford and Calyb Fredricks; Academy SC Stingrays drew 1-1 with 345 FC I and Academy SC Jaguars beat 345 FC III 6-0.

In games played during the week, it was Sunset FC 3 vs. Cayman Athletic SC 2 (Boys Under 17); Academy SC 3 vs. Future FC 2 (Boys Under 17); Academy SC 3 vs. George Town SC 1 (Girls Under 15) and Sunset FC 8 vs. Roma Fusion FC 2 (Girls Under 13).

The Girls Under 11 FA Cup and Boys Under 11 playoff games originally scheduled for this Saturday, April 13 have been postponed until Saturday, May 4 due to the Easter break. Other youth league games will be played this Saturday as scheduled. 🏵

CILLA Girls Softball - Game Report

Scotiabank 21, Kirk Freeport 14

CILLA Girls Softball continued on Saturday, April 6th, with Scotiabank earning their first victory with a 21-14 win over second place Kirk Freeport in the highest scoring contest of the season!

Scotiabank started the game with great determination, scoring an incredible 18 runs in the first inning. Eight of the ten girls in the line-up scored twice in the inning, a feat that rarely occurs in any level of baseball or softball! The onslaught was aided by several walks and a few Kirk Freeport fielding errors, but some of the runs came from big hits as well. Grace Liesman had an RBI single and Carmella Ylagan immediately followed with a 2 RBI single to centre field.

In the bottom of the first Kirk Freeport bounced back with four runs as Aleigha General and McKenna Knapik both singled to start the inning and Raina Myles brought them home with a double deep to the left field fence.

Scotiabank added three more runs in the second and third innings as Shay Windsor, Martina Watler and Alisha Kee crossed the plate.

In spite of being well behind, Kirk Freeport made a valiant attempt to come back over the final two innings, as they scored eight runs. Key hits were a double by Deandra Whiteman and a 2 RBI single by Keirsten McLaughlin. Just when it seemed as if Kirk Freeport might pull off the impossible comeback, Scotiabank's Latysha Powell turned a tremendous double play at first base to thwart the rally. Latysha fielded a sharp grounder, immediately tagged

out the batter. It was certainly the most important defensive play of the after-

Latysha also pitched well for Scotiabank, holding the potent Kirk Freeport batters to just six runs in her 2+ innings of work on the mound, with one strikeout and no walks.

Shortstop Shay Windsor scored three runs to lead Scotiabank, with team-



► Kirk Freeport Team

the runner who was going to second, mates Martina Watler, Clara Ramos, day and Saturday, after which they will and raced back to the base in time to put Latysha Powell, Grace Liesman, Carmella Ylagan, Stephanie Menko, Rochanni Cornwall and Calissa Ylagan scoring two each.

Kirk Freeport was led by McKenna Knapik, Akeyla Ebanks, Raina Myles and Deandra Whiteman, who each scored two runs, along with good hits from Sade Parchment.

The girls will have a busy week this week with games on Tuesday, Wednes-

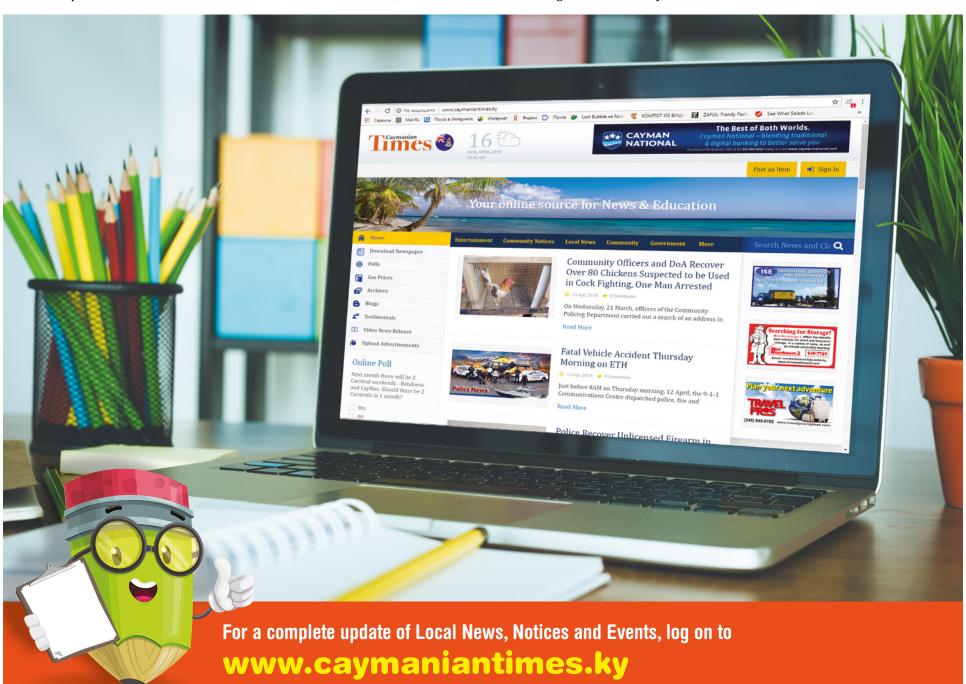
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have two weeks off for Easter Break.

