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Same Sex Marriage Allowed

By Lindsey Turnbull

A landmark judgement was delivered last Friday on a milestone human rights case when Chief Justice Anthony Smellie legalised same-sex marriage in the Cayman Islands. Petitioners Chantelle Day and Vicki Bodden Bush had said that their constitutional right to marry and found a family had been denied under existing law which prevented them from legally marrying in the Cayman Islands. In his judgement, the Chief Justice outlined the ways in which the couple's basic human rights had been violated when they were refused a marriage licence.

Day and Bodden Bush had said that the present state of the Marriage Law violated their Constitutional rights, specifically, their rights to a private and family life, including the right to found a family; to freedom of conscience and perhaps most profoundly, to free-

dom from unjustifiable discrimination on the grounds of status; namely, their sexual orientation.

Chief Justice Smellie agreed with the couple and wrote that "no justification has been established to sustain this severe form of discrimination."

"These violations of the Petitioners' rights are imposed because of their sexual orientation and are therefore unconstitutional for being imposed on a basis prohibited by the Bill of Rights," he wrote. "The Law is therefore in violation of the Petitioners' rights to respect for their human dignity and to freedom from discrimination in the enjoyment of their rights under the Bill of Rights." He added: "The Respondents have established no justification for this discriminatory treatment on any basis allowed by section 16 of the Bill of Rights."

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► Chantelle Day and Vickie Bodden with their legal team (Judy Canseco)

Registration for Government Schools Now Open

The registration for students enrolling in, or transferring to, Government schools for the 2019/2020 school year will open on **Monday, 1st April 2019** and will close on **Friday, 28th June, 2019**.

Registration for **Government Reception** is open for qualifying children aged 4 Years 0 months before **1st September 2019**. That means a child born between **1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015** is eligible for reception, and that he/she must have already turned 4 prior to 1st September, 2019.

The Government schools that have reception classes are Sir John A Cumber Primary School; George Town Primary School; Prospect Primary School; Savannah Primary School; Bodden Town Primary School; Edna M. Moyle Primary School and East End Primary School on Grand Cayman and West End Primary School and Creek Primary School on Cayman Brac.

Registration for **Year 1 in Government schools** is open for qualifying children aged 5 years 0 months before **1st September 2019**. That means a child born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014** is eligible for **Year 1**, and that he/she must have already turned 5 prior to 1st September, 2019.

Registration for **older students transferring internally, re-entering or entering for the first time into the Government school system** should be completed by the 28th June 2019 deadline in order for the child to be eligible to attend school at the start of the school year.

Registration will take place at the Department of Education Services (GCM) and the Cayman Brac Teacher's Centre (CB/LC). Parents may pick up



registration forms at government schools, the Department of Education Services, at 130 Thomas Russell Way, George Town; the Cayman Brac Teacher's Centre on, Cayman Brac or download the forms and information from our website at schools.edu.ky, click on "Go to DES homepage", scroll down to "School Registration" for access.

Guidance

When the form has been completed, it must be returned to the Department of Education Services Room #101 in Grand Cayman or the Cayman Brac Teacher's Centre serving both Cayman Brac and Little Cayman registrants, with copies of the following documents attached;

All first time students entering government schools

- The child's **birth certificate**
- The **child's immunization card** (In the case of non-compliance with immunization due to health

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Then & Now: Wattle and daub give way to New Urbanism

The architecture of buildings in the Cayman Islands has changed dramatically in the time the Islands have been populated, primarily due to the availability of materials for people to build with. With many of the earliest buildings making way for new development, charting the changing face of buildings shines a fascinating light on how dramatically life has changed for Cayman residents since those early years of habitation in Cayman.

According to information found at the Cayman Islands National Archives, it is recorded in a letter dated 1841 that typical Cayman houses were "rude structures but roomy and comfortable and generally put up to suit the convenience of the proprietor without regard to position or formality."

The letter describes how homes were formed using mahogany or iron posts of 8- or 9-inches square let into the ground from 4 to 6 feet. In between them ran much longer posts called crutches to give pitch to the roof, crossed by ridge poles which supported the rafters. Long slender sticks called wattles were tied to the rafters to which palm leaves were tied to make a neat roof. The sides were wicker-worked and plastered with lime, called daub. Kitchens

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► Lina and Farrell Jackson home, Newlands 1925 to 1028, Courtesy the Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections



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EDITORIAL

A Price for Progress: Gay Rights

Many Christian believers and their families are holding prayer and fasting sessions as they prepare for Easter which commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus, but this year will mean a lot more and the hearts will be heavier.

The Cayman Islands have been touted as a country with strong Christian beliefs, which will remain but the latest ruling on Same Sex Marriage by the Chief Justice is evidence of a changing culture.

The Islands have excelled with its Financial and Tourist industries and will now join the ranks of countries that have legalized Same Sex marriages.

We believe that the Chief Justice's ruling is a statement to the progressive development of this country as it takes its place within the global community.

Unfortunately, we cannot have "our cake and eat it" as the world, as we know it, has changed with the calls for human rights. These rights come in many forms and are not guided by the Bible thereby conflicting with Christian beliefs.

The only true power that a person has is over their personal decisions



and living in a British Dependent Territory we will soon understand that other decisions are out of our control, as we understand the many sides of the relationship between the Mother Country and her territories.

There will be many debates today and, in the future, as we come to terms with the Chief Justice's decision but whether the case is appealed or not, we will have to accept that changes will come, and the price of progress may be heart-wrenching and unpalatable.

As many have done before, our tolerance levels will increase as we move on with our lives and chosen lifestyles, whether it be Christianity or not.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

OFREG HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF DOMAIN NAME SYSTEM SECURITY EXTENSIONS FOR DOMAIN NAME INDUSTRY

OfReg is today publishing a notice, reminding of the dangers of cyber-attacks on the domain name system (DNS), and publishing links to further advice on preventing such attacks. This advice is aimed at members of the domain name industry, such as registries, registrars, resellers as well as networks operators which operate DNS data requests.

Attacks on the DNS typically involve unauthorised changes to records in the DNS system, so that a request to access DNS data results in a user being routed to an alternative IP address.

When a user enters a web address, the browser uses a stub resolver to request DNS data from a recursive resolver, which itself sends a query to an authoritative name server (ANS) for the DNS data. The DNS data response from the ANS cannot itself be verified, and therefore is open to manipulation through malicious attack. Recursive resolvers relating manipulated DNS data back to the stub resolver results in a user being directed to an alternative IP address. For this reason, these

attacks are sometimes called domain hijacks.

As a result of these attacks users can, for example, unwittingly be redirected to replica banking websites where user credentials can be stolen. DNS settings can also be manipulated so that emails can be received and stored by someone other than the intended recipient.

Such attacks are of concern to network operators since they may run recursive resolvers to process DNS requests, sent by devices on their network.

ICANN (Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers) has recently called for full deployment of the Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) which strengthens authentication of DNS data by using digital signatures. However, DNSSEC must be specifically enabled by DNS industry actors.

OfReg is urging all members of the domain name industry to ensure their systems are protected, and to enact robust security policies to protect data. Further information can be found at the links below.

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or religious reasons, the parent must complete a DES immunization exempt form.)

- Documentation of **child's immigration residency category (Non-Caymanian students)** i.e. birth certificate, passport, government contract showing children as dependents, residence certificate, RS 101 form.)

- **Mandatory Residency Verification:** Proof of address must be demonstrated by any **two (2)** of the following documents listed, **One** from **Group A** and **One** from **Group B** (See **proofs** below or published "Guidelines for school registration, transfers & Homeschool" located on our website at schools.edu.ky, click on "Go to DES homepage", scroll down to "School Registration" for access.)

Residence is determined by a person's physical presence as a resident within the designated geographic boundary of the school catchment with the intent to remain. The address/residence of a **student** for school purposes depends upon a factual determination of the care, custody and control of the student.

