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## Progressives Launch Alliance



► Cayman Islands Premier Alden McLaughlin addresses the audience at the launch of the Progressives' Alliance on Saturday, 13th March

The Progressives formerly known as the People's Progressive Movement, along with several Independent Candidates, now collectively known as the Alliance, hosted the formal public launch of their 2021 bid for Parliament in the AL Thompson's parking lot on Saturday, 13th March.

A sea of red shirts listened to the candidates outline their accomplishments and aspirations for the future of the Cayman Islands.

One of the highlights of Saturday's event, was the introduction of the Islands' Premier, the Honourable Alden McLaughlin, who received a resounding welcome from the audience on hand for his efforts

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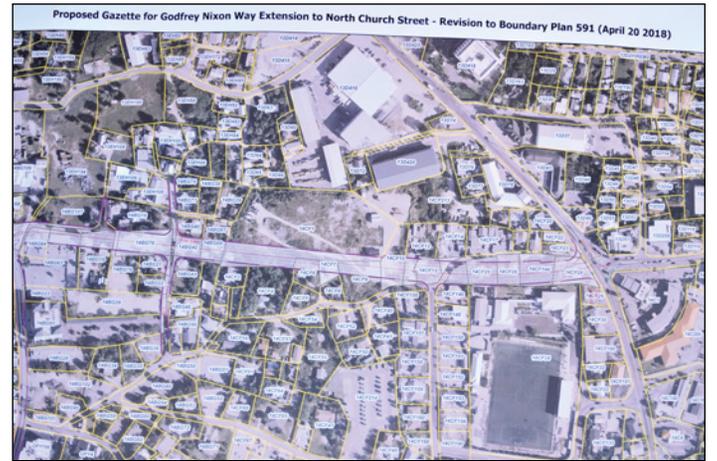
# Extensive Road Upgrades. Part 2

By Christopher Tobutt

Recently, Government Ministers and senior National Roads Authority officials showed the Caymanian Times and other media outlets some of the extensive road widening, extending and improving that is happening all over the island and has taken several years, both in planning and execution. The new improvements will cost more than 30 million, Infrastructure Minister Joey Hew said. It is part of a comprehensive transport strategy aimed at helping Cayman develop in a sustainable way as its population continues to grow.



► Minister Hew and Mark Scotland discuss the new Airport Connector Road



► Map of Godfrey Nixon Way extension

## Godfrey Nixon Way extension

One of the new roads that is not too far from completion is a large extension to the Godfrey Nixon Way, all the way through to (the area of Da Fish Shack on North Church Street / South Church Street. The new extension is going to employ what Mr. Hew calls the "Complete Streets Methodology," which is a new way of planning new roads to better accommodate pedestrians, cyclists and those using busses, helping them feel safer and encouraging them to be less dependent on cars. "plans are underway, and we are looking at opportunities to redesign the town and pedestrianize certain areas using parking garages, hop on and hop off services that allow people to park and move around the town freely. These are all ideas we are looking at in a very comprehensive approach to the traffic issue. The next step has to be a comprehensive study on public transport and the hop on hop off service is just one of those projects that we are doing ....and then we hope to do more ...our public transport and its not just about getting bigger busses or anything I want us to think outside of the box when it comes to public transport - how do we move people safely and comfortably, and how do we plan for the future? I agree 100 percent we cannot continue to build ourselves out of traffic congestion. We have to approach



► Extension of the Godfrey Nixon Way looking West to North Church Street



► Airport Connector Road

this in a holistic manner, and that's what we're doing," Mr. Hew said.

The new Godfrey Nixon Way extension will also provide an alternate route for tour busses, as well as corridor for shipping containers at the Port area to be transported up to the holding area just off the North Sound Road.

## Big new roundabout at the end of Linford Pierson Way

On the other side of town, the Linford Pierson Way was recently upgraded from a single lane each way to a two lanes, greatly speeding the traffic and making driving times from Savannah and Bodden

Town noticeably faster. But the end of the road is still single-lane each way, and so the whole of the last section of road and the small roundabout at the end represents a bottleneck.

for the last phase of the Linford Pierson Highway to get the three lanes all the way down to what is now known as the Torguga roundabout and Bobby Thompson way...so the roundabout that is left we will expand to six lanes, so there will be three lanes heading East and three lanes coming

into town. That small roundabout will become this massive roundabout.

## New Airport Connector Road

When it is complete, the new Airport Connector Road will take traffic from the area of the Airport Long-Term Carpark all the way through, from the Environmental Health Building to the big roundabout which is also the turnoff for the International School on the Esterly Tibbetts Highway, enabling the traffic to move swiftly all the way from the Airport up into West Bay, The first phase of the connector road goes round behind the dump, and will finish at Sparky Drive, with the next phase taking the road right up to the Department of Environment building at Smith Barchadere, and the final phase all the way through to the Airport parking lot.

It is hoped that the new road will alleviate traffic considerably at the Butterfield Roundabout, especially at peak traffic times, and take most of the workers from Industrial Park and CUC.



► New road heroes. Photo includes: Tristan Hydes, John Ebanks, Kenross Connolly, Dane Walton, Edward Howard (NRA Managing Director) Andy Bodden, Faith Powery, (Executive Secretary) and David Arch (NRA Board Member)



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► Aerial photos taken after 5pm on Friday, 12 March showing smoke emanating from the scene

## CIFS Extinguishes Windsor Park Brush Fire

The Cayman Islands Fire Service has overnight extinguished the large brush fire that began in the Windsor Park area yesterday afternoon (Friday 12 March 2021).

A small flare-up earlier this morning was addressed by a crew on standby. No other issues have been reported and the area will be monitored throughout today as a precaution.

Approximately 18 fire personnel, one light portable pump, four tankers and one rapid intervention vehicle were deployed to fight the fire, the cause of which is under investigation.

It was reported on Friday afternoon that a large amount of smoke was emanating from the scene and there had been some reports of falling embers. All residents were asked to avoid the area if possible while the incident was being resolved.

Residents in the vicinity of the scene were requested to stay indoors as much as possible with doors and windows closed and were told to monitor air conditioning units for smoke intake.



## Scholarships to pursue A level Studies

### *Students invited to apply for a CUC Scholarship*

CUC is proud to offer a scholarship for Caymanian students seeking to pursue Advanced Level (A level) studies at a local high school.

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- be Caymanian or hold Caymanian Status;
- be involved in school and/or volunteer activities;
- provide references.

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

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# DCR Opens its Doors in New Location

The Department of Community Rehabilitation (DCR) celebrated its office relocation with an open house event held on Friday, 5 March 2021.

In response to a steady expansion of services offered since its inception in 2003, DCR now operates from a larger fit-for-purpose space in Apollo House East on Mary Street, George Town.

The facility provides a safe environment for victims of crime and offenders to receive the necessary support they need to take positive steps forward in their lives.

DCR and its clients will now also benefit from being co-located with partner agencies within the building including the Department of Counselling Services and Family Resource Centre.

The Director of DCR, Ms. Lisa Malice welcomed guests which included His Excellency, the Governor, Martyn Roper, the Deputy Governor, Hon. Franz Manderson and the Minister for Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers on a tour of the department's new facility.

During the tour, guests were shown a closet of donated clothes available to DCR's clients to wear for job interviews or similar if they do not have something suitable to wear.

In addressing those gathered for the open house, Minister Rivers reflected on the important work the department does for the community.

"Our shared philosophy has been clear. To reduce an individual's likelihood of reoffending, we must address the underlying issues that have contributed to their offending behaviour and equip them with the necessary tools and skills they require to deal with real life problems appropri-



ately, so that they can make a positive contribution to their families and their community," she said.

"This government's investment in new office accommodation for the department is a clear endorsement of the importance of DCR's work and a direct result of the recognition of the successes that their dedication and commitment has achieved to date," she continued.

The Deputy Governor shared that overall crime is down 16% compared to last year, and burglaries and robberies were also on a downward trend. He credited the brave men and women of DCR for playing a key role in our crime reduction strategy by assisting persons released from prison to become productive members of the community through the recently introduced Conditional Release programme.