Scoring by mining.								
TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL		
Scotiabank	18	1	2	-	-	21		
Kirk Freeport	4	2	8	0	-	14		

Current Standings

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TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB				
Coldwell Banker	4	0	1	48	25	0				
Kirk Freeport	3	3	1	54	71	2				
Scotiahank	1	5	0	58	64	4				







Barbados and Guyana's Reigning Champions Will Lead Countries' CARIFTA Contingent

Guyana and Barbados, each armed with a reigning champion, are confident going into the 48th annual CARIFTA Games, scheduled for Easter weekend (20 to 22 April) at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex. This will be Cayman's third time hosting the event, which will attract over 500 athletes from 27 countries.

In 2018 Guyana won one gold, one silver and seven bronze medals. This year the team is depending heavily on its overseas athletes to bring them glory, specifically Claudrice McKoy and Joanna Archer, both attending Munro College, and long jumper Chantoba Bright, who is studying at University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

Bright, who is the defending U20 long jump champion, will be among the favourites to win long and triple jump medals. This will be her final year participating in the Games and the seven-time CARIFTA medallist said she is excited because she's in great shape and is ready to defend her long jump title.

"My training is also preparing me to take the triple crown this year. I expect to go out there and execute and bring home the double gold in the long and triple jump girls U20," said Bright who also won bronze in the triple jump in 2018. "CARIFTA is a big deal for me as

well as my country. We take pride and joy in participating, and look forward to competing annually, so our athletes and coaches work hard to prepare for the Games. For me, CARIFTA this year is all about executing and achieving the goals I've been working on for the last two years which is winning the long and triple jump event, having fun and ending my final year with a bang.'

South American Youth gold medallist Deshana Skeete and sprinter Loneil Marks are also expected to add to Guyana's medal tally. Meanwhile, 17 Guyana-based athletes have secured qualifying marks and are expected to accompany McKoy, Archer and Bright to Cayman.

Guyana CARIFTA Team - Girls

- Brianna Charles (100m)
- Deshana Skeete (200m)
- Keliza Smith (400m)
- Adriel Austin (800m)
- Shaquka Tyrell (800, 1500m)
- Princess Browne (triple jump) • Jahaziah Copeland (shot put)
- Anisha Gibbons (javelin)

Guyana CARIFTA Team - Boys

- Osrick Pellew Ruralite (100m)
- Loneil Marks (100, 200m)

- Osa Blair (100m)
- Daniel Williams (200m)
- Cordell Charles (1500m)
- Daniel Melville (800m) • Matthew Gordon (3000m)
- Melon Lowenfield (high jump)
- Tremaine Browne (long jump)

Jonathan Miller is expected to lead from the front for Team Barbados at this year's CARIFTA. Miller, who recorded a personal best of 15.62m in 2018 to win the U20 boys' triple jump title, is expected to repeat. Barbados won three gold, five silver and five bronze medals in 2018 and a squad of 33 athletes have been selected by the Athletics Associa-

Barbados CARIFTA Team - Girls

tion of Barbados (AAB) to travel to the

Vivica Addison

Games.

