



83° / 77°

Breezy with a passing shower

50¢ starting January 2021



CONTRACTOR APPRECIATION WEEK

Proudly supported by Cayman Contractors Association

DECEMBER 14TH-19TH

We are saying THANKS for making Cox Lumber Cayman's #1 contractor supplier again this year!

25% OFF ALL ITEMS ALL WEEK for contractors and builders (except plywood and reber) at BOTH Cox Lumber locations

ONE WEEK ONLY!

- *General Contractors
- *Carpenters
- *Electricians
- *Plumbers
- *Painting Contractors
- *Roofing Contractors
- *Landscapers

OFFER GOOD COX LUMBER BODDEN TOWN AND GEORGE TOWN!

- *Electrical
- *Plumbing
- *Paint
- *Cleaning Supplies
- *Appliances
- *Tools
- *Hardware

For more Details
COXLUMBERLTD.COM

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

● EDITORIAL — page 2



STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

● LOCAL NEWS — page 6



HFC TO FUND CRITICAL COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANTS

● COMMUNITY NOTICES — page 8



Notices

● INTERNATIONAL — page 11



US HITS GRIM COVID-19 MILESTONE

● INTERNATIONAL SPORTS — page 13



Kevin Durant was frustrated after a year out

THE WRANGLE OVER RED SPOT



Staff Writer

A formal resolution is awaited in what has become an increasingly acrimonious dispute between local fishermen and the owner of the sea-front site known as Red Spot which over the years has evolved into a location of cultural value.

What started out as a small localised dispute over fish vendors using the site to ply their trade now has taken on national significance with the matter being debated in Parliament.

A motion filed by Hon. Leader of the Official Opposition, Arden McLean called on the government to secure the site for the fishermen.

It proposed the avenues of prescriptive rights based on long usage of the location, or to acquire through compulsory purchase also known as eminent domain.

The property owners, the Johnson family, are reluctant to sell the site as

... Continued story on page 6

Cayman's mission of mercy

By Christopher Tobutt

Cayman's Colombian community might be small in size, but it has a huge heart. As soon as they heard of the terrible devastation caused by Category Five Hurricane Iota on the Colombian

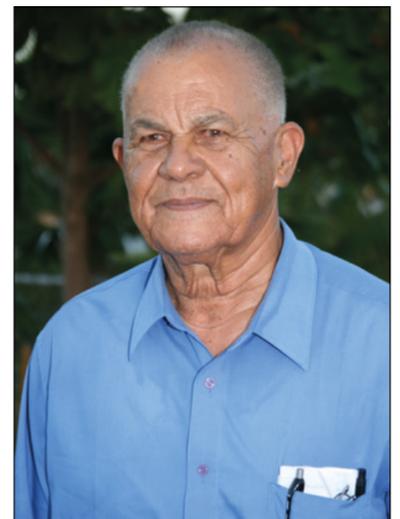
coastal islands of Providence, San Andreas and Santa Catalina, where many of their relatives still live they formed themselves into a group with a mission to help in any way they could.

... Continued story on page 4



► Honourable Speaker, McKeeva Bush (third from right) pictured with members of Cayman United for San Andreas, Providence and Catalina Committee, with the huge Colombian military aircraft in the background

Cayman Mourns John Jefferson Sr.



► John Jefferson of West Bay

By Christopher Tobutt

John Jefferson Sr. 1927 to 2020, passed away on Saturday 12 December, aged 93. He was a former MLA, pas-

... Continued story on page 12

1

continue **safe distances** from others in public

2

consider **wearing a mask** around the elderly and vulnerable

3

continue frequent **hand washing**

4

stay **healthy** through diet and exercise

Let's Keep Working Together
Protect yourself and your community against COVID-19

DATED: 16 DECEMBER 2020

EDITORIAL

STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

Our beloved Cayman, which in many respects projects itself as a beacon to the other Overseas Territories, the Caribbean region - and even beyond, now finds itself at a very uncomfortable crossroads.

Just recently with much pomp and ceremony, we celebrated an historic up on the ladder of self-determination.

But amongst the glowing and even deeply reflective speeches, something was missing.

It appeared that no one, not one MP (Member of Parliament) reflected in-depth in the principles of 'standards in public office'.

This omission (dereliction of duty?) was patently noticeable especially as unbecoming conduct is now on trial; on the one hand in the legal framework in the court of law (and correctly so), and on the other hand in the court of public opinion (and rightly so) as it involves a prominent and elected public figure.

We will not venture into deliberating on ongoing court proceedings out of respect to the principle of sub judice. Let the court decide on the matter before it.

Indeed, the broad issue of personal accountability by those who hold public - especially elected - office, is worth



an airing, especially when by their own admission they fall short.

It is said that admission of guilt is the first step towards redemption. Cayman is a very forgiving nation.

But until that step is taken publicly, our newly-elevated MPs (Members of Parliament) will have failed us and our newly minted Parliament at the first hurdle.

To borrow from a well-known American phrase: "When you see something, say something."

Failing to do that our new Parliament, and Cayman itself, will be found wanting.

Standards in Public Life regulations have been enacted.

Those who enacted them should now act on them...or is it a case of soft-peddalling because there's a general election pending?

TOURISM: CULTURAL LINKAGES

"For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing." - Luke 12:23

By Dr. Basil Springer

On July 20, 2020, Howard Schneider penned an article entitled "When the U.S. sneezes, the world catches a cold. What happens when it has severe COVID-19?". That was nearly four months ago!

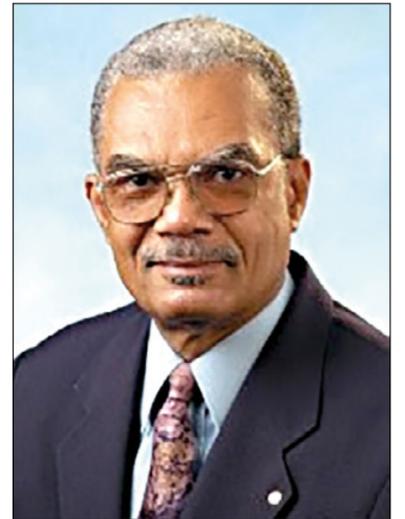
There is now uncertainty not only of the timing of the advent of an effective vaccination program but also about the resolution of an unprecedented U.S. political leadership crisis, both of which negatively impact the management of the pandemic. What are the prospects of a decline in the disastrously escalating U.S. COVID-19 position in the next four months, say?

The Caribbean is one of the most tourism dependent regions of the world and the U.S. is our main supply market (source of tourists). Some Caribbean airports remain closed to American travelers and those which are open are subject to the strict observance of public health protocols in the form of COVID-19 testing, and travel screening portal and quarantine requirements. When will the Caribbean tourism industry fully open its doors again and how can we best prepare for this recovery?

Over the last six weeks, in this column, we have recognized that when the airports reopen the standard bearer's banner "Tourism is Our Key" will be in the vanguard of our COVID-19 transition recovery march. We have addressed the topics: (1) Tourism: We are all in this together; (2) Tourism: Economic Gearing System; (3) Tourism: Agricultural linkages; (4) Tourism: Technology it is time to Pivot; (5) Underexploited tourism opportunities; and (6) Tourism: The balance between cruises and hotels.

We should continually remind ourselves that the Caribbean is a diverse multicultural, multiethnic, multireligious, multilingual and multitalented region, officially made up of an archipelago of islands and selected mainland emerging territories nestled between North and South America, with Central America in the West and the Atlantic Ocean in the East. The Caribbean Sea is our backyard, and accessible to those with excess disposable income from all parts of the world. Let us prepare ourselves to unleash our talent in support of the development of the Caribbean brand.

In today's column, (7) Tourism: Cultural linkages, we recognize that the 'classical' cultural industries include



► Dr. Basil Springer GCM is a Change-Engine Consultant

architecture, broadcast media, carnival, crafts, fashion, film, galleries, graphic design, literature, museums, music of all genres, publishing, social media, spoken word, theatre, and visual art.

Our people are our biggest asset, we must develop them to the fullest. The core of our cultural industries' potential is embedded within our people.

We need to create more online talent platforms and embrace digital download and streaming technology to share our talent with the world.

A business approach is needed to sustainably implement these opportunities. Marketplace Excellence's emerging states enterprise development service is a proposed modality because it comprehensively addresses the main constraints to progress - the selection of the best entrepreneurs and scalable projects, shepherding entrepreneurs on the journey to business success, and supporting the entrepreneur with quick response seed/equity/working capital or other sources of funding.

We cannot continue to hide our light under a bushel, but instead we should illuminate the artistic genius of the region to the world.

Tourism cultural linkages is a major potential driver of the COVID-19 recovery transition and growth process, and can help increase the consumption of goods and services that can be sourced locally. The exploitation of these linkages will also create employment while enhancing the region's foreign exchange earning potential. The future is in our hands.

GARAGE SALE

Huge Garage Sale on plants, cooking pots, Pirate dishes and other household items.

Saturday 12 December at 99 Parkview Crescent, off Mount Pleasant Road, West Bay.

Starting at 6:00am.

945-2355 Cellular World 325-2355

PHONES & ACCESSORIES

CELLULAR WORLD RETAIL SHOP
BAYTOWN PLAZA,
WEST BAY ROAD
MON - SAT 10.00AM - 5.00PM

943-2355 Cellular World 323-2355

SAMSUNG iPhone PHONE REPAIRS

AUTHORIZED SERVICE CENTER
BAYTOWN PLAZA,
WEST BAY ROAD
MON - SAT 10.00AM - 5.00PM

TOURISM: CULTURAL LINKAGES



- Document cultural network services
- Our people are our biggest asset
- Create opportunities for our youth to discover their talents
- Implement enterprise development service
- Leverage technology and market to the world



Caymanian Times

Issue # 612

Publisher: Ralph Lewis
Company: Lewis Cayman Islands Ltd
#19 Walkers Road (next to Tomlinson Furniture)
Telephone: 345 916 2000
Email: sales@caymaniantimes.ky, or info@caymaniantimes.ky
Website: www.caymaniantimes.ky



KIRK FREEPORT

OUR SMALL BOXES GIVE BIG SURPRISES,
AND A CHRISTMAS FULL OF GREAT PRIZES.

BAYSHORE MALL, CARDINALL AVENUE & THE STRAND
+1(345) 949-7477 • KIRKFREEPORT.COM

CHRISTMAS SWEEPSTAKES

3 X US\$5,000 CASH WINNERS
5 X US\$1,000 CASH WINNERS
AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES!

Every US\$100 purchase at any Kirk Freeport store made before noon on December 24th qualifies for all prize draws! Winners will be announced on CayRock 96.5 FM and HOT 104.1 FM in the afternoon, and X107.1 FM and KISS 106.1 FM during the breakfast shows the next day.

Remaining prize draws!

Friday Dec 18th	US\$5,000
Thursday Dec 24th	US\$5,000

\$1,000 each day Wednesday Dec 16th, Thursday Dec 17th, Monday Dec 21st, Tuesday Dec 22nd, Wednesday Dec 23rd



ROLEX

Rolex giveaway
is on January 4th, 2021.

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Minimum US\$100 purchase to enter. One entry per purchase. Receipts can be combined to reach US\$100 requirement. Winner must claim prize at Kirk Freeport on Cardinall Avenue within 7 days of announcement. Non-winning valid entries from Kirk Freeport Christmas Sweepstakes will be included in the Rolex Drawing. Kirk Freeport employees and immediate family members are not eligible to enter.

