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Strong Support for Interprimary Sports Day

Mobile Voting Begins

Teams from the Elections Office hit the road this morning, Monday, 22 March, to facilitate the first votes in the 2021 General Election conducted via mobile voting.

Election Office officials were in the electoral districts of West Bay where pre-approved voters who couldn't, for whatever reason, attend a polling station on Election Day were able to cast their ballots beforehand.

The team were expected to poll 42 voters in West Bay North, 11 voters in West Bay West, 25 in West Bay South and 72 voters in West Bay Central.

"All our processes worked like very well this morning to ensure election officials and agents were in place,

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BATTLE LINES DRAWN FOR WEST BAY CENTRAL



KATHERINE EBANKS-WILKS
CANDIDATE FOR WEST BAY CENTRAL

► Kathy Ebanks-Wilks



EUGENE EBANKS

► Capt. Eugene Ebanks

Veteran West Bay Central politician Capt. Eugene Ebanks, a Parliamentary Secretary in the current government, is facing a second challenge from independent candidate Kathy Ebanks-Wilks in what has been a longstanding safe seat for him.

They last met across the political divide in the 2017 election.

Capt Ebanks who entered the current Unity coalition with the-then United Democratic Party of McKeeva Bush, is running

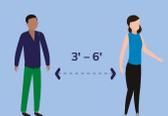
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consider getting **vaccinated** when eligible

DATED: 19 JANUARY 2021

EDITORIAL

**A CAYMANIAN CONUNDRUM:
DEVELOPMENT FOR WHOM?**

A statement issued by the Dart Group inviting the public to view and comment on its plans for a new 'development' in the area of Governor's Harbour how it may impact beach access is not just good proactive public relations but also highlights a wider issue.

Rather than throwing darts at each other, perhaps the campaigning politicians should take a lesson from the Dart book of public relations.

To be clear - and fair - this editorial is not about the firm and its plans.

What we are looking at is the flurry of development projects and other infrastructure works, and where this takes Cayman and Caymanians.

There are several recurring themes in the ongoing Chamber of Commerce Election Candidate Forums. Interestingly and instructively, 'development' runs like a thread through the main ones; population and development, traffic, cost of living, the environment, and even more importantly...affordable housing.

And to be clear, that's affordable housing for Caymanians.

Architectural plans are one thing, and the developers must indeed be commended for making plans - very artistic ones - as it shows that for them Cayman is an excellent investment proposition.

Where the planning seems to be lacking is at the governmental level. How much is too much? How close is Cayman to saturation point for 'developments' and population? Where is the vision for the future of Cayman to accommodate all



these 'developments'. Where do Caymanians fit into the picture?

And most important in the 'development' scheme of things; where are the development plans for affordable housing for Caymanians?

The developers are developing for their 'market' and clients and would not have made that investment if returns weren't assured.

Should it be a requirement that they include a section of affordable housing relative to the size of their 'development' as is increasingly being done in the United Kingdom?

It's worth considering in the discussion about concessions.

It might even be someone's unspoken vision to turn Cayman into the Dubai of the Caribbean in terms of development.

Caymanians should not be left deserted in this. And, unless there is a clear development plan, unlike Dubai which was created out of a desert, Cayman could be headed in the opposite direction.

After all, Cayman is mainly sand...and not a lot of it in the scheme of things.

It's time for a new PlanCayman.

**CAYMAN LEADS
THE REGION IN
COVID VACCINATION
CAMPAIGN**

The Cayman Islands is leading the Caribbean region with its rate of COVID-19 vaccination heading towards half of the estimated population of 65,000 receiving at least one dose.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee reported on Tuesday that, "So far, 27,945 (43% of the estimated population) have received at least one dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine, with 22% having completed the two-dose course."

In all to date to date, 42,115 doses of the vaccine have been administered in Cayman.

This puts the jurisdiction's vaccination programme to date ahead of the other three Caribbean countries leading with their campaigns by comparison.

The Turks and Caicos Islands, Antigua & Barbuda and Barbados were at 30 per cent, 25 per cent and 21 per cent respectively, according to statistics from the past week.

A further 63,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine are due by April 7th from the British government.

With that shipment, Cayman will have received over 100,000 doses "which is enough to vaccinate the entire adult population of 50,000 people in Cayman," HE Governor Martyn Roper recently stated.

The United Kingdom continues to be the global leader in vaccinations with half of the adult UK population receiving at least a first dose of either the Prizer-BionTech or the Oxford-Astra-Zeneca, including 95 per cent of people over 60 years old.

In the United States, President Joe Biden has achieved a goal of vaccinating 100 million people in his first 100 days in office, doing so within two months.

Meanwhile, in Cayman, testing for the virus continues with 353 COVID-19 tests results on Tuesday all returning negative from samples taking over the previous day.

That was a significant change from the seven positive results out of 647 tests since Friday March 19th.

Those persons were travellers who tested positive following routine screening and have been placed in isolation following standard protocols.

From this week the quarantine period for all fully vaccinated returning residents



and workers returning to the jurisdiction are only required to quarantine for 10 days, down from the previous 14-day period.

The government's travel coordinating agency, Travel Cayman, has advised travellers that they will be required to present their original vaccine certificate for authentication.

"In cases where a person intends to quarantine at a residence with non-travellers, everyone who will be in isolation with the traveller will be required to provide a vaccination certificate to be eligible for the reduced quarantine period. If eligible, the entire household will be required to quarantine for a minimum period of ten days."

Travellers are still required to present a negative PCR test taken within 72-hours of travel and also test negative upon arrival in Cayman.

Family members travelling with unvaccinated children will need to remain in isolation for 14-days, even if the adults are vaccinated.

The number of people in isolation, either at a government facility or in their homes by Tuesday, was 728.

Meanwhile, the British government is introducing strict restrictions on travel out of the UK from March 29th with persons needing to provide a valid reason for leaving the country.

Anyone caught breaking the new rules could face fines up to £5,000.

However, it was not expected to affect Caymanian students in the UK as one of the provisions allows "to return to your home country for a vacation between 29 March and 29 April if you're a foreign student studying in the UK."

Others are advised to carefully review the travel restrictions to see what applies to them.

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Mobile Voting is Underway

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ready to begin accepting votes at the prescribed times. Elections Office teams have all received the required training and I am confident we will see on Election Day, the same level of professionalism, dedication and care as we've seen today," commented the Supervisor of Elections, Wesley Howell.

For the remaining week, mobile teams will be active in the following districts on the following dates.

- Tuesday, 23 March - Bodden Town East, Bodden Town West, Newlands and Savannah.
- Wednesday, 24 March - George Town South, Prospect and George Town North.

- Thursday, 25 March - Red Bay, George Town West, George Town East and George Town Central.

- Friday, 26 March - North Side and East End.

Persons approved for home visits can expect the polling teams between 9am and 6pm, persons voting in person at the static mobile locations can do so between 9am and 1pm.

The deadline for mobile voting applications is Tuesday, 6 April. Forms are available on www.elections.ky.

The second round of mobile voting will be held on 8 and 9 April.

The full list of mobile voting days for each electoral district including poll locations is listed in attached table.

