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Business After Hours with Beacon Farms

By Christopher Tobutt

Beacon Farms and their sister business, the Cayman Cigar Company, were highlighted at Business After Hours, the Chamber of Commerce's networking event on Thursday 21 October, at the National Gallery. Beacon Farms employs up to 20 people who are 'in recovery,' after they have gone through an established 12-step recovery programme. The Cayman Cigar Company makes finest-quality Cuban-style cigars from tobacco grown on the farm.

Chamber of Commerce President, Mike Gibbs, said, "They are currently working on being the first locally grown commercial tobacco farm, and this will move to

the production of the first locally-crafted Cayman Cigar. It is also the first cigar company worldwide, to donate 100 percent of net profits to local charities," Mr. Gibbs said, "They don't only grow tobacco, but also many other kinds of produce on the farm, while assisting recovering addicts who work and live on the farm. It is truly a remarkable story, and the Chamber applauds the company for its tremendous corporate social responsibility efforts to assist some of the most vulnerable in our community,"

Sandy Urquhart, the Farm's Chief Operating Officer, said, "We now have a whole series of cigars, and we've created a ship-



► Hand-rolling the Cayman-made cigars from the Cayman Cigar Company

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WORRYING COVID COMMUNITY SPREAD WORSENS

By Staff Writer

Cayman this week continued to experience a surge in COVID-19 cases as the sudden, rapid and persistent upswing shows no signs of abating.

By midweek the highest-ever single daily number of cases were recorded close to 100 in one day alone.

Worryingly, the outbreak has now spread to the Sister Islands with cases now being reported in Cayman Brac.

Equally concerning is the increasing number of hospitalisations with four people earlier this week requiring medical attention.

It was confirmed that two persons suffering from the disease required supplemental oxygen.

This comes as the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) proceeds with plans for a full reopening of the borders on November 20th, announced last Friday.

Up to press time, it was not clear what measures were being considered to mitigate any impact on the new reopening schedule from the continuing spiral in positive COVID-19 cases.

The November 20th reopening date was postponed from the previous planned October 14th due to the outbreak in cases

which was at an early stage then and not as widespread - and growing - as it is now.

When he announced the new reopening date, Hon. Premier Wayne Panton had stated, "We must not allow situations to develop to overwhelm the health system and likewise we must not allow situations to develop to overwhelm the education system."

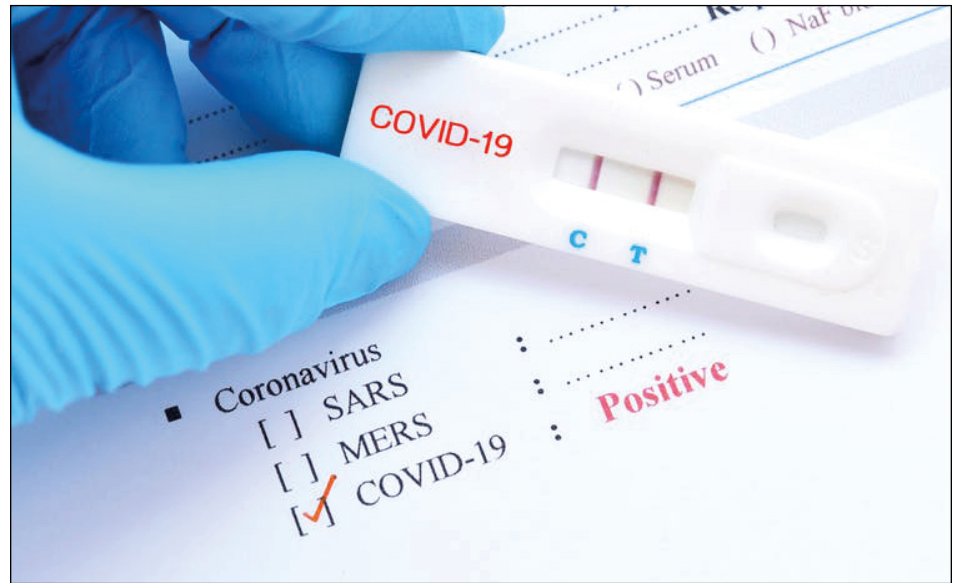
The majority of cases in the early part of the outbreak were in schools and especially among school children forcing several schools to close and the students and their parents and contacts required to isolate.

Concerns that people gathering in close surroundings might also be factor in the ongoing surge in cases is raising questions over whether some form of targeted restrictions might be necessary to curb further community spread.

Extensive contact tracing is being carried out, and critically, lateral flow personal testing kits have now been introduced to test for the presence of the virus along with the PCR tests administered by medical professionals.

Long lines were observed this week as people rushed to get lateral flow and PCR tests as well as COVID-19 vaccinations.

With the community-spread infection rate increasing, Chief Medical Officer, Dr



John Lee, said this week: "I know a lot of you will be feeling frightened or worried with this increase in numbers, but they really are as we might anticipate with this being such an infectious disease."

He explained, "It's important to understand that once this degree of infectious disease is in the community you can't really put the genie back in the bottle. It's with us as we move to reopen the borders further."

The Chief Medical Officer also urged all residents to take the recommended safety precautions.

"I really need to ask you to follow the advice of people that you trust and have trusted for a good long while and the information sources that are trusted out there too. So, do please mask, distance, look after the elderly in the community and the vulnerable, and protect them as much as you can," Dr. Lee said.

He also advised people to get vaccinated to protect themselves from serious illness if they have not already done so.

Heightened emphasis continues to be placed on vaccinations with the 80 per

cent target now being reinforced as a basis for the reopening of the borders. The vaccination rate currently stands at around 79 per cent.

Cayman continues to have the highest vaccination rate in the Caribbean/Latin America area and one of the leading rates globally.

However, the ongoing upswing in cases has placed Cayman among the worst daily infection rates in the region recently especially among countries of a similar population.

A single day comparative snapshot across some selected islands this past week showed the following:

- Bermuda - 126 active cases, 5265 total, 98 deaths, 19 new cases
- Turks and Caicos Islands - 46 active cases, 2966 total, 23 deaths, 5 new cases
- Bahamas - 1168 active cases, 642 deaths, 22,259 cases total, 32 new
- Antigua - 391 active cases, 99 deaths, 4,031 total, 12 new
- Barbados - 445 new cases, 16,033 in total, 143 deaths since the pandemic started.



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Cayman Islands AML/CFT Efforts Boost Technical Compliance Rating

The Cayman Islands' technical compliance with the 40 Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations relating to anti-money laundering and counterterrorism financing (AML/CFT) was upgraded in February 2021 and in October 2021.

Further work to enhance compliance with international standards in anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing has also seen the country added to two important international instruments on corruption and the financing of terrorism, the Attorney General and Chairman of the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group, Hon. Samuel Bulgin Q.C. noted.

"Government requested that the Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) revisit the ratings that we received in their last report in 2019, to reflect the many actions we have undertaken since they last assessed our framework", Mr Bulgin explains.

He adds: "We are very pleased to be rated compliant or largely compliant with all forty of the FATF Recommendations. While we still remain under monitoring with regards to three out of the 63 areas for improvement recommended by the 2019 report (one has thus far been satisfactorily

addressed, although work is ongoing), these have to do with effectiveness and are assessed separately".