**DON'T MISS THE CHANCE
TO VISIT SANTA AT
BAYSHORE MALL!**

Santa will be at Bayshore Mall for **FOUR** days, make sure you visit him and tell him what you want him to leave under the tree for you this Christmas!

VISIT SANTA AT BAYSHORE MALL:

- DEC 21ST: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
& 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- DEC 22ND: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- DEC 23RD: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
- DEC 24TH: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM





► Hands stretched out in appreciation as Mr. Bush greeted the crew of the Colombian aircraft



► Mr. Bush greets the crew of the aircraft

Cayman's mission of mercy

... Continued story from page 1

That help has turned into one of the biggest Christmas gifts ever. After engaging the help of Hon. Speaker McKeeva Bush who got the group connected with all the right officials, the Columbian government sent a huge military jet to Owen Roberts International Airport on Saturday 12 December. The aircraft loaded up with emergency supplies and building materials, tents and tarps, and 17 Cayman/Columbian construction workers and engineers who are volunteering their time to help rebuild Providence, the worst hit of the three islands, before flying away again on their mission of love and mercy.

A small mountain of love, in the form of cardboard boxes full of canned food, dried milk, tools, and tents waited at

the side of the runway, as the fork lifts set to work getting them onto the plane. There is more to follow, a gift of lumber and bulky goods, which will be sent on a ship later in the month.

It's a dream come true for Germaine Jackson, one of the members of Cayman United for San Andreas, Providence and Catalina, the name of the committee. "I was born and raised in Columbia but my Daddy is a Caymanian so after I finished school I came by to live here, and I stayed here," he said. "The Columbian community is small, and basically everybody is in contact with everybody else. We decided we needed to form some sort of committee to assist our people there, because a lot of people still have family connections," he said.

Fergie Downs, another committee member said, "When we realized the damage that the hurricane caused in Providence Island, we came together. We realized that that island was devastated and they needed help. They had to evacuate a lot of people from there to the other islands, so now the people need help in St. Andreas as well. There was total devastation in Providence. The houses were older houses so all the houses got destroyed there, with people living in



► Outside ORIA, a small group of Cayman's Columbian community stand alongside the goods they have brought, waiting for the plane to land



► The huge plane arrives at ORIA

tents, so we try to get all the help we can to the people living there. This is the first one we are sending and we are planning to make the organization a long-term thing, where we can continue to make donations and get things to send to the people on the islands. Mr. McKeeva Bush is giving us all his support, and helped us reach the right people so that we could get this through. If people want to help, my phone number is 324 7910 so they can give us a call or send us a WhatsApp message. We receive all donations and if they want us to pick up the donation we

can do that as well. My email is fergie-downs93@gmail.com.

Mr. Bush was there to see the things being loaded onto the plane. "I've been helping to organize the humanitarian efforts for San Andreas and the Columbian Islands and Honduras and Nicaragua," he said. "People are still giving, because there is tremendous need. Cayman is a blessed place. We had to organize with the Columbian government for this flight, which went through the Governor's office and through the Honourable Deputy Premier's Office," he said.



► All the goods are loaded on board



► A large supply of facemasks was donated

Caymanian participation is sought in the ownership and operation of a local accountancy/professional services firm based in George Town.

The initial capital investment required is in the region of US\$400,000.

Expressions of interest in this project at any level are invited from Caymanian individuals or entities on or before December 25, 2020.

Interested parties should provide evidence of financial ability to participate in a business of this nature supported by a letter from a financial institution within the Cayman Islands.

Any Caymanian interested in making a financial investment in this project should apply to PO Box 10190 Grand Cayman, KY1-1002, Cayman Islands to the attention of Dentons.

A copy of any Caymanian interest must also be sent to the Trade and Business Licensing Board, c/o the Department of Commerce and Investment, Government Administration Building, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.

In the absence of any Caymanian parties interested and able to participate, an application will be made to the Department of Commerce and Investment/Trade and Business Licensing Board for the appropriate licenses.



Let your light
Shine
this season

Reignite your dreams and goals this holiday season. Talk to us about affordable ways to:

- ✓ Spruce up your home
- ✓ Make a land investment
- ✓ Drive safely with new wheels
- ✓ And more...

Call 345 949-7300 or visit cibcfcb.com for details.

Enjoy the holidays with:

- Up to 100% financing* on auto loans
- Up to 90% financing* on land loans
- Affordable monthly payments
- A preapproved Visa Gold or Platinum Credit Card with 5,000 bonus points* with your approved loan

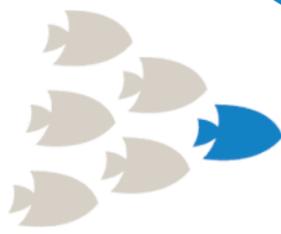
And the chance to win US \$350 or local equivalent in cash each week!



FirstCaribbean
International Bank

*CIBC FirstCaribbean terms and conditions apply. *Subject to normal lending criteria. Offer starts 30 October and ends 24 December, 2020. Visit cibcfcb.com for more details. The CIBC logo is a trademark of Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, used by FirstCaribbean International Bank under license.

Leadership
Cayman



**Congratulations to the
graduating class of 2020.**



BACK ROW L-R

- YEHONATAN SEGAL** (Wavelength Harmonic Fund Services)
- DENIZE SOLOMON** (CML Offshore Recruitment Limited)
- ANNA WOOTTON** (Dart)
- SUSAN JONES** (Dart)
- CARROL REID** (Cayman Islands National Insurance Company)
- KERRY-ANN BROWN** (John Gray High School)
- VIOLET WATIRI** (Wheaton Precious Metals)
- MARTIN LEIGH** (CML Offshore Recruitment Limited)

MIDDLE ROW L-R

- GENEVIEVE GEORGIADES** (Kensington Mgmt. Group)
- LAURA-JANE AIREY** (Maples FS)
- JESSICA KOZAILY** (Sunshine Suites Resort)
- DANA BOARDSEN** (Deloitte)
- JOY OREMULE** (Caribbean Utilities Company Limited)
- STEPHANIE RATTAN** (Sunrise Adult Training Centre)
- LIAT-LEAH SEGAL**
- ANTONIA FURNISS**
- DAVINA TRESIDDER** (Dart)
- KIMBERLY MCLEAN** (Department of Tourism)
- NICHOLAS WIGHT** (Deloitte)
- LATASHA NIXON** (Butterfield Fiduciary Services)

FRONT ROW L-R

- JAMES WATERS** (Suntera Global)
- VLADIMIR LOGVINOV** (Privork Limited)
- SIDDHANT JAIN JAISWAL** (EY Cayman Ltd.)
- KEVIN GRYZBOUSKI** (Dart)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND CONTRIBUTORS

MENTORS

- Giselle Passchier**
(Wheaton Precious Metals)
- Malynda Gibson-Nixon**
(RBC Royal Bank (Cayman) Limited)
- Kaitlyn Elphinstone**
(Cayman Enterprise City)
- Lancelott Barnes**
(Cayman Islands Government)
- Jeremy Durston**
(Campbells)
- Candice Czeremuszkina**
(Moore Cayman)
- Richard Strommer**
(Greenlight Re)
- Prasana**
(Walkers Global)
- Sasha Rochester**
(KPMG)
- Dubadah Boldeau**
(Cayman Islands Government)
- Jyoti Choi**
(Delta Group)
- Chevala Burke**
(Cayman Islands Government)
- Daniel Murphy**
(A.L. Thompsons)
- Brian O'Reilly**
(Greenlight Re)

VENUES

- The Alexander Cayman Brac
Govt. Administration Building
- KPMG
- Health City Cayman Islands
- Deloitte
- Pedro St. James
- Marriott Resort Grand Cayman
- Dart
- Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa
- Wyndham Reef Resort

PLANNING COMMITTEE

- Roz Griffiths: Chair**
(Chatterbox)
- Nicholas McLean: Vice-Chair**
(Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports,
Agriculture & Lands)
- Faramarz Romer**
(Greenlight Re)
- Christina Spratt**
(Logic)
- Lillian Curbelo-Bush**
(Judicial Administration)
- Sarah Stewart Jones**
(Yellow Media Group)
- Exie Tomlinson-Panton**
(Cayman Islands Shipping Registry)
- Jyoti Choi**
(Delta Group)
- Wil Pineau, CCE**
(Chamber of Commerce)

MAJOR SPONSORS

- Cox Lumber Ltd.
- RBC Royal Bank (Cayman) Limited
- Wheaton Precious Metals

SEMINAR SPONSORS

- Cayman First Insurance Company
- Deloitte
- Island Paving
- Logic
- KPMG
- Walkers
- Wheaton Precious Metals
- Dart
- Cayman Airways

CATERING

- Seven Mile Burger, Captain Bakery,
Island Taste, Mise En Place, The Brasserie,
Treats Restaurant, Star Island Restaurant.



Leadership Cayman is a signature programme of the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce.



Governors Square, West Bay Road



caymanchamber.ky



743-9121

Sagicor Financial Company Ltd. Announces Executive Changes

Group President and CEO of Sagicor Financial Company (SFC) Ltd., Mr. Dordridge Miller, today announced that Mr. Ravi Rambarran will be retiring from his position with Sagicor as President & CEO of Sagicor Life Inc. effective December 31st, 2020.

In making the announcement, Miller thanked Rambarran for his 23 years of service to the Sagicor Group of companies, noting his impact on the company's growth and development in its operations across the Caribbean. "Ravi has made many significant contributions throughout his tenure with the company, through multiple roles since he first joined the Group in 1997. The entire team at Sagicor extends our thanks to Ravi for his service and wish him well as he transitions to retirement".

With Ravi's retirement, Mr. Miller also announced that Mr. Robert Trestrail will assume the role of President & CEO of Sagicor Life Inc. effective January 1, 2021. Robert has held the position of Executive Vice President and General Manager for the Trinidad



► Mr. Ravi Rambarran



► Mr. Robert Trestrail

& Tobago Operations since 2007 and assumed responsibility for the Operations in the Dutch Caribbean in 2017 and currently serves as a Director on the Group's subsidiaries in Trinidad & Tobago. Robert is currently the Chairman of Trinidad & Tobago Insurance Institute's Board of Governors and serves on several Industry Boards and

Committees. He is also former President of the Trinidad & Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce, an institution he served for 13 years. Miller said, "Robert's executive level experience and extensive knowledge of the business makes him well positioned to lead our operations through the next phase of Sagicor's development. We

therefore expect that the transition will be a seamless one for our clients, team members and other stakeholders, who can look forward to the usual quality service delivery from Sagicor". Mr. Trestrail's appointment is subject to regulatory approval.

About Sagicor Financial Company Ltd.

Sagicor Financial Company Ltd. (TSX: SFC) is a leading financial services provider in the Caribbean, with over 180 years of history, and has a growing presence as a provider of life insurance products in the United States. Sagicor offers a wide range of products and services, including life, health, and general insurance, banking, pensions, annuities, and real estate. Sagicor's registered office is located at Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton, HM 11, Bermuda, with its principal office located at Cecil F De Caires Building, Wildey, St. Michael, Barbados. Additional information about Sagicor can be obtained by visiting www.sagicor.com.