The Deputy Governor also thanked Minister Rivers for increasing the budget of the DCR by 67% during her term in office, which has no doubt fostered the reduction in crime. "Thank you Minister for making the lives of these amazing civil servants better – they have now in turn made the lives of those they serve better as well," the Deputy Governor remarked.

Focusing on evidence-based practices, DCR aims to promote prosocial thinking patterns and develop skills to self-manage through a cognitive-behavioural approach to rehabilitation.

The department offers specialised services through the Judicial Department, the Prison Service and the Conditional Release Board in critical areas such as female empowerment, domestic violence, victims services, mental health, drug court and intensive supervision.

Clients under their guidance may be supervised through one-on-one sessions or may benefit from cognitive-behavioural and psycho-educational group services such as anger management, men's non-violence as well as a specific group workshop that focuses on healthy relationships.

"The open house event has been an excellent opportunity for everyone at DCR to proudly showcase the life-changing work we do every day. This new location signifies the growth the department has seen over the years and the importance of offender management, restorative justice, victim empowerment, and offender rehabilitation in our community. We look forward to continuing our work and welcoming partners and clients to our new space," said the Director of DCR, Lisa Malice.

## COVID-19 Emergency Field Hospital at Family Life Centre demobilized

The emergency field hospital established at the Family Life Centre to support the local COVID-19 preparedness strategy was fully demobilized on Sunday, 28 February 2021. All assets of the 60-bed facility have been appropriately placed into storage by Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) should the need arise for the hospital to be remobilised or reallocated for other national and potentially regional disaster situations.

"Sustainability was the key word throughout the design and mobilisation stages of the field hospital. Everything was done with the objective of its remobilisation as a whole or in part in the Family Life Centre or in other locations," explained Public Works Department Senior Project Manager Simon Griffiths. "In addition, certain assets were chosen for relocation within the HSA once the hospital was demobilised."

A few examples of relocated equipment include the standby generator that will be sent to Faith Hospital in Cayman Brac and the mobile hand wash basins to be used at various locations including the Airport COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic and COVID-19 testing district clinics. The bed partitions and fully demountable electrical system will be stored in a warehouse

with other equipment from the temporary facility and may be utilised by HMCI for emergency sheltering purposes.

"It's pleasing to report that this attention to sustainable ethic has worked as even the plastic sheeting used to shield certain parts has been saved and will be used elsewhere," Mr Griffiths pointed out.

Coordinated by the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in collaboration with the government, charities and the private sector, the emergency field hospital was set-up in May 2020 to accommodate an overflow of COVID-19 patients should local healthcare facilities reach capacity. With effective implementation of precautionary measures such as social distancing, hand washing and the wearing of masks, the Cayman Islands was able to avoid an outbreak of COVID-19 and utilization of the field hospital.

"The NEOC and supporting organisations initiated this project with the single-minded focus of saving lives. We wanted to ensure we had the infrastructure in place to handle the very worst scenario," said HSA Chief Executive Officer Lizzette Yearwood.

"If the field hospital was ever to be utilised it would mean that all the beds of the local hospitals have been filled and we are



► The field hospital demobilization in progress

now in a national emergency situation," Ms Yearwood noted. "Therefore, it has always been our hope that the facility would not have to be used, but if needed, it can always be remobilised in a relatively short time."

The UK Association for Project Management awarded the Cayman Islands Government winner of the social project of the year category for the cross-sector project management approach taken for the construction and delivery of the field hospital.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

## Getting your voter ID card



Friday, 12 March  
Hurley's Supermarket  
- 4:30pm to 8pm -

Saturday, 13 March  
Foster's Countryside  
- 9:30am to 12:30pm -

Friday, 19 March  
Veterans and Seaman's  
Centre in Cayman Brac  
- 9:30am to 12:30pm -

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## *Elections Office Making it Easy to get Voter ID Card*

The Elections Office will be issuing voter ID cards at the below locations and times.

- Hurley's Supermarket - Friday, 12 March 2021 from 4:30pm to 8pm
- Foster's Countryside - Saturday, 13 March 2021 from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Veterans and Seaman's Centre in Cayman Brac - Friday, 19 March from 9:30am to 1pm

Voters are reminded that ID cards can also be obtained at the Elections Office at 68 West Bay Road, Baytown Office Suites, George Town.

If you already have a voter ID card and have not changed your name or address, then a new ID is not required.

If changes have been made to your name or address or you registered between 2 October 2020 and 20 January 2021, then you can obtain your ID from 1 April 2021 onwards.

Any form of official ID will be accepted to vote on Election Day. However, voters are encouraged to obtain a voter ID card.

## *Roadworks – Bodden Town Main Road. March 15 to March 19*

The National Roads Authority and its subcontractor will be paving a section of Bodden Town Road in central Bodden Town from Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

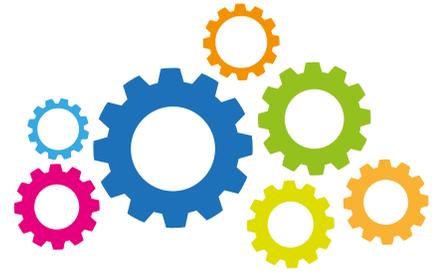
The eastbound traffic will be diverted onto Condor Road by the Bodden Town Primary School; westbound traffic will allow one lane only through the work zone.

Motorists are asked to keep watch for traffic diversions and closures. Local traffic will be allowed through.

Contact the NRA via email [nra@nra.ky](mailto:nra@nra.ky) with questions or comments regarding this project. For any urgent questions or concerns, please contact 525-1251.



► Roadworks graphic



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# Youngsters find new careers thanks to pandemic

The fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic has brought surprising benefits for three young Caymanians, who have seen their careers flourish thanks to changing circumstances, with great prospects ahead working within the automotive industry.

Nineteen-year-old Christopher Scott was working at a watersports company before the pandemic. Faced with the prospect of no employment in the tourism industry for the foreseeable future, he reached out to a former teacher who introduced him to Tony Williams, owner of Tony's Toys. Mr Williams decided to take a chance on Christopher, who had no experience but a general interest in cars and a willingness to learn more. Now he assists the technicians with oil, brake pad and battery changes and vehicle inspections.

Christopher said he was thankful to Mr Williams for giving him the opportunity.

"Sometimes that is all a person needs. Both this job and my previous one in water sports have given me work experience which I can use in the future, whether or not I end up in those careers," he said.

Amanda Robinson, 20, graduated from Triple C in June 2018 and was looking forward to completing an associate degree at UCCI before going off to the USA or

UK to earn a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management, but the pandemic curtailed her plans to travel. While she pursues an associate degree in Business Administration at UCCI and will also complete her bachelor's degree in Cayman, she works part-time in accounts at Tony's Toys. Amanda said she actually preferred working on cars than sitting behind a desk. Since joining Tony's Toys, she has learned to change oil, check transmission and other fluids and perfected the art of changing tires. She is also finding out more about how to service and repair brakes.

"I never thought I would say this, but I wouldn't mind a career in auto mechanics. I can see myself practicing HR in a setting like this but also fixing cars as a hobby here at the garage," Amanda confirmed. "I would tell any female to take advantage of opportunities to learn more about how her car works, and not to reject the idea of working at a garage if she has the chance."

Eighteen-year-old tire specialist, Shemar Scott, has been interested in cars since primary school and has wanted to work on them as far back as he can remember. After he graduated from the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre in September, he worked at a supermarket



► Tony Williams with (L-R) Shemar Scott, Amanda Robinson & Christopher Scott

for about two months before applying as a tire specialist at Tony's Toys.

Now, he also helps technicians service vehicles, and is learning more about bodywork and spraying services. Shemar hopes that in five years he will move on to technician at Tony's Toys, once qualified.

Mr Williams said he was always looking for opportunities to help young Caymanians get their foot in the door of the automotive industry.