This means the Cayman Islands is at the forefront out of all jurisdictions assessed so far on technical compliance with the FATF 40 Recommendations.

The Attorney General noted that as part of the recent upgrades to its technical compliance framework, the Cayman Islands recently had two key international instruments extended to it.

In December 2020, the United Nations Convention against Corruption was extended to the jurisdiction. The Convention relates to the criminalisation of corruption, implementation of measures to prevent corruption, and international cooperation in matters relating to corruption.

Meanwhile in August 2021 the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism was extended to the Cayman Islands. This Convention requires signatories to criminalise the financing of terrorism, as well as to take measures to identify, detect and freeze assets related to terrorism, and to prosecute terrorism financing offences.



► Attorney General and Chairman of the Anti-Money Laundering Steering Group, Hon. Samuel Bulgin Q.C.

Mr. Bulgin comments that the extension of these conventions to the Cayman Islands further demonstrates that the jurisdiction has the appropriate legislation, structure and organisations in place to meet its international obligations with regards to AML/CFT.

Seniors Get Free Smartphone Training During Older Persons Month

Several seniors made the call to attend the Older Persons Month (OPM) 'How to Use Your Smartphone' workshop on Monday, 18 October 2021.

The session, held at the Older Persons Active Ageing Centre (OPAAC), attracted six participants. Organised by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the 90-minute class tied in with

this year's OPM theme: 'Digital Equity For All Ages - Connect/Create/Contribute.'

One of 12 workshops facilitated by a local media company, during the annual observation, the session familiarised attendees with the following:

- How to optimise smartphone layout - changing the background, knowing the icons and phone settings

- Understanding basic smartphone functions - learning how to make your phone more user-friendly

- Learning about the function and uses of QR codes - as quick read codes are widely used by restaurants' electronic menus

All participants brought along their smartphones and tablets.

According to co-founder of Trifecta Films, Jonathan Webster, attendees were not the only ones who gained insights from the courses.

"Technology is here to stay and is becoming an increasingly central part of our lives. Facilitating these courses has shown us that older persons are often very willing to learn the fundamentals of smartphone use. They often just need help to understand how the features can be used to simplify aspects of their everyday lives."



► Workshop participant, Carvin Forbes learns more about smartphone applications from Trifecta Films co-founder and workshop facilitator Lester Halsted at a DCFS Older Persons Month event

One repeat customer was Carvin Forbes from Bodden Town East. The class's only male said: "I am very green when it comes to using my smartphone and even greener when it comes to social media," he admitted.

"I went to the first class and learned a lot about smartphone use. I then spent hours going through the icons one by one before deciding to come back for more."

After explaining a feature, by pairing the smartphone to the television screen, the workshop facilitators gave one-to-one mini tutorials and answered questions on an individual basis.

Attendees particularly enjoyed learning how to set their world clocks to the

local times of countries where relatives lived, and how to create WhatsApp groups for emergency communication during storms.

As George Town resident Ruby Williams said: "I need to know about my phone and truly believe you're never too old to learn."

Free workshops on 'How to Use Social Media' will take place at OPAAC on 25, 27 and 29 October at OPACC, 9:30 am - 11:30 am.

To register (space is limited to 12 persons) contact: Dorline Welcome 925-4083 (George Town), Vanda Powery 916-7902 (West Bay), Carol Bodden 924-3309 (Bodden Town), Pat Hanlan 925-7451 (North Side) and Delmira Bodden 925-5543 (East End).



► Workshop facilitator Jonathan Webster takes 'How to Use Your Smartphone' participants through their paces at the Older Persons Active Ageing Centre during Older Persons Month

THE PANEL DISCUSSION

THE PANEL MAKES THE CASE FOR CAYMAN TALENT

By Staff Writer

There's been a strong call from the Caymanian Times talk show, 'The Panel' for greater recognition and more opportunities for Caymanians in all spheres of the economy.

From all facets of the business sector, to public administration, and culture, the capabilities of Caymanians have been proven, yet there are persistent complaints that Caymanians are being denied opportunities especially in the jurisdiction's international economy.

This was also one of the dominant issues in this year's election campaign.

While that discussion continues at home with growing intensity, it's noteworthy that Caymanians are excelling on the global stage in a range of sectors ranging from the airline and maritime industry, hospitality, medical, legal, finance and education.

Paradoxically, the argument is that Caymanians have struggled to establish the same prominence in similar industries based in their homeland.

Host of The Panel, Ralph Lewis (publisher of Caymanian Times)

rejected the notion that Caymanians were unable of filling key roles in industry, especially in the private sector, on the basis that there were enough Caymanians "our talent pool to fill all the positions that we have here."

Panel analyst Dr Roy Bodden, a past legislator, government minister and former president of the University College of the Cayman Islands, said such views are rooted in competition in the jobs market aimed at denying Caymanians key roles.

"First of all, we have to consider the source where that statement is coming from. The source



of that statement are competitors of Caymanians who want to retain or obtain a competitive advantage. So it behoves them to try to put down the competition."

Making the case for Caymanians, the former legislator and educator emphasised that "we know that Caymanians are not lazy, we know that they are not indolent and we know they are quite capable of doing to most complex tasks. I say Caymanians are no less skilled, they are no less motivated than any part of the world."

He maintained that "the source from which these complaints or criticisms come from are people that want to come here and believe that by putting down Caymanians that will give them a competitive advantage, but it doesn't work in my book."

Weighing in on the issue, panellist Mario Ebanks also discounted what he felt was the unfair labelling of Caymanians.

He said the underperformance of a small per minority of peo-

ple was being used against the majority of hardworking, aspirational and capable Caymanians.

"People are using that small percentage as a stick to beat all of us because they have their own agenda," he lamented.

But the businessman and human resources expert pointed to the strong work ethic and achievement of Caymanians as examples to emulate especially in the maritime industry.

"We have a legacy and a track record of talent, talented Caymanians globally-renowned who went across the oceans and became captains and they were in demand simply because of work ethic and because of applying themselves and being bright and committed."

Mr Ebanks said such examples were evident in other sectors such as banking, tourism and international aviation.

Both panellists Roy Bodden and Mario Ebanks listed a roster of Caymanians who are excelling in their chosen fields at home and abroad.

Host of The Panel podcast Ralph Lewis suggested that the examples of Cayman's modern achievers and past trailblazers be highlighted to motivate and inspire others.

"I think there are other things that we can do to dispel this. What I found is that motivation from colleagues or from other individuals is what drives someone to success," he said.

"I think if we as a society ought to promote (them) in the media, on TV, on promos, to show the talent and highlight these people...We can have a list and have a database. We need to have some system or some programmes in place to show what greatness that they have achieved and have it in schools (etc) even on billboards to inspire students and other Caymanians."

Recalling time-worn discussions about acknowledging, highlighting and promoting outstanding Caymanians as role models of success in their respective fields of endeavour, Mr Lewis observed, "We don't award people enough when they achieve greatness and I think that is necessary as we go forward."