- Anika Blackman
- Lagina Colucci
- Vanessa Greaves
- · Zariah Greaves
- Layla Haynes
- Sarah Belle
- · Asia Foster
- · Rhea Hoyte Shanice Hutson

- Ashlee Lowe
- Chloe Lucas
- Shemia Odaine

Barbados CARIFTA Team - Boys

- Kevon Hinds
- · Savion Hoyte · Caleb Massiah
- Aren Spencer
- · Haile-Emmanuel Turney
- · Tafari Bishop • Kyle Gale
- Miguel Nicholas • Jadon Brome
- · Rasheeme Griffith
- Roneldo Rock
- · Matthew Clarke
- Antonio Hoyte-Small
- · Tramaine Smith • Antonio Farrell
- · Ahijah Hill
- Jameel Walkes-Miller
- Julian Forde

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CARIFTA tickets are now on sale for as low as \$10. For more information about CARIFTA Cayman 2019 and to purchase tickets visit www.caymancarifta2019.

Cayman Teams Announced and DART commits to NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tournament

The Cayman Islands Volleyball Federation (CIVF) has announced the teams that will compete for Cayman in the upcoming NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tournament which takes place from 26 to 28 April at Seven Mile Public Beach. In addition, the event itself has also received a significant boost in the form of support from Dart who has come on as the title sponsor.

The Cayman men's teams are Richard Campbell/Nathan Dack and Casey Santamaria/Jesse Parham and the female contenders are Marissa Harrison/Ileann Powery and Jessica Wolfenden/Stefania Gandolfi. "This tournament cannot happen

without the support of the community and both the public and private sectors. We are grateful to companies like Dart who recognise the tourism and economic impact of an event such as this and choose to partner with us to execute a first-class competition," said Kennedy McGowan, CIVF President.

"Congratulations also to the four Cayman teams that will be competing. These eight athletes are very strong players and we expect some fierce court action from them."

Sponsoring the Cayman leg of the 2019 North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCE-CA) Beach Volleyball Tour is consistent with Dart's commitment to tourism and promoting the Cayman Islands internationally," said Pilar Bush, Executive Vice President Marketing at Dart. "Hosting world class competitive events like NORCECA, gives Cayman the opportu-



► Casey Santamaria in action

Wolfenden. "I am excited to be back on

nity to showcase our islands' natural beauty and welcoming people and at the same time promote sports as an important component of community develop-

This will be Jessica Wolfenden's 11th NORCECA tournament appearance. She finished fourth place in the 2016 Cayman NORCECA tournament; was the 2015 gold medallist at the NatWest Island Games in Jersey; the 2015 silver medallist at CAZOVA Olympic Qualifier in Jamaica and the 2013 silver medallist at the NatWest Island Games in Bermuda. She has also been selected for the Cayman Islands beach volleyball team that will travel to the 2019 Island Games in Gibraltar in July.

"The Cayman NORCECA stop is always a special one on the tour and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to represent Cayman again," said the court with Stefania and look forward to battling it out on the sand together."

Ileann Powery will be competing in her 7th NORCECA tournament this month. Powery, 21, has been playing volleyball since her days at George Hicks High School and was at one time the youngest member of the Cayman Islands Women's Volleyball National Team. She transitioned to beach volleyball in 2013 and has represented Cayman at the World Championship Qualifiers, Nat-West Island Games, Nanjing Youth Olympic Qualifiers, Pan American Games and Central American and Caribbean Games. She won her first NORCECA game in April 2017 against Trinidad & Tobago.

"It is always an honour to represent the Cayman Islands and it is my absolute favourite thing to do. I am very thankful to have been selected once again to



► Canada and DART will be back for the 2019 Tournament

represent these Islands in front of my home crowd," said Powery. "As I always say, I will put my all in while playing, and I will take everything in this tournament

as a learning experience." Cayman will be one of the first stops on the 2019 NORCECA tour as teams try to accumulate points in order to qualify for the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Countries confirmed to participate are the Bahamas, Canada, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, St. Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad & Tobago,

USA and US Virgin Islands. Tickets for the NORCECA Beach Volleyball Tournament are on sale at www.