CAYMAN'S FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMUNITY STEPS UP TO FIGHT CHILD ABUSE, ENABLING HFC TO FUND CRITICAL COVID-19 RESPONSE GRANTS

Help For Children (HFC), known as Hedge Funds Care in Cayman, launched a Top Donor Campaign in spring 2020 across the organization, in an effort to make up for all of the fundraising events cancelled as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. The popular HFC Cayman Gala, which was scheduled to take place in late November, was among the many benefits cancelled for the foundation.

"Like the rest of the world, when the pandemic struck, HFC had no choice but to pivot from hosting in-person benefits to a different fundraising strategy that would allow us to continue providing grants to organizations that protect



at-risk children who are particularly vulnerable because they are suddenly stuck at home," said Cindy Hislop, HFC Cayman Affiliate Board Chair, member of HFC's Global Board of Directors and partner, Deloitte. "We are grateful to our local industry leaders who are joining my company to be part of the solution, especially right now when children, who are hidden from sight, need it the most."

Despite the challenges this year, the finance community stepped up to support HFC and the fight against child abuse locally. The donations provided by the charity's top donors, together with our

HFC Cayman Islands 2020 Top Donors:

HEART OF HEARTS	
• Deloitte	• Maples Group
GIGANTIC HEART	BIG HEART
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BDO • Carne Group • Citco • DMS Governance • Harbour • KPMG • MUFJ Investor Services • PwC • Walkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIMA Cayman • Danesmead • HF Fund Services • Highwater Limited • Mourant Ozannes
	WARM HEART
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calderwood • Five Continents • Paradigm Governance

generous individual donors, enabled HFC to make two rounds of grants to local organizations across nine of its ten locations. The first round, granted in July 2020, in Cayman included the Cayman Islands Red Cross and NCVO Children Services, and there will be a second

round of 2020 grants made in Cayman, along with eight other HFC locations, in January 2021. HFC Cayman gives its heartfelt thanks to its Top Donors and the many individuals who have opened their hearts and their wallets to help the children of Cayman.



THE WRANGLE OVER RED SPOT

... Continued story from page 1

they have their own plans for its development.

The motion filed by Opposition Leader McLean referred to Red Spot as "a part of the cultural landscape" of the Cayman Islands.

It said the fish vendors selling their catch at the site "has become an integral part of Cayman culture and should be preserved for all to enjoy."

Giving a detailed response to the equally detailed argument with historical references made by the Opposition Leader, the Hon. Minister for Commerce Joey Hew rejected the proposals as impractical and reported to the Parliament that a resolution was in sight.

At one point in the standoff between the fish vendors and the property owner seemed intractable with court papers filed to have them evicted.

According to Mr Hew following his intervention and numerous meetings with the parties involved, arrangements are being made to place the fisherman at an alternative site and to incorporate it into the George Town Development Plan that he is spearheading.

Hon. MP (Member of Parliament) for

George Town Central, Kenneth Bryan, added his voice to the debate.

He felt the fisherman should be allowed to remain at Red Spot and questioned an aspect of the agreement being proposed by Mr Hew that the site not be used for commercial purposes citing the fact that selling fish is a commercial endeavour.

Hon. MP for North Side, Ezzard Miller, also weighed in on the issue saying he was "not comfortable" with the approach being taken by the government.

Supporting the motion for the government to acquire the property, Mr Miller said he preferred "the certainty of government ownership" thereby ensuring that the site is maintained for its current use.

But Commerce Minister Hew, in rejecting the motion, said he has secured an arrangement with the fisherman to relocate to a nearby site as an alternative to avoiding a potentially long-running legal wrangle over prescriptive rights, sale or compulsory acquisition.

He also stated that a number of concessions were being made including issuing licences to the fisherman, providing restrooms and a parking lot.



"After a lot of hard work and some very tense days we had found a solution that had suited everyone. What we ended up with is a solution where the property will still be held for all the people of the Cayman Islands. A cultural site secured for the people of the Cayman islands and an acceptable location by the fish vendors."

He also said that the government "has entered an agreement that is satisfactory to the property owner."

The outcome of the vote on the motion only served to highlight the gulf between the government and the opposition benches on the issue.

It was defeated with 11 government votes 'against', 5 'in favour' by the opposition and one absentee.

A formal agreement between the government, the fish vendors and the property owners (the Johnson family) is pending.

EMPRISE SERVICES

JAH JIREH Herbal Dietary Supplements

DRINK TO LIFE

925-9860
526-8990

caymanjahjireh@gmail.com

19 Walkers Road, George Town, Next to Tomlinson Furniture Store

Visit us inside to purchase your Jah Jireh Supplies and Assessment Service.

CUSTOM PHOTO PRINTING & FRAMING

CANVAS AND FINE ART PAPERS



**Copying
Mounting
Stretching
Restoration
& MORE**

WORLD FAMOUS
CathyChurch's
Photo Centre

AT SUNSET HOUSE 949- 7415

OPEN MON- SAT 10AM- 5PM
CATHY@CATHYCHURCH.COM

East End Primary Students Release White-crowned Pigeons

Twenty-four (24) near-threatened White-crowned pigeons began their new life in the wild recently, with the help of Key Stage 1 students from East End Primary School. The released pigeons were part of Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre's captive breeding programme which began shortly after Hurricane Ivan devastated many natural habitats, leaving important wild birds such as this species of pigeon, as well as Cayman parrots, in a vulnerable situation. Since that time, the Centre has released several White-crowned pigeons, and more than a dozen Cayman parrots, all raised from eggs laid within the facility. The aim is to boost their wild populations, which still face the ongoing threat of habitat degradation.

Five crew members from the Cayman Turtle Centre, including Terrestrial & Education Curator Geddes Hislop, Education Programmes Officer Shona McGill, and the Centre's veterinary team transported the birds to the school safely in carriers, so that the children could have this unique experience take place at their school.

"The White-crowned Pigeons we released were born and raised in our free-flight Aviary at Cayman Turtle Centre and had just recently passed their quarantine, health checks and feed transition, so they were all ready for release into the wild," Mr. Hislop said.

"White-crowned Pigeons are a protected species in Cayman. They are fruit-eating pigeons that are important seed dispersers for many native Cayman

hardwood trees such as Sea Grape, Pepper Cinnamon, and Ironwood."

Before the release, Ms. McGill talked to the Key Stage 1 children about what pigeons eat, as well as other interesting facts including how, some weeks before their release, the pigeons are trained to eat natural, wild food such as sea grapes, wild fruits, and berries, so that they will know exactly what to look for in the wild. Ms. McGill also told the children that whenever a new spot is chosen for the release, it must be a place where there are plenty of trees in which to nest and find food, and where the pigeons will be able to find plenty of fresh water to drink.

"Getting kids involved in conservation from a young age is very important," Ms. McGill said.

"They are very interested in the wild environment, and it helps them to learn very easy and simple habits to take into adulthood to help them conserve species."

All the children gathered in a big semicircle, so that there were about two students per release box. Not all the pigeons flew out at once, and one or two seemed to be a bit hesitant but the children seemed to really love it, and ran around their school field afterwards, pointing to them perching on trees or flying high in the air.

Six-year-old Ariana said: "I let one of the pigeons go today. Its name was Lilian, if it was a girl, and Billy if it was a boy. When I let it out of the box it was a bit scary, but I am not scared anymore." 🐦



► The children release the pigeons from their boxes



► William Chisholm helps one of the White-crowned Pigeons into the air



► Year One teachers Ms. Seeram, and Kedeon Foster with their class, and their pigeon-release certificate



THE ROADS LAW (2005 Revision) Section 3 Declaration of Intent Section 6 Authority to Enter Lands

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Governor by Section 3 and 6 of the Roads Law (2005 Revision), and acting upon recommendation by the National Roads Authority and Cabinet in the public interest, it is hereby declared that;

1. It is the intention of the National Roads Authority and in the public interest to open an access road as described hereunder:

REGISTRATION SECTION:

Lower Valley
REGISTRATION BLOCK:
27D, 28C, 31A, 32B
BOUNDARY PLAN:
BP 636

PORTIONS OF LAND NEEDED:

The proposed roadwork is defined by boundaries outlined in green on BP 634 and listed in the Schedule below.

2. The National Roads Authority and its agents are authorized to enter upon lands listed in the Schedule below for the purposes of undertaking the road works, such authority to take effect 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the Cayman Islands Gazette.

3. Boundary Plan Number 636 may be inspected at the offices of:

- The National Roads Authority, North Sound Road;
- The Lands & Survey Department, 133 Elgin Avenue, both of George Town, Grand Cayman or at the Lands Office, 19 Kirkconnell Street, Cayman Brac, or online at www.caymanlandinfo.ky under 'Road Schemes'.

SCHEDULE

Block	Parcel	Approximate Area loss in acres
27D	8	0.59
27D	18	0.13
27D	30	0.01
27D	37	0.7(Whole Parcel)
27D	39	6.5(Whole Parcel)
27D	199	0.01(Whole Parcel)
27D	200	0.03(Whole Parcel)
27D	305	0.4301(Whole Parcel)
27D	322	Less than 0.01
27D	328	Less than 0.01
27D	329	Less than 0.01
27D	340	0.8649(Whole Parcel)
27D	362	Less than 0.01
27D	363	0.5464(Whole Parcel)
27D	379	0.02
27D	411	0.1527(Whole Parcel)
27D	417	1.123(Whole Parcel)
27D	418	1.451(Whole Parcel)
27D	472	0.8
28C	22	0.2
31A	27	1.19
31A	131	2.98
32B	306	1.051(Whole Parcel)

Made in Cabinet this 3rd day of November 2020.
Clerk of Cabinet

with this coupon purchase an instant camera & get **20% OFF** FILM

Limit 2 boxes of film Valid 'til Dec. 31, 2020

CathyChurch's Photo Centre
THE PHOTO EXPERTS IN CAYMAN SINCE 1972
SUNSET HOUSE HOTEL

OPEN 10AM - 5PM MONDAY - SATURDAY FOR INFO 949-7415 CATHY@CATHYCHURCH.COM

KALA BRAND MUSIC CO. Let's play a ukulele

from **CI \$65.60**

CathyChurch's Photo Centre
AT SUNSET HOUSE
OPEN MON - SAT 10AM - 5PM CATHY@CATHYCHURCH.COM 949-7415

COMMUNITY EVENTS

National Museum Featured Exhibition – Things I got for Christmas

Ongoing – Enjoy an eclectic collection of Toys from early 1900s through the 1980s. The exhibit features an extensive display of Caymanian Dolls and Dolls from around the World, collectible bears, and other boys’ toys from the Virginia Foster Collection. The exhibit is augmented with a small number of early toys from the Museum’s collection and a 1957 handmade wood Grater and 1950s Stucco truck on loan from Tony Powell. A traditional Cayman sisal Christmas tree and apple complete the period display of things Cayman. The National Museum is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Telephone 345-949-8368 or email info@museum.ky for more information.

Cayman Arts Festival – Jazz Christmas Concert

17 December – The CAF Jazz Ensemble, directed by Beneil Miller is having a family-oriented recital featuring a blend of Christmas songs, both secular and sacred. The event will also showcase two amazing voices - Rebekah Jefferson and Jaedyn Hanna. The Christmas concert will take place at the St. George’s Anglican Church on Courts Rd. from 6:30 – 7:30pm. General admission is \$10 and tickets are available at the door. For more information and to purchase or reserve tickets please email enquiries@caymanartsfestival.com or call 922-5550.

