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Governor issues new Writs ahead of Election



Following the decision to bring forward the date of the General Election to Wednesday, 14 April 2021, His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper yesterday (Monday, 15 February 2021) issued updated writs to the Returning Officers and Deputy Returning Officers.

“Despite the earlier than expected election this year, I have full confidence that the Returning Officers, Deputy Returning Officers as well as the team at the Elections Office will have all the necessary measures and training in place to hold a free and fair election on Wednesday, 14 April. The Cayman Islands has a long history of upholding international best practices for elections and this year will be no different,” said Mr. Roper.

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► Governor Issues New Writs Ahead of April's General Election

Honouring Women Month 2021 Ahead



► Last year's International Women's Day Brunch at the Kimpton Seafire attracted many attendees (Photo by Elphina Jones)

The Department of Counselling Service's (DCS) Family Resource Centre (FRC) looks forward to sharing a host of participant-focused events to celebrate Honouring Women Month (HWM) this March.

This year's theme asks members of the community to #ChoosetoChallenge regardless of gender or age.

“HWM 2021's theme, adopted from the one chosen for International Women's Day (IWD), asks us to challenge ourselves because a challenged world is an alert world. We can all choose to call out gender bias and inequality. It reflects the times we are living in, where the need for critical thinking and to challenge negative behaviours as they relate to gender dynamics have

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- 4 consider getting **vaccinated** when eligible

COMMUNITY EVENTS

St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights

19 February – The popular St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights are back for this Lenten season starting on 19 February from 5:00-8:00 pm in the School Canteen. Serving Snapper or Mahi-Mahi with fries or rice, cole slaw, grilled onions and festival. Free desserts! Dine in or carry out!



Cayman Brac CIFA U8 Football Festival

20 February – All are welcomed to the Cayman Brac Sports Club for the CIFA U8 Football Festival starting at 9:30am.

Pink Ladies Fashion Show

20 February - Join the Pink Ladies for their fashion show and sale of gently used clothing at Cayman Turtle Centre from 3 to 6pm. Tickets are C\$75 and include bubbly and hors d'oeuvres. There will also be a \$5 wine and cocktails bar and many raffle prizes up for grabs! All proceeds go to benefit the NCVO Foster Home. For more information, visit the FaceBook page or email fashionshowky@yahoo.com

Community Thatch Plaiting Class

24 February – Come to the Heritage House in Cayman Brac for another Community Thatch Plaiting Class. This session goes from 6 to 8pm and the cost is \$10. Email bracaumnfestival@gmail.com or call 917.7718 for more information.

Dress for Culture Day



26 February - Dress for Culture Day is now in its ninth year. This annual 'dress up, dress down' fundraiser celebrates Cayman's multi-

cultural community which is comprised of over 100 nationalities. Schools, businesses and individuals across the Cayman Islands are encouraged to creatively display their homeland pride and cultural attire on that day for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per student. Monies raised go toward CNCF's cultural heritage preservation programmes. Visit arts cayman.org.

Kids Night out at the Pavilion

26 February – Bring the kids (ages 6 – 12yrs.) for a fun-filled night with their friends for games, activities, sweet candy treats and a movie on the lawn from 6-10pm. Cost is \$15 and includes 1 food ticket, 1 drink ticket and a popcorn treat. Space is limited so the deadline to register is February 23. For more information, Call 917 – 2008 or email 345agriculture@gmail.com.

Market at the Pavilion

27 February – It's Market Day at the Pavilion! Calling buyers and sellers! Grab a bargain or reserve a space at Market at the Pavilion from 8am to 3pm. If you're buying, entrance fee is only \$2 and kids under 13 are free. Are you planning to sell? Call 917 – 2008 or email 345agriculture@gmail.com about renting a space.

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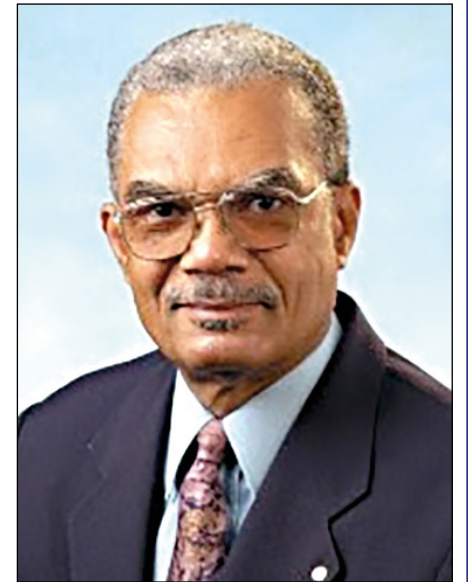
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EDITORIAL

OUT OF CRISIS COMES OPPORTUNITY

By Basil Springer



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

"We know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28

My parents were born in 1914 at the beginning of the first World War. My father sojourned to surpass three score and 21 years, and my mother was in her 99th year when she passed away. My sister and I were born during World War II.

World War I was followed immediately by the most severe pandemic in recent history (the Spanish Flu), then there was the Great Depression of the 1930s, which was the worst economic downturn in the history of the industrialized world, and then came World War II in 1939. Our Barbados-based parents did not escape the wrath of the devastation of these global events and survived through unbelievable diligent financial discipline.

My father began as a clerk in the civil service. My mother successfully combined the roles of homemaker and culinary services entrepreneur. They related many stories of their struggle through these crises and were successful in exploring one opportunity after another for themselves and their children to the point where we ultimately made a comfortable living for ourselves, albeit in diverse directions.

Now 75 years after the end of WWII, the COVID-19 virus - with the poisonous venom of a World War - is still raging and leaving widespread loss of life and another devastating global economic downturn in its wake. This has impeded the path of progress of many families which have been setback.

In the same way that our parents faced the 20th century crises with the full power of mind, body and spirit, so

too our children and grandchildren must face the current 21st century crisis fully buttressed by the spiritual philosophies that "every setback is nothing but setup for a comeback" and "out of crisis comes opportunity".

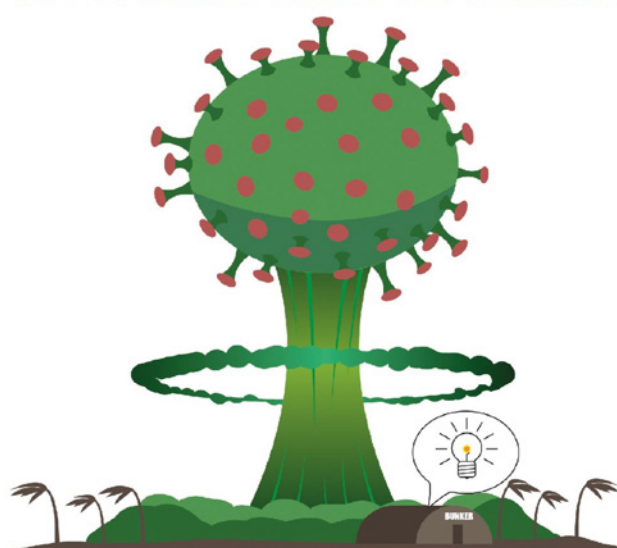
In the last 75 years our parents would have witnessed the transition from the industrial revolution to the digital or information age, where large amounts of information have become widely available to many people, largely through computer technology.

Now, our children are faced with public health and economic recovery problems. They are well-schooled in information technology and this will facilitate the design and implementation of effective and efficient solutions centered around Disruptive Innovation. Classical Disruptive Innovation is a new business model and technology to disrupt an existing market and significantly alter the way we do business.

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OUT OF CRISIS COMES OPPORTUNITY



- World wars and an economic depression – our parents struggled
- Climbing the economic ladder – they embraced mind, body and spirit
- COVID-19 is like a World War – a crisis with a difference
- New opportunities – foundation for Disruptive Innovation
- Protect Mother Earth – marketing turns concepts into realities

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ANNOUNCEMENT & THANK YOU

This is an announcement and thank you from Anthony Samuel Eden, OBE, JP (Ret) former Member of Parliament for the constituency of Savannah and the district of Bodden Town.

First, I give thanks to God, and then my loyal supporters, friends and family and the entire Cayman Islands for their love, support, guidance and prayers over the years.

It has been my privilege and honor to have served as your representative for over 28 years, including three terms as Cabinet Minister. Some of my many accomplishments include the Drug Rehabilitation facilities at Caribbean Haven and improvement in Healthcare infrastructure. I was also responsible for incrementally increasing the financial assistance to Seamen, Veterans, Elderly and those who receive financial assistance.

I did not take this challenge lightly and has always strived to do what was right and pleasing in the eyes of God.

On Sunday 14th February 2021 the Governor of the Cayman Islands issued a proclamation to dissolve Parliament and therefore I am announcing that I will not be contesting the 2021 Election because of my age and health issues.

I am pleased to endorse my eldest son Malcolm Anthony Eden who will be contesting the election as an independent Member of Parliament for the constituency of Savannah.

I am confident that if Malcolm is elected he will serve these Islands with the same dedication and commitment and with God's help he will always do what is in the best interest of our Beloved Cayman Islands.

May God continue to bless us all.

ANOTHER COVID VARIANT OF CONCERN FOUND IN UK

Health experts and authorities in the United Kingdom and the United States are focusing their attention on a new coronavirus variant reported this week.

Labelled as B1525, it is said to be similar to the UK/Kent variant which has been shown to have a more contagious than the original strain of the virus.

According to a BBC report, this new variant contains a number of mutations that have worried researchers, including the E484K mutation which has been found in South Africa and Brazil.

