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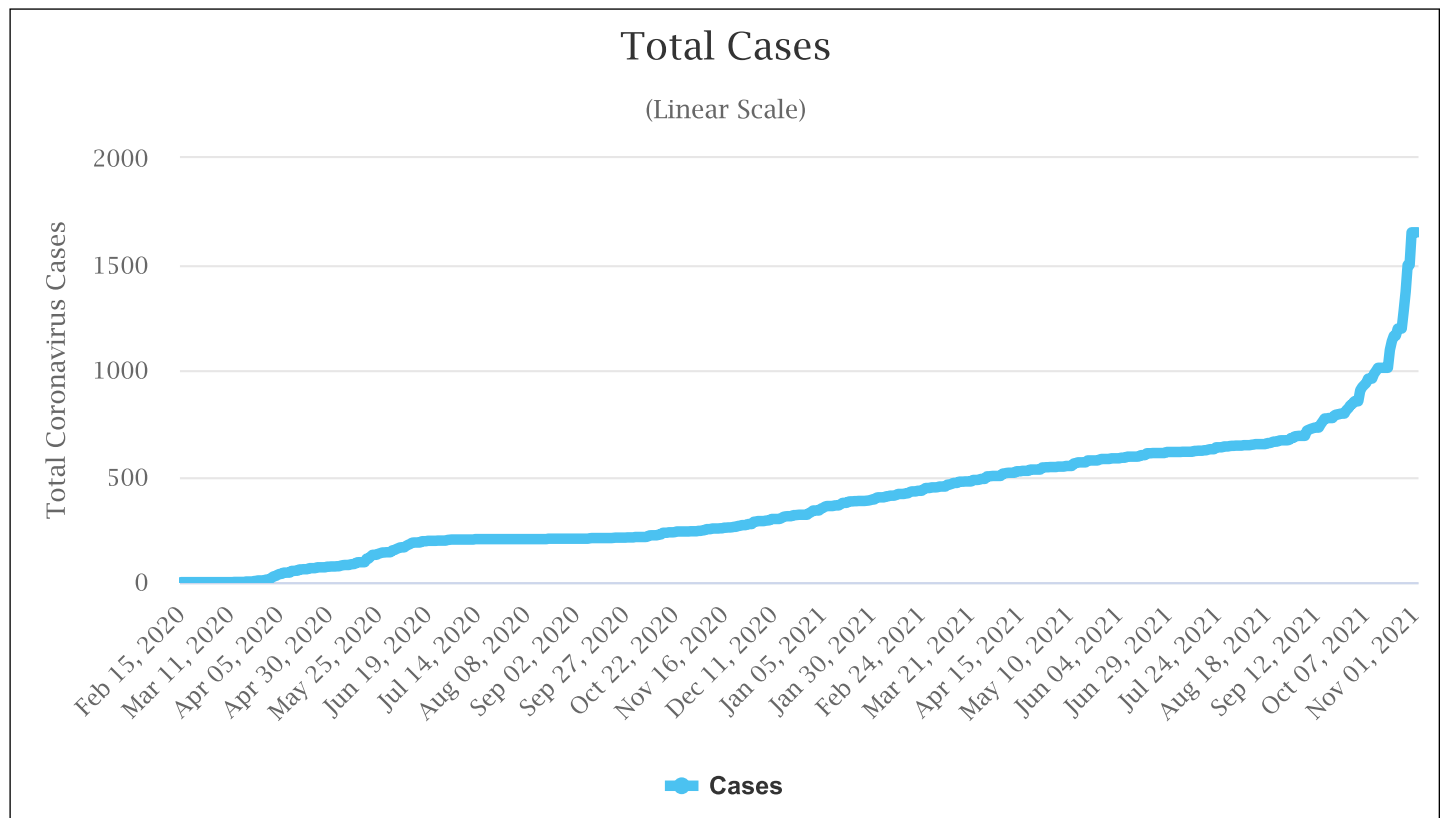
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# 1 in 59 have Covid



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## CI\$500k for Covid programme

Resilience Cayman has just announced a new Covid-19 assistance programme that is supported by a CI\$500,000 grant from R3 Cayman Foundation which will provide food vouchers, utilities relief and rent assistance to individuals and families whose employment income has been severely reduced due to work disruptions caused by the pandemic. This is open to work permit holders as well as Caymanians and residents.

Resilience Chairperson Jan Gupta said the programme was responding to the evolving needs in the community.

"We have been supporting residents and families since the start of Covid-19 with food and utilities assistance," she stated. "Now, as we experience a jump in local community cases and associated quarantine of many households and workplaces, we are anticipating that those workers who were already struggling financially in prior months could encounter even greater challenges in meeting their basic necessities of

life. For individuals who do not qualify for government programmes, or whose NAU applications are awaiting a decision, there are limited places to turn to for help. Thanks to R3's donation, we are ready to provide assistance to them."

The programme provides one or more grants for various needs to eligible low-income customers who are struggling to pay for food, utilities and rent. To apply, individuals must complete an online application form or if they do not have access to the internet, they can call Resilience at (345) 333-1010 to get help with completing their application.

Supporting documentation will also be required, such as job termination letter, eviction notice, disconnection notice and/or quarantine notice. There are specific criteria that applicants will have to meet in order to qualify and eligibility will be verified with agencies including NAU and the Ministry of Tourism.



To pre-register visit <https://www.resilience.ky> or call (345) 333-1010

The grant is available to individuals:

- Residing in the Cayman Islands (Caymanian, PR and work permit holders with active or expired permits) who are at least 18 years old;

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## EDITORIAL

# No island left behind

As Cayman's vulnerability towards climate change grows each year, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) continue to release their concerning environmental impact assessments. Albeit terrifying, they still remind us that small islands are crucial to fighting the global war on an unsustainable world. They argue that change occurs through a collective of 'community-based adaption', which means forming strong local networks, empowering our community, and trusting our government to work towards a sustainable future with no excuses.



► Dejea Lyons will be participating at COP26

As a young Caymanian, it can be hard to fathom that you could ever be seated face-to-face with this reality. To reconfigure your view on the environment as a young activist is to be totally selfless; it means campaigning for a discern towards our deteriorating environment, and putting this above everything else currently affecting our world today. That's why Isabella Watler and Dejea Lyons being selected as student representatives for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) marks a positive transformation in the way larger nations will view Cayman's participation in the worldwide campaign against rising earth temperatures, carbon emissions and more, forever.

Our youth have been asked to give voice to global struggle by pitching to world leaders, all set in the periphery of an unnerving Coronavirus pandemic. Not only does this display just how powerful our youth can be, but also their ability to play a strong role in addressing "crippling problems that the world now faces", (as Sir David Attenborough argues to be the purpose of COP26).

Many young Caymanians fear 2030, panicking over when somebody is going to actually do 'something'. Although quiet, our young people see everything. The increasing size of the landfill on their drives every day only reminds them that things are not improving; a physi-

cal showcase of years of human neglect. Organisations like Protect Our Future, the Mangrove Rangers and Plastic Free Cayman have therefore become staple grassroots movements on-Island. Leading many of these groups are young Caymanians, frequently running monthly beach clean-ups and fundraisers. Here, the collaboration and determination of our youngsters prevails - a growth in like minds working towards one single goal: saving our planet.

What about environmental decline on a global scale? Who will protect our natural habitats, or work to deliver a net zero economy by 2050 where no country, or island, is left behind? Whilst you often don't see ambition turning into action, young Caymanians like Watler and Lyons are different. What they bring to the table are level-headed minds, confrontational views, and a deep belief that things can change.

The steps our youth take to be heard, and make sure sustainability promises are acted upon, bodes well for the future of sustainability, globally and in the Cayman Islands. Their actions set a benchmark of high calibre that will imbue other young activist groups, which proves that Cayman's youth matters in a civil society that is due an urgent response to threatened life on earth. We are now a voice of reason for tackling climate change on a global scale, integral to these negotiations, and we have our youth to thank for this.

# 1 in 59 have Covid

By Lindsey Turnbull

As at Monday, there were 1,205 active cases of Covid-19 in the Cayman islands, which equates to approximately 1 in 59 people with the virus. Over last weekend, Public Health conducted 3,693 PCR Covid tests which revealed 437 positive cases, or approximately 11.8% of those being tested showing a positive result. Of these 437 positives, 19 were from travellers due to leave quarantine and 418 from the community.

Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee noted that these test results came in over a three-day period and that the daily average over the time period was 139 positive community tests per day.

Out of the 1,205 active cases, there are 70 active cases in the Sister Islands: 68 on Cayman Brac and two on Little Cayman. In the Sister Islands, 44 are symptomatic and being supported at home and 26 are asymptomatic. The total number of cases recorded in the Cayman Islands since the start of the pandemic stands at 2,241.

Dr Lee said: "Just to give you some idea of the magnitude of these PCR tests, since 8 September with our first community outbreak this year, we've done 44,248 tests in all."

There are currently eight COVID-19 patients hospitalised, with only one of these patients requiring supplemental oxygen. None are on a ventilator.