YMCA Ropes Challenge – Christmas Climbs

18 – 23 December - Give the gift of adventure! The YMCA Ropes Challenge Course provides endless opportunity for both the beginner & experienced climber to have FUN & be active over the Christmas holidays. This family friendly activity, including a Christmas Glow Climb, has up to 3 climbs and no prior is experience required. Light holidays treats & refreshments will be provided. Cost for adults is \$25 or \$28 for the Glow Climb and \$15 for youths or \$18 for the Glow Climb. For more information or to register, email register@ymcayman.ky or call 925-3276.

The Power of Faith Deliverance Ministry - Christmas Around the World

18 December - The Power of Faith Deliverance Ministry is hosting a community Christmas event “Christmas Around the World on Friday, 18 December 2020 commencing at 7:00pm at The Power of Faith Deliverance Ministry, 100 Greenwood Drive off Easter Avenue, George Town. Admission is free and food and drinks will be on sale.

National Trust – Christmas Lights Bus Tour

18 December – Enjoy the lights at Fort George, Rex Crighton’s House and the Guard House and sing carols at the Mission House this Christmas. Meet at the National Trust Office, Dart Park on South

Sound Road and hop on the bus between 5:30 and 6pm. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for children ages 15 and under. NTCI members receive a 10% discount. To reserve your tickets, please email info@nationaltrust.org.ky. Spaces are limited.

Botanic Park Bush Medicine

19 December - The Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is partnering with www.BushGirlMedicine.com to host a garden tour featuring a discussion on seasonal plants and the role they played during traditional Caymanian Christmas festivities. It starts at 10:00 am with guest tour guide Hannah Reid taking participants on a journey through the Park’s Woodland Trail and Heritage Garden to view various plants such as Mistletoe, Christmas Berry, Christmas Blossom and Snow Berry. The tour costs C\$30 and is limited to 15 people. All participants will receive a free gift from the Park’s Gift Shop Christmas Collection. Spaces can be pre-booked by emailing info@botanic-park.ky or calling 947-9462.

West Bay Christmas Party

19 December - Join Captain Eugene Ebanks and the WBC Community Council for a Holly Jolly Holiday Party on December 19th from 4 to 6pm at Heritage Park. The fun continues from 6 to 8pm with a movie night.

West Bay SDA 5K Walk/ Run

20 December - The Annual West Bay SDA 5K Walk/Run will take place on December 20th 2020 with a 6:30am start time from the Ed Bush Stadium in West Bay. En-

try Cost is \$10 and shirt costs \$5 Children under 10 years old are free. Go to caymanactive.com or email wbsd5k@gmail.com for more information.

The Church of God Chapel – Children’s Choir “Straight Outta Bethlehem”

20 December - The Church of God Chapel Children’s Choir presents “Straight Outta Bethlehem” on Sunday 20 Dec at 7pm at the Church of God Chapel, Academy Way, George Town.

Free Rugby Camp for girls

21 & 22 December – Cayman Rugby is hosting a free rugby camp for girls between the ages of 8 and 14 from 9am to 12pm on December 21st and 22nd. To register, email Edward.westin@cayman-rugby.com

Stargazing at Pedro St. James

21 December - Join the Cayman Islands Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing at Pedro St. James on Monday, 21 December 2020 from 6:30pm. The two giant planets and their moons will appear right next to each other in the Western sky after sunset. They’ve not appeared so close together for centuries, so this is really special. You’ll easily see both through the telescope at the same time! All are welcomed and the event is free. Check this Facebook event page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/492325571735233>) for the latest updates.

Seniors Gift Distribution & Christmas Caroling

22 & 23 December – The Spot Bay Christmas Homecoming Com-

mittee is having their Seniors Gift Distribution and Christmas Caroling on Tuesday 22 December at the Kirkconnell Community Care Centre and Wednesday 23 December at Spot Bay. Both events start at 5pm. Contact Liz Walton Thompson at 9253924 or lizw.bracmla@candw.ky

Christmas Moonlight & Movies – Camana Bay

22 & 23 December – Enjoy family friendly movies under the stars at the Crescent, Camana Bay this Christmas season from 7pm. to 9pm. The movies are Smallfoot and The Star. Attendance is free.

Christmas Day

25 December – This is a public holiday. Have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas with family and friends! Stay safe.

Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion at St Albans Church of England

25 December - All are invited to attend a Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion which will be held on Sunday, December 25th, at St. Albans Church Of England on Shedden Road at 9:30am. The Right Reverend Dr. PJ Lawrence, Bishop, will be the guest celebrant. All persons are requested to wear masks. Other safety protocols will also be in place.

Lions Club of Cayman Brac - Christmas Day Parade & Gift Giving

25 December – The Lions Club of Cayman Brac is having their Christmas Day parade and gift giving event on Christmas day. For more information contact bracclions@gmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WORC Holiday Office Hours for 2020

Workforce Opportunities & Residency Cayman (WORC) would like to advise the public of their operational hours for the holiday season and announce the 2021 board meeting dates.

WORC will close to the public on Friday, 18 December at 1:00 pm to facilitate a staff event but will resume normal business hours on Monday, 21 December.

For Christmas WORC will close on Thursday, 24 December and 11:30 am and will reopen on Tuesday, 29 December at 9:00 am.

For New Year’s Eve, WORC will close on Thursday, 31 December at 11:30 am and will reopen in the New Year with normal business hours on Monday, 4 January 2021 at 9:00 am.

Customs & Border Control Service (CBC) opening hours

Customs & Border Control Service (CBC) would like to advise the public of the opening hours for the Visa Office and Extension Counters and Enforcement/Asylum and the Collection Counters and Courier Offices.

Visa Office and Extension Counters and Enforcement/Asylum Unit

- Closes on Friday, 18 December at 12:00 p.m. for a staff event
- Closes on Thursday, 24 December at 12:00 p.m.
- Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 & 26 December) and will resume on with normal hours on Tuesday, 29 December at 8:30 a.m.
- Closes on Thursday, 31 December at 12:00 p.m. and will resume on Monday, 4 January 2021 with normal office hours at 8:30 a.m.

Imports and Collection Counters

- Monday, 14 - 21 December 2020 will operate from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

- Closes on Friday, 18 December at 12:00 p.m. for a staff event
- Closes Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 & 26 December) and will resume on with normal hours on Tuesday, 29 December at 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Courier Office

- Closes on Friday, 18 December at 12:00 p.m. for a staff event
- Monday, 14 - 21 December 2020 will operate from 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. but will remained closed on Saturdays until January.
- Closes Christmas Day and Boxing Day (25 & 26 December) and will resume on with normal hours on Tuesday, 29 December at 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- Closes Friday, 1 January 2021 but will open Saturday, 2 January 2021 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and on Monday, 4 January 2021 with normal hours.

Flight Stoppage will Affect Mail to CI

The Cayman Islands Postal Service (CIPS) has been advised that after the flights this week, British Airways (BA) will not have another flight to Grand Cayman until early January 2021. This will affect mail delivery to the Cayman Islands, including possibly Christmas mail.

Since the lock-down, 50% of CIPS inbound mail has been transported by BA. Therefore, the change to the schedule will mean that any Christmas mail that does not arrive this week, will not be received by the Postal Service until the new year.

CIPS apologises for any inconvenience this might cause.

NAU provides support for Districts

The Needs Assessment Unit pilot programme “NAU is in Our District” seeks to improve access to NAU services by persons in district communities. This Friday, 11 November 2020, NAU staff will visit the East End Civic Centre from 9a.m.-2p.m. to support persons

in need of assistance with their NAU application. Then on Friday, 18 December, the NAU team will visit North Side Public Library to assist residents of that district from 10am-1pm. More visits are planned for 2021 and will be announced shortly.

WORC Board Meeting Dates for 2021

Business Staffing Plan Board (BSPB) will have its final meeting for the year on Thursday, 17 December and will resume meetings on Tuesday, 12 January 2021.

Work Permit Board (WPB) had their last meeting on Friday, 11 December

2020 and will resume meetings on Monday, 4 January 2021.

Cayman Status and Permanent Residency Board (CSPR) had their last meeting on 3 December 2020 and will resume meetings on Thursday, 14 January 2021.

Water Authority 2020 Holiday Hours

Water Authority – Cayman wishes to advise its valued customers of the following holiday hours at both its Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac offices:

- **Thursday 24 December 2020**
- Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Cashier will close at 11:30 a.m.
- Office will re-open *Tuesday, 29 December 2020*

- **Thursday 31 December 2020**
- Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Cashiers will close at 11:30 a.m.
- Office will re-open *Monday, 4 January 2021*

The management and staff of the Water Authority wishes its customers and the public a safe and healthy holiday season.

COURT OFFICE CLOSURE

**Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Noon
Emergency Court Only**

**Friday, December 25, 2020
Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 28, 2020
Boxing Day Observed**

**Thursday, December 31, 2020- Noon
New Year’s Eve/Emergency Court Only**

**Friday, January 1, 2021
New Year’s Day**



RCIPS FSU Receives Donation from Rotary Sunrise for DV Training

The Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise is sponsoring officers from the RCIPS Family Support Unit in a diploma level training course in Domestic Abuse & Violence Awareness.

The donation, which will be used to pay tuition for the course, was presented by Rotary Sunrise president Stacy Parke to FSU Inspector Dausea Scott and Detective Constable Patricia Sevik at the Rotary Sunrise weekly morning meeting on Wednesday, 2 December.

"One of our main roles in the Family Support Unit is investigating cases involving domestic violence, and offering support to those affected," said Inspector Scott. "We are grateful to Rotary Sunrise for this donation, which will help our team build upon the tools and training that we already possess, and help us strengthen the service that we provide to persons affected by DV. It is only by working together with organizations like Rotary, and members of our community, that we can truly address issues such as domestic violence."

President Stacy Parke stated, "Our commitment to raising the awareness of, support for persons affected by, and



working on the prevention of, domestic violence in our community, led to this partnership with the RCIPS. The police are usually the first point of contact for reports of domestic violence and therefore strengthening their training and understanding in this area will be beneficial to all concerned. In keeping with Rotary's focus on peace, service and supporting community values, the Community Service Directors felt that this year they needed to do more than a donation to the Cayman Islands Crisis Center (CICC) and by sponsoring the training of these officers, we can take a holistic approach to dealing with this major social issue."

The online training course consists of up to 150 hours of self-study, and is run by the Centre of Excellence and registered with the Complementary Medical Association.

CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

Open to regional primary and secondary school students

Young aspiring artists and those more advanced with the paintbrush or pencil all have an opportunity to show case their talents over the Yuletide Season.

CIBC FirstCaribbean has announced its Caribbean Christmas Art competition for primary and secondary school students resident in territories across its 16-member corporate footprint. Students will be able

to use traditional watercolors or mixed media to render their interpretation of selected topics.

"This year has been an extraordinary one for our region's youth as they have been forced to navigate a whole new approach to learning and living as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that artistic expression can be a vent of sorts for some of this year's challenges," said Mrs. Debra King, Director of Corporate Communications at CIBC FirstCaribbean.

She said the competition which runs from December 15, 2020 to January 15, 2021 would allow the entrants to explore and express their creative talents along two main themes, "Save Your Money - Why Do We Need to Save" for primary school students and "The Bank of the Future", for secondary school students.



► CIBC FirstCaribbean Head Office in Barbados

The primary school entrants will be divided into two categories - 4 -7 and 8 - 11 while those from the secondary schools will be divided into 11 - 14 and 15 - 18 categories. Primary school students can use watercolour, crayon or paint for their entries while secondary students have a choice of digital, mixed media, paint - water colour or acrylic.