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Business After Hours: Beacon Farms

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ping facility in Tampa, and we are now selling cigars in the United States. We have a large marketing agency working for us, and so the opportunity to sell our cigars globally online has opened up for us.

“All of the proceeds come back to the farm and help us develop what has become a sustainable business. I hope you all come out to the farm, and see it. It’s an amazing place. Everybody who works out there is in recovery, and that’s the most important thing, so that they have somewhere to work while they are reorganizing their lives.

“The second part of the story is that they are all growing food, and vegetables at a time when our food chain could possibly be stretched. There are 34 acres and they are developing some really radical methods of agriculture.”

Mr. Urquhart went on to describe the farm’s way of making new, fine fertile soil. They have a rock-crushing machine, pulled by a tractor, which pulverizes the many large rocks and boulders found throughout the farm’s soil, making them into sand. The sand is then mixed with compost made on the farm’s state-of-the-art composting unit. Mr. Urquhart also told all the guests that a documentary on the farm, and the people who work there, is presently being made, and is scheduled to come out some time next year.

After the presentation, people chatted and mingled, before going outside. There,



► Mingling and networking is what Business after Hours does best

some ladies from the Cayman Cigar Company were busy rolling the cigars by hand, so that everyone could see for themselves

how they are made. There were some official, and some unofficial, members of the “Cigar Club,” which meets at Rackhams

on a Friday evening. “Yes these cigars are right up there with the best Cuban cigars,” one of them, Sidney, said.

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Jerry Harper, Godfather of Cayman Athletics, Passes

By Flynn Bush

I have written many tribute articles on persons who have passed on to their eternal rest. These are usually on individuals who have contributed greatly to our country and made a huge difference. They have touched people's lives in significant ways and helped our country to move forward. Every single one of the tributes I have written has caused me to pause and reflect and contemplate that person's life. I sometimes get choked up a little and, often-



times, I need to step away from the computer, get my emotions in check, and then return later to continue writing. Today, I am in worse shape than usual.

It's not that I am struggling with finding the right words. It is quite the contrary. The words that are floating into my mind are all the right words. Therein lies my problem. Hundreds of adjectives, mingled with thousands of images, flood my brain and cause me to realize that I can never adequately explain what Mr. Jerry Harper meant to me. The thing is, I am but one soul, touched by a great man, and influenced for the better. Undeniably, Mr. Harper had that effect on countless others.

Since 1975 when he first arrived in our country, Jerry Harper made it better. He was a pioneer in the Athletics field, adept at building greatness where there was nothing, and lifting a nation to heights never seen before; all done one person at a time. Because of him, a solid track and field foundation was built; one that has been yielding incredible talent ever since. From the first day, until he retired officially as a coach, Mr. Harper had tremendous influence on every single generation of Caymanians. To this very day, his influence is felt in the community as his former athletes and students pass on his ideals to the current generation. Suffice it to say that he was the Godfather of Caymanian Athletics.

In the field of competitive sport, coaches are often not eager to share their knowledge with other coaches. Mr. Harper was not cut from that cloth. Wherever he went, he was always to answer questions, hold a discussion, or give advice to anyone who asked. I can't tell you how



many times I went to him for that. One amazing attribute he possessed was his penchant for keeping up with what was happening in the community, the sport, and with his former athletes. He always seemed to know what was going on and was always quick with a word of encouragement. He was a mentor to so many of us.

There are people who come into our lives, spread their goodness around, and leave us far better than before. Then, there are rare souls like Mr. Jerry Harper, whose goodness and positive influence will remain as a thread woven into the fabric of our country; even for generations to come. As we mourn, let us allow our sadness to remember the true lesson to be learned from Mr. Jerry Harper, "Use your God-given talents to improve your life and the lives of those around you." If we remember this, we reaffirm his life's purpose, and we do honor to his memory.

C.I.A.A Mourns The Passing Of Legendary Coach Jerry Harper

Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands - It is with deep regret that the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA) learnt of the passing legendary Coach Jerry Harper this past Sunday and the Association, and all of its Members are in deep mourning with respect to his death.

Coach Harper in many ways could be described as the Father of the modern athletics in the Cayman Islands. An educator, he brought with him the ability to not only coach but more importantly to teach the fundamentals of the various disciplines of the sports. The achievements of his "bare-foot brigade" is legendary in the annals of local athletics.

A no non-nonsense Administrator Coach Harper served as the Second Vice-President of the Association from 2003-2008 and could always be called on to provide erudite contribution and guidance to the meetings of the Executive body during his term in office, as well as at General Meetings of the Association.

His involvement in the sport was not confined to track and field events but extended to road races - a segment of the sport that grew leaps and bounds under his guidance.

He was instrumental in keeping the Executive and the Association on the development and performance of overseas based College and Professional athletes, with whom he remained in constant touch and all of whom came to share a close bond with Coach Harper.



A giant of a man, despite his physical stature, Coach "Fatcalves" Jerry will be soundly missed by the Athletic Community in general and by the CIAA in particular.

He is the second Track & Field Coach to have died this year and the Executive of the Association have undertaken to honor the names of both Coaches in a permanent way starting with the upcoming Season.

Public Health Outlines Follow-up to Little Cayman COVID Case

The Public Health Department confirms that a Little Cayman resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Grand Cayman on Friday 22 October 2021.

The individual who had travelled from Little Cayman to Cayman Brac and then Grand Cayman earlier on Friday, had taken the test ahead of a planned return to Little Cayman on Saturday.

Public Health is able to share the following information in relation to the incident:

- All primary contacts of the individual who is COVID-19 positive have since tested negative. This includes primary

contacts on Little Cayman, Cayman Brac and Grand Cayman.

- Following the start of the current outbreak of COVID in Grand Cayman, the Faith Hospital team, on 19 September 2021, began performing proactive COVID-19 screening. As at today (Monday, 25 October) all 595 swabs completed have come back negative for COVID-19.

- To date 1860 people from Cayman Brac and Little Cayman have been vaccinated against COVID-19. The percentage of each island's population that has been fully vaccinated is:

- 95% in Little Cayman and
- 83.5% in Cayman Brac.



Stage 2 of the Cayman Islands Hospital A&E renovations underway

The Health Services Authority (HSA) has embarked on stage 2 of its planned multi-phased project to expand the Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department and improve patient experience at the Cayman Islands Hospital. Renovations include facility upgrades to the ceilings, lightings, flooring and walls of patient examination and treatment rooms.

Due to these upgrades, walk-in patients may experience a delay in service and are reminded to use the A&E services in cases of emergency only to prevent congestion and reduce wait times. An emergency is a critical or life-threatening situation that needs urgent medical attention which may include:

- Loss of consciousness
- Persistent, severe chest pain
- Breathing difficulties
- Severe bleeding that cannot be stopped
- Severe allergic reactions
- Severe burns or scalds
- Unexplained, acute drowsiness or disorientation

Less severe injuries and conditions can be treated at the Acute Care Clinic in the General Practice Building on the Cayman Islands Hospital campus. The clinic's hours of operation are Mondays – Fridays 7:30am – 8pm and Saturday 8:30am – 12pm.



► The new A&E waiting room was renovated in stage 1

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your patience and understanding as we improve our facilities to better serve you.