Dr. Lee explained that supplemental oxygen "means having a little bit of extra oxygen other than room air. So that is good news".

The Chief Medical Officer also described that some of the hospitalisations might not be deemed strictly necessary in other jurisdictions, but the patients were admitted due to the Health Services Authority taking a cautious approach.

## More support needed

But while the government continue to reassure the community that health services were well-equipped to cope with the increase in Covid positive numbers, Opposition Leader Roy McTaggart wants to see even further support for Cayman's Public Health, particular with Cayman's borders opening to tourists within a matter of a few weeks.

Citing a number of concerns, Mr McTaggart said the Opposition looked forward to seeing the completed re-opening preparedness plan and receiving the assurances that all the Government's agencies are ready for re-opening.

"But more important than the plan on paper, is how it translates to preparedness on the ground," he stated. "I have complete faith in the professional men and women who make up our health care services. But we need to ensure that they have the necessary resources and the focus of the Premier and Minister of Health to ensure that we are doing everything we can to help them be prepared to help the public while adequately protecting themselves."

Mr McTaggart pointed to the incredibly high numbers of tests Public Health had performed recently.

"Public Health has performed over 44,000 tests for Covid-19 in the past two months alone. Yet, over that period, despite the Minister saying how well resourced they are, the reality on the ground



► Health Minister Sabrina Turner at the last press briefing

presents a different picture. There has been a lot of stress placed on the laboratory staff and our ability to report the test results, update the public, and as we know, even our ability to speedily track and trace the virus is at a standstill. And this is just testing!" he stated, adding he felt that Cayman's leaders needed to be "honest and frank with us".

"We perhaps see a lot of good intentions gone awry, but more can be done by the Health Minister and the Premier when it comes to candour and speaking plainly to the country's people," he said.

Minister for Health, Sabrina Turner, stated: "I understand that some people will be concerned by the number of positives, but this is not unexpected based on Public Health modeling and projections. We undoubtedly remain fortunate in the effects Covid-19 has had on our community. As the Premier pointed out in his message last week, we are not seeing high rates of hospitalisation or severe disease as compared to the overall number of infections. The vast majority of cases continue to be mild to moderate, with many being asymptomatic. We are well covered and well protected by our high vaccination rate, and just have to remain aware and vigilant with regard to our prevention practices."

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Samuel Williams-Rodriguez addressed complaints regarding the timeliness of Covid-19 data coming out of Public Health over the past week.

"The large numbers of positives necessarily lead to a great deal more work in processing results, because each result is checked for accuracy. For example, each test is checked to ensure that it is not a duplicate from someone already previously tested. This has meant a change in systems in order that up-to-date results will continue to be supplied regularly," he explained.

The good news was that, as of Monday, Cayman has finally reached the magic number of 80% of the population having been vaccinated (first dose). There had been 115,481 COVID-19 vaccinations given in total in the Cayman Islands. Of these, 56,661 (80% of 71,106) have had at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine and 54,468 (77%) have completed the two-dose course. Additionally, 4,352 (representing 23% of those over the age of 50) have had a third or booster dose.

*[Please note: figures were the most up-to-date as at the time of writing, Wednesday 3 November. Based on current trends, figures for positive cases may well be higher at the time of publication.]*



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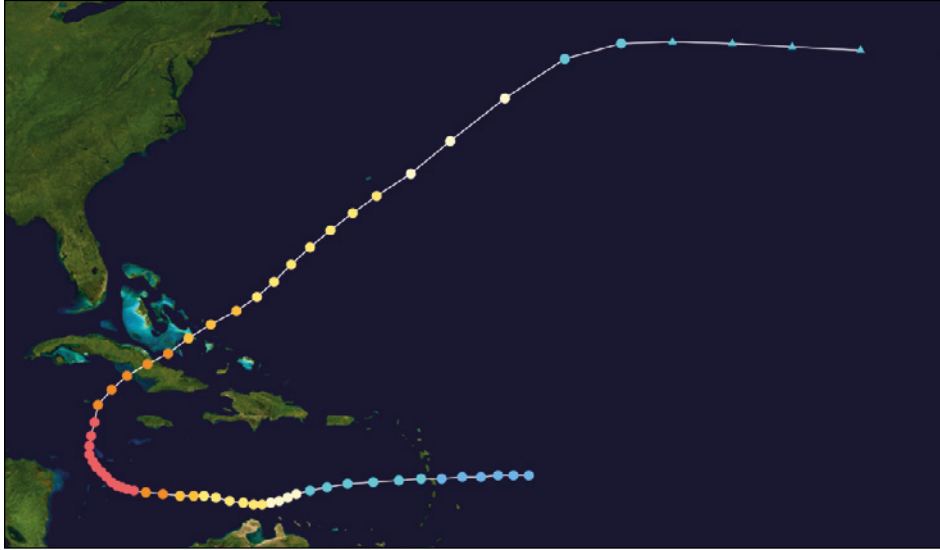
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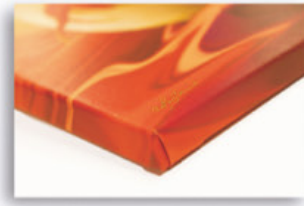
# The 1932 Storm

The deadly storm of '32 blasted through Grand Cayman late on 7 November and then swept through to Cayman Brac on the evening of 8 November and into 9 November. It was a category 4 hurricane that caused devastation in

its wake, killing 109 people and hurting many more in Cayman and going on to kill approximately 2,000 people in Cuba. It tested the resilience and bravery of the Cayman people like nothing before ever had.



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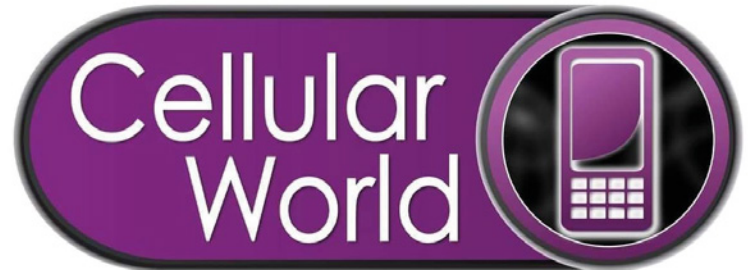
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## Guidance for Isolation Planning

If you have had contact with someone who has **tested positive for COVID-19** or are **showing symptoms** yourself or in your household, there's a chance you could have COVID-19.

### What Should I do?

You should isolate. Isolation helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 by separating people who are sick from people who are not sick. Staying home is important. Do not go to work, school or public areas.

### Plan Ahead

The recommendation for isolation is **14 days**. Here's what you should have in your home.

- Food and water (*non-perishable and frozen foods keep well*)
- Prescription medications
- Cleaning supplies
- Hand soap/hand sanitiser
- Pet food
- Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues
- Thermometer and fever-reducing medications
- Phone/tablet/computer charger
- Entertainment options (*books, puzzles, etc.*)
- Face mask

### Have Questions?

#### 24-hour Flu Hotline

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#### Isolation Support Line

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# CUC's latest results remain "stable" despite pressures

Taking into consideration the global pandemic's impact on Cayman's economy, as well as dealing with a tropical storm/hurricane, this did not dent Cayman's electricity provider, CUC's, earnings for the third quarter of 2021, as the company reports stable results despite these pressures.

Net earnings for Q3 2021 (the three months ending 30 September, 2021) totalled \$10.1 million, a decrease of \$0.3 million compared to \$10.4 million for the three months ending September 30, 2020. The decrease was mainly due to lower operating income, partially offset by lower finance charges and higher foreign exchange gains, they said.

After adjustments, earnings on Class A Ordinary Shares for Q3 2021 were \$10.0 million, or \$0.26 per Class A Ordinary Share, compared to earnings on Class A Ordinary Shares of \$10.2 million, or \$0.31

per Class A Ordinary Share for Q3 2020.

Net earnings for the nine months ended 30 September, 2021 totalled \$22.0 million, an increase of \$3.3 million compared to net earnings of \$18.7 million for the nine months ended 30 September, 2020, due to higher operating income, lower finance charges and higher other income, CUC stated. After adjustments, earnings on Class A Ordinary Shares for the nine months ended 30 September, 2021 were \$21.7 million, or \$0.58 per Class A Ordinary Share, compared to earnings on Class A Ordinary Shares of \$18.3 million, or \$0.55 per Class A Ordinary Share, for the nine months ended 30 September, 2020.



► Richard Hew CUC President and CEO

Sales for Q3 2021 totalled 179.9 million kWh, an increase of 4.8 million kWh, or 3% in comparison to 175.1 million kWh for Q3 2020, due to higher large commercial and residential customer sales in Q3 2021 compared to Q3 2020, in line with increased general economic activity.

Sales for the nine months ended 30 September, 2021 totalled 494.5 million kWh, an increase of 1.6 million kWh in comparison to 492.9 million kWh for the nine months ended 30 September, 2020. Sales for three and nine months ended September 30, 2020 were negatively impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic on the Cayman Islands' economy.