Electoral District	Polling Location	Polling Address	Mobile Voting Day/s Between 8am and 1pm	
			Day	Date
West Bay North	First Assembly of God Church Hall	100 Finch Drive, West Bay	Monday, 22 March	Friday, 9 April
West Bay West	West Bay Public Library	204 Rev. Blackman Road, West Bay	Monday, 22 March	Friday, 9 April
West Bay Central	The Church of God at West Bay Hall	108 Capt. Reginald Parsons Drive, West Bay	Monday, 22 March	Friday, 9 April
West Bay South	John Gray Memorial United Church Hall	26 West Church Street, West Bay	Monday, 22 March	Friday, 9 April
George Town North	St. George's Anglican Church Hall	66 Courts Road, George Town	Wednesday, 24 March	Thursday, 8 April
George Town Central	Elmslie Memorial United Church Hall	48B Harbour Drive, George Town	Thursday, 25 March	Thursday, 8 April
George Town West	Church of God Universal Church Hall	2 Dorset Road (off Walkers Road), George Town	Thursday, 25 March	Thursday, 8 April
George Town South	South Sound Community Centre	1012 South Church Street, George Town	Wednesday, 24 March	Thursday, 8 April
George Town East	Agape Family Worship Centre Hall	50B Fairbanks Road, George Town	Thursday, 25 March	Thursday, 8 April
Red Bay	Seafarers Hall	11 Victory Avenue, George Town	Thursday, 25 March	Thursday, 8 April
Prospect	Moravian Church Hall	497 Poindexter Road, George Town	Wednesday, 24 March	Thursday, 8 April
Savannah	Savannah United Church Hall	17 Astral Way, Bodden Town	Tuesday, 23 March	Friday, 9 April
Newlands	International College of the Cayman Islands	595 Hirst Road, Bodden Town	Tuesday, 23 March	Friday, 9 April
Bodden Town West	Agricultural Grounds Pavilion	199 Lottery Road, Bodden Town	Tuesday, 23 March	Friday, 9 April
Bodden Town East	Webster Memorial United Church Hall	266 Bodden Town Road, Bodden Town	Tuesday, 23 March	Friday, 9 April
North Side	Craddock Ebanks Civic Centre	923 North Side Road, North Side	Friday, 26 March	Thursday, 8 April
East End	William Allen McLaughlin Civic Centre	80 John McLean Drive, East End	Friday, 26 March	Thursday, 8 April
Cayman Brac West & Little Cayman	Aston Rutty Centre	264 Ashton Reid Drive, Cayman Brac	Friday, 9 April	N/A
Little Cayman only	Public Works Department Workers Building	204 Spot Bay Road, Little Cayman	Thursday, 8 April	N/A
Cayman Brac East	Veteran's & Seaman's Society of Cayman Brac & Little Cayman Centre	205 Ashton Reid Drive, Cayman Brac	Thursday, 8 April	N/A

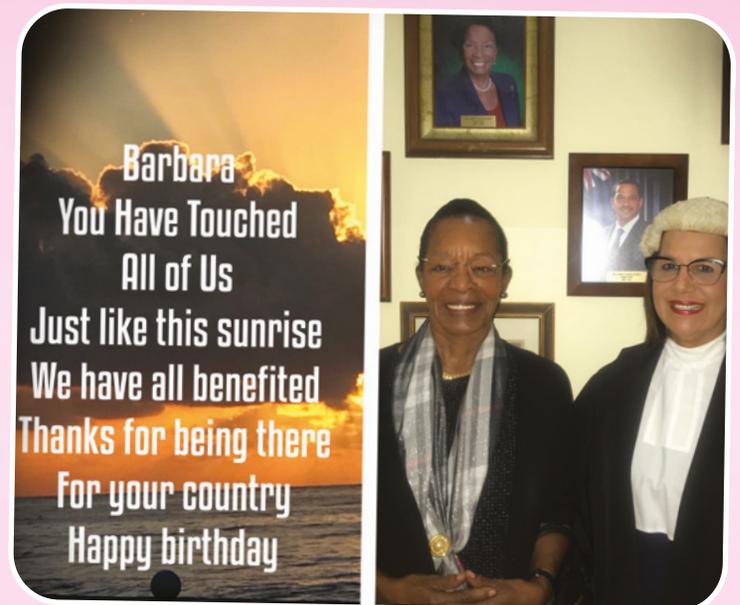
Happy Birthday Hon Barbara Connolly

Today is the birthday of one of our valiant women who braved and worked hard to become a champion of our cause. She has worked assiduously for ALL of us. As this in this international Women's month. I hail you million times for representing us, hardworking so that we can despite some vicissitudes in our lives helping us to live work, and live in a safe society. This I will never forget.

Your birthday is today and you deserve to be honored and even if we don't give you a material gift we should hail you as a champion. This is Cayman kind This is what good human beings do.

I am not in your area but I drive through your area at least once a week. It is always a pleasure and a great feeling to see you doing something in your constituency. This is politics and the best at the local level; that presence that personal touch with your constituents.

I am proud of you and I am honored that you call me a friend. You epitomize the qualities of an empathetic caring and loving representative.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY my esteemed friend. Lucille Seymour

BATTLE LINES DRAWN FOR WEST BAY CENTRAL

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as an independent for next month's election, campaigning on the joint Progressives and Independents Alliance ticket.

The battle lines were drawn from very early on in the stand-off between the two candidates in the continuing Chamber of Commerce Candidates Forum series.

Capt Ebanks: "I think now is not a time for the Cayman Islands to change hands from men and women with years of experience who have steered the ship through this challenging time ...and not become complacent with taking on inexperienced novices."

Affordable housing as a national topic was also part of a question on quality of life for the West Bay Central constituency.

"I'm happy to report that starting in June we have 19 more new affordable homes coming to West Bay," incumbent Capt. Ebanks announced, while also saying that improvements will be carried out on drainage.

"I think it's great to hear some promises in terms of housing for the people and West Bay," his challenger retorted, going to

describe current housing in the district as "dilapidated and certainly not fit for purpose."

On affordable housing on the national scale, Mrs Ebanks-Wilks stated, "It's the new multimillion-dollar developments that are responsible for the inflation of the local housing prices in Cayman, so we need to control development."

She suggested that housing prices could be offset with concessions from development projects "which means putting a moratorium in place, or duty concessions for large developments."

The issue of protecting the environment triggered a lively exchange on the balance with development.

Capt. Ebanks, as Parliamentary Secretary responsible for the environment, said the landfill was a priority for him and updated on ongoing work to rectify the long-standing problems.

But his opponent sees the issue of the environment differently.

"The highest risk to our national environment right now would be the fact that we are over-developing our country. We are starting to look like a concrete jungle."

Mrs Ebanks-Wilks called for existing legislation to be enforced and harsher penalties to be applied.

"I'm not saying stop building buildings, but we need to now look at our people and see where we are at and look at our infrastructure. Our population is growing and our infrastructure is not keeping up."

She also challenged Capt Ebanks on his aspirations for full ministerial responsibility for the environment with a Unity government.

"This is an administration that is pro-development, an administration that was going to build the (cruise) port and our representatives in West Bay were quiet on that."