UK experts are studying it to understand what risk it poses but they are said

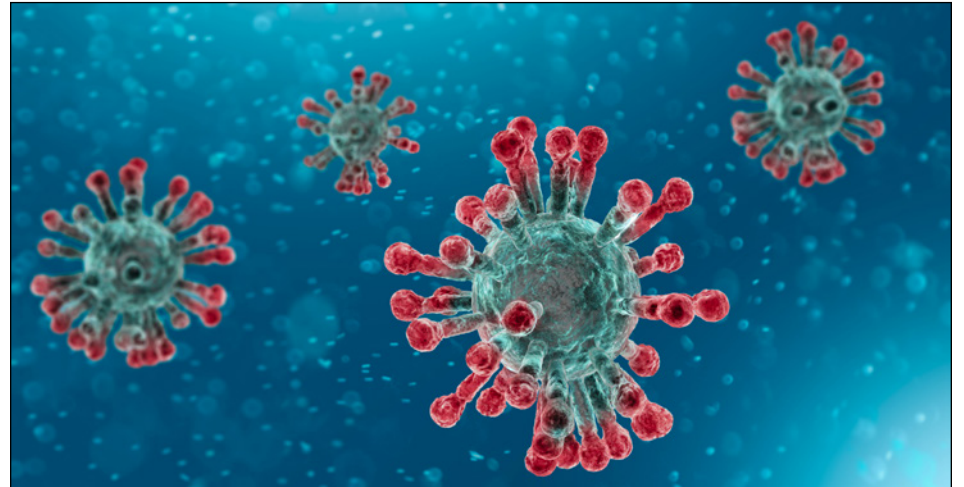
to be concerned that it could help the virus evade neutralising antibodies.

Cases have been found in England, Wales, the United States, Denmark and Nigeria.

However, it has been stated that there is currently no evidence that this set of mutations causes more severe illness or increased transmissibility.

Authorities are reported to be keeping a close eye on this latest variant following the emergence of the UK/Kent, Brazil and South Africa variants.

One concern is that the COVID-19 virus is changing in ways that could let it easily spread and escape from the vaccines



which have so far been developed to fight the pandemic.

Scientists believe they should still work against the new variants, although they caution "perhaps not quite as well".

But they remind that new vaccines are being developed that are a better match for new variants.

Professor Andrew Hayward, an expert in epidemiology at University College London, was quoted as saying: "Fortunately, it doesn't seem to be spreading any faster than other strains and it's still at very, very low levels."

"With all of these variants, we really need to be keeping a very close eye on them because we don't know what they will do," he said.

Meanwhile, researchers in the US have raised the question if the world might be

entering a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic with these new variants.

They say the recent emergence of multiple variants of the new coronavirus may have created the raw material for what's called 'recombination' where people can be infected with two different variants at once.

Here in Cayman, efforts continue to keep the virus at bay.

The ongoing vaccination programme, a key tool in the battle, was this week heading towards 17,000 inoculations with around 7,000 persons already receiving both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine being administered.

Testing, screening and quarantining is also continuing especially for arriving travellers.

OfReg Summons Flow and Datalink/CUC to Resolve IT Infrastructure issues

After becoming aware of several consumers being without service, OfReg contacted CUC/Datalink and Flow who confirmed that removal of communications cables by Datalink over the weekend had impacted several Flow consumers.

Flow and CUC/Datalink were summoned to a meeting by OfReg on Monday morning (February 15) to resolve the issue of the restoration of service to approximately 40 Flow customers arising from actions taken by CUC/Datalink to address safety issues on February 13 and 14. The meeting resulted in the parties agreeing to immediately begin taking the necessary steps to address the outstanding safety issues and to take proper and timely actions to restore cables and connections to allow services to affected customers, to be restored.



"The Office has an obligation to protect the interest of consumers and is gravely concerned by the negative impact on consumers who experienced loss of services, due to no fault of their own." CEO Malike Cummings.

The Office reminds licencees in all sectors of their obligations to consumers, to other licencees and the Cayman Islands as whole, and expects every effort and option is exhausted to resolve problems expeditiously in accordance with the laws and established standards.

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DOCTORS EXPRESS EXPECTS 'SIGNIFICANT SUM' FROM GOVERNMENT

By Christopher Tobutt

The Cayman Islands Government (CIG) is facing considerable damages expected to run into multiple millions of tax-payer dollars following the harsh judgement handed down in the Grand Court over an illegal raid on Doctors Express.

In a press conference, attorney James Austin-Smith who represented Doctors Express in the high-profile case, outlined that the next step would be to pursue costs which he described as 'a significant sum,' although he did not give a figure.

He said that among areas that will form the basis for a significant claim for compensation arising from the court ruling are; damage to their stock of medical cannabinoid vapes quantities of which had to be destroyed, loss of business, reputational damage and legal expenses.

"The next stage is that there is going to be an examination of the question of damages owing to Doctors Express for various issues, including the loss to their business, the damage to the medications because they were all stored improperly by Customs, and when we got a lot of them back they were covered in mold and so a lot of those had to be thrown away because they weren't safe to be given to patients."

The attorney also said Doctors Express was "put to huge expense having to bring these legal proceedings" and that they will be "looking for the party that acted unlawfully to pay the costs of that."

Mr Austin-Smith is of the view that the outcome of the case sends an important message.

"I am delighted for my clients because they have had their reputation vindicated," he said while pointing out that the judgement has ramifications beyond that.

"It is not just about this specific facts-set," he stressed. "It is about the way in which the state acts with the individual."

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► James Austin-Smith

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CUC WEST BAY SUNRISE 5K

CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay on **Saturday, March 6, 2021** for a fun run and walk as we raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Course: Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay.

Start Time: 6:30 a.m. (Walkers) and 6:45 a.m. (Runners). Check-in time starts at 5:30 a.m. (to receive numbers (all participants) and race chips (for runners).

Fee: CI\$15 Adults and CI\$10 Youth (Under 17).

Registration:

- 1) Register online at www.caymanactive.com (unable to pay online)
- 2) Register online and pay at www.racecaribbean.net
- 3) Download the PDF form from CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com (click on "Events" under the "About Us" tab on the Home Page). Complete, scan and e-mail the form to communications@cuc.ky
- 4) Forms can also be dropped-off and payments made by cash or cheque (payable to CUC) at CUC's Administration Building on North Sound Road between **Monday, February 22 and Friday, March 5 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Participants who register online can also collect their t-shirts and 'power' bag from CUC between February 22 and March 5.

Note: There will be no registration on the day of the event.

Amenities: First 250 participants will receive a t-shirt (sizes are not guaranteed) and all participants will receive a participation medal and 'power' bag following the event. Light refreshments will be provided and trophies for the fastest and second fastest finishers in the Adult and Youth (Under 17) divisions will be presented at the end of the event.

Contacts: CUC's Pat Bynoe-Clarke (914-1107) and Neil Murray (914-1110) or e-mail communications@cuc.ky or the CIAA's Cydonie Mothersill (928-2726) and Kenrick Williams (925-1943).





► The Under 14 Champion Boy Romarco Morrison receiving his trophy from Acting Principal, Devon Bowen

► Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands, the Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Conolly addressing the spectators

Layman E. Scott High School Sports Day, a Huge Success

The participation of 109 students, their enthusiasm and strong team spirit are some of the reasons that Layman E. Scott Sr. High School Principal Devon Bowen has described his school's recent Sports Day as a huge success.

"Despite the threat of rain, our athletes' competitive spirit and sporting prowess remained at an all-time high," Mr. Bowen also added while recounting students' attitude during the Sports Day that took place at the Cayman Brac Sports Complex last Friday (12 Friday).

At the close of the day's activities, Tradewinds accumulated 572 points to defeat rival houses Hurricane and Northwester which scored 564 and 527 points respectively.

Di'Jhaney Valentine was selected 18 & Under Champion Girl and Overall Champion Girl while under 14 and 18 Champion Boys Romarco

Morrison and Curtis Hunt shared the title of Overall Champion Boy.

Other champions included Yzara Ebanks, Jovier Walton-Paz and Abigail Campbell.

Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Conolly was on hand to present the trophies and medals to the winners.

LSHS Acting Principal Devon Bowen thanked Minister O'Connor-Conolly and others for their assistance. "I am pleased that the Minister was able to be a part of our Sports Day. She was a huge inspiration to our athletes. I also extend profound appreciation to all the individuals who did their part to ensure the success of the event," Mr. Bowen stated.

To learn the dates of other school sports days visit www.education.gov.ky.



► Minister O'Connor-Conolly with the Champion House - Tradewinds



► Minister O'Connor-Conolly presenting trophy to Overall Champion Girl - Di'Jhaney Valentine



► Acting Principal, Devon Bowen presenting trophies to joint Champion Boys - Romarco Morrison & Curtis Hunt

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The attorney said “a case like this shows how vital it is that no one is above the law, and that the law has to be complied with.”

“A case like this where Customs, as the judge found, deliberately targeted Doctors Express unlawfully, is vital, because it means that the public can have confidence in the system.

He referred to the situation “where Parliament has explicitly legalized medications, but then Customs has decided to go behind Parliament’s back and circumvent the rule of law.”

“A judgment like this that explains, ‘no, no one is allowed to do that,’ is hugely important,” Mr Austin-Smith emphasised.

Doctors Express had obtained licenses to import and prescribe medicinal cannabinoids after a change in the law.

Reviewing the judgment in his client’s favour, Mr Austin-Smith said: “The Grand Court of the Cayman Islands found that the Chief Medical Officer, Customs, the RCIPS, and the Justice of the Peace had all acted unlawfully, and that the banning notice should never have been issued, and that the raid should never have taken place.”

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- ▶ provide references.

The scholarship will also provide an opportunity to gain hands-on work experience and develop further skills, which will benefit the successful applicant in their studies and a possible future career with CUC.

To review the General Rules and Guidelines and apply, visit the “Scholarships” page under the “Careers” tab on CUC’s Home Page (www.cuc-cayman.com). Click on the “Apply Here” link, complete the appropriate online forms and follow the instructions. Applications must be submitted not later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Hard copies will not be accepted.

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Debra Broderick runs for North Side

Born and bred in her district, Debra Bostock has announced her intention to run in the upcoming 14th April General Election.