Anti-bullying Month Message from Minister for Education Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

As I reflect on the global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the devastating potential effects of bullying on our children and young people, I am reminded of the need for kindness, compassion and patience in our society.

To this end, I proudly support this year's local Anti-bullying theme, 'Choose Kindness'.

The act of bullying can negatively impact children or young people's physical, emotional, social or psychological health—the effects of which are oftentimes carried over into adulthood.

Following the emergence of the COVID 19 virus in 2020, students' internet use has significantly increased, with many spending countless hours engaged in online learning activities or connecting with friends and loved ones.

While internet use can be quite beneficial, it also broadens the risk of exposure to cyber-bullying.

The growing risk of exposure to cyber-bullying coupled with students' increasing vulnerability to feelings of depression and anxiety as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, not only requires intervention by trained mental health pro-

fessionals but necessitates acts of kindness from others with whom they interact.

The Ministry of Education stands resolute against bullying of any kind. As such, we are committed to ensuring that our schools develop a welcoming, supportive and inclusive learning environment that promotes the well-being of all students and staff.

In November 2020, the Education Council approved the National Anti-bullying policy for school students. The policy sets out schools' responsibilities to counter bullying, establish consistent expectations and promote an understanding of all bullying-related issues.

Since its introduction, all of our government schools and more than 70 per cent of independent educational institutions have used this critical document as a framework for developing their own anti-bullying policies.

It is my fervent hope that by implementing these individualised school policies, students and parents will feel supported when they are confronted with incidences of bullying and schools' message that bullying will not be tolerated will also be clearly conveyed.



► Minister for Education Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

The Cayman Islands Government is further committed to delivering supporting legislation by amending the Education Law, 2016, to include the National Anti-bullying Policy and developing Anti-bullying (Schools) Regulations.

As Anti-bullying month 2021 draws to a close, I applaud all those involved in promoting this all-important initiative and urge others to reject bullying and instead choose kindness and compassion in all their interactions.



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Ministry of Education (MoE) Reminds Educational Institutions to Register with Education Council

The Ministry of Education (MoE) reminds the owners/operators/managers of all educational institutions and those providing educational support services to register the institution with the Education Council in accordance with Section 9 (1) of the Education Act, 2016 and Section 6 of the Education Regulations, 2017.

MoE Chief Officer Ms. Cetonya Cacho also outlines the importance of registering educational institutions. "The registration of educational institutions enables the Ministry to recognise those in adherence to the national education standards, thus ensuring that the nation's children have access to quality education."

The process of registration, which continues throughout the year, varies according to the institution's categorisation.

Educational institutions and those providing support services are further categorised as those providing compulsory education, early childhood care and education, technical and vocational education & training, post-compulsory education, those catering to special educational needs or disabilities, tutoring centres or mobile tutoring services.

To learn more about the registration of educational institutions and download a registration form, please visit www.gov.ky/education/registration-of-institutions.

Email completed registration forms and required documentation for postsecondary institutions to postsecondaryeducation@gov.ky.

Email completed registration forms and required documentation for all other educational institutions to eduregistration@gov.ky.



► Ms. Cetonya Cacho, Chief Officer, Ministry of Education

CIG Officers Earn ILM Strategic Incident Gold Command Certification

Home Affairs Minister, Hon. Bernie Bush, presented 10 Cayman Islands Government Officers from three different agencies with their Level 4 ILM Strategic Incident Gold Command certificates at Central Fire Station recently.

The officers earned their certificates earlier this year, by successfully completing a strategic incident command course, learning the principles of Joint Emergency Service Interoperability Programme (JESIP) followed by a three-hour simulated multi-agency incident command assessment. The brief ceremony on Wednesday, 13 October 2021 marked another step on the Cayman Islands Fire Service's continuous journey of self-improvement, professional development and improved partnership working.

Speaking at the event, the Minister remarked: "I am so pleased to present these professional Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Incident Command certificates to Caymanian officers from three services. Effective and efficient multi-agency working is recognised as critical to successfully resolve emergency major incidents, so having this group of 10 highly-qualified officers is fabulous for the Cayman Islands."

Chief Fire Officer (CFO) Paul Walker, QFSM said: "I am very proud of colleagues from Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS), Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), Her Majesty's



► Cayman Islands Government Officers from three different agencies with their Level 4 ILM Strategic Incident Gold Command certificates at Central Fire Station. (L-r): CIFS DCFO Ricardo Charlton, CIFS DM Randy Rankin, CIFS DM Whitman Tatum, Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Bernie Bush; CIFS DCFO Brevan Elliot, CIFS DCFO Tina Ebanks-McBean, HMCI Director Danielle Coleman (receives certificate on behalf of HMCI Head of Operations David Broughton), RCIPS Inspector Wendy Parchment, HMCIPS Manager Ricardo Lashley, HMCIPS Deputy Director Daniel Greaves and RCIPS Acting Inspector Roje Williams.

Cayman Islands Prison Service (HMCIPS) and Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI), who undertook this strategic incident command course and simulated major incident assessment. Through shared situational awareness, joint decision making, analysis of options and contingencies and a review framework, complex and challenging major incidents can be resolved successfully.

"I applaud these colleagues for their successful personal development and hope this course and assessment is viewed as valuable wider development for colleagues from across Government agencies."

All the delegates who undertook the course and assessment through July and August this year echoed similar comments. They also expressed appreciation in having been given the

opportunity to participate in the strategic level incident command training to reinforce the foundation of what they have been doing operationally for many years.

Participants further suggested that the Emergency/Support Services (HMCI, RCIPS, HMCIPS, Health Services Authority, CIG and CI Regiment) embrace the training route when it is offered in the future.

"The team at Peter Stanley Training, which delivered the training and major incident assessment, were very professional, knowledgeable and had answers to your questions. They would explain their response to ensure when you had understood the learning outcomes and you would be "the most confident" you could be in a major incident scenario," CFO Walker concluded.

DEH Announces Annual Bulk Waste Collection Schedule

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) is urging residents to get ready as this year's Annual Bulk Waste Collection kicks-off next week in the West Bay District.

Bulk Waste Collection in Grand Cayman will take place from Monday to Saturday according to the following schedule:

- **West Bay** - November 1 - 6
- **George Town** - November 8 - 13
- **Bodden Town** - November 15-20
- **North Side / East End** - November 22-27

Meanwhile, the schedule for the Bulk Waste Collection in the Sister Islands will be announced at a later date.

Residents are reminded to place their bulk waste on the kerbside before their district's scheduled collection dates, to ensure timely and efficient collections. The bulk waste should be in an area that is easily accessible to DEH collection crews and does not obstruct the roadway. DEH

will not collect any items that are put out after scheduled dates.

Bulk waste refers to large items such as old furniture, mattresses, rugs, household appliances, carpeting, scrap metal, vegetative waste and other items that are not collected as part of the DEH's weekly residential pick-up services.

However, construction and demolition debris, hazardous material, electronics and tyres will not be collected during the bulk waste removal activity. Persons are required to make alternative arrangements to transport these items to the nearest landfill.