But that met with a firm pushback from Capt. Ebanks who insisted that he was never in support of the controversial cruise port project.

Development also featured in an exchange on economic diversification with Mrs Ebanks-Wilks promoting diversifying into medical tourism - a policy being pursued by the present Progressives-led administration in which Capt Ebanks is a coalition partner.

She also favours exploring the growing medical cannabis sector.

Capt Ebanks countered: "She wants to stop all this massive development but yet encourages medical tourism" and asked, "If you stop the development, how are we going to get the hospitals built?"

While acknowledging the economic impact, Capt. Ebanks said there should be no haste to reopen the borders and risk another lockdown, opting to rely on when "the professionals feel it is safe to open."

Mrs Ebanks Wilks advocates aiming for herd immunity with the vaccination programme and a possible target date for reopening.

"My opponent also states that I am too liberal and that I may be careless if elected in relation to reopening our borders. I disagree. Forward-thinking does not necessarily mean that you're too liberal."

The two candidates sparred on several other issues including the education system, traffic and whether or not there's a functioning district council in the constituency.

But they were on common ground for a national lottery, albeit for slightly different reasons, as well as a constitutional amendment to allow for MPs to be recalled in specific instances.

ANOTHER ONE CANDIDATE CHAMBER FORUM

For the third time so far an election candidate booked to participate in the Chamber of Commerce's Candidate's Forum opted not to participate.

This time MP for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman, Moses Kirkconnell, the Deputy Premier, cited previous engagements leaving his opponent Maxine McCoy-Moore free reign on her plans for the constituency and the national agenda.

The previous evening the MP for the Cayman Brac East, Juliana O'Connor-Conolly was also a now show.

Participating via a video link, Mrs McCoy-Moore said her priority issues if elected include; the high cost of living on the Sister Islands, especially for food, water and electricity. Education, unemployment, healthcare as well as the decriminalization of the hemp plant (referring to cannabis) are also in her manifesto.

Looking at the cost of living, she sees addressing import duties which she says "has gone from 12.5 per cent to 30% in the past four to eight years" as a key concern. She is also pushing for increases in salary increases in salary and pension payments.

Mrs McCoy-Moore feels Caymanians have been placed at a disadvantage in the job market.

"There are too many people here on work permits," she said noting that "I get a lot of criticism saying who am I criticise when I hire foreigners." She feels that the present system puts nationals at a disadvantage stating that "Caymanians needed to be treated as a first-class citizen in their own country."



In her campaign to represent Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman, she said that revitalising the Sister Islands' economy "would take not only my ideas but the ideas of all the people of what they would like to see done."

But she spoke of charging to access attractions, including heritage sites and having more tourist amenities.

In her opinion, development and preserving the environment can be balanced on the Sister Islands but stressed that the flora and fauna must be protected "because if we don't protect them, then what are we gonna have to attract tourists here."

Looking at the reopening of the borders, Mrs McCoy-Moore mentioned June 1st as a possibility but with strict protocols including vaccinations and quarantining.

Regarding population and development on the Sister Islands: "I would say that I really want to attract more and more of the correct people, that's the people who are



going to love the island the way that we love it," she said.

"Investment is always a part of development and we do need a little bit more than what we have here in order for the young people to get jobs but it can be it can be controlled by the planning department."

She favours having a national lottery but not casinos.

The Cayman East and Little Cayman candidate would encourage companies, especially those in financial services, to relocate part of their operations to the Sister Islands, and she feels that the government should be more dynamic in defending the sector.

Plans for a helicopter base on Cayman Brac have attracted controversy but Mrs McCoy-Moore feels: "I don't think it's such a bad idea, per se, but I think it's in the wrong location."

She said there should have been more consultation with the residents for which

she blames Development Control Board.

Mrs McCoy-Moore cited the traffic problems on Grand Cayman as said one of the reasons she relocated to Cayman Brac.

"We should restrict the amount of vehicles that are allowed to be brought in," she said while suggesting improvements to the current road system in the Sister Islands.

Health insurance is also a key issue for her.

"It needs to be addressed and it needs to be addressed immediately by the incoming government," she insisted claiming that premiums are too high and the only real beneficiaries are the insurance companies.

At the same time, she said she would press for more support programmes for the senior citizens on the Sister Islands.

In her view, the current education system is basically good but it needs to re-focus in some areas such as teaching students about budgeting better catering to those who develop at different rates. She also feels a trade school is a necessity.

Mrs McCoy-Moore also listed affordable housing for the Sister Islands as another area she would tackle due to the skyrocketing cost of land.

If elected she said her preferred portfolios would be district administration or education.



► Newlands Candidate and former Minister for the Environment, Mr. Wayne Panton joined Kenneth Bryan on stage at his official campaign launch on 20th March



► Bodden Town West Incumbent Chris Saunders endorses Kenneth Bryan

KENNETH BRYAN BATS FOR GEORGE TOWN CENTRAL

George Town Central incumbent Kenneth Bryan launched his reelection campaign on Saturday, 20th March at the Kirk Home Center parking lot.

The former television journalist's political journey started out as an assistant to the Premier from 2013 to 2015, before clinching a seat in Parliament in 2017, edging out then Minister of Finance Marco Archer.

Running under the slogan, 'Together We Still Can', Mr Bryan was joined on the podium by Bodden Town West Member of Parliament, Chris Saunders, George Town North Candidate Johann Moxam, as well as Newlands Candidate and former Minister for the Environment (2013-2017) Wayne Panton.

In endorsing Mr Bryan's candidacy, Moxam expressed delight at the prospect of the MP regaining his seat, noting that he did not envy Mr Bryan's opponent and the task he had before him.

"There is no harder working representative in Caymanian politics than Kenneth Bryan, noted Mr Moxam, who added that those who doubt his abilities only do so because they are unable to control him.

"He reminds me of two of Cayman's greatest politicians in one; Kurt Tibbetts and McKeever Bush," declared Mr Moxam, whose remarks were followed by MP Chris Saunders, who wasted no time in letting the audience know exactly how he felt about Mr Bryan and the present government.

"Folks I don't have much time because Bernie Bush is in a fight up in West Bay

and we have to go there after this to support him," noted Mr Saunders, who then gave anecdotal evidence of what Mr Bryan had been able to accomplish in Parliament despite staunch opposition from the Government.

Mr Saunders explained the extent to which the Opposition had to go to in order to get the pension withdrawals from up to CI\$35,000 to CI\$50,000 - CI\$15,000 more than was originally intended - and MP Bryan credited on parliamentary skills in ensuring that.

"Ladies and gentlemen that is how much the government did not want to work with him and they made no secret of the way they felt about him, but we were able to get it done in the end. And, if that is what we have to go through to get things done for Caymanians in this country, then we are in a sad state of affairs."

"We have to send them a strong message and give Kenneth Bryan a 95% victory so that they know Central George Town is off the table and his opponent (Alliance Member Frank Cornwall) will not get back his deposit," he said, calling for a clear victory to send a resounding message.

Wayne Panton declared that he was ready and willing to work with Kenneth Bryan and praised the MP's work ethic and commitment to his constituency over the past four years.