Ms Broderick, Assistant Clerk in the Parliament of the Cayman Islands, has had extensive experience dealing with parliamentary matters, having spent the past 17 years working in the Parliament, initially as a Hansard Clerk then Senior Hansard Clerk, before moving up to Assistant Clerk. She has since retired from that post to concentrate on her own political career.

Driven by a passion to see her district thrive and prosper,

Ms Broderick said her focus as an elected Member would be to ensure that the disenfranchised had a voice and were properly catered to. A lack of empathy for the elderly and also the young was a motivating factor for change, she said.

"In North Side, the elderly have nowhere to go during the day, so I want to see that changed," she said. "In addition, there is no motivation to ensure that all young Caymanians who have been to university and obtained their degree have a job at the end of their studies. I want that to change as well."

While acknowledging the importance of work permit holders to any business, Ms Broderick envisages companies having to take on a proportion of newly qualified Caymanians as part and parcel of approval of their work permits. She would also like to establish a committee to ensure all young people have direct assistance in getting a job or onto the first rung of their career ladder.

"I would set up a committee in North Side, but take this island-wide as well," she confirmed. "Young people need to be taken under the wing of mentors

who can assist them with resumé writing, and generally advocating for them. I will fight the battle for all young people. It is essential that we put policies in place so that no young person gets left behind."

Ms Broderick said her skills as a 'people person' learned on the job working as a flight attendant prior to retraining for her career in the Parliament stood her in good stead as a member of Parliament.

"I believe there needs to be far more vigilance and action in our Parliament currently. People seem far too relaxed.



The people of North Side desire more and they deserve more," she said.

HRC PRESSES FOR PARLIAMENTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

The Cayman Islands Human Rights Commission(HRC) has reiterated its call for a Parliamentary Code of Conduct, in light of the central issue which has led to the April 14th snap elections.

Premier Alden McLaughlin abruptly brought the May 26th election forward following repeated calls for a motion of no-confidence in Speaker McKeeva Bush following his conviction and suspended sentence in December for assaulting a woman.

The Premier had been resisting the calls to schedule a meeting of Parliament to debate the motion.

In a statement, the HRC says: "With continued growing public concern around the leadership and decisions of the country, the Commission again takes the opportunity to reiterate the importance of



the Country establishing a Parliamentary Code of Conduct."

It contends that implementing policy documents, like Parliamentary Codes of Conduct, "can help ensure that persons holding positions of power in our Islands are subject to transparent checks and balances and that they remain accountable for their behaviour."

According to the HRC, while the Cayman Islands continues to make great strides to-

ward good governance, the failure of elected representatives to enact a Parliamentary Code of Conduct is an area in which the jurisdiction is lagging.

"We are behind compared to other Caribbean and Commonwealth nations," Dale Crowley the Chairman of the Commission said, adding that the organisation will continue to advocate for the code to be implemented.

The HRC further links this objective to its recommendations to the Commission for Standards in Public Life (CSPL) "as the nature of this matter relates to upholding high ethical standards and integrity in public office."

It disclosed that Rosie Whittaker-Myles, chair of the CSPL, had stated that the CSPL "fully endorses the Commission's recommendation for the development of a Parliamentary Code of Conduct and Members

are happy to assist in any way necessary to progress this matter."

"The development of, and adherence to, such a Code of Conduct would only serve to enhance the reputation of our Parliament and respect for its Members," she is quoted as stating. The CSPL chairwoman also told the HRC that, the CSPL has provided feedback on a draft Ministerial Code of Conduct and has been, for several years, following up with the Cabinet Office on the finalisation of that Code "which, unfortunately, remains in draft form" she told the HRC.

The organisation is meanwhile encouraging all candidates in the election to support the recommendation of the development of a Parliamentary Code of Conduct.

It is also appealing to voters to "stand firm in holding our elected representatives accountable."



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Register of Political Parties

Elections Act (2021 Revision) s. 26(5)

Political Party Name	Abbreviated Party Name	Person who applied For Registration	Political Party Leader or Chairperson	Political Party Headquarters Address
Cayman Islands People's Party	People's Party CIPP	Mr Gilbert Connolly, Interim Secretary One Cayman House, Unit 2, North Church Street, George Town, Cayman Islands	Donovan Ebanks, MBE, JP Interim Chairman One Cayman House, Unit 2, North Church Street, George Town, Cayman Islands	One Cayman House, Unit 2, North Church Street, George Town, Cayman Islands
Peoples Progressive Movement	The Progressives PPM	Anthony Duckworth PO Box 1310 George Town, Grand Cayman	Anthony Duckworth, Chairman PO Box 1310 George Town, Grand Cayman	PO Box 10526 KY1-1005, 488 Crewe Road, George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

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POLICE NEWS

Collision Involving Service Vehicle

Shortly after 8:30 PM on Friday, 12 February, officers responded to a two-vehicle collision at the intersection of Watercourse Road and Hell Road in West Bay, involving a police service vehicle and a gold Honda Accord. The vehicles collided and the service vehicle then collided with a nearby fence, causing damage. The service vehicle received minor damage, while the Honda was heavily damaged. Both drivers were breath tested, and the driver of the Accord was subsequently arrested on suspicion of DUI.

Emergency Services attended the scene and the officer driving the service vehicle was taken to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment for minor injuries and subsequently discharged. The driver of the Accord, a man age 46 of West Bay, was uninjured and was later granted bail.

Traffic Collision on Shedden Road

Shortly after 9:30PM on Saturday, 13 February, officers responded to a traffic collision on Shedden Road, west of Vibert Bodden Drive, involving a white Toyota Aristo and a grey Volkswagen Golf. The Toyota had left the roadway, overturned, and collided with a fence and the Volkswagen which was parked at the location. Both vehicles received significant damage. The driver of the Toyota was breath tested and found to be over the legal limit. He complained of experiencing pain and was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital for treatment for non-life-threatening injuries. The Volkswagen was unoccupied at the time.

The matter is currently under investigation.

Police Investigate Commercial Burglaries

On Friday morning, 12 February, officers responded to a report of a burglary at a medical facility on Smith Road in the vicinity of Pines Drive. The burglary occurred sometime between 6:00PM on Thursday, 11 February and 7:00AM Friday. The culprits took a safe containing cash, along with cash from two cash tills, totaling over CI \$3000.

Also on Friday morning, officers responded to a report of a burglary at a medical facility on Earth Close, off West Bay Road, which occurred sometime between 7:00PM on Thursday and 8:00AM Friday. The culprit took a quantity of cash from the facility totaling over CI \$700.

Shortly after 1:15PM, following investigations conducted by officers, a man age 26 of George Town was arrested on suspicion of burglary in relation to the incident at Earth Close. A search was conducted of the man and his vehicle and a quantity of suspected ganja was recovered. He was further arrested on suspicion of possession and consumption of ganja. He was subsequently granted police bail with conditions.

Both incidents remain under investigation.



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How Historically Reliable is the New Testament? Part Two

For Christians, the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is sacred. I do not believe, however, that enough Christians are aware of the current debate among New Testament scholars concerning the historical reliability of the New Testament. It is an important and consequential discussion as it concerns the credibility of a main sacred text around which millions organize their lives and anchor their hopes.

This is the second of a three part series.

Bart Ehrman, and by extension, others in this camp, spend much time detailing what they regard as discrepancies in the resurrection narrative. Read horizontally, one soon sees these differences- such as who goes to the tomb, whether the stone is rolled away, if Jesus himself was seen there; did Jesus tell them to go to Galilee or Jerusalem; do the women tell anyone; not to mention, the witnesses being at odds with each other. In Matthew's account, dead saints come back to life at the death of Christ, rocks split, tombs open, which would have certainly caused a ruckus in Rome, Ehrman explains.

Those opposed to the historical reliability of the New Testament have a particular aversion to the notion of miracles, not to mention the most dramatic of these, the resurrection narrative. Certainly, the New Testament has many miracles happening. Jesus drives out screaming demons, walks on water, feeds the mul-

titudes with five loaves and two fish, the Holy Ghost descends in the form of cloven tongues on the waiting disciples, Peter heals, Paul has a dramatic confrontation with a light brighter than the midday sun and hears Christ speaking to him, angels free Peter after prayers are delivered on his behalf and so on.

To quote Bultman (1958) 'It is possible to use electric light and the wireless and to avail oneself of modern surgical and medical discoveries and at the same time, to believe in the world of spirits and miracles?' Commenting on the resurrection he says 'But what of the resurrection? Is it not a mythical event pure and simple? Obviously, it is not an event of past history'. John Dominiz Crossan, Co-Founder of the Jesus Seminar, says 'Jesus could not and did not cure those diseases' and 'I do not think that anyone, at any time brings people back to life.' Jarl Fossum, also of the Jesus Seminar, '... or it can be asserted that Jesus did raise from the dead, which would reflect fundamentalist naivete.' It was the conclusion of the Jesus Seminar that: 'Whenever scholars detect knowledge of postmortem events in sayings and parables attributed to Jesus, they are inclined to the view that the formulation of such sayings took place after the fact.' These scholars have not difficulty accepting the death of Jesus. Crossan, for example says, 'That he was crucified is as solid as anything historical can be' and

Borg (also of the Jesus Seminar), 'The most certain fact about the historical Jesus, is his execution as a political reaction.'

Summary of the Arguments Against the Historical Reliability of the New Testament

An essay this brief, on such a huge and expanding subject as this, must be very frugal in the selection of material. This summary is barebone. Those who believe that the New Testament is not a historically reliable document ground their thinking in the belief that these documents were written principally to instruct, exhort and propagandize, and were less concerned to produce accurate data. They are too marred by inconsistencies and contradictions in their accounts of main events, too anxious to record superhuman feats and too dependent on the oral tradition as the source of their data, to meet the requirements of historical reliability. These works, to paraphrase Ehrman, were moving targets evolving to accommodate the theology of the writers, who adjusted, augmented, or even invented realities to provide cohesiveness to their narratives.