Photos of all entries showing clear details of the work of art should be emailed to ChristmasArtCompetition@cibcfcib.com on or before 15th January 2021. The subject line of the email should read - CIBC FirstCaribbean Christmas Art Competition - Name of Country. Entrants should include their full name, age and address in the body of the email.

The winners will be announced in early February and their prizes awarded. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

A Christmas Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Dear Precious Beloved Ones in Heaven - Chadwick Presley Wood, Edgar S. M. Merren, & Valerie Deanna Merren - Precious Memories linger on. Our Redeemer Lives!

Chad, Edgar, & Deanna, have fought the good fight, they have finished their course, and they have kept the faith.



CHAD WOOD
Who's beautiful innocent life was sadly taken away 15 years & 9 mths. ago on 5th March, 2005



EDGAR MERREN
5th May, 2005; 15 years & 7 mths. ago



DEANNA MERREN
24th Feb. 2019; 1 year & 10 mths. ago. Her 2nd Christmas in Heaven

Our Precious Angel Son, Brother & Uncle Chad, and Our Dear Precious Brother, & Uncle Edgar; and Our Precious Beautiful Sister, Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother; Special Cousin, & Wonderful friend - Deanna, Dee, Aunt Deanna, & Our Sweet Smiling Nana, who all lived their lives to the fullest. We feel 'Blessed and Richer' now that they are all together in a much better place with their Lord and Saviour.

Their hearts were BIG, and their LOVE was true. Each one of them wanted the 'Very Best' for all of us and cared about everything we were going through. CHAD, EDGAR, and DEANNA/Dee/Nana, all LOVED us without condition, and WE all LOVED each one of them the same.

May each moment of time you're spending in Heaven this Christmas have a beauty of its own and May the New Year that lies ahead become the happiest you've ever known.

Missing each one of you terribly at Christmas and always. May God bless you and give you a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year in Heaven. Rest in Heavenly Peace Our Guardian Angels.

Always lovingly remembered, sadly missed; forever in our hearts and always on our minds.

Hugs & kisses XOXOXOXO and Lots and Lots of LOVE FOREVER and EVER - CHAD's Loving & Devoted Mommy & Daddy - Aline & Ceibert, Sr.; Brother - Ceibert, Jr., Sister - Gina; Special Nephews - Jace, Chris, & Jaithan; & Sweet Niece - Skai; Special Cousins - Jeremy, Jesse, Carlos, Orrie, Kadie-Joy, Kadie Byrd, Marilyn, Travis, Nikita & Leon; many close & special friends, especially Reagan McLean & Ford Pierson, & his Co-workers.

Edgar's & Deanna's Loving & Devoted Sisters - Aline & Chasteen; Loving Brother - James & all our families; also, Deanna's children, grandchildren & great-granddaughter; Special Cousins in Grand Cayman & the USA; Nieces & Nephews; Special friend - Mrs. Gloria Bodden in Fla.; many other close friends, & their Church Family at the Church of God (Universal).

Sent in by your loving Mommy, & Sister, Mrs. Aline Wood & family. Christmas will never be the same without our dear precious beloved ones, but God is everywhere.

A Tribute in Loving and Blessed Memory of Our Wonderful, Loving and Devoted Grandparents - Mrs. Hettie Bodden, and Capt. Royal B. Bodden, Sr., who left us for their Heavenly Home 47 & 44 years ago, respectively, on 8th Aug. 1973, & 17th Dec. 1976.



Capt. Royal B. Bodden, Sr., MBE, JP Mrs. Hettie Bodden & Capt. Royal
Our Grandparents were part of who we are and all the things we know, Their principles and values continue to guide us wherever we go. Grandparents teach, guard, and love, and help us to see. They both lifted us up and cheered us on to be all that we could be, and 'words could never quite express the love and praise they've earned'.

It took 'Special parents and grandparents' like both of you to be the Very Best in every single way, and that's why after all these many years Since you were both called to your glory; and, now at Christmas-time This comes to both of you with all our love and a 'World of Thanks' For all the many things you each did for all of your grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and other family Members who all continue to love and remember and miss you both.

MERRY CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN, Grandmother-Hettie & Papa.

FOREVER in our hearts and greatly missed always. Rest in Peace Our Guardian Angels.

From all your loving Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, Great-great-grandchildren and other family members in Grand Cayman, the USA, & UK. Sent in by your loving granddaughter, Mrs. Aline Wood.



A Tribute in Loving and Blessed Memory of Our Dear Precious Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother - Mrs. Valerie Merren, who Left us for her Heavenly Home on 4th December, 1997, 23 sad years ago.



Mama/Grandma Valerie

Until memory fades and life departs, Our Precious Mother & Grandmother, You will live forever in our hearts. We have had many a lonely heartache and We shed many silent tears, but always so many 'Beautiful Memories' of the One we LOVED so dear.

For each one of us you did your best,
Your LOVE was so great, and your heart was so kind,
A BETTER MOTHER and Grandmother, no one could ever find!

This time of year as the lights go up, and the Christmas Carols start playing, Many precious memories continue to flow, and so many warm feelings from good times spent with you and other dear beloved family members who we shared so much joy and laughter with, and we were so blessed to be together.

Mama, you always loved Christmas; writing up Christmas cards and wrapping Special gifts for each one of us - which always brought you so much joy, and which we still miss!!!! We miss you greatly at Christmas and always.

Have a Merry Christmas in Heaven and a Happy New Year too, together with Our Blessed Saviour, God's Angels, and other dear beloved family members.

Fondly and lovingly remembered and greatly missed each and every day. We will forever hold you in our hearts and continue to have you on our minds.

LOVE FOREVER & always. Your loving and devoted children - Chasteen Bodden, Aline Wood, James Merren & all our families; Special Granddaughter - Marilyn Phillips & children - Travis & Nikita. REST IN HEAVENLY PEACE, Mama. Sent in by your Loving and devoted daughter, Mrs. Aline Wood, & Son-in-Law, Ceibert Wood, Sr., & our children - Ceibert, Jr., & Gina, & Our Precious Angel son and brother, "Chad" - in Heaven with you and other dear beloved ones. X O X O X O X Rest in Peace until we meet again.

Cayman Prep secure third title in a row

The 2020 CUC Primary Football League (PFL) and the Girls' Primary Football League (GPFL) concluded this past Saturday, December 12 with the CUC PFL Champions Cup and Consolation Cup finals and third-place games and the final round of regular season games in the GPFL.

Cayman Prep yet again rose to the top and stamped their dominance on this year's season emerging from the finals with the boys Under 11 league championship and Under 9 league runners-up honours. On the ladies' side, Cayman Prep Blue took home the GPFL league title.

CUC GPFL Under 11 League:

Cayman Prep Blue defeated their Cayman Prep Red companions 4-0 (respect rule enforced) to claim the 2020 CUC GPFL Under 11 League Championship. Cayman International School finished second after beating Triple C 4-0 and St. Ignatius Catholic secured third-place in the league with a 4-0 victory over Prospect Primary. Other scores were George Town Primary 1 vs. Sir John A. Cumber Primary 1 and Savannah Primary 0 vs. Theoline L. McCoy Primary 0.

CUC PFL Under 9 Consolation Cup:

George Town Primary's parents created the most noise of the day after their Under 9 boys secured the Under 9 Consolation Cup following a thrilling 1-0 victory over Theoline L. McCoy Primary.



► Action from the 2020 CUC PFL Under 11 Champions Cup final between Cayman International School (white) and Cayman Prep 11A. Cayman Prep 11A won the final 2-0

CUC PFL Under 9 Champions Cup:

Cayman International School (CIS) came from behind to win the Under 9 Champions Cup against their private school rivals Cayman Prep 9A. Harry Heinicke opened the scoring for Cayman Prep 9A but Luke Kerr equalised for CIS just before half-time and Ben Lyne secured the win late in the second half.

Although on the losing end of this thrilling final, Cayman Prep 9As stand-out defender Kupakwashe 'KP' Mutomba was awarded The Gerome Graham Most Valuable Player Award for his voracious defending and excellent play in the final.

Savannah Primary grabbed third-place in the Under 9 Champions Cup following a narrow 2-1 penalty shoot-out win over St. Ignatius Catholic. Both

schools could not find the net in regulation or extra time and had to rely on penalties to settle this entertaining contest.

CUC PFL Under 11 Consolation Cup:

Savannah Primary's older boys secured their school's second cup of the day with a 2-1 win over Truth For Youth in the Under 11 Consolation Cup final. Thomas Wood and Ibra Joven scored for Savannah Primary while John-Mark Thomas pulled one back for Truth For Youth late in the game to create a few tense moments for the eventual champions.

CUC PFL Under 11 Champions Cup:

Two-time defending Under 11 Champions Cup champions Cayman Prep 11A

claimed their third Under 11 league title in a row beating CIS 2-0 in a very entertaining encounter. Oscar Gladstone-Brady's double secured the title for his school and earned him The Justin Henry Most Valuable Player Award for his outstanding performance in the final.

Cayman Youth Football Leagues (CYFL), organisers of the CUC PFL and GPFL, thank sponsors CUC for their 15 years of sponsoring these very important developmental school leagues and Progressive Distributors for their continuing sponsorship of Gatorade for the participating schools.

Special thanks also to the youth officials and the coordinators of the youth officials for their commitment to ensuring all regular season and playoff games have someone in the 'middle' to call the games.

Advertise with us

Advertise here. We get 10,000 plus readers each week from across the island.

All ads in full colour. Save 30% with our low advertising rates. Email sales@caymaniantimes.ky or call 916 2000

THE CAYMAN ISLANDS NATIONAL DANCE COMPANY PRESENTS

Retrospective

A journey through dance. Honouring the past. Celebrating the future.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19TH 7:00 PM HARQUAIL THEATRE

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:

TICKETS: \$25 Adults, \$15 Children under \$15. AVAILABLE AT: Radiance Dance Studio, Audiophile, Bang & Olufsen or Call 926-1826

US HITS GRIM COVID-19 MILESTONE

By Michael L Jarvis, London UK

The United States reached a grim milestone on Monday December 14th when it was confirmed that it had crossed the 300,000 mark for the number of people who had died due to COVID-19.

Inasmuch as it was a sad moment to mourn the lives lost, it was but a fleeting moment as the death rate in the US from the coronavirus pandemic continues to spiral.

The US is now leading the world with the most deaths and cases of COVID-19.

The news that the Food and Drug Administration(FDA) has now given emergency approval for the Pfizer/BioNTech coronavirus vaccine as welcome as it was, could not eclipse the heartache felt by relatives, their community and country over the lives lost due to the rampaging virus.

A nationwide inoculation campaign started this week with an ICU (intensive care unit) nurse becoming the first person to be vaccinated in a massive endeavour to halt the spread of the virus in the country.

Healthcare workers and nursing home residents are in the top priority for getting the vaccine.

FDA approval of another vaccine developed by the company Moderna was expected this week.

Just last week, daily COVID-19 in the US exceeded 3,000 for the second time since the pandemic started.

That was linked to the recent Thanksgiving holiday travel and there are mounting concerns that there could be another spike over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The US is presently struggling with a second wave of the outbreak.

Already, modelling of how the virus could further spread is projecting that the death rate could possibly double to between half a million people and 600,000 fatalities by summer next year unless drastic measures are introduced.

