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CAYMANIANS URGED TO GET VACCINATIONS

Health authorities in Cayman are encouraging residents, especially Caymanians, to maintain the high rate of COVID-19 vaccinations after evidence has emerged that the uptake might be at risk of slowing down.

The further opening of the borders and by the economy is hugely dependent on the success of the vaccination programme, a policy which has been pursued by the incumbent government.

Another concern is that fewer Caymanians than non-nationals are coming forward for the jab.

The Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee, reported this week that to date, 90% of those aged over 70 and 85% of those aged over 60 have had at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination.

Across the world, the vaccination is seen as the pathway for countries out of both the public health crisis and longterm economic damage unless they safely open up for commercial activity.

Appearing on the Radio Cayman talk-show, For the Record with Orrett "OC"

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I've had my COVID-19 Vaccine

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Nothing but the Best at Clifton Hunter

By Christopher Tobutt



► Beginning of the girls 100m

It was a great day for Clifton Hunter High School, and their motto "Nil satis nisi optimum - nothing but the best," as their three academies, each named after famous Caymanian - built schooners of the past, Cimbo (in light blue) Goldfield (deep green) and Ladyslater (Burgundy) battled it out for the top team trophy at the Truman Bodden Sports Complex. In the end it was Cimbo who won, with Goldfield coming second, and Ladyslater third, but it was a tough battle and there was lots of excitement and cheering too.

After the prayer led by Mr. Kedroy Laing, the National Song was sung by Tahera Thomas, and then the athletes paraded all around the track, with their acadamy banners held up proudly. Hon. Julianna O'Connor Connolly, Minister of Sports, declared the games open.

School Principal, Pauline Beckford said: "Welcome honored Guests, Parents, Staff and students of the Clifton Hunter High School. I am delighted to see all our community members coming out to support our annual Sports Day at the

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Let's Keep Working Together

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- continue frequent **hand washing**
- consider getting **vaccinated** when eligible

DATED: 19 JANUARY 2021

EDITORIAL

A MATTER OF TIME, PLACE, TACT AND TASTE

The commonly used phrase “there’s a time and place for everything” has its origins in scripture and has been adapted over the years to fit every circumstance imaginable.

But the original scriptural reference has been grossly taken out of context down to the ages and even to our modern times.

The point is: some things have neither time nor place - and are just not acceptable.

In the heat of political battle, it has become the norm that ‘the heat is turned up a few notches’...and then some more for added effect and impact.

But there comes a point where, by virtue of acceptable community standards, certain lines are not crossed.

Getting carried away in ‘the moment’ does have its consequences; be it legal or otherwise disrupting the standards by which our society governs and regulates itself through our laws, and cultural norms.

Of course, creativity shouldn't be curtailed. In fact, it should be encouraged. But even then, creativity has its time, place, tact and taste. That's what's makes it creative.

Disparaging just for the sake of doing so is distasteful.

At a time when Cayman is at its most vulnerable, that's when the best of us and the best in us is called for.

Frankly, much of what we are being assailed by (vocally and visually) as the

election campaign hits a peak leaves much to be desired.

The discourse seems destined for a drop in standards of political interaction, especially via social media and in other parts of the campaign sphere.

The world is watching Cayman...and Cayman is perhaps scrutinised more than any other small nation.

We have a lot to be proud of to get that attention but at this critical juncture, we can't afford to let our guard drop.

Raising our standard of debate and how we engage should be the name of our game.

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REQUEST FOR ALTERATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1997

The Central Planning Authority (CPA) is considering a request for alteration to the Development Plan 1997 (RZ20-0007) for the following: Block 20D Parcel 171 and Block 20E Parcel 213REM3 from Low Density Residential to High Density Residential. These parcels are located to the south of the Linford Pierson Highway.

The electronic file can be inspected at the Department of Planning, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal must do so in writing within 60 days of the final advertisement (March 10th 2021) or by May 9th 2021. Please remit all correspondence to the attention of the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, KY1-9000 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; or by email to planning_dept@gov.ky. CPA meeting minutes pertaining to this application can be found on the Department's website at www.planning.ky (Meeting CPA/03/21; Item 3.3)

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'GENERATIONAL CAYMANIANS' URGED TO KEEP UP THE JAB

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Connor this past week, both the CMO and the Head of Nursing at the Health Service Authority (HSA), Dr Hazel Brown, addressed those concerns from a Cayman perspective.

Dr Brown said it's been observed that more non-nationals than Caymanians have been coming forward for the vaccine, a situation which she attributes to the impact of the pandemic in their own home countries.

"I think what we have remaining right now are probably more the generational Caymanians than anyone else. I believe that most other persons, having seen the effects of COVID on their homeland, responding much, much more effectively."

Commenting on the measures taken locally, the HSA Head of Nursing is worried that Cayman could be risking being a "victim of its own success" if the public becomes too relaxed.

"I think we need to be alert to what is happening in the world," she said.

Taking the global view, Dr Brown posed the question:

"How many persons have died today in other countries that didn't have the lockdown...that didn't have it as effectively as we have handled it, and recognise that that can happen again?"

She is concerned that if Cayman's vaccination programme falters especially amongst the 'generational Caymanian population' the risk of a resurgence in cases could put the economy at risk



and the health service under severe pressure.

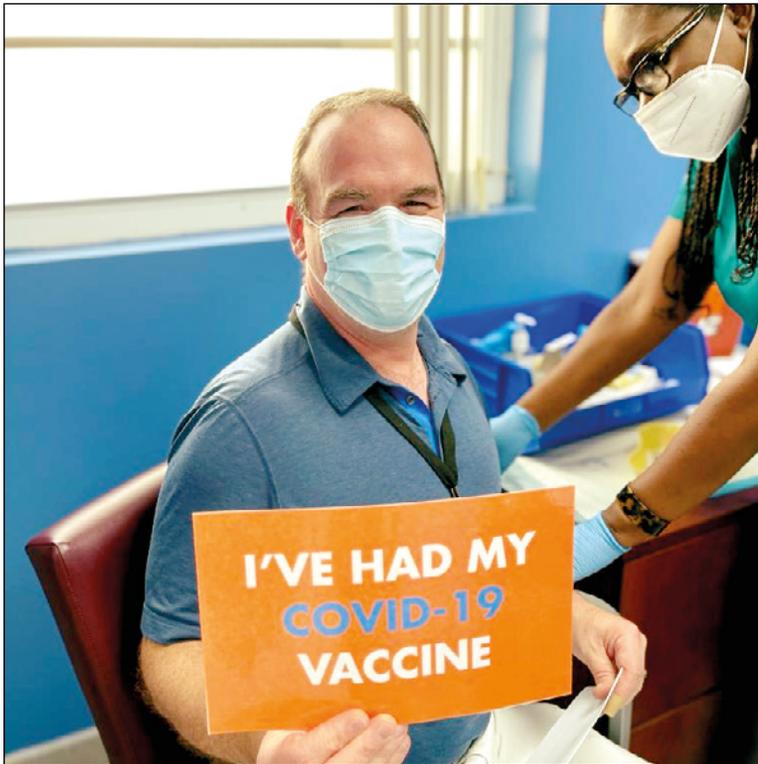
"At some point in time, we have to open our borders our economy is going to get back to its full potential, and then persons who are not vaccinated, are going to be the persons who are then going to be filling the critical care beds," she stated.

So I really want us to think about that. Not just because we don't have COVID here and we have not had a severe problem per se and no local death, it doesn't mean that it can't happen," Dr Brown cautioned.

Chief Medical Officer Dr Lee, noted that "we're very close to reaching that 90% of the over 60s and at that point we suggested that we reduce the quarantine period."

In further urging residents to take up the vaccination offer, the CMO said: "I would encourage people to come forward because I think it is inevitable that we're going to open the borders only when we reach good vaccination of the whole population... by that I mean 80% of the entire population with children included."

Dr Lee said getting to that level of vaccination was now even more necessary due to the emergence of new variants of the original COVID-19 virus which are said to be even more transmissible.





NOTICE

THE ELECTIONS OFFICE WISHES TO ADVISE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CLAIMS AND OBJECTIONS FILED WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD IN RELATION TO THE REVISED LISTS PUBLISHED ON 3rd FEBRUARY, 2021

THE REVISING OFFICER WILL BE SITTING FOR THIS QUARTER

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

50 CANDIDATES REGISTER FOR APRIL 14th ELECTION

The Elections Office has confirmed that it received nomination submissions from 50 individuals on Monday March 1st for the General Election on Wednesday, 14th April.

"Nomination Day activities ran like clockwork today. It was a testament to the efforts of our staff over the last few weeks as they worked tirelessly getting ready for today's logistics, preparing materials, ensuring transportation ran smoothly, and training for accepting nominations," the Elections Office said in a statement.

Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell said: "I'm so proud of the professionalism of the entire team and would like to thank the Elections Office team, the RCIPS, the Accounts team from the Portfolio of the Civil Service, and Treasury on Cayman

Brac for their assistance in making this possible."

The Elections Office will now consider their eligibility as candidates with final confirmation to be announced on Thursday 4th March.

The 50 candidates vying for the 19 seats in the Parliament includes several new faces as well prospective candidates who did not contest the 2017 election but ran previously.

There are also several former ministers from previous administrations seeking to re-enter government.

Two MPs from the last parliament, Tara Rivers and Anthony Eden, will not run.

61 candidates contested the 2017 polls, 11 more than those who put forward their names on Monday.