For Ehrman, Jesus was essentially an apocalypticist who though the end of the world was imminent. This sense of apocalypticism was shaped by the political history of the Israelites which had seen some eight hun-

dred years of periodic war and near-permanent foreign domination. The Jewish sect, he concludes, arose out of the social, political, and religious crisis of the times, as modes of resistance. Apocalypticism, formed around the understanding of God's covenant to protect Israel, but was punished for their sins, tried make sense of the oppression of the people of God. "Mark 8: 38 '... Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Kingdom of God has come in power.' 'And in those days, the sun will grow dark, powers in the heavens shall be shaken, and they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory- truly, I tell you, this generation will not pass away before all things take place' (Matthew 24: 29-31).

For these scholars, these works, beautiful and useful as they are, lack the requirements of historical reliability- they were not meant to perform this function. Using the tools provided by the various criticisms, they argue that these works are not to be taken as credible history. Form-criticism, which looks at the shape in which information existed before they were compiled into coherent documents, leads to the conclusion of the orality of the sources used, and thus subjected to the challenges of recollection and veracity of accounts. Source criticism looks at the sources from which authors took their information and here these thinkers have much to say. Redaction criticism considers the editorial work of the authors of the Bible, how they linked materials from various sources, etcetera. Historical criticism investigates the origins of texts to understand the world behind them, the goal of which is to discover the original, primitive meaning of the text in its literal sense and to establish a reconstruction of the historical situation of the author and recipients of the text. Textual criticism looks at manuscript history and literary criticism analysis a text using the craft of the prose and poetry writer. Using these various tools, these writers reached their conclusions.

A Brief Response to the Doubters

The acknowledgement of differences in the accounts and manner of the gospel writers is nothing new, except, maybe, the evangelical approach and tone of the current crop of leaders in this area. Julius Africanus of the first century did, so did Origen of the early third century, etcetera. As early as the first century,



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Chrysostom argued that if the gospels agreed in every detail, the authors would be accused of collusion. He advised that if the differences were in terms of time, place and specific words, this would not discredit the major matters in them (Chrysostom died 407 AD). Esteemed historian Josephus, on many occasions, offered different accounts of his stories.

In a very recent work entitled, **Why are there differences in the Gospels? What can we Learn from Ancient Biography?** Licona (2017), reasserts the fact that the majority of New Testament scholars now hold that most, if not all of the Gospels belong to the genre of Greco-Roman biography and that this genre permitted some flexibility in the way in which historical events were narrated. In this book, he examines the biographical nature of accounts of major historical figures like Plutarch and says that, applied to the Gospels, the biographical nature of these accounts goes a far way to explaining differences among them.

Licona is on target when he says that hasty dismissals of the Gospels as reliable accounts are misguided. He invites readers to approach them considering their biographical genre and, in that way, to gain a clearer understanding of why they differ. The writers of ancient biographies emphasized cohesion of narrative, and in the writing culture of the time, allowed the biographer to show the essential character and personality of the main character, by utilizing sayings and speeches, etcetera.

I present the final piece on this subject in the next article.

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CUC bills to rise

Delayed by seven months as a courtesy to those going through the hardship of the Covid-19 lockdown, an increase of 6.6 per cent will be put on all CUC customer bills from the beginning of 2021. CUC advised that the increase was first approved and scheduled to take effect from 1st June 2020, but the company decided to defer the rate increase until the new year. Now, CUC said it would start to recoup losses, which will be recovered within two years from the start of this year until 31st December 2022.

Beginning January 2021 (with bills to be received in early February), customers can expect a “marginal increase” in the energy charge component of their bills when compared to rates seen in 2020, CUC said. In other words, the base rate adjustment would result in a total monthly bill increase of around \$5.26 for the residential customer who uses approximately 500 kilowatt hours per month. The portion representing the 6.6 per cent base rate adjustment would be \$3.96 and the Covid-19 recovery cost represents \$1.30. This base rate increase did not impact the fuel cost charge, they explained.

President and CEO of CUC, Richard Hew, said that during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, CUC made the submission to the regulator to delay the June 2020 rate increase.

“We were well aware of the hardships facing many of our customers at the time,” he explained. “However, it is now critical for the Company to recoup these costs in



order to maintain the financial stability of the Company as well as continue to meet the Company’s ongoing obligations to invest in infrastructure and provide a safe, reliable and sustainable electricity service.”

Mr Hew went on to say that CUC’s financial health played an important role in keeping electricity rates as low as reasonably possible in subsequent annual

rate adjustments. In 2019, the company spent US\$60.6M in capital expenditure to ensure its infrastructure was expanded and upgraded to meet the reliability and efficiency performance expected from its customers.

CUC stopped disconnections and waived payments during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic and had continued to assist those customers who had been

struggling to pay their bills by offering extended payment plans as well as pre-payment options, CUC said.

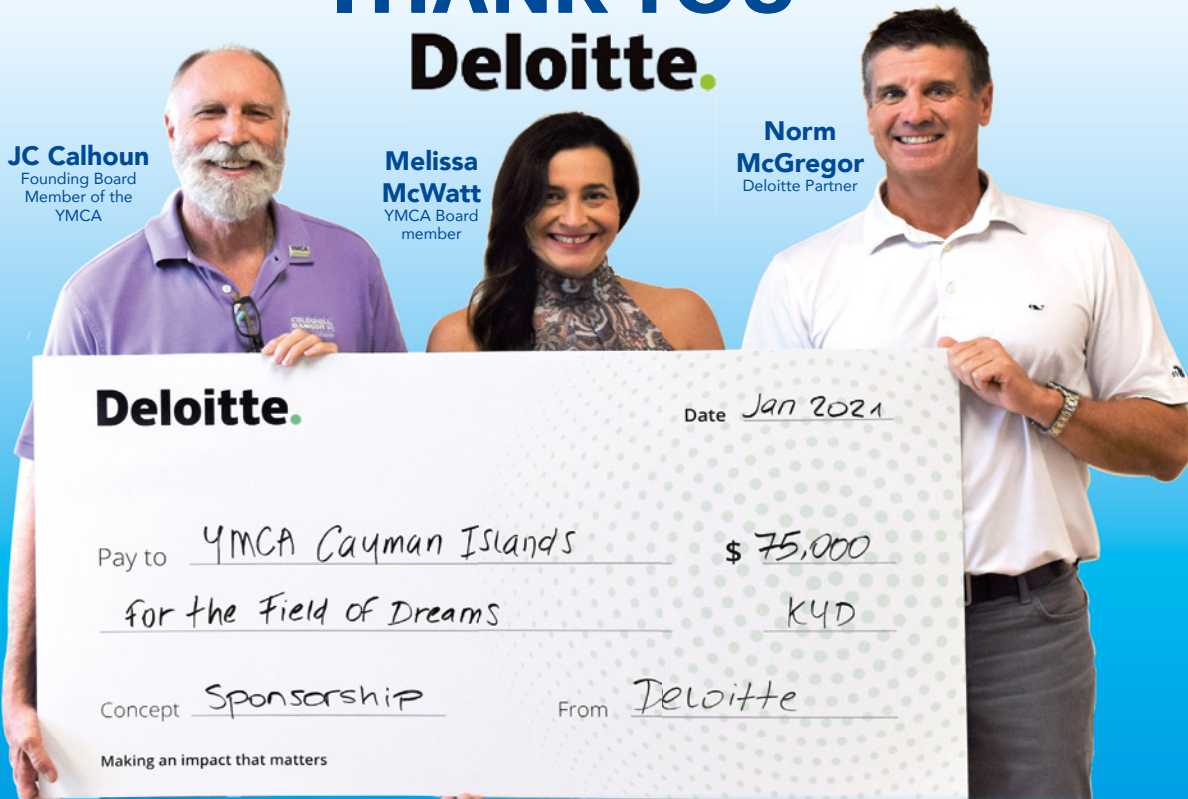
At the same time as they announced the hike in bills, CUC also announced that the Board was issuing a dividend of US\$0.175 per Class A Ordinary Share, or an annualised dividend of US\$0.70 per share, payable on 15th March, 2021 to shareholders of record on 1st March 1, 2021.

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Governor Issues New Writs Ahead of April's General Election

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Returning Officers are responsible for the organisation and conduct of elections in their respective districts. Writs are the documents the Governor issues to the

Returning Officers commanding them to conduct an election in accordance with Section 28 of the Elections Law (2021 Revision).

These writs will be returned to the Governor following the election with the

name of the candidate who has been elected to serve in that electoral district.

In accordance with the 2021 General Elections Programme, Nomination Day will be held on Monday, 1 March 2021. The General Elections is to be held in the

19 electoral districts on Wednesday, 14 April 2021.

Writs were initially issued on Wednesday, 9 December for the previous General Election date, which had been set for May.

CIFS Facilitates Coast Guard Training

Members of the Cayman Islands Coast Guard (CICG) took part in a three-day training course last week, beginning on Tuesday, 9 February 2021, to learn essential firefighting skills from the Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS).

Sixteen CICG recruits were trained in the proper use of fire extinguishers, the deployment and use of fire hoses, working in confined spaces and the correct technique for lifting and carrying a casualty on a stretcher.

"CIFS works closely with CICG regularly during inshore search and rescue operations as well as other major incidents. Exercises such as this builds a shared language and understanding between members of both first response agencies, which helps to ensure an effective and co-ordinated approach when jointly tackling incidents," said Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Roy Charlton.

He continued, "I wish to thank the training department led by Acting training Manager John Christian, assisted by Pump Engineer James Jackson and the Domestic on duty crews for once again sharing their time and expertise. We are extremely proud to be able to contribute to the development of our CICG colleagues and wish them all every success in their new careers."

"We are very grateful to the CIFS for the training offered to our new recruits. Being able to decisively take control of a fire, especially when you are miles from shore is critical to ensuring the safety of yourself and all other persons onboard. Thanks to this and other training our recruits are now better prepared to act and respond should the need arise," said the CICG Commander, Robert Scotland.



Congratulations to



TIFFANY CLARKE (NEE ANDERSON)

on her promotion on January 1, 2021 to Director, European Head of Private Credit Fund Finance, Barings London office is a \$345+ Billion Global Investment Manager.