The COVID-19 pandemic in the United States has become ensnared in the politics of the country's presidential election.



President-elect Joe Biden was expected to take a more decisive stance on the issue than the incumbent Donald Trump.

Hospitals in the US are being flooded with COVID-19 patients putting the US healthcare system under extreme strain and at risk of being overwhelmed.

Meanwhile, in the UK also experiencing a resurgence of the virus, several areas of London and the south-east of the country have been placed in the top level of a new three-tier system of restrictions.

The number of confirmed cases, hospitalisations and deaths are also spiralling again leading into the Christmas holidays.

The UK government and health authorities are becoming increasingly concerned about the alarming rise in cases across all age groups and the further pressure this could put on its already stretched National Health Service(NHS).

It is believed that the spike in the number of cases is linked to a mutation of the current virus.

The government says the new strain of the COVID-19 is being analysed but that it is "highly unlikely" that it will be resistant to the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine.

The UK was the first country in the world to approve the vaccine and started a nationwide inoculation campaign last week.

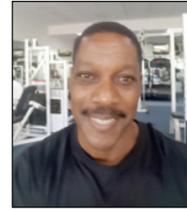
Cayman is in line to be one of the first Overseas Territories to receive shipments of the vaccine from the UK.

The first shipment is expected to arrive here by next month when the jurisdiction will start its own voluntary COVID-19 immunisation campaign.

Do you want these?

Since most people use the holidays as an excuse to not exercise, I'm here to remind you of two incredible benefits that exercise gives you.

Even in December. Especially in December!



Ernest Ebanks

It's important to be confident in who you are, no matter your size or shape. But make no mistake about it - regular exercise WILL boost your confidence and you WILL feel happier. This is from the magical combination of feel-good hormones that come from the physical

Benefit #1: Better Health

People who exercise regularly are healthier and live longer.

Not only does exercise help you achieve and maintain a healthy weight, it also helps lower bad cholesterol, triglycerides, and blood pressure, while improving the amount of good cholesterol in your body. Additionally, exercise strengthens your bones and muscles, lowers your risk of cancer, decreases stress, helps you battle depression, and even improves your sex life.

Benefit #2: Confidence

People who exercise regularly are more confident and live happier.

and mental accomplishment of a great workout.

So, if you would like to be healthier and more confident and if you'd like to live longer and happier then get moving! Exercise even though it's the holiday season. Exercise so that you'll live to enjoy more holiday seasons to come!

Want help? I'd love to support you in creating a healthier life for yourself and your family. Call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today and I'll let you know how simple it is to get started!

STAYING HEALTHY THROUGH THE SEASON

Christmas is notoriously a time to indulge, but make every effort to ensure you do not use this as the green light to over-indulge. Make sure you enjoy what you eat but keep an eye on life after the season. More specifically you want to keep a keen eye on your waistline. Remember the old adage, "easy to come on, hard to come off." Here are some pointers to assist you.

DO NOT SIT ALL DAY - Get moving. Every Christmas special under the sun will be showing. But do not get yourself planked to the television. Take a 20 minute walk, especially after dinner to aid digestion. While you are it take along any gifts like the bicycle, Frisbee, scooter or soccer balls. The more you move the healthier you become.

AVOID THE CHRISTMAS STUFFING - Do not over stuff yourself. A recent study showed that we consume 3,000 calories in our Christmas dinner, which is way above the recommended value.

This huge feast contributes to weight gain, indigestion and heartburn.

ENGAGE YOUR BRAIN - Do not sit around the television all the time. Keep your mind active by playing Trivial Pursuit or charades or any other game with family that will call your brain into action.

BE A CAREFUL COOK - Studies have shown that Christmas time is when a great deal of food poisoning occurs. So, the rule of thumb is do not leave food out all day. Put out small amounts at a time. What is on the table should just be out of the fridge or just finished cooking. Left overs should be used within 48 hours or just freeze them.

EAT FRUIT - Honestly speaking the average person at Christmas eats no more fruits than the satsuma in the stocking. Ensure that you get your recommended daily value of fruits and veggies.

Enjoy the season but be mindful of your health.

Water Authority - Cayman

Season's Greetings!

The Water Authority-Cayman Board, management and staff wish you and yours a safe and healthy holiday season and extend best wishes for the New Year!

Thursday, 24 December 2020
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cashiers will close at 11:30 a.m.
Office will re-open Tuesday, 29 December 2020

Thursday, 31 December 2020
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Cashier will close at 11:30 a.m.
Office will re-open Monday, 4 January 2021

For emergency assistance outside of office hours, please contact 946-HELP (4357)

CUC's Christmas Closures

On **Thursday, December 24**, our Customer Service Centre at our Administrative Offices on North Sound Road will close at **noon** for Christmas. This office will reopen for business on **Tuesday, December 29 at 8:30 a.m.**

Gift Certificates from CUC that can be used towards paying electricity bills are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 and \$100 from our Customer Service Centre.

Visit www.cuc-cayman.com for a complete list of our online bill payment options. Bill payments can be made at our payment locations across Grand Cayman during their respective holiday hours.

Warmest wishes for a blessed Christmas!

CUC
You've got the power

Contact 911 in the event of an electrical emergency

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
83° / 77°	83° / 77°	83° / 77°	83° / 77°	81° / 79°	80° / 79°	81° / 78°
Breezy with a passing shower	Lots of sun; breezy, pleasant	Breezy in the morning	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



BEST DIVIDENDS LUKE - 12:21



These days it is very difficult to find and acquire a secure investment. Daily, billions of dollars are

traded by those requiring the biggest bang for their bucks, and at the same time want security. In reality there's nothing like a safe high-end option on this side of reality. I learnt this the hard way recently with an investment.

In today's lesson the Rich young ruler met this reality. His portfolio was based on his abilities and continually made flawed plans. Christ stressed that true riches- safe investments with eternal, high yields can only be found to the priorities of His Kingdom. "Seek first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness is true today more than ever."

The only true option, true investment that yields eternal rewards is your trust in Christ Jesus. That's for sure. 🙏

Cayman Mourns John Jefferson Sr.

... Continued story from page 1

tor, and chef, and was influential into building the Cayman Islands, both materially and spiritually. Some years ago I was blessed to be able to interview John Jefferson (also known as "Pastor John," "Chef John," but mainly as "Brother John") at his home in West Bay. He had many wonderful stories to tell about his life, and the changes he had not only seen but helped make happen.

At the age of 15 Mr. Jefferson went to Swan Island, a small sparsely populated island situated about 185 miles Southwest of Grand Cayman, where he helped his father, George Jefferson who was one of the caretakers there.

"When I got a job working in the kitchen. Then I'd go out in the evening and pen up 12 to 15 cows so that, the next morning, there'd a good supply of fresh milk," he said.

A little later on, Mr. Jefferson's duties were also extended to helping provide janitorial services to the US weather station there.

After Mr. Jefferson came to the end of his one-year tour, he joined his grandfather, Mr. Montgomery Ebanks in going to one of the Miskito Cays off the Nicaraguan coast, to catch turtles. Mr. Jefferson's grandfather had a great influence on him: "He was always very considerate and kind to his family," Mr. Jefferson remembered.

When he got home, there was a letter from an official at the US

weather bureau, asking that Mr. Jefferson go out to Swan Island. "Within a matter of about 3 weeks I was out there again," Mr. Jefferson said.

This time, Mr. Jefferson worked with the chef who cooked the food for the small contingent of US personnel who worked there.

The caretaker, Captain Donald Glidden, had a pretty daughter, Norma Marilyn, and Mr. Jefferson soon fell in love with her, and soon they were married.

Mr. Jefferson was by this time a Chef in his own right, as he set up his own home and started his family. They had five children: Norma, John, Sarah, Paul, and George.

At the same time, Mr. Jefferson began taking up the calling to be a church minister he had felt on his life (since becoming a Christian at the age of 13) as he and his wife served the little community by working in the Pilgrim Holiness Church on the island.

Brother John remembers that in the early 1960's, in the early years of Fidel Castro's regime, the US military was making preparations for their attack at the Bay of Pigs.

The first stage was to use Swan Island as a site for a powerful radio station that transmitted propaganda messages mixed across Cuba.

It was around this time too that Honduras, which had filed a claim on Swan Island in the international courts, decided they would send a delegation from a naval ship there to establish their ownership. The group from the U.S asked Brother

John to go out to the ship in Captain Donald Glidden's boat to meet the Hondurans and bring them ashore.

When Brother John saw the military men getting into his boat all with guns at their sides, he felt it was time to stand up to them:

"I said, 'Captain, I've got my wife and children here and there are other people; and nobody carries guns on this island and unless these people take their guns off I am not going to take them ashore,' so they took all their guns off," he recalled.

When Brother John finally left Swan Island with his family in the 1960's Brother John got a position as Executive Chef at Galleon Beach Hotel. In 1968 he ran for government as one of West Bay's three representatives. He was elected for a second term, too, and was instrumental making some of the most significant changes to help modernize the Cayman Islands.

"In 1973 Britain introduced the Land Development Law which was very controversial because people are careful about change," Mr. Jefferson said.

Back in the days before that law, nobody had a clear title to property, which deterred people from developing land, Mr. Jefferson explained.

"As a member of the Wesleyan church I saw the need for a Christian school in West Bay, and I made a presentation to my church in February 1977," he said.

That presentation was successful, and Mr. Jefferson raised over 100,000 dollars for building the Wesleyan Christian Academy.

In 1991 Mr. Jefferson wanted to establish a church in George Town, something that had been talked about for around 25 years.

Mr. Jefferson kept his interest in cooking alive with his business, Chef John Barbeque and Catering Service, and could be found cooking tasty barbequed chicken at the public beach in West Bay.

Mr. Jefferson wasn't worried about dying, he told me. "I've told my church a number of times now that when I was a young man I wondered what it would be like when you get up into the sunset years; but I said to them, 'Its beautiful up here. I have never sensed more of God's presence than I do today.'" 🙏

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Paul Andrew Wright, who passed away on Friday, Nov. 27, 2020. A viewing will be held at Churchill's Funeral Home, 328 Eastern Avenue, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The late Paul Andrew Wright will be repatriated to Kingston Jamaica for burial.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Noel Oliver Warner, who passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 01, 2020. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Power of Faith Deliverance Ministry, 100 Greenwood Drive, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Prospect Cemetery.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Alvin M. Barnes
January 11, 1953 – November 28, 2020

A service of Thanksgiving will be held 2:00 p.m. at Church of God (Universal) Sunday, December 20, 2020.

Viewing will be from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow in Prospect Cemetery.



Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The family of the late **Claude Launce Ebanks** Affectionately known as "Spoon" regret to announce his passing on 7 December 2020.

A celebration of his life will be held 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 19 December 2020 at Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church. Viewing will be from 9:00 a.m. prior to the service

Interment will follow in Boatswain Bay Cemetery.



Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The family of the late **Rev. John D. Jefferson** regret to announce his passing on 12 December 2020.

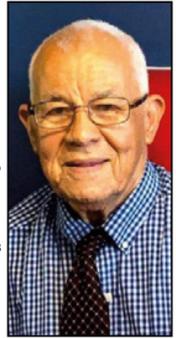
A celebration of his life will be held 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, 19 December 2020 at Wesleyan Holiness Church, West Bay.