The George Town Landfill operates from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays, until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and is closed on Sunday. However, the landfill drop-off facility at the gate will remain accessible for the public and small vehicles 24 hours per day.



Bulk Waste Collection Schedule 2021 Grand Cayman

WEST BAY
Nov. 1 - 6

GEORGE TOWN
Nov. 8 - 13

BODDEN TOWN
Nov. 15 - 20

NORTHSIDE/
EAST END
Nov. 22 - 27



Additional information is available from the DEH at 949-6696. Individuals may also send an email to dehcustomerservice@gov.ky, visit the DEH's website at www.deh.gov.ky

or message its Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Department-of-Environmental-Health-Cayman-Islands-Government-335107266641072>



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Do's

- Appliances
- Furniture
- Bicycles
- Mattresses
- Scrap Metal
- Vegetative Waste



Don'ts

- Electronics
- Tyres
- Hazardous Materials
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► Teen Halloween Costumes



► Halloween Sushi

Youth Ambassadors for Mental Health Host Teen Halloween Charity Event

During this mid-term break, the Youth Ambassadors for Mental Health hosted a student-led charity event to benefit Inclusion Cayman.

On Saturday October 22nd, 50 teens from across the island, all in costume, joined the Teen Halloween Charity event held at Lucky Slice in Georgetown. The students raised \$250 for the charity and also presented prizes to the top Halloween costumes.

Event organiser and Youth Ambassador leader Jhadari Lumley stressed the importance of events like these. "I believe it's important to have events for the youth of Cayman in order to give them a healthy outlet and socialize with other young people. This helps teens build stronger networks and long lasting relationships. These types of events also give teens a break from the stresses in their lives."



► Halloween Mocktails



► Ask Her Band

Teen Halloween also showcased the talents of the all-girls teen rock band, "Ask Her" who played a mix of Halloween-based songs and covers of a wide range of music while maintaining social distance. Jhadari added, "The biggest highlight from this Teen Halloween YAP event was the "Ask Her" band playing for us. They were talented and inspiring. They carried the night! I would love for them to play at our future events as well."

The Youth Ambassador Programme (YAP) for mental health is part of the Alex Pantou Foundation and aims to raise awareness regarding many issues. One of YAP's major focuses this year is on inclusion.

Isaiah Bodden, also a YAP leader and event organiser stressed the importance of inclusion in Cayman. "Unfortunately on our islands we tend to judge other people for what makes them different instead of embracing them for those differences that make us unique."

Our islands still have much to learn about the differently-abled community and it is our hope that through campaigns, donations and future events we can con-

tinue to educate and raise awareness for organizations like Inclusion Cayman."

Jhadari added, "Inclusion is such an important topic to address in the Cayman Islands because having people feel excluded for things they cannot control separates us as a society even more. This can create conflict and hostility. Inclusion is essential because it helps create a safe and secure environment for people to live and thrive in."

Teens can easily become involved in the Youth Ambassador Programme by visiting their instagram page, @youth.ambs.ky, and following future events. They are also seeking the next group of Youth Ambassadors. Interested students can sign up for the upcoming induction event, which will be held on Saturday, November 13th from 2pm to 4pm. The induction event educates new Youth Ambassadors on mental health issues, policies and solutions in an effort to help the next generation.

The link for event registration is below: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmBhPm6p0jnuCkxih3EL-Tox0-3ZYwlyqOrBxsfCTLv1QQz9w/view-form>

Amplify Cayman Introduces HE Governor to Sustainability Charter, Forming Allyship of Community Involvement for Positive Climate Change Action

Members of Amplify Cayman were invited by His Excellency the Governor, Mr Martyn Roper, to the Government Administration Building on Wednesday 20th October 2021 to introduce their Sustainability Charter, continuing their endeavor to form a positive allyship between policy and decision-makers and the Cayman community to bring forth sustainability-driven equity and prosperity.

Amplify Cayman is a solutions-focused grassroots organization of diverse local professionals and community members, and were invited to share their group's projects and aims with His Excellency. The Governor supported the work of Amplify Cayman to achieve its mission of amplifying the needs and goals of the community to the ears of policy and decision-makers, and applauded the group for their many community projects and publications thus far.

His Excellency shared that the Cayman Islands was receiving support for sustainability and environmental expertise and funding by the UK, including a Climate

Change Risk Assessment, and confirmed that the Cayman Islands would be represented at COP26. Other topics discussed included the Commonwealth Climate Growth Fund, District Advisory Councils, and the most recent Environmental Audit Committee Report completed by the United Kingdom House of Commons on The UK's Footprint on Global Biodiversity.

After a positive open discussion with His Excellency, Amplify Cayman thanked the Governor for his time, support, and advice on how their efforts can be more impactful. In thanking Amplify Cayman for their passion for the Cayman Islands, the Governor also applauded their community outreach to date, and extended his appreciation to those who contributed to the Sustainability Charter: Emily DeCou, Eden Hurlston, Melanie Carmichael, Morgan Ebanks, Rory McDonough, Judy Singh Hurlston, Jeri Bovell, Sharon Hinds, Stephy Scott, and Lisa Hurlston-McKenzie.

Amplify Cayman's Sustainability Charter can be found at: www.AmplifyCayman.com/Charter



► (L-R) Lisa Hurlston-McKenzie, Sharon Hinds, HE Governor, Emily DeCou, Eden Hurlston

Public Lands Commission Members Confirmed

The Ministry for District Administration and Lands (DAL) has announced The Cabinet's appointment of the Public Lands Commission (PLC). In accordance with Section 6 of the Public Lands Commission Act (2020 Revision) the following are the duly appointed members of the board (see table).

The Minister responsible for Lands, Honourable Julianna O'Connor-Connolly shared, "I look forward to working with the Commission, as they work in accordance with the PLC legislation and regulations. I wish them well as they deliberate in the best interest of the public."

About The PLC

The Public Lands Commission (PLC) was established in 2017 by the Public Lands Act (2017). The mandate of the PLC is set out in Section 5 of the Public Lands Act (2020 Revision) to:



► The PLC meets for the first time at the PLC headquarters since appointing the new chairperson at Crown Square on Eastern Avenue in George Town

Name	Representation	Position
Woody DaCosta	Member of the public from Bodden Town	Chairperson
Teddie Ebanks	Member of the public from Northside	Deputy Chairperson
Ezmie Smith	Member of the public from West Bay	Member
Elsie Kynes	Member of the public from Cayman Brac and Little Cayman	Member
Shane Edwards	Member of the public from East End	Member
Shanna Myles	Member of the public from George Town	Member
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Chief Officer for the Ministry of Lands (or Chief Officer's designate)		Member (Ex-officio)
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- Exercise the powers and carry out the functions delegated to it by the Minister responsible for Lands

For more information on the PLC visit www.gov.ky/lands

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cayman Islands Folk Singers – Memories of Yesteryears

29 – 31 October – Cayman National Cultural Foundation presents the Cayman Islands Folk Singers in Concert – a celebration of music, culture and traditions. Sing along with your favourites such as Munzie's Boat and Come Back Home as well as songs never performed by the group before. Performances are at the Harquail Theatre and begin at 8pm on Friday and Saturday and 6pm on Sunday. Tickets cost \$15. Children under 5 are free. Call 949 – 5477 for more information.

