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Builders Expo helping to green Cayman

By Lindsey Turnbull

Billed as a great place to learn about the process of building a home, the Cayman Islands Cayman 27 Builder's Expo that took place last Saturday at the Art & Recreation Centre at Camana Bay was also a useful starting point for anyone interested in lowering their carbon footprint by switching to green power.

Any newcomer to the building process will have learned a huge amount from roaming from booth to booth, with all kinds of service providers such as builders, material suppliers, electricians and designers on hand to showcase the raft of services they can offer. One such company was Phoenix Construction, well known for its home building capabilities, but perhaps not so well-known for its interior design services that they also offer.

"We have three interior designers who can assist people all the way through from start to finish," interior designer Bianca Hunt said, adding that bringing an interior designer on board at the conceptual stage means they can help with the design looking at how the living space will be used, taking into account daily activity in the home.



► Builders Expo 2019

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Constitution Anniversary Celebrations Begin

Celebrate Cayman launched a yearlong celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Cayman Islands constitution at a very special event Saturday morning (29 June 2019).

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness and Overseas Territories Minister Lord Ahmad was

among those who joined elected leaders and senior officials at a cultural breakfast to celebrate the Cayman Islands' special relationship with Jamaica and the United Kingdom.

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► Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin presents Prime Minister of Jamaica, Andrew Holness with catboat modelled out of Caymanite, on Saturday, 29 June 2019

Time to Renew Liquor licenses



Grand Cayman Liquor licence holders – including those with music and dancing licences – are reminded of the upcoming Annual Liquor Licence Meeting to be held September 9th, 2019. The deadline for applications is August 16th, 2019.

The Liquor Licensing Board in conjunction with Department of Commerce & Investment, The Fire Department, The Department of Environmental Health and the Planning Department has agreed to streamline the process for Liquor and Music & Dancing Licence renewals.

The Minister of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joseph Hew praised the cross-department collaboration, led by DCI, which has brought about the streamlining of the renewal process.

He noted: "this Government has already made strides to end the red tape that makes it overly complicated to run a business in the Cayman Islands, for instance with amendments to the Trade and Business Licensing Law.

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EDITORIAL

Rewarding our Graduates

For the past seven years, the parent company for Caymanian Times have been presenting awards to the Most Outstanding Business Student at the annual graduations across the islands.

We have seen an increase in sponsors for other awards and we applaud these individuals and private companies who have stepped up and accepted their civic responsibilities.

We also applaud all students who have completed their high school education, particularly those who have excelled in their performance.

These acts of kindness not only motivate students but also demonstrates that the private sector wishes to collaborate with the Government to ensure that these graduation exercises are successful.



General Education for Citizens

A stable and democratic society is impossible without widespread acceptance of some common set of values and without a minimum degree of literacy and knowledge on the part of most citizens. Education contributes to both. In consequence, the gain from the education of a child accrues not only to the child or to his parents but to other members of the society; the

education of my child contributes to other people's welfare by promoting a stable and democratic society. Yet it is not feasible to identify the particular individuals (or families) benefited or the money value of the benefit and so to charge for the services rendered. There is therefore a significant "neighborhood effect."

Extract from Milton Friedman (1962/1982), *Capitalism and Freedom*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Elections Office Begins Door to Door Verification

The Elections Office today (Friday, 28 June 2019) began door-to-door verification of signatures on the cruise port referendum petition, in the districts of North Side and East End.

Elections Office staff are identifiable by their Elections Office shirts and ID Cards. While verifying signatures, staff will also have change of detail forms for registered voters who have changed names or addresses but have yet to notify the Elections Office.

Verifiers are expected to begin going door-to-door in Bodden Town next Friday, 5 July and the Elections Office will keep the public informed as the process moves to other districts.

Officials remind the public that the deadline to register for the next publication of the Official Register of



Electors is 8pm on Tuesday, 2 July. In addition the office will open tomorrow (Saturday, 29 June) between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Smith Road Centre for verification of signatures on the petition or for registration purposes.

Persons with questions should contact the Elections Office at 949-8047.

Registrar Offers Governance Training for NPOs

The Registrar for NPOs (non-profit organisations) will be staging a training session on corporate governance for charitable organisations in the Cayman Islands on Tuesday, 2 July from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in room 1038 of the Government Administration Building.

The session will cover best practices for charities; and money laundering and terrorist financing risks. Persons who serve as leaders and controllers within NPOs are encouraged to attend.

"The session will help all NPOs to fulfil their administrative duties in compliance with global standards for anti-money laundering, and countering the financing of terrorism", said Paul Inniss, the Head of Compliance at General Registry.

Mr Inniss will be facilitating the session, alongside Ben Evans of Financial Transparency Advisors (FTA). The Ministry of Financial Services has contracted FTA to assist with Cayman's preparations for the 2020 CFATF (Caribbean Financial Action Task Force) review of Cayman's anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regime.



As of 1 June, there were more than 400 churches, sports clubs, philanthropic organisations and community groups registered with Government. These entities, more typically referred to as charities, fall within the scope of the Non-Profit Organisations Law, 2017. The law was enacted in accordance with international standards to strengthen the Cayman Islands' regime to counter money laundering and terrorist financing.

Mr Inniss added that all charities in Cayman will find the July training session useful.

"The training is aimed at every NPO operating in the Cayman Islands. It has been organised to assist them in managing their respective organisations in accordance with global standards. We encourage persons to come prepared to ask questions and engage with us", he said.

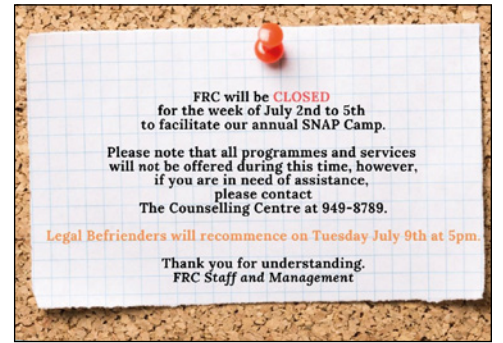
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Family Resource Unit and Legal Befrienders Close for SNAP Camp

The Family Resource Centre (FRC) wishes to advise the public that it is closing from Tuesday, 2 - Friday, 5 July 2019 inclusive to facilitate its annual SNAP camp.

Please contact The Counselling Centre at 949-8789 if you need assistance during the week ahead.

FRC's Legal Befrienders service will recommence on Tuesday, 9 July 2019 at 5 p.m.



DCI Reminds Grand Cayman Liquor Licence Holders to Renew

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Now, we are pushing forward with improvements to the Liquor Licence renewal process. This is yet another initiative aimed at helping local business owners and entrepreneurs, as we strike for a key Government priority: to create a strong economy to help families and businesses."

The Minister went on to stress that further reductions in the application requirements can be expected in the future.

License holders are advised to note the following changes which take effect immediately.

1. Police Clearances are no longer required for renewal applications.
2. Inspections by the **Planning Department** are no longer a requirement for a renewal application.
3. It is the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure and make arrangements for annual inspections of the licensed premises by the Department of Environmental Health and the Fire Department.
4. Copies of the inspection report must be retained by the Licensee.
5. Inspection reports are no longer required to submit to DCI with a renewal application.
6. To renew a license, it is required to submit a completed application form for each location and license being renewed along with the licensing fee for each category.
7. The Board will be notified at the Annual Session by the relevant Department of any premises deemed unsatisfactory during the inspection process, prior to the Board's decision for such license to be renewed.

Business owners may contact the relevant Departments directly should they have any questions relating to inspections. The contact details for the various Departments are:

The Department of Environmental Health: Contact the Department directly at 949-6696 or email dehcustomerservice@gov.ky for information or to schedule an inspection; alternatively you may visit the Department at 580 North Sound Road, George Town. In Cayman Brac, contact the DEH Office at 916-4201.

The Fire Service: The Department suggests that inspections are booked using the Online Planning System (OPS) <https://www.planning.ky/ops>. Alter-

natively, you may call or email a specific inspector directly, if so preferred. Applicants are required to have their annual servicing and maintenance reports for all necessary fire protection systems available. The applicable reports will be required to be submitted to the Department for review and consideration prior to the scheduling of the inspection.

Inspectors' Names and Contact Information:

- Mr. Darnely Scott 345-916-0429 darnely.scott@gov.ky
- Mrs. Tiffany Ebanks 345-926-8176 (Fire Services) (Tiffany.Ebanks2@gov.ky)
- Mr. James Bodden 345-936-2226 james.bodden@gov.ky

The Port Authority: Vessel inspection requests and fees should be made at the Port Authority location at 45A, Harbour Drive, George Town. All queries can be directed to 949-2055 or email cjackson@caymanport.com or dpan-ton@caymanport.com.

Variations: Any desired change to a licence's (a) licensee; (b) the location of the licensed premises; (c) the licensed premises by making addition or alteration; (d) the specified hours; (e) the category of licence; or (f) any condition imposed requires a variation. Variation applications must include all relevant documents, approvals and payment.

Licence Category and Permitted Hours: Please carefully review licence categories and the permitted hours given below to ensure that all applications are made for the correct category as per your business activity.

Licensees must submit all applications at the Business Licensing Counter on the 1st floor of the Government Administration Building. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The deadline to submit applications is August 16th. Only applications received by the deadline will be considered at the Liquor Licensing Board's annual meeting on September 9th 2018.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Department of Commerce and Investment's website www.dci.gov.ky. For more information, contact Shelise Jeffery on 244-2202 or Samone Morgan at 244-2097.