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Cayman

▶ Stefania and Marissa in 2017



Novice Loma is already a legend

Pound-for-pound king Vasyl Lomachenko has revealed that he plans to unify the lightweight division before moving back down to clean up the super-featherweight ranks.

The 31-year-old Ukrainian is acknowledged as the planet's best boxer even though he is still a relative novice. He has won all but one of his 13 bouts and 12 of them have been for world titles. Lomachenko was such a brilliant amateur that when he turned pro in 2013 he made his debut at world class level. His second pro fight was his sole loss – on points in a world title fight.

Loma has a mandatory defence of his WBA lightweight belt, with both the WBO and The Ring straps up for grabs when he faces Britain's Anthony Crolla on Friday, but appears to already be looking beyond the contest.



▶ Oleksandr Usyk wants to rule the heavyweights now

With teammate and close friend Oleksandr Usyk having made history by winning every single belt at cruiserweight, Lomachenko hopes to emulate his compatriot and win all the titles the 135-pound division has to offer.

Mikey Garcia currently holds the WBC strap, while Richard Commey has the IBF and with those potential super fights lined up, Lomachenko is confident he can win them all before dropping back down a division.

"Right now, I am a lightweight, but lightweight is not my ideal weight category," Lomachenko admitted. "My goal now is to unify all four titles. And then, we'll see. Maybe I'll move back down to 130 pounds and win world titles there for a second time."

Despite his plans, a fight against Crolla lay ahead first – and the Olympic great

admitted that he doesn't know much about his opponent. That won't stop him from preparing astutely, however.

Loma said: "I don't know too much about him. But I know him from his two fights with Jorge Linares. I do know he is an aggressive fighter. I like to fight guys who come forward



▶ Vasyl Lomachenko is the world's outstanding fighter after only 13 fights

"I'll prepare like always. We are training hard. I will put on a great performance for my fans in Los Angeles and on ESPN. I'll show everyone my best style and hope everyone enjoys it.

"I want to fight the best. But now, Crolla is the best choice. He is the mandatory challenger and wanted to fight me. That is why I accepted this fight."

Usyk will make his heavyweight debut against Carlos Takam on May 25.

He will fight the French-Cameroonian at the MGM National Harbor in Maryland.

"It's a tough first fight," said Usyk.
"But I need to test myself against worldclass opposition on my new road to undisputed."

Usyk's final fight in the lighter division came in November when he beat Briton Tony Bellew by a knockout - a seventh straight world title victory.

Takam, 38, fought Briton Anthony Joshua for the IBF, WBA and IBO world titles in October 2017, and took him to 10 rounds. He also battled another Briton, Derek Chisora, last July and suffered an eighth-round knockout.

Takam said: "I can promise that this will be a great fight and I will provide Usyk with a huge test on his heavy-weight debut. I have huge ambitions of my own in the division and this fight will provide me with the chance to prove that."

Arlovski ageing well in ruthless UFC

UFC has evolved considerably in the past two decades and the brutal sport's fans will have seen only one fighter whose career has spanned that period, Andrei Arlovski.

Two decades competing as a professional MMA fighter is a remarkable enough accomplishment, but Arlovski is looking to surpass that milestone for a while yet.

When Arlovski (27-18 MMA, 16-12 UFC) meets Augusto Sakai (12-1-1 MMA, 1-0 UFC) on April 27, at UFC on ESPN 3, more than 20 years will have elapsed since his official debut. Arlovski has competed on some of MMA's biggest stages, fought most of its biggest heavyweight names and held a UFC title. He's been on slumps and recovered, even at times when not many expected him to rebound. UFC on ESPN 3 is at BB&T Center in Sunrise, Florida.

All in all, it's been quite a solid career already. But the 40-year-old Belarusian still believes he has more to accomplish and intends to stick around for a few more years to try to make it happen.

"Best-case scenario, (I want to keep doing this for) maybe four, five more years," Arlovski said. "We'll

see. I still have, like, at age 40, I'm training more than I used to train when I was 25. Every morning, when I wake up in camp, I remember what I want. I want to be champion of the world again.

"I got a few losses right now, I think it's like 50-50, but fact is I lost a couple of fights and I'm just in the beginning of my way again."