As at 30 September, 2021, customers numbered 31,964, an increase of 1,069, or

3%, compared to 30,895 customers as at 30 September, 2020.

## Renewable energy

Renewable energy purchases for Q3 2021 totalled \$1.6 million, an increase of \$0.2 million compared to renewables purchases of \$1.4 million for Q3 2020. They were on the up for the nine months ended 30 September, 2021, totalling \$4.4 million, an increase of \$0.5 million compared to \$3.9 million for the nine months ended 30 September, 2020.

President and CEO, Mr. Richard Hew, said: "In Q3 2021, the Company successfully responded to the impact of Tropical Storm Grace and met its safety and reliability targets while continuing to navigate the uncertainty and the myriad of challenges which the COVID-19 pandemic has presented."

# Left to their own devices, capital markets cannot save the planet

Despite attracting a wall of money, capital markets are failing to price in climate risks due to policy confusion and a lack of clarity on financial impact, according to a global survey by KPMG, CREATE-Research and the CAIA Association.

Based on interviews with almost 100 leaders from large investment houses and pension plans with \$34.5 trillion of assets, the 'Can capital markets help save the planet?' survey found that only 14% of respondents believed equities are currently pricing in climate risks. The corresponding figure for alternative investments was 11%, and for bonds, 8%.

Respondents also indicated that progress is more evident in public equities because the stewardship opportunities they offer are now believed to be critical to value creation in the transition to a low-carbon future. Overall, climate pricing is more evident in the energy sector and least evident in capital-intensive projects that have a longer time horizon to commercialisation.

"There is currently no clear line of sight between climate investing and its impacts. Green portfolios have not yet equated to a green planet," said Anthony Cowell, co-author and Head of Asset Management, KPMG Islands Group.

The key barrier appears to be the inexact nature of climate science and its resulting effect on GDP. No historical record or experience exists of how our economic and financial systems can, or will react to these effects. The problem is only compounded by the seeming lack of clarity in policy pathways from governments and regulators that should be incentivising a low-carbon future. Intentions run ahead of actions. The op-



► Amin Rajan, the report's co-author and the chief executive of CREATE-Research

portunities and risks inherent in climate change have been hard to assess.

"The invisible hand of markets needs to be matched by the visible boot of governments," said Amin Rajan, the report's co-author and the chief executive of CREATE-Research.

***"There is currently no clear line of sight between climate investing and its impacts. Green portfolios have not yet equated to a green planet"***  
- Anthony Cowell, co-author and Head of Asset Management, KPMG Islands Group.

As yet, no jurisdiction has an established set of rules that properly integrate environmental and social costs into companies' financial reporting, particularly in ways that can assist the price discovery of climate risks. Because of this, market-based incentives and investment



► Anthony Cowell, co-author and Head of Asset Management, KPMG Islands Group

in low-carbon technologies are slow to evolve. Progress is also hindered by the lack of uniform carbon price in the current generation of emissions trading systems, which remain at the forefront of tackling climate change.

However, two events are noted as being critical turning points. One is the new green agenda of the key economies, involving, among others, the adoption of clean energy standards, the mandatory reporting of the carbon footprint of listed companies and a revision of the fiduciary rules on the inclusion of environmental, social and governance factors in the portfolios of pension plans; the other is the United Nations COP26 in Glasgow which started on 31 October. "Respondents see this as vital to the carbon-pricing debate, but sustainable action in the home port of the Parties is an essential next step," said William Kelly, the third co-author of the report and the CEO of CAIA Association.



► William Kelly, the third co-author of the report and the CEO of CAIA Association

According to 84% of survey respondents, more coordinated intergovernmental actions are likely following the Glasgow summit, and capital markets are bracing themselves for stronger tailwinds following progress on three key fronts: carbon pricing, innovation in alternative energy and mandatory data reporting.

When asked whether capital markets are likely to start factoring in climate risks on a notable scale, 42% of respondents said 'yes', 30% said 'maybe' and 28% said 'no'. Over 60% of respondents expect all asset classes to advance further towards pricing in climate risks over the next three years.

The report concludes that channelling trillions of dollars of capital toward the technologies needed to power a low-carbon economy requires a huge concerted effort in policy as well as incentives. Without these, some respondents fear that if the policy inertia of the recent past continues to allow risks to build up in the global financial system, a 'Minsky moment' will take place: a collapse in securities' prices due to sudden panic at some future date.

# Cayman hosts regional Occupational Therapy conference

By Lindsey Turnbull

Aligning with World Occupational Therapy Day, which took place on 27 October, a regional conference on the subject was held last Saturday 30 October, hosted by the Cayman Islands Occupational Therapy



► Rachael Gaunt, ACOT President and CIOTA Treasurer and CIOTA Country Representative

Association (CIOTA). This biennial event - the Association of Caribbean Occupational Therapist (ACOT) conference - was, for the first time, hosted virtually and featured presentations and posters from local, regional and international occupational therapists and other allied healthcare professionals. This is not the first time the CIOTA has hosted this conference, having last hosted in 2013.

The theme for the 2021 conference was 'Inclusion Across the Lifespan' and had a special focus on children through to the elderly, addressing various areas function under the umbrella of inclusivity.

First formed in 2013, the CIOTA is the registered non-profit organisation consisting of occupational therapists working in Grand Cayman across different settings from adults to paediatrics, and across government and the private sector.

Occupational therapy is a growing area of healthcare that is based on the knowledge and belief that being able to do the daily tasks and roles that are important to us (such as learning at school, playing, washing and doing household tasks) is essential for our health and well-being. Occupational therapists (OTs) work with people of all ages and with a range of developmental, physical and psychosocial conditions and abilities, which can affect our effectiveness to do meaningful activities. OTs offer developmental and reha-

ilitative support, practical assistance, and advice to support people to overcome challenges and barriers.

OTs work with individuals of all ages and a variety of physical, cognitive, neurodevelopmental and/or psychological needs. On-island, there are currently 18 paediatric OTs who work with new-born babies to 18-year-olds, and four OTs working with adults. Occupational therapy is available in both the public and private sectors. In the Cayman Islands, and OTs work in schools, hospitals, outpatient clinics, learning disability facilities, mental health facilities, and in the community.



► Dr Mona Kazemi Browne, CIOTA President

## How to access OT services

For access to private occupational therapy services through insurance or to access HSA occupational therapy, a referral is needed from your doctor. For additional information you might want to contact the private clinics or HSA directly. For the Department of Education free services are available in public schools, a referral is completed by the Special Educational Needs teacher, this is required to access occupational therapy assessment. For

children under 5 years old, and not in public school, the Early Intervention Team offers free therapy services including occupational therapy. Access to the adult learning disabilities OT is via referral to the Sunrise Adult Training Centre.

*Local supporters of the conference included gold sponsor Cayman Theraplay, and silver sponsors Cayman ABA and Caymedia. Exhibitors include Cayman Physiotherapy, Oncourse Cayman and University of Southern Caribbean.*

# Guidelines for lateral flow workplace screening

In its guidance to the use of lateral flow tests (LFTs) to detect the presence of Covid-19, government issued specific advice for employers.

Where routine screening of employees using LFTs is conducted, it is recommended that it be administered regardless of whether or not persons are fully vaccinated, and as a minimum recommended standard, tests should be conducted twice weekly, with each test taken within a minimum of three days of each other.

Employers can choose to set up their own workplace testing, or hire a third-party provider to administer the tests. Employers can also provide employees with test kits and ask employees to carry out tests at home before attending the office and can choose to implement appropriate protocols for confirming that the tests have been administered as requested and to confirm the results.

Where testing is implemented in the workplace by employers, the employers can choose to implement the testing as a voluntary regime to which the employee is invited to participate, in order to encourage the health and safety of the entire workplace.

Where a testing regime is mandatory, it is recommended that employers conduct a comprehensive assessment of any legal issues before introducing such a policy.

Where testing is introduced into the workplace by employers, the plans in respect of workplace testing should be set out in a formal workplace testing policy document. This policy should help to provide employees with sufficient information and assist in enabling testing to be carried out privately, fairly, and consistently.

The guidance states that employers should engage with employees prior to introducing employee testing. The testing regime must be carried out in a manner that is compliant with the Data Protection Act (2021 Revision) and its requirements for the storing and processing of sensitive personal data relating to the health of the employees. Where LFTs are used for screening testing within an organisation, they must be implemented as part of a layered approach that includes other prevention measures, as the tests alone cannot be relied on as a means of completely eradicating Covid infections within the organisation, even if employees are entirely compliant.

Government will initially cover the costs associated with procuring LFTs to be used for screening testing employees within the Civil Service and the wider public service. Statutory authorities and government companies that wish to obtain test kits which have been procured by Government, should liaise with their respective Ministries.



► Guidance for workplace Covid screening

All test kits for screening and surveillance testing using LFTs for staff, teachers and children/students in educational institutions, both government and private, will be provided by the government and are free of charge to staff, teachers, and children/students. For avoidance of doubt, "educational institutions" means early childhood care and education centres, schools, and post compulsory educational organisations such as colleges

or universities. Supplies of test kits will initially be provided to staff, teachers, and children/students for routine screening and, in the event of an outbreak or a positive case, additional supplies will be provided for those individuals only. In any other scenario, the full cost of implementing a screening regime using LFTs, including the purchase of LFT kits, must be borne by the employer, organisation, or individual.