The Preliminary list which will be confirmed this Thursday is made up of:

Bodden Town East:

- Seymour, Dwayne (incumbent)
- Bodden, Osbourne

Bodden Town West:

- Saunders, Chris (incumbent)
- Vincent, Frederick

East End:

- McLean, Arden (incumbent)
- Frederick, McCleary
- Rankine, Isaac

George Town Central:

- Bryan, Kenneth (incumbent)
- Cornwall, Frank

George Town East:

- McTaggart, Roy (incumbent)
- Bernard, Richard
- DeCou, Emily

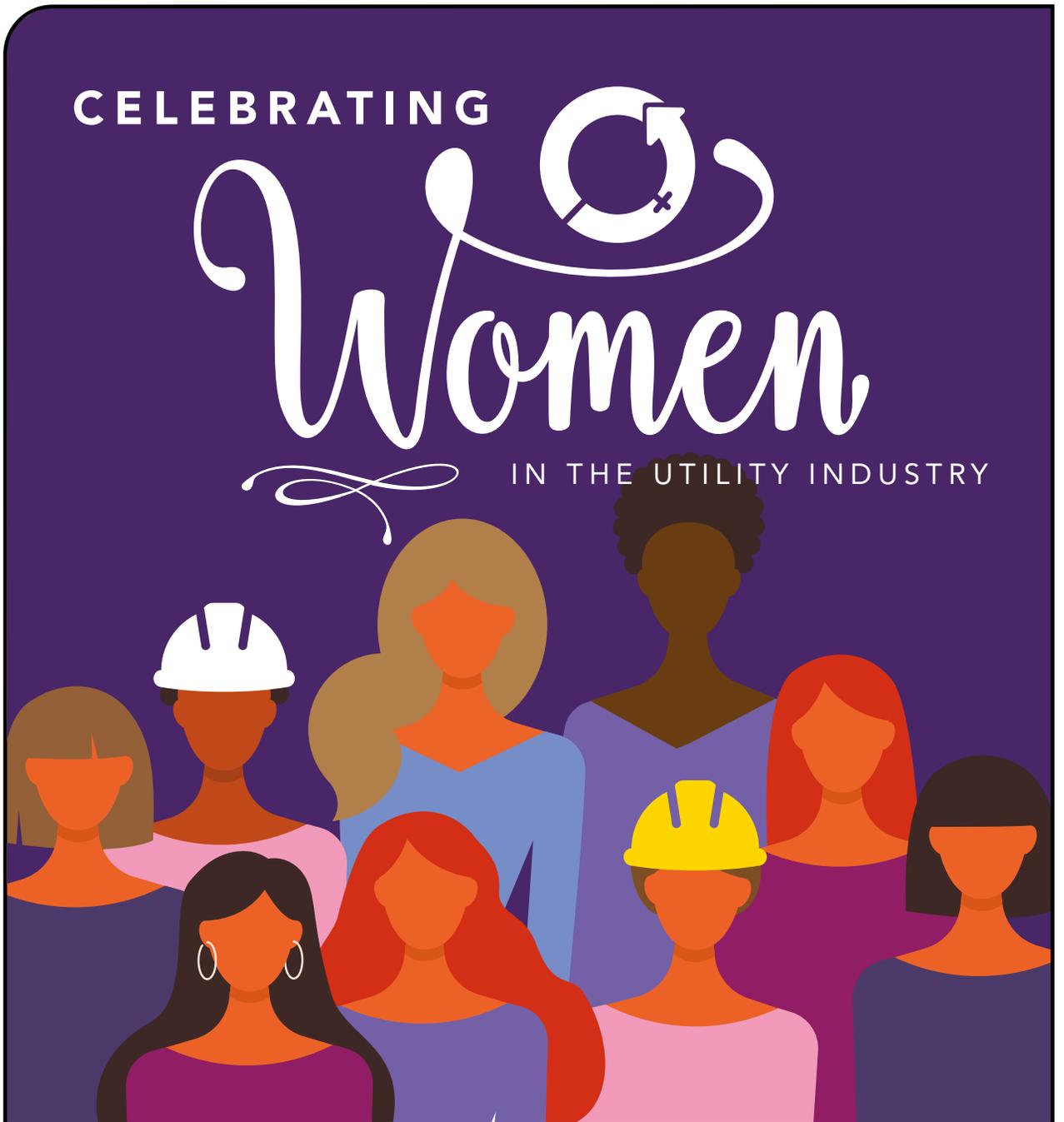


► Mario Ebanks with Nominators - Mr. Troy Leacock, and wife Mrs. Lovenia Ebanks

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- McField, Frank
- Rowlandson, Christina
- George Town North:**
- Hew, Joey (incumbent)
- Moxam, Johann
- George Town South:**
- Connolly, Barbara (incumbent)
- Lindsay, Alrick
- George Town West:**
- Wight, David (incumbent)
- Mcgaw-Lumsden, Pearlina
- Solomon, Ellio
- Webster, Kenrick
- Newlands:**
- Suckoo, Alva (incumbent)
- Carter, Roydell
- Gonzales Jr., Raul
- Panton, Wayne
- North Side:**
- Miller, Ezzard (incumbent)
- Broderick nee Miller, Debra
- Ebanks, Johany (Jay)
- Ebanks, Justin
- Prospect:**
- Harris, Austin (incumbent)
- Myles, Michael
- Turner, Sabrina
- Red Bay:**
- McLaughlin, Alden (incumbent)
- Jackson, Sammy
- Savannah:**
- Bodden, Heather
- Eden, Malcolm
- Williams, Jeanna
- West Bay Central:**
- Ebanks, Capt. Eugene (incumbent)
- Ebanks Wilks, Katherine
- West Bay North:**
- Bush, Bernie (incumbent)
- Anglin, Rolston
- West Bay South:**
- Ebanks, Andre
- Nicholson-Coe, Raul
- West Bay West:**
- Bush, McKeeva (incumbent)
- Ebanks, Mario
- Cayman Brac East:**
- O'Connor-Connolly, Juliana (incumbent)
- Elvis, McKeever
- Cayman Brac West:**
- Kirkconnell, Moses (incumbent)
- McCoy-Moore, Maxine



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David Wight seeking re-election for GTW

David Wight says a natural instinct to help out his local community was developed in him and his twin brother Christopher at an early age, thanks to his family's involvement in the George Town West community in which they lived.

"My father owned a supermarket in the area where we grew up and it was common for him to get involved and help out the local community. We developed that same community spirit from him," he advised.

Serving as the MP for George Town West and Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of Tourism, Transport and Sports, David has also held multiple posts within Government over the past four years he has been in office, including Member of the Standing Register of Interests, Member of the Standing House Committee and Member of the Standing Select Committee to Oversee the Performance of the Office of the Complaints Commissioner and Office of the Information Commissioner.

Describing himself as a hands-on, people-centred politician, David devotes a large part of his daily activities in Government to working in his GTW constituency and the wider community.



Working closely with his colleague, George Town South's Member of Parliament, Barbara Connolly, David pointed out that infrastructural issues affecting his constituents have been of top concern, especially when it came to improving the quality of roads in the Windsor Park area of GTW.

"We've had one of our greatest achievements with the resurfacing and re-drainage of Oak Mill Street in Windsor Park," he advised. "I would like to thank the National Roads Authority for their excellent work both in Oak Mill Street and Miss Kippie Lane, which have seen major improvements to an area previously prone to flooding."

Work has also begun on Walkers Road to resurface the roads at the busy four-way stop by the hospital, as well as at Mid-

dle Road where it joins Maple Road where sleep bumps will control vehicle speeds in that area, he advised.

Another area of achievement that has been a highlight for David was his ability to assist those from his constituency in need of employment. Serving as the connection between those seeking employment and companies needing staff has

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David Wight seeking re-election

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been a key area of work for him during his time in office.

The safety and security of his constituents has been a high priority for David and so he helped small communities within the GTW area establish neighbourhood watch schemes.

"I've seen many established over the last four years and am part of the What's App group chats that are set up with each group. It is great to see the chats and see people looking out for each other," he stated.

Young people have also been an area of special concern, he observed, having co-sponsored after school programmes in the George Town area along with his Progressives colleague, Barbara Conolly.

"Two of my most notable achievements have been my work with the Cayman Is-

lands Further Education Centre (CIFEC) and also with the Boyz 2 Men mentorship programme," he stated. "I have been pleased to be able to assist the professor in charge of the construction classes at CIFEC whenever he needs equipment, and I have been very happy to support the excellent Boyz 2 Men programme, which has made a huge difference in the lives of young men in our community."

Looking ahead, David said he would like to continue his focus on the youth, again working alongside his colleague Ms Conolly, continuing his work with the Youth Parliament.

"This will be the fourth year that Barbara and I have been part of the Youth Parliament programme. I think it is a great initiative and I just wish we had had something similar when we were young as it would have made my transition into politics a great deal easier," David said.

Working in the Ministry of Sports is something he very much hopes will continue, should he gain re-election, having played cricket at a semi-professional level in the UK.

"Sport is in my blood, whether that is cricket, football or tennis, all of which we have played as a family all our lives. I like where sport is going in the Cayman Islands and hope it can continue to be promoted and supported once Covid has ended," he said.

Working alongside the Minister of Tourism is also something he is keen to continue.

"All my life I have been proud to promote the Cayman Islands at any opportunity overseas and it is something I very much hope to continue to do," he confirmed.



Celebrating Women at CUC



Judith Bennett
Manager Regulatory & Sustainability

Congratulations Judith

Effective March 1, 2021 Judith Bennett is heading up the Regulatory & Sustainability Department at Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd. (CUC). She will assist the Chief Financial Officer with all regulatory reporting matters of the Company. This newly created role will involve developing sustainability targets for the Company that cover Environmental, Social & Governance (“ESG”) Standards. ESG standards are an increasingly popular way to evaluate potential investments in companies.

In 2015, Judith re-joined CUC as Supervisor Financial Reporting. She was promoted to Manager Financial Services in 2016. Judith was involved with all aspects of internal and external reporting for CUC. She managed the preparation of monthly, quarterly and annual financial statements.

Judith began her career in accounting as a high school summer intern with CUC. She continued to work as an intern in the Finance Department for a number of summers. After completing her GCSE A level exams, she worked full time in the Finance Department for one year before heading off to university. Judith received a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and Finance from Georgia State University. She successfully completed her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam in 2004 and became a licenced CPA in Georgia.

As a licenced CPA, Judith has 11 years of experience employed in the financial services industry and five years in the utilities industry. As a dedicated and detailed oriented accounting professional, Judith has worked with a number of local and international companies over the years.



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Conyers Kicks off Honouring Women’s Month with 12th Inter-school Debate

The Cayman Islands recognizes the month of March as Honouring Women’s Month, a month to celebrate the achievements of women and call for greater gender equality. Conyers kicked off these celebrations on 1, March with its 12th Inter-school debate, a tournament that saw students contemplate the future of gender equality and evaluate the monetary value of stay-at-home wives and mothers.