In his main address, Mr Bryan spoke of the plight of working-class Caymanians urging leaders to stop focusing on the wealthy and focus on creating opportunities for locals instead.



► Kenneth Bryan addresses the audience

"We must put our people first, as our people are our greatest asset," he remarked, adding that concessions are needed on a project called, 'Cayman First'.

He said the cost of living was the major issue that needed urgent attention and called for a review of import duties.

"We need to review duty and other taxes that make the cost of living so high. Duty for women's products are 22 per cent and that is a tax on our women, our mothers, our caregivers," said Mr. Bryan.

He lambasted the minimum wage of CI\$6.00, saying it was inadequate to live on.

"When you elect me, I will find solutions to increase the income of all Caymanians. We are all in this boat together and we must all be paddling in the same direction."

The George Town Central incumbent appealed for more opportunities for Caymanians, especially in the private sector. "Removing barriers to climbing the corporate ladder and give our people the same opportunities as those that come from overseas."

This is Mr Bryan's third General Election, having lost in the first, winning the second and now defending his seat in Parliament.



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Sister Islands fire service gets a boost

The Cayman Brac and Little Cayman fire stations have recently benefitted from new equipment and facilities to better assist them in protecting the community.

Minister for Home Affairs, Tara Rivers, who takes overall charge of the Cayman Islands Fire Service, said that they had made significant progress replacing vehicles which had resulted in the addition of 10 state-of-the-art vehicles to date to the fleet that oversees the three Cayman Islands.

"A programme of renovations and upgrades to the fire stations has also been implemented and the service-wide approach that has been taken by the Chief and his senior team with both of these critical projects, has ensured the inclusion of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman," she stated.

Cayman Brac took delivery earlier in March of one of three new Oshkosh Striker aviation fire and rescue trucks, where it will operate at the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport. This in turn enabled the fire truck previously in service at CKIA to be relocated to Little Cayman to replace an older model that has been taken out of

service. This interim measure will remain in place until two dual-purpose domestic and aviation fire trucks are procured, manufactured and delivered to Little Cayman in 2022.

Chief Fire Officer, Paul Walker, said that significant investment in vehicles and equipment by the Cayman Islands Government was seeing the fleet replacement timetable gather pace and confirmed they had received seven new domestic fire trucks and three new aviation trucks in the last six months to replace the oldest fire trucks in the fleet.

He continued: "The vehicle replacement strategy also included the procurement of two further Oshkosh Strikers to support operations at CKIA. By relocating one of the three already on-island, we are able to advance familiarisation and operator training for colleagues working in Cayman Brac as well as improve our operational fire and rescue capabilities on both our Sister Islands."

The CIFS senior team, working in tandem with the Ministry of Financial Ser-



vices and Home Affairs and the Public Works Department, obtained approval of

a business case which outlined building improvements, renovations and new facilities at their Cayman Brac fire station site. This project went out to public tender this week and the various works are expected to be completed later this year. Work is set to refurbish and extend fire truck parking bays to improve security between the domestic and airside fire and rescue operations. The project will also deliver a number of other improvements which will result in a more modern station that supports efficient and effective operations, including the creation of a fit-for-purpose facility to maintain and service the vehicle fleet.

Deputy Chief Fire Officer and lead officer for the project, Brevan Elliot, welcomed the news.

"When these much-needed upgrades are completed, they will see their fire and rescue service operate from vastly improved facilities that will serve local communities on the Brac for years to come. Our investment in new vehicles and equipment combined with our focus on ensuring competent and professional crews that can deploy using safe systems of work, clearly demonstrate that the CIFS is committed to enhancing public safety and managing risk from fire and rescue related incidents across our Sister Islands," he stated.



Avoid These 3 Diet Mistakes

It's been said that 80% of your fat loss results are made in the kitchen, so it's no surprise that DIET MISTAKES are what get most of us off track with our fat loss efforts.

You can exercise hard every single day, but if you are making these 3 common mistakes then fat loss is going to be slow or nonexistent...

Diet Mistake #1: Not Eating Enough Wholesome Calories

Starvation diets simply do not work. Restricting too many calories slows your metabolism to a grinding stop and causes your body to store those precious calories instead of burning them off.

But that's not all...

Starvation diets inevitably lead to rebounding with overeating that causes you to gain even more weight. There is a huge benefit to eating the right amount of wholesome calories, spread out throughout the day.

Your metabolism is revved up and fat loss becomes automatic. Of course, these must be WHOLESOME calories and not junk!

Diet Mistake #2: Not Eating Enough Protein

Protein is important for a variety of reasons, and sadly most of us simply do not get enough protein in our daily diets. When it comes to losing fat, getting adequate protein is a must.

It takes more calories to digest protein versus fats or carbs, giving your metabolic rate a boost. It's also essential to supply your body with the dietary protein needed to build and maintain your muscle mass - as muscles increase our resting metabolism.

Protein keeps you feeling full, boosts your metabolism and prevents you from turning to snacks that are full of fat, carbs and sugars.

Diet Mistake #3: Drinking Sugary Beverages

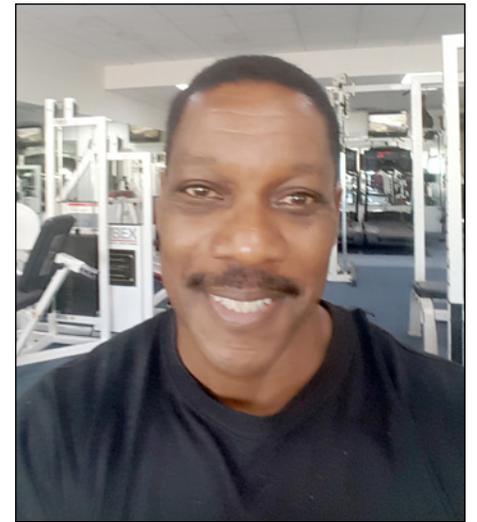
One of the BIGGEST diet mistakes that most people make today is drinking sugary beverages throughout the day. Liquid calories add up and stubbornly stick to our waistlines.

Whether you're drinking soda-pop, sweet coffee drinks, or alcoholic beverages, liquid calories are habitual and detrimental to fat loss and health.

A great way to avoid liquid sugary calories is to carry liquid stevia with you. Add a little squirt to your coffee or tea throughout the day to please your sweet tooth while avoiding liquid calories.

Don't forget that a challenging and consistent exercise plan is half of the equation when it comes to losing weight, getting fit and feeling great! That's where I come in...

I would love to be your fitness coach. Together we will get you to your goals with my results-driven method.



► Ernest Ebanks

Simply call Ernest at Body Shapers Fitness Studio 325-8696 or email me today at bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com to set up your first workout.

North Side Public Library Hosts Easter Bonnet Competition

The Cayman Islands Public Library Service (CIPLS) announces the 2021 staging of the North Side Public Library's 'Eggciting Easter Bonnet Competition.

Highlighting the purpose of the event, North Side Public Library Branch Manager Ms. Andrea Taffe said, "This competition aims at encouraging children between the ages of 6-17 years to maximise their resourcefulness by designing and crafting Easter bonnets from recyclable materials including plastic bottles, cardboard, dried leaves or any other material that is widely accessible in their immediate surroundings."