# COP 26 – commitment or cop out?

By staff writer

As the two-week-long United Nations global conference on climate change COP 26 (Conference of the Parties) was getting underway in Scotland on Monday, it was already clear that the outcome would be predicated on two important dates; 2030 and 2050.

The challenge facing world leaders is to fulfil the commitment to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees centigrade by 2030 from 2010 and reach what is called 'net zero' by 2050.

Scientists say this would avoid the most destructive consequences if global emissions remained at their current rate.

However, it has been stated that COP26 will almost certainly not deliver enough pledges to put the world firmly on course for 1.5C, but a credible deal to ramp up ambition more frequently in the coming years could at least keep it alive.

Leading up to - and at the start of COP 26 - there has been no shortage of warnings of the climate crisis, and pledges to do something to avert a further worsening of the situation.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said: "If Glasgow fails, then the whole thing fails. If we don't act now, the Paris Agreement will be looked at in the future not as the moment humanity opened its eyes to the problem but the moment it flinched and turned away."

HRH Prince Charles said: "Quite literally, it is the last chance saloon. We must

now translate fine words into still finer actions."

And this stark warning from UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres: "Let's be clear – there is a serious risk that Glasgow will not deliver."

The world's richest and most industrialised developed countries are already at odds over the practicalities of reaching that goal with mounting pressure on them to put action over ambition.

With their economies heavily dependent on energy from heavily coal and other fossil fuels, industrialised countries are still the world's greatest polluters and contributors to global warming.

This is despite the current emphasis on developing and deploying alternative energy sources.

Experts say the challenge is getting these up to scale where the economic benefits can be realised nationally with trickle-down impact where consumers could directly benefit from savings on their fuel and other bills.

Developing and poor countries have long complained that as the clients, importers and consumers of energy produced by rich nations they are left to bear the brunt of the effects on their environment, economies and societies caused by climate change.

More severe storms, coastal erosion, loss of wildlife habitat, and economic displacement for their citizens.

A World Bank report estimates that "the effects of climate change could push an ad-



ditional 100 million people below the poverty line by 2030. In addition, the impact of extreme weather is resulting in \$520 billion in annual consumption losses and is pushing 26 million people into poverty each year."

A remark by the British Prime Minister Boris Johnson at last weekend's G20 global leader's summit in Italy (ahead of COP 26) was significant for what it could mean for smaller, developing and poor nations.

"The countries most responsible for historic and present-day emissions are not yet doing their fair share of the work. If we are going to prevent COP26 from being a failure, then that must change," he said.

With small, developing nations in attendance and having so much at stake

at COP 26, it's noteworthy that Grenada has been tasked with Denmark in drawing up options to ensure that coming out of COP26, the pledges made are put into practice for achieving the target 1.5 centigrade cap by 2030.

Meanwhile, the Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who currently chairs the Alliance of Small Island States, has joined with Tuvalu to seek redress in the international courts for the effects of climate change on their countries caused by industrialised nations.

Speaking in Scotland, Mr Browne said, "Small island states emission of greenhouse gases is negligible but they bear the overwhelming burden of its catastrophic effects."

## UWI Scientists represent CARICOM at COP26

The Caribbean has a lot at stake as world leaders and technical experts meet for the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26). While the urgency of climate action is dire across the world, the livelihood of the Caribbean region continues to be threatened by global warming.

Professor Michael Taylor, Climate Scientist at The University of the West Indies, is Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology and co-leads the Climate Studies Group at Mona. Over the past few months, he and Professor Tannecia Stephenson, who is Head of the Department of Physics and co-lead for the CSGM, have

been the lead technical experts among a CARICOM team preparing the key issues and positions that the 15-member grouping will highlight at the upcoming COP26. Professor Stephenson will also present on Small Island Science at the COP26 Science Pavilion Event being organised by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

In a recent presentation to the CARICOM contingent, entitled 'Countdown to Zero', Professor Taylor described COP26 as a "politically significant moment." He quoted the IPCC's Sixth Assessment Report (AR6), which states that "global warming of 1.5°C and two degrees Celsius

will be exceeded during the 21st century unless deep reductions in CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions occur in the coming decades". He cautioned that heading to 2°C was too much for Small Island Developing States as the Caribbean, noting that even at 1.5°C, "we are only guaranteed half a chance of a liveable future."

UWI Environmental Scientist, Dr Hugh Sealy will serve as the technical lead of the Barbados delegation. He is also the lead negotiator for the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), charged with coordinating AOSIS positions on matters related to raising the mitigation ambition of all countries to limit global warming

to less than 1.5 degrees Celsius, and a co-facilitator of the negotiations under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement - one of the most complex concepts of the global accord that could help the world avoid dangerous levels of global warming or let countries off the hook from making meaningful emissions cuts. How to implement Article 6 is one of the outstanding issues to be resolved since the Paris Agreement was established in 2015. Dr Sealy will have a direct responsibility to attempt to bring all of the parties to a consensus on how to advance it.

Leading UWI scientists Professor John Agard as Dr Donovan

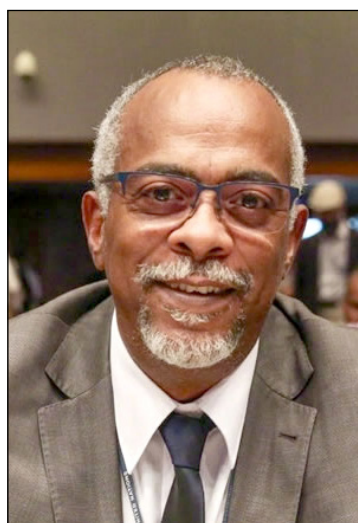
Campbell will also be participating.

Providing the best scientific research to tackle climate change has long been a priority for the UWI; the regional university's scientists have been sounding the alarm for almost five decades.

According to Dr Stacy Richards-Kennedy, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Affairs at the UWI: "Our region is on the frontline and faces disproportionate levels of vulnerability and risk, but we cannot solve the climate crisis alone. What is urgently needed is moral and decisive leadership, increased financing for small island developing states and, demonstrated collective action." she said.



► Dr Donovan Campbell



► Dr. Hugh Sealy



► Professor John Agard



► Professor Michael Taylor



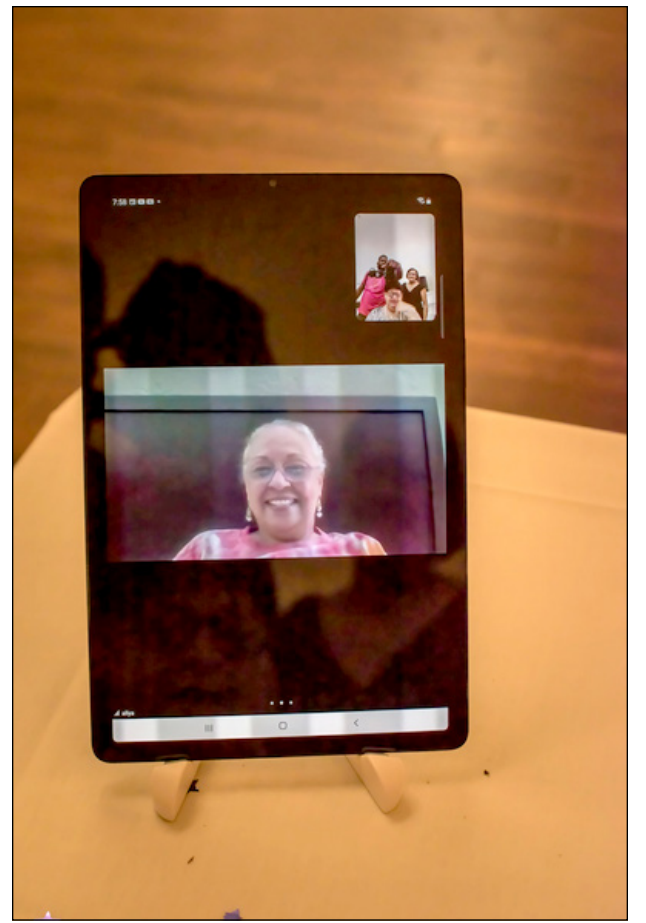
► Professor Tannecia Stephenson



► Mrs Rhona Panton



► Ms Cathy Gomez led the prayer



► Allyson Alberga Richard connected via Zoom

# C.I. High School Class of 1970 get their reunion

The 50th Reunion of the Class of 1970 was finally held at the George Town Yacht Club on Saturday 23 October, having been postponed from last year due to the pandemic, but that did not deter this energetic group of sexagenarians from celebrating at the end of last month.