"Most of the time they do not come to us with any experience but that is not, and should not be, the most important thing, in my opinion. They have to start somewhere, like we all did, no matter what business it is," said Tony Williams. "Chris, Amanda and Shemar have shown me a desire to learn and a solid work ethic. I can work with that and I feel fortunate that the pandemic brought these three young people to us."



► Amanda Robinson Intern Accounts Cler



► Shemar Scott Tire Specialist

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► The 'Top 10' merit status graduates were recognised at the CHHS Class of 2020 Graduation. (L-R) Diamond Chambers, CHHS Principal Dr. Richard Wildman and Joshua Peart

## CSEC Examinations to Commence in June

The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) announces that 2021 sitting of the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) Examinations will occur between 14 June 2021 and 16 July 2021.

The decision, revealed by the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) earlier this month, was made following consultation with the regional Ministries of Education and formed a part of the CXC's wider strategy to ensure that none of the region's children are disenfranchised by the administration of the regional examinations.

Minister for EYSAL Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly lauded the CXC's decision to make changes to the administration of the regional examinations.

"I am pleased that CXC has considered the plight of students throughout the region, providing each candidate with the opportunity to excel in their examinations despite the challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Minister O'Connor-Connolly continued, "As with our counterparts across the region, we have worked to mitigate learning loss due to the pandemic, however, Cayman is in the enviable position across the region to have reconvened onsite learning for our students in August 2020. Many territories within the Caribbean have had to do in-person learning on a rota, or even resorted back to remote learning due to upticks in the COVID-19 numbers in their countries. I am confident that our students will capitalise on the increased learning opportunities brought on by the additional instructional time and expend maximum effort in the upcoming examinations."

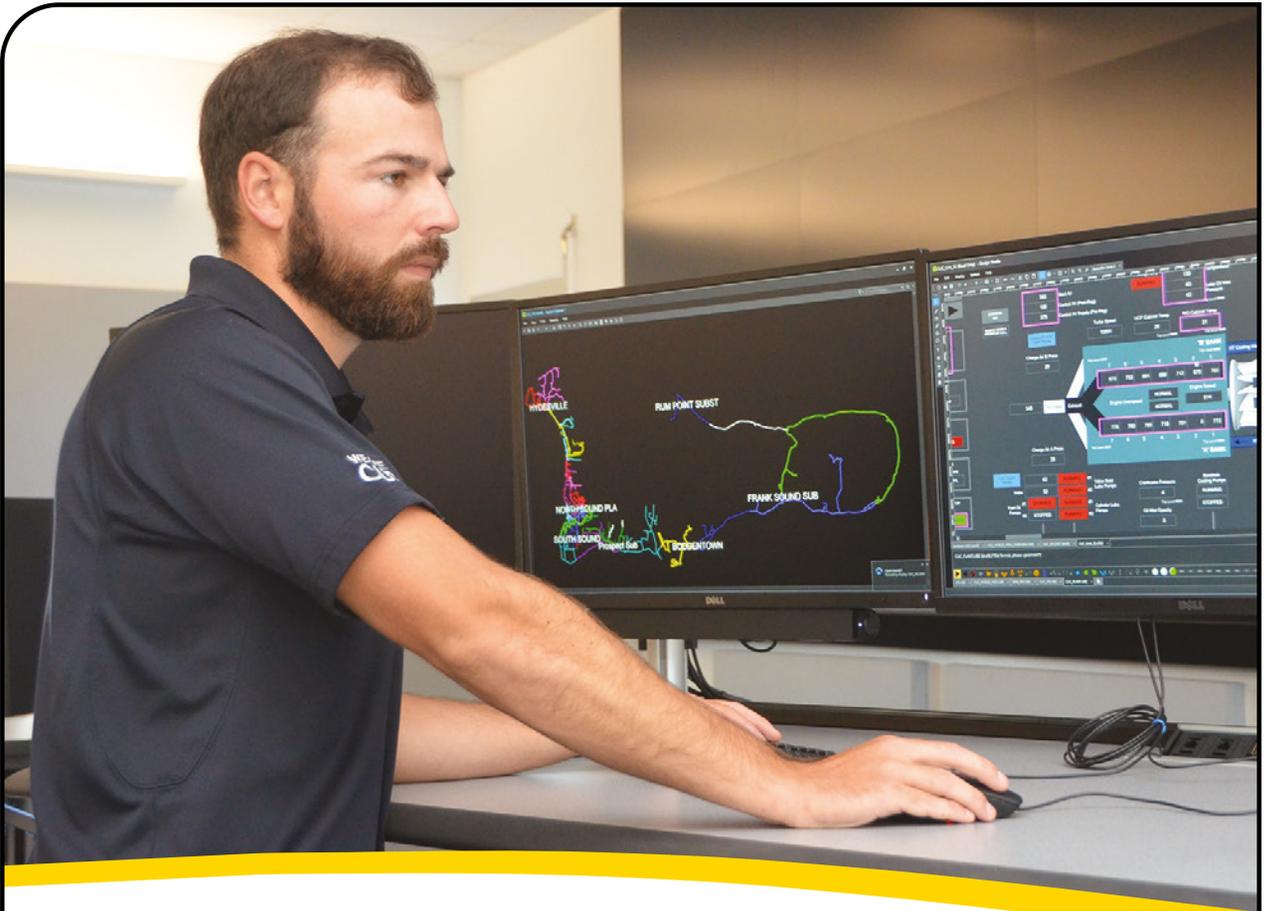
In addition to the delayed examination start dates, the regional examination body will share with the Ministry, for communication to candidates, broad topics to be assessed on Paper Two, five weeks before the start of the examinations. The CXC does note, however, that all topics can be assessed in Paper One.

Acting Director of the Department of Education Services (DES), Mrs. Tammy Hopkins, noted that a team from the Ministry of EYSAL and the DES will meet within the coming days to finalise the examination process for local students.

"With the timing of the examinations, results will be returned to territories later than normal. The joint MEYSAL and DES team is currently facilitating meetings with various stakeholders to ensure the transition of our students to the next stage of their education is as seamless as possible. Once the logistics are finalised, students, parents and teachers will all be notified of the processes," Mrs. Hopkins stated.

Other changes to the 2021 CSEC examinations include a reduced number of SBA practicals/assignments and a modified approach to the implementation of SBAs in line with that outlined in the 'Treatment of Syllabuses and the School-Based Assessment for Administration of Examinations in 2021 Handbook for Students' published on the CXC website in 2020.

For more information on the 2021 CSEC examinations or to access the 2021 CSEC timetable, visit CXC's website at [www.cxc.org](http://www.cxc.org).



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- have a current GPA of 3.5 or higher;
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The successful applicant(s) will have an opportunity during school holidays to gain hands-on work experience and may be offered full-time employment with CUC upon completion of his/her studies.

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# Progressives Launch Alliance

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to keep the Cayman Islands safe during the pandemic, which resulted in no loss of life and the creation of a 'bubble' that has seen the Islands become the envy of the world, with virtually no restrictions such as face masks and lockdown being necessary after a protracted period of defence.

Mr. McLaughlin spoke about his time in Government and his delight at seeing his successor as Party Leader and possibly the next Premier of the Cayman Islands, the Honourable Roy McTaggart taking the reins.

"The Opposition has its place, but to get anything done you have to be a part of the Government," he noted.

"I cannot go any higher ladies and gentlemen. I have been to the mountain top but it is important for me to use my experience and time in the Government to guide the new Premier and the Government," he said.

He added that, "What I am doing now is out of love and concern for my country and people."

Mr. McLaughlin also spoke about his concerns regarding an alternative Government led by either Ezzard Miller of Northside or Arden McLean of East End.

"I am scared to think what would happen if the wrong people come in on the backs of what we have done. All we need are a few silly decisions to ruin what we have been able to achieve in the fight against COVID.

"They can't criticise me on my record when it comes to our response to this pandemic," noted Mr. McLaughlin.

Recounting his experience during the darker days of the pandemic, the Premier asked, "Do you know what it is to shut down a country and lock people in their house?"

He explained that he and Health Minister Dwayne Seymour held 65 press conferences, along with the Governor, His Excellency Martyn Roper, whom he said he got on with well and noted that though he had a great relationship with the Governor, he was not prepared to allow him to declare a state of emergency, thereby stripping the Government of its power.