To enter, email a photo of handmade bonnets to northside@caymanlibraries.gov.ky before 26 March 2021. The body of the

email must include the entrant's name, address, telephone number, age, and the name of their parent or guardian.

Ms. Taffe encouraged prospective entrants to visit the North Side Public Library on March 27. "Come out and join us at the North Side Public Library at 11:00 AM on Saturday, 27 March, as we reward you for your participation and announce the three most resourceful entrants."

"Remember to bring your bonnets," she added.

For more information about the Eggciting Easter Bonnet Competition or other programmes offered at the North Side Public Library, please contact Ms. Andrea Taffe by telephone at 947-9362 or by email at andrea.taffe@gov.ky.

Cayman Island Public Library Service

Presenting

Eggciting Easter Bonnet Competition

3 resourceful winners will be chosen by range of creativity
Open to boys and girls
Winners will be announced on MARCH 27th, 2021 @ North Side Public Library 11:00am

Bring Your Bonnets

How to Enter

1. Email your information to northside@caymanlibraries.gov.ky
2. Start creating
3. Submit pictures of hand crafted bonnets via email before March 26th, 2021

How to Win

Design and make your own Easter Bonnet using recycled materials, from plastic bottles, cardboard to dried leaves and anything else laying around the yard.

Start creating today and you could be one of the lucky winners!!

Entry information to be submitted by email in the following format:

Name of competitor: _____	Date: ____/____/____
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► Flyer for the Eggciting Easter Bonnet Competition 2021



► (L-R) Joseph Woods, Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, Hon. Dwayne Seymour



► Spotts beach

Big expansion of marine parks heralds hope for fish stocks

By Christopher Tobutt

A big increase both in marine park area and the scope of protection was announced by the government so that future generations can benefit from Cayman's natural reserves. The new rules significantly increase the area of near-shore waters dedicated to no-take protection, from 14.8 percent up to 45.2 percent, amongst a range of other rules and laws aimed at protection of the natural marine environment. It is hoped that the new measures will help to halt, or even reverse, the significant decline in fish numbers, their average size, and the variety of kinds of fish found in Cayman's waters.

The rules, together with a new brochure summarizing them which includes three clear maps of the different kinds of protected area in the seas around Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac and Little Cayman were outlined during a recent press conference attended by Department of Environment Director, Gina Ebanks-Petrie, Port Authority Acting CEO Joseph Woods, Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, and Minister of Environment.

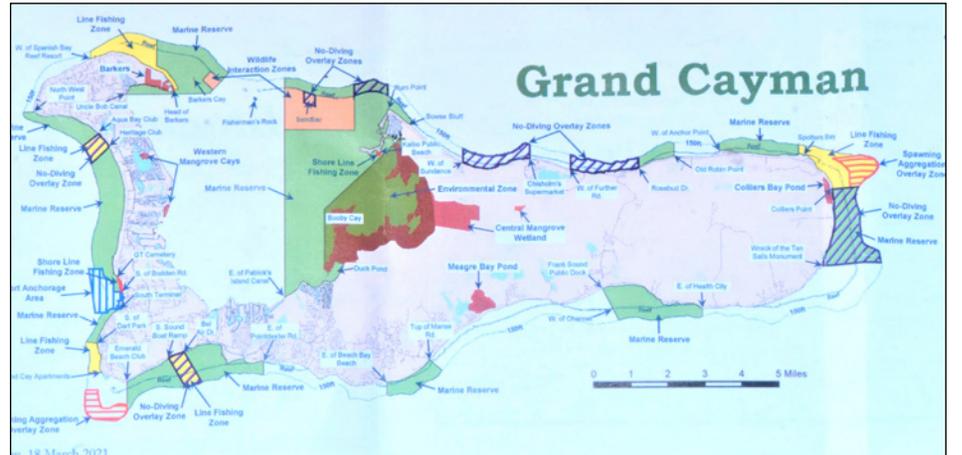
In a printed statement, the aim of the new rules include increasing fish spillover from protected areas to non-protected

areas; protecting healthy and productive habitat and ecosystem connectivity, and upgrading many areas already protected, for example, Marine Parks and Replenishment Zones becoming Marine Reserves, and extending protection from "shore to the deep terrace reef wall (up to 150 ft deep).

Mr. McLaughlin said: "I am pleased to speak today regarding the recently gazetted regulations enhancing marine parks and protected areas. There is no doubt that this is important for the Cayman Islands both socially and economically,"

Recapping, Mr. McLaughlin said that the marine Parks came into force, following a period of public consultation, in 1986. In 2011 Cayman obtained UK Darwin funding for a comprehensive scientific review of the marine parks, as well as a public consultation on people's views of what they wanted for the future. "Several rounds of extensive public consultation and ongoing local research occurred over the next few years, ending with the production of a plan in 2016 for the enhanced marine parks system," Mr. McLaughlin said.

Mr. Seymour said: "This project has been a long time coming and has taken years of research to reach the best possi-



► Part of the new brochure, with a map of Grand Cayman showing the extent of the new zones

ble outcome. People around the world depend on the ocean for their livelihood have had a front row seat for the dire...unprecedented change, and people in Cayman have not been spared in this regard."

Ms Ebanks-Petrie said that the new rules address, "Important socioeconomic concern for our islands, ensuring that our fishery resources continue to be available for local consumption."

The New brochure produced summary of the rules, and a clear map of the Cayman Islands and sister islands. There are several different categories:

- Marine Reserve, no taking of any marine life alive or dead, except catch-and-release fishing for tarpon, bonefish and permit.
- Environmental Zone:

No taking of any marine life, alive or dead with no exceptions, No in-water activities, and no anchoring of any vessel

- Line Fishing Zone: Take of fish by hook and line only
- Shore line fishing zone.

- No-Diving Overlay Zone, - no SCUBA diving without permission, and the general rules of the underlying zone also apply.

- Spawning aggregation overlay zone.
- Wildlife Interaction Zone: No taking any marine life by any means, alive or dead. Only feed stingrays approved food, like squid or ballyhoo, and no selling fish food from boats.

- Port anchorage area No fishing, damaging natural resources in-water activity without permission of the Port.



► Director of DOE Gina Ebanks-Petrie



► Minister of Environment Hon Dwayne Seymour

Cara Anderson-Linwood



► Cara Anderson-Linwood, Former member first CI Junior Girls National Basketball Team & Women's National Team, Executive Committee member & coach Women of Valor Basketball Club - 10 years to date, Certified level 2 basketball developmental coach (by CIOC)

"There is no limit to what we, as women, can accomplish. We are surrounded by extraordinary women who lead by example with strength and dignity.

Expect nothing, blame no-one, - do something!"

#ChooseToChallenge."

Sheila Rankine



► Sheila Rankine, Past Secretary Cayman Cricket; Past Captain CI National Women's Cricket Team, Past Captain of Islanders Cricket Team, Level 1 Cricket Coach & President of Cayman Masters Cricket Club

"To tell a woman everything she cannot do is to tell her what she can."

#ChooseToChallenge!