Proofs in the form of a utility bill (CUC or Water), notarized lease or notarized "Parent Affidavit Form" accompanied by a utility bill, CUC, Water, Cable, Telephone, Driver's License or Voter ID in the **parents** name or **landlord** name if renting or if more than one family shares a living space and there is only one owner/lease holder.

- **The last school year's reports including latest psychological reports for any students previously assessed as requiring special education needs (SEN)** (if the child is being admitted from another school including private schools local and overseas). In the case of admission to John Gray High School, Clifton Hunter High School or Layman Scott High School, a transcript **including latest psychological reports for any students previously assessed as requiring special education needs (SEN)** from the last High School attended should be included.

- **Medical examinations** with the Public Health Nurse. **Parents** can also arrange for an examination from a private doctor (See **approved list of HSA private doctors available on our website**). The medical examination **must** be completed before a child is enrolled.

The Department of Education Services Registration staff will check the documentation and determine the designated catchment area for the school assignment. Following review/ap-

proval by the Senior School Improvement Officer, the assigned school secretary will make an appointment with the public health nurse, for medical screening for children who **have not** completed medicals privately prior to returning their applications to DES for processing.

Transferring Students (Students transferring internally from one government school to another government school)

- **Mandatory** residency verification (See explanation above)

- (Out of catchment request) **Mandatory** clear letter of justification to be reviewed at the end of the registration period (Require Approvals by the director/Registration committee space/services permitting in the year group and school being requested)

Returning Students (Students previously enrolled in a government school)

Students previously enrolled in a government school requesting readmission, shall provide the following;

- Mandatory residency verification (See explanation above)

- The last school year report from current school (Primary/Special)

- Complete **Transcript** from current High School (Secondary schools)

Remember enroll as soon as possible to ensure that your qualifying child has a place at your local school in September. **CHILDREN REGISTERING AFTER 28th JUNE, 2019, CANNOT BE GUARANTEED SPACE** at their zoned catchment school. Parents will receive notification from the school of their child's placement for September.

Entry to Government Schools

Priority for admission to Government schools is assigned as follows:

Reception Program: 4 years before September 1st.

1. Caymanians, with proof established by birth certificate, Cayman status stamped passport or status certificate

2. Children born to a non-Caymanian parent out of wedlock with proof established by birth to a Caymanian. Caymanian parent shall provide DES proof via form RS101 (available on our website). Caymanian parent must be residing on island at the time of registration.

Primary - Secondary: 5 years before September 1st and children older.

1. Caymanians, with proof established by birth certificate, passport or status certificate

2. Dependents of Caymanians

3. Dependents of contracted government employees (**Space permitting following the close of registration**)

4. Dependents of permanent residents (**Space permitting following the close of registration**)

Class sizes are capped for Reception and Year 1 at 24 students and 28 for all other year groups. Where maximum class sizes are exceeded within the school, spaces will be offered for qualifying students at the nearest school with available space. Spaces for **categories 3 and 4 and all out of catchment request** will be reviewed following the closure of registration.

Payment of Fees

All non-Caymanian students under approved categories must pay school fees at the following rates:

- Year 1-6 CI\$250.00 per term or CI\$750.00 per year

- Year 7-9 CI\$300.00 per term or CI\$900.00 per year

- Year 10-12 CI\$400.00 per term or CI\$1,200.00 per year

Payment sites are as follows:

- Cayman Brac/ Little Cayman residents: Cayman Brac Teachers Centre, Cayman Brac

- Grand Cayman residents: First Floor, Government Administration Building, Treasury Counter.

The Catchment Area for government primary schools

GRAND CAYMAN:

- **WEST BAY PRIMARY** North of Government House to Spanish Bay Reef to include all of West Bay.

- **GEORGE TOWN PRIMARY** South of Government House to Memorial Avenue, North along Walkers Road to Maple Road and East along Smith Road to Crewe Road airport junction. North on Airport Road, through the new Junction in Industrial Park to include all areas North and East past the airport to North Sound

- **RED BAY PRIMARY** Area on south side of memorial Avenue, along Walkers Road to Maple Road and South side of Smith Road, both sides of Crewe Road bordered by Owen Robert Drive to the

North and South Sound to the South Sound Boarder on the east side of Victory Avenue.

- **PROSPECT PRIMARY** All areas from Prospect Drive eastward to west side of Spotts-Newlands Road and west side of Chime Street on the BP/East/West Arterial (to include all of Prospect Park, Patrick's Island, Ocean Club, Mariners Cove, Cascades Drive.

- **SAVANNAH PRIMARY** The East side of Spotts-Newlands Road to Beach Bay Road in Pedro including greater Pedro area.

- **BODDEN TOWN PRIMARY** East of Beach Bay Road up to Breakers including Northward.

- **NORTH SIDE PRIMARY** All of Frank Sound to Old Man Bay west to Cayman Kai

- **EAST END PRIMARY** East of the Frank Sound junction to include all of East End to Colliers.

CAYMAN BRAC/LITTLE CAYMAN

- **WEST END PRIMARY** West end of Cayman Brac to Faith Hospital on north side of the island and correspondingly across the island to the south coast

CREEK INFANT/SPOT BAY

- **JUNIOR SCHOOL** All areas east of Faith Hospital to the Eastern end of Cayman Brac

LITTLE CAYMAN

- **EDUCATION SERVICE** All areas of Little Cayman

The Catchment Area for government Secondary Schools:

- **JOHN GRAY HIGH SCHOOL** all areas West Side of Spotts-Newlands Road & west side of Chime Street By - Pass East/West Arterial

- **CLINTON HUNTER HIGH SCHOOL** All areas East Side of Spotts-Newlands Road & East side of Chime Street By-Pass East/West Arterial

- **LAYMAN SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL** all areas of Cayman Brac & Little Cayman



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Same sex marriage legalised

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Tradition not an argument

The State had argued that granting same-sex marriage went against the "tradition" of the Cayman Islands, but Justice Smellie said that was not a good enough reason not to grant the two women the right to marry.

"The possible desires of the heterosexual majority to maintain a perceived tradition of marriage of its liking, or to impose dominant religious beliefs on the homosexual minority, cannot, as the extensive survey of the case law has shown, constitute valid justification," he ruled.

The Chief Justice went on to say that all sorts of iniquities had existed in the name of tradition.

"Tradition alone cannot form a rational basis for a law, nor for the promotion and maintenance of a discriminatory legal system of rights. The "ancient lineage" of a discriminatory classification does not make it rational. Rather, the State must have an objectively rational basis for the "traditional" aim which it seeks to advance, in order to justify discrimination, apart from the tradition itself," he stated.

Defining family values

Furthermore, the Chief Justice said that the promotion of marriage was only a good thing when it came to raising a family.

"...assuming that privileging heterosexual marriage is important for the preservation of stable environments

for procreation and child-rearing, the denial of the right to marry to same-sex couples does not logically advance that objective. Indeed, and to the contrary, opening the institution of marriage to them is likely to advance the objective as it is ultimately the encouragement of the stable and secure family relationships that is the aim of the policy," he wrote.

As a result, the Chief Justice ordered a change of wording to the marriage law which would now read: "marriage means the union between two people as one another's spouses", replacing "between a man and a woman" and substituting the words "wife" and "husband" with "spouse" elsewhere in the law, the outcome of which is that Day and Boden Bush can now marry.

Financial benefits

From a commercial perspective, the acceptance of same sex marriage in the Cayman Islands now gives this jurisdiction a potential edge over competitor Bermuda when it comes to allowing gay marriages aboard cruise ships. The Government of Bermuda intends to replace same-sex marriage with domestic partnerships which has disappointed same-sex couples looking to wed aboard Bermuda-registered cruise ships who are now unable to wed in Bermuda. Cayman could now benefit from hosting such ceremonies aboard Cayman-registered cruise ships, should shipping companies now seek a jurisdiction that permits same-sex marriage. For that to happen, Cayman needs to allow non-Cayman licenced marriage chaplains to perform wedding ceremonies aboard Cayman-registered ships. If that takes place, Cayman could potentially clean up in this market.