"This is the land of my birth and this was a responsibility that I was not prepared to pass on to anyone else," noted the Premier to resounding applause from the audience.

Mr. McLaughlin then introduced his successor, the Honourable Roy McTaggart, who is the incumbent in George Town East, the new Progressive Party Leader and the Party's choice for the Islands' next Premier.

Mr. McTaggart danced on to the podium amid a throng of cheers and makeshift flags, made of red shirts.

"This election is about the future; Independents and Progressives are ready to form the new Government," he said.

He added that nearly 3,000 new jobs had been created in Cayman before the pandemic and hundreds have started and grown their businesses in the time since the Islands' successes in the fight against the global crisis.

However, he said more needs to be done. "When we are returned to office the goal is for everyone to have affordable homes, better education, better opportunities. We are investing in improved classrooms

and sports facilities, as well as governing bodies for the public schools that will give parents a direct say in policy."

The new Progressive Party Leader also revealed that the landfill would be capped and garbage will be used as a renewable energy source going forward.

He said the planned expansion of Marine Zones done in his Government's tenure had been the largest upgrade in 35 years.

Sound stewardship of the Nation's finances were also a strong point for Mr. McTaggart, whose surplus meant that the Cayman Islands Government could operate for three months without any revenue.

"The starting point is keeping people safe and rapid testing is crucial," he said adding that in Cayman we can enjoy everyday life and that in many other countries and event of Saturday night's magnitude would have been illegal.

"No one should be left behind and the Alliance Government is the only one that can ensure strength of country."

New members to the Progressives' Alliance such as Vincent Frederick, who will be running in the Constituency of Bodden Town West, told the audience that it was important for the Country to act in, "one accord" to continue to be successful in the years ahead, noting that the legacy of this Government would be hard to reproduce.

"If something is working, leave it alone," declared the former Human Resources Manager, who has ran in previous elections but has not yet had the privilege of serving in parliament.

Another Independent Member of the Alliance, Mr. Frank Cornwall, who is running against Mr. Kenneth Bryan for the Constituency of George Town Central, made his political debut on Saturday night.

Mr. Cornwall has served as a political advisor to the Premier for the past several years and said he spent most of that time building his community and assisting the people of George Town.

"My opponent is sitting alone and can't sit with the Government or the Opposition and so nothing is getting done," he remarked, opining that his ability to work with the public and private sector would bode well for the prospects of the Constituency to have a voice in Parliament.

"Now is not the time for 'still can'. This is the time for 'will do', he noted.

He added that sports development and protection of the environment were issues that he hopes to focus on, if elected.

Deputy Speaker of the House and Candidate for George Town South, Barbara Connolly took to the stage among a great reception from the audience and thanked voters for the privilege of being able to serve them for the past four years.

She noted that other than family, this was one of the greatest pleasures of her life.

"From a new drainage system in Windsor Park; one of the most flood prone areas in the George Town, to clearing the underbrush along Smith Barcadere and a new pedestrian crossing at the same beach, as well as WIFI service at the South Sound Community Center," she felt her passion for the community she served was evident.

Mrs. Connolly also worked to have a beach in South Sound named after beloved Caymanian artist, playwright and community activist Consuelo Ebanks.



► Cayman Islands Deputy Premier Moses Kirkconnell delivers his remarks at the Progressives' Alliance launch at AL Thompson's in George Town on Saturday, 13th March

Cayman's Covid success story was a highlight of the evening and featured heavily in the theme of the night's remarks.

Not the least of which were delivered by Tourism Minister and Deputy Premier, the Honourable Moses Kirkconnell.

He lauded the efforts of his colleagues and listed some of the major accomplishments for the Constituencies of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

These include, but are not limited to a new Government Pensions office, job creation, a new General Registry Office, and the introduction of over 6,000 square feet of new office space, which he said would be ready in the next three months.

The Sister Islands also have a new fire truck and ambulance.

From a plethora of ribbon cuttings, to now being referred to as 'the new Miami', the Brac has benefited greatly from the inability of Caymanians in Grand Cayman not being able to travel overseas and instead rediscovering the wonder of the Sister Islands.

He said 2019 was a record year for the tourism industry in the Cayman Islands, with over 500,000 stay-over visitors; the best ever.

"1 billion dollars came into this country in 2019 from our stay-over tourism industry and in 2020, that all stopped. 25 percent of our economy stopped with COVID," said Mr. Kirkconnell. He went on to explain that the government then had a duty to protect the workers in that industry and others.

A massive reallocation of funds then had to be syphoned from the Ministry's marketing budget, which contributed to the stipend that was given to those affected by the abrupt closing of the Islands' borders.

"Joey" (the Honourable Joseph Hew, Minister at Commerce Planning & Infrastructure) then orchestrated a small business grant and 'Juliana' (the Honourable Julianna O' Connor Connolly, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture) then organised a front for those in the agricultural industry whom had been affected.

"Roy" (the Honourable Roy McTaggart, Minister of Finance) then arranged for the

grant of low interest business loans worth over 200 million dollars.

Representative for the District of Prospect and Master of Ceremonies for the night Austin Harris, along with the Cayman Islands' Premier then committed to work with the Needs Assessment Unit to make sure Caymanians in need were taken care of, noted Mr. Kirkconnell, who added that Cayman could not and would not stay locked down forever.

During his remarks, the Honourable Minister Joey Hew; incumbent in the District of George Town North, addressed the audience with a reminder that unemployment numbers in the Cayman Islands were at their lowest (3 percent) just before the pandemic, which shook the world in the first quarter of 2020.

Once the stark realities of closing the borders began to hit home, Mr. Hew noted that his Ministry waived some hundreds of thousands of dollars in outstanding trade and business licensing fees.

Throughout his remarks, Mr. Hew reminded those on hand that the theme of the last year for he and his government was to, "put lives before money".

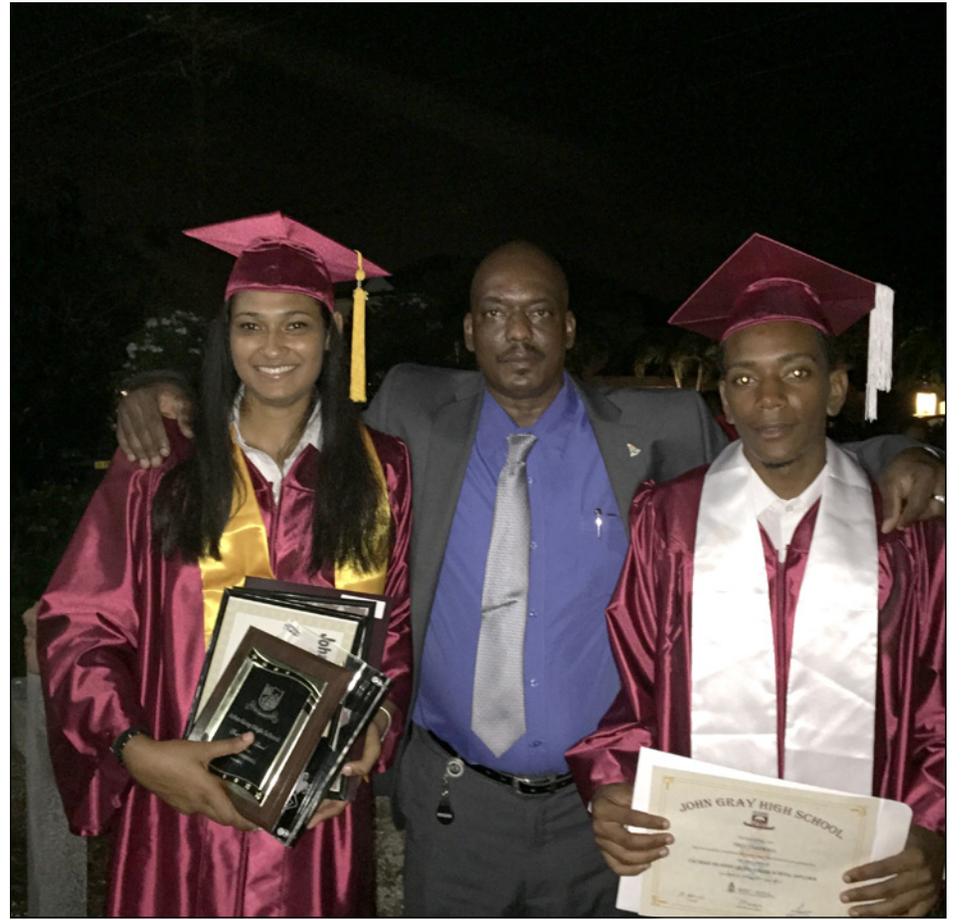
The Cayman Islands' Government implemented new strategies to make up for the shortfall in revenue due to the pandemic, however.