Halloween Spookfest at Pedro's Castle

30 October – Enjoy a free, family friendly event at Pedro Castle on Saturday 30 October from 10am to 2pm. Bring the kids in their costumes to enjoy games like The Spider Toss, Musical Pumpkins, and Pin the Boo on the Ghost. Lots of snacks, candy and crafts will

be available to make an awesome Halloween experience. This is an outdoor event and will follow all government COVID-19 protocols. Call 947 – 3329 for more information.

En Plein Air (outdoors) Botanicals with John Broad

30 October – Capture the beauty of diverse local flora through pencil, pen and ink with art sessions led by artist John Broad at the National Gallery. Classes cost \$25 and cover instruction and materials. NGCI members receive 10% discount. To register, call 945 – 8111 or email education@nationalgallery.org.ky

Halloween Spooktacular

30 October – Come to this free, family friendly event hosted by Ms. Sabrina Turner, MP for Prospect at the Prospect Constituency Office at 33 Marina Drive from 5:30pm to 8pm. Kids can participate in a costume com-

petition and there will be lots of games, prizes and refreshments. Children ages 4-12 are welcome and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Public health COVID-19 protocols will be strictly adhered to. Masks are required.

Services of Holy Communion at St. Alban's Church of England

31 October – All are invited to Services of Holy Communion on October 31st at 9:30am. The Rt. Rev. Dr. PJ Lawrence, Bishop, is the celebrant.

Humane Society Brac Beach 5K Bike/Walkathon

6 November – The Cayman Islands Humane Society Brac Beach 5K Bike/Walkathon is on November 6th starting at the Alexander Hotel at 7am. For more information, call 916 - 3960.

National Gallery Garden Tour

6 November – Join Hannah Reid of @bushmedicine for a tour of the National Gallery's gardens.



► Cayman Islands Folk Singers

The tour will focus on plants with medicinal and cultural uses. This is a free tour but registration is required as spaces are limited. Register by emailing education@nationalgallery.org.ky or by calling 945 – 8111.

Coral Fest

6 November – The Department of Environment is hosting Cayman's first ever Coral Fest at the Grand Caymanian Hotel at Safe Haven. Coral Fest is a free, fun, family-friendly event focused on corals and their importance to our ecosystems - and our lives - with an emphasis on Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD). DoE is partnering with organizations across the Islands for the event, to offer a wide range of coral themed

booths, games and raffle prizes including gift certificates, staycations, paddleboard lessons and more! There will also be food and drink on sale.

Chamber Workshop – Communications Skills

9 November – This half-day course is for everyone who is interested in developing their communication skills in person, via phone, email and online platforms. Through developing these skills, you can improve your relationships, your leadership abilities and interactions in all areas of business and life. This workshop is focused on making you aware of your communication style, the impact it has and how you can improve this fundamental skill for maximum effectiveness and success. For more information, go to <https://www.caymanchamber.ky/events/communication-skill/> or call 949 – 8090.

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► Ernest Ebanks

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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
86° / 79°	86° / 80°	86° / 80°	86° / 80°	84° / 83°	84° / 83°	85° / 82°
A shower and thunderstorm	Cloudy, a shower and t-storm	Partly sunny and delightful	Breezy with clouds and sun	Rain	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Some rain and a thunderstorm

'On Course With God' at youth convention

By Christopher Tobutt

'On Course with God,' was the theme of the 9th Annual Cayman Islands District Wesleyan Youth Convention. It was a great chance for the young people to glean words of wisdom from older folks who have already plenty of experience in walking down the road of Life, hand in hand with Jesus. But the young people learned plenty from fellowshiping with one another too, and they led each of each session's three evening services, on Wednesday 20, Thursday 21 and Friday 22, and Sunday 24 October. While on Saturday 23 October there was an all-day workshop, starting off with breakfast and prayers before going into the other presentations and seminars.

Rev. Conway E. King, Cayman Islands District Wesleyan Superintendent, said, "The



► Naomi Johnatty led the 'On Course for Prayer,' session

theme is for this year's convention is not only a fitting theme, but a timely one. There are so many things in the world today that are vying for the attention of our young people that are not good. These things have led them to the path of hopelessness and destruction. However we are thankful that there is another path we can take, and that is to stay 'On Course with God,' For the Word declares, "The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, but I am come that they

might have life, and have it more abundantly."

Cassandra S. Ebanks, Cayman Islands District Wesleyan Youth President said, "Our desire is to see the youth of the Cayman Islands experience an encounter with the God of the Bible, and know Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, while digging deep into God's Word so that they will be able to determine truth and error in an increasingly confused world."

Naomi Johnatty led the Saturday morning prayer workshop: "Part of being in a relationship with God is that we take



► Teenagers discuss their devotional life, during the prayer workshop

responsibility for our end of the relationship. When God made us, he gave us freewill. That means the ability to think on your own, and make your own decisions," Ms. Johnatty said.

One of the participants had one of God's promises in a scripture, Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future." Ms Johnatty commented, "If someone says they have great plans for me, then I engage them. I say, 'what do you know about me that I cannot see?' God didn't make you thinking, 'This is my big mistake.' No, God made you thinking 'This is my creation, and I think that this is good.'"

Kenna Kelly, 16, said, "As a young person I feel like these sessions have really helped me understand what I need to be doing to get on course in my faith, with God. There's a lot of things going on in everyday society, so I that that as a teenager it is important that I be here, and listen to what they have to say, so that I can grow in my faith. So far we have heard about On Course with Prayer, with the Word and in Relationships.

"On Wednesday Miss Naomi taught us about how to be on course with God in prayer, and she really helped us. Miss Kaitlen Bush presented, 'Being on course with God in the Word,' and on Friday Miss Dawnnee McCoy spoke about 'Being on course with relationships,' and how our friends can lead us astray if we are not picking the right ones. It put everything into perspective and I am taking away a deeper understanding today."



► Cassandra S. Ebanks

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of the late **Linda Palmer** regret to announce her passing on Thursday, October 14, 2021.



A memorial service will be held 11:00 a.m. at Cayman Islands Baptist Church Saturday, October 30, 2021.

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Please wear bright colors.


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Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Basil Roberts, who passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Nations United Pentecostal Church, 23 A. Woodlake Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, November 06, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Interment at: New Pease Bay Cemetery. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com




Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Magdaline Velona Ebanks who passed away on October 24, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Joel Beltran Carter, who passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Frank Reginald Dilbert, who passed away on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com





Kyffin Simpson to make Indy Lights debut in 2022 with TJ Speed Motorsports

17-year-old Cayman Island racer **Kyffin Simpson** has confirmed his plans for 2022, signing a deal with long-term partners TJ Speed Motorsports for his **debut Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires campaign**.

TJ Speed and Simpson have proven to be a powerful combination through 2021, securing five wins and a further six podiums on their way to a 65-point FR Americas championship lead. A clean sweep of three victories at the season-opener established Kyffin as the driver to beat despite TJ Speed being the newest operation on the grid, a testament both to Kyffin's ability and TJ Speed owner Tim Neff's meticulous approach.