For Sister Islands operations, please contact Lolita Bodden at 948-2400 or Dave Tatum at 244-4401.

GRAND CAYMAN - LIQUOR LICENCES PERMITTED HOURS			
LICENCE CATEGORY (And Premises Type)	MONDAY TO FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DISTRIBUTOR	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Closed
DISTRIBUTOR - Retail Tasting	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Closed
PACKAGE - Liquor Stores, Gas Stations, Convenient Stores & Hotel	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
PACKAGE - Retail Tasting	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Closed
PACKAGE - Duty Free at Airport Ports	6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
AIRPORT DUTY FREE -SPECIAL CONDITIONS	Permitted to open outside of regular permitted hours - one hour before the first flight and one hour after last flight.		
PACKAGE - Duty Free at Sea Ports	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
SEA PORT DUTY FREE -SPECIAL CONDITIONS	Permit to open outside of regular permitted hours - one hour before the ship arrival and one hour after ship departure. Permitted to open on Sunday only when cruise ships are in port.		
RETAIL - Nightclub	6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
RETAIL - Bar	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
HOTEL - Room and Mini-Bar Service	12:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	12:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	12:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
HOTEL - Bars & Restaurant(s)	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
RESTAURANT	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.



► Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon delivers address celebrating ties between UK, Cayman Islands and Jamaica, on Saturday, 29 June 2019



► Students from Edna M Moyle Primary School perform Quadrille dance at Cultural Breakfast on Saturday, 29 June 2019

Constitution Anniversary Celebrations Begin

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Invited guests include heads of Governments from the British Overseas Territories, representatives from Jama-

ica and the Jamaican Diaspora in the Cayman Islands, members of the clergy, and the Constitutional Commission.

The 1959 Legislative Assembly of Justice and Vestry, which enacted the first

Constitution, was represented by family members.

Other festivities planned this weekend include a football match on Saturday evening, a church service on Sunday

morning, followed by a special event commemorating George Town Town Hall as the site of the signing of the constitution, and a panel discussion on Radio Cayman next Thursday, 4 July. [f](#)

Lobster Pot donates AED to Island Montessori

Lobster Pot owner, Marcus Cumber recently purchased and donated a HeartSine 360P AED from the Cayman Heart Fund. The AED was purchased for Island Montessori School. Mr. Cumber expressed concern that cardiac arrest is one of Cayman's worst life-threatening medical emergencies and wanted the school to be prepared in a cardiac event.

The Owner/Principal of Island Montessori, Clare Thorpe, said, "they are so grateful for the support of Marcus Cumber and Lobster Pot restaurant for donating an AED in their school. Although they hope never to have to use it, it is comforting to know that it is available for the staff to use as they are crucial in an emergency."

Coordinator for the Cayman Heart Fund, Angelique Bodden, applauded Mr. Cumber for donating the AED to the school but also expressed the importance of learning CPR and first aid training. She welcomes the community to contact her for CPR and First Aid Training information.

The Cayman Heart Fund (CHF) is a non-profit, non-government organization dedicated to the reduction of heart and circulatory disease in the Cayman Islands. Heart and circulatory disease, known as cardiovascular disease (CVD), is the number one health problem in the Cayman Islands. For more information contact: 345-916-6324 or info@caymanheartfund.com. [f](#)



► Cayman Heart Fund Project Coordinator, Angelique Bodden (left) and Lobster Pot Owner, Marcus Cumber (right) and Cayman Heart Fund Founder, Suzy Soto (center) present Island Montessori, Clare O'Keefe Thorpe (Center) with one automated external defibrillators purchased and be installed at Island Montessori

CyDEC explores latest trends and the future landscape of the digital economy

The 2nd annual Cayman Islands Digital Economy Conference recently welcomed over a hundred delegates to the Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa to discuss fintech, blockchain, cryptocurrency, digitization of education, ICO's and what it all means for the future of Cayman's digital economy.

Acting Premier Hon. Moses Kirkconnell opened the conference saying Cayman is the jurisdiction of choice for financial services, fintech and digital services and highlighted how the Cayman Islands government is working to keep up with the evolving technology.

Minister of Financial Services, Hon. Tara Rivers touched on the importance of the digital economy to the Cayman Islands and how the Ministry is working to strengthen the jurisdiction in a manner consistent with our reputation as a global leader in financial services.

A day after the announcement of Facebook's own digital currency, Libra, Justin Fisher, CEO and Co-Founder of VeriBlock gave a fascinating presentation on the pros and cons of this system and

how this will allow billions of users to make financial transactions across the globe in a move that could change the world's banking system.

With the dramatic highs and lows of the cryptocurrency landscape in recent years, Nolan Bauerle, writer and researcher at CoinDesk delved into the current cryptocurrency climate and discussed how far the digital economy has come, finishing on a discussion around AI and how it will impact our lives.

As the integration of digital technology becomes apparent in our everyday lives, Kwaku Aning, Director at Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking discussed how the digitisation of education practices can both improve and hinder our children's way of learning as we move from 'old school' to 'new school' systems.

ICO's remain an opportunity for international financial centres, such as the Cayman Islands according to Ravi Bahadursingh, Barrister at Chancery Lane Chambers, who explored how these risks can be managed and where this structure is headed in the future.

Expert panels featuring international and local experts focused on how regulators should manage the risks associated with fintech and what the future of the digital economy might look like and how our lives are being 'disrupted'.

The conference also brought together students from local schools that recently competed in the Dart Minds Inspired "Rover Ruckus" challenge to discuss the importance of this programme in Cayman and demonstrate their fascinating robotic creations.

Conference organiser and Director of FTS, Paul Byles, said, "The speakers for this year's conference truly captured what the digital economy signifies and how these developments will impact our way of life and the way we do business in the Cayman Islands."

Thanks to the support of conference sponsor, Cayman Tech City, ten young students were invited to attend the conference who had expressed an interest in technology through the CEC "Summer in the City" internship programme.

"With an eye to the future, Cayman Enterprise City is inspiring the

next generation to pursue technology-driven careers by connecting students with the experts, supporting forward-looking programs like CyDEC and providing engaging learning opportunities within Cayman's special economic zones," explained Kaitlyn Elphinstone, VP Marketing Cayman Enterprise City.

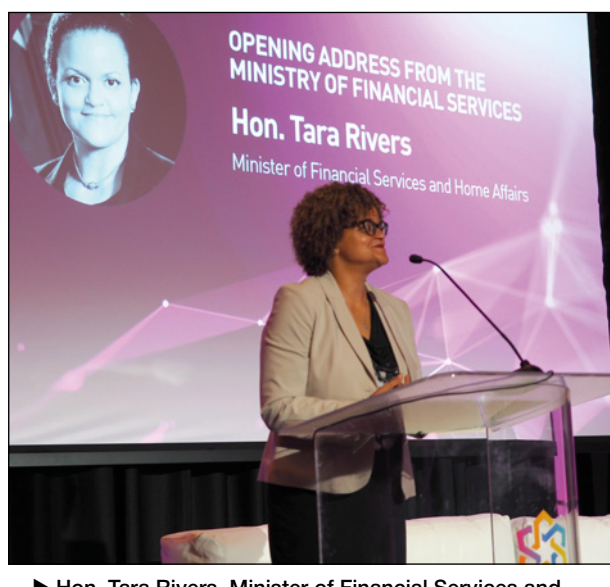
"The second annual Cayman Islands Digital Economy Conference was once again a huge success and I am grateful to the speakers, sponsors and delegates who attended without which this conference would not be possible," said Mr Byles.

CyDEC would like to thank its sponsors Ministry of Financial Services, Ministry of Commerce, Planning & Infrastructure, Tower, EQI, Ministry of Commerce, Cayman Tech City, VeriBlock, Health City, Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce, Ministry of District Administration, Tourism & Transport, Digital Cayman, Deloitte, Pinnacle Media and Hurley's Media.

For more information on the conference visit www.cydec.ky. [f](#)



► Acting Premier Hon. Moses Kirkconnell.JPG



► Hon. Tara Rivers, Minister of Financial Services and Home Affairs.JPG



► Paul Byles, Founder of FTS (left), Justin Fisher, CEO and Co-Founder of VeriBlock (right).JPG



▶ Alfredo Sampiano and Ralph Armas from Artisan Metal Works



▶ Clean Gas's Account manager Katherine Houston and manager Dayne Brady

Builders Expo helping to green Cayman

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Ralph Armas from Artisan Metal Works presented some of the designs the company could offer home builders, including intricate fences that they bring in from the United States, as well as custom-made railings and gates that they make on island. Ralph described a staircase that they had recently built that replicated the ocean, complete with marine life woven into the design.

For those looking to improve their digital capabilities at home, the team at FLOW were also on hand, offering a one-

off bundle on superfast broadband and Watch All TV for CI\$159, but only for the one-day at the Expo. This would normally cost customers CI\$300 separately, Marketing Executive Vanessa Bodden advised.

With climate change one of the biggest issues we face globally in 2019, an obvious focus for the Expo this year was to help people in Cayman looking to reduce their carbon footprint and use greener energy sources. In this regard there were some excellent service providers available to discuss the benefits of their unique offerings. Dale Nickason

from Affordable Solar said that people should remember that solar was free and that there were a myriad of appliances that could be serviced by solar panels, including pool pumps (one of the most expensive energy appliances a household can own), batteries, car chargers for electric cars and more.