Caymans same-sex ruling; implications for other OTs?

By Michael L Jarvis London, UK

A ruling this week by a judge in the Cayman Islands clearing the way for same-sex marriage in that British Overseas Territory(OT), is already sending shockwaves of reflections across other OTs in the region.

Even before the ink had dried on the historic ruling for the Caymanian society by Chief Justice Anthony Smellie, the controversial issue was already the subject of serious debate and reflection throughout the islands.

It's a challenging issue that strikes at the core of the normally conservative British Caribbean territories (and former colonies), most of which are far less liberal than their Dutch and French counterparts in the area.

In his detailed ruling in the Cayman Islands case, there are several points highlighted by Judge Smellie which are relevant to the other OTs, especially considering the nuanced similarities in their constitutions.

This extract is critical and warrants attention:

"The definition of marriage in the Law as being between a man and a woman, while it is in conformity with section 14(1) of the Bill of Rights, is not in conformity with the rights of the Petitioners under section 9 of the Bill of Rights to private and family life, and under section 10, to their right to freedom of conscience and freedom of expression of their belief in the institution of marriage, by being allowed to marry.

Nor, therefore, is the definition in conformity with the right to freedom from discrimination in the enjoyment of those other rights as mandated by section 16 of the Bill of Rights.

The definition of marriage is therefore that provision of "existing law" which must, by the Court, be brought into conformity with those sections of the Bill of Rights."

Bermuda, a sister OT has been engaged in a long-running, fractious, legal back and forth internally and with the British government over same-sex marriage and the human rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender (LGBT+) persons.

The law was passed by a previous Bermuda government but was repealed, then reinstated and has since been referred to the Privy Council by the current Bermuda government.

This issue creates a constitutional conundrum of colossal proportions for the OTs whose British-approved constitutions - and the power and authority vested in the British-appointed resident Governor (drawn largely from the British civil and diplomatic service) - are brought into sharp relief.

The Governor has the power to assent or reject laws passed by the locally-elected parliaments.

But despite their territorial constitutions, the Crown (British government) has the ultimate override.

The matter of same-sex marriage and homosexuality reverberate throughout these conservative island societies unlike any other.

It touches on deeply-held Christian religious beliefs (curiously, largely imposed on the predominantly black descendants of African slaves whose ancestors' original moral codes were largely subsumed under the doctrines followed by their captors).

Over time, they have become some of its staunchest adherents.

It's also political and has marriage career-defining implications for those leading - or following - either side of the argument.

Coincidentally, the Cayman's ruling comes on the heels of - though not linked to - the recently published report by the UK's parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee(FAC) into future relations between the OTs and the UK.

The same-sex issue is one of the key areas identified as causing friction between the territories and the 'mother country', although 'friction' might be a mild and polite way of putting it.

The report declares that "while the UK Government should urgently address concerns held by the OTs... (they) must act to reduce areas of divergence and friction."

And it stresses: "This must include legalising same-sex marriage..."

The FAC, in fact, is particularly strident on the issue of same-sex marriages, adamantly recommending remotely enforcing the required legislation by Order in Council from London if the OTs don't voluntarily comply.

"It is time for all OTs to legalise same-sex marriage and for the UK Government to do more than simply



It also demanded that the British government "should set a date by which it expects all OTs to have legalised same-sex marriage. If that deadline is not met, the Government should intervene through legislation or an Order in Council."

Across other OTs, the very thought of same-sex marriage and the fact that it can be imposed remotely by imperial decree, as happened with legalising homosexuality (another taboo issue for many OT societies), has seen equally strident opposition from governments and community leaders.

At the core of this are those deep-seated religious beliefs, community culture and traditions, human rights in a modern world..and politics.

It also points to the reality of the OTs place in the relationship with the UK - notwithstanding the lofty ideals of the title of the Foreign Affairs Committee report: One family: rethinking Britain's relationship with the Overseas Territories.

support it in principle. It must be prepared to step in, as it did in 2001 when an Order in Council decriminalised homosexuality in OTs that had refused to do so."



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Applications should be addressed to the Manager Human Resources and submitted via e-mail to careers@cuc.ky no later than Friday, April 12, 2019.

For more information on these and other scholarship opportunities, please contact CUC's Human Resources Department via e-mail at careers@cuc.ky.



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► Lots of people waited patiently for the Prince's arrival



► John Lawrus shows the Prince the plans for the finished Children's Garden

Prince opens classroom and meets Peter the blue iguana

After all the red carpets that had been rolled out all over the Cayman Islands during that day and the arrival of Their Majesties Prince Charles Prince of Wales and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall the day before, it was the turn of the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park to unroll a carpet. Only this time it was a green carpet of artificial grass – just right for a botanic park – that lined the ground between where the Royal Jaguar was going to park and the Prince was going to cut the green ribbon announcing the new Rotary Classroom, which is the first stage of the Children's Garden, was open.

A fair –sized crowd had gathered to watch, with lots of children and moms and dads waving flags and looking very happy as the Prince finally arrived. Hon Dwayne Seymour MLA walked beside him to the lovely new building, and inside he greeted a long line of local people before taking his seat to listen to Mr. Seymour's welcome speech. Mr. Seymour began by reminding everyone that it was the Prince's Mother, Queen Elizabeth II, who opened the park in 1994, and that it had been named in her honor. "In addition to its amazing and beautiful gardens, the park is also home to the Blue Iguana Recovery Program, which was founded in 1990 – the blue iguana is the most endangered iguana on earth. However, thanks to the efforts of this program, the restored free-roaming sub-populations in the Salinas Reserve



► Cutting the green ribbon to announce the new Rotary Classroom open



► A friendly wave

and the Colliers Wilderness reserve, are home to approximately 1000 individuals in total. This is up from 2002's statistics where the population was estimated at only 25," Mr Seymour said.

The newest addition to the Park is the Children's garden on land of just over one acre, and where the park's Manager, John Lawrus has planned many exciting interactive exhibits for children, so that they will be able to come to the Botanic Park to learn much more about plants and their place in ecosystems. They will

have their own gardens too, where they can plant seeds and water the plants and watch them grow.

John Lawrus, Manager of the Botanic Park said: "It was fantastic to have His Royal Highness Prince Charles Here opening the Rotary Classroom at the Botanic Park, which is one of the most important features of the newly – developed Children's Garden which we still hope to have completed within one year. Again, we are looking for donations. The Children's Classroom which is the heart of the

building has received a certificate of occupancy, and we hope to engage this part of the garden very soon into the school visits, as the children come each time."

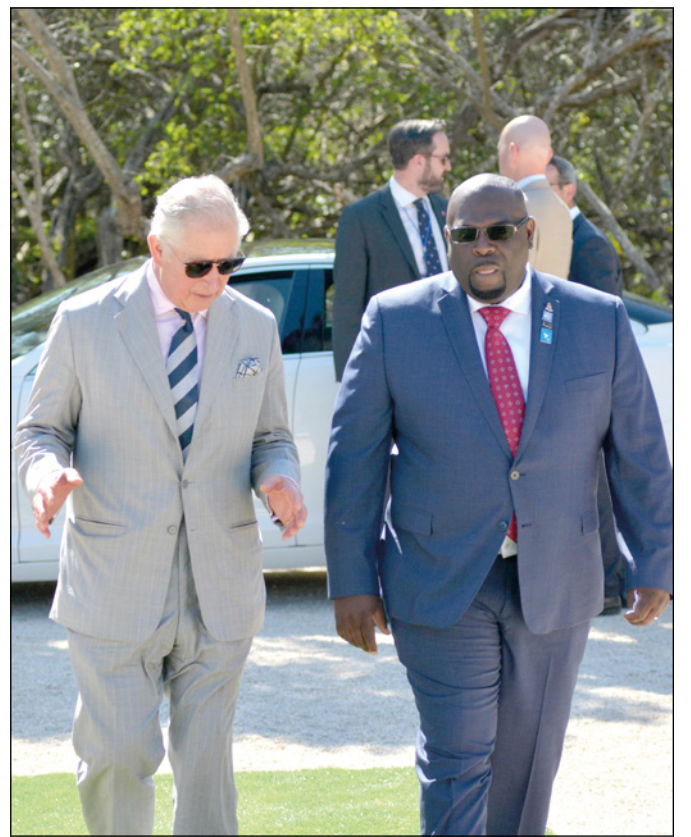
After the ribbon-cutting, the Prince was taken to meet Peter the Blue Iguana. He is a particularly friendly blue iguana which his handler, Alberto Estavanovich, shows to many tourists every year. As special little table had been prepared, and the Prince was invited to come and sit on a bench opposite, and make friends. 🐢