Rev. Jefferson will lie in state from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Friday at the House of Parliament. A procession through West Bay will take place immediately after.

Following the procession, community members are invited to express their condolences until 6:00 p.m. at Wesleyan Holiness Church, Windsor Park.

Interment will follow in West Bay Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The family of the late **Melanie Kathryn Scott** regret to announce her passing on 9 December 2020.

A celebration of her life will be held at Stake Bay Baptist Church in Cayman Brac on Sunday, 20 December, 2020 at 1:00 p. m.

Interment will follow in Stake Bay Cemetery

Donations can be made to Mason's College Fund. For more information contact Estelle Stilling at 925-6584.



Condolences can be registered at boddenfuneralservice.com & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page

Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

For a complete update of Local News, Notices and Events, log on to www.ctimes.ky

The only website that allows you to download your daily news and upload your advertisements

AJ and Fury have already traded blows

Anthony Joshua and Tyson Fury are negotiating for a \$200 million big fight, but facing each other in the ring has already happened.

For while Joshua's win over Kubrat Pulev on Saturday intensified calls for him to face Fury in 2021, the pair actually tussled in 2010.

Fury was 22 at the time, a novice pro fighter looking for some top level sparring. He told BBC Radio at the time: "I just went down to Finchley Boxing Club and sparred the ABA champion Anthony Joshua. He's red hot him, very good."

"To be honest with you I thought 'I'll only take it easy because he's only an amateur and he probably won't spar me again if I go mad'.

"He rushed out at me, he threw a one-two and left hook and bash, he hit me with an uppercut right on the point of the chin.

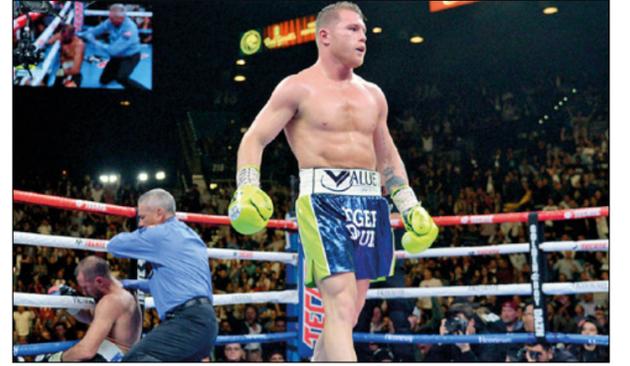


► Tyson Fury is taunting Joshua

"If I'd had a weak chin like David Price I'd have been knocked out for a month. He's very, very, very good and he's only young. Watch out for that name, Anthony Joshua, he is one prospect for the future.

"I'm a good prospect, I rate myself as one of the top heavyweights in the world and he came at me for three rounds and he gave me a beating. I am not going to deny it. He gave what for, hell for leather. I thought an amateur is killing me.

"I slowed him down with a few good body shots. The kid is only 20. I'm a handful myself, so for him to put up a good performance like that against a top prospect in me, I think he's one for the future.



► Canelo Alvarez expects a tough fight against Smith

But sparring isn't fighting and fighting with a head guard is not professional boxing."

Sparring is indeed very different to the kind of pressure and occasion the pair will face. Their promoters have already raised the prospect of a May contest - possibly in the Middle East - but there are a number of issues to resolve first ranging from bypassing other potential opponents to securing a suitable venue during the Covid-19 pandemic.

There's a WBO problem and Joshua being mandated to fight Oleksandr Usyk. Then there's the Deontay Wilder third fight for Fury. Wilder invoked that clause and they were meant to fight for a third time last July.

Meanwhile, Canelo Alvarez returns to the ring for the first time in over a year to fight Callum Smith in Texas on Saturday.

The Mexican is one of the greatest pound-for-pound boxers in boxing history, as well as one of sport's biggest stars.

Canelo currently holds the WBA (super) middleweight title as well as the 'The Ring' middleweight belt. He has only lost once in his professional career, back in 2013 to an undefeated Floyd 'Money' Mayweather via split decision that went to the American.

Now, Alvarez faces gritty Brit Callum Smith, who is undefeated. With 27 professional wins - 19 coming from KO - this is set up for a great super-middleweight clash.

Supposedly Alvarez's toughest test yet, he is defending his crown against Smith, who's considered one of the best at 168lbs. Canelo will defend his WBA and Ring Magazine titles, as well as the two battling for the vacant WBC super-middleweight belt. 🌐



► Anthony Joshua boxed superbly against Pulev

Durant relief after long lay off

Kevin Durant made a welcome return for the Brooklyn Nets on Sunday, having been out for a year injured.

The two-time NBA champion and 10-time All-Star finished five of 12 shooting from the field with 15 points, three rebounds and three assists in 24 minutes as the Nets beat the Washington Wizards 119-114 in their pre-season opener.

It marked the 32-year-old power forward's first game back since injuring his Achilles tendon with the Golden State Warriors in Game 5 of the 2019 NBA Finals against the Toronto Raptors.

"I was anxious, nervous," he said post-game. "I visualised this moment for so long, you know? Nine, 10 months just thinking about how it would be this next phase of my career. So, I felt like I was just chomping at the bit.

"Especially once Covid hit, I was just so frustrated because I didn't see an end. I mean, I didn't see the future, where the season was going to start in the future, so I was just so, I was going through it. So to go through this felt



► Kevin Durant was frustrated after a year out

solid, and I've just got to keep building on it."

Durant has career regular-season averages of 27 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.1 assists per game, and was one of the league's most potent forces prior to his injury.

"I don't think I played great," added Durant. "I felt like I had some solid moments, but for the most part, just getting my feet wet. Playing against somebody like (Rui) Hachimura, I took that charge early and I'm definitely feeling it right now.

"So it's good to get back in the flow of things and definitely give me some confidence." 🌐

Hamilton grateful just 'to be alive'

Lewis Hamilton said he was "happy to be alive" after recovering from coronavirus to finish the Formula 1 season with a third place.

The seven times world champion missed the penultimate race in Bahrain after contracting COVID-19 but recovered in time to race in Abu Dhabi. Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the season finale, with Hamilton's team-mate Valtteri Bottas in second place.

Hamilton said after the race: "I am destroyed. I do not feel good. But I'm happy and grateful I am alive. I live to fight another day and I still managed to finish with a podium."

The 35-year-old Mercedes driver tested positive for the virus a day after winning the Bahrain Grand Prix last month, was forced to skip the Sakhir GP at the same track a week later, and spent 10 days in isolation before a negative test on Wednesday freed him to travel to Abu Dhabi.

"Covid is no joke," he said. "I never thought it was. I knew at some stage



► Lewis Hamilton takes coronavirus even more seriously after catching it

if I got it, it would be tough because there are people out there losing their lives. So I knew it was serious.

"I always find it very strange to see world leaders laughing it off like it is nothing. To be able to come back here this weekend, I knew I wouldn't physically be where I have been the rest of the season but I made it. Where there is a will, there is a way."

Although he is not feeling well, Hamilton said he was determined to return for Abu Dhabi as long as he tested negative in time. 🌐

Liverpool get easier draw than Chelsea

Liverpool will face last season's semi-finalists RB Leipzig in the last 16 of the Champions League, while Chelsea come up against Atletico Madrid.

Manchester City will face Borussia Monchengladbach, who are in the last 16 for the first time since 1978.

Holders Bayern Munich face Italian side Lazio, who are in the knockout stage for the first time in 20 years.

Barcelona face Paris St-Germain in the tie of the round, a repeat of their 2017 classic. On that occasion the French side won 4-0 in the first leg but Barcelona completed a stunning 6-1 home win to advance.

PSG forward Neymar, injured against Lyon on Sunday, scored twice for Barcelona in the last two minutes of that dramatic comeback. The Brazilian recently said he wants Barca great Lionel Messi to join him in Paris next season.

The first legs will be spread across two midweeks, taking place on 16, 17, 23 and 24 February, with the second legs on 9, 10, 16 and 17 March.

Bayern - who beat PSG in last season's final - are favourites with the bookmakers to retain their title.

Chelsea face arguably the toughest test of England's Champions League contenders. Atletico Madrid, who beat Chelsea in the 2014 semi-final, have been in fine form in La Liga and saw off holders Liverpool at the same stage last season. They have also been strengthened by the signing of veteran striker Luis Suarez, who has been revitalised since arriving from Barcelona.

RB Leipzig, who qualified for the knockout phase by beating Manchester United, collapsed to a 5-0 group stage



► Liverpool want to regain the Champions League crown

defeat at Old Trafford, which is encouraging for Liverpool, who won the Champions League in 2019.

It will be an intriguing match-up between Jurgen Klopp and 33-year-old fellow German Julian Nagelsmann, regarded as Europe's finest young coach.

City and Pep Guardiola will also be in opposition to another well-regarded coach in Borussia Monchengladbach's Marco Rose.

He took them through a tough group, which included Real Madrid and Inter Milan, and is being heavily linked with a move to Borussia Dortmund next season following the sacking of Lucien Favre.

Rose is an advocate of front-foot attacking football and while City will be favourites, the Bundesliga side cannot be taken lightly.

Champions League last-16 draw

- Borussia Monchengladbach v Manchester City
- Lazio v Bayern Munich
- Atletico Madrid v Chelsea
- RB Leipzig v Liverpool
- Porto v Juventus
- Barcelona v Paris St-Germain
- Sevilla v Borussia Dortmund
- Atalanta v Real Madrid 🌐

West Indies tour Bangladesh next

West Indies have agreed "in principle" to a tour of Bangladesh in January and February to play three one-day internationals and two Tests.

The approval was made after recommendations from Cricket West Indies' medical advisory committee, who inspected the COVID-19 protocols in place at venues in Dhaka and Chittagong.

West Indies are scheduled to arrive in Dhaka on Jan. 10 where they will go into quarantine. The ODI series is to be played from Jan. 20 followed by the Test series on Feb. 3.

West Indies hope their Test fortunes will improve in the new year. New Zealand took a little over an hour to wrap up a comprehensive innings and 12 runs victory in the second Test against West Indies on the fourth day at the Basin Reserve on Monday to seal a 2-0 series



► West Indies hope their Test results will improve in Bangladesh

sweep. New Zealand also won the first Test in Hamilton by an innings and 134 runs.