These included over 14.5 million dollars in small business loans and grants, the development of a new Trades training centre at the Public Works Department, which was actually started in 2017 and now avails young Caymanians of the opportunity to achieve level 1,2, and 3 City and Guilds certifications.

There have also been over 635 capital projects approved in addition to other measures, for a total of 1 billion dollars of revenue into the Islands' economy.

Other members of the Alliance on the podium included Health Minister and former United Democratic Party Member, Dwayne 'John John' Seymour, former United Democratic Party Member Julianna O'connor Connolly and David White.

The Party's Manifesto is expected to be available later this month, according to members at Saturday evening's event.



# Frank Cornwall stands for office

Having served as the political assistant to the Premier for the past seven years, is no stranger to the political arena. He believes his career has given him solid, hands-on experience that will stand him in excellent stead, should he be elected as the Member of Parliament for George Town Central.

"I have been the point of contact for the people of Red Bay and George Town for the past seven years, especially when it comes to issues that involve infrastructure enhancements, such as improving roads and drainage, but also when people are searching for employment and educational opportunities as well," he advised.

Prior to his move into the political arena, Frank's career was in the areas of en-

vironmental health and construction. This experience has given him a solid foundation with which to assist people in his community when it comes to rectifying infrastructural concerns. Frank said he had been a responsive contact for many people in the George Town area, and was always quick to try and resolve their problems.

"I am always just a phone call or email away and do my very best to respond to queries straight away, it's absolutely entrenched in me," he confirmed. "I have a proven track record of working for the people of George Town."

If elected, Frank said a key area of focus for him would be to unite the separate communities of his constituency through one of his great passions, sport.

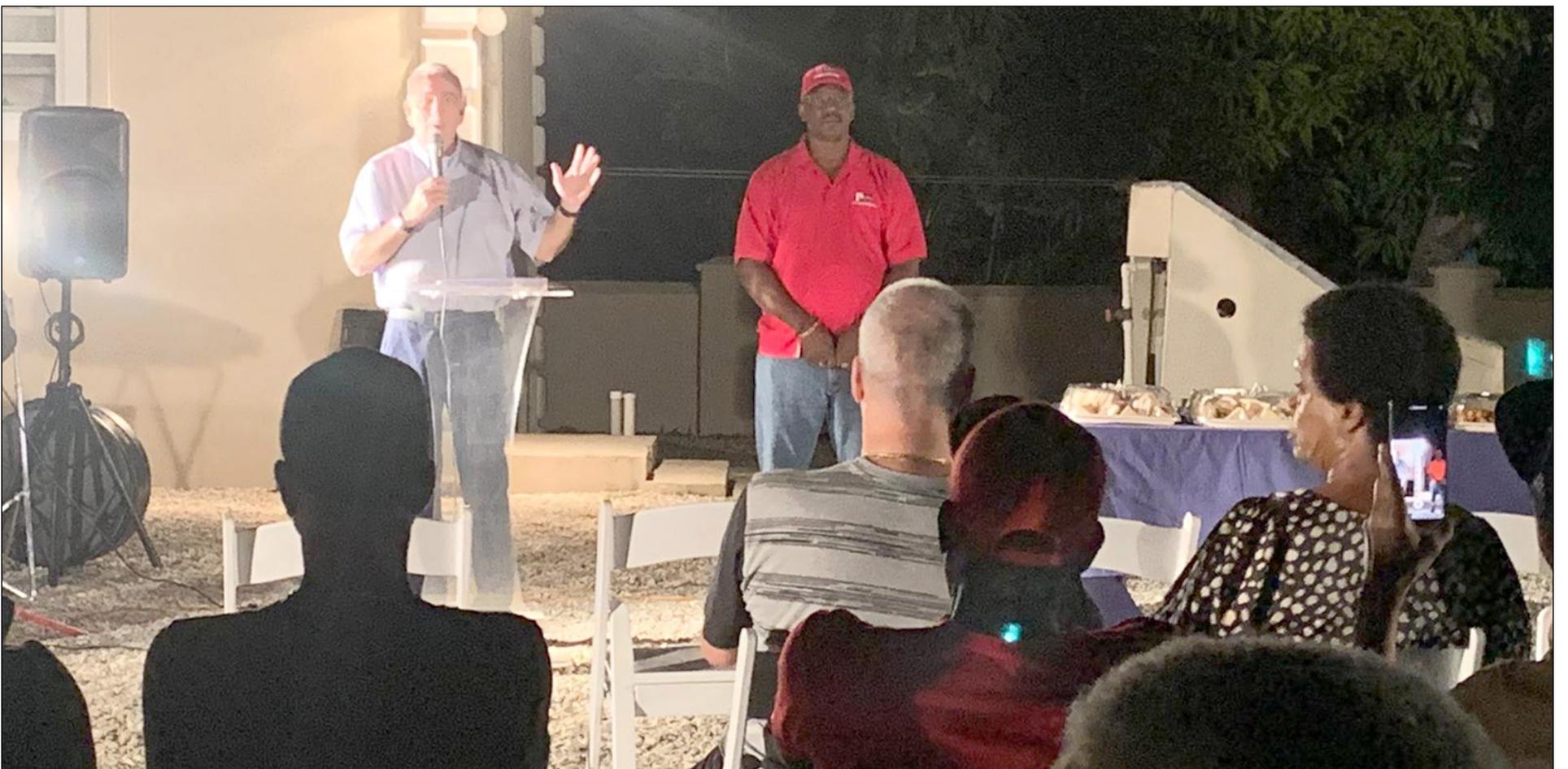
"I would love to see a more unified constituency, one that bonds together over sporting activities," he confirmed. "From Tropical Gardens to Central Scranton, I want to see the entire community come together, perhaps through social games of football or basketball. Sport brings people together in a way like no other activity."

Frank is convinced that creating a more close-knit community can only serve to enhance the area for all. In addition he believes greater contact among people in the community could open more opportunities for young people to take up meaningful training and education, especially



► Frank Cornwall

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## Frank Cornwall stands for office

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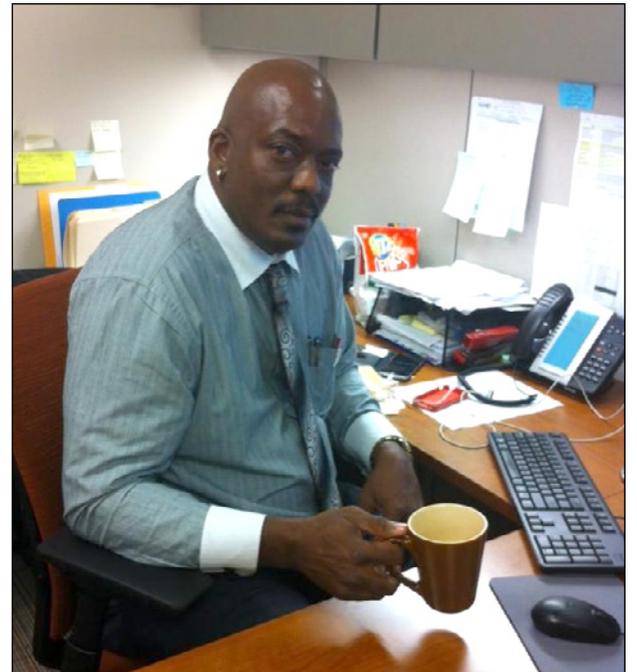
vocational programmes. Given his 30 year involvement in the construction industry, Frank is keen to impart his knowledge of construction with young people who also share that interest. "I am an advocate for hands-on training and will work with employers to have more apprenticeships and earn-as-you-learn opportunities available for our youth," he said.