► Receiving a bouquet of flowers



► The Prince stroked Peter the Blue Iguana who seemed to like it



► The Prince was escorted by Hon Dwayne Seymour



► The Prince shares a little joke with one of the bystanders



► The Prince meets a young girl in the crowd



► Royal Visit Community Beach Celebration Smith Barcadere

Statement from Sustainable Cayman

"The Prince's speeches throughout the Royal Caribbean tour placed great emphasis on the need to protect our environment and take action against the ever-increasing threat and reality of climate change, especially for small Islands states like the Cayman Islands.

It was extremely heartening to hear the Prince voice on Cayman soil the need for our leaders to take decisive action to protect the very sectors which bring economic revenue into the country.

The announcement from the Minister for the Environment to draft expansion

of the Marine Park areas was very welcome and we continue to support the Department of Environment's persistent efforts to fully implement effective marine protected areas rather than merely ineffective 'paper parks' and trust they will be given the adequate financial resources to do so in the upcoming budget. The financial sector's expertise no doubt is an untapped resource of bright minds capable of helping companies rethink the way they do business, ensuring Corporate Social and Environmental Responsibility across all corporate entities

in addition to incorporating robust Natural Capital Accounting which will ensure the ecosystem services provided by the environment many take for granted are properly valued and cared for.

By harnessing the Blue Economy, working with the environment rather than against it, and fully integrating the United Nations Sustainable Development goals into the strategic plans of both the public and private sector, Cayman could certainly honour the Prince's aspiration of becoming a beacon for the Commonwealth to lead the world as true stew-

ard's of our environment for current and future generations. Let us now become a regional and global leader on waste management and sustainable cruise tourism, as we are in marine parks, harnessing our local expertise and emerging technologies, to implement solutions to these two critical national issues which do not compromise our precious terrestrial and marine resources His Royal Highness has urged us to protect. Where there is a will there is a way."

Linda Clark on behalf of Sustainable Cayman.

Honouring Women in Judicial Administration

The ladies of Judicial Administration - women working for Justice in the Cayman Islands: The Court Administrator and the Hon. Chief Justice wish to thank all of the women in Judicial Administration for their stellar work and for commitment for playing their part in providing robust administration of justice to support the Judiciary and the people of the Cayman Islands.



► (Front row from right) Court Administrator Ms Suzanne Bothwell, Ms Suzanne Livingston, Ms Karen Myren, Ms Bridget Myers, Ms Beverly Speirs, Ms Diana Tibbetts, HR Manager, Ms Patricia Muschette, Ms Monique Brown, Ms Katrina Watler, Ms Susan Bodden, Ms Maud Ramoon, Ms Joanne Cox and Clerk of Court, Ms Shiona Allenger. (Back row from left) - Mrs. Jenessa Simpson, Senior Deputy Clerk of Court, Ms Shanae Walton Wilson, Ms Ola Mae Mason, Ms Sheron Livingston Campbell, Ms Elizabeth Webb Ms Danielle Jackson, Ms Roseita Ebanks, Ms Tatiana Hodgson, Ms Carlene Lindsay and Deputy Clerk of Court, Ms Cecile Collins (Photo by Bina Mani, GIS)

POLICE NEWS

Robbery in the Red Bay Area

About 1:50PM on Friday, Friday 29 March, police were dispatched to the entrance of Selkirk Drive in George Town where it was reported that a single man, armed with machete, attended the location of a local food truck and demanded money from the workers present.

The man was described as having dark skin, being of slim build, about 5ft 8inches tall and wearing dark clothing. He made off from the location with an unknown sum of cash. No

one was injured during the incident.

Detectives are asking that if anyone has any information regarding this incident or the location of the perpetrator, to please contact the **George Town Police Station at 949-4222**. Information can also be passed directly to police anonymously on our website <http://www.rcips.ky/submit-a-tip/>, or externally through **Crime Stoppers at 800-8477** or online <http://www.crimestoppers.ky/submit-tip/>.

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THEN AND NOW

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

Wattle and daub give way to New Urbanism

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were detached from the main dwelling and called the caboose while store rooms were also separate and called butteries. Eventually the thatch rooves were replaced by corrugated zinc rooves.

Caymanian icon

One of the most striking early buildings in the Cayman Islands has to be the magnificent Great House at Pedro St James in Savannah. This structure was brought back to its former glory in the 1990s and now serves as one of the leading tourist attractions on island.

It is built over three stories with stone walls 18 inches thick, that would have, at the time of its construction in 1780, dwarfed the surrounding single-level wattle-and-daub homes nearby. Breezy wooden verandahs, large shuttered windows, and a roof made from slate from England were some of the notable features of the building. The site's history is colourful – it has been used as a courthouse, jail, Government Assembly and restaurant. It's best known as the "Birthplace of Democracy in the Cayman Islands" because it was where, in 1831, the decision was made to form the first elected parliament. Later, in 1835, Robert Thompson, sent from the Governor of Jamaica, held court at Pedro St James to issue the proclamation ending slavery in the British Empire.

Notable buildings

Elmslie Memorial Church in George Town was constructed in the 1920s by Capt. Rayal Bodden, a naval architect. He designed the roof of the church to resemble a ship's hull turned upside down. Capt. Bodden also designed the original George Town Public Library, the George Town Post Office, the George Town Town Hall and the Town Clock in central George Town.



Cayman Islands National Archive Collection XG DI 607

► Man and woman standing outside a wattle house with a thatch roof in Bodden Town 1925 to 1928, Courtesy the Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections

A new town is built

Fast forward to the 21st Century and architecture took a new turn when Camana Bay first began to take shape in 2008. According to its original architects, Moore Rubell Yudell, Camana Bay was originally conceived as an "antidote to the rapid, auto-orientated growth on the small island of Grand Cayman." It's grown from a competition-winning four village master plan into a vibrant town centre that is quickly becoming the communal heart of the island. Following the principles of New Urbanism, Camana Bay is a mixed-use community that promotes walkability, connectivity, sustainability and diversity throughout its design.



► New Urbanism at Camana Bay



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TECH TIMES

Intruder alert! Spot the burglar

The Cayman Islands is no longer a virtually crime-free zone, sadly. Burglaries are on the increase and the good old days of leaving your home unlocked are long gone. The times of alarms and floodlights being the only choice for home security are outdated with the growing availability of more intelligent and flexible options, such as smart cameras.

Placed outside or within the home, these internet-connected cameras offer a live view of what's happening from practically anywhere, send alerts when they detect motion – and some can even recognise friend from foe. They promise full control and peace of mind through your smartphone, tablet or smart display.

If something suspicious is happening, you can fire off an alarm, alert the police or even shout at the intruder straight through the camera, all while recording their every move.

1. Ring Floodlight Cam



The Ring Floodlight Cam combines, as the name might suggest, two articulated LED floodlights and a camera in one device, which make it perfect for replacement of traditional security lights in the back garden.

Larger and more capable than its battery-driven siblings, the Floodlight Cam comes in black or white but requires wiring into the mains, most probably by an electrician. Once that hurdle is overcome, setup is straightforward using the Ring app on a smartphone or tablet.