The tournament, held in collaboration with the Family Resource Centre, took place at Cayman Prep and High School. Mehr Lamba, Programme Facilitator with the Family Resource Centre commented, “It is always exhilarating to engage in new partnerships and our collaboration with the Conyers Inter-School Debate Tournament is very much in this vein. Young persons are our future and to hear intelligent and nuanced debate by students on issues central to gender equality, especially during Honouring Women’s Month, gives us hope for the future.”

The tournament saw 74 students from John Gray High School, Cayman Prep and High School, St. Ignatius Catholic School, Clifton Hunter High School, Wesleyan Christian Academy and Cayman International School competing in two divisions, Novice and Open, over three rounds. The tournament was a team effort with more than 60 business people, ranging from lawyers, accountants, consultants, and other leaders from the Cayman business community volunteered their afternoon and evening to act as judges. The tournament itself was run by more than 40 students and teachers at Cayman Prep and High School.

In the first two rounds, students in the Open division debated the resolution “This house believes that global gender equality will not be achieved in our lifetime” and students in the Novice division debated the resolution, “This house believes that stay at home wives and mothers ought to be paid for domestic work.”

“Honouring Women’s Month is an excellent time to take stock of how far we’ve come and how much further we have to go to achieve gender equality,” said Kevin Butler, Partner and Head of the Cayman Islands Office. “We were pleased to partner with the Family Resource Centre for our spring 2021 debate and are committed to sponsoring initiatives like the debate that help develop the next generation of professionals in the Cayman Islands.”

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Celebrating Women at CUC



Back:
 Pat Bynoe-Clarke, Manager Corporate Communications
 Letitia Lawrence, Vice President Finance, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer

Front:
 Judith Bennett, Manager Regulatory & Sustainability
 Nichelle Scott, Manager Customer Services
 Claire Stafford, Company Secretary & Data Protection Officer

Inset:
 Joni Kirkconnell, Manager Environment, Health & Safety
 Felicia Deslandes, Manager Human Resources & Employee Development

Celebrating Strong Leadership

On this International Women’s Day, we salute our Women in Leadership at CUC.

We applaud their hard work and dedication and the various skills they have brought to the organisation. Together they have given 75 years to our Company and we thank them.

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The campaign theme for International Women’s Day 2021 is ‘Choose To Challenge’. A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let’s all #ChooseToChallenge.



Ministry of Education Tours Construction Site of the New John Gray High School

Phased opening of new John Gray High School to begin in August 2021

McAlpine Ltd., the local company contracted to build the new

John Gray High School facility, hosted a site inspection tour with a delegation of officials from the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) this past week. Led by the Minister for Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, Honourable

Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, the delegation received a tour of the new facility and a quick progress summary. "When embarking on this project, our Ministry thought it prudent to engage in a holistic approach by gaining insights which centered around and included our students, faculty and other support staff. We have had a wonderful opportunity to do another tour of the new John Gray High School and I am extremely



► Overall plan schematic showing the various sectors of the new John Gray High School site



► (L to R) Front row – MEYSAL Facilities Manager - Clive Baker, Minister O'Connor-Connolly, MEYSAL Acting Chief Officer Lyneth Monteith, McAlpine Project Manager-Steve Gaffing. Back row – MEYSAL Acting Deputy Chief Officer -Mark Ray, Education Council Member – Daryll Rankine, MEYSAL Deputy Chief Officer – Wilbur Welcome, MEYSAL Project Manager-Wayne Riley and Principal Jon Clark

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delighted to witness the evolution from these multi-stakeholder discussions, the strategic plan, the architectural renderings and to now being able to touch the mortar and see those plans become a fast reality. It is really important that we capture spaces that are necessary for teachers to effectively



► Steve Gaffing leads MEYSAL officials on a tour through the heart of the construction site

deliver their subject areas and where our students have the resources to successfully progress through our school system and graduate as productive citizens," explained the Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connolly. The quick summary presentation and tour was presented by the Project Manager, Steve Gaffing of McAlpine Ltd. and covered progress on seven different sectors within three different construction phases of the site project. This included details on the Sectors that will house teaching, learning and different types of support facilities as well as an update of the building of a new mechanical room in Sector 8. The renovation and refurbishment of the existing buildings in Sectors 1, 5 and 6 is nearing completion in anticipation of their phased opening in August 2021. Sector 1 contains the

main/entrance, administration offices, a health centre, kitchen, dining area, and a counselling/nurturing area which will have a secure open area for students and staff as they arrive. Sector 5 contains technology workshop areas, with technical class areas on the ground floor and home economics classes on the second floor. Notably, there will be robotics, clothing, textiles, food, design, and building/construction technology labs as well as an automotive shop containing vehicle hoists, equipment and machinery for training and development in vehicle maintenance. Sector 6 contains a new performing arts centre complete with a dance and drama studio, a music room, a steelpan room, and a double-purpose performance theatre/assembly hall with retractable seating.

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► Minister O'Connor-Connolly poses proudly with a former John Gray High student and Government Scholarship recipient currently working on the project as a Quality Surveyor with McAlpine (L to R) Clive Baker, Principal Clark, Tracy Rankine and Steve Gaffing



► Before the tour Steve Gaffing presented a quick summary of the construction process

JGHS Construction Site

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“I am a firm believer in nation building and with that, the absolute necessity for our children to be empowered in foundational and core subjects, I was particularly excited to see the very necessary inclusion of the facilities for the Arts and the technical labs. We currently have students excelling in these areas and need the resources to be able to reach their full potential.” added Minister O’Connor-Connolly.

The construction of a new interlink building in Sectors 2, 3 and 4 is progressing well. Sector 2, 3 and 4 are the centre sectors which link together the three pre-existing buildings. The new building houses the main dining hall, library and classrooms for core subjects, (such as English, Mathematics, Sciences, Information and Communications Technology) Spanish, Humanities, Religious Studies, Business Studies, and visual arts. Also housed in this sector is the faculty staff room to facilitate teachers being among the students at all times. Two other major design features are the library which will be the “heart” and centerpiece of the new school and the informal collaboration staircases which will see three multi-purpose staircases built between levels 1 and 2, offering students opportunities for seating, meetings and collaboration.

Minister O’Connor-Connolly was also keen to learn and see design improvements that will better resource staff for the delivery of instruction and supervision. “I am excited to see a truly purpose-built school with improvements such as the inclusion of several open and green spaces. Staff will have offices at strategic locations across the school to aid with passive supervision. There are also clearer lines of visibility which will only help staff to identify and address issues such as bullying,” she added.

Part of the delegation was the current Principal of John Gray High School, Jonathan Clark who has been working closely with project managers towards completion of the building.

“Through stakeholder engagement, we have looked at the best of the past and global best-practices. Our students and staff have been involved at all stages. They see the plans and visit the construction site. It has been fantastic to see our ideas come into fruition. The new school and systems are designed to maximise learning time and minimise transition time between lessons, with outstanding specialist facilities that support world class teaching and learning of a new curriculum with a stronger STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) focus. While I have been pleased with how teachers have been able to work in our current accommodations, it has been difficult for a number of years. This new facility gives us an opportunity to teach the curriculum as it is designed to be taught, without any limitations.” asserted Principal Clark.

Despite the delayed start due to the COVID 19 pandemic the phased opening of the school remains scheduled for August 2021.

“We are optimistic that we will have all students and all staff occupying the entire new John Gray High School campus by the beginning of the 2022 Academic school year,” informed the Honourable Juliana O’Connor-Connolly.

For a trusted and reliable source for the latest information visit www.gov.ky and further visit www.gov.ky/news/noticeboard for all updates.



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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.

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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As a longstanding supporter of the Cayman Islands Little League, we are particularly drawn to their focus on providing free programmes that bring the youth from across the schools and districts together to participate in team sports. We are therefore pleased to partner with them on this necessary and exciting renovation project to help their programmes continue to build a collaborative, healthy and active community in the Cayman Islands. We look forward to the ongoing success of CILL and the new Field of Dreams and the positive impact both will have on future generations.

Matthew Gardner, Managing Partner of the Maples Group's law firm in the Cayman Islands



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Saving Democracy: Political Party Funding- Especially Campaign Finance Reforms

There are many attributes of Caribbean democracies that must be celebrated.

Countries in the Anglophone Caribbean have largely held to the Westminster system bequeathed to them by their former colonial bosses, political parties have moved in and out of office, though more frequently in some than in others and there is an understanding that human rights must be protected. Religious freedoms are largely guaranteed and compared to other parts of the world, the media is



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considerably free. There is, largely, freedom of association and expression and citizens have the hard earned right to vote. In most of these countries, elections are undoubtedly free and fair and in others, there are efforts to deal with the known blemishes.

Yet, there is an emerging a consensus that the method in which political parties are funded represents one of the main challenges to the future viability of democracy in the region.

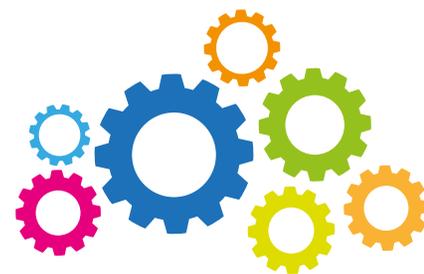
One of the main publications on the subject – **Handbook – Funding of Political Parties and Election Campaigns**, produced by the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), correctly points out that political parties are critical – ‘Democracies cannot function without them.’ The authors continue ‘Parties are expected to reflect the concerns of citizens, aggregate and mediate diverse interests, project a vision of a society and develop policy options accordingly. They are supposed to inspire and attract supporters to their cause, their membership being of key importance in their claim to represent citizens.’

They point out that whatever criticisms are levelled at them, political parties ‘Continue to be entrusted with what is perhaps the most strategic responsibility of modern democracy – to prepare and select candidates for parliamentary and presidential elections and then to support them into positions of leadership and government.’

Many citizens, who only consider the political process when it is time to vote, give little thought to the fact that parties need to generate income to finance not just their electoral campaigns but also their running costs as political institutions with a role to play between elections. They have little time to consider the extent to which money influences the political process and how this affects their everyday lives.

Yet, the discussion and advocacy for changes to the way political parties are funded has now reached a high point. The Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (MIND) says that its discussions and debates revolve around three questions: ‘How free should parties be to raise and spend funds as they like? How much information about party finance should the voter be entitled to have? How far should public resources be used to support it?’

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How do I apply?