Nearly 30 attendees enjoyed a full course meal, posed for professional photos and viewed an amazing slide show which covered 1965 until 1970, which were their years at the Cayman High School. The school was located behind the Public Library and this class began Form 1 in a single classroom in the US Naval Base Radio Shack where several year groups up to Form 5, as well

as a Commercial Studies Room, made up the school. Under the auspices of the former Presbyterian (now United) Church, the school would later become The Cayman Islands High School located on Walkers Road. At this stage, the school was government-funded and would eventually become a comprehensive school.

The slide show also showed many of the group's get-togethers over the years after graduation and sixth form.

The Cayman Islands High School on the Walker's Road site was renamed the John Gray High School in the 1990s and is presently the location of the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC).

Attending the reunion were the son of Rev John Gray, Mr Johnnie Gray, a student of the 1970 class, as well as Mrs Nyda Flatley, also a 1970s graduate and the school's first Caymanian Principal. Mrs Katherine Jackson, Cert Hon served as Emcee. Two other 1970 graduates Ms Cathy Gomez and Ms Francia Lloyd delivered the opening prayer and the vote of thanks respectively.

Many of this class who were in attendance include many former civil servants and private sector professionals. The main photo captures the entire group under a bal-



► Front Row: Kathy Jackson, Francia Lloyd, Nyda Flatley. Second Row: Robert Wood, Mitchell Welds, Kathy Zangrilli, Bertha Tyrell, Spurgene Bothwell, Emily Wilson, Cathy Gomez, John Gray. Third Row: Elme Baker, Sharon Ebanks, Lana Bodden, Hillis Yates, Ray Jackson. Fourth Row: Diana Bodden, Marylou Gallegos, Carson (Denny) Ebanks, Amanda Bush.



► Candle of Remembrance

loon arch created by young Caymanian entrepreneur Ms Delia Hydes of Cyn's Balloons Events and Decor.

Regrettably, three of the 1970 Graduates who live overseas were unable to attend, but Rhona Panton and Allyson Richard joined the reunion by Zoom, as well as Errol Levy who lives locally.

Classmate, Mr Bendel Hydes, the renowned Caymanian Artist and also a graduate of 1970 was unable to attend but a get-to-

gether with him is planned in the near future.

As was said on the evening, "the Class of 1970 stuck together through good times and bad". Kathy spoke of the loss of six of their number over the years. These late friends were remembered by the lighting of a candle of remembrance and a brief memory of who they were as well as how the class remembers them.

She also noted that the class celebrates as often as possible,

especially when Mrs. Rhona Panton is on-island.

The late Rev John Gray, Principal of the school as well as many dedicated teachers, many from overseas but also some from Grand Cayman, were credited with the success of this vibrant group, some of whom are still working and many of whom are still active in their churches and communities.

All attendees were fully vaccinated and practiced safe distancing as far as possible.

# New exhibition celebrates Sisters' natural beauty

In an effort to highlight the artists of the Sister Islands first and foremost, while also celebrating the natural landscapes, culture, and wildlife of Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands has launched a new exhibition called 'Beloved Isles'. The exhibition has been set up to celebrate the Sister Islands through the lens of local photographers and will rotate between the Gallery's two partner exhibition venues at the Cayman Brac Beach Resort and the Little Cayman Museum.

Paige Jordison, Assistant Curator at the National Gallery, managed the exhibition, along with Kerri-Anne Chisholm (Associate Curator), with help from the rest of the National Gallery team.

Paige said the exhibition sought to showcase the unique environment, culture and communities of the Sister Islands. Collectively the images depict the natural landscapes, endemic species, expansive seascapes, historic architecture and the traditions of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, she said. The project was developed in celebration of our 'land of soft, fresh breezes', which provides a source of endless inspiration to our many talented artists.

Work by forty-one photographers who responded to the Gallery's 'Open Call' in July 2021 were selected by a jury of Sister Islands representatives. The Selection



► Bryony Dixon, Brown Booby Birds Nesting, 2021



► Sheree Ebanks, Cayman Brac Bluff from Long Beach, 2021

Committee included Simone Scott, Debi Truchan, Tanja Laaser, and Kerri-Ann Chisholm, as well as the NGCI Curatorial Team. The featured photographers are: Melissa Bennett, Leonard Bodden, Scott Brady, Maya Cochrane, Mariasol Danzinger, Alasdair Dewson, Brian Dilbert, Bryony Dixon, Sheree Ebanks, Megan Ehman, Lana Gilyun, Jennifer Goddard, Heather Holt, Maggie Jackson, Faye Lippitt, Shallyn MacDonald, Natalie Martin de Pablos, Lindsay McGill, Julian Menko, Jodie Miller, Phillippa Miller, Jessica Mittelman, Niranjana Nagaraja, Sebastien Nehme, Morgan Olley, Claire Pettinati, Ben Phillips, Beth Price, Reshma Ragoonath, Cheryl Ravina Arlante, Lisa Reid, Dione

Scotland Rivero, Simone Scott, Ward Scott, Janine Scriven, Isabella Seguin, Judy Singh Hurlston, Alta Solomon, Tricia Sybersma, Debi Truchan, and Thomas Williamson. The project is supported by the host venues, the Cayman Islands Legacy Fund and the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture and Heritage.

The National Gallery's Travelling Exhibition series is part of their wider Sister Islands programme



► The Beloved Isles exhibition launches



► Alta Solomon, Feed a Thousand, 2015



► Dione Scotland Rivero, Reminiscent, 2010

which includes the weekly afterschool art class 'Walkers Art Club' (for primary school students) and Senior's 'Tour and Tea' events. This exhibition will run from 28 October, 2021 – 25 February, 2022 and will be supported by a programme of special workshops, Art Talks and activities. The artworks will rotate between the two venues in December to provide residents of both islands with the opportunity to see the entirety of the exhibition.

For more information about the exhibition or to book a school tour and activity, contact [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky) or (345) 945 8111 and visit [www.nationalgallery.org.ky](http://www.nationalgallery.org.ky).

## 50 SLEEPS 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

### Perfect gifts at Pure Art

*Christmas is just around the corner, so each week until the big day we bring you a sample of great gifts you can buy on island that won't break the bank!*

We start this week with a business that is always synonymous with Christmas, Pure Art. Who doesn't love a browse around this iconic store, especially at Christmas time? Here are three gift suggestions from this great little store.

*If you are a local business owner and your goods or service would make great Christmas presents that are CI\$30 or under then please email us at [lindsey@caymaniantimes.ky](mailto:lindsey@caymaniantimes.ky) and we will try and feature them.*



► Hand-painted driftwood Santas by Gale Tibbetts, who makes amazing individual ornaments. Each is unique. Gale is known for her resin art as well as her Caymanite jewellery. CI\$12 to CI\$28.



► Mar candles are made by a neighbour of Pure Art. These are coconut soy natural, island-scented candles which are fab as secret Santa or hostess gifts. The artist does refills for Pure Art and the candles are all environmentally-safe, with no nasty fumes. CI\$15.



► The 2022 Cayman desk calendar is made by Pure Art owner Debbie van der Bol and makes a wonderful gift to mail overseas, a stocking stuffer, or as a great usable gift. The art is cute, and comes framed as well. Debbie has been an artist in Cayman for 35 years and this is her ninth year doing this style of calendar. CI\$12.



# Cayman Airways newest jet fleet in the Caribbean

The last remaining two jet aircraft from Cayman Airways' Boeing 737-300 fleet have officially been retired from service to the Cayman Islands, as part of the national airline's current Fleet Modernisation Plan - that positioned Cayman Airways as having the newest jet fleet in the Caribbean after achieving the historic accolade in 2018 of being the first Caribbean-based airline to operate brand new state-of-the-art Boeing 737-8 aircraft.

Cayman Airways had operated 737-300 aircraft for three decades, with the last remaining aircraft, VP-CKW and VP-CKZ, being retired on 18 October, 2021 and 25 October, 2021 respectively. A special farewell send-off was held in the Cayman Airways hangar on 25 October, 2021 in honour of both aircraft's service to the Cayman Islands. It was attended by Cayman Airways board members, executives, employees, and government officials, including: the Cayman Islands Premier, Wayne Panton; Minister for Tourism and Transport, Kenneth Bryan; Ministry of Tourism and Transport's Chief Officer, Stran Bodden; MP Isaac Rankine; MP Heather Bodden; Cayman Airways Board Members, Dr John-Paul Clarke, Kris Bergstrom, Tyrone Welds, and Stefanie Ebanks; and Cayman Airways Executives, President and CEO Fabian Whorms, VP of Finance and Commercial Affairs Paul Tibbetts, and VP Flight Operations Capt Dave Scott.

Everyone in attendance got the unique opportunity to write farewell messages and sign their names on the nose of VP-CKZ. Both farewell flights were flown by Captain Perry Panton and First Officer Geoffery



► Dignitaries and CAL management say a fond farewell to CAL's old fleet

Connolly to the Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville, California, where they will be stored pending sale. After take-off, Captain Panton circled the aircraft back around for an approved fly-over and final salute to the Cayman Islands.

VP-CKZ operated its last passenger flight for Cayman Airways on 26 June 26, 2021 from Cayman Brac to Grand Cayman, and VP-CKW's last passenger flight was on 17 May, 2021 from Cayman Brac to Grand Cayman.