Dayne Brady from Clean Gas invited visitors to his booth to try and identify on a map all the everyday appliances that could run on gas. There were actually ten appliances, some that people might have initially pointed to, such as a barbecue and hot water tank, but some

that people might not have thought about, such as gas-fueled tiki lights for outdoors, a lawn mower, indoor lighting and a washing machine.

"The Cayman Islands is so small I think it's really time we look at our carbon footprint," Mr Brady said. "For example, did you know that a lawn mower puts out as much emissions in two hours of usage as driving a car for a month? In comparison, emissions from propane gas are 85 per cent water. Using gas saves money and is good for the environment, so it's a win win for everybody." 🌱



▶ Dale Nickason from Affordable Solar



▶ Dane points out the many everyday appliances that can run on gas



▶ Interior designer Bianca Hunt (left) at Phoenix Group



▶ The FLOW team Marketing Manager Alyssa Christian, Marketing Executive Vanessa Bodden and Dane Ramoon



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DOE presents plan for conserving turtles

By Lindsey Turnbull

Through extensive analysis, research and tracking of Cayman's sea turtles overseen by the staff at the Department of Environment, the department, on behalf of the National Conservation Council, has produced a draft conservation plan for sea turtles that is this week being put out to the public for consultation.

At a press briefing, Dr Janice Blumenthal, DoE Marine Research Officer, explained why this plan was so vital for the Cayman islands: "The goal of the Turtle Species Conservation Plan is to prevent the extinction of our sea turtle nesting populations and promote their recovery by developing a plan that is based on sound science and through our monitoring and public feedback," she advised.

Dealing with important threats to Cayman's turtle population, which were once driven to the point of extinction due to over-harvesting but have now shown signs of a comeback in recent years, the plan addresses key threats to turtle survival. Without addressing these and other threats, Cayman Islands sea turtle populations could not survive, the department said.

Such threats include artificial lighting on beaches which create the greatest threat to the long-term survival of turtle nesting populations in the Cayman Islands because they disorientate baby turtles when they are searching for the ocean. Turtle-friendly lighting that is specially designed for purpose can solve the issue and the department was already reaching out to properties that would need to implement these in order to comply with the new law, in particular, those situated along Seven Mile Beach, Conch Point in West Bay, Sand Cay in South Sound, Bodden Town, East End at Colliers up to Spotter Bay, and points along North Side, including Cayman Kai.

Illegal harvesting needed to be addressed as well, so the DoE suggests wrapping legally purchased turtle meat from the Cayman Turtle Centre in specially marked plastic wrap to help law enforcement identify legal turtle meat from illegally poached meat. Other threats that the draft plan deals with include the operation of vehicles on beaches and unregulated bonfires on beaches during nesting season.

Dr Blumenthal advised the public consultation period would begin on 3rd July and continue through to 9th September this year. This period for public input would be approximately double the mandated consultation period in the law.

"We want to make sure that there's enough time for public feedback so the consultation period is not exclusively



Mrs Ebanks-Petrie said that the DoE were calling for already established protocols at the Centre to be independently verified or evaluated so that the Cayman Islands could satisfy internationally-required due diligence to try and ensure that there were no pathogens or disease organisms being released along

during the summer and runs into September," she said.

After feedback on the plan has been received, a consultation report will be produced and then the NCC will have the opportunity to modify the plan, taking into account all of the public feedback. The new plan and NCC report will be submitted to Cabinet who will then have 60 days in which to request amendments or for the plan to become law.

"We are really excited about the work that's gone into the plan, all the research that has underpinned the plan, and we are looking forward to going out to the public for consultation," Dr Blumenthal said.

Verification of release protocols needed

At the press briefing, Gina Ebanks-Petrie, DoE Director, explained that the DoE was also hoping that they could reach an agreement with the Cayman Turtle Centre on bringing in an independent expert to verify the release of turtles that the Centre has been spearheading.

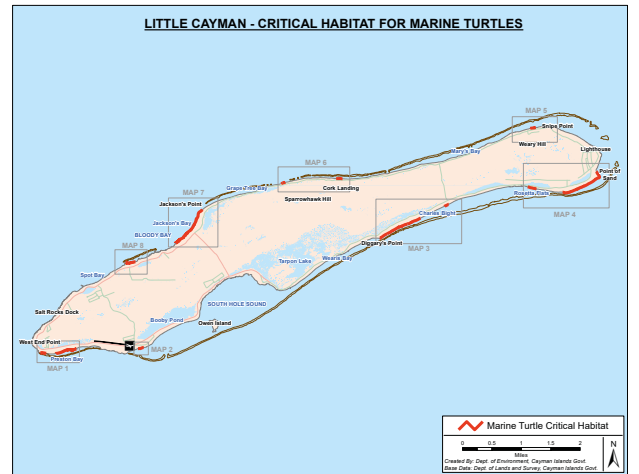
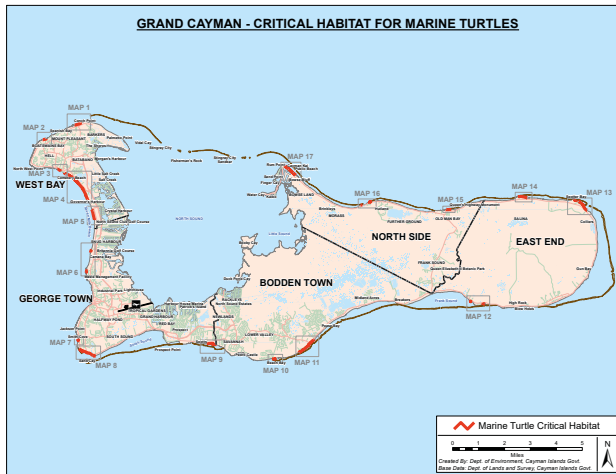
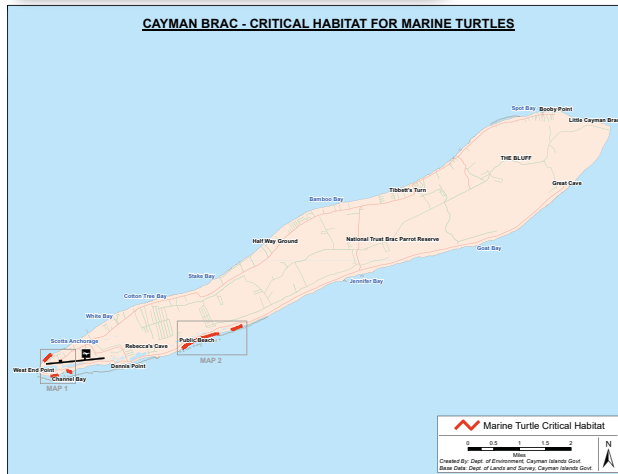
with the hatching or yearlings that the Cayman Turtle Centre releases, or from any of the eggs that were being put on the beaches.

"We believe it's good practice and we believe it is important from our national credibility perspective that we go through this process," the DoE director stated. "We don't anticipate any problems in having the Turtle Centre's protocols basically being signed off on, but we need to have it done. The department's position is that, until that time, we are not able to sanction or support the releases that have been going on."

Mrs Ebanks-Petrie said they had identified experts who had previously examined the Centre's protocols who would be willing to undertake this but that the situation was at a bit of a stalemate right now. Given the turtles' migratory patterns which take them across country borders, from an international perspective it would be very difficult to defend any claims of things going wrong if we haven't had the independent verification, she advised.

Remember:

- turtle nesting is from May to November
- Call DoE if you find a turtle track, nest, or baby turtle
- the turtle nesting hotline to the DoE is: 938-NEST (938-6378)
- visit <http://doe.ky/marine/turtles/> to find out more



Peter A. Thomson (left) and Richard Hew (right) with scholarship recipients Simon Tatum and Giselle Ebanks



Meet our future Innovators

Simon Tatum and Giselle Ebanks receive scholarships

Congratulations to Simon Tatum and Giselle Ebanks who are the recipients of The Thomson Leadership and Innovation Award scholarships for 2019.

Twenty-four year-old Simon Tatum from Bodden Town will be attending Kent State University in Ohio in August 2019 to pursue a Post Graduate degree in Visual Arts with a concentration in Sculpture and Expanded Media. Mr. Tatum is a 2013 graduate of Triple C School and received a Bachelor's of Art degree in Studio Drawing and Art History from the University of Missouri in 2017.

Mr. Tatum is actively involved in the Cayman Islands art scene and has served as a teacher, guest instructor and assistant curator at a number of local camps, courses and exhibitions. This passion for the arts has led him to a number of countries in the Caribbean and Europe where he has both exhibited his work and completed curatorial work and residencies with galleries, museums and artists.

Eighteen year-old Giselle Ebanks from George Town will be attending Queen Mary University of London in the United Kingdom in September 2019 to pursue a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. Miss Ebanks graduated with Honours from St. Ignatius Catholic High School in 2017 with 10 GCSE passes and recently completed her A levels, also at St. Ignatius Catholic High School.

Giselle was involved with a number of activities which included a medical internship in the UK and volunteering in Peru. She has been active in the STEM and Junior Achievement programmes and she received the Proud of Them Government Award for Academics in 2016.

The Thomson Leadership and Innovation Award is a scholarship designed to recruit and support Caymanian students who are driven to improve the Cayman Islands in areas including, but not limited to, entrepreneurial studies, emerging technologies, design and creative arts and/or the sciences. The Award is funded by the Peter N. Thomson Foundation and is administered in association with Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC).