Tiffany is also the co-founder and co-chair of the Barings Black Talent Network (BBTN), the first of its kind being a community pillar scheme to mentor young people with career choices and training programmes for graduates.

Additionally, in 2019 Tiffany was nominated to attend the British Talent Accelerator Programme for rising star managers. This is the only programme of its kind in the UK where she graduated with peers from other global firms and industries.

This well-deserved promotion shows that you are a trailblazer and an inspiration for young Caymanians.

I am extremely proud of your accomplishments – onwards and upwards.

From your Dad
Gregg V. Anderson

Honouring Women Month 2021 Ahead

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never been more important," says FRC's Programmes Co-ordinator, Mrs. Charmaine Miller.

"We all have a crucial part to play in shaping our communities. In order to change inequality where it exists, we need to first challenge it. Celebrating women's achievements and promoting gender equity are proactive ways of encouraging a fairer, more balanced society and is central to what HWM stands for."

"Our calendar is broad enough for everyone to find multiple events they will enjoy taking part in. We strongly encourage women and men, boys and girls to get involved in HWM and in doing so pledge to play their part in helping forging a better world," she added.

The fundraising focus of this year's observation will be geared to maintaining and promoting the FRC's Young Parents Services (YPS). This programme supports parents between the ages of 13 and 25 years old as they experience many barriers for success, including poverty, unemployment, lack of transportation, childcare, health care and an inability to access professional development & education. Through the delivery of the YPS services and this year's fundraising efforts, FRC aims to continue to support clients by providing monthly stipends to meet basic needs, educational sponsorships, childcare sponsorship, transportation support and vouchers, all with the aim of allowing these families to achieve their potential.

DCS Director, Mrs. Judith Seymour, says: "HWM is a useful opportunity to reinforce the fact that everyone has a role to play in forging a more gender-balanced world, while recognising the personal and collective responsibility we share in advocating for and encouraging inclusive mind-sets and tangible action."

"Now in its 22nd year, our HWM offerings get more ambitious annually, which is of course a tribute to the hard work of our FRC and the enthusiasm with which the community takes part in our planned activities," the Director concludes.

For this year's HWM calendar and for further information, email frc@gov.ky, call 949-0006, visit www.frc.gov.ky and follow [frccayman](#) on Instagram and [FamilyResourceCentre](#) on Facebook.



► Last year's HWM Colour Me Purple 5K Walk/Run winner, Caroline James, enjoyed the race (Photo by Elphina Jones)



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- have already obtained, or expect to obtain, during the current school year, adequate academic qualifications to be accepted by a university;
- be Caymanian or hold Caymanian Status;
- have a current GPA of 3.5 or higher;
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The successful applicant(s) will have an opportunity during school holidays to gain hands-on work experience and may be offered full-time employment with CUC upon completion of his/her studies.

To review the General Rules and Guidelines and apply, visit the "Scholarships" page under the "Careers" tab on CUC's Home Page (www.cuc-cayman.com). Click on the "Apply Here" link, complete the appropriate online form and follow the instructions. Applications must be submitted not later than Wednesday, March 31, 2021. Hard copies will not be accepted.

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



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From the Vestry to the Premier: The Evolution of Modern Caymanian Politics

By J. A. Roy Bodden

About the Work

This book is another volume in my continuing study of Caymanian society. The aim of the series is to create a comprehensive volume of work on all aspects of Caymanian society and to create a record of the evolution of the modern Cayman Islands while simultaneously trying to determine how, we as a people see ourselves. This work is a purely political tome and while some of the material covered in the work can be found in two of my previous works viz., "Patronage Personalities and Parties: Caymanian Politics from 1950-2000" (Bodden 2010) and "From Guard House to the Glass House: One Man's Journey through the Maze of Caymanian Politics" (Bodden 2018), this account begins with the phasing out of the Assembly of Justices and the Vestry on July 3, 1959. This institution was not only peculiar in its membership but also by the prescience, foresight and dedication of those who were members of this foundational institution. From December 5, 1831 when it first met as a law giving body at Pedro, St. James in the district of Bodden Town, this august assembly made up of "representatives" and "magistrates" (Cration 2003: 98), representing the interests of the landed oligarchs, had by the time of its phasing out on July 3, 1959, transformed itself into a "bi-cameral assembly concerned with maintaining the interests of the merchant establishment" while presiding over a mainly orderly society. It was modeled off the Jamaican Assembly prior to the Morant Bay Rebellion of 1865, and like that institution it was controlled by the oligarchs in the upper chamber (the Justices). By the time of its phasing out, this Assembly had taken on a slightly more modified representative role. It has not been described in the work as a "democratic" institution, this is by design, since a political system which denied women the right to vote and which disenfranchised a vast majority of the male populace, could not accurately be labeled as "democratic".

That having been said, the members who sat in this bi-cameral assembly though, in spite of their shortcomings are deserving of a special place of honour on the pantheon of those who laid the foundation of the modern Cayman Islands. This is so not only because of their role in charting the early political development but also for their efforts in preventing these islands from being overrun by outside elements whose interests they saw as inimical to those of the Caymanian people. And while they (the Justices), were taken up with their own survival they were not completely oblivious to the concerns of the Vestrymen who were the conscience of the Assembly, nor were they totally oblivious to the rank and file Caymanians. The men of conscience and decorum (the Vestrymen) did what little they could to insulate the rank and file against the monopoly of the merchant class

and it was through their perseverance and advocacy that democratizing relief eventually came. It is important to underscore that the relationship which existed between these two groups was for the most part symbiotic rather than adversarial. Symbiotic in the sense that many of the Vestrymen were small time merchants and traders in their districts and as such relied upon the wealthier Justices (larger business and ship owners), for credit and sponsorship. This was a kind of patronage system not unlike that which existed in other jurisdictions where the wealthy 'padrons' exerted influence over their more modest compatriots. Patronage then, was not an uncommon political phenomenon in early modern Caymanian society. While expecting to pay fealty to their more influential external patrons in the Assembly of Justices, these Vestrymen wielded considerable power and influence within the communities in which they resided.

Predominantly men of colour in a racially nuanced society, they (the Vestrymen), took it upon themselves to advocate for an education system which they believed would trump the caste and classism perpetuated by their counterparts the Justices of the Peace. Men like A. B. Bodden of Bodden Town who were visionaries of a future Cayman Islands and who advocated for the education and enlightenment of young people, realized that education would trump colour and privilege. Legendary in their decision to support the building of schools over a prison, they railed against the status quo which they saw as the system which was the greatest contributor to the stagnation of the vast majority of Caymanians.

Later, men like the late Ormond Panton, occupying positions of political importance, not only advocated for a broader and more participatory style of politics but used their positions as respected political leaders to ensure that Caymanian seamen could have access to opportunities to benefit from employment on the international scene. Although much is known of his reputation as a political visionary, informed Caymanians also credit his initiative with procuring for Caymanians the opportunity to write their own United States visa waivers, so that Caymanian seamen were granted special dispensation by the United States Immigration authorities as they awaited employment in the United States. It was the industry of these seamen which led to the internationalization of the Cayman Islands and brought importance to the economic and political soul of the modern Cayman Islands. Importantly too, in the mid-twentieth century Caymanian women joined the fight for political inclusion and in 1948 these advocates struck the first public blow for their enfranchisement as citizens.

The book posits that in many respects the battle for the political soul of the Cayman Islands continues today. Constitutional advancement leading to the premiership, and one man, one vote, has



done little to emancipate the Caymanian from the "mental slavery" of colonialism, and regrettably, Caymanian women who played such an important role in the fight for Universal Adult Suffrage still have not obtained the ratio of seats in the parliament which is commensurate with their numbers and leadership ability in the society.

In the chapter entitled "Constitutional Conundrums" a detailed account of attempts at constitutional advancement from 1971 until 2009 is elaborated.

The author provides some detail on these efforts and advances an interesting account of why it took so long for the Cayman Islanders to agree to constitutional modernisation.

The recent elevation of the Legislative Assembly into Parliament has not, to the author's mind resulted in any more informed and edifying debates. Nor has it brought any relief from the asphyxiating grip of a waning colonial power whose threat of the "nuclear option" is a stark reminder of what will happen to a recalcitrant and upstart colony. As if this were not challenge enough, there is the situation of malfeasance and indiscipline among the membership of the parliament, many of whom view their incumbency as 'a divine right'. In 2020 several incidents involving one longstanding member cast a blight on the whole institution and as public outrage continues, only one sitting member has consistently expressed unprompted public reprehension. Not even the caustic public remarks and 'ad hominem' attacks registered on the Cayman News Service web site were enough to draw a response from the political directorate. The membership of the Parliament seemed paralysed and plagued by a narcissism which is symptomatic of ambitious office holders intoxicated by incumbency and unable to discern 'moral absolutes' from 'situational ethics'. Public outrage notwithstanding,

this attitude of arrogance and contempt toward the electors seems to be a common enough sentiment, and one is left to wonder how democracy has become so convoluted. Moral outrage and a sense of decency, it seems have been superseded by disingenuousness, duplicity and self-preservation ...making for a dystopic and volatile environment in which truth is denied and justice ignored, and if the current public debate surrounding the fate of Speaker McKeever Bush is any indication of what is to come ... we may be in for a Chernobyl type political meltdown, if only because too many of the current public office holders refuse to shed 'the arrogance of incumbency' and hide behind 'situational ethics'.

The work concludes with the seminal questions as to whether the current Caymanian politicians will live up to the expectations of a society which has developed an appetite for honesty and transparency and whether the 'arrogance of incumbency' will pay credence to true democracy by acknowledging an obligation to the electors. It offers the sobering conclusion that Caymanian politicians who think that incumbency will guarantee them relevance will have to prepare themselves for robust challenges from a growing politically literate society, and from an increasingly more educated cadre of young persons who see public life as an attractive and worthy vocation. This new type of political personality is likely to be less enamored by incumbency, more conscious of environmental issues, less influenced by 'big money' and high net worth investors, more aware of the roles of education and training and more prone to developing a national vision for the society based upon pluralism and transparency. If this assumption is indeed correct, then the future of Caymanian politics should bring hope and optimism that further political evolution is an inevitability.