You can activate a live stream at any time through the app, but it's the motion-activated smart alerts that are the main draw. You can set motion zones, filter alerts by size of object or just people, the time of day or day of the week.

You can also configure whether to trigger the floodlights, and there's a loud siren built into it for good measure. The camera is weatherproof and comes

with two-year theft protection, in case someone is brazen enough to unscrew it from your wall. The lights can be turned on manually too.

The camera records up to 1080p video and has a wide 270-degree field of view, digital zoom and night vision, and you can talk through the camera via the app. You get live view and alerts for free, but cloud recording costs roughly \$3 a month for 60 days of event recording.

Verdict: The Ring Floodlight Cam has bright lights, a good super wide-angle camera and a siren making for a good deterrent but wiring it in requires a bit more than DIY.

2. Nest Cam IQ



The smartest camera here is also one of the most expensive. Google's Nest Cam IQ is a wired camera available in both indoor and outdoor variants. Both versions need plugging into the mains, which limits where you can put them compared to battery-powered products. But it also means you get the best-in-class camera, which captures up to 1080p video in HDR, a good 130-degree field-of-view and night vision.

The indoor Nest Cam IQ is a relatively attractive lollipop-style camera with wi-fi built in, which can be wall or ceiling mounted, but most will probably just put it on a bookshelf or something similar. The outdoor version is shaped like a large spotlight and is screwed into the wall on a rotating, angled bracket. An indoor plug comes with it, meant to be threaded through the wall into the back of the camera, but a weatherproof alternative is available to buy for a modest amount.

Without a Nest Aware subscription, you get live video feeds, motion alerts and three hours of image snapshots of events in the Nest app on your smartphone or tablet.

Things get a lot smarter with a monthly 5-day Nest Aware subscription, adding continuous cloud recording, not just

motion events, which makes it the best for capturing everything that happens indoors or outside.

You also get smarter detection of events, activity zones, clips and time lapses in the app, brilliant motion gif alerts, and face recognition.

By tagging faces with names as they're detected you can get the camera to recognise whether a friend or family member has shown up rather than a stranger.

You can talk through the camera via the app, or even access Google Assistant by saying "Hey, Google" to the indoor version of the camera like one of Google's smart speakers.

Verdict: It's expensive, but if you need high-quality continuous monitoring, the Nest Cam IQ is the smartest of smart cameras.

3. Logitech Circle 2



The Logitech Circle 2 series of cameras that start at around \$200 for wired, or \$220 for battery-powered, prove that feature packed flexibility needn't be complicated.

The little globe-shaped camera is simple to set up and use. Open the Logitech Circle app on your phone, connect the camera to wi-fi, place the camera somewhere and you're good to go – no need for another box or subscription.

You get 24 hours of cloud storage with video downloads and smart alerts free, plus a good 30-second summary of the day's action in the app. If you want more there is a small fee a month for 14-day cloud storage.

The Circle 2 is flexible too. Being weatherproof, it can be used indoors or out, has night vision, a 180-degree field of view and streams up to 1080p video. The camera bit unscrews from the back making swapping between mains and battery easy, while a variety of mounts mean you can stick it just about any-

where, including on the inside of a window looking out. It even proved durable enough to survive a couple of falls from my bannister, knocked off in the bluster of Christmas preparations.

The battery lasts around a month when placed in a hallway, or longer if there are fewer events to record, and you can talk through it to whoever comes calling using the app on your smartphone.

Verdict: The Logitech Circle 2 is simple, flexible and adaptable, making it great for those who don't want to mess around with more advanced and costly systems.

4. Arlo Pro 2



The Arlo Pro 2 consists of a battery-powered camera, which can also be plugged in, and a base station with a siren and local recording capability that connects to your router via ethernet.

At first the requirement for a base station was irritating, but the ear-splitting siren makes for a much better alarm system. The cameras are small and weatherproof and can be stuck just about anywhere, with various mounts available.

What they can do depends if they're on battery power or not. Plugged in, they offer up to three activity zones capturing a rolling three seconds before any event, sound detection and continuous recording. On battery power you're limited to motion-triggered recording and alerts, but the battery lasts around two months in medium-activity zones such as a hallway or much longer in a backyard alley.

The cameras capture up to 1080p video with a 130-degree field of view and night vision. You also get three seven-day cloud event recordings for up to five cameras. The Arlo app is not quite as good as the Ring or Nest app, but still gets the basics right, handling setup easily, alerts and live streams.

Verdict: They aren't cheap, but if you need compact cameras all over your house and garden, even in awkward positions, then the Arlo Pro 2 is for you.

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Sunset FC Fusion secure Girls Under 11 league title

The Cayman Islands Football Association (CIFA) crowned its first 2019 youth league champion this past Saturday, March 30 as the young ladies from Sunset FC Fusion secured the Girls Under 11 league title.

In their final Girls Under 11 league game of the season, Sunset FC Fusion's Harper Nelson scored twice and Olivia Thorpe added a third to secure a 3-1 win over Scholars ISC and the league title.

Scholars' Hannah Bryan made the game interesting with a goal of her own but the young ladies from West Bay could not overcome a very clinical Sunset team.

Following the game, coach Noel Kane and his team celebrated the win and the title with a local rendition of the very popular "campeones, campeones...ole, ole, ole."

On Thursday, March 28, Sunset FC Fusion had moved a step closer to the title as they downed their younger club mates Sunset FC Stingrays 5-0 in a 'public holiday derby' with Olivia Thorpe (2), Jazzy Woodford, Harper Nelson and Cayden Coles scoring the decisive goals.

In the second Girls Under 11 league game played on Saturday, Sunset SC Stingrays defeated George Town SC 6-0

thanks to goals from Emily Woolf (2), Samara Walters, Cianne Raftopoulos and Mina Madden.

In the Girls Under 13 league, Elite SC and Academy SC Mermaids shared the points in an exciting 2-2 draw as Millicent Hoffman scored twice for Academy SC and Ilianna Romero and an Academy SC own goal were enough to secure a point for Elite SC.

In a Boys Under 11 Group A game played on Thursday, March 28 in Cayman Brac, 345 FC II defeated Cayman Brac FC 5-0 (respect rule observed).

In the final Boys Under 11 Group A games played on Saturday, 345FC II got by Latinos FC 3-2 thanks to goals from Noah Mitten, Kai Armstrong and Jhaiyre Willis. A determined Latinos FC outfit fought back after twice going behind as Mark Ebanks found the back of the net on both occasions, but they could not find that third equaliser before the final whistle sounded.

In the other Boys Under 11 Group A games, 345 FC I beat Cayman Brac FC 5-0 (respect rule observed) with Emre Cuevo-Ebanks, Kyan Okoli, Christo Durrant and Chaz Ruddick (2) sealing the win, and Academy SC Wanderers defeated Sunset FC Makos 2-0 courtesy of goals from Callum Whiteside and Ijah Jennings.



► Sunset FC Fusion celebrate their CIFA Girls Under 11 league title

In the Boys Under 13 league, Academy SC Stingrays outlasted 345 FC III 2-0 as Matthew Goulden and Sean Byles got their names on the score sheet.

In the Boys Under 15 league, Cayman Athletic SC defeated Sunset FC 4-1 with goals from Shamar Seymour, Arthur Fredricks (2) and Charles Ebanks (2). Cameron Smith replied for Sunset FC.

In other Boys Under 15 games, in the 'Academy derby' Academy SC Blue defeated Academy SC White 9-0, Cayman Brac downed Bodden Town FC 7-2 in Cayman Brac and in the '345 derby', 345 FC I got past 345 FC II 3-0.

Playoff games in the Boys Under 11 league and other CIFA youth league action continues this Saturday, April 6 and throughout the week.

CILLA Girls Softball – Game Report

Kirk Freeport 9, Scotiabank 8

CILLA Girls Softball continued on Wednesday, March 27th at the Field of Dreams, with Kirk Freeport holding off Scotiabank, 9-8. After the teams combined for a whopping 13 runs in the first inning, the pitchers and defense were solid the rest of the way, with only four runs scoring over the final three innings.