For further information on this scholarship opportunity, please visit The Thomson Leadership and Innovation Award page at www.cuc-cayman.com (under the "Careers" tab) or e-mail pntscholarships@cuc.ky

ESM inks partnership with Portuguese's LigaPro club Clube Desportivo Nacional

ESM has formed a partnership with CD Nacional of Portugal's LigaPro. A Memorandum of Understanding signed recently between ESM Director, Virgil Seymour, and CD Nacional President, Rui Alves, aims to share in football resources by providing training and trial opportunities to players identified by ESM throughout Cayman and the wider Caribbean football community.

CD Nacional is located on the island of Madeira in Funchal, Portugal and is perhaps best known as the club where Portuguese International football star Cristiano Ronaldo played as a youth footballer.

"I'm always excited to broaden the scope of football for Cayman and Caribbean players. CD Nacional is a well-respected club and we are very excited to have this opportunity" Mr. Seymour said.

ESM is Cayman's premier football development programme with ties to clubs in England, Portugal, Holland and the wider European Union.

ESM plans to exercise the terms of the MOU by sending players to Portugal this summer and by planning a youth trip to play in the Cristiano Ronaldo Campus Youth Football tournament at CD Nacional in Madeira in 2020.



► (L to R) Jaydon Whittaker, Preston Duval, Cameron Murray and Cameron Smith



► (L to R) CD Nacional President, Mr. Rui Antonio Macedo Alves, and CD Nacional Sport Director, Mr. Gustavo Rodrigues Albano Oliviera



► Preston Duval sports CD Nacional kits



► Cameron Smith sports CD Nacional kits

Sportista Sports & Fitness Expo to Promote Active Lifestyles

Local sports apparel, footwear and accessories retailer, Sportista, will be hosting a free sports and fitness expo on Saturday, 27 July from 9am to 6pm at the Arts and Recreation Centre (ARC) at Camana Bay, and organisers are encouraging members of the public to come out and connect with the many sports and fitness organisations in the community and learn more about their products and services.

The team at Sportista has just celebrated the store's first anniversary, and manager Josephine Montoya said that the idea for the Expo came about through discussions with customers and various community partners.

"Our vision for this Expo is to bring local sports and fitness organisations, groups and individuals together to share and learn about the latest initiatives and

trends in the industry. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to showcase their business or products and also engage with potential customers. Ultimately, we hope that the event will result in the creation of new partnerships within the sports and fitness community here in Cayman and increase awareness of the many options available for people who are looking to live an active lifestyle," said Miss Montoya.

Various activities and demonstrations from the exhibitors will take place throughout the day, and there will be food and drinks vendors. Exhibitors will include gyms, fitness centres, sports clubs and non-profit sport associations.

For more information about the Sportista Sports & Fitness Expo, call 623.8823 or email info@kellyholding.com.



► Josephine Montoya (L) with her Sportista co-owners and siblings Naoki and Emelina

Land donated by Dart to New Zealand government becomes a recreation reserve

Land donated by the Kenneth B. Dart Foundation to the New Zealand government has been designated a recreation reserve.

The Wairoa Gorge land, which comprises 2,127 acres of native forest in the Tasman, Nelson region of the South Island, will be held in perpetuity by the Department of Conservation, partnering with the Nelson Mountain Bike Club to provide public access to the property's network of trails.

The Kenneth B. Dart Foundation was established in 2015 by international investor Ken Dart to provide economic support to community initiatives and projects. Thanking Mr Dart for a gift that will ensure Wairoa Gorge is conserved for future generations, Department of Conservation Northern South Island Operations Director Roy Grose said:

"The mountain bike park, hand-built to international standards, is highly valued by New Zealanders and overseas visitors, many of whom come to New Zealand specifically to ride its tracks. It is a valuable natural and recreational asset for the Nelson Tasman region. The arrangements for management of the land mean people can continue to enjoy its excellent mountain biking amenities and its beautiful natural environment."

As an avid mountain biker, Ken Dart purchased the Wairoa Gorge land in 2010 through his company RHL. Responsible for managing the property, the RHL team worked with more than

60 local trailbuilders to create a world-class downhill mountain bike park.

Representing Mr Dart at the formal handover on Friday 28 June in New Zealand, RHL executive Ray Griffin said, "Ken's appreciation for Wairoa's natural beauty brought him here initially, but it was the work ethic, skill and passion of New Zealand's craftsmen that really made an impression."

"With the Nelson Mountain Bike Club continuing to manage the bike park, Ken hopes others will have the chance to ride the spectacular trails and enjoy the camaraderie of the local mountain bike community as he has."

The opportunity to combine natural conservation with recreational use was central to Mr Dart's vision for Wairoa Gorge. RHL worked closely with the Department of Conservation to develop a robust environmental management plan to protect the area's virgin forest and indigenous species.

"At Wairoa Gorge, Ken could combine his passion for mountain biking with his love of trees and landscape design," said Mark VanDevelde, CEO of Dart Enterprises. "The gift of the land and its designation as a recreation reserve completes his commitment to conserving the area as a mountain bike park that can be enjoyed by all."

Recreation reserves in New Zealand provide public access to coastlines, forests and rivers across the country. The concept of combining conservation with



► The Wairoa Gorge in the Tasman Nelson region of New Zealand

low-impact recreational use is one that could translate well to Cayman, said VanDevelde:

"One of the best ways to protect and promote ecosystems is through a comprehensive and commercially sustainable environmental management plan which provides for culturally compatible visitor opportunities. With an environmental plan, such as the one RHL put in place at Wairoa, it is possible for conservation and thoughtful development to coexist."

Dart is known for designing outdoor spaces for community use, having part-

nered with the Cayman Islands Government to create community parks in each of Grand Cayman's five districts and dedicating a substantial portion of Camana Bay's town centre to the public realm. Dart has a history of land conservation, collaborating with the National Trust for the Cayman Islands to acquire and protect environmentally sensitive land.

"Our commitment to sustainable development means we consider the economic, social and environmental impact of all our projects," said VanDevelde.

CUC Base Rate Adjustment – Effective June 2019

The Utility Regulation and Competition Office (“OfReg”) has approved a Base Rate adjustment for Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (“CUC”) in accordance with the Rate Cap Adjustment Mechanism (“RCAM”) contained in CUC’s Transmission & Distribution (“T&D”) Licence issued in April 2008. Customers will see a marginal increase in the energy charge component of their bills for June electricity consumption billed in early July.

The Base Rate adjustment will be 0.9% and will result in a total monthly bill increase of approximately \$1.06 for the average residential customer. This Base Rate increase does not impact the Fuel Cost Charge nor the Licence and Regulatory Fees Charge.

As per Condition 25 of the T&D Licence, the RCAM is based on a formula which incorporates readily available external data to determine a relevant Inflation Factor or Price Level Index which consists of a weighted average consisting of 60% of the change in the Cayman Islands Consumer Price Index (“CI CPI”) and 40% of the change in the United States of America Consumer Price Index (“US CPI”), (both indices adjusted to remove the effects of prices of food and fuel) as reported by independent authorities for the most recent calendar year.

Upon review and confirmation of the CUC audited financial reports, the CI and US CPI reports, and the 2018 CUC Return on Rate Base of 7.1%, OfReg has approved the 0.9% Base Rate adjustment which is a result of applying an 80% factor to a 2018 US CPI increase of 2.2% and a 2018 CI CPI increase of 0.4% (both excluding food and fuel).

President and CEO of CUC, Mr. Richard Hew, stated that, “CUC’s ongoing focus on the efficiency of its operations allows the Company to keep customer rate changes below the general inflation level, while maintaining the ability to make significant investments in modern infrastructure and skilled people required to deliver a safe and reliable service.”



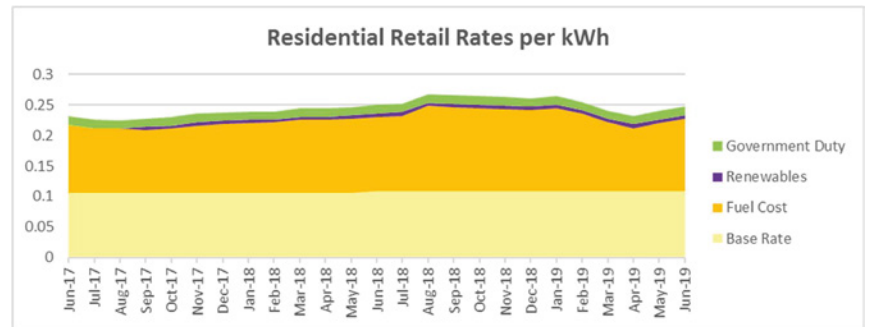
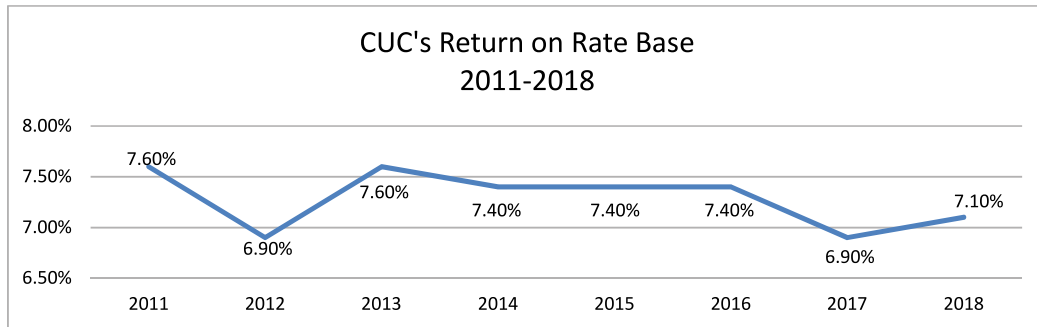
The chart below shows the trending of residential retail rates per Kilowatt-hour (“kWh”) over the past two years.