The victory put New Zealand level with Australia on 116 points at the top of the International Cricket Council Test rankings and they moved to third in the table for the World Test Championship final at Lord's next year. 🌐

CROSSWORD

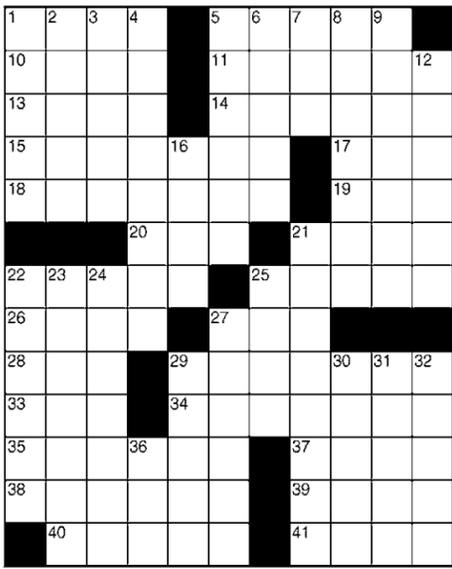
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 38 Manhole
 - 1 Herring's setting cousin
 - 5 Church fixture
 - 10 Circle dance
 - 11 Farm machine
 - 13 Prayer ender
 - 14 Tex-Mex treat
 - 15 Inhabitant
 - 17 Spying org.
 - 18 Pencil ends
 - 19 "2001" computer
 - 20 "You there!"
 - 21 Flexed
 - 22 You're reading them
 - 25 Delicious
 - 26 Painter Holbein
 - 27 Egg layer
 - 28 Thurman of film
 - 29 Some bigots
 - 33 Fresh
 - 34 Refueling break
 - 35 Scoundrels
 - 37 Aspiration
- DOWN**
- 1 Window cover
 - 2 Ballpark feat
 - 3 Sports spot
 - 4 Breakfast pastries
 - 5 Blood line
 - 6 Inclines
 - 7 Scot's cap
 - 8 Western Indians
 - 9 Dependent
 - 12 Investment choice
 - 16 Last letters
 - 21 Sends away
 - 22 Big pieces
 - 23 Bemoans
 - 24 Oblivious
 - 25 Printed matter
 - 27 Bank jobs
 - 29 Velocity
 - 30 Mall business
 - 31 Subject
 - 32 Wasn't thrifty
 - 36 Neckline shape



Saturday's answer

- 7 Scot's cap
- 8 Western Indians
- 9 Dependent
- 12 Investment choice
- 16 Last letters
- 21 Sends away
- 22 Big pieces
- 23 Bemoans
- 24 Oblivious
- 25 Printed matter
- 27 Bank jobs
- 29 Velocity
- 30 Mall business
- 31 Subject
- 32 Wasn't thrifty
- 36 Neckline shape



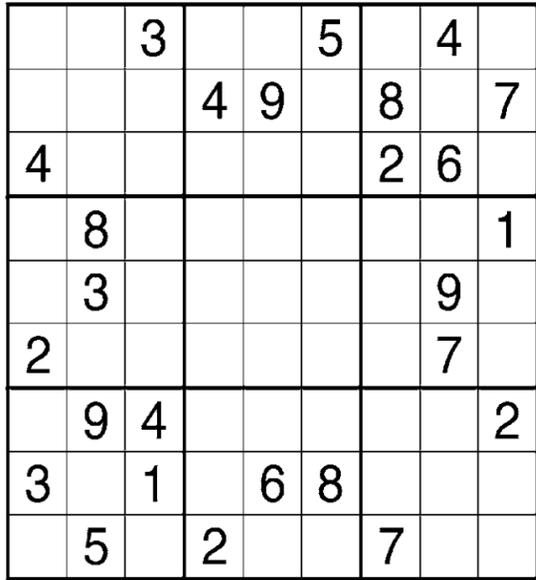
3-2

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 Concepts Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

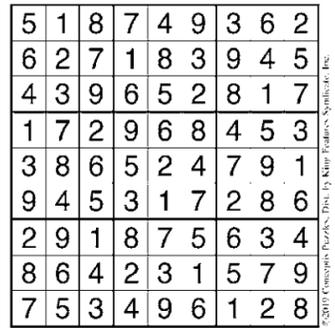
By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

3/07

Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty Level ★★★

©2019 Concepts Puzzles, Dist. by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

Word Search



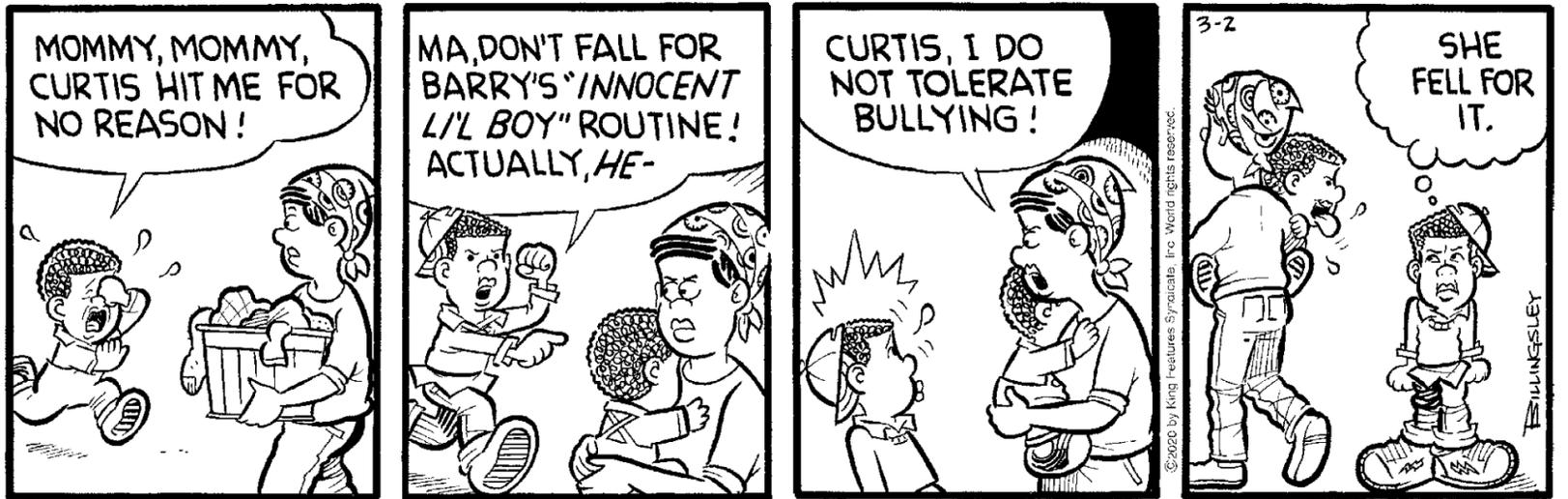
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, back, up, down and diagonally.

- Aisle
- Album
- Bells
- Best man
- Blossom
- Bouquet
- Cake
- Cards
- Ceremony
- Church
- Confetti
- Family
- Friends
- Gifts
- Gown
- Groom
- Guests
- Honeymoon
- Hymn
- Limo
- Parents
- Photos
- Reception
- Ring
- Usher
- Veil
- Vows



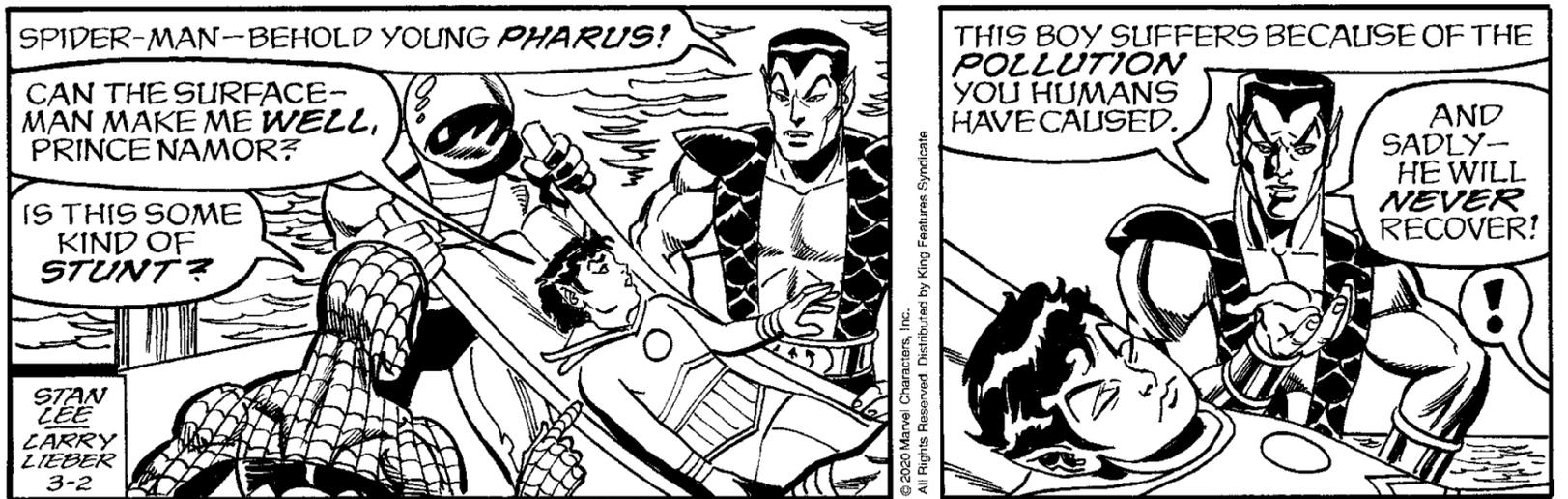
CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley



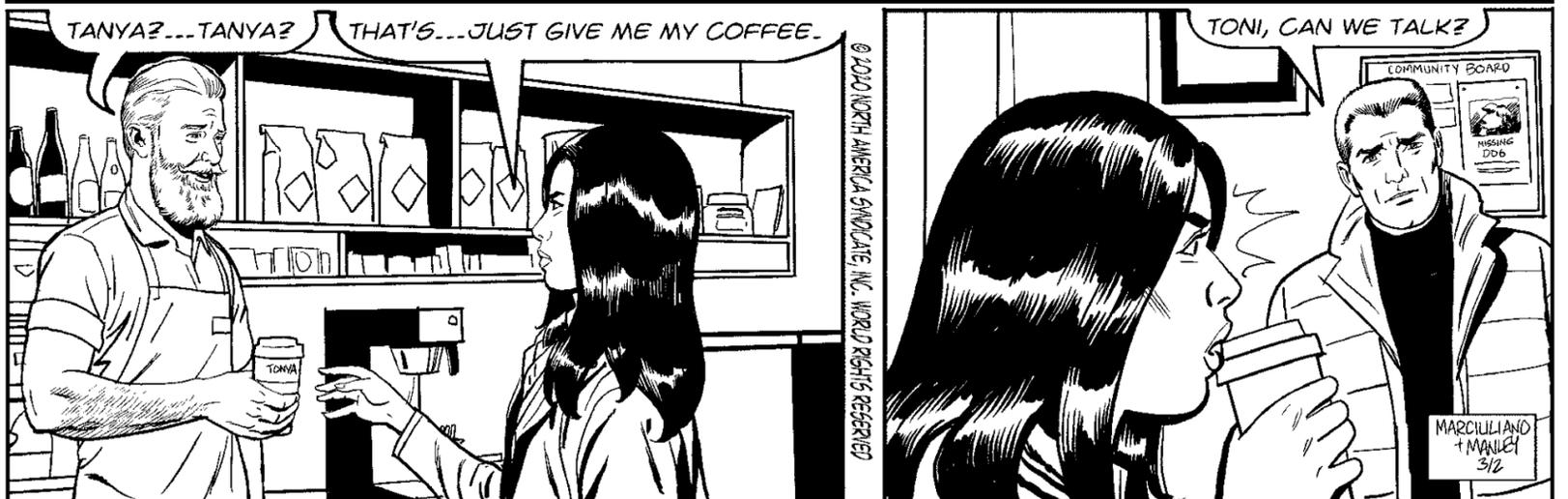
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee



JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley



Caymanian Times



Sign up for **DAILY EMAIL NEWS ALERTS**



Are you distracted by frequent news alerts during the day?

Wake up to your top news stories when you subscribe for our **FREE Daily Email News Alerts**

Start your day with links to all top news stories sent to your InBox at 6am

WIN \$500 FOR CHRISTMAS

if you Sign up at

WWW.CTIMES.KY

before December 21

Just click to subscribe for FREE