The Cayman Airways fleet now consists of three Boeing 737-8s (VP-CIX, VP-CIY, and VP-CIW); along with two Saab 340B+ aircraft (VP-CKI and VP-CBR), and two Twin Otter aircraft (VP-CXA and VP-CXB) for Cayman Airways Express.

## Bullying tackled in new Cayman-made movie

V4C Productions will be hosting a screening of its short film called 'You Are Enough' at the Harquail Theatre, on Saturday 6 November at 6pm. It is a film that was shot in the Cayman Islands using local talent and crew and it speaks on an issue that young people often face in today's society, bullying.



► Actress LeiLani Davis

Various dignitaries and educators will be present and a Q&A segment will take place after the screening, with light refreshments for all who attend.

Wendee Miller, Founder, V4C Productions, gave some background to the movie:

"It first started out with my daughter, Zie'l Burke, asking to act in a scene with me, as I was pursuing my acting and film-making career full time. She wanted to speak on a topic that she faced and is currently facing at this time," Wendee advised. "She wanted to help others overcome their challenges of bullying in any way possible and she also wanted to share the words of encouragement that I would give to her with the world, because she believed that the world needed to hear them."

Wendee said the movie was their way of helping in some way by sharing their experiences as well as giving some encouragement and motivation where necessary.

Wendee wrote, produced, directed and acted in the film. Lead actress is LeiLani Davis, who is only 15 years old and played the role with such strength and power, Wendee said. There were five additional actresses, none of whom had had any

acting experience but aced their roles with perfection, took direction well and made all their characters their own.

"We had our amazing Director of Photography, Jose Hernandez Allen, who got the great shots of the film, Ms. Josefa Martinez who was the Co-Producer/Project Manager, the backbone of the production and also the film could not be as realistic without our makeup artist Ms. Aziza LaPierre who brought the graphics of some scenes to life. The entire cast and Crew, including the parents, saw the vision, jumped on board and made this film come to fruition. A full Caymanian cast and crew," she confirmed.

The screening on Saturday is sold out so they may have to do a second screening, depending Covid.

"There has been a high demand for another showing, so after this screening, I may do a second live screening. If not a live screening, I may take the route of doing an online screening, in which, persons from our Sister Islands, supporting producers, directors and actors of mine who are overseas could have the opportunity of viewing the film before the final judging of



► Wendee Miller of V4C Productions

the film festivals that we have submitted so far. I want to make sure to please the audience whatever way possible," Wendee added.



► Gay and Dianne



► Workers from Little Cayman Beach Resort. Carlene and Rachelle



► Gay and resident, Meredith

# Unique place opens on Little Cayman

By Lindsey Turnbull

In March 2020, when Covid shut the islands down, Gay and Ed Morse took their dive boat to Grand Cayman for refurbishing. They had run Pirates Point Resort for the past 32 years, with Gladys Howard, and then her daughter, Susan, for the last five years. They had never stopped, from the time they arrived on Little Cayman in 1988 to run the resort, and like, many people, the stopping, gave them time to re-evaluate, and decide what they really wanted to do.

"I was woken from bed one night, and something said: do a coffee shop, a retail shop for Little Cayman," Gay confirmed.

Ed agreed and off they went to buy land, make the building plans and starting the process of building.

"We did not want to start the resort all over again, since we built it back in the day (1988), when there were 13 people here, no stores, no condos and the road did not even go all the way around the island. If we

were going to start over, it was going to be our own business," Gay said.

The uncertainty of it all steered them in a completely new direction, to own their own business. Eighteen months later, the resorts in little Cayman are still waiting for tourism to open back up, so they ended up renting a 300 sq. ft. store in town (the only rental), and started their tiny coffee/retail shop.

*"Everyone immediately feels a special relaxed feeling, which is exactly what Little Cayman is about" – Gay Morse*

"It has done very well," Gay said.

In the meantime, they started the building process.

With shipping so backed up, Gay confirmed it was challenging getting everything in, going to the dock to pick up items, etc. They began putting furniture together, and eventually, when the build-

ing was finished, they moved everything up to the new shop.

Gay said it was quite the process, but, having lived on Little Cayman for so long, "you just do things yourself, and get on with it."

Thus, the new 1,600 sq. ft. Seahorse Boutique and Coffee Shop was born, with a fantastic, homely atmosphere. It is the same hospitality feel of the resort, brought down the road, Gay said.

"Everyone immediately feels a special relaxed feeling, which is exactly what Little Cayman is about."

A huge back porch has tables and chairs for seating, a leather couch room has art on the walls for sale, and, once you step off the back porch, you are greeted with a two-tiered seahorse fountain, which you can hear as you lounge on the porch. There are also three further seating areas with coloured canopies, each individually designed. Mike from Southern Cross Club designed the signs and came up with all of the names for the canopy areas: Bookies, Break, Curly Tail Sanctuary, Rock Iguana Roost, and the leather couch room is called Land Crab Lounge.

There are walkways to the beach, where other shade cloths and chairs await and gorgeous trees by the road, that shade their bicycle rack. Trees along the natural walk way are amazing and the birds are there daily.

"That was the idea," Gay advised. "Little Cayman is all about nature, so that is why we spent the time to hand clear it. As you get to the water, you walk through the Sea Grape trees and walk out onto the ironshore that goes a long way to the water. It's a gorgeous view."

Gay serves coffee, breakfast and lunch with a simple menu of sandwiches and salads, smoothies, and homemade ice cream, along with a hot meal.



► Owners and creators of Seahorse Boutique, Gay and Ed Morse, and Dianne Fite, Co-Owner, working with Gay and Ed

"We are starting with only three of us, my husband and I, and Dianne Sherer, who was the chef at Pirates Point Resort with me, working side by side for nearly 20 years. We made a good team, and plan to do it again," she said.

They are also piloting a recycle programme.

"We have bought an insulated bag, with a Tupperware piece inside. We are offering it to people, to buy, as a recycle bag, not only for our boutique, but if they eat out anywhere, they can use the bag, instead of taking a Styrofoam package away each time they eat out. I am hoping other people will mirror it, and there would be less packaging on the island," she confirmed, adding when someone brings in their recycle bag, they will give them a dollar off per meal.

On the retail side, the boutique represents local artists and stocks a wide range of items, from customised Little Cayman coffee mugs to rash guards, mouse pads to jewellery.

It's a gem of a place and well worth the visit the next time you're lucky enough to be on 'Little'.



► Brigitte Kassa, author, and long term resident since 1973



► Seahorse boutique and coffee shop

## Number plates to arrive soon

Eagle-eyed people may have spotted more than the usual amount of temporary number plates on cars just recently. According to the Department of Vehicle and Drivers' Licensing, they ran out of normal number plates in September; however, plates were short-shipped in October and are scheduled to arrive on Islands early this month, they advised.

All customers are advised that new plates are not available at

this time but they are given the usual logbook, receipt and coupon. The Department of Vehicle and Driver's Licensing keeps a log of all plates that are issued. When the permanent plates are available, the customer will be notified to collect their plates at the Crewe Road, Breakers or West Bay Office locations.

Section 8 (4) of the Traffic Act (2021) allows the Director of DVDL to issue temporary plates. It states,

"Where the Director is unable to issue permanent registration plates that Director may issue temporary registration plates of such design and dimensions as that Director may determine but such plates shall be issued for a period not exceeding six months."

Due to the global pandemic, most international shipping by sea freight is backlogged. Unfortunately, we are feeling the effects as well, they said.

**TEMPORARY**

POLICE NEWS

# RCIPS encourages good driving habits

Just before Halloween, Inspector Dwayne Jones and Senior Police Constable Donovan Chong of the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit, spoke about Operation Quaker on a media appearance, encouraging drivers to exercise caution especially over the Halloween weekend, with children out trick-or-treating and Halloween events taking place. These types of appearances as well as regular social media posts on safe driving topics and working with community partners are all part of the educational campaign tactics used by the Traffic and Roads Policing Unit to reach motorists about the importance of driving safely.

Over the weekend, the RCIPS continued their efforts with Operation Quaker,

which focuses on excessive speed and drunk driving on the roadways. The operation aims to reduce the occurrence of serious and fatal collisions on the roadways as well as enforce other road safety rules such as not using mobile phones while driving and to not have excessive tint.

Following the appearance over the weekend, officers arrested four drivers on suspicion of DUI, with the highest blood-alcohol level of .264%, and issued tickets as follows:

- 10 for speeding
- 16 for use of mobile phones while driving
- 13 for excessive tint

Unfortunately, despite the warnings and prosecution efforts, officers still

responded to just under 24 collisions over the weekend, with several involving injuries and one resulting in two persons being hospitalised with serious injuries.

The efforts of Operation Quaker will continue until the end of the year as part of our holiday road safety campaign. Motorists and other road users can expect to see an increase in spontaneous vehicular checkpoints throughout the island, with a focus on the weekends.

The RCIPS is imploring that everyone does their part in "Making the Cayman Islands Safer" by practicing good driving habits and encouraging others to do the same.