As a result of the base rate increase, CUC’s Billing Rates schedule has been updated as in the attached table.

An informational insert detailing how this change will affect the various Consumer Classes will be included in CUC’s billings that will be mailed in early July 2019.

For more information about the terms of the CUC T&D Licence, the Rate Cap Adjustment Mechanism, the Energy Smart programme or the Utility Regulation and Competition Office (OfReg), please visit the CUC or the OfReg websites at www.cuc-cayman.com or www.ofreg.ky

Effective Date:	To May 31, 2019	From June 1, 2019
Residential: Rate R		
Monthly Facilities Charge	\$5.41 per customer account	\$5.46 per customer account
Plus:		
All kWh per month	\$0.1077 per kWh	\$0.1087 per kWh
General Commercial: Rate C		
Monthly Facilities Charge	\$29.88 per customer account	\$30.15 per customer account
Plus:		
All kWh per month	\$0.1204 per kWh	\$0.1215 per kWh
Large Commercial: Rate L		
Monthly Facilities Charge	\$156.69 per customer account	\$158.10 per customer account
Plus:		
Energy Charge per kWh	\$0.03474 per kWh	\$0.03505 per kWh
Monthly Demand Charge per kW	\$8.34 per kW	\$8.42 per kW
Additional Capacity Charge per kW	\$20.18 per kW	\$20.36 per kW



POLICE NEWS

CBC Arrest 3 in Largest Ecstasy Seizure

The Customs and Border Control (CBC) has made the largest seizure of the ecstasy drug in the Cayman Islands to date.

On Friday, May 10th, 2019 Customs & Border Control (CBC) officers at the Airport Post Office discovered the drugs hidden in a package that came as documents. CBC Deputy Director Jeff Jackson says officers were suspicious of the shipment so they decided to x-ray the package. “The X-ray machine gave us the picture that this was different from other boxes inspected.”

The Customs and Border Control Narcotics Enforcement Team was notified to investigate the matter and to track the delivery and recipient of the drugs. The white powdery substance was subsequently taken to the forensic lab for analysis which revealed that the substance contained Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA/ Ecstasy) and Ketamine.

On Tuesday, 28th May 2019 the CBC Narcotics Enforcement Team conducted an operation where they arrested the recipient of the package, a 28 year-old male Jamaican national. The man’s residence was searched by the CBC Narcotics Enforcement Team along with the RCIPS Drugs and Serious Crime Task Force (DSCTF) where several items were recovered to aid in the investigation.

Deputy Director of CBC Jeff Jackson who has oversight and responsibility of the Enforcement Portfolio, says CBC officers subsequently arrested a 33 year-old female Caymanian national for the offence of being concerned in the importation of a controlled drug and a 20 year-old Jamaican national for being concerned in the importation of a controlled drug. He is warning people of the dangers of the drug, and is deeply concerned that the drug contained the substance Ketamine known for its history of abuse as a club drug.

The Director of the Customs and Border Control Charles Clifford said “We must emphasize that ecstasy is an extremely dangerous drug and the dangers are multiplied when it mixed with Ketamine which is a synthetic compound used as an anesthetic and analgesic drug but is also used illicitly as a hallucinogen”. Mr. Clifford continued, “So to be able to prevent these drugs from reaching our community is a big win for us. The amount of interdictions, arrests, seizures, entry and landing refusals and deportations this year by CBC has significantly increased compared to last year and we will continue to heighten our border security efforts. I must sincerely thank our CBC officers for their dedication to duty and to the national security of our country.”

Deputy Director Jackson said investigations are ongoing and he has not ruled out further arrests in relation to this matter.



► Customs & Border Control Deputy Director Jeff Jackson

Drug Canoe Found Onshore in Prospect Point; Three Arrested

Just after 12:00AM on Friday morning, 28 June, officers on patrol noted suspicious activity onshore in Prospect Point. Two men were observed in the vicinity of a beached white canoe with several bags scattered onshore. The men were detained and a search of the area was conducted, during which several parcels containing what appeared to be ganja were found.

Other officers responding to the area noted a suspicious vehicle nearby and stopped the driver. Further enquiries led to all three men being arrested on suspicion of importation of ganja. Two of the men, ages 37 and 39, are from Bodden Town, and a third man, age 25, is from Jamaica. The Jamaican national was also arrested for Illegal Landing.

All men are currently in Police custody while enquiries continue.

Update: Man Now Charged with Attempted Murder in Relation to South Church Street Shooting

The 21-year-old-man from West Bay, previously charged with Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm, Discharging a Firearm in a Public Place as well as traffic related charges, has now been charged with Attempted Murder along with an-

other 21-year-old-man from Bodden Town. These Charges are in relation to a shooting incident that occurred on 26 April, along South Church Street, George Town.

The West Bay man was expected to appear in court on June 28th.

SCOTIA 'BANKS' ELSEWHERE

Bank of Nova Scotia which trades as Scotiabank continues to scale back its Caribbean and Latin American operations.

The bank has now announced that it's divesting its operations in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands to Oriental Bank in a deal valued at \$US 560 million cash.

Oriental Bank is owned by Puerto Rico-based financial services operation OFG Bancorp.

Scotiabank says the deal is part of a strategy in which it is refocusing on its six key markets.

Last year, Trinidad and Tobago-based Republic Financial Holdings Limited (RFHL), owners of the Republic Bank and related financial services chain,

disclosed its intention to take over Scotiabank's operations in Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, St Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Guyana and St Maarten.

Addressing shareholders earlier this year at their annual general meeting in Toronto, Scotiabank's CEO, Brian Porter, said they are "focused on strengthening our presence in the markets that we are comfortable operating in, and that provide higher returns for our shareholders."

Those six core markets are: Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Peru, Chile and Colombia.

Since 2013, Scotiabank has either completely pulled out or is in the pro-

cess of divesting its presence in around 20 countries, including those in the Caribbean.

According to Porter, "Our divestitures are helping to de-risk the bank, and we are highly focused on their completion."

But in what seen as an attempt at allaying jitters over the implications of the bank's withdrawal from areas where it has had a historical presence, the Scotiabank CEO has also said:

"I should note that our footprint will continue to include markets in the Caribbean and Central America, as well as select countries in Europe and Asia, which provide connectivity to the Americas for our corporate and institutional clients."

But concerns prevail by some governments in the Eastern Caribbean who have expressed the view that local banks should have priority options in acquiring Scotiabank's divested operations.

The Antigua and Barbuda prime minister Gaston Browne has been particularly vocal about the issue, going as far as to threaten compulsory takeover of the Scotiabank over the planned sale to RFH.

Speaking at the recent session of the Assembly of the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) in the Antigua capital St Johns, Prime Minister Brown called on his fellow leaders to consider a joint purchase of Scotiabank rather than having it fall under the Republic brand.



► The Antigua and Barbuda prime minister Gaston Browne

"I want to put it to this Honourable House that this divestment represents a significant opportunity for the OECS sub-region, and I do not see why we should allow a bank outside of the OECS to be given priority.

"I am of the strong view, the firm view, that the OECS should come together and that we should conjointly purchase all of the Scotia Bank branches," he declared.

While Scotiabank 'de-risks' and scales back its Caribbean operations, the bank is expanding its Latin American portfolio.

It recently announced several acquisitions in Mexico, Peru, Chile and Colombia, the four Latin American countries known as the Pacific Alliance, including the purchase of a majority stake in a Chilean lender.



A MATTER OF CONTEMPT OF COURT OR FREE SPEECH?



Some expressions of consternation have questioned the enforceability of the directive as comments have been made not only in Montserrat but also in its extensive diaspora via social media.

This major issue in Montserrat, one of the smallest British Overseas Territories and the smallest member by population of the OECS Supreme Court jurisdiction, brings to the fore the challenging global question about policing social media where content moderation is now a growing specialist sector.

It also highlights mounting concerns on the island about the social ills of child molestation, child safeguarding and domestic abuse.

Montserrat is still grappling with the effects of the crippling economic and social dislocation caused by a series of devastating eruptions of its Soufriere Hills volcano between 1995 and 2010.

Over half of its over half of its previous 11,000 population fled and approximately two-thirds of the islands 39 and half square miles was rendered uninhabitable.

Just this week, Montserrat's Premier, Donaldson Romeo, berated the British government at a sitting of the United Nations Decolonisation Committee in New York, for what he said has been its inadequate response to his island's plight.

There have been seven governments in Montserrat since the volcano crisis started and elections are due again this year.

During that period there have been five British government changes with a sixth due to take office in a matter of weeks.

UK policy towards Montserrat's economic and social recovery has been inconsistent to say the least.



(The full statement from the Registrar is below)

"As the Registrar of the High Court on Montserrat, I have been directed by His Lordship Mr Justice Evans QC to make the following public statement.

There have been a number of comments and statements made in the press and on social media recently about the trial to take place involving David Brandt.

On Montserrat, there is a small community and David Brandt is a famous figure. It is inevitable the community will be interested in his trial, now due in November. However, all members of the public must avoid making supportive or negative public statements in the media about Mr Brandt, or disparaging statements about the trial in general.

A person accused of any crime in this jurisdiction is not tried by things said in the press or social media, but in a court of law, with a jury drawn from the com-

munity, who must be unbiased, and that means they must be unaffected by what is said by others, which includes in the press or social media.