He felt that keeping young people gainfully occupied and employed would also mean a decrease in crime as their outlook became brighter.

"We must find creative ways to properly get behind our youth," he stated. "I have been a part of some great initiatives in this regard, such as the Maples Grass Roots Football programme. I've also coached the women's national football squad, as well as George Town Primary School students. I am passionate about allowing young people the opportunity to grow and develop to their full potential through a variety of channels."

Frank is a keen sports person in his own right, having represented his country in track and field, basketball and football and this is an area of focus that he would like to develop further for the youth of the islands.

Having worked in the field of environmental health for many years, environ-



mental protection is another area Frank said he would give his attention to, should the constituents of George Town Central vote him in, come the 14th April General Election.

Education is another area of focus about which Frank feels very strongly. "Education starts with parents and parenting skills is something I am keen to develop," he stated. "Schooling is obviously a vital part of the child's education, but I believe it starts in the home."

Sports, the environment and education are areas in which he sees he can make a valid contribution, not only for the people of George Town Central, but to the wider Cayman Islands community as well.

# Governor's Office Secondment Scheme for Potential Future Leaders

Civil Service employee Renita Barnes joined the Governor's Office this week on a new secondment initiative for potential future leaders of the Cayman Islands Government. Renita joined after a competitive internal recruitment process and will spend between 6 months and a year working with the team as Corporate Services and Media Officer.

This is the first time a scheme of this type has run in the Governor's Office and it will give Renita a unique opportunity to learn much about the relationship between the UK and the Cayman Islands.

Renita joined the Cayman Islands Government Civil Service in July 2019 as an Assistant in the Protocol Office. On her previous role Renita commented:

"In this [Protocol] position I had the opportunity of understanding various aspects of the Government through assisting with protocol services, national events and ceremonies and also through training I received. The knowledge gained through the various experiences and working with colleagues from the Cabinet Office and other Government departments and ministries has truly enriched my experience working in the civil service, and prepared me to take a chance on applying for the secondment."

On the secondment opportunity Renita said:

"After less than two years in the civil service, being proposed for the secondment position in the Governor's Office was nerve-wracking and very humbling. Before applying I reflected heavily on the immense impact it will have for the growth of the relationship between the Governor's Office and CIG, and the importance it will have for young Caymanians working in the civil service.

With this experience I hope to develop more understanding of the services provided as well as the interaction and exchange between the Governor's Office, the Government and the public. More importantly, to gain a deeper appreciation for the Cayman Islands as a British Overseas Territory, its regional presence and the significance of its relationship with the UK."

**Governor Martyn Roper said:**

"The Governor's Office is always looking for ways to innovate and improve the way we work. The Head of my office, Christine Rowlands, saw an internal promotion as a fantastic opportunity to offer a secondment to a talented member of the Cayman Islands Government. In working with us Renita will develop an in depth under-



► Civil Service employee Renita Barnes

standing of my role and what my team does to support both me and the Cayman Islands Government. The knowledge Renita gains will stand her in excellent stead as she progresses in her career, and will help ensure she brings the insights afforded by this novel experience to bear on fu-

ture roles. In return we will see our work through Renita's eyes and use her perspective to help us on our improvement journey.

The Governor's Office hope to continue this offer for potential future leaders going forward.

## RBC launches new advisory and consultancy business for Caribbean business, corporate, and Private Banking clients

Royal Bank of Canada (RY on TSX and NYSE) ("RBC") today announced the launch of RBC Caribbean Financial Advisory Services ("CFAS") - a new business line offering expert financial consulting advice to business clients and corporate clients across the Caribbean.

CFAS will offer consultancy services in mergers and acquisitions, financial consulting, and debt and equity financing. These services are designed to meet the needs of Corporate Banking, Business Banking, and Private Banking clients, in addition to governments and public agencies throughout the region.

"With the addition of CFAS, these clients now have access to a one-stop-shop for their financing and advisory needs," said Darryl White, CEO, RBC Financial (Caribbean) Limited and Regional Vice President, Corporate Banking. "This adds to our already-robust suite of financial solutions and is yet another way we can stand out from our competition. As one of the ten largest banks globally based on market capitalization, RBC is uniquely positioned to leverage the talent and expertise of over 90,000 employees in 36 countries and territories to help

businesses and organizations with a variety of critical services essential to their operations and continued growth."

Two Vice Presidents will oversee RBC's new CFAS business in the region. Marc Jardine will be responsible for the Southern Caribbean (Trinidad and Tobago, Barbados, and the Dutch Caribbean) and Jerry Butler will be responsible for the Northern Caribbean (The Bahamas, Turks and Caicos Islands, and The Cayman Islands). Jardine is a seasoned corporate banking executive, having held several senior roles in Corporate Finance, Risk Management, Origination, and Financial Analysis. Butler's professional experience in public accounting, wealth management, and financial services spans more than 30 years across a variety of roles based in New York, Europe, and the Caribbean.

"We believe that this new business is a real opportunity for new and existing Caribbean clients to take full advantage of RBC's reputation as a world-leader in comprehensive financial and advisory solutions," said Joe Olivier, Regional Vice President, High Net Worth Clients, Caribbean. "As we expand our Corporate, Business, and Private Banking financial of-



► RBC Royal Bank

ferings to include this consultative business advice, it grants our clients access to a robust suite of solutions to help them grow, thrive, and prosper."

RBC was named as Global Finance Magazine's Best Private Bank in the Caribbean, along with Best Private Bank for Families and Best Private Bank for

Entrepreneurs. The bank was also named Latin American and Caribbean Retail Bank of the Year by Retail Banker International.

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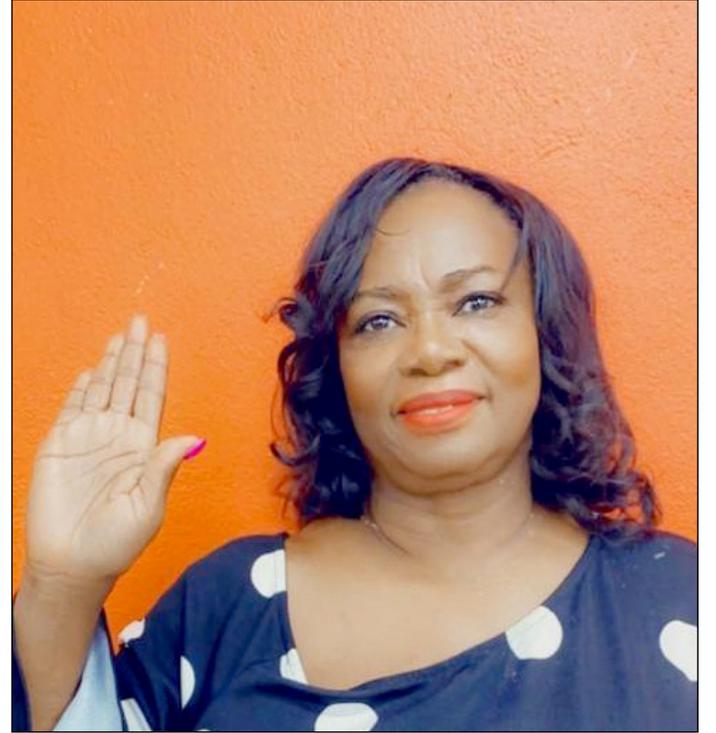
"Being a woman trying to change the status quo in a male dominated sport is tough. People do not like change; they will call you names, they will try to belittle you or throw mud on your name. You know what though? Push on regardless. Woman makes things happen and the world needs more of that." #ChooseToChallenge



# Maxine Anglin

Cayman Islands Athletics Association 2nd Vice President. Chairperson Meets Committee - CIAA; Chairperson Selection Committee - CIAA. Commission Member- NACAC-Anti-Doping and Medical Commission.