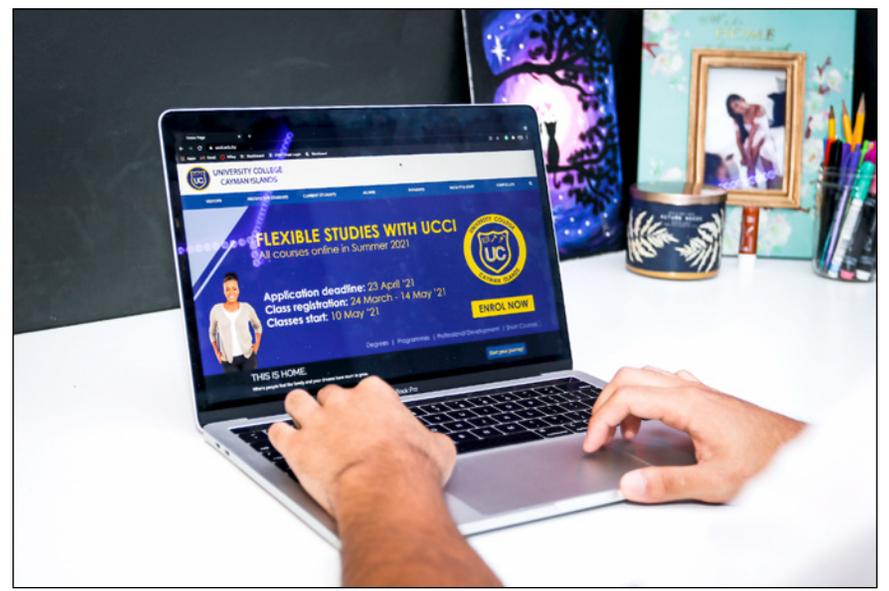
Cherry Whittaker



► Cherry Whittaker, Ex National Women's Coach Football, Sports Coordinator Primary Schools Department of Sports

"As a woman, it would be much appreciated to be looked at for all the goals I accomplished throughout my life, rather than for my gender or name."

#ChooseToChallenge



UCCI classes go online in Summer 2021

UCCI students are preparing for a short-term transition to online learning in the upcoming Summer session. For 7 weeks, commencing May 10th until June 25th, all UCCI classes will be taught online. Online classes will enable students' learning, by offering greater flexibility through online studies from anywhere in the world.

"Tertiary education providers around the globe are moving increasingly toward online offerings, to facilitate the kind of work-life flexibility students are expecting. At UCCI, Cayman's premier tertiary education provider, we plan to lead this trend by evaluating opportunities to expand our online class options; particularly in the Summer as we undertake campus renovations to create an improved learning environment for our faculty, staff and students alike," says UCCI's President and CEO Dr. Stacy McAfee.

All short courses, Certificate, Associate, Bachelor's and Postgraduate studies will be amongst the online course offerings. Online classes will be hosted live; at set times and primarily through the Microsoft Teams and Blackboard learning platforms.

Key dates for the upcoming Summer session include: the application

deadline for prospective students to submit their online application (April 23rd 2021); the registration period for current students (March 24th to 14th May) and the start of classes (May 10th 2021).

Prospective students who want to begin studying with UCCI, should apply by the application deadline of April 23rd 2021. UCCI's online application portal facilitates easy submission of a UCCI application form and allows prospective students to upload all required documents and receive an admissions decision through the portal.

Current UCCI students are encouraged to complete their registration process before the Spring 2021 semester concludes on April 14th.

All students, prospective and current, are encouraged to visit <https://www.ucci.edu.ky/myucci> for details of how to complete their respective application and/or registration process and to view UCCI's Summer 2021 class schedule for a full listing of classes. Those seeking assistance, can contact UCCI at admissions@ucci.edu.ky or to call 623-8224 for further. Opening hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM or Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.

HSM Gives Career Advice in Cayman Brac

HSM participated in the Layman E. Scott Sr. High School Career Fair which was held on Friday, 19 March.

This fair is organised by the Cayman Islands Further Education Centre (CIFEC) and helps to give students first-hand experience at applying for jobs and learning what career opportunities exist in the Cayman Islands.

HSM is a full-service law firm based in Grand Cayman and offers several internship positions each year. Natasha Whitlocke (Head IP Paralegal) attended

on behalf of the firm and spoke with students about a career in the legal profession. She also spoke about the different areas of expertise, including Intellectual Property, Litigation, Immigration, Finance, Corporate Services, Marketing and more.

"I left the fair feeling proud," shares Whitlocke. "These students are well positioned to begin their careers and I look forward to seeing them make their mark in our community."

HSM has worked with the CIFEC programme since the firm's inception in 2012.



► Natasha Whitlocke (HSM IP Head Paralegal) Meeting Cayman Brac Students

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Rundown 2021

25 March - Rundown is back! This year, the hilarious comedy features some of our favourite actors - Leroy Holness and Matt Brown in skits such as The Covid Press Briefing, La Zoom Meeting, The Vaccine Line and much more. Shows continue until 28 March and tickets are on sale now at Eventproky.com (online), Funky Tangs, Healthcare Pharmacy Grand Harbour, Fosters Camana Bay and the CNCF Office. Adult are CI\$25 and Senior (65+, Youth (16 and under) are CI\$20.

St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights

26 March - This is the last Friday to enjoy the popular St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights 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!

Gamer's Bay

27 March - Gamer's Bay - Cayman's Esports Event & Gaming Convention - is taking place March 27th and 28th at the John Gray Gymnasium. You can compete for over \$10,000 in cash & prizes! Compete head to head in titles such as Fortnite, Call Of Duty: Cold War, FIFA 20 & Super

Smash Bros! See and try the latest game consoles and virtual reality headsets. Lots of free play for pc gamers, console gamers and VR for all ages! For More information, and to register yourself or a team, visit GamersBayCayman.com

Health Fair

27 March - The Cayman Bayanihan Filipino Community is hosting a free community Health Fair on Saturday 27 March from 9am to 4pm at the Westin Ballroom. All

are invited and there will be lots of giveaways and the opportunity to win big raffle prizes.

Orchid Show

27 March - The Annual Orchid Show and Sale at the Botanic Park will be Saturday and Sunday (27 & 28 Mar) from 9am to 4pm. Hundreds of orchids will be available to purchase and there will also be educational presentations and BBQ food available on both days. The Orchid Show is also a fundraising event for the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park and the Cayman Islands Orchid Society. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for

those 16 and under and free for children under 12.

Community Guest Day - Cayman Brac

27 March - All are invited to join the Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church for Community Guest Day on March 27th at 930am under the theme Friends of Hope.