To review the General Rules and Guidelines and apply, visit the “The Thomson Leadership and Innovation Award” page under the “Careers” tab on CUC's Home Page (www.cuc-cayman.com). Click the “Apply Here” link, complete the online forms and follow the instructions. Applications must be submitted not later than **Wednesday, March 31, 2021**. Hard copies will not be accepted. For more information, e-mail pntscholarships@cuc.ky.



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CELEBRATING CAYMAN WRITERS, WRITINGS, & THE ARTS

Nasaria Suckoo Chollette: Songs of NCFA Innocence

Her very name is poetry. Her very name is art. I first met this name when my then 5-year-olds came home from Kindergarten, excited to say their first poem at the National Cultural Festival of the Arts (NCFA). "Say your poems for me", I encouraged, and they said the title easily enough, then added, "by Natharia Thuckoo Chollette". They spent a few hours learning the poems, but days learning the poet's name.

Nasaria Suckoo Chollette grew up right here in Cayman, studied at Howard University, then returned home to fill various roles - at the National Museum and NCVO, for example. However, it is her 17 years of teaching Theatre in high school that Chollette speaks of with passion. When she could not find Caymanian works for her classes, she wrote skits so her students could perform using language and expressions that were authentically theirs. Later as she assisted with the NCFA syllabus, she again noticed that students were being asked to study a lot of European men's works, so she again wrote poems for NCFA's use. According to Chollette, "I wrote because I wanted Cayman's kids to access our culture and history. I wanted them to access our writings at a young age. I turned to other writers, and for each of the poems on the NCFA syllabus, I stated where the poets were from so that the kids could relate".

If you have studied the Romantic poets, you might be familiar with William Blake, celebrated for ushering in Pre-Romanticism. I think of Blake's *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* as I read Chollette's poems. Heavily influenced by both the Industrial and French Revolutions in the latter half of the 1700s, Blake wrote his *Innocence* poems before the revolutions, and his *Experience* poems during. He wrote

them to show "the two contrary states of the human soul". Chollette's poems show her two sides. She presents 'experienced', thought-provoking, mature ideas that target the Cayman adult; on the other side are 'innocent' poems, written for the Cayman child.

NCFA Poems

Blake's *Songs of Innocence* poems are rhythmic, childlike, imaginative, curious and questioning, creating a gentle world of childlike innocence. Chollette's poems for NCFA similarly focus on the innocent child. She highlights how cheeky they are in "The Switching", where "Kendrick stole my Christmas present...He stole my Molly Dolly/And pulled off her dolly head". She celebrates their dreams as seen in her poem of heroism where the persona says,

I'd like to be a hero
And live at Heroes' Square
I bought my cape and mask
And my flying underwear

She captures the urgency to be big, and the disgust of adults often felt by the "Little Person" who asks, "Why is it that Grown-ups don't trust us? And treat us like we have no brains ... I didn't spill ink on the floor ...I don't need you to bathe me anymore". And, she encourages the development of a lively imagination in "Fairy Tales" where we meet "Big Bad Wolf and his moods ... those silly old pigs who told a lie ... little Bo Peep, who lost her sheep ... that egg that fell". Space does not allow a detailed critique of her works, where Chollette in "Fairy Tales" rewrites "the stories they told", so that her Big Bad Wolf "was not a meany at all/He just wanted to play"; where "Little Bo peep was naughty and rude ... lazy and odd ...She was quite

a slob"; and the story of Humpty Dumpty who "got hushed ...[because] ... he didn't fall, he was pushed". I can't but wonder whether there are bigger messages and commentaries here about Cayman and the Caribbean. When Chollette said, "the stories they told", who exactly are 'they'? Why is the egg silenced? Who did the pushing? What is the Big Bad Wolf symbolic of? Could Chollette be asking bigger questions behind the façade of innocence?

Influences

Chollette's rewriting of fairytales is suggestive of what Jean Rhys does in *Wide Sargasso Sea* when she tells the story of the one-dimensional Caribbean woman in the attic in Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre*, and the reverse "Miss Lou" speaks of in her poem, "Colonisation in Reverse", showing that this Cayman poet's work is comparable to some leading writers in British and Caribbean literature. Chollette admits being influenced by several writers like Jamaican poet, "Ms Lou", who Chollette said "gave us permission to write how we speak". Also, Afro-Guyanese writer, John Agard, who writes poems based on common fairytales and confronts social issues and issues of identity through them. Maya Angelou's works "became a doorway to show me I don't have to write a particular way", and Jamaica's Mervyn Morris taught Chollette she does not need so much "connecting flesh" - it is okay to be minimal. Cayman's own Leonard Dilbert urges Chollette to dare to be different and provides a great support system. "His critiques are good for me", she says. "I feel safe with my works in his hands".

Cayman's cultural truths and rituals are seen in Chollette's poems which highlight



experiences true to her childhood. Some poems honour Chollette's mom who she said, "told me some of her stories". Her works express "Caymanness" in the images she conjures and the expressions she uses. Illustratively, in "Avocado Fiend", Li'l Tommy who is "so hard of hearing" "ate Pear on bread and biscuit/He ate Pear with Bulla too ... and Pear with Calliloo"; The above-mentioned Kendrick "gets a switching/On his bum-bum" with a switch that "Granny [breaks] off ... From our Tamarind tree"; we meet "Teensy", the tiny Green Sea Turtle; and there are 'Caribbean' titles of poems that need no explanation - like "Hog Pen Blues" and "Duppy Hog".

In content and structure then, Chollette presents and celebrates what is authentically Cayman. This is seen even more in her 'experience' poems, but therein lies our discussion for another few weeks.

JN Gears Up to Transform Cayman Entity into Commercial Bank

On the heels of its launch of JN Bank in the United Kingdom last year, The Jamaica National Group is gearing up to establish JN Bank in The Cayman Islands.

Speaking at the 4th Annual General Meeting of The Jamaica National Group, Earl Jarrett, chief executive officer, said the group has signalled its intention to Cayman authorities that it will be changing its business model.

JN Cayman currently operates as the only building society under financial laws in The Cayman Islands, offering mainly mortgages and savings to its members. He said a major reason for the conversion is the regulatory constraints of the Building Societies Act of Cayman, which has impeded growth and profitability for years.

"For several years, JN Cayman's growth has been stymied by Section 19 of the Building Societies Law, which stipulates that the ratio of deposits to loans must

be less than 75 per cent," Mr Jarrett told members during the group's first hybrid AGM on Friday, February 19.

"A commercial banking licence would enable us to increase the deposit and loan portfolios, grow the JN brand, and support the expansion of our remittance business, JNMS (JN Money Services) Cayman Limited, through the provision of correspondent banking services," he said.

The company has faced severe correspondent banking issues since 2014, when its then banker pulled the plug on JNMS Cayman. It has resolved the issue since then, but continues to face problems because of the perceived risks of money transfer businesses.

The JN Group hopes to launch its commercial bank in Cayman soon. It is expected, beyond correspondent banking



Saving Democracy

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The fact is that less than transparent, and in many cases, corrupt political party campaign funding poses a credible and urgent threat to democracies in the region.

Transparency International is the main global civil society organization leading the integrity debate. So important is this subject that TI developed 'Standards on Political Party Funding and Favours reflect best practice.'

It says that:

'The need to clean up political finance Corruption in political party and campaign finance damages democracy because it undermines elections and distorts political competition. But the damage is not confined to the electoral process. The quality of government is marred when subsequent decisions by elected politicians are taken to pay back those who funded their ascent to power, rather than for the benefit of the population as a whole. Equally, when a political party resorts to paying for votes rather than focusing on the quality of its campaign message, democracy suffers.'

'Corruption in political finance erodes trust in the institutions of democracy, when scandal after scandal reveals politicians sharing the spoils of power with their financial backers. Transparency International's Global Corruption Barometer 2004 found that in 36 out of 62 countries polled, political parties were considered to be the most corrupt institution, followed by parliaments. Faced with evidence that voters do care about the ways in which electoral politics is financed, governments around the world have taken steps to regulate political party and campaign financing. Many have introduced disclosure laws, whereby parties must publish details about who gave them money, how much, and what they used it for. Others have banned certain types of donations that are considered more prone to corruption, such as corporate donations. Another route taken by countries is to lessen the need for money by providing state subsidies, shortening campaigns, providing subsidised access to the media, or curbing the amounts parties may legally spend.'

The Standards go further than external regulation, however, and consider the importance of vigilance by civil society and the media and of internal political party and business controls.'

Indeed, this serious subject needs continuing discussion and action.