In the top of the first, Kirk Freeport's Aleigha General, Sofia Watler, McKenna Knapik, Deandra Whiteman, Nathania Simpson, Raina Myles and Akeyla Ebanks all scored to give their team an early seven run lead. The big hits in the inning were Nathania's three-run double, and RBI single by Raina, and a two-run inside-the-park homer to right by Akeyla.

Scotiabank bounced right back with six runs of their own. The first six batters, Stephanie Menko, Clara Ramos,

Carmella Ylagan, Latysha Powell, Shay Windsor and Calissa Ylagan all reached base and scored, with Shay's two-run double leading the way. There was an error in the outfield on the play, so Shay was able to scamper all the way home.

In the top of the second, Deandra Whiteman scored her second run of the game with a single and good hustle to reach home after a couple of errors on the play.

In the bottom of the second, Scotiabank tallied two runs to tie the score. Stephanie Menko doubled and scored on a single by Carmella Ylagan. Latysha Powell then singled up the middle to bring home Carmella.

Kirk Freeport scored the eventual winning run in the top of the third as Akeyla Ebanks scored and came home on a two-out single by Aleigha General.

Both teams played good defense for the rest of the game, and Kirk Freeport's Deandra Whiteman retired Scotiabank in order over the final two innings to preserve the lead.

Scotiabank's infield made several good defensive plays on grounders and Kirk Freeport made two fine plays in the field. Akeyla Ebanks caught a pop-up and tagged a runner out for a double play at 1B, while 3B Sofia Watler made



► Sofia Watler, McKenna Knapik and Amiya Tahal are three new players this season, and all are enjoying the game

a great relay throw home to Deandra Whiteman, who tagged out a runner trying to score.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Kirk Freeport	7	1	1	0	-	9
Scotiabank	6	2	0	0	-	8

Coldwell Banker 13, Kirk Freeport 3

In Saturday's Girls Softball action, first place Coldwell Banker scored ten runs in the first inning en route to a 13-3 win over Kirk Freeport. All eleven starters scored at least one run for Coldwell Banker, the first time in recent memory this has occurred. Several of the runs were aided by walks, but there were a few good hits mixed in by Chadene Brooks, Reyah Stewart, Jialy Archbold and Deandra Bush.

Coldwell Banker's Deandra Bush walked three batters and struck out six in her two innings of work, while allowing just two hits. Relief pitcher Madison Malice pitched well in the third inning, and the game finished with a double play on a catch and tag by Deandra Bush.

Kirk Freeport's Aleigha General scored a run and made a great catch in right field, while Sofia Watler made a great stop on a hard ground ball and retired the runner at third base. Deandra Whiteman pitched well in her two innings of work and she showed great hustle in rounding the bases to score after a throwing error by Coldwell Banker.

As the teams approach the midpoint of the regular season, the attendance has been good, the sportsmanship has been excellent, and many of the girls have improved significantly in such a short time.

Huge thanks go out to all the coaches, umpires and the parents who faithfully show up to cheer on the teams! Games continue through early June on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 4:30 pm at the Field of Dreams.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
Coldwell Banker	10	0	3	-	-	13
Kirk Freeport	1	0	2	-	-	3

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
Coldwell Banker	4	0	1	48	25	0
Kirk Freeport	3	2	1	40	50	1.5
Scotiabank	0	5	0	37	50	4.5



► Coldwell Banker's Deandra Bush struck out six batters in Saturday's game



► Kirk Freeport's Aleigha General gets ready to speed off third base



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Skerritt will bring back legends

Caribbean cricket lovers are generally pleased that controversial Dave Cameron has been ousted as president of the Cricket West Indies board.

The complete exclusion of former greats from the board was a main feature of the Cameron years, as was the alienation of Caribbean heads of government from the board.

Now the West Indies renaissance can really begin. Cameron's successor Ricky Skerritt was once the West Indies team manager, and likely to prove himself far more of a team man.



► Ricky Skerritt promises to make popular changes

Cameron was widely seen to have channelled West Indies financial resources, not into infrastructure, not into the international players, but into administration. Anyone on the CWI board, therefore with a vote, was liable to get a well-paid post.

The Test players meanwhile were earning less than the administrators, which seemed wrong. Sir Vivian Richards, as might be expected, had taken the lead in speaking out against Cameron.

Skerritt won the vote 8-4 to mark the end of an era - and error. "I am humbled and deeply honoured to be elected as president. We pledge to work for improvement on and off the field for West Indies Cricket," he said.

Skerritt says he intends to make sure the region's legends have a key role to play in Caribbean cricket development.

He said that the iconic former players were invaluable resources who needed to be used properly to get the full benefit from their vast knowledge and experience.

His comments came on the heels of recent controversial remarks by losing three-time incumbent Cameron, who said some West Indies legends had not excelled when asked to perform roles within the administration.

"I don't even feel competent to value the legends — the legends are invaluable. Their role and their value have been immeasur-



► West Indies cricket could benefit from the new regime

able and, of course, it varies from one to the other," Skerritt pointed out.

Skerritt said during the recent CWI election campaign, he had the opportunity to sit with and listen to legendary former players, whose ideas had informed his own planning. They included Desmond Haynes and Sir Wesley Hall.

The region's legends largely felt ignored under the Cameron administration, and threw their support behind Skerritt and running mate Dr Kishore Shallow for the top CWI spots.

Skerritt, a former West Indies team manager, said CWI would be seeking out advice and expertise from former top players.

"I have no problem interacting with folks who have been there on the front-line, who understand what takes place, even though they may not have played T20 cricket, they know cricket," said the former St Kitts and Nevis government minister.

"Clive Lloyd was actually chairman of selectors when Jason Holder was chosen — a very young and green captain chosen by Clive Lloyd because he saw in Jason Holder the qualities that he knew were necessary for leadership going forward on the field.

"I have no doubt that we can find a tremendous resourcefulness in the past cricketers." 🌐

Culver is NBA draft cert

When the NBA draft is held in June the name of Jarrett Culver will be high up on the most coveted list.

Culver, 20, is the leading scorer for the Texas Tech Red Raiders who has enjoyed tremendous success in his sophomore campaign and looks poised to be a top 10 pick in the 2019 NBA Draft. With fantastic size (6 ft 5 ins) plus athleticism as a guard, Culver has a crafty offensive game and uses his natural gifts well when attacking the basket.

Culver does it all for the Red Raiders.

He leads the team in scoring (18.9 points), rebounding (6.4), minutes (32.1) and assists (13.3).

Not all of Culver's stats jump off the page (48.4 percent from the field, 32 percent on 3-pointers, 70 percent at the free-throw line), but he's put up double figures in 34 of 35 games.

The foundation of Culver's game is operating off the dribble, getting into the lane and finishing, drawing fouls or distributing to teammates. He's one of the best creators in the country.

Beyond just being adept at attacking the basket, Culver is a scorer from all three levels of



► Jarrett Culver will be a top NBA draft

the court. While his three-point percentage is lacking a bit, that is mainly because he is an extremely confident shooter on a team without many scoring options and often gets stuck with the ball as the shot clock is ticking down, resulting in tons of contested threes. That issue shouldn't be as prevalent in the NBA where he should have plenty of scoring help.

While he shows mental lapses from time to time those mistakes are coachable and he has shown to be an extremely effective communicator within Texas Tech's elite team defence this season. 🌐

Crawford wants to unify belts

Terence Crawford has named his five best boxers of all-time, with the likes of Sugar Ray Robinson, Sugar Ray Leonard, Julio Cesar Chavez and Rocky Marciano failing to make the cut.

Crawford, one of boxing's current pound-for-pound king's, faces Amir Khan on April 20 as he looks to make the second defence of his WBO welterweight belt before a potential unification fight against the also undefeated Errol Spence.