Caymanian Bush Medicine: Traditional Herbal Remedies

27 March - Join us for an interesting talk with Erik Leacock and a tour of the Mission House and garden

on Saturday 27th March from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Tickets are CI\$35 for adults and CI\$25 for kids. Tickets are available online at nationaltrust.org.ky/events/

Services at St. Alban's Church of England

28 March - 4 April - St. Alban's Church of England is having its Lenten/Easter services on the following dates.

Sunday 28th March - 9:30 am Palm Sunday Holy Communion preceded by the Liturgy of Palms
Friday 2nd April - 12pm Good Friday Service of Readings and Devotions

Sunday 4th April - 9:30am Easter Day Holy Communion

Gigantic Garage Sale

10 April - St. Ignatius Church is having its annual GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE & CAR BOOT SALE on Saturday, April 10th from 6:00-11:00 am at the Loyola Hall and School Car Park. \$25 to book a selling spot! Lots of bargains! All kinds of items! Breakfast items on sale! Anyone wishing to donate items (in good condition) can drop them off anytime from mid-March onwards. Phone 949-6797 or e-mail Ignatius@candw.ky to book your selling spot, arrange for collection of larger items, or to volunteer to help out beforehand or on the day!

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky



► Gamer's Bay - Cayman's Esports Event & Gaming Convention

COMMUNITY NOTICE

New Travel Cayman process for vaccinated travellers

As of 22 March 2021, quarantine requirements for vaccinated travellers arriving into the Cayman Islands will be reduced from 14 days to 10 days, with an exit test on day 11. To be considered fully vaccinated, travellers must:

- Have been vaccinated against COVID-19 at least 14 days before arrival in the Cayman Islands (or prior to entering quarantine if they are an occupant).
- Have completed a full course of one of the following vaccines approved by major public health organisations:
 - a. Pfizer-BioNTech
 - b. Oxford/AstraZeneca
 - c. Moderna
 - d. Johnson & Johnson

To expedite the new process, the Travel Cayman portal will be enhanced to enable travellers to specify if they have been vaccinated, at which point provisional approval can be granted. In the interim, while the portal is modified, Travel Cayman will contact all travellers via email three days prior to their flight departure to

enquire as to whether they qualify for 10-day quarantine.

On arrival to the Cayman Islands vaccinated travellers will be required to present their original vaccine certificate for authentication. In cases where the traveller intends to quarantine at a residence with non-travellers, everyone who will be in isolation with the traveller will be required to provide a vaccination certificate to be eligible for the reduced quarantine period. If eligible, the entire household will be required to quarantine for a minimum period of 10 days.

Obtaining a false vaccination certificate is an offence. If a person presents a false vaccination certificate they will be liable, on conviction, to a fine of \$10,000 and to imprisonment for two years. The following conditions also apply for travellers to qualify for the reduced quarantine time:

- Must receive a negative PCR test within 72 hours of travel. All travellers are required to retain their pre-arrival PCR test results



until they have been cleared by the Medical Officer of Health and off-boarded by the Travel Cayman team.

- Must receive a negative PCR test upon arrival in the Cayman Islands

• Upon completion of the quarantine period, travellers will be required to test negative for COVID-19 before being released from quarantine.

Persons who have not been vaccinated will be required

to quarantine for 14 days, and take a PCR exit test on day 15. Until children are eligible for the vaccine, adults travelling with children will have to continue to quarantine for 14 days.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
84° / 77°	83° / 78°	84° / 78°	83° / 78°	78° / 78°	78° / 78°	79° / 77°
Mostly sunny and beautiful	Lots of sun; breezy, pleasant	Mostly sunny, breezy and nice	Abundant sunshine and nice	Mostly sunny, breezy and nice	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of the late James Delroy Henry better known as Mandela, regrets to announce his passing, 26 February, 2021.



A funeral service will be held at George Town Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Sunday, 28 March, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. viewing will be from 1:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment to follow at The St. Mary Garden of Rest Cemetery, West Bay.

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



Rotary Sunrise Gifts Book Chairs to Miss Nadine's Preschool

Miss Nadine's Preschool got a surprise last week when the Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise delivered two book chairs filled with books for the little readers.

With funds from their popular Buy A Kid A Book program that Rotary Sunrise held this year in February, the club was able to donate the chairs filled with hundreds of books along with a \$1,000 gift certificate to The Book Nook for future book purchases.

Complete Services KY donated the materials and labour for the two chairs, and Rotary Sunrise purchased the books and special padding to create a comfy corner for little readers to snuggle into.

Literacy Director Hendrik van Genderen had this to say,

"Handing over the chair at Miss Nadine's Preschool was such a rewarding experience. The Club hopes this donation will enhance the children's love to read and judging by the happy reception from staff and children, the chair will be a bonus for all. This project was made possible because of the excellent teamwork of the Literacy Committee and the generous donations from the public."

The donation reflects Rotary Sunrise's continued commitment to supporting literacy in our islands. President Stacy Parke commented that, "One of the main focus



► Donation of \$1,000 cheque. Left to right: Rotary Sunrise president Stacy Parke, Rotarian Faye Lippitt, Rotarian Dean Heyne, Literacy Director Hendrik van Genderen, Rotarian Karl Murphy, preschool Deputy Director Caroline Ebanks, Rotarian Dr. Takeyce Palmer and school Administrative Assistant Abigail Perez

of Rotary Sunrise is literacy and ensuring that at children of all ages are given the access and opportunity read. Creating this unique and fun library chair for the children was a labour of love. The members of the Club all supported the initiative, and we are thankful for the usual support of the community with the Buy A Kid A Book fundraiser."

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MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE
Genesis 18:12

She was old and way past the stage of child bearing. She had given up on the reality of bearing a child. Abraham her husband was 100. What a match-up for God to do the miraculous! Her faith in the promise of God faded.

Who was this man who sat with Abraham outside the tent predicting the impossible? When the promise of Isaac had been revealed to them they both laughed. Sarah's laughter was the great catalyst for the GREAT I AM to demonstrate that HE IS THE ALMIGHTY GOD. His power and might are revealed in His question to Abe, "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" I can tell you assuredly there's nothing too hard for Him that He cannot do. Like Sarah, rise in faith.

All good men and women must take responsibility to create legacies that will take the next generation to a level we could only imagine.

~ Jim Rohn



► Lots of cheering from the grandstand

Strong Support for Interprimary Sports Day

By Christopher Tobutt

It was three days of celebration, competition, and learning important life skills like how to lose without getting too upset, at the Truman Bodden Stadium. The Interprimary sports day is a chance for more than 400 champions of each of the 21 participating schools, from all across the Cayman Islands to learn how to win, but also how to lose with a good attitude. Besides lots of races between the 80 meters dash and the 800m, there was long-jump, shotput, and high jump too. But the most important skill on display was one they can use for the rest of their lives: how to do your very best and be part of a team, and how to keep going even when you are behind, so that you can still finish proudly.

Julianna O' Connor Connolly Minister for education, youth sports agriculture and lands said: "I think this is so exciting because it's an opportunity once a year that all of our primary children can come together and compete and prove that they are a strong coalition; not necessarily competition alone. It brings me back to my childhood years when I was on

the field competing as well. It's important for the children because it teaches them life skills. Life is about winning and losing but it's about options. Losing means when you stop trying and so we see that some children have incremental development through the sports so you find that one year they will win one heat ...it's an opportunity to bring the teachers and the students and the parents of the wider community together.

