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# PROGRESSIVES CLAIM MAJORITY AS PANTON'S PACT CRUMBLES

Less than a day after a new government was announced - just hours after Wednesday's election, another post-election shocker has sent tremors throughout the Caymanian society.

A pact to form a new government of independents led by Wayne Panton has disintegrated and the leader of the Progressives/Independents Alliance Roy McTaggart announced early on Friday morning that this party now has enough support to form the next government.

The new agreement signed by ten MPs now includes new independent MPs - Sabrina Turner (Prospect) and Isaac Rankine (East End) who have joined the seven victorious Progressives MPs and Independent Alliance member Dwayne Seymour (Bodden Town East).

Sabrina Turner and Isaac Rankine were previous signatories to a pact with nine other MPs to form the next government led by Wayne Panton

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# Keeping History Alive - the Cimboco and the Goldfield



**Cimboco: connecting Cayman to the outside world**

Residents on Grand Cayman may well frequent the Cimboco restaurants - one at the Marquee Plaza and one at Countryside in Savannah - and even enjoy the artwork of the Cimboco ship that adorns the walls at the Marquee Plaza restaurant. But they may not know much about the history of this once-famous vessel.

In 1927 the launching of the 120-ton Cimboco was a game-changer for the Cayman Islands. According to an article in the Northwester from November 1972, the launching of the Cimboco was one of the greatest days in Caymanian history, with islanders making a festival of the event with lots of eating, drinking, dancing and merriment to be had at the time.

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# An open invitation to party politics in Cayman

With Cayman once again finding itself destined for a coalition government, the question of how we do politics again arises.

Amidst all this, there's cause to revisit the tentative and even cautious approach to party politics a construct that's yet to be fully embraced by candidates and voters.

Still navigating a way out of a previous 'team based' system and navigating the rather unfamiliar waters of party politics Cayman once again finds itself with a Parliament dominated by independents.

This does not speak to the lofty goal of independence as an ultimate political destiny for these islands. Clearly, that's not a pressing or even secondary issue on Cayman's political agenda. And rightly so. For now at least.

Instead, what we are faced with here is something much more pedestrian...and perhaps even mundane.

It appears to be a reluctance to establish and maintain political parties.

Numerous reasons and analyses have been advanced for this seeming hesitance to embrace what is a political norm in advanced democracies, amongst which Cayman has every right to be counted.

The 2021 election saw only one party in the closest sense of the word contest the election.



The People's Progressive Movement (PPM), branded as The Progressives for the campaign, led the previous Unity government in a coalition with several independents and the previously-ruling Cayman Democratic Party (CDP) formerly the United Democratic Party (UDP).

But the UDP frayed with its 'members' running this year as independents.

The Progressives joined a campaigning pact with several independents under the

banner of the Progressives and The Independents Alliance.

It's noteworthy that of 50 candidates who ran this year, 42 were independents. And the outcome of the election reflected that pattern with independent candidates reprising the 2017 result by dominating the seat allocation.

Of the 19 seats at stake, independent candidates excluding one aligned to the Progressives garnered 11 seats.

The Progressives on their own won seven seats with another from an Independents Alliance campaigning partner.

The inevitability is another coalition in a political climate dominated by independents.

The question arises: Is this indicative of a trend leading to standard Cayman politics?

It's only in recent times that party politics have taken some semblance of root in Cayman and while there has been success at the polls, sowing the seeds of the very ethos of party politics seems to be falling on barren ground in Cayman...so far.

Coming out of a history of loosely based alliances national teams of like-minded individuals with strong district allegiances, might it be proving to be insurmountably challenging to transition from the familiar to a more structured and modern party political machinery?

Cayman's first political party, the then Progressive Democratic Party, was only established in 1991, followed in 1996 by the Democratic Alliance and Team Cayman. The United Democratic Party (later Cayman Democratic Party) was formed in 2001 out of the electoral success of its individual members the year before and the People's Progressive Movement (now The Progressives) came on stream in 2002.

In the annals of politics, that's a very short history.

But throughout its political history, Cayman can boast of a proud record of strong individual political leaders and personalities both men and women which further confounds the question of the dearth of political parties in the current era.

The view has been posited of a fear of political tribalism and the 'garrison politics' associated with Jamaica, Cayman's former British colonial administrative centre.

But that draws an immediate comparison to the Turks and Caicos Islands which also fell under the Jamaica regional British colonial outpost.

Both Cayman and its sister British Overseas Territory were removed from under that umbrella when Jamaica went independent from Britain.