"There is no limit to what women can and have accomplished in the World of Sports. We have indeed reshaped the perception and have taken the lead". #ChooseToChallenge



# Mercedes Foy

Former England International Rugby Player. Volunteer CI Coach; Girls & Women Cayman Islands Rugby Club.

"Never Give UP!"  
Always have Heart Passion & Belief"  
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# Paula Dawkins Arcbold

CIAA Executive Member.  
"Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion."  
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# Ryan Mushin

Senior Swim Instructor; Department of Sports.  
Be excellent to one another! #ChooseToChallenge!



# Tara Bush

Life Coach.  
Though it's a cliché, women have come a long way through awareness campaigns such as these, yet there is still some distance to cover to ensure no there are no more ceilings for women to crack just merely because of gender.  
I like the term "creating a human workforce". Therefore, I #ChooseToChallenge to support women to be at their best, walk confidently, and choose the path they want



# Girls Softball – Game Reports

## SOL Jaguars 15, SOL Pumas 14

CILLA Girls Softball featured another exciting game on Wednesday, March 10th, as the SOL Jaguars rallied from six runs down to defeat the first place SOL Pumas, 15-14.

Shay Windsor scored four runs and Clara Ramos and Rio Windsor added three apiece for the SOL Jaguars, who trailed 11-5 after three innings. The team rallied with ten runs over the final two innings, with Clara's two run triple in the fourth and Shay's grand slam homer in the fifth being the big hits. Shay and Clara each finished the night three for four, while combining for seven runs scored and eight



► SOL Jaguars - Madison on First Base



► SOL Jaguars - Renell batting



► SOL Pumas - Tracey and Jeliyah

RBI. Shay also turned an unassisted double play in the fourth, tagging out a runner and stepping on 2nd base for the second out. Right fielder Hanna Jackson made a good throw in from the fence in the last inning to help preserve the victory. Pitcher Zhanna McDonald had a perfect inning, retiring three straight batters in the second.

SOL Pumas pitcher Aydis Rostran struck out nine hitters for the game and she went two for two at the plate, with a single, a triple and a walk, while scoring three times. Kenia Rostran went two for three, including an RBI triple, and two runs scored. Leila Dixon had a huge two run triple to the fence in the fifth inning, nearly completing the comeback. Jialy Archbold-McLaughlin

scored twice for the SOL Pumas, who remain in first place despite the loss.

Catchers Rio and Kenia both had excellent games for their respective teams.

Game balls were presented to Clara and Shay of the SOL Jaguars for their outstanding contributions, particularly on offense.

Saturday's game between the SOL Panthers and SOL Pumas was postponed due to rain and was rescheduled for Monday night.

The three teams will also begin their end of season tournament this week. This Wednesday sees the SOL Jaguars against the SOL Panthers at 6:30 pm and on Saturday the SOL Pumas take on the SOL Jaguars at 6:30 pm.

Little League is bringing back the popular fundraising raffle this year and the public are encouraged to purchase tickets from Little League families over the next six weeks. For further information, or to get tickets, please contact info@littleleague.ky.

Scoring by inning:

TEAM	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
SOL Jaguars	3	0	2	6	4	15
SOL Pumas	4	1	6	0	3	14

Current Standings:

TEAM	Won	Lost	Tied	RF	RA	GB
SOL Pumas	5	2	0	75	81	0
SOL Jaguars	4	3	1	94	93	1
SOL Panthers	1	5	1	76	71	3.5

# Alva Suckoo Returns to Progressives

The recent launch of the Progressives' Alliance came with a surprises for those in attendance, as Alva Suckoo was welcomed back to the Party.

Premier, the Honourable Alden McLaughlin welcomed the newest member of the Alliance, who represents the District of Newlands and is running against former Progressive and Minister for the Environment Mr. Wayne Panton.

Referring to Mr. Suckoo, who was previously a Progressive, as the prodigal son, who had he returned home, Mr. McLaughlin urged other detractors from the party to return.

"Come home sinners, come home," he remarked.

He said he was glad that the Member from Newlands had returned to the ranks of the party and acknowledged that they

would work together to benefit the people of the Cayman Islands.

"Don't be surprised if we announce a new member of the Alliance at every public meeting after this one," he added.

Mr. Suckoo said he wanted to make a real difference for the people of his Constituency and explained that the best way to do this was to work together with the Government to make progress.

He added that before making his way to Saturday's public meeting, he had sought the blessing of his Constituency and felt comfortable that he had their support to make the move.

The development comes on the heels of a press release that was disseminated on his behalf recently that denied he would be joining the Progressives, amid chatter in the community that the move was imminent.



► Former Independent Member of Parliament Alva Suckoo has now returned to the Progressives; formally join their Alliance on Saturday, 13th March



He has served as the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and was elected as the first representative for the constituency Newlands in May 2017. He maintained his independent status for the past four years while working as a Member of the Official Opposition.

Mr. Suckoo will be running for a third consecutive term.

As a Member of Parliament, Mr. Suckoo was also a member of the Governments' negotiating team that travelled to London in 2019 to negotiate the recently implemented constitutional amendments, and recently negotiated amendments to the controversial Defense Bill, 2020; ensuring that the bill was passed with the support of the Opposition bench.

# ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA CHALLENGES COVID-19 VARIANT LABEL

The government of Antigua and Barbuda is challenging the linking of a COVID-19 variant to the island by Public Health England (PHE).

In an update dated March 11th PHE said a new variant designated a Variant Under Investigation (VUI) was identified on March 4th after two cases were found in individuals who had recently travelled to Antigua.

The British medical agency said the variant traced back to Antigua “does not feature specific deletions that would lead to a designation as a VOC (variant of concern)” - a more serious designation.

However, Antigua and Barbuda’s Prime Minister Gaston Browne wants the UK agency to remove the link to his tourism-dependent country which has been extensively reported in the regional and international press.

According to Mr Browne, “PHE is not saying that the variant was contracted in Antigua. Indeed, they do not know if the infected persons might have contracted the virus in England before travelling to Antigua.”

A statement from the Antigua and Barbuda government said officials of its Ministry of Health had been in contact with representatives of PHE “who conceded that they erred in posting on their website any reference to Antigua and Barbuda in relation to persons they believed were infected with a variant of the novel coronavirus.”

The government said it now expects PHE to retract its website posting.

Mr Browne said: “It is important to emphasise that the virus was discovered by Public Health England (PHE) in early February only in two persons who were on a brief visit to An-

tigua. Three other family members were designated as ‘probable’.

“Further,” he stated, “PHE is not saying that the variant was contracted in Antigua. Indeed, they do not know if the infected persons might have contracted the virus in England before travelling to Antigua.”

Mr Browne said his country maintains strict COVID-19 protocols and “remains one of the safest places globally with comparatively low rates of infection and a high rate of recovery”.

Recently the island has seen an increase in COVID cases with several deaths. Earlier this month nine doctors at its main Mount St John’s Hospital tested positive for the virus.

Antigua and Barbuda has been under a month-long 6pm to 5am curfew which went into effect on February 14th and was due to be reviewed on March 15th.



► Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne

The official COVID-19 dashboard on March 13th confirmed 17 new cases from samples taken on Thursday March 11th bringing the total active cases to 343.

To date Antigua and Barbuda has recorded 962 COVID-19 cases with 27 deaths.

The island has vaccinated over 23,000 people.

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## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

## Jamaica will pay seniors who take jab

The Jamaican government will roll out a Conditional Cash Transfer for the Vaccinated (CCTV) programme, to benefit more than 100,000 Jamaicans, who will each receive J\$10,000 (KY\$56).

It is geared towards people aged 60 and over, who are not in receipt of a pay cheque or a pension greater than J\$1.5 million (KY\$8,500) per annum, according to records at Tax Administration Jamaica.

Recipients will also have to be vaccinated and confirmed by Ministry of Health and Wellness officials.