Alongside his FR Americas program, Kyffin competed in 16 rounds of the 2021 Indy Pro 2000 Championship Presented by Cooper Tires with Juncos Hollinger Racing, scoring a debut podium at the IMS Grand Prix of Indianapolis in May. He followed that success with two further podiums before scheduling conflicts withdrew the #21 car from the final rounds, sealing eighth in the series standings.

Simpson is no stranger to the 450hp Dallara IL-15 machine, having completed over 2,000 miles of testing across four tracks since shaking down TJ Speed's first Indy Lights car in August. Kyffin will lead the team's preparations at the official Chris Griffis Memorial Open Test at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, October 30-31.

Kyffin Simpson, 2022 Indy Lights driver for TJ Speed:

"I'm really excited to confirm my 2022 Indy Lights program with TJ Speed Motorsports! It's another important step to reach my overall goal, racing in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES. With INDYCAR resuming management of the series from next season, things are looking positive for the future.

"The IL-15 is great to drive. Tim, the team and I have been working hard to understand what it needs to get that last 5% out of it, and I feel pretty confident I will be challenging at the front from the season-opener. I wouldn't be here without Tim's support and I'm grateful we can make this step together, just one year after I started working with him, and two years after I made my car racing debut.

"I think the last quarter of 2021 will be the busiest time of my career so far; Indy Lights testing, the HPD GT3 Academy with Honda, the final FR Americas rounds and test days... I'm just trying to be the most complete driver possible. Looking back over the year, I have driven Midgets on the ovals with the Seymour's and John Chambers, LMP3 machinery at Daytona, and of course the GT3 Acura NSX with the Honda Academy. Training, simulator – you name it, I've done it. I've learnt a lot about myself, and I'm fully focused on doing the work and doing it right.

"It's always an honour to drive at Indianapolis. I can't wait to get back in the IL-15 for the official series test later this week."

TJ Speed owner Tim Neff added:



"All of us at TJ Speed are excited to have Kyffin sign with us for Indy Lights. We've had great success in Formula Regional this year and are hard at work to prepare for the next step of Kyffin's career.

"Testing in the IL-15 has been going great. We have been to Autobahn, Barber, Homestead and Road America so far and Kyff hasn't put a foot wrong."

Following the Chris Griffis Memorial Open Test at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Kyffin will participate in the final HPD GT3 Academy track day with Racers Edge Motorsports at Sebring, November

2-3, then travel to Circuit of the Americas for the final FR Americas championship rounds, November 4-7.

To secure the 2021 FR Americas Powered by Honda title at COTA, Kyffin must outscore rival Joshua Car by 10 points across three races. You can follow and support Kyffin's progress on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Kyffin is supported by Simpson Race Products, GoPro action cameras, Spy sunglasses, DART, BODDENS, Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa, and Kokoro Performance driver coaching services.

POLICE NEWS

Operation Quaker Update

On Friday 22 October, the RCIPS resumed Operation Quaker, with a focus on night time speeding and DUI, in response to a recent increase of serious collisions and fatalities occurring on the roads.

Over the first weekend of the operation over 36 tickets were issued to drivers found in contravention of the Cayman Islands Traffic Act, 12 of which were issued for speeding violations, and 2 people were arrested on suspicion of DUI. In addition, officers responded to 16 calls for service for motor vehicle collisions during the same time period.

"Driving at night time already has its challenges with reduced visibility of surroundings, so when motorists choose to speed and consume drugs and/or alcohol before operating their vehicle, the road ways can quickly become a dangerous environment for all road users. We want motorists to understand that speeding and driving under the

influence is just not worth the risk when you consider the financial implications if you get caught, but more importantly, the often dire consequences of being involved in an accident," says Inspector Dwayne Jones, in charge of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit.

"With the support of the RCIPS Special Constabulary, who help bolster our road presence numbers during Operations such as Quaker, we will continue to do our part in making our roads safer through increased enforcement and visibility. And we continue to implore that the public make everyone's safety a priority by exercising good driving habits, especially when it comes to drunk driving and speeding, which are the leading contributors to fatal collisions in the Cayman Islands," says Chief Inspector Malcolm Kay of Specialist Operations.



Usman is everybody's nightmare

There are many outstanding UFC champions right now but the official pound-for-pound king is undoubtedly welterweight boss Kamaru Usman.

Usman has only lost once in 20 bouts – and that was nine years ago. Since then the Nigerian Nightmare has seen off all comers and next Saturday he gets another chance to seal his legacy in a rematch with Colby Covington in New York.

If Usman can keep his streak going, he could challenge for the GOAT title still held by another welter, Georges St-Pierre, over a decade ago. St-Pierre turned back the challenge of fighters as good as Carlos Condit, Nick Diaz and BJ Penn. He even managed to avenge both of his career losses before retiring.

Despite only holding the UFC welterweight title for two years – defending four times in the process – Usman looks set to challenge St-Pierre's legacy.

The Nigerian Nightmare has been as dominant as GSP was in the 170-pound division. Not only has he beaten the likes of Covington, Gilbert Burns and Jorge Masvidal convincingly, but he remains unbeaten in the UFC at 14-0.

Jones was recently in the news for a legal issue. He hasn't fought since he defeated Dominick Reyes by unanimous decision at UFC 257 in February 2020. With Jones being so inactive, the UFC rankings panelists decided to demote him. Jones has slipped down to No. 4 behind Usman, Alexander Volkanovski (featherweight), and Israel Adesanya (middleweight).

Covington claims the only thing that needed fixing in the aftermath of his UFC 245 clash with Usman two years ago, is poor Photoshop skills by an online troll.

The thrilling grudge match headlined UFC 245 back in Dec. 2019. Reports came out after the fight that Covington – who lost via fifth-round technical knockout – suffered a broken jaw. Covington denies his jaw was broken and is convinced he can cause an upset this time. That looks unlikely as Usman still trains like a contender, fearing complacency will be his downfall.

Meanwhile, Usman says he receives "mad blame" for the demise of Tyron Woodley's career and that he feels disrespected by the former welterweight champ.



► Kamaru Usman still has a contender's mentality



► Jon Jones is losing his lustre

Since Usman captured his UFC title in dominant fashion over Woodley in 2019, their careers have taken wildly different trajectories. Usman, 34, recently deposed Jon Jones as the UFC's pound-for-pound king and looks likely to retain his title against Covington at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 6. Covington taunted Usman in the first fight, always wearing a MAGA hat and swearing his allegiance to Donald Trump. Their exchanges were unpleasant and visceral.

Woodley, on the other hand, has gone from being one of the greatest UFC welter-

weight champs ever, to fighting – and losing – to YouTuber Jake Paul. Not only that, the 39-year-old suffered more indignity of permanently inking his love for Paul in a vain attempt to secure a rematch. Usman hasn't taken any pleasure in witnessing his former rival's fall from grace, however.

When asked by Daniel Cormier about Woodley's decision to have "I love Jake Paul" tattooed on his finger, Usman said it saddened him to see the former champ stoop to such a low, and that much of the blame for Woodley's sorry situation is being unfairly levelled at him.