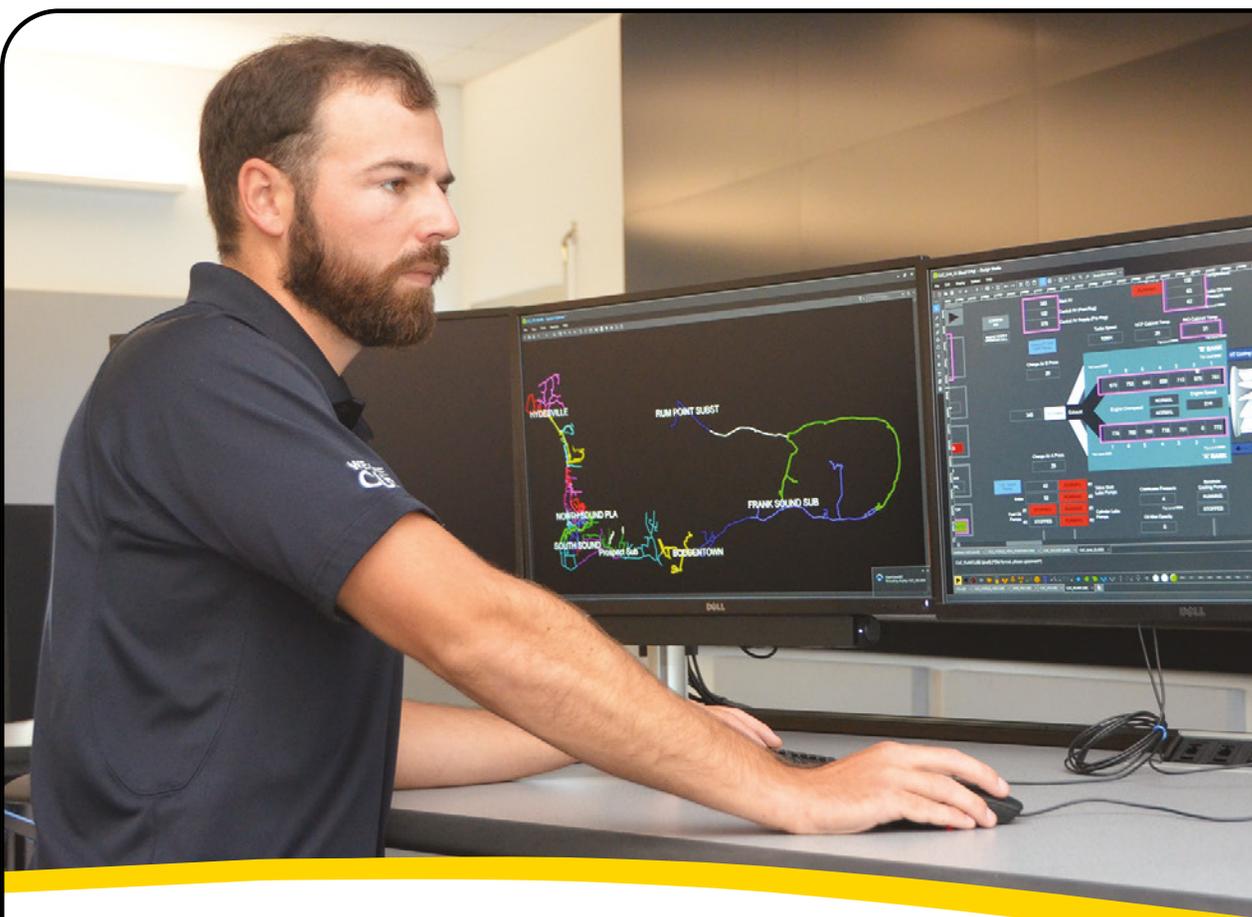
JN Bank

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services, to provide even greater access to the unbanked in Cayman, as well as, improved financial products and services, driven by innovative technology, to conveniently serve Caymanians, the Jamaican Diaspora and the wider Caribbean region.

Financier Jermaine Deans, who was appointed managing director in December 2019, is tasked with leading the JN Cayman transformation process. The new bank will model its sister commercial bank in the UK.

"This will be supported by a strong use of technology, including online banking and ease of access of service," Mr Jarrett informed.



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Applicants invited to apply for a CUC Scholarship

As an employer of choice, and one of the largest employers of Caymanians, CUC is committed to attracting, developing and retaining high potential employees by providing opportunities for Caymanian students to succeed in the electric utility industry.

CUC is proud to offer a scholarship to an accredited university for students who are interested in completing an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in related fields of study, which represent areas important to CUC including engineering, electrical technology, mechanical maintenance, information technology, occupational safety, health and the environment, corporate governance, finance, human resources and customer service.

Applicants must:

- ▶ 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;
- ▶ have a minimum of seven (7) GCSE/CXC/IGSE passes including English, Mathematics and Science(s) or the equivalent in the American educational system. Preference will be given to students with higher level passes (A level, AP, IB, etc.) in Mathematics and Science(s).

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.

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► One of the long jump participants Competes for Cimboco



► Crossing the line for Goldfield academy

Nothing but the Best at Clifton Hunter sports day

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Truman Bodden Sports Complex. Once again this promises to be a very competitive and closely fought competition between the three academies. We are looking forward to some record breaking times...Let the 2021 Games begin. Good luck to all the athletes."

After the cheerleader competition and trophy presentation the races started. It was the 800m, separated into different age groups from year 7 all the way through to Year 11, and then there was long jump, too for the Year 10 to 11 boys. There were also long jumps for all ages between year 7 and 11, along with high jump and shotput too. There was discus for boys and girls of years 8-11, and javelin for boys and girls of years 9-11.

800m meter races for girls were next, with plenty of medal presentations for first, second and third position. One of the many first place medals awarded on the day went to 15-year-

old Rochelle Moore of Cimboco who won the 800 meters by a long margin, from second and third place Jessiann Miller and Arianna Robman. Rochelle said she was very pleased, and all the training she had done had paid off.

Next came the 100m boys for years 7-11 followed by the 400m for boys in year 7, and girls in year 7, too. There were more 400m races, one for girls of year ten, and then for boys and girls of year 11. In the afternoon, the moment everyone had waited for, as some brave parents raced each other to the finish-line. There was a mixed race for teachers, too with everyone cheering. The day finished up with the 60 meters dash, and then the relays, for Year 7 to 11 boys and girls. It's the third year running that Cimboco have won the sports day trophy, with Ladslater winning in 2018, and Goldfield in 2017. Let's see how Clifton Hunter does in the Inters schools sports day, on March 12.



► Rochelle Moore won first place in the 800m, one of many medals presented during the day, with Jessiann Miller second and Arianna Robman third



► All the trophies awaiting those who win at the Clifton Hunter sports day



► One of the long jumpers for Goldfield Academy

HEALTH MATTERS

BBBS showcases services at symposium

The recent symposium on youth mental health put on by the Alex Panton Foundation brought together many groups and organisations which are also geared towards helping Cayman's young people find their way onto a better path in life. One such entity is the Big Brothers Big Sisters programme, which mentors young people in Cayman on an individual basis.

BBBS, as it is known, was first developed in the early 1990s, when an informal group of concerned residents, led by Pastor Stanwyck Myles, got together to mentor children and teenagers. BBBS was formally incorporated in 1995, with the help of the Lions Club of Grand Cayman.

Gregory Smith, BBBS's Executive Director and Angela Martins, the organisation's deputy chair of the Board of Directors, were on hand manning a booth at the recent mental health symposium, to explain the importance of BBBS. Mr Smith outlined why their organisation wanted to have a presence at the recent mental health symposium.

"The work that we are doing really involves collaboration, understanding what others are doing in the community, so this is an opportunity for us to come out and both network with other organisations and better understand what they are doing," he explained. "Then we can align our efforts. That's critical for us."

Being out in the community meant people were more able to understand what BBBS was doing and gave them

the ability to highlight opportunities to get involved, volunteer and support efforts to contribute to BBBS, because the entity is completely based on donations, he advised.

BBBS is a mentoring programme that seeks to give young people assistance on an individual basis, giving them attention that might be lacking elsewhere in their lives.

"We match an adult one-on-one with a child age between 6 and 16 years old and it provides the young people with a positive role model. Mentors spend from one hour a week to do fun activities with the young people," he advised. "There is an in-school programme where the mentors (the 'Big') can visit the young people ('the 'Little') in school and then they do games and activities and sometimes they will do homework."

Bigs can also spend time with the Littles doing fun activities within the community, like having a sandwich out for lunch or playing ball, whatever the Little is interested in, Mr Smith advised.

"It's really a friendship, supporting them. Many of our kids who are involved in our programme have some adversity in their life. Maybe they have one parent at home, maybe they have some other challenges, that's how they are identified. What the Big does is provides some stability, providing a role model where those presences might be more absent in their life," he stated.

Visit bbbs.ky to find out more.



► Gregory Smith and Angela Martins of BBBS

Mentoring Cayman Students Gain Legal Industry Insight at HSM

The HSM Group opened their doors to welcome 18 students from the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce Mentoring Cayman Programme on 25 February.

The students were given a tour of the HSM offices by HSM's Managing Partner, Huw Moses and Chief Executive Officer, Donna Farrow.

Afterwards they were given a presentation on the legal industry and career details, which included a panel of HSM staff and the students got the opportunity to ask questions. The students met HSM's Partner, Nick Joseph; Associate, Shula Sbarro; Fiduciary/Compliance Manager, Jelana Eckart; Finance Manager, Melissa Durrant and Marketing Manager, Alyson Parsons.

HSM is a full-service law firm that offers a wealth of employment opportunities, including immigration, intellectual property, litigation, property, private cli-

ent, corporate services and more. They also have areas outside of law such as finance, secretarial and marketing.

Chamber's Mentoring Cayman Programme offers experiences for professionals to mentor students on the verge of graduating. It also serves as an introduction to the many career paths available on island.

"Our company is always looking for ways to support young adults," shares Huw. "We are proud to offer them insight into the working world and help mold them professionally."

In addition to this initiative, HSM is a proud supporter of the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC) Internship Programme since 2012 and offers sponsorship opportunities for further education. HSM also employs seven former CIFEC graduates fulltime.



► Students listen to a presentation and meet some of the HSM staff

Inter-school Debate

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The final round of debate was judged by the Hon. Madam Justice Carter of the Cayman Islands Grand Court, and took place on stage in front of the other students, judges, coaches and parents. Awards were presented by Stran Bodden, JP, Chief Officer in the Ministry of District Administration, Tourism and Transport and Erik Bush, JP, Chief Officer in the Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs.

Attendees at the final debate round were treated to a dinner catered by a team of women chefs from Mise En Place and Conyers further celebrated women with a donation to the 'Women in White' scholarship fund, a scholarship established to help women chefs further their professional studies abroad.

The winners of the debate were the team of Sophie Ellison and Aiden Watler from Cayman Prep and High School and the Second Place team was Sadie Finch and Thomas Dickens from Cayman International School. The top teams and speakers were as follows:

Open Division Team Awards

- Sophie Ellison and Aiden Watler, Cayman Prep and High School, First Place Team
- Sadie Finch and Thomas Dickens, Cayman International School
- Shaela Reid and Hadassah Blake, John Gray High School

Open Division Individual Awards:

- Aiden Watler, Cayman Prep and High School, Best Speaker
- Sophie Ellison, Cayman Prep and High School, Second Place Speaker
- Sadie Finch, Cayman International School, Third Place Speaker

Novice Division Team Awards:

- Solomon Aka and Dabari Morgan, Clifton Hunter High School, First Place Team
- Natalia Cugliari and George Zimmerman, Cayman International School, Second Place Team
- Michael Moncreiff and Moises Diaz Pascual, Clifton Hunter High School, Third Place Team

Novice Division Individual Awards:

- Moises Diaz Pascual, Clifton Hunter High School, Best Speaker
- Solomon Aka, Clifton Hunter High School, Second Place Speaker
- Natalia Cugliari, Cayman International School, Third Place Speaker

Ian Whan-Tong, Tournament Director commented, "The Conyers Inter-school Debate Tournament continues to go from strength to strength with greater interest from schools, teachers and the community. Our students today have a wide range of extra-curricular activities, but debate allows students to develop a number of skills that are essential for their future success: critical thinking, confidence, communication and a growth mindset. I'd like to thank Conyers for their continued sponsorship of the tournament, and all of our volunteers and supporters for their contribution to advancing debate in these islands".