This important principle of fairness applies to David Brandt as it does to every other member of the community. On Montserrat, we must all ensure that he gets a fair trial. To ensure this, there must be no further comment, either in support or against, in the press or on social media about this case.

Any further comment will be brought to Mr Justice Evans QC's attention for consideration of whether contempt of court proceedings are warranted. Any such proceedings will involve consideration of punishment including imprisonment.

Further and finally, His Lordship has directed that such comment as there has been, which has been collected into a file, must now be investigated by the police and the DPP as possible contempt of court."

A fierce and intense social media debate has erupted in Montserrat and its diaspora over a directive issued by the island's High Court Registrar warning about public comments, especially on social media, on an ongoing case before the court.

It warns that "His Lordship has directed that such comment as there has been, which has been collected into a file, must now be investigated by the police and the DPP as possible contempt of court."

Former chief minister and prominent attorney David Brandt is facing charges including and related to the sexual exploitation of under age girls.

Mr Brandt was recently re-incarcerated, in the long-running case which dates back to 2015 which has seen a range of twists, turns and legal manoeuvrings.

The trial is now expected to start in November.

The edict from the Registrar, on instruction from the presiding judge of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, has met with outrage over perceptions that is grossly infringes on free speech.

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Windies must move on from Gayle

West Indies went to the ICC World Cup full of enthusiasm, well prepared and with a new, popular president at the helm, they thought a top four finish at least was possible. The fact that Chris Gayle had announced he was retiring from the one-day game after this tournament was another reason to be optimistic as the star batsman wanted to go out impressively.

But Gayle failed badly, and the Windies will limp out of the tournament near the bottom in the 10-team league. Once again, ill-discipline at crucial times in batting and bowling and occasional sloppy fielding was their downfall. At least they can regroup under president Ricky Skerritt and build for the future with a nucleus of talented youngsters under the captaincy of the ever-maturing skipper Jason Holder.

Gayle has since reversed his decision, probably because he didn't perform in spectacular fashion in what was supposed

to be his swansong. But the 39-year-old Jamaican is not going to get better and may not be selected again. There is a rumour that he may return to the Test format. No point, he's had his time and should concentrate on topping up his pension on the T20 circuit where he excels.

After Thursday's thrashing by India, the consensus from players and staff in the West Indies camp is that they are determined to finish with pride. They played Sri Lanka on Monday and should bow out with a win against tenth placed Afghanistan on Thursday.

West Indies began the tournament encouragingly, beating Pakistan by seven wickets. But it went downhill after.

The loss to India was the West Indies' fifth in seven matches at the tournament, and once again their batting frailties were exposed after being bowled out for 143 in response to 268-7.

Pace bowler Kumar Roach, the team's top bowler on the day with 3-36, said there are encouraging signs beyond the current gloom.

"We're out now, but obviously there's a future for us. I think we're still learning, couple of young guys on the team got a great future for them. And it's all about being positive and looking forward," he said.

Roach, 30, a veteran of 88 One-Day Internationals, stressed that the new brigade, including fast bowler Oshane Thomas and batsman Shimron Hetmyer, both 22, have a lot to offer West Indies cricket as well as a fresh crop coming through.



► Shimron Hetmyer is an emerging talent



► Sheldon Cottrell has impressed at the World Cup

At least head coach Floyd Reifer can also draw on the brilliance of left-arm pacer Sheldon Cottrell of the new bowlers.

Cottrell, 29, a member of the military in his Jamaica homeland, has pulled out his trademark salute on repeatedly to celebrate the dismissal of opposing batsmen. And the celebration has been generally accompanied by roars of approval from fans.

But little else has gone well for the West Indies since they began the campaign since the Pakistan victory.

"We had some good performances — the first game against Pakistan was awesome," Reifer said.

"We had Sheldon Cottrell who has bowled extremely well throughout this series. And he also fielded well — every game he was competitive in, with ball and in the field."

Cottrell has taken 11 wickets to date — many of them breakthroughs with

the new ball. In the field he has been impressive too, keeping batsmen on their toes as they run between the wickets. Even with the bat, he has offered stubborn, tail-end resistance.

The day/night encounter against New Zealand at Old Trafford, which the West Indies lost by five runs, stands out in what has been a considerable highlight reel for Cottrell at the tournament.

While capturing 4-56 he played a role in seven of eight dismissals. He got wickets at crucial times, completed catches, nimbly executed a run out, and held up one end with the bat to help bring his team close when all had seemed lost.

He made his one-day international debut in 2015 and has played only 21 matches, taking 28 wickets.

But judging by his performances at the World Cup, he will have plenty of opportunities to boost those numbers and unleash the famous salute repeatedly. 🌐

Collison retires to pursue faith

Veteran guard Darren Collison has decided to retire from the NBA after 10 seasons primarily to concentrate on helping the less fortunate through his Jehovah's Witnesses faith.

"While I still love basketball, I know there is something more important, which is my family and my faith," Collison said. "I am one of Jehovah's Witnesses and my faith means everything to me. I receive so much joy from volunteering to help others and participate in a worldwide ministry. The joy I feel is unmatched. With that being said, I have decided to retire from the NBA."

The 31-year-old Californian, who has made \$43 million during his NBA career, would have secured a \$10-12 million annual salary in free agency this summer, but after long deliberation with agent Bill Duffy, Collison ultimately decided on retirement.

Collison averaged 12.5 points and 5.0 assists in 708 games through 10 seasons. The 2010 All-NBA rookie selection played for the New Orleans Hornets, Dallas Mavericks, LA Clippers, Sacramento Kings and Indiana Pacers.

He says has made him a better person. "Basketball has been my life since I was a child," Collison said. "I could never imagine finding anything that brings me more joy than I get from playing the game."

Collison thanked Duffy for his years of services. His biggest expression of gratitude, however, was directed at his wife, Keyosha.

"She has guided our family through everything you could imagine during the many NBA seasons," Collison said. "From the amount of moves that we've made, the day-to-day challenges we faced, and all the while dealt with the emotions of an up and down season. She is our strength." 🌐



► Darren Collison is a devout Jehovah Witness



► Youssef En-Nesyri scored Morocco's winner

Morocco impress in African Cup

Morocco have a hold over the Ivory Coast when it comes to the Africa Cup of Nations, and on Friday they strengthened it in magnificent circumstances. Forget the score line, confirmed by a marvellously worked first-half winner from Youssef En-Nesyri; this was as exhilarating a 1-0 win as you will see in a match between fierce rivals and teams hoping to win the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations. Indeed, if Herve Renard's side maintain this level of performance, they will stand a fine chance of lifting their first title since 1976.

Nevertheless, Egypt, the host country, boasting Mohamed Salah, remain the firm favourites.

The sight of Renard, Ivory Coast's manager between 2014-15, must

breed despair in his former employers. With Morocco, he knocked them out of both the 2017 Cup of Nations and the 2018 World Cup qualifiers; this group stage victory in Cairo, although of less immediate consequence, felt like a fresh statement that at their best, the Atlas Lions are in a different class.

"Thanks to those who hit us all the time: you give us motivation," Renard said. Morocco had toiled to a late win over Namibia in their first group game, but the only possible criticism against Ivory Coast was that they did not score more. En-Nesyri's 23rd-minute goal was crafted beautifully by a reverse pass from Nordin Amrabat, who had an exceptional game, and the impressive young Leganes striker had chances to score three more. 🌐

Sunshine girls set to dazzle

The Women's Netball World Championships are about to be held in England and Jamaica's Sunshine Girls are hopeful of a podium finish.

Captain Vangelee Williams says her team feels no pressure heading into the Vitality Netball World Cup.

Williams, a prolific wing attack, will be integral to the Sunshine Girls' chances and is quietly confident about leading her team at the July 12-21 tournament in Liverpool.

The 12-member squad left Jamaica for Manchester in the UK for a one-week camp this week.

Williams said: "The preparations have gone well so far, I feel we've done everything we possibly could to prepare us for this World Cup, but as usual there are some areas that we need to tighten up

on and we hope to do that in the camp."

The Marvette Anderson-coached Sunshine Girls, ranked No.3 in the world, will be aiming to build on their bronze medal performance at the Commonwealth Games in Gold Coast, Australia, last year in their 15th World Cup appearance.

Jamaica can win on the strength of their last five appearances, finishing fourth in 1999, 2011 and 2015 and third-place finishes in 2003 and 2007.

According to Williams, the team has grown significantly since that Commonwealth Games performance as it assisted in their 3-0 series sweep over England last October.

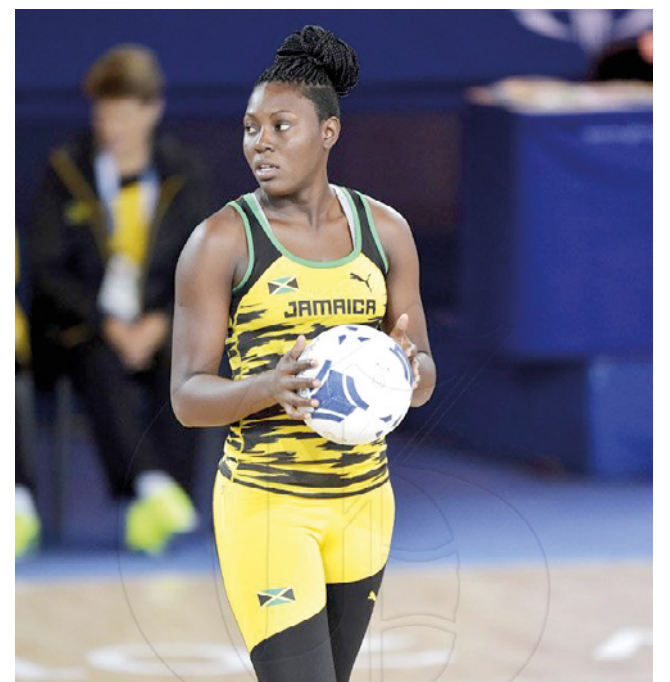
She also pointed to the experience within the squad which has a mix of local and overseas-based

players, who ply their trade between New Zealand, Australia, and England and that professional experience could prove crucial at some point.