In a career of ups and downs, Arlovski is, indeed, currently experiencing the latter. After snapping a four-fight losing skid with a pair of wins the veteran has suffered two points losses.

Results aside, Arlovski is happy to still be in the game. He appreciates his "great coaches" and his wife, who supports him in doing what he loves.

Arlovski also happens to be part of a division that embraces longevity, as proven by its champion, Daniel Cormier, who has recently turned 40, as well. But the "The Pitbull" says he's not looking at his peers for inspiration, and, rather, to his own hard work.

"I just still have some stuff to do and I feel like I still have fire in my eyes I still have energy," Arlovski said. "My body feels good, so why not?"



► Andrei Arlovski is still tough at 40

Sterling's standing soars



► Raheem Sterling's public profile is soaring

Raheem Sterling has been hailed as a trailblazer and a thrilling talent after the Manchester City star was awarded the sportsman of the year award at the British Ethnic Diversity Sports Award.

Sterling was praised for his repeated stands against racism, which has brought him to the forefront in recent weeks

After England players suffered racial abuse while facing Montenegro, Sterling stood up to the crowd after scoring the Three Lions' fifth goal by celebrating by pulling out his ears.

Speaking after the game the 24-year-old forward who was born in Jamaica and went to the UK aged five, spoke eloquently on the issue and demanded that UEFA take a "proper stance" against racism.

Most recently he spoke out about Leandro Bonucci's comments that Juventus forward Moise Kean was 50-50 to blame for suffering racial abuse and called it laughable.

He has been in fine form on the pitch too, scoring 19 times and helping City to challenge for four major trophies. His PR machine is in overdrive as on Saturday he paid for 550 pupils and their families from his old school in Wembley to watch City's 1-0 FA Cup semi-final victory over Brighton.

West Indies want more local coaches

West Indies are likely to remove Richard Pybus as head coach just three months after he steered them to the Test series victory against England.

His contract was meant to run until after India's visit to the Caribbean in July following the World Cup, but the new Cricket West Indies president Ricky Skerritt will host a board meeting this week as part of a review of the coaching structure. "A cricket review process is underway," Skerritt said. "Announcements will be made following our board meeting on Tuesday."

The 54-year-old Englishman's shift to the head coach position in January, filling the vacancy left by Stuart Law moving to coach Middlesex, created significant divisions in the Caribbean, but the team had shown plenty of promise against England by winning the Test series 2-1 and sharing the ODIs 2-2 to lift confidence ahead of the World Cup.

Pybus originally took over as high-performance director in February 2018 having previously served as

West Indies' director of cricket from 2013 to the end of 2016, when he chose not to renew his contract.

The stint as director of cricket was controversial. He was responsible for the policy that made participation in West Indies' domestic competitions mandatory for international selection across formats. This was in part responsible for several senior players choosing to focus solely on playing T20 leagues around the world.

The position of Mushtaq Ahmed, an assistant coach since October 2018, might also be under threat, but there has been no clarity at press time.

West Indies cricket could see a significant overhaul following the end of Dave Cameron's six years as president after he lost to former team manager Skerritt in recent elections. Skerritt immediately announced he wanted to push home-grown coaching talent rather than looking overseas.

Former Test player, Phil Simmons was the last Caribbean coach to lead the regional side but was axed after



► Ricky Skerritt wants Caribbean coaches in key jobs

less than two years in charge in 2016 for what CWI said were "differences in culture and strategic approach".

Only last week, the Skerritt-led CWI settled a long-running legal case with Simmons for damages and apologised to the Trinidadian for the way he had been treated.

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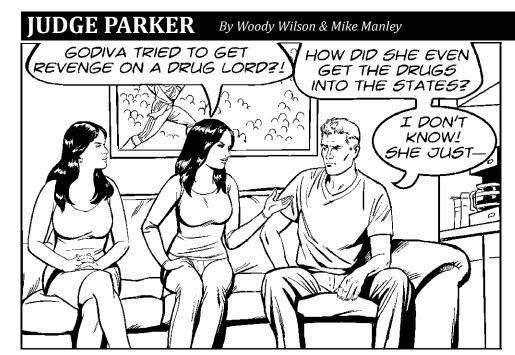




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