Sponsored by law firm, Conyers, the Conyers Inter-school Debate is the only inter-school debating tournament in the Cayman Islands. The tournament was founded and organized by Tournament Director Ian Whan-Tong, and is sustained by a large team of volunteer judges, coaches and teachers, with support from the judiciary and government and legislative leaders.

Since its inception in October 2015, more than 250 different high school students representing all local secondary schools have debated more than 40 different resolutions in the course of over 350 individual competitive inter-school debates. The 13th Conyers Inter-School Debate will be held in the autumn of 2021.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Careers Fair

5 March - The 2021 Careers, Education & Training Expo takes place at UCCI's Sir Vassel Johnson Hall on Friday, March 5, 2021, at 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. At the Careers Expo, Chamber members share their internship, educational and career opportunities with hundreds of local students, often resulting in exciting partnerships. For more information, call 743-9121 or email nina.robinson-downs@caymanchamber.ky.

St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights

5 March - The popular St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights continue



► HWM Colour Me Purple 5k Walk / Run

for this Lenten season 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!

CUC West Bay Sunrise 5K

6 March - CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay for a fun run and walk to raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). The course starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay. Start time is 6:30 a.m. for Walkers and 6:45 a.m. for Runners. Check-in begins at 5:30 a.m.

The cost is CI\$15 Adults and \$10 Youth (Under 17). Register online at www.caymanactive.com (from February 11th) or download the PDF form from CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com. Contact CUC's Pat Bynoe-Clarke (914-1107), Neil Murray (914-1110), CIAA's Cydonie Mothersill (928-2726) and Kenrick Williams (925-1943) or e-mail communications@cuc.ky.

Honouring Women Month - Women in Sport

6 March - The Squash club in collaboration with the Stingray Swim Club will be hosting Women in Sports on Saturday 6 March at the South Sound Squash Club from 5:45pm to 7:15pm. Mingle with some of Cayman's international sports women, shop from a group of selected local businesses and buy a raffle ticket for a chance to win some wonderful prizes. Entry fee is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children and includes a drink. Email mwest@squash.ky for more information.

Holy Communion at St Albans Church of England

7 March - All are invited to attend a Service of Holy Communion which will be held on Sunday, March 7th at 9:30am at St. Albans Church Of England on Shedden Road. The Right Reverend Dr. PJ

Lawrence, Bishop, will be the guest celebrant. All persons are requested to bring masks. Other safety protocols will also be in place.

Brac 5K Walk/Run

7 March - The Brac Branch of the Humane Society presents a 5K Walk/Run at 7am on March 7th at the Brac Beach Resort.

Empowering Women Workshop

9 March - As part of Social Work Month, you're invited to an Empowering Women Workshop at the Aston Ratty Civic Center from 12 to 1pm and 7 to 8pm. For further information, or to register call the FRC at 949-0006, email frc@gov.ky, or visit FamilyResourceCentre.com or www.frc.gov.ky

National Trust Speaker Series - Butterflies, Beetles and Bugs, Oh My!

9 March - The National Trust is hosting a Speaker Series on Butterflies, Beetles and Bugs, Oh My! With Lonny Coote on March 9th from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the National Trust Clubhouse at Dart Park. Tickets are \$15 with a 10%



► Careers Fair

discount for NTCI members. International guests may sign up for the Zoom option. Go to <https://nationaltrust.org.ky/events/> for more information.

HWM Colour Me Purple 5K

14 March - The 2021 HWM Colour Me Purple 5k Walk / Run takes place on Sunday 14th March. The event begins at Safe Haven and finishes by the Holiday Inn. Start Time is 6:30am for both walkers and runners. There will be prizes for first 3 male and female finishers. \$25 registration includes shirt (for the first 200 paid registrants), raffle prizes and light refreshments. Registration is open at: <https://forms.gle/EpFyE8QGU1MdehMD9>

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cayman Islands Government's Education Council Local Scholarships: Frequently Asked Questions



When can I submit my application for a local scholarship?

The Local Scholarship application period is from March 1 - April 30 annually

How do I apply for a local scholarship from the Education Council?

You can apply for a local scholarship by going to the Scholarship webpage at www.education.gov.ky/scholarships. The entire application process is online and you will be required to complete an online application together with other supporting documentation which must be uploaded to the system. You should contact the Scholarship Secretariat for guidance by email: scholarships@gov.ky.

What are the required academic criteria to qualify for a Local Scholarship?

The criteria for the various local scholarships are noted in each of the relevant application forms. Additional information is also available in the guidance notes in the relevant sections. Each form is available on our website at www.education.gov.ky/scholarships.

Am I able to apply for a scholarship to pursue online studies?

Yes, Education Council Scholarships are available to pursue online studies at the undergraduate level at ICCL and the UWI Open Campus.

Does my acceptance at a local institution guarantee the award of a scholarship?

No, the acceptance into a local university does not guarantee the award of a scholarship. It forms part of the requirements but other criteria must also be met including but not limited to academics. If you are in doubt please contact the Scholarship Secretariat at email: scholarships@gov.ky.

What do I have to do to maintain my local scholarship?

Local undergraduate scholarship recipients are required to achieve a semester GPA of 2.75 (US) / 2.2 (UK) or higher during their first year of studies and a semester GPA of 3.0 (US) / 2.1 (UK) or higher during subsequent years of study. Post-graduate scholarship recipients are to achieve a semester GPA of 3.0 (US) / 2.1 (UK) throughout their studies. A Level students are required to achieve grades C, C, C in 3 out of 4 AS subjects taken in the 1st year to continue funding into their 2nd year of studies.

Are scholarship opportunities available to persons who have Special Education Needs and wish to pursue tertiary education?

There are provisions available to accommodate high school graduates with Special Education Needs and applicants are encouraged to communicate with the Secretariat about these opportunities (email: scholarships@gov.ky).

Are there special considerations for student athletes who represent the Cayman Islands?

Yes, students who continue their athletic training while on scholarship can qualify for adjusted academic requirements as long as they provide ongoing proof of their athlete status. For further details email: scholarships@gov.ky.

Is career and tertiary education guidance available to me if I am unsure of the post-secondary opportunities available to me?

Yes, the Scholarship Secretariat does offer career and tertiary education guidance to anyone needing assistance. Continued support is offered to Education Council scholars during their post-secondary and tertiary experience.

Are local scholarship opportunities available to mature candidates?

Yes, local scholarship opportunities are available to mature persons who are encouraged to contact the Scholarship Secretariat by email: scholarships@gov.ky.

What can I do as an applicant to help the process run as smoothly and quickly as possible?

You can ensure that you complete the application as directed, that you provide all required documents including updated information in a timely fashion during all aspects of the scholarship from applying for to maintaining your scholarship.

Mandatory Travel Registration & Proof of Negative Covid-19 Test required for Entry into Jamaica

All travellers to Jamaica will need to complete an online travel registration and obtain travel authorization approval prior to check-in at the airport.

Kindly visit: www.jamcovid19.moh.gov/Immigration.html or for non-Jamaican passport holders www.visitjamaica.com

Additionally, the Jamaican Government announced that effective 4th



March, 2021 proof of a negative Covid-19 test (taken within 72hrs of travel) is also required for ALL persons 12 years of age and older to enter Jamaica.

We hope travellers to Jamaica will comply with these requirements to avoid disappointments in their travel plans.

Local Scholarship Application Period Begins

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) is now accepting local scholarship applications for the 2021/2022 academic year.

Eligible applicants must possess the right to be Caymanian and possess a letter of acceptance to the academic institution they wish to attend.

Apply for the Cayman Islands Government's Education Council Local Scholarships online at www.education.gov.ky/scholarships. Supporting documentation including a cover letter, a copy of the ap-

plicant's birth/status certificate and one passport size photograph must be uploaded to the website by Friday, 30 April 2021.

Once the application period closes, the Scholarship Secretariat Unit will review all applications and invite eligible candidates to an interview.

For more information about the Cayman Islands Government's Education Council Local Scholarships, please contact MEYSAL's Scholarship Secretariat Unit by email at Scholarships@gov.ky.

Forget your weight. Do this instead

How would you like to get rid of your bathroom scale? To never again subject yourself to the angst and humiliation of stepping on and waiting for the number-that-will-determine-your-self-esteem to light up the screen.

Sounds awesome, right?!

It's been ingrained in us from an early age to worry about our weight, however today I'd like to show you how the number on your bathroom scale is an unreliable measurement of your progress that should really be thrown out the window.



► Ernest Ebanks

Bathroom scales are unreliable.

Take that number with a grain of salt. Your typical bathroom scale is a digital gadget with serious limitations, attempting to measure your gravitational force.

Digital scales must be recalibrated after every move. This means that if you pick up your scale and the place it down again you must press on the scale for a reading, wait for the numbers to clear, and then proceed with weighing yourself. Most people miss this step and end up with inaccurate readings.

Digital scales must be placed on a hard, flat surface. Since the reading is coming from gravitational force, the slightest inconsistency with the weight distribution into the floor could skew the reading.

Accurate scales only tell part of the story.

At the doctor's office you'll encounter the more accurate balance beam scale. This scale directly compares your weight (gravitational force) to counterweights. The readings from balance beam scales are more consistent and accurate than digital scales.

However...

Even an accurate reading of your weight only tells part of the story. Your weight (gravitational force) naturally fluctuates throughout every day due to in the intake and excretion of fluids and food.

A pound gained from drinking a large glass of water has no distinction from a pound gained as a result of fat storage on your body when measured on a balance beam scale. However, these two weight sources will lead to two very different bodies!

Body composition is what you're after.

Your body is composed of three things: fat, lean mass and water. An attractive, fit body is composed of a low amount of fat, ample lean mass, and healthy water levels. When you walk into the gym and tell me that you want to lose weight, what you're really telling me is that you want to lower your percentage of body fat.

When you begin the process of fat loss, the initial drop that you see on your scale is mostly water weight. This happens as your controlled diet empties out stored energy that releases the water that is held with it. This initial drop in weight makes you feel good...