Details of the programme were announced by Minister of Finance and the Public Service, Dr Nigel Clarke, as he announced the 2021/22 Budget Debate. The initiative will be facilitated under the Social and Economic Recovery and Vaccine (SERVE) Programme for Jamaica.



► Jamaican seniors will get a cash boost when vaccinated

Dr Clarke said: "There is public interest in ensuring that the vulnerable, older population is vaccinated. We also want to ensure that older persons who cannot take up the work opportunities that will become available under the SERVE Jamaica Programme, and who otherwise have no formal income or that income is below the threshold, receive a grant."

## Barbados eager to become a republic

Barbados is not intending to back down on becoming a republic this year, particularly in the wake of the Prince Harry and Meghan Markle racism row.

Queen Elizabeth is head of state in the UK and in 15 countries across the globe, but Barbados is the latest country to declare its intention to sever its ties.

Barbados has been independent since 1966, however last year it declared plans to remove the Queen as its heads of state and become a republic by November 2021.

Guyana, Dominica and Trinidad and Tobago removed the Queen as head of state in the 1970s. Mauritius did the same in the 1990s.

Barbados used to be enjoyed being nicknamed 'Little England'. It is still expected



► Barbados is looking forward to becoming a republic

to remain part of the Commonwealth, despite the break away.

A British government spokesman said: "We obviously have a shared history and remain united with Barbados in terms of history, culture and language, and we will continue to have and enjoy a partnership with them as members of the Commonwealth."

## Grenada qualifies for culinary boost

Grenada looks set to become the first Caribbean destination to become a certified Culinary Capital.

The World Food Travel Association, the world's leading authority on food and beverage tourism, announced the launch of Culinary Capitals last week.

Culinary Capitals is a new programme to help regenerate tourism to destinations that are not as well known for their quality food and beverage products and experiences.

The WFTA provides accredited destinations a range of benefits that include a full year's worth of strategy and marketing activities.

Sibby Dixon, of the Grenada Tourism Authority, said: "We are excited to be a part of Culinary Capitals. It is exactly what our destination needs to refine our culinary positioning. Historically we are known as the 'Spice of the Caribbean', being blessed with a plethora of spices, herbs and fruits, all organically grown. A new visitor profile has emerged due to the pandemic, and the programme perfectly aligns with Grenada's tourism product that offers a distinctive gastronomic experience that rejuvenates health, wellness in an outdoor oasis."



► Grenada's cuisine will get promoted soon

## St Lucia prepares for tourism surge

The Saint Lucia Tourism Authority is launching a series of virtual global roadshows for the travel trade in readiness for the easing of travel restrictions later this year.

Aimed at travel agents and tour operators in Saint Lucia's main source markets – Canada, the US, and UK, the three events come as vaccination programmes are underway and holidaymakers are looking ahead to when they can travel abroad again.

The global roadshows will be different from webinars as they go a step further in recreating a family trip experience online. Participants will get a close-up perspective of Saint Lucia's hotels, activities, and landscape to show



► St Lucia's Coconut Bay Beach Resort will soon reopen

what makes it a compelling destination for visitors.

Anse Chastanet & Jade Mountain, Bay Gardens Resorts, Blue Sky Luxury Villas, Coconut Bay Beach Resort and Spa & Serenity at Coconut Bay are some of the resorts being featured. Dates for the virtual roadshows are March 23, 30 and April 6.

## Antigua denies having virus variant

Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister Gaston Browne has responded to the false information in media in the United Kingdom and the Caribbean, alleging that 'an Antigua variant' has been discovered in the UK by Public Health England.

Browne revealed that Ministry of Health officials talked with representatives of PHE who conceded that they were mistaken in posting on their website any reference to Antigua and Barbuda having a variant of the novel coronavirus. The Antigua and Barbuda government now expects PHE to retract its website posting.

The misinformation stems from PHE discovering a British family of five who had holidayed in Antigua and returned to the UK but they had not been positive.



► Antigua is denying it has a covid variant

Browne said: "More than 32 days have elapsed since the discovery and the negative results of contact tracing in the UK. Clearly, any variant of concern would have emerged by now." He added that "daily tests conducted on material from Antigua by reputable external agencies have found no variant arising from Antigua".

# 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

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

### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 45 Blinds

1 Adore piece

5 Village residents

11 Valhalla VIP

12 Sulky poems

13 Splinter group

14 Cure

15 Rough guess

17 Lode material

18 Windshield clearer

22 Insertion sign

24 Kept in reserve

25 Clay, later

26 Greek X

27 Flies like an eagle

30 Relay stick

32 Doctrine

33 Swearing-in vow

34 "Time to split!"

38 Glib

41 Heap

42 Makes amends

43 Earth tones

44 Lease signer

DOWN

1 Finish last

2 Lyric

3 Prudish

4 Whole

5 Old Italian coin

6 Boxing sound

7 Entered

8 Gorilla or gibbon

9 Went ahead

10 Porker place

16 Got together

19 Illustrated

20 Cave

21 Horse halter

22 Group of actors

23 Balm ingredient

28 Saskatchewan's capital

29 Hot

30 Drill part

31 Conforms

35 Final, for one

36 Radius partner

37 High home

38 Diet no-no

39 Had supper

40 Swindle

DAFT	HERBAL
OBOE	EQUATE
NEON	LUNGED
ELL	FLIT
SLOOP	FBI
VIGOR	STOOD
ODOR	OOZE
WELDS	SOLOS
SAD	LEAKS
JINX	MAT
IMPACT	FARE
RAIDER	ITEM
SPEEDY	REAP

### Yesterday's answer

19 Illustrated	29 Hot
20 Cave	30 Drill part
21 Horse	31 Conforms
22 Group	35 Final, for one
23 Balm	36 Radius partner
28 Saskatchewan's capital	37 High home
29 Hot	38 Diet no-no
30 Drill part	39 Had supper
31 Conforms	40 Swindle

## Word Search

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

- African
- Asian
- Chains
- Circus
- Dumbo
- Ears
- Grasslands
- Hay
- Howdah
- Huge
- Ivory
- Jumbo
- Mammal
- Mastodon
- Pachyderm
- Peanuts
- Ride
- Squirt
- Trunk
- Tusks
- Wrinkles
- Zoo

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



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## CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

LISTEN TO THIS ONLINE AD...

SIX-PACK CHARMIN FOR THIRTY BUCKS AND ONE-OUNCE PURELL BOTTLES FOR SEVENTEEN BUCKS EACH

I PRAY THAT YOUR MOTHER AND I ARE RAISING YOU BOYS TO BE BETTER PEOPLE THAN THAT

## THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

YOU HAVE ONE DAY TO DEVISE A PLAN TO END YOUR POLLUTION OF THE SEAS - BEFORE MY WARSHIPS ATTACK THIS CITY!

NAMOR'S RETURNING! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO SAVAG HIM - IF I'M STRONG ENOUGH!

STAN LEE  
LARRY LIEBER  
4-2

## JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

MEANWHILE, AT TONI'S CAMPAIGN HQ...

JUDGE, YOU SAY YOUR CAMPAIGN IS FOR CAVELTON'S HARDWORKING PEOPLE. YET THIS FUNDRAISER COSTS \$1,000 A TICKET.

ABBIE SPENCER, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER?! SHE'S FREAKIN' RICH! SHE DIDN'T NEED A SINGLE LOAN! SHE HAS A LIPIZZANER STALLION! AND SHE'S PROBABLY WONDERING WHY YOU'RE NOT THERE SUPPORTING HER, SOPH.

TONI BOWEN FOR MAYOR

MARCILLIANO + MANLEY 4/2

BUT THAT'S WHY WE CHOSE TO HAVE IT HERE, AT THIS BRAND-NEW BED AND BREAKFAST, TO CELEBRATE CAVELTON'S SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS FIGHTING TO KEEP THEIR TOWN OUT OF THE GRASP OF BIG CORPORATIONS!

ABBIE AND I HAVE FOUND IT BEST TO GIVE EACH OTHER SOME DISTANCE RIGHT NOW.

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