CALL FOR PAPERS



SYMPOSIUM J.A. Roy Bodden: PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL INTERROGATING THE CAYMANIAN SOCIETY



Thursday, June 24, 2021

The Harquail Theatre, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit papers to this symposium on Interrogating the Cayman Society.

President Emeritus of the University of the Cayman Islands, Mr. Bodden is the author of several books on Cayman history, politics, and culture

The conference is organised by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), in collaboration with the Committee for the Promotion of Research and Cayman Scholarship (CPRCS).

Symposium Context

President Emeritus Roy Bodden is the author of several books:

- *The Cayman Islands in Transition: The Politics, History and Sociology of a Changing Society*
- *Stories my Grandfather Never Told Me*
- *A Gathering of Old Men*
- *Patronage, Personalities and Parties: Caymanian Politics from 1950-2000*
- *From Guard House to the Glass House: One Man's Journey through the Maze of Caymanian Politics*

Taken together, this is a significant body of work on the Cayman Islands, told from the perspective of the Cayman Islands. It represents an achievement by the Islands' foremost public Intellectual and is a body of work worthy of celebration and of intense analysis.

Symposium Publication

It is proposed to publish a compendium of selected symposium papers to be published at a later date as a tribute to Mr. Roy Bodden.

Objectives

The key objectives of the symposium are to:

1. Honor the scholarship of the island's main public intellectual.
2. Bring together thinkers to write critically about issues which are the subject of Bodden's texts.
3. Encourage scholarship centered on the Cayman Islands.
4. Encourage the involvement of young local university students and graduates.
5. To publish a substantial body of work subsequent to the event.

Presentation topics

The symposium will take the form of presentations on topics covered in the works of Mr. Bodden (either as individual papers, panels or round tables).

Areas of interrogation include—

- The nature of small island states
- Public service culture in small societies
- The founding of the Caymanian society
- Caymanian Literature
- Cayman's political culture and political system
- Ethics
- The continuing evolution of the Caymanian economy
- Caymanian history
- Political corruption
- The Cayman Islands political party system
- The nature of colonization and decolonization
- Leadership
- Family systems
- The Cayman Islands education system
- Among related topics

Presenters are invited to consider Bodden's ideas as points of departure for their own papers.

Call for Papers for Face-to-Face and Virtual Presentation

Presentations may be face-to-face or virtual.

Contributors are invited to draw on ideas from Mr. Bodden's body of work in addressing Caymanian issues in one or more of the following suggested fields. Contributors may, however, advance other topic suggestions to the Conference Chair:

- History
- Politics
- Culture
- Economy and Political Economy
- Education
- Literature
- The role of the public intellectual
- Ethics
- Leadership
- Epistemology

Deadline for abstracts: April 30, 2021. • Full papers due date: June 11, 2021.

Please forward abstracts and papers to one of the following:

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We look forward to seeing you at the symposium: A J Roy Bodden: Public Intellectual-Interrogating the Caymanian Society



► Members of the Sun House during the parade



► Members of the Sea House during the parade

Sun Shines Brightly Despite Overcast Conditions at TMPS Sports Day

The Sun was declared the winner of the Theoline L. McCoy Primary School (TMPS) Sports Day after staving off competition and obtaining a one-and-half-point lead over its closest competitor, Sea, which accumulated 628.5 points. The third competing house, Sand, received 504.5 points on the final day of the event after dominating the field events a day earlier.

TMPS Principal Kimberly Watler commented on the activities that culminated at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex on Wednesday (10 February). "Overall, we had awesome Sports Day. The parents were so supportive, teachers enjoyed the competition, and the weather was absolutely a blessing being cool and overcast," said Ms. Watler.

While congratulating all 250 athletes for their efforts, Ms. Watler also highlighted a few athletes for their exceptional performance. "Theoline McCoy has some really powerful athletes including Alexander Gray, Oshawney Johnson, Dreshawn Welsh, Naima Tatum, Georgia Solomon, Michael Connor, Ari Eden, Jevonte Lodge. Ethan Dilbert, Lean McLean, Jacqueline Douglas and Tamaya Powell, all of whom won their races by landslide victories." I cannot wait to see how they perform at the Inter-Primary Sports Competition this year," Ms. Watler added.

To learn the dates of other school sports days, visit www.education.gov.ky.



► Participants in the Division 1 & 2 Boys Relay are photographed with their ribbons



► Remarco McKenzie replenishes his Vitamin C after concluding his race



► Kaylina Cranston maintains a narrow lead ahead of Emma Parchment Moore



Celebrating Our Seafaring Heritage

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Join us and get a first look at the vision and plans for this new waterfront park that will be a downtown landmark which supports our collective health and well-being.

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We hope to see you there!

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CELEBRATING CAYMAN WRITERS, WRITINGS & THE ARTS

Reasons for Exclusion, Results of Inclusion

A question I often ask Caribbean Literature students in our first class is, "How many of you have studied literature from the Caribbean?" Responses have moved from no one answering in the affirmative, to one or two in the affirmative, to quite a few in the affirmative over the past years. Then I usually ask, "How many of you have been exposed to literature from the Cayman Islands in previous classes or schools?" Again, it has moved from no one responding in the affirmative, to one or two saying they had not studied Cayman literature but had been exposed to some local writings. This exposure is often accredited to National Cultural Festival of the Arts (NCFA) or because a creative teacher brought awareness.

The exclusion of Cayman literature in Cayman classrooms, at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels has long been a personal concern. Such an inclusion would accommodate a perusal of Cayman writings and writers, a juxtaposition of this with writings from the region, and hopefully, a sense of local writings as being part of the Caribbean collective, and even as having a place in creative expressions from the African diaspora. I remember thinking that there are surely no good reasons for this exclusion, until I decided to investigate this theory, and discovered that there are a few worth examining.

Reasons

One primary reason that a creative space for Cayman writings is not prevalent in our classrooms is that high school curricula are directed by the demands of the external examiners. Since students are prepared to sit examinations like CXC (regional examination), GCSE (Welsh board), IGSE (Cambridge), it is only prudent that the focus is on the external prospectuses. Though Caribbean Literature might be a feature of these examinations, certainly

for CXC, Cayman literature is not on the syllabi, so understandably, no great emphasis is placed on it. Cayman's private schools are predicated on the American or British education system, so the writers as dictated by those examination bodies are incorporated into local classrooms.

At the tertiary level, students are on the cusp of stepping into the world of work, and Cayman's socio-economic reality – especially its establishment of a vibrant banking industry – results in arguably most tertiary-level students focusing on Business studies, as employment in this field is more prevalent. As such, some classrooms at the tertiary level quickly fill up while others – into which an examination of local writings will likely fall – are always seeking to attract and keep students.

A typical small island state, Cayman residents have a fascination with the outside, which can offer escape from the tedium of island life. This escape can be achieved through literature. However, if the outside is the ideal but Cayman literature invites a people to look at itself, then Cayman's students might not see the value of local literature even though embracing it could serve to eliminate this fascination.

Historically, Cayman teachers have largely been expatriates. Cayman's Vision 2008 looked for gaps in the education development plan and admitted that "a weakness seems to be [government's] inability to attract and retain Caymanian teachers" (Assessment 2000). Though this is being addressed, it does mean that for a long time students have been taught by capable and talented teachers who, unfortunately, might not have had the requisite knowledge of Cayman's writings to facilitate inclusion.

Results

These are valid reasons for not having created a space in Cayman's classrooms

for intellectual discussion of local writings. Worth celebrating is that in small ways, progress is being made. While we still agitate for greater and continuous changes at all education levels, applause will come more easily when we see what students have walked away with when they have been exposed to Cayman literature.

In the same way that my first class begins with questions, I ask questions in the final class as well: "How have you been positively impacted by an introduction to local writings; what in particular resonated with you?" And, "What new truths have been realised about your society?"

What Cayman's youth say

The below responses from Cayman's youth are presented without commentary as they profoundly speak for themselves:

- When I was introduced to Cayman writings, I felt a little disconnected at first. Although I understood the tones, lingos, and relationships of the characters, the setting and environment depicted of "old time Cayman" seemed so unfamiliar. It made me realize, I really don't know much about the history and heritage of my country.

- I enjoyed reading and studying Caymanian writings. It was a welcomed experience being able to recognize and relate to the cultural references, dialect, and historical symbols used in the works. It has inspired me to learn more about and understand my own cultural identity and experiences.

- When I was introduced to writings by Caymanian authors, I became enlightened about how persons in previous decades thought and the many factors that played a big part in their lives, such as race. Students are at a disadvantage if they do not study their own literature.

- It wasn't until college that I was intro-



► Dr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper, Associate Professor of English at the University College of the Cayman Islands

duced to Caribbean Literature and most importantly, I was able to read LOCAL works. I was delighted. When we read our own country's writings, I was in such an emotional state ... It is great to be able to read these works and know that Caymanians CAN be just as creative and just as funny as other famous writers, but sadly lack the recognition they deserve.

Well, the intention here is to give recognition where it is due. Join me in another fortnight when we will celebrate a local writer whom I met through my children when they were kindergarteners at First Baptist Christian School and could hardly say the writer's name! What flows from this local artist's pen is poignant and resonates with Cayman culture and history. It will really "take us to school" - so be sure to join me!

HEALTHIER COFFEE - ANYONE?

I am not a regular coffee drinker. I do have a cup frequently at times. The smell of brewing coffee is just magical. Many of us tend to have it first thing in the morning as our energy wake up. Coffee has its place in our daily regimen. I have considered some wonderful additions that you can make to your coffee to enhance its taste and benefits. If consumed properly it can add to your weight loss, so avoid artificial creations.