# Covid-19 positive traveler case goes to Court

Following a police investigation into the matter of a traveler who flew into Grand Cayman on the 9 September 2021 with a Positive PCR Test, the traveler, a 28-year-old-woman, has now been formally charged with Failure to comply with Regulation 3(1)(b)(i) of the Control of Covid-19 (No.2) Regulations, 2021 (SL 39 of 2021). She appeared in the summary court 2 November.

# CI\$500,000 for new Covid assistance programme

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- Who do not qualify or haven't been approved for assistance from other programs including NAU, Ministry of Tourism and ARK;
- Who are unable to pay for their food and essentials, rent, CUC and/or water;

• Who have stopped working or have significantly reduced income because of reasons related to Covid-19;

- Who expect to have less than CI\$1,500 monthly employment/self-employment income in November 2021.

R3 Chairman Bryan Hunter said that R3's donation to this programme was a continuation of its efforts to support utili-

ties, food and rent assistance programmes in the community.

"With the help of our generous donors, we have provided donations over the course of the last year to a number of non-profit organisations, including Resilience Cayman, to support their respective utilities, food and rent assistance programmes for those families and individuals who have

been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic," Mr. Hunter said. "As such needs continue to exist in the community, we are pleased to continue our efforts to address those needs by supporting this programme that is being run by Resilience Cayman. We encourage all eligible members of the community who have been adversely impacted by Covid-19 to contact them."



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## Humane Society Brac Beach 5K Bike/ Walkathon

**6 November** - The Cayman Islands Humane Society Brac Beach 5K Bike/Walkathon is on 6 November 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. 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 from 11am to 5pm. 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 (SCT-LD). DoE is partnering with organisations 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.

## Rotary Club of Cayman Brac - Family Fun Day & Health Screening Fair

**13 November** - The Rotary Club of Cayman Brac Family Fun Day and Health Screening Fair is 13 November beginning at 12pm at Cemetery Pier/Scott's Dock. For more information email: rotaryclubcaymanbrac@gmail.com.

## Meditation with Wayne

**17 November** - Join Wayne Franklin for a free 45-minute restorative meditation practice in



► Runners for Meals on Wheels

the gardens of the National Gallery beginning at 6pm. Register to reserve your space by emailing education@nationalgallery.org.ky or by calling 945 - 8111.

## Meals on Wheels Turkey Trot 5K & 10K Fun Walk / Run

**20 November** - Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Meals on Wheels Turkey Trot 5k FUNdraising Walk/Run which will take place on November 20th, 2021, at 6am. Start and Finish will be at Grand Old House, South Church Street. Register today at [www.mealsonwheels.ky](http://www.mealsonwheels.ky). Registra-

tion includes a T-Shirt, finishers' medals, entry into the event raffle for a variety of spot prizes. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for each running category. Don't forget to get fancy and creative, a special prize and trophy will be awarded for the best 'Turkey Trot' themed dresser. Register online today or contact Meals on Wheels for more information or to make a donation at 769-1974 or info@mealsonwheels.ky

## Universal Children's Day 5K Walk/Run

**21 November** - The Department of Children & Family Services will

be holding their 2nd 5k Walk / Run to celebrate Universal Children's Day. Due to the current Covid-regulations, we encourage people to walk/ run in their own community on this day with their family and friends. We have lots of great raffle prizes and will give away a free t-shirt for the first 50 participants that have registered. (25 CI per person, cash only) Register at: <https://caymanactive.com/event/universal-childrens-day-5k-walk-run/>

Send your community events to [wendy@caymaniantimes.ky](mailto:wendy@caymaniantimes.ky)

# Read ONLY if you need motivation

A dose of motivation will change your life almost overnight.

The best part of my job is seeing clients achieve amazing results. Whether they drop a few sizes, lose the baby weight, get off their blood pressure meds, or shrink their waist, the excitement is always contagious.

There really isn't a clear way to describe the euphoria that settles in once you've realized your fitness goal. You have to experience it.

Though each successful client is unique with different goals, one element unites them.

They are all highly motivated.

You see, I am in a unique position. I know how to get you (or anyone else who walks through my door) into great shape. I can coach you through a 50-pound weight loss. I can guide you to a healthier body. I can even train you into a toned athlete.

But there is one catch.

You'll need to be motivated.

See, saying that you want to get into great shape isn't enough. You need motivation—and that's just half of the equation. The other part (and the most important) is ACTION.

Nothing happens until you take action.

You can want it, think about it, mull it over, ponder it, plan it, and then re-plan

it. But nothing happens until you take action. While I may not know your story—it's probably safe to assume that you are dissatisfied with your body and know that you can improve your fitness level. You want to look better, to have more energy, to experience fewer aches and pains, and to enjoy sweet satisfaction as you achieve your goals once and for all.

I know that all of my successful clients were once in your shoes. They wanted to change their bodies. They felt urgency. And then they did what most fail to do. They took action and contacted me.

But there is more to it than that. They then committed to a program, put in the exercise, stuck to their diet and met their goals.

There's nothing more gratifying than getting back into those jeans that now sit in the back of your closet.

People who take massive action get massive rewards. And those that simply talk about losing weight will continue to put weight on, pound after pound. I hate to put it that way, but it's the truth.

So what do you want?

- To drop 20 pounds
- To feel younger



► Ernest Ebanks

- To look better in your birthday suit
- To become healthier

How bad do you want it? How much motivation do you have? Enough to take MASSIVE ACTION?

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Some sun with a thunderstorm	A shower and thunderstorm	A thunderstorm in spots	A shower; breezy in the p.m.	Rain, a thunderstorm	Cloudy, a t-storm in the p.m.	A few showers in the morning

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

HIS PLANS OR OURS 1 - Corinthians 1: 17-20

I read of a guy who at age 18 started a carpet cleaning business. He rented a garage, hired helpers, and created advertising brochures. The business prospered, and his intention was to sell it. Proceeds would go to college tuition, so he was thrilled when a buyer came along. After much negotiating and time it seemed the deal was set. But at the last minute the deal collapsed.

It is normal to be disappointed when God's timing and design for our lives do not go our way. When David wanted to build the temple, he had the right motives, leadership ability, and resources. Yet because he killed so many people God told him he would not do it. He was not disappointed because he valued his relationship with God more than anything else. And that must also be our mission.

Church group hosts its finale to Older Persons Month

The grand finale to October's seniors' recognition activities by the Adventist Community Services Department took place on Sunday (October 31, 2021) at the Pedro St. James Castle. Some 50 seniors, assembled among some 16 large tables, were treated to an evening of lively entertainment and refreshments.

The event was hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Community Services (ACS) Department of the Savannah Adventist Church under the leadership of Mrs. Angela Hall, Assistant Director of the ACS.

In her brief welcome to the assembled seniors, Mrs. Hall borrowed a quote from the late president of the United States, Ronald Reagan, who initiated National Senior Citizens Day in the US in 1988, proclaiming that "Throughout our history, older persons have achieved much for our families, our communities, and our country." Mrs. Hall said that that was what has inspired her each year to reserve a special day in honor of our seniors "who have done so much towards nation building and the overall development in these islands."

The October 31 seniors' fete, normally hosted jointly by the Department of Children and Family Services Department (DCFS) and

the ACS, has been a fixed item on the annual October Older Persons Month calendar.

In brief remarks, Mrs. Cassandra Fearon, a social work manager at the DCFS, paid tribute to the commitment of Mrs. Hall, who was once again, despite the challenges, demonstrating her passion for seniors.

"Older persons still contribute actively to the Cayman society," Mrs. Fearon said, adding that this initiative shows the value that the community places on them as an important nation-building resource.

Mrs. Fearon continued that the DCFS had hosted several small special events during the month, culminating in a luncheon on Friday (October 29) when five seniors were selected as Older Person's Month Ambassadors: Mr. James "Dale" Ramoon (George Town), Mr. George Walton and Mrs. Lynne Walton (Cayman Brac), Mr. Denniston Tibbetts (Bodden Town) and Ms. Alice Mae Coe (West Bay).

During the evening's programme, Ambassador Tibbetts regaled the seniors with stories from his youth in Cayman Brac, where he fished before breakfast for the family's evening meal. He continued to describe his family's relocation to Jamaica when he was 11 years old, and his return



Mrs. Angela Hall distributing appreciation certificates to attending seniors

to Cayman at 25, since when he has served in many capacities in the Islands' business and civic affairs. He is a former seaman, also, and currently serves as president of the Cayman Islands Seafarers Association.

In keeping with the evening's theme, "Aging Gracefully in a Digital World" Pastor Keven Danvers, who shepherds the Savannah Church, exhorted the seniors to take advantage, particularly in these difficult times, of digital technology to cope and to enhance their lives, in the financial, medical, community and spiritual spheres.

Pastor Danvers, too, commended the seniors for their contributions to the development of the Cayman Islands. He said that the opportunities enjoyed today by the range of professionals and business leaders across the Cayman Islands were due in large part to the hard work and determination of the Cayman Islands' parents of yesteryears— today's senior population.