In a 'quick hits' series with Top Rank Boxing on Instagram, Crawford was asked to name his top five former fighters. Muhammad Ali, Mike Tyson, Floyd Mayweather Jr, Pernell Whittaker and Roy Jones Jr are his favourites.

Crawford is keen to unify the welterweight division in a bout against Spence - having already held world championship belts in three weight classes.

"Of course, it is makeable," Crawford said. "I believe it would be the biggest fight in the welterweight division." 🌐



► Terence Crawford is one of boxing's best champs

Rooney backs Solskjaer as boss

Manchester United legend Wayne Rooney has joined the stream of people pleased that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was handed a three-year contract at the club.

The Red Devils have shone since the Norwegian boss took charge after Jose Mourinho's sacking, firing United back into the race for the top-four and sealing a spot in the Champions League quarter-finals after a memorable victory over Paris Saint-Germain.

Many had been calling for Solskjaer to be handed the job on a permanent basis after his performances in charge so far and the club followed through with their wishes ahead of their 2-1 win over Watford on Saturday.

After the news was announced, Rooney took to Twitter to send a message of support to Solskjaer and the forward, now with MLS outfit DC United, revealed his excitement for the season's finale. "Congratulations to Ole on the job. Well deserved. Looking forward to watching the rest of the season," his post read.



► Wayne Rooney welcomes Solskjaer's appointment

Many fans then took the opportunity to respond, with some calling for Rooney to return to Old Trafford to become part of Solskjaer's coaching team.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane has said he is impressed with Paul Pogba and suggested the midfielder could move to the Bernabeu when he leaves Manchester United.

Speaking at a news conference ahead of Sunday's home game against Huesca, Zidane said Pogba was a "different" player and had few equals.

France international Pogba said recently that "all players dream of playing for Real Madrid," sparking speculation about a potential move.

"I like him a lot - that is nothing new," Zidane said. "I know him per-

sonally. He is a truly different player - few players can do what he can. He is a midfielder who can defend, attack, do everything.

"But he is not my player, he is at Manchester. He has always said that, after Manchester, Madrid has always interested him. So when his experience at Manchester ends, why not come here to Madrid?" 🌐



Legislation Targeting Gangs and Guns to Go Before Jamaica Parliament

Prime Minister Andrew Holness says the Government will be taking new legislation to the House of Representatives to deal with threats posed by gangs and guns.

"We will shortly come to the Parliament with a new piece of legislation to create an intermediary extraordinary power to assist the police and the military," he announced as he called on the Opposition to give its support, when the time comes, for the passage of the legislative measure.

The Prime Minister assured Jamaicans that the Government "is doing everything in its power" to address crime and violence.

He said that in addition to guns and gangs, the activities of dons, youth disengagement and unattached youth, and cybersecurity also pose a threat to the society.

Holness said that while the Government needs to have the capacity to effectively address these issues, "this is not a capacity that can be arbitrarily used".

"There must be systems, rules, procedures, accountability in how the capacity we acquire is used. Jamaica is not a banana republic," the Prime Minister said.

"We will do this in a very transparent and cooperative manner, because what we wouldn't want is for Jamaica's name to be tarnished by virtue of any misuse of capabilities."

Meantime, Minister of National Security Dr Horace Chang says the Government is committed to strengthening border security as part of measures to curb the illicit flow of weapons into the country.

"Reducing access to illicit guns will stem crime and improve economic out-

look and development, so we will properly equip our security forces with the tools needed to secure our borders and protect Jamaica's people and her assets," he said, as he noted that the Jamaica Defence Force recently acquired a marine surveillance aircraft and two helicopters that have significantly increased monitoring capacity.

Minister Chang also emphasized the importance of partnerships between Jamaica and its international partners in the Ministry's implementation of the National Security Policy, aimed at creating a safe and



► Prime Minister Andrew Holness has sought to assure Jamaicans that the Government is doing everything in its power to address crime and violence. (Credit: JIS)

secure Jamaica by the effective enforcement of law and order and maintenance of secure borders. 🌐

Heavy Fines Announced for Breaching Plastic Ban Law in Barbados, But Opposition Says They're Too High

As government prepares to implement a ban on petroleum-based plastics, importers, retailers and users have been warned that they will face serious consequences, if they breach the new law.

From April 1, the ban on importation of such petro-based single-use products will be enforced, while the distribution, sale and use of such products will be banned from July 1.

After those dates, government is proposing to enforce penalties ranging as high as BDS\$50,000 (US\$25,000) or a year's imprisonment, or both, for importing, offering for sale, or using single-use plastics in Barbados.

This was announced by Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Kirk Humphrey, during the second reading of the Control of Disposable Plastics Bill 2019, in the House of Assembly on Monday.

Single-use plastic containers refer to those made using plastic or polystyrene, and included cups, food containers, and egg trays used in the culinary retail industry.

Under the Bill, it is proposed that anyone who imports, offers for sale, sells or uses single-use plastic or cutlery after the deadline had passed would be guilty of an offence, and would be liable on summary conviction to the BDS\$50,000 (US\$25,000) fine, a year's imprisonment, or both. And, anyone continuing the practice can be fined BDS\$1,000 (US\$500) for each day or part thereof, during which the offence continues.



► Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy, Kirk Humphrey announced fines as high as BDS\$50,000 (US\$25,000)



► Opposition Leader Joseph Atherley says the fines are too high for sellers

Minister Humphrey also noted that from July 1, no person shall import, sell or use any single-use plastic containers or any single-use plastic cutlery that is labelled or marketed as "environmentally sustainable" unless that person has applied for, and obtained a BDS\$25 (US\$12.50) licence under the proposed Act.

"This is to ensure that importers bring in the kind of products that are in compliance with what Barbados is seeking to achieve," he said, noting that importers would also be subjected to the same fines if they are caught breaching the proposed Act.

However, Opposition Leader Joseph Atherley says the fines outlined are too high for sellers.

"I have serious concerns about the hefty fines for infringements on the ban on plastics beyond the given date. I believe those fines are too high. You could have made two separate stipulations—one that applies to the importers and manufacturers and another for the sellers. Charging the manufacturers and importers \$50,000 is fine, but I am not comfortable with it being so high for the sellers, especially the small vendors," he told Parliament.

Meantime, Minister Humphrey told Parliament that some plastics would be exempt from the ban.

They are: plastic bags designed for, packaged and retailed specifically for the disposal of waste from households, public spaces, business places, offices or industrial plants – garbage bags; plastic

bags or polystyrene containers for items for pharmaceutical dispensing or any other medical use; plastic bags or plastic containers designed for the storage of agricultural products; plastic bags used for the preservation of food items; trays made of polystyrene used in the packaging of fresh meat; plastic straws attached to tetra pack boxes; and plastic bags for the preservation of food items.

Humphrey also noted that local plastic bag manufacturers will be able to continue their trade, but for export purposes only.

"We understand that local manufacturers do a significant share of business overseas. So, they can make them here but they cannot use them here," he said. 🌐

UK Signs Deal with Caribbean Countries for Trade Continuity After Brexit

UK businesses and consumers will benefit from a trade continuity agreement maintaining current arrangements with countries in the Caribbean soon after Britain leaves the European Union.

Trade Policy Minister George Hollingbery signed the UK-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) with Ministers and representatives from Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia and St Vincent and the Grenadines.

The news has been welcomed by businesses and business groups including the West Indies Rum & Spirits Producers Association (WIRSPA), one of the oldest private sector trade associations in the Caribbean. WIRSPA represents some brands well known to UK consumers including Appleton, Angostura and Mount Gay Rum.

The agreement will allow these businesses and many others across the Caribbean to trade like they do now, without any additional barriers or tariffs.

It eliminates all tariffs on all goods imported from the signing countries into the UK, while those Caribbean states will continue gradually to cut import tariffs on most of the region's imports from the UK.

The UK is an important export market for the Caribbean, and the UK bought 100 per cent of St Lucia's banana exports, as well as 69 per cent of Belize's banana exports in 2017. In addition, 81 per cent of Guyanese and 64 per cent Jamaican sugarcane exports went to the UK.