Girls 12 and under 800m finals

Gloria Bell Senior School Improvement Officer said: "We have 21 primary schools participating all the Islands government and private schools taking part. We also have one homeschooler who is also participating "PE is one of the subjects that we do. We have just introduced a new national curriculum and the curriculum was revised so when we have these sporting events the kids have an opportunity to display their skills and their expertise they have learned in the academic year. It's important in terms of their health and well-

SEE **INTERPRIMARY SPORTS DAY**, Page 13



► Boys 100 meters finish



► Start of the Boys' 80 meter dash



► Shotput



► Doing your very best in the Girls' 80 meters



► High Jump

Strong Support for Interprimary Sports Day

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being, their whole physical development. Most of them are school champions, so it's an opportunity for them to compete with giants from other schools to show exactly how good they are."

One of the parents, Cleta Bodington had just finished cheering on her daughter, who had participated in the 800m. "I feel very proud. She did exceptionally well she was leading the field most of the way, although in the end she placed third or fourth. this event is a great idea because we get to showcase a lot of local talent If they're winning it will boost their self-esteem. If they lose it can be a little bit tricky but it depends on their mindset, that they do the best they can," she said.

Tammy Hopkins, Acting Director of Education Services said: "A year ago our inter primary sports was shut down after day one. We are truly blessed that we have three days this time and our athletes can come together and compete in true sportsmanship. We have over 463 athletes here today. This brings all the schools together, including Cayman Brac there's representatives from the two primary schools here.

Mark Ray the Acting Deputy Chief Officer for education said "Today is an opportunity for the young people to showcase their talent and have fun. I think it's important for them not only to strive to become the best possible athlete but that this event is a very fun time for them."



► Under-12 girls 800 meters



► Long Jump



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ST HELENA CHOOSES MINISTERIAL SYSTEM

Voters in St Helena has opted to change their system of government.

In a referendum last week the majority chose a Ministerial System of governance over a Revised Committee System.

A low turnout of 372 or 17.3% of eligible voters took part in the ballot.

The Government and the Legislative Assembly had described the poll as important and historic for the territory. St Helena does not have an elected political leader

with the Governor functioning as the head of government. The Legislative Council consists of 15 members 12 of whom are elected while the government administration is divided into eight directorates.

A previous referendum in 2013 proposing a Chief Councillor elected by the members of the Legislative Council and other nominated members of the Executive Council was defeated by 158 votes to 42 on a 10% turnout.



► Bermuda parliament building

BERMUDA CLAMPS DOWN ON REVENGE PORN

The Bermuda government has tabled legislation to outlaw the posting of what's known as "revenge porn" online.

The phenomenon is a trend in which people share intimate images on social media with the intent of embarrassing the person portrayed in compromising situations.

Presenting the bill in Bermuda's House of Assembly, Attorney-General Kathy Lynn Simmons, said: "Weaponising inti-

mate images, created under the trusting sanctity of a romantic relationship, can be used as a tool to inflict revenge when the relationship breaks down."

The proposed law is based on similar legislation in Canada and Australia.

Another, overseas territory, Montserrat, has also tabled similar legislation as part of a broader cybercrime bill which has been withheld while it undergoes further public consultation.

GIBRALTAR LEADS WORLD IN COVID VACCINATIONS

Gibraltar is reported to be well on the way to becoming the first nation in the world to vaccinate its entire adult population against coronavirus.

By press time 31,000 residents had completed their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine with over 23,000 having already received their second dose.

The territory which has a population of around 34,000 people, has had 4,263 confirmed coronavirus cases and 94 deaths since the start of the pandemic.

Speaking in the national parliament last week, Gibraltar's Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo, credited the British government for its support.

"We have felt the real support of the United Kingdom in the provision of PPE, testing and the sovereign guarantee for our COVID spending. But, perhaps, most importantly with the provision at no cost to Gibraltar of the vaccine in quantities that enables me to say today that Gibraltar will be the first nation to complete a whole nation vaccination programme," he said.

Meanwhile, updating the UK House of Commons/Parliament, the British Health



► Gibraltar's Chief Minister, Fabian Picardo

Secretary Matt Hancock said, "Throughout the crisis, we have provided Gibraltar with PPE, testing and a sovereign guarantee for their COVID spending. We have also provided Gibraltar with vaccines, as we have with all other British overseas territories."

He also acknowledged the territory's successful vaccination roll-out.

"Perhaps, most importantly with the provision at no cost to Gibraltar of the Covid vaccine in quantities that enables me to say that Gibraltar will be the first nation to complete a whole nation vaccination programme."

BVI BRINGS IN UK COPS

The British Virgin Islands has enlisted the assistance of UK detectives as it battles against a spate of serious crimes.

There have been several recent murders in the BVI believed to be linked to the drugs trade.

In welcoming the UK support, Premier Andrew Fahie said, "I told the commissioner if we have to get help from different parts of the world, let us bring the help. We have to let persons know that crime will not be tolerated in the Virgin Islands."

Commissioner of Police Michael Matthews reported that the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force (RVIPF) is also "exploring specialist capabilities to infiltrate the drug trade". He said he was confident that intensified efforts would "quell the un-

ease and bring, at least, a short-term end to the violence and the drug trade."

Governor John Rankin appealed to residents to assist the police with their investigations. "The support of the community is required, and I encourage anyone who has information on those involved in drugs trafficking, illegal firearms and organised crime to bring it to the attention of the authorities."

He said, "The deaths we have witnessed over recent months have deep repercussions for everyone in the community.

The Governor also urged the territory's youth not to become entangled in criminality.

"The young people are the future of these Islands, and we must protect them from those who seek to exploit them."



► Royal Virgin Islands Police station

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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Difficulty Level ★★

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 7 Troubling sign
 - 11 "Forget it!"
 - 12 Mountain lion
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 - 15 Plains grazers
 - 16 Ignored the limit
 - 18 Fourth-down play
 - 21 Fly high
 - 22 School paper
 - 24 Sit-up targets
 - 25 Small tablet
 - 26 Take to court
 - 27 Lose
 - 29 Butte's kin
 - 30 Bike part
 - 31 Bird home
 - 32 Trouble
 - 34 Where there's nothing new
 - 40 Ump's call
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 - 4 Singer Justin
 - 5 Bitter
 - 6 Brooklyn team
 - 7 "Let me in!"
 - 8 Stein's kin
 - 9 Outback bird
 - 10 Photographer Goldin
 - 14 Had aspirations
 - 16 Ferber book
 - 17 Out of style
 - 19 Snouts
 - 20 Reliance
 - 21 Frodo's friend
 - 22 Bright beam
 - 23 Hot brew
 - 25 Kitchen gadget
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B	I	V	I	E	R	L	F	I	E	Y	L	M	M	N
E	R	M	D	G	T	S	S	D	N	U	O	A	N	D
P	B	O	E	G	H	T	A	D	J	E	R	R	T	B
P	W	A	J	E	I	M	E	S	E	U	Q	C	A	J
I	R	N	E	H	E	B	I	D	E	R	R	E	I	P
L	E	Y	A	M	R	H	T	C	U	D	E	L	D	S
I	I	T	N	A	R	G	U	S	T	A	V	E	B	D
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- Marcel
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- Michel
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- Odette
- Philippe
- Pierre
- Serge
- Thierry

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

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