AVOID ARTIFICIAL CREAMERS - These are almost as bad as artificial sweeteners. Why? A large assortment is made with corn syrup solids and hydrogenated fats. Improve your coffee with real cream, organic grass fed. This gives the added benefit of conjugated linoleic acid a fat burner in its own right.

USE FILTERED WATER AND ORGANIC BEANS - Coffee is 99% water. So, water quality is crucial. Coffee is the heaviest sprayed crop in the world. Filtered water and organic beans will aid your coffee texture.

CINNAMON - The extract is preferred. It's packed with anti-oxidants. It lowers



blood glucose after a meal. This is great for diabetics.

EAT BEFORE DRINKING YOUR COFFEE - Hmm! Interesting you may quip. Your body releases insulin in response to caffeine. In turn, this causes a major drop in blood sugar, leaving you depleted and tired. Your body would thank you for this practice. Much on a small snack with your

coffee, or even eat right before consumption.

ADD COLLAGEN - This has been my greatest addition. It is rich in amino acid glycine. It also helps with inflammation and tissue repair.

GRASS-FED BUTTER - Another of my favourite. Added to black coffee you get a nice brain-boosting buzz. Blend it

with a handheld blender. Hmm! Deliciouso!!.

ADD COCONUT OIL - Another of my favourite. This is loaded with healthy fatty acids specifically MCT's. Studies have shown that this oil boosts brain health.

Try any of these as you wish and even mix and match. Take your coffee to another healthy level.



Isaac Douglas Rankine declares candidacy to run for East End

The Committee to elect Mr. Isaac Douglas Rankine today announced his candidacy to represent the district of East End in the upcoming 2021 General Elections.

Mr. Rankine is running as an Independent candidate. He believes that it is time to put East End first; not party politics and personal interests.

"East End needs a representative that will put East End first. East End has always been about caring for your neighbour and having respect for others. However, our current representation is not about neighbours, serving the community nor about leadership. Our current representation has predominantly been about personal interests. As a district and community, we can do better – together," said Mr. Rankine.

Commenting on why he was announcing his candidacy to represent the district of East End, Mr. Rankine stated, "I grew up in East End and was raised by my extended family, and by extension the community. I have seen what this district was and what it has become over the last 20 years. East End has an opportunity to change its representation and to make the lives of the people who live here better. That opportunity is now upon us and we need to be a community of action to bring about the much-needed change in our district and country. East End is looking for equal opportunities in order to participate in the prosperity that this country has to offer."

Mr. Rankine is committed to working with the people of East End, and other like-minded representatives to form a Government that will serve the people of East End and the Cayman Islands. Mr. Rankine will work to improve the quality of life for everyone, and that all share in the prosperity of the country.

"I have been active in the community for the last six years. I have listened to concerns from members of the community and worked to address community issues. I am aware that we need better roads and schools, better access to healthcare and affordable housing, and a lower cost of living. As the elected representative for East End, I will work hard to influence the Government by taking a hands-on, feet-on-the-ground approach to address the

issues we face in East End. I will listen to my constituents and take on the tough issues that will make a big difference in our everyday lives," Mr. Rankine stated.

Only 26 votes separated Mr. Rankine from being elected in 2017, a gap he will work hard to exceed in the 2021 General Elections.

Election Day is Wednesday, 14 April 2021. You can learn more about Isaac Douglas Rankine and his campaign by visiting www.IsaacRankine.com.

ABOUT ISAAC DOUGLAS RANKINE

Isaac Douglas Rankine was born to Isaac Jeralow Rankine and Rita Emelda Rankine. His grandfather was Burrell Dixon whose father was Captain George Dixon after whom the park in East End is named.

As a youngster, Isaac attended East End Primary School and then went on to Cayman Islands High School where he attained his high school diploma.

After completing high school Mr. Rankine worked for a year at the Cayman Islands Public Works Department where he was a Surveyor's Assistant. He then went on to work at Cable and Wireless in the Stores Department as an Assistant Shipping Clerk. He was promoted a year later to Shipping Clerk. Mr. Rankine later transferred to the Engineering Department dealing primarily with the business and banking sector.

He attended the Cable & Wireless (C&W) College in the United Kingdom and completed the B-TEC Technician National Diploma. Mr. Rankine also attended various industry related training and seminars in the areas of business and project management. Through hard work and dedication to his work and the furthering of his education, Mr. Rankine progressed through the company's Business Unit from Technician to Technical Supervisor, and then into Customer Engineering Manager role.

In the late 90's Mr. Rankine was transferred to the C&W Regional Office as the Technical Support Manager to International Account Managers. This transfer was at the request of a Senior leader in the company, who saw his work ethic and canning ability to resolve customer issues.



► Mr. Isaac Douglas Rankine

In 2003, Mr. Rankine left C&W with a few business colleagues and started Business Solutions Technologies Group Ltd., a telecommunication consulting and contracting company to the telecommunications industry in the Cayman Islands and the Caribbean region.

Shortly after starting his business, Hurricane Ivan hit the Cayman Islands causing nationwide destruction. Mr. Rankine's company was instrumental in providing critical infrastructure restoration services

to the country in the aftermath of the hurricane. In addition to his national emergency efforts, Mr. Rankine has also provided critical restoration services to other Caribbean islands. In 2017, Mr. Rankine assisted the British Virgin Islands and Dominica, after they both were devastated by two major hurricanes.

Mr. Rankine is the father of three children and has three grandchildren.

#CommittedToServing #IsaacRankine #EastEndFirst

Your fastest track to fat loss

If you have weight to lose, then this message is meant specifically for you. Through my work with clients over the years, I've come to learn the fastest track to fat loss, and I'd like to share it with you today.

First, I'd like to ask you a few questions. At this stage in your life, have you noticed the following?

- It's easier to gain weight these days.
- Your body is changing as you age, and not in a good way.
- You have less muscle and more unattractive bodyfat.
- It takes more and more effort to reduce your body fat.
- The dieting tricks that once worked aren't helping anymore.

If any on this list are true for you, you are in good company.

The fact is that once we reach middle age, fat loss becomes more and more difficult to accomplish.

My older clients know firsthand, that the older we get the harder it is to maintain a healthy body weight. Some have even told me that they feel like their own bodies are working against them.

I have awesome news for you, though, just as I did for them.

You can do something to achieve serious fat loss right now.

It's possible to look better than ever, to experience more energy, and to be proud of the body that you see in the mirror. But...it requires that you ACT NOW!

Today is the easiest that your fat loss transformation will ever be. Every day that passes by without you taking action only makes it tougher and tougher to become a leaner, happier, sexier version of yourself. If you want your fastest track to fat loss, then stop waiting.

Don't let another year or two pass you by before you decide to do something about your weight, once and for all. I'm here to help you do something NOW to reverse the clock by melting away fat, increasing your energy and filling you with unstoppable confidence.

Call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness 325-8696 or email now at bodyshaper-scayman@gmail.com and let's get you



► Ernest Ebanks

started on your epic body transformation!

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
83° / 76°	81° / 76°	82° / 77°	83° / 77°	79° / 78°	79° / 78°	80° / 79°
Partly sunny with a shower	A stray morning shower	Breezy in the morning	An a.m. shower; partly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunshine	An a.m. shower; partly sunny

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

JOHN 19:16 - DEADLY SILENCE

How can any man or woman scream, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" I need to also ask myself if I too would have been a maddening voice that day in that reckless crowd. Would I have called for Jesus' crucifixion even if I had witnessed all His miracles. But I cannot earnestly condemn those who demanded His crucifixion when I remain

silent about His great Salvation? If I do then it is just as deadly as those who clamoured for His crucifixion.

Charles Spurgeon preached, "When we remember our sins crucified Him, how it ought to awaken in our souls a devout resolution that we will one day crown Him LORD OD LORDS."

Plastic Free Cayman show East End some love

A partnership of people who care about Cayman's environment headed to East End this Valentine's Day for a clean-up of the Lover's Wall location, and once again, hospital waste was found among the debris collected.

The team behind Plastic Free Cayman partnered with Jeep345, the Cayman Island Cadet Corps, CaymanEco and Protect Our Future, for the clean-up, bright and early on Sunday morning, with Plastic Free Cayman clean-up coordinator Carina Ecclefield leading the team of environmentalists. In all,



more than 100 volunteers show up to remove over 1,350 pounds of trash from the shore line.

Organisers said that most of the debris collected was plastic and microplastics. It was even discovered that the smaller blowholes continually release bits of plastic with each cycle. The area was cleaned two years ago, but the general area seems to be getting worse with each passing year, they confirmed. In addition, one syringe and vial of blood were also collected and directly delivered

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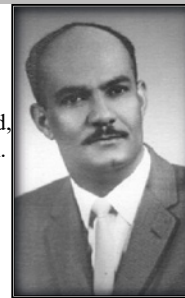


DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Norman Foreman Connolly, who passed away on Monday, January 18, 2021. A Thanksgiving service for the late Norman Foreman Conolly will be held at church of God Universal, East End, Grand Cayman on Sunday February 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Viewing 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Interment will follow at East End Cemetery. This Funeral Service will be livestreamed on the Churchill's Funeral Home Facebook page starting from 1:50 p.m.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

The family of the late **Linda Bush** regret to announce her passing on 14 February, 2021.



A funeral service will be held 2:30 p.m. at Wesleyan Holiness Church, West Bay on Saturday, 20 February 2021.

Interment will follow at the Boatswain Cemetery.



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



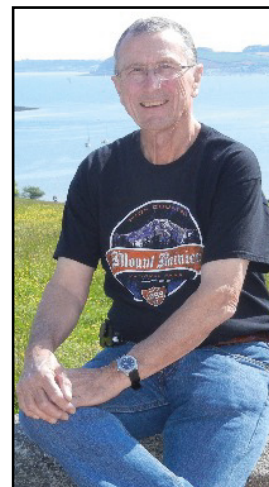
Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

The Family of the Late **Ken Pooley** regret to announce his passing on Thursday 11 February 2021



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to ALS Cayman or Jasmine.

A Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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



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

LONDON LOSES TRADING STATUS TO AMSTERDAM

London's world-renowned financial district has suffered a setback in status due to Brexit.

Amsterdam has moved ahead of London as the number one share-trading centre in the European market, although it was not immediately clear if this was just a short-term blip or indications of a more longer-lasting trend.

Blame it on Brexit, financial industry experts say.

The Brexit agreement between the UK and the EU failed to resolve key issues surrounding the financial markets with the result being EU-based banks unable to trade via London's financial district, known as The City or The Square Mile.

The acrimonious split has caused a drop in trading volumes in London with Amsterdam picking up the slack.

In January over US\$11 billion shares a day were traded via Amsterdam, more than four times the volume for December.

On the other hand, London experienced a sharp decline in its trading volumes, moving a comparatively much smaller US\$10.3 billion for the same period.

Industry experts say although the overall economic hit from the loss of trade volumes will be small, it nevertheless represents a significant loss of status.

Financial services account for around 7 per cent of the UK's GDP earning some almost US\$105 billion in tax revenue last year.

The EU alone accounts for some 40 per cent of the UK's international banking and investment's business.

With details of an agreement on financial services still to be finalised between the UK and the EU, it was feared that London would struggle to regain lost ground.

Amidst concerns that the EU was planning to block the UK from its financial markets, urgent steps were being taken to resolve the outstanding issues.

Both sides are said to be keen to arrive at an agreement by March on what's



called an "equivalence" regime where they would recognise each other's regulations.

However, there's a prevailing view that an eventual agreement between the two sides might still exclude share dealing.

At the same time, a counter-argument suggests that failure to conclude the "equivalence regulatory deal" could create wider global opportunities for the UK - particu-

larly the London financial centre - targeting markets such as Singapore and Hong Kong.

One of the key obstacles in the Brexit negotiations was a reluctance by the UK to subscribe to EU financial sector regulations - an issue which also holds implications for Cayman and other UK Overseas Territories whose economies are heavily-based on global financial services.

BIDEN STARTS IMMIGRATION SHIFT ON SOFTER TONE

In a move seen as symbolic to his approach on immigration, President Joe Biden has banned the term 'alien' to describe illegal immigrants in the United States.

Instead, officials are urged to replace it with the word 'noncitizens'.

A memo to the US Citizen and Immigration Services encourages staff to adopt 'more inclusive language'.

This comes ahead of a major policy shift on immigration which the President was expected to unveil this week.

Under the heading of a U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021, the proposed immigration reform bill was said to be "a more humane stance on the pathway to citizenship" for over 10 million undocumented immigrants in the country.

According to a release from the Biden White House, the new bill "provides hardworking people who enrich our communities every day and who have lived here for years, in some cases for decades, an opportunity to earn citizenship."

Modernising the immigration system by keeping families together and managing the border with smart invest-

ments are listed as priorities, alongside addressing the root causes of migration from Central America.

"The bill will stimulate our economy while ensuring that every worker is protected," it adds.

Creating "an earned path to citizenship" including Dreamers and the essential workers who have risked their lives to serve and protect American communities, are including in the policy outline.

This comes as Mr Biden continues to move his administration away from the harsh immigration stance of the previous Trump administration with a focus on "ensuring that the United States remains a refuge for those fleeing persecution."

He has already started to unravel the contentious immigration policies of the Trump government overturning a ban on travellers from 11 Muslim-majority countries.

The tone and objective of the proposed U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021 was also addressed by Mr Biden during a live "town hall" programme aired on CNN this past Tuesday.

Plans are to have the bill passed into law in stages.



► US President Joe Biden



Plastic Free Cayman show

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to Health City for proper disposal, with the notification of the Department of Health Regulatory Services. Organisers said this discovery of hospital waste was becoming a more regular occurrence. They also noted a large amount of bottle caps that littered the shores, suggesting that many of the bottles were probably sitting at the bottom of the sea.

Ms Ecclefield said that they were happy to have such a large turnout of volunteers, ready to clean up the island, calling the quantity of bottle caps and plastics found "overwhelming". Thankfully, she said, with volunteers from all ages and backgrounds,

they managed to do some serious good for the island.

"Thank you so much to Island Supply, A.L. Thompson, Stoak'd, and Island Waste Carriers for your continued support," she said. "Also thank you to the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps, Jeep345, CaymanEco, Protect Our Future, Lucky Slice and many more volunteer groups and individuals. Follow Plastic Free Cayman on Facebook or Instagram to hear about our March clean-up."

Plastic Free Cayman founder Claire Hughes said she continues to push for a national clean-up campaign and plastic ban policy similar to what has been seen on other Caribbean islands.

"Sadly, with Parliament dissolved, more time will be wasted in addressing this issue," she said. "We continue to press the government to take direct action regarding single use plastics."

UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

By Michael Jarvis, London UK

TURKS AND CAICOS AT THE POLLS

Voters in the Turks and Caicos Islands cast their ballots on Friday February 19th to elect a new government.

Key campaign issues have been the government's handling of the COVID-19 crisis, economic management - especially tourism, as well as crime and illegal immigration.

There are 38 candidates vying for the 15 elected seats in the 21-member House of Assembly.



The six other seats are assigned to two appointed members; one each by the Government and Opposition, two members appointed by the Governor, along with the Attorney General and the Speaker.

The territory's two-tier electoral system is comprised of 10 voting districts with two competing candidates each, and 18 At-Large candidates.

Among the At-Large candidates are incumbent Premier Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson, the territory's first female leader who heads the People's Democratic Movement (PDM), and her main challenger, Charles Washington Missick of the opposition Progressive National Party (PNP).

The PDM won six of the ten constituencies and four of the five At-Large seats in the last election in December 2016.

The next election constitutionally due last December was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thirteen people have died in the Turks and Caicos Islands from the disease.

There have been over 1,800 cases in the TCI since the outbreak. At present, there are over 300 active cases with 10 people hospitalised.

The territory's COVID vaccination programme is well underway with over 7,000 of the UK-supplied Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine administered since the programme started last month.

The islands are presently under a 9pm to 5am curfew until March 3rd.

Polling Stations will open from 7am and close at 7pm on all Islands except Providenciales at 9pm.

Meanwhile, an issue which is competing for attention alongside the election campaign is the sudden death of the presiding judge in the corruption case against former Chief Minister Michael Missick.

The case arose from the 2008 Commission of Inquiry which saw the territory placed under direct rule from the UK for a period.

With the sudden passing of Mr Justice Paul Harrison, a legal wrangle has ensued over the future of the protracted trial.

The Turks and Caicos Chief Justice Mabel Agyemang has set a deadline of March 1st for the territory's Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to decide the future of the trial.

BERMUDA TOURISM A CASUALTY OF COVID

Bermuda tourism industry has been severely set back because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its 2020 year-end report, the Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) says the sector suffered a major contraction but they were hoping for some recovery by the middle of this year.

The BTA's interim head Glenn Jones said in the report that they were "motivated to find green shoots within the industry and leverage those opportunities to accelerate the destination's recovery in 2021."



According to the report, revenue across all sectors of tourism declined by over 80 per cent.

Tourist air arrivals were down by 85 per cent and cruise visitors by over 90 per cent.

However, the BTA said "Bermuda fared better through this storm than many competing destinations and is positioned well to recover faster too as forecasts suggest travel habits returning to some normality by the middle of 2021."

MONTSERRAT CLAMPS DOWN ON INTERNET ABUSE

The government of Montserrat has tabled legislation to criminalise internet abuse.



An amendment to the territory's penal code will slap heavy penalties for a range of listed offences from cyberbullying, so-called revenge porn, defamation, hacking, sharing of malicious content, and fake profiles.

Proposed fines include jail terms up to 20 years and fines of \$EC750,000.

The government says the intention is not to curtail freedom of speech but to ensure that safeguards are put in place.

JERSEY OFFICIALS SUBJECTED TO CYBER BULLYING

The issue of online abuse is also occupying the attention of legislators in Jersey, a UK Crown Dependency in the Channel Islands.

In one recent case, a Deputy in the government was sent a Facebook message saying 'please die of Covid'.



Incidents of other online abuse directed at the local officials have resulted in calls for steps to be put in place to curb such behaviour with the Jersey Attorney General being criticised for failing to take action in the face of 'overtly threatening' messages.

But a spokesman for the Law Officers Department has stated that the issue did not amount to a criminal offence.

A Senator in the Jersey Legislative Assembly said he'll be writing to the Attorney General "to tell him that his refusal to deal with cases like this is basically a green light for these people to continue to behave in this way."

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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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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Safekeep- ing -majesté
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 - 21 Pallid
 - 22 Purposes
 - 23 Corn unit
 - 24 Mine yield
 - 25 Short hit
 - 27 Amused looks
 - 29 Aardvark snack
 - 30 Was a braggart
 - 32 Refuse to let go of
 - 34 Seine water
 - 35 Italian seaport
 - 36 Sides in turf wars
 - 38 Spanish hero
 - 39 Orlando attraction
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- 1 Caravan creature
 - 2 Spiny tree
 - 3 Grammatical no-no
 - 4 Summer in Paris
 - 5 Intense beam
 - 6 Massage target
 - 7 Twenty years, say
 - 8 Prof protector
 - 10 More avant-garde
 - 12 Sub shops
 - 17 Cariou of "Blue Bloods"
 - 19 Not this author
 - 22 "Exodus"
 - 24 Marigold color
 - 25 Police ID
 - 26 Sick
 - 27 Sticky stuff
 - 28 Neptune, e.g.
 - 30 Dagger part
 - 31 Does some house-work
 - 33 Clark's colleague
 - 37 LAPD issuance

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Yesterday's answer

Word Search

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- Cambodia
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- Canada
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- Cantabria
- Capri
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- Colorado
- Congo
- Corfu
- Corsica
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- Crete
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- Cuba
- Cyprus

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

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