These preferential terms are part of the UK government's commitment to supporting developing countries to reduce

poverty through trade. It will help them to grow their economies, create jobs, increase incomes and reduce reliance on overseas aid in the long-term.

"I am delighted to sign this agreement today as it will allow businesses to continue trading like they do today after we leave the European Union. It will help to support jobs in the UK and throughout the Caribbean, as well as ensuring that the British supermarkets' shelves continue to be stocked with the best Caribbean produce such as bananas, sugar and rum," said UK Minister for Trade Policy George Hollingbery.

"We have a long-standing commitment to reduce poverty through trade and this agreement will support jobs in key Commonwealth countries, such as St Lucia, Belize, Grenada, Dominica, Barbados and Guyana for whom the UK currently accounts for more than a quarter of their trade in goods with the EU."

One company set to benefit from the Caribbean continuity agreement is Belize Sugar Industries.

Mac McLachlan, Vice President, International Relations, ASR Group said Belize Sugar Industries warmly welcomed signature of the agreement.

"For an industry which supports the livelihoods of around 15 per cent of the Belizean population and is the mainstay of the Northern Belize economy, retain-



ing the opportunity for continued trade is essential. This long-term relationship is hugely important to us and other Caribbean sugar producing countries," he said.

Komal Samaroo, Chairman of the West Indies Rum & Spirits Producers Association (WIRSPA), and head of the Guyana-based Demerara Distillers conglomerate said both sides had worked hard to achieve culmination of the agreement.

"The UK is a major export destination for our rums and we are pleased that the trade provisions will maintain our continued access to that market."

"The rum industry is the region's premier export industry and its largest export earner after minerals, as well as a significant employer. The preferential provisions in the agreement will continue to give our authentic rum producers a much-needed boost vis-à-vis subsidised products from other countries," he said.

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 countries.

The agreement also covers the services sector, including tourism, which will benefit British nationals who spend £900 million a year during some 900,000 visits to the Caribbean. It will help small and medium businesses in the Caribbean to promote sustainable tourism and follow international environmental and quality standards.

The UK is seeking to provide continuity for existing EU trade agreements covering more than 70 countries that account for 11 per cent of total UK trade and we are making good progress having recently signed agreements with Switzerland and Israel.

Like all these agreements, the new UK-CARIFORUM agreement replicates the existing trading arrangements as far as possible. It is expected to come into effect as soon as the implementation period ends in January 2021, or from as soon as possible after the UK leaves the EU if we leave without a deal. 🌐

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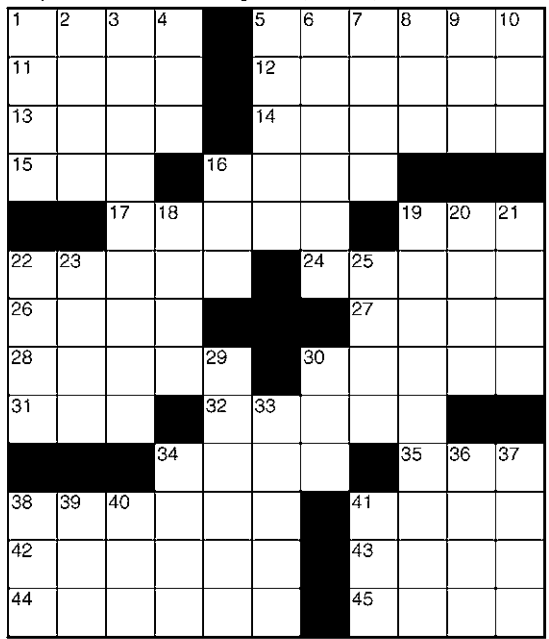
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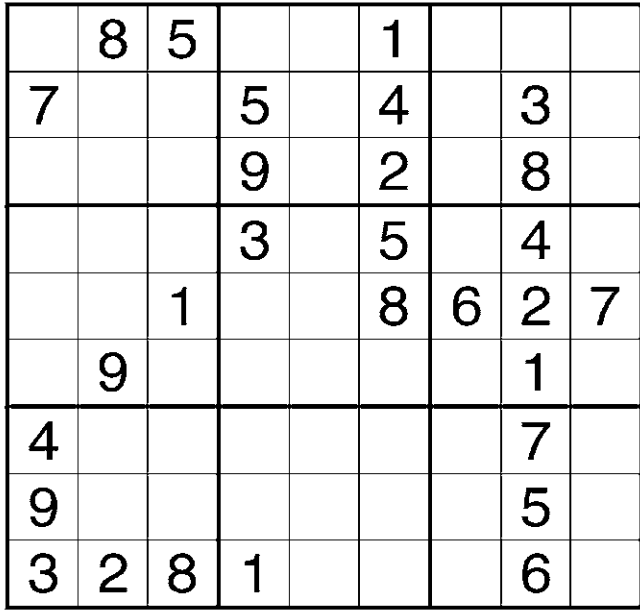
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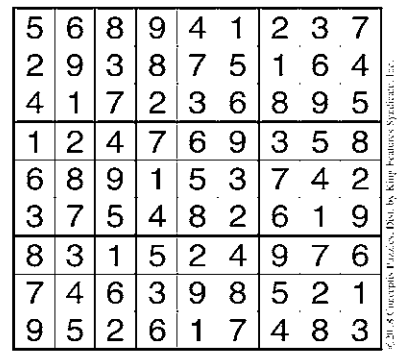
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- Conservatory
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- Cupboard
- Den
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- Guestroom
- Kitchen
- Landing
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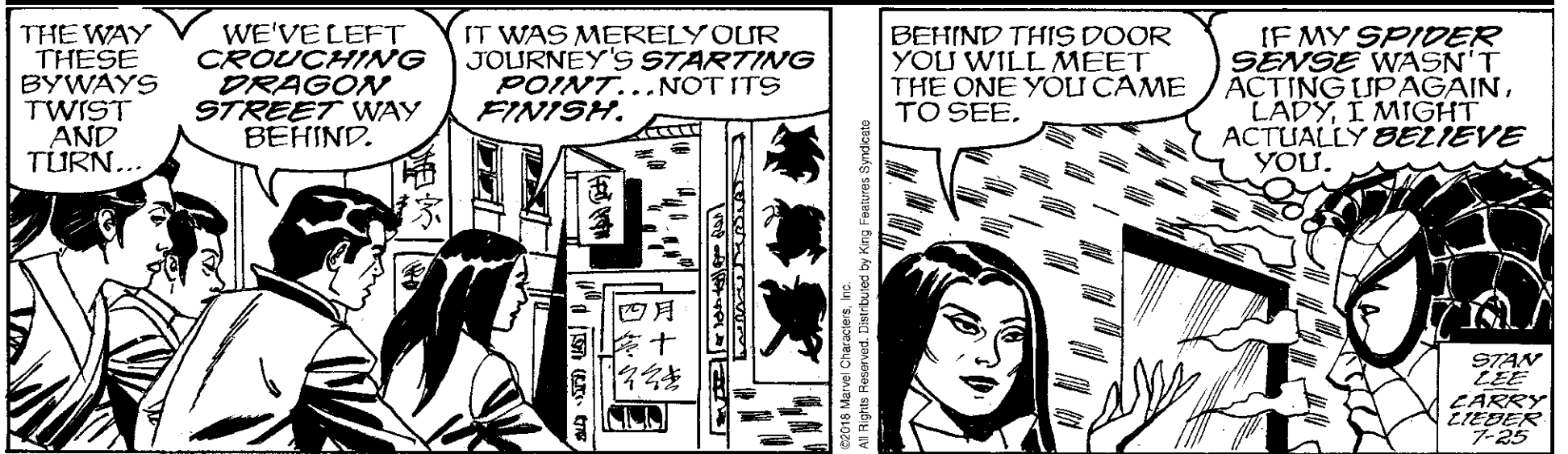
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