Goal-shooting stalwarts Jhaniele Fowler, Romelda Aiken, electric defender Shamera Sterling, Stacian Facey, Jodi-Ann Ward, Kadian Dehaney, Rebekah Robinson, Shanice Beckford, Nicole Dixon, Adean Thomas, and Khadijah Williams are the other members of the squad.

The Jamaicans have been drawn in Group C where they will first meet Fiji before facing Trinidad and Tobago with their final clash being against South Africa.

Australia are the world ranked No.1, England are No.2 and New Zealand are fourth in the world rankings. 🌐



► Vangelee Williams hopes for World Cup glory

Head of Guyana Elections Body Resigns after CCJ Rules Process in his Appointment was Flawed

The Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM), retired justice James Patterson has resigned, a week after the Caribbean Court of Justice (CCJ) ruled that his appointment was unconstitutional.

The government revealed in a statement yesterday that Patterson submitted his resignation on Monday, the same day the CCJ met to determine the consequential orders to follow from its June 18 ruling.

The statement indicated that the decision by the GECOM head to demit office after serving for 20 months was in keeping with the CCJ ruling in a case brought by Zulfikar Mustafa who had challenged Patterson's appointment.

In that judgment which was handed down on the same day the CCJ ruled that the no-confidence motion against the coalition government in December 2018 was validly passed, the court stated that the process through which Patterson was appointed by President David Granger was in breach of the Constitution.

The Constitution states that the Chairman is to be appointed by the President from a list of six persons, not unacceptable to the President, submitted by the Leader of the Opposition. Three lists, with a total of 18 nominees for the post, were submitted for consideration by Opposition Leader Bharrat Jagdeo. President Granger rejected the names on all three lists because he did not think the nominees' qualifications and experience conformed to the requirements outlined in the Constitution or that they met the criteria he had set out in a 'Statement of Qualities of the Chairman of the GECOM' submitted to the Leader of the Opposition.

The President had advised Jagdeo that he would select a chairman himself, which is provided for by the Constitution if the Leader of the Opposition fails to

present a suitable nominee. But the CCJ said stressed that "an onus is placed on the President not to find a nominee unacceptable merely because the nominee is not a choice the President would have himself made; the President should only find a nominee unacceptable for some good reason on objective grounds". It was also found that the President could not, as a precondition to considering a nominee, include eligibility requirements that were additional, or different, from those stated in the Constitution.

However, the court did stress that nothing in its judgment was intended "in the slightest degree" to cast aspersions on Patterson's competence and suitability for the position of GECOM Chairman; nor was there any suggestion that President Granger had not acted in good faith.

The CCJ, which is Guyana's final court of appeal, had at the time of its ruling advised both sides to meet to discuss the way forward and present arguments on Monday on how the issue could be rectified. A similar suggestion was made regarding the way forward for elections to be held, as under the Constitution of Guyana, elections should be held within three months of a vote of no-confidence being passed against a government.

However, when the two sides reappeared in court on Monday, it was without having met. The CCJ expressed its disappointment on that issue.

"It beats me that the Leader of the Opposition and the President and their respective counsel had not met to discuss the issues that confront us," CCJ President Justice Adrian Saunders said as he stressed that the matters before the court were of the "highest constitutional significance".



▶ Retired justice James Patterson has demitted office

"Everyone says these are important issues but it seems as though the same degree of urgency and deliberation that are expected of the court, we don't see them being reflected in the behaviour of the political directorate and that, I think, is unfortunate. This case puts the court in a very awkward position because we don't want to make political decisions, but at the same time...we feel it is our remit to assist in seeing the rule of law observed in Guyana. But the observance of the rule of law also requires political actors to conform to the rule of law and to demonstrate a spirit of compromise, reasonableness that allows for the rule of law to take effect."

Justice Saunders has requested written submissions from all parties by next Monday. He said the CCJ will seek to hand down a decision on those submissions on or before July 12, and he encouraged President Granger and Jagdeo to meet by then.

Illegal Haitian Migrants Apprehended in The Bahamas

A joint operation by the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (RBDF) and Operation Bahamas Turks and Caicos (OPBAT) with the support of Bahamas Immigration Department has resulted in the apprehension of a Haitian sailing vessel with 100 undocumented Haitian nationals.

The vessel was intercepted approximately 30 nautical miles northwest of Inagua around 2:20 p.m. last Thurs-

day, according to the RBDF. The OPBAT helicopter spotted the vessel and the Defence Force interceptor stationed in Inagua subsequently apprehended it. The vessel was later assisted by HMBS Livingstone Smith.

The migrants - 89 males, 11 females - were transported to Inagua where they were handed over to Immigration authorities for processing.



CARIBBEAN TOURISM'S BEST PRACTICES SHINE AT CHIEF AWARDS

Leading tourism stakeholders from the Bahamas and St. Lucia took top honors at the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association's (CHTA) annual Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF) Awards Celebration before a packed house last week at the Hyatt Regency Miami.

Hotels, attractions and tourism stakeholder organizations from throughout the Caribbean were evaluated in four categories covering Business Operations, Environmental Sustainability, Sales and Marketing, and Social Responsibility.

From the Bahamas, Small Hope Bay Lodge in Andros, Valentines Resort & Marina on Harbour Island, and the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD) scored heavily with the judges. St. Lucia also registered strong placements by The Landings Resort and Spa, Bay Gardens Resorts, and Bel Jou Hotel.

In the Business Operations category, The Landings Resort & Spa captured first place, as judges were impressed with its outstanding success in turning around the resort's fiscal performance.

Following in second place was the Nassau Airport Development Company (NAD), which partnered with airport stakeholders at Lynden Pindling International Airport to develop new operation procedures to manage significant passenger growth and improve the

passenger experience throughout peak travel periods.

In third place, Atlantis Submarines (Barbados) Inc. was recognized for its exemplary dedication to the highest principles of safety and reliability.

In the Environmental Sustainability category, Small Hope Bay Lodge in Andros placed first. The Bahamian property launched a major re-engineering and upgrade initiative focused on solar power, as part of its refurbishments following the 2016 hurricane season.

Second place went to Bay Gardens Resorts in St. Lucia, recognized for its recent reduction of single-use plastics and Styrofoam products, as well as its 20 percent reduction in energy usage across occupied hotel guestrooms. Blue Horizons Garden Resort in Grenada took third place in the category, for its comprehensive approach towards reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in Aruba was honored with the Environmental Sustainability "Hall of Fame" award for ongoing leadership and excellence in this category.

Valentines Resort & Marina on Harbour Island in the Bahamas took the top spot in the Sales and Marketing award category. Through new social media and email marketing initiatives, the property saw significant increases in room revenue.

Second place was awarded to The Somerset on Grace Bay in Turks and Caicos, recognized for its rebranding and new market position. Without significantly increasing marketing spend, the property recorded remarkable room revenue growth and increases in direct bookings. Third place was awarded to Bel Jou Hotel with rebranding initiatives contributing to robust gains in Average Daily Rate, room occupancy and overall room revenue.

In the category of Social Responsibility, Sandals Resorts International took first place for its efforts in Jamaica. Last year, the Sandals Foundation launched its Whitehouse and Bluefields Solid Waste Reduction Project with funding from the United Nations Environment Program. This project seeks to educate and provide residents on Jamaica's South Coast with a structure for solid waste management through effective waste separation.

In second place, The Landings Resort & Spa in St. Lucia was recognized for its commitment to various interest groups, including schools and civic organizations. In third place, Half Moon Resort in Jamaica was recognized for its recent partnership with SOS International Children's Village, to assist the operation in its Barrett Town, Montego Bay location.

CHIEF was one of three CHTA events held in Miami last weekend. Taste of

the Caribbean also took place at Hyatt Regency Miami featuring top culinary teams from more than a dozen Caribbean nations and territories as they competed for recognition and awards. In addition, CHTA shared the teams' talent through its signature cultural celebration, entitled Caribbean305, on Saturday at Mana Wynwood.

About the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA)

The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association (CHTA) is the Caribbean's leading association representing the interests of national hotel and tourism associations. For more than 50 years, CHTA has been the backbone of the Caribbean hospitality industry. Working with some 1,000 hotel and allied members, and 33 National Hotel Associations, CHTA is shaping the Caribbean's future and helping members to grow their businesses. Whether helping to navigate critical issues in sales and marketing, sustainability, legislative issues, emerging technologies, climate change, data and intelligence or, looking for avenues and ideas to better market and manage businesses, CHTA is helping members on issues which matter most.

For further information, visit www.caribbeanhotelandtourism.com.