Until you get back on the scale the following week to see that your weight has barely even budged. This normal ebb and flow of body transformation nearly always brings discouragement. You feel like somehow you're failing since that initial weight loss has now slowed to a crawl.

What's crazy about the psychological mind game that the scale plays is that during the third week of a body transformation, when the scale shows the least impressive change, your body composition is actually cranking up to very impressive levels. So while you saw half a pound lost on the scale, behind the scenes you lost three pounds of fat.

Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Precious Darling Beloved Son, Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Special Friend & Wonderful Co-Worker -
CHADWICK PRESELY WOOD, aka, "CHAD", "CHADDY" - In Heaven, Who was 'One in a Million' to all of us, and left us much, much too soon on 5th March, 2005, 16 very sad years ago - far too long to be without you.



8th July, 1986 - 5th March, 2005

Our Precious Handsome 'Guardian Angel' - In Heaven, CHAD, Our CHADDY, lived a Beautiful Life and we watched him grow into the Wonderful, Loving, Caring, Thoughtful, and Kind person and young man that he became - which meant so much to all of us.

The happiest of memories and the nicest to recall, are all the Special Days we shared.

Our Darling Son and Brother, Chad, even though your beautiful life was taken away due to your most unfortunate traffic accident and through no fault of your own, which regrettably caused your untimely death - but time can never change the warmth all the previous Special memories bring.

While parents like to think they have a lot to do with how well their children turn out to be, Our Precious Darling Handsome 'Guardian Angel' - Most of the Credit certainly belongs to you... because you were pretty terrific all on your own as you had a 'Heart of Gold', which was worth more to us than wealth untold!!

Our Precious Angel Chad was someone so 'Very, Very, Special' who had an understanding heart - When others may lose their faith in us - that was just when his faith would start.

Chad was someone who was most loving and had the sweetest way of giving others encouragement whenever skies were looking gray. Chad was someone who was Very Special and Helpful to all of us and would always lend a hand and smooth things out when they did not go as we had planned. Our Loving and Caring Chaddy was someone who we all Dearly Loved - And that is surely true of Such a Very Special and Wonderful Son, Brother, Cousin, Nephew, Uncle, Special Friend, and Caring Co-Worker just like you, Our Angel.

Chad, we know that God welcomed you home to his Beautiful Garden and He is taking very good care of you for us. You are never forgotten. We miss you always. You are forever in our hearts and always in our thoughts and on our minds. Your heartbroken Mommy & Daddy - Aline & Cebert Wood; Loving Bro. - Cebert, (Jr.); Sister - Gina; Special Nephews - Jace, Chris & Jaithan; Niece - Skai; Loving Aunts, Uncles & Cousins - Marilyn, Travis, Nikita, Jeremy, Jesse, Orrie, Carlos, Leon, Kadie Byrd, Kadie-Joy; Special friends - Reagan, Forde & their namesake sons; also, Roje, Johnny McLean, Jr. & family; Karin, Justin, Britt, & many others too numerous to name, & all your caring Co-Workers at Cayman Coating Industries Ltd.

May your most precious soul Rest in Peace until we meet again some sweet day.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

This was Chad's favorite Bible verse.

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



GENESIS 8:22- SEASONS

As you are reading this, you may be experiencing this unfamiliar cold weather. Others in far away places are witnessing snow of a magnitude that is historical. Winter can be a struggle, keeping folks indoors, making communities work harder, and testing our patience. Every season is a reminder of God's faithfulness.

After the flood, God promised Noah He would never again flood the earth and would continue to sustain the seasons that help make the earth a place for us to habitate and flourish. When life is out of sorts, out of control, and feels uncertain, know that the same God who has sustained the seasons will also sustain you.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. James Truman Walton, who passed away on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mrs. Mary Lee McLean who passed away on February 18, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of God Chapel, 22 Academy Way, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, March 6, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. Viewing Closed Casket. Interment: Prospect Cemetery. This Funeral Service will be live-streamed on Facebook starting from 1:45 p.m. Refer to churchillsfuneralhome.com for stream link.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Clive Howard Smith, who passed away on Friday, February 19, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church (Pedro), 163 Pedro Castle Rd, Grand Cayman on Friday, March 05, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: Closed Casket. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery. In Lieu of Flowers donations can be made to Jasmine. The service will be live streamed at 9:45 a.m.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Charles McField, who passed away on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Clive Howard Smith, who passed away on Friday, February 19, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church (Pedro), 163 Pedro Castle Rd, Grand Cayman on Friday, March 05, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Viewing: Closed Casket. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery. In Lieu of Flowers donations can be made to Jasmine. The service will be live streamed at 9:45 a.m.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

The family of the late **Evangeline Moler nee Watler** regret to announce her passing on 19 February, 2021.



A Funeral Service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, 13 March, 2021 at Savannah United Church.

Interment will follow at the Watlers' Cemetery behind Tall Tree.

Condolences can be registered at boddendfuneralservice.com & [Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BoddenFuneralService)

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

The family of the late **James A. Warren** regret to announce his passing on 5 February, 2021.



A Memorial Service will be held at the Church of God (Universal) on Saturday, 6 March, 2021 at 3 p.m.

Condolences can be registered at boddendfuneralservice.com & [Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BoddenFuneralService)

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

The family of the late **Hartman Morgan DaCosta** regret to announce his passing on 20 February, 2021.



A Funeral Service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, 6 March, 2021 at Cayman Islands Baptist Church.

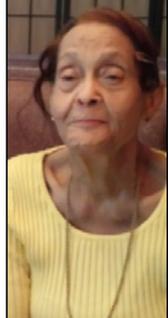
Interment will follow at the Eden Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to The Cayman Islands Seafarers Association or Jasmine Hospice

Condolences can be registered at boddendfuneralservice.com & [Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BoddenFuneralService)

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

The family of the late **Treatie Santiago nee Pouchie** regret to announce her passing on 25 February, 2021.



A Funeral Service will be held 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 7 March, 2021 at Church of God-Universal, East End.

Interment will follow at East End Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at boddendfuneralservice.com & [Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/BoddenFuneralService)

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

Tribute in Loving & Blessed Memory of Our Dear Precious Beautiful Sister, Mother, Aunt, Cousin, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother & Dear Friend - **VALERIE DEANNA MERREN**, who left us for her Heavenly Home on **24th February, 2019, two sad years ago.**



30th September, 1940 - 24th February, 2019

Our Precious Beautiful Smiling Guardian Angel - Deanna/Nana,

It is hard to believe that you have left us two years ago now, but Your sweet memory lingers on and will live on in our hearts forever.

Lord, if Roses grow in Heaven, please pick a bunch for us and place them In our dear beloved one's arms and tell her they're from all of us. Tell her that we LOVE her and miss her every single day, and when She turns to smile, please place a kiss or two upon her cheek and hold. Her for awhile, because remembering her is easy - we do it every day, but the ache within our hearts because of having lost her will never go away.

Dear Lord, we know you are taking care of Our Beautiful Guardian Angel In Heaven which is such a great comfort to us. May her soul Rest in Peace.

Forever loved, greatly missed, and remembered every single day. Your loving and devoted Sisters - Aline, Chasteen & all of our families, Brother - James & family; Children - Marilyn, Darcy, Craig, Perri, Shane & families. Missing you every day, Our Precious Nana. Love you always and forever. Hugs & Kisses X O X O - Travis & Nikita & all your grandchildren & great-granddaughter - Amira; many Special Cousins & friends in the USA & Grand Cayman; & her Church family at the Church of God (Universal).

CUBA DEVELOPING VACCINES TO SAVE LIVES AND ITS ECONOMY

Faced with rising COVID-19 cases and struggling with a stagnating economy, Cuba is placing high hopes on rolling out its own vaccines to stabilise a worsening national crisis.

The country has been hit with the double whammy of the crippling economic effects of the pandemic coupled with stifling sanctions by the then US Trump administration.

Cuba has been in part hoping for the new Biden administration to rapidly unravel the added restrictions imposed by his predecessor while at the same time relying on its world-renowned biochemicals industry and health sector to provide a pathway out of the malaise.

However, the development of vaccines at home seems to be moving at a faster pace than President Biden's commitment to relax the US trade and travel restrictions on the island.

Keen to restart its tourism sector to alleviate the economic burden on the state and citizens, Cuba has suffered a setback with a resurgence in cases after opening its borders.

The country has to date recorded over 50,000 cases and more than 300 deaths attributed to COVID-19.



And this has happened as it despatches its own healthcare teams abroad to assist its Caribbean and Latin America neighbours as well countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East whose health systems are under severe strain compounded by the pandemic.

But while that 'medical internationalism' and 'doctor diplomacy' is a vital source of foreign exchange for Cuba, the country's economy is still reeling under pressure from the virus and other constraints.

The Cuban government is pinning its hopes on four potential vaccines in development domestically which it expects to roll out this year.

The Soberana 01 and Soberana 02 vaccines alongside the Mambisa and Abdala are reported to be in advanced trial stages.

The Sobera vaccines are a reference to the country's sovereignty, while Mambisa is a tribute to the women who fought in the independence wars in the second half of the 19th century.

The Abdala vaccine - being developed with Iran - is said to be in homage to the first dramatic poem by the Cuban intellectual José Martí.

While no specific timeline has been stated, the Cuban government has said it is aiming to vaccinate its entire population this year with its own vaccines.

Plans are to manufacture 100 million doses of the Soberana 2 vaccine, which would be the first to be developed in Latin America.

Cuba's biotechnology and immunology sector has been highly praised globally for already producing medicines to treat COVID-19 patients, some of which it has exported to India and other countries.

UK HUNTS FOR MISSING INFECTED BRAZIL VARIANT CARRIER

A nationwide hunt is on in the United Kingdom for a person said to be infected with the very virulent strain of the 'Brazil COVID-19 P-1 variant'.

Alarm bells went off after it was discovered that the person is one of six who had arrived in the UK recently from Brazil where the variant was first noticed and is blamed for numerous infections and deaths.

The other five people have been identified and are in isolation but their whereabouts of the sixth remains unknown.

Authorities are said to be particularly concerned as the P-1 variant is said to be resistant to current vaccines, although British health experts say they are confident that the new vaccines can be tweaked to combat this new strain.