Milwaukee capable of title repeat

The Milwaukee Bucks won the NBA championship so convincingly last season that consensus was that this was the start of a dynasty.

Even Kevin Durant in the summer said that the Bucks were "forming somewhat of a dynasty."

Durant backtracked his statement after the Brooklyn Nets' loss to the Bucks in the 2021 season opener last week saying "maybe I was reaching a little bit" but he acknowledged that Milwaukee have improved considerably in recent seasons and have a nucleus of a team that compares with any other elite side.

When Giannis Antetokounmpo and Khris Middleton arrived in Milwaukee in 2013, they suffered through a 15-win season. Results gradually improved culminating in reaching the Eastern Conference Finals in 2019 under current head coach Mike Budenholzer, and, of course, becoming NBA Champions this year, beating the Phoenix Suns 4-2. Giannis is the Bucks



► Giannis Antetokounmpo has stayed loyal to the Bucks

king and a coveted target by the more established teams.

Giannis, a two-time MVP and five-time All-Star, does not appear to be leaving Milwaukee anytime soon. He's demonstrated his loyalty over eight years as the Bucks have changed personnel and gained momentum. The Bucks look like a stronger unit than the Toronto Raptors who shocked the basketball world with their championship win in 2019, so it's possible they can reach the pinnacle again.

Ryan helps Falcons fly again

Matt Ryan is on a hot streak, demonstrated by Atlanta's quarterback leading a 57-yard, game-winning drive in Miami to lift the Falcons to .500 on the season.

Ryan, the 2016 NFL MVP has been exceptional in his past four games. Since Week 3, Ryan has thrown for 301.0 yards per game with a 10:1 TD-to-INT ratio and 107.0 passer rating while leading the Falcons to a 3-1 record.

Ryan came into the 2021 season with a new head coach, new offensive coordinator and no Julio Jones for the first time in a decade. But after initial problems, the new recruits have gelled and the Falcons are flying again.

Ryan became the seventh quarterback in NFL history to throw for 5,000 completion's in Sunday's game against the



► Matt Ryan is notching many records

Jets. He joined Tom Brady (6,897) and Ben Roethlisberger (5,159) as the only active players to eclipse the 5,000 mark.

Former New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees is the NFL's leader in completed passes with 7,142 completions. The other three quarterbacks on the list are Brett Favre (6,300), and Peyton Manning (6,125), and Philip Rivers (5,277).

Windies early World Cup exit likely

West Indies may be the defending champions at the T20 World Cup but they are heading towards an early exit after a second comprehensive defeat.

Three days after they were bowled out for 55 by England, West Indies saw South Africa cruise to an eight-wicket victory in Dubai. The Proteas chased down 144 with 10 balls to spare for their first tournament win.

However, the match is more likely to be remembered for South Africa wicketkeeper Quinton de Kock's withdrawal after refusing to take a knee.

Defeat leaves West Indies needing to win their final three Group 1 games and

hoping results go their way elsewhere to finish in the top two and qualify for the semi-finals. On current form that looks impossible, although with the talent they have confidence should be high.

They face Bangladesh in Sharjah on Friday, while South Africa meet Sri Lanka at the same venue on Sunday.

Although West Indies' batting line-up looks terrifying, they have been poor. After the England humiliation amid a flurry of rash shots, a change of approach was expected against South Africa.

Opener Lendl Simmons poked and prodded to 16 from 35 balls without a boundary before falling in the 14th over. Conversely, Evin Lewis struck six sixes in his 35-ball 56, while captain Kieron Pollard made 26 off 20. But West Indies faltered thanks to the brilliant bowling of Anrich Nortje and Dwaine Pretorius.

Windies captain Kieron Pollard said: "We have to dig deeper as a team. We have to come out and hold our



► Kieron Pollard fears an early World Cup exit

heads up and try to play a good game of cricket."

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

		9			1			
		8		4	1			
4	3		8		6		2	
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9		7	1	6	5	3		
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		2		1		4		
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Answer to previous puzzle

7	6	5	4	3	2	9	8	1
9	8	2	1	7	6	3	4	5
4	3	1	8	9	5	7	2	6
3	5	8	9	4	7	6	1	2
1	9	7	6	2	8	5	3	4
2	4	6	5	1	3	8	7	9
5	7	9	2	8	1	4	6	3
8	1	4	3	6	9	2	5	7
6	2	3	7	5	4	1	9	8

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Squander | 1 Cried |
| 6 Skill | 2 Car bar |
| 11 One with a record | 3 Checkout act |
| 12 Phone greeting | 4 Gift from Santa |
| 13 Behave in a silly way | 5 Catch |
| 15 Finger count | 6 Like old rawhide bones |
| 16 Join the crew | 7 Game official |
| 17 Senator Cruz | 8 Scads |
| 18 Crew members | 9 Frozen chunk |
| 20 Close, as a jacket | 10 Related |
| 23 Coffee bar order | 14 Spicy |
| 27 Good pair | 18 Band output |
| 28 Roman garment | 19 Become prevalent |
| 29 Danger | 20 Microwave, in slang |
| 31 Energy | 21 Water cooler |
| 32 Rustic home | |
| 34 Hotel amenity | |
| 37 Maple fluid | |
| 38 Airport screening org. | |
| 41 Be a good event host | |
| 44 "The Tempest" sprite | |
| 45 Incurred, as debt | |
| 46 Nasty fellow | |
| 47 Dance units | |

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Yesterday's answer

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 22 Pricing word | 35 Skin opening |
| 24 Machinery part | 36 Diva's piece |
| 25 In the past | 38 Muscle quality |
| 26 Way off | 39 Diner order |
| 30 In conclusion | 40 Band boosters |
| 31 Venomous snakes | 42 Boxer Norton |
| 33 Scrooge cry | 43 Lab animal |

Word Search

L	E	Y	O	I	C	K	D	C	L	A	M	P	A	D
E	F	I	V	R	C	Y	U	B	A	I	R	L	V	G
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I	N	E	P	A	F	A	S	R	H	M	W	L	K	O
H	K	O	G	G	D	C	C	I	E	P	H	A	F	E
C	E	O	L	U	P	L	A	N	E	U	F	O	O	E
H	F	W	S	N	O	H	O	R	E	N	N	A	P	S
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T	W	Y	N	V	R	E	M	M	A	H	A	C	T	H
E	T	R	D	L	B	P	L	H	R	P	L	R	E	U
H	E	G	E	P	L	B	B	L	S	E	S	E	B	R
C	L	D	R	N	E	I	O	A	A	I	P	F	V	E
T	M	Y	U	S	C	S	R	V	V	M	A	I	A	G
A	I	R	S	U	V	H	E	D	L	O	D	L	U	U
H	G	B	L	P	P	R	R	C	U	F	E	E	S	A

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| Auger | Knife |
| Borer | Lathe |
| Brace | Mallet |
| Burin | Pick |
| Chisel | Plane |
| Clamp | Punch |
| Cleaver | Rake |
| Drill | Rasp |
| File | Sander |
| Flail | Spade |
| Gimlet | Spanner |
| Gouge | Spud |
| Hammer | Wrench |
| Hatchet | |

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

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