▶ Paul Collymore of The Landings Resort & Spa in St. Lucia is congratulated by (from left) CHTA's Frank Comito, Patricia Affonso-Dass and Bill Clegg



▶ (From left) CHTA's Frank Comito, Patricia Affonso-Dass, Dean and Barbara Spychalla of Valentines Resort & Marina, and Bill Clegg of CHTA



▶ (From left) CHTA's Frank Comito and Patricia Affonso-Dass; Liz Kaiser of The Sandals Foundation, Veronica Vilaro of Sandals Resorts, and CHTA's Bill Clegg

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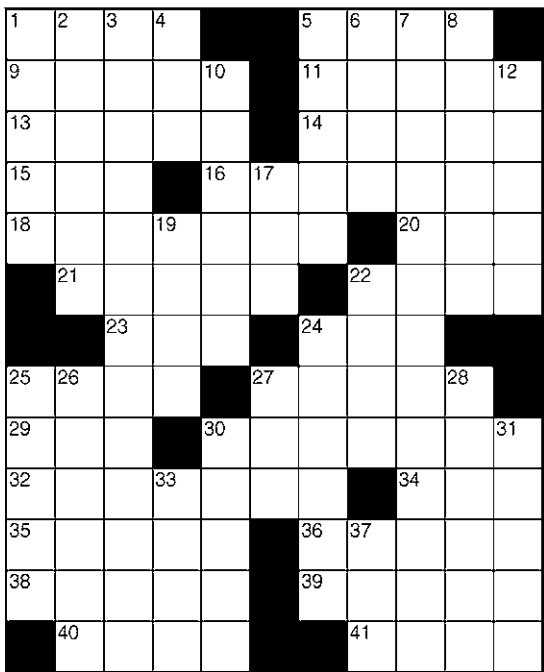
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- 13 Chosen few
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- 15 Greedy desire
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- 20 Outback bird
- 21 Authored
- 22 "Gun-smoke" bartender
- 23 High times
- 24 Scary cry
- 25 Some sisters
- 27 Game units
- 29 Kitchen invader
- 30 Illusory sights
- 32 Some of the strings
- 34 Famed pharaoh
- 35 To date
- 36 Love to pieces
- 38 Unfettered

DOWN

- 1 Asparagus unit
- 2 Empty inside
- 3 Stevie Nicks song
- 4 Fido or Fluffy
- 5 Woes on toes
- 6 Not yet up
- 7 Carly Simon song
- 8 Halvah base
- 10 Fixes, as a clock
- 12 Blood fluid
- 17 Verb for you
- 19 Cuts off
- 22 "Downton Abbey" countess
- 24 College treasurer
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- 37 Frost relative



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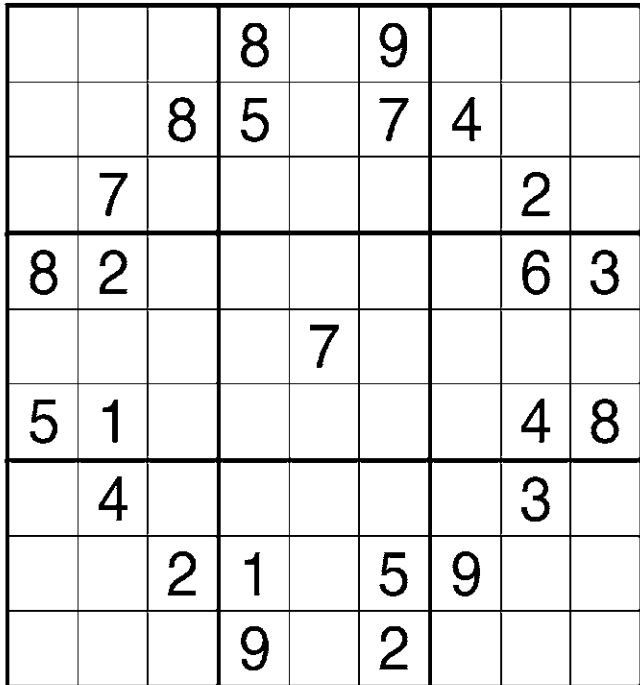
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SUDOKU

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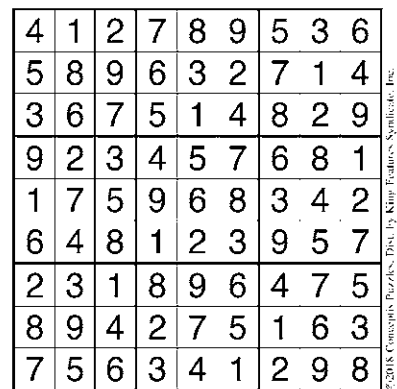
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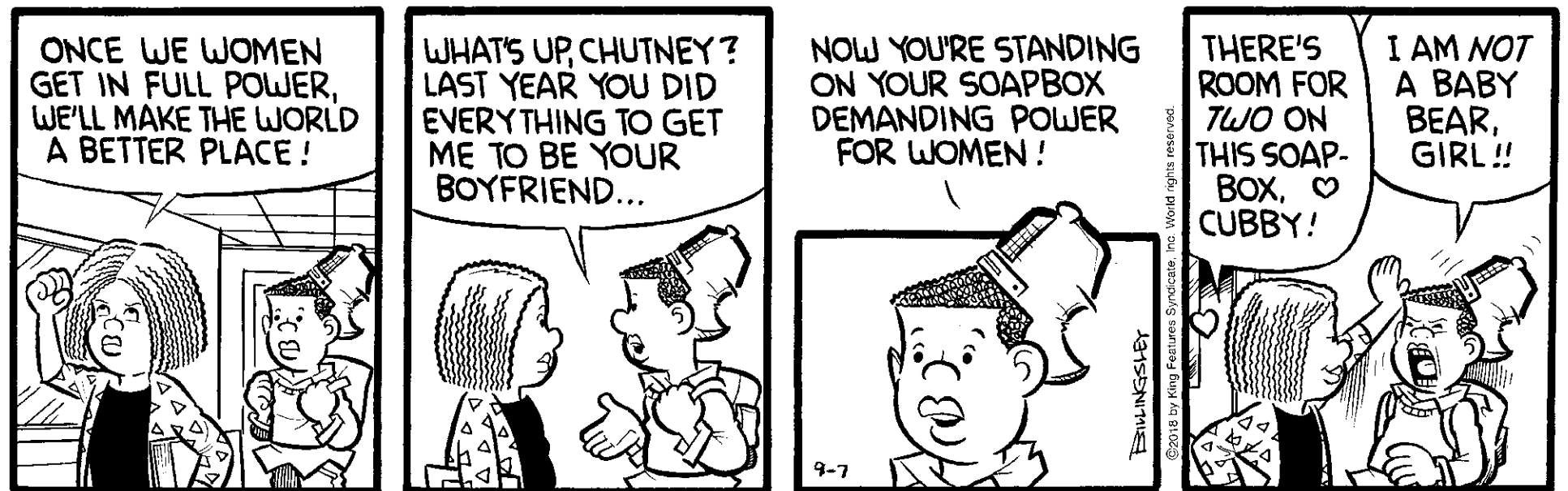
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- Harvest
- Sowing
- Cattle
- Horse
- Stock
- Corn
- Milk
- Straw
- Cows
- Orchard
- Tractor
- Crops
- Pasture
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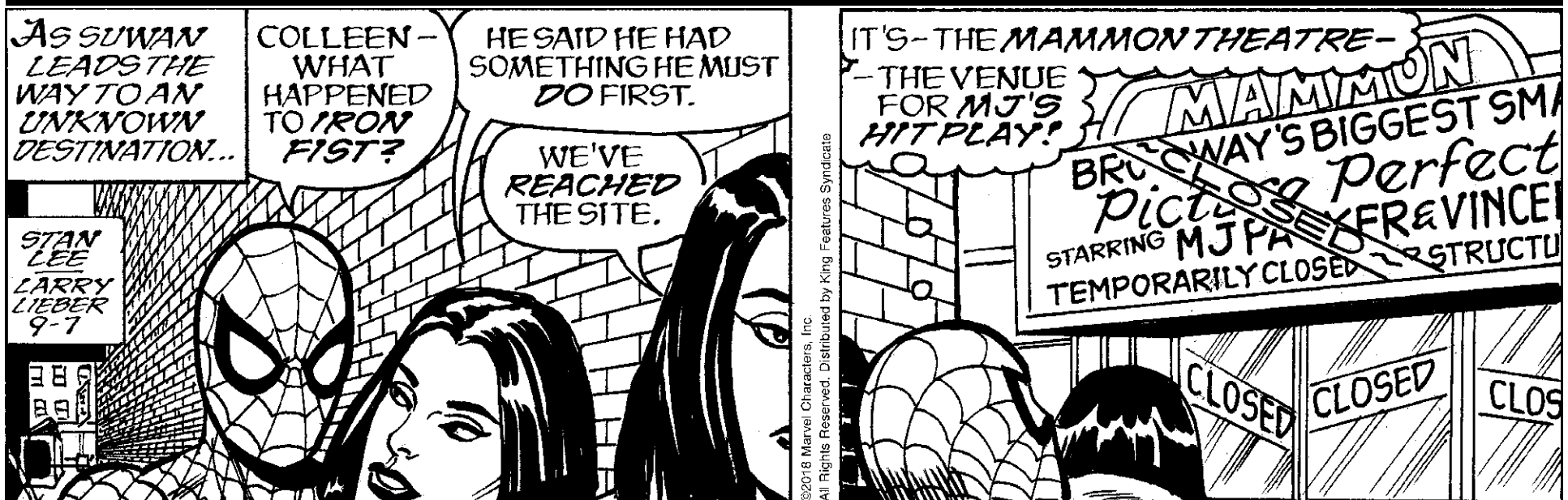
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