However, the challenge lies in manufacturing sufficient quantities and embarking on another round of vaccinations should the P-1 variant take hold.

According to reports, the individual being sought might have used a home testing kit but did not complete the required documentation when they returned their sample.

Authorities are now frantically searching for anyone who submitted a COVID-19



home test on February 12th or 13th and are awaiting a result.

The UK's national health agency, Public Health England (PHE), said that of the six cases identified, three were located in Scotland and three in England.

However, only two of those in England, traced to the county of Gloucestershire in the southwest, have so far been identified.

This has also raised further questions about the effec-

tiveness of the government's costly track and trace system and the new compulsory hotel quarantine system which only came into effect in mid-February.

Brazil on a list of 33 red-flagged countries from where international travellers arriving in the UK are required to go into quarantine at their own expense.

The UK's newly-appointed Vaccines Minister Nadhim Zahawi has raised further concerns when he said the

government was still unclear whether or not the unidentified person had recently been abroad.

This has led to questions of whether the individual could have been circulating in the community thereby increasing the urgency of identifying, locating and quarantining the carrier.

Comparisons are being drawn to South Korea where a COVID-19 outbreak last year was traced to a single infected person.

Forget your weight

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Remember that all weight is not bad. What you don't like to see and feel on your body is fat. As noted above, fat is not the only thing measured by your weight. Those toned muscles that you want to have will bring up the number on your scale, but as long as fat is converting to lean mass, the result is a stunning body transformation.

Pictures are more powerful than numbers!

It's possible to measure your body fat levels using different tools. These readings will give you a clearer picture of what is taking place beneath your skin, as your body composition shifts to a lower percentage of body fat.

However, pictures are what I have found to be the most powerful measure of body transformation. A picture is truly worth a thousand body composition number readings!

When you see two images of yourself, side-by-side, and your eyes take in the differences in the shape and appearance of your arms, legs and stomach it is truly a magical moment; a moment when you understand how silly the number on the scale really is in the face of your undeniable, stunning body transformation.

If you're ready to begin your own stunning body transformation, with the goal of lowering your body fat, feel free to reach out to me. I'm here to get you into the most spectacular shape of your life!

Call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email me at bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today. Let's do this!

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
81° / 75° Partly sunny	82° / 76° Partly sunny	83° / 75° Partial sunshine	82° / 75° Strong winds subsiding	77° / 76° Windy with some sun	78° / 77° Partly sunny, a shower; windy	79° / 78° Partly sunny and windy

UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

NEW TCI PREMIER SAYS VICTORY WAS A CRY FOR HELP

New Premier of the Turks and Caicos Islands, Charles Washington Misick, has credited his Progressive National Party's (PNP) overwhelming victory in last month's elections to a cry for help from voters due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis.



"COVID-19 has taken a severe toll on our people and has ravaged our economy and we can see the evidence everywhere; increase in poverty, unemployment worsening standard of living."

In his inaugural address, Premier Misick, a past TCI chief minister, said his new government isn't taking their overwhelming mandate victory lightly.

The PNP won all but one of the 15 elected seats, with former Premier Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson losing her seat in the process.

"As we celebrate our victory we are also mindful of our responsibility to honour the faith and trust that you have reposed in us. You have given us a mandate to work on your behalf to empower you and to build the Turks and Caicos Islands," Mr Misick said.

He listed job creation, especially for young people, providing quality health-care and education, investing in agriculture and infrastructure development among his top priorities.

Premier Misick said, "The last 50 years of development in this country has, to some extent, been at the expense of the people of these islands and the next 50 years have to be different."

EX-PREMIER CONCEDES AND LEAVES

Meanwhile, ex-Premier Sharlene Cartwright-Robinson who lost her seat has

also resigned the leadership of the People's Democratic Movement which won just one seat.

In a concession statement, she informed that she had "officially handed in my resignation as leader of the PDM, and cleared the way for the rank and file to decide on a new leader; a position that I have held since December 2012."

"My exit from active politics marks nearly 12 years of service," she stated.

CARICOM CONDEMNS BVI INQUIRY

The British Virgin Islands (BVI) government has welcomed a statement from the regional heads of government questioning the British government's recently established Commission of Inquiry (COI) into maladministration and corruption in the territory.

At their late-February Intersessional Meeting, Caribbean Community (Caricom) leaders said they were "dismayed at the manner in which the COI was established with no consultation, or prior communication, between the United Kingdom Government and the duly-elected government of the British Virgin Islands."



Commenting on the Caricom statement, BVI Premier Andrew Fahie stated: "Caricom's interest in the Commission of Inquiry is positive, especially their understanding of how damaging the approach taken to the COI's announcement was for the image and economy of the Territory that is based on tourism and financial services."

The British Virgin Islands is an Associate Member of CARICOM.

The UK-funded - and commissioned - inquiry is currently taking evidence and is expected to report by the summer.

BERMUDA BACK UNDER CURFEW

Bermuda has re-introduced a curfew due to a spike in local COVID-19 cases.

The midnight to 5am curfew comes after what the government said were signs of a new "emerging outbreak" of Covid-19 which authorities believe might be linked to the virulent UK variant.

Calling it a precautionary measure, Premier David Burt said "we learned our lesson in November and we will not make the same mistakes again."

Minister of Health Kim Wilson has warned that social gatherings were most likely to lead to increased transmission of the virus.

She recalled three events over one weekend last November which resulted in a spike in cases with 81 people testing positive and more than 550 quarantined.

According to Bermuda health experts, there have been 35 confirmed cases of the virulent UK variant which they've linked to passengers arriving on British Airways flights.

GIBRALTAR DEVELOPS VACCINE PASSPORT APP

The Gibraltar Government reports that it's developing an app to certify that residents have been vaccinated against COVID-19.

The app which will serve as a vaccine passport will also include the result of tests they have taken.

The territory's Minister of Health, Samantha Sacramento, said, "It is important that as we move to the next phase of our fight against Covid-19 that we prepare to have our own Covid vaccine passport."

She said it will be "a digital representation of the cards we have already issued and will verify the person's Covid-19 vaccination history."

The Gibraltar government said the app is being programmed to be compatible with systems being considered by the UK and the European Union.



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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7			5	2	4	8		
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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Difficulty Level ★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Home color
 - 6 Refers to
 - 11 Less than right
 - 12 Seize by force
 - 13 Satchel part
 - 14 Singer Mel
 - 15 Malleable metal
 - 16 François's friend
 - 18 Writer Anaïs
 - 19 Genesis name
 - 20 Scathing review
 - 21 Terminus
 - 22 Show shame
 - 24 Mid-month time
 - 25 Agony
 - 27 Tennis great Arthur
 - 29 Patriot's tune
 - 32 Once called
 - 33 Find a sum
 - 34 Quarter-back Manning
 - 35 Ravine
 - 36 Hair goo
- DOWN**
- 37 Earth
 - 38 Make a speech
 - 40 Superior group
 - 42 Daughter of Lear
 - 43 Passover meal
 - 44 Skilled
 - 45 Canary chow
 - 1 Winery worker
 - 2 On the go
 - 3 Made a fresh start
 - 4 Seventh Greek letter
 - 9 Kingly fur
 - 10 Shells out
 - 17 Artificial
 - 23 Buck's mate

S	A	D	I	E	T	A	M	P	A
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Yesterday's answer

- 5 Give the walls a new look
- 6 Interrupt
- 7 Equal: Prefix
- 8 Make a reversal of general opinion
- 9 Kingly fur
- 10 Shells out
- 17 Artificial
- 23 Buck's mate
- 24 Bank acct. addition
- 26 Infinite
- 27 Soft yarn
- 28 Blackened
- 30 On cloud nine
- 31 Ore workers
- 33 Bond, for one
- 39 Keg need
- 41 Spike of film

Word Search

X	K	K	T	W	O	E	D	K	K	W	M	M	Y	A
F	L	A	H	E	T	V	F	M	L	A	V	U	V	U
J	Z	E	O	U	E	S	T	A	Q	E	F	N	F	O
R	E	V	U	Q	F	R	M	H	C	I	G	C	O	K
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- Billion
- Decimal
- Divisor
- Double
- Dozen
- Eight
- Eleven
- Factor
- Fifty
- Five
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- Million
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- Prime
- Seven
- Sixty
- Thousand
- Three
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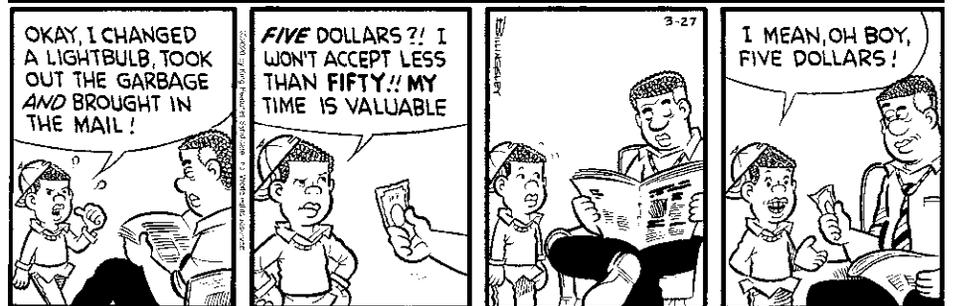
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, back, up, down and diagonally.



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By Ray Billingsley



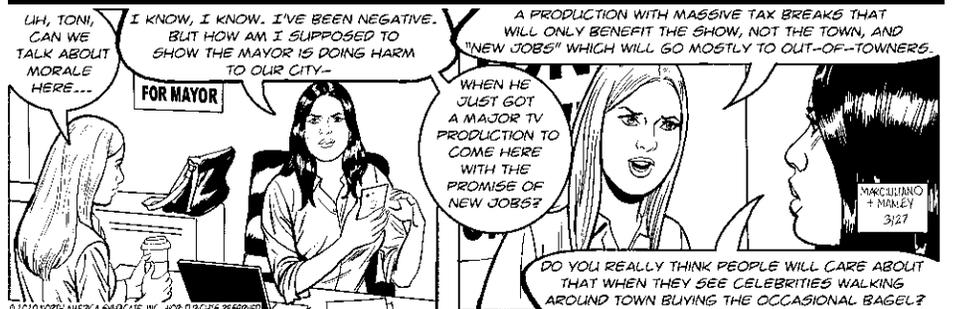
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