Among other aspects of the evening's entertainment, a group from the Newlands Adventist Church produced two plays, respectively written by two senior members of the church, Ms. Omilin Campbell and Ms. Idalee Gayle. The group "Revelation", part of the Savannah Male Chorale, entertained the seniors with lively music.

The event was made possible, Mrs. Hall said, by the generosity of a range of businesses, church groups, and individuals. The donors included Pedro St. James, for the venue; the Kings Seventh-day Adventist ACS leader Ms. Marlene Smith and her team, for decorations; Tillie's Restaurant, caterers; Mr. Trevor Blake, transport; Government's PWD, erection of tents, and individual donors such as Bodden MLA Mr. Dwayne Seymour.

Meanwhile, the Savannah Gideon Pathfinders under the leadership of Director Merl Watkins assisted in serving the seniors during the meal and in presentation of gifts. Rochelle's Salon and Spa and the Morrill's Tortuga Club and Resort donated gift certificates.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS


**Churchill's** Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Magdaline Velona "Lonie" Ebanks who passed away on October 24, 2021. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Church of God Full Gospel Hall, Savannah, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, November 06, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment: Eden's Cemetery, Pedro Castle Road. Special Notice: Masks are mandatory to wear during the service. Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com



**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 Mr. Joel Beltran-Carter, who passed away on Monday, October 25, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service for the late Mr. Joel Beltran Carter will be held at West Bay Seventh Day Adventist Church, Batabano Rd, West Bay Grand Cayman on Sunday November 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00- 3:00 p.m. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Garden of Rest Cemetery 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



## Alvarez aims to make Plant wither

Saul 'Canelo' Alvarez intends to be the first undisputed super-middleweight champion this Saturday and has plenty of motivation for it.

The pound-for-pound champ says his fight with Caleb Plant "is personal" after all the insults the 29-year-old American has been slinging his way.

When asked why the build up to the fight in Las Vegas on Saturday had become so heated, Alvarez, 31, said: "All the talk, all the s\*\*\* he says. That's why. He crossed the line and maybe too much, that's why it's personal. At the same time, it's one of the most important fights for me."

Alvarez, who is also aiming to become the first undisputed champion from Mexico, defeated Billy Joe Saunders in March to claim his WBO belt. Plant has held the IBF belt since 2019.

"When something is personal with me, it's different," Alvarez added. "In my mind I have that special thing. It's going to be a really good night for us."

Unbeaten Plant sustained a cut after brawling with Alvarez at a Los Angeles press conference five weeks ago. Plant threw the first slap but Canelo dodged it, then returned fire with two in response that left Plant with a cut under his right eye.

Plant wants to give his best fight. He says he is inspired by Floyd Mayweather Jr's style to take the win. Mayweather's defensive generated problems for the Mexican superstar, when they fought in 2013. Canelo was still relatively inexperi-



► Canelo Alvarez wants to seriously hurt Plant

enced then in his sole loss in 59 bouts. He was also weight-weakened against welterweight (147lbs) Mayweather. Since then, he's conquered all before him and has won 56 with two draws in a 16-year career that started at 15.

Mayweather saved his energy and, on multiple occasions, counter-punched Alvarez to take the victory. 'Money' was the first opponent to break Canelo's undefeated record, but also the one who helped him the most in his professional maturity.

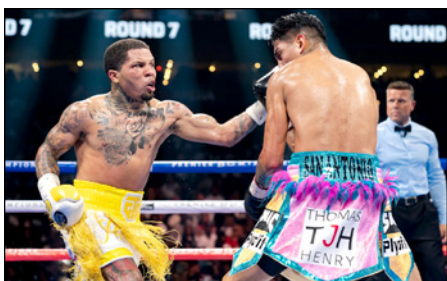
During his preparation, Plant, who has won all 21 bouts, has watched videos of Mayweather and claims he's found some of Alvarez's weaknesses to take away his place as the best boxer in the super middleweight division. In a YouTube video, Plant showed the style he has copied from Mayweather.

"I'm not going to give up my fight plan. I know that when we fight, it will be me raising my hand as the winner," he said.

Meanwhile, two days after news broke that Rolando Romero would be pulled from his 5 December fight with Gervonta Davis due to numerous accusations of sexual assault, IBF No.2 contender Isaac Cruz has agreed to step in, though nothing has yet been announced.

Cruz (22-1-1, 15 KO) was already in line for a shot at Teofimo Lopez and claims he has the grit, aggression, and willingness to defeat Davis (25-0, 24 KO). Cruz claims his recent form proves that.

Nevertheless, the hard punching Davis, managed by Floyd Mayweather, is the favourite.



► Gervonta Davis looks likely to stay champ

## Irving's anti-vax stance means impasse

The Brooklyn Nets are hoping to have their full roster of players available as soon as possible, but are still without point guard Kyrie Irving. The Nets decided to omit Irving from the team on 12 October because he hadn't been vaccinated against Covid-19.

Nets owner Joe Tsai said that as long as New York City continues its mandate that all players must be vaccinated, he isn't sure when Kyrie will be back in the side.

"I don't know," Tsai said. "Either he has to be vaccinated in order to come back if the New York mandate is still in place. And don't ask me when they may or may not change the New York mandate."

"Obviously Kyrie has his own belief so I respect that. But we have to make a team decision. This is not a decision about him.



► Kyrie Irving still refuses to take the covid vaccine

This is a decision about where we go as a team."

## Messi's next World Cup may be his last

Lionel Messi says he has not given any thought about retiring after next year's World Cup, adding he would love to be Barcelona sporting director when he retires.

The six-time Ballon D'Or winner will be 35 by the time the World Cup comes round in Qatar next year. It's a trophy that has eluded him through his stellar career and he is sick of all the criticism it brings. This is probably his last chance.

Messi is signed to French Ligue 1 leaders Paris Saint-Germain till June 2023 — with the option of an extra year — after leaving his beloved Barcelona in August.

He admitted this week that retirement is not on the agenda. Like big rival Cristiano Ronaldo, who is 36, Messi wants to continue playing for as long as possible.

"No, truthfully, no," he said regarding hanging up his boots. "After all that has happened to me, I just live day to day, year after year. I do not know what is going to happen at the World Cup or after it. I am not thinking about it."

Messi added that leaving Barcelona after two decades had been a huge wrench but he will return one day to live and possibly be the sporting director.

Xavi, his long-time teammate during the glory years at Barca — winning amongst other silverware four Champi-



► Lionel Messi is running out of time to win the World Cup

ons League trophies — is the favourite to return to the club as head coach following the sacking of Ronald Koeman last week.

Messi must be inspired by Ronaldo who dragged Manchester United over the line once again with another moment of brilliance against Atalanta in the Champions League Tuesday.

Ronaldo saved United again with a stunning volley in second-half stoppage time to earn a 2-2 draw with Atalanta.

Duvan Zapata had put Atalanta back in front in the second half, cancelling out Ronaldo's first equaliser, until Mason Greenwood teed up the 36-year-old Portuguese to fire home another brilliant first-time volley - just as he did against Spurs on Saturday.

## Kaepernick slavery jibe upsets many

Free agent NFL quarterback and activist Colin Kaepernick compared the treatment of players at the NFL combine to slavery which has caused outrage. The comparison was made in the coming-of-age Netflix series following Kaepernick's high school years called "Colin in Black & White".

Speaking in the first episode, Kaepernick described how pro hopefuls are treated at the NFL combine, a four-day showcase where many prospects undergo physical and mental tests in front of football team coaches, executives, owners and scouts.

"Coaches will tell you they're looking for warriors, killers, beasts," he said. "They say they want you to be an animal out there. And you wanna give them that. ... What they don't want you to understand, is what's being established is a power dynamic."

"Before they put you on the field, teams poke, prod and examine you, searching for any defect that might affect your performance. No boundary respected, no dignity left intact," he added, as scenes from a slavery auction play out.

Activities at the annual event can include weightlifting, sprints, medical checks and reportedly "inappropriate questions" during in-person interviews. NFL teams also conduct background checks and interviews to gauge players' personality traits and Wonderlic tests to determine their intelligence level before deciding whether to commit millions of dollars.

Kaepernick received some heat for the slavery comparison as critics pointed out



► Colin Kaepernick's Netflix series is controversial

that the NFL combine is how teams can evaluate talent and is one step for many players en route to becoming millionaires.

Utah Rep. Burgess Owens, a former NFL safety who played for the Jets and Raiders, criticised Kaepernick on Twitter for comparing "the evil endured by so many of our ancestors to a bunch of millionaires who CHOSE to play the game".

# 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

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★

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Difficulty Level ★★★

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 43 Door sign
- 44 Paris  
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### Yesterday's answer

## Word Search

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- Dreiser
- Faulkner
- Fitzgerald
- Hemingway
- James
- Lewis
- London
- Mailer
- Melville
- Oates
- Roth
- Salinger
- Twain
- Updike
- Vidal
- Vonnegut
- Walker
- Welty
- Wharton
- Wolfe

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

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