It's also to be noted that the party system thrives elsewhere in the English-speaking Caribbean, the administering power - the UK, and elsewhere in the Commonwealth and western democracies.

Politics by its very nature is tribal, even at the constituency level with independent candidates.

But parties bring a collective strategy, unify policies, allow for a more cohesive and structured system of government and opposition government, are less prone to fragmentation and are better placed to withstand such impacts.

But they require organisation, discipline and commitment.

In the 2021 campaign, it was not unusual to hear candidates proclaim that this election is the most important of a generation including the pandemic, and that Cayman is at a critical crossroads.

That could very well be right especially with the high calibre of politicians now entering - or returning to - the arena.

It might be time overdue - or the right time - for a new type of politics in Cayman built around the party system.

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# Quarantine Breach Reported to Police

An alleged breach of isolation protocols on 13 April 2021 by travellers quarantining at residence and members of the public has been reported to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) and is currently under investigation.

The Mobile Compliance team conducted a routine compliance and welfare check, in response to a tip received by Travel Cayman. A group of three (3) travellers quarantining on a docked boat were found to have three (3) visitors at the location. One of the visitors was reported to have also had contact with another local person. By instruction of Public Health, seven (7) persons, including the travellers, their visitors, and the other local contact, have been placed in quarantine at a Government facility.

Public Health has confirmed that all primary contact tracing protocols have been observed following the suspected breach



and would like to reassure the public that there is no immediate cause for concern.

The Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) noted that this is an ongoing inves-

tigation and six (6) persons involved have been warned for intended prosecution.

The public and travellers are reminded that, regardless of a person's vaccination status or COVID antibody status, there is to be **no** direct contact between members of the public and persons in quarantine during their period of isolation. This includes anyone delivering food or supplies, where the minimum necessary time for delivery should be observed. Persons in quarantine should wait to physically collect supplies **after** the person delivering has left the property. The public is encouraged to report any suspected breach of quarantine to the Travel Cayman Tip Line 943-7233.

Anyone that is found to be in breach of the mandatory quarantine provisions will be warned for intended prosecution and is liable on conviction to a fine of up to ten thousand dollars and imprisonment for up to two years.

# THE GLOBAL COVID COMBAT CONTINUES

The global battle against the COVID-19 endemic is continuing on many fronts.

Much focus is now on South America, especially Brazil, where the rapidly spreading and extremely virulent Brazilian variant is threatening to overwhelm health services.

Brazil has seen a rapid expansion of Covid-19 cases over the past month which the country's health experts worry could be linked to various mutations of the virus.

A new super-variant of the Covid-19 virus described as a combination of 18 different mutations, including the so-called Brazil, British and South African strains, is said to be gaining a foothold in the region.

Several other South American countries are struggling with a spike in infections and deaths with Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay among the worst affected.

Brazil, now seen as the epicentre of the pandemic, has recorded over 13 million COVID-19 cases

with fatalities averaging around 3,000 a day with its health service struggling to cope.

An increasing number of countries are putting Brazil on a travel blacklist over fears of importing the Brazil strain and its other mutations.

Meanwhile, with mass vaccination seen as a pathway out of the pandemic, or at least to suppress the spread, the roll-out of new vaccines continues apace but is being met with some hiccups.

The UK's Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine which has been linked to a few cases of blood clots resulting in deaths in a handful of instances has been suspended by some governments.

The reason given is to review the drug's efficacy and to verify whether it is really the cause of the reported side effects.

Some countries, such as Denmark have stopped using the vaccine altogether while others which had previously been cautious about administering it have reinstated its use.



Several leaders are publicly taking the vaccine to shore up confidence in its efficacy and to reassure their citizens of its safety.

In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel was due to have her Oxford/AstraZeneca jab on Friday, while in Scotland First Minister

Nicola Sturgeon took her first dose of the vaccine on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the American Johnson and Johnson vaccine has been recalled by the company just days after its roll-out started.

The company said it was halting further injections after the US regulator, the Federal Drug

Administration (FDA) advised a temporary pause "out of an abundance of caution".

One person has died from blood clotting complications, after taking the Johnson and Johnson jab and another was said to be hospitalised in a critical condition.



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# PROGRESSIVES CLAIM MAJORITY AS PANTON'S PACT CRUMBLES

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In a statement whose brevity is only matched by its impact, Mr McTaggart wrote:

"I am pleased to confirm that we have an agreement with 10 elected members to form the Government and to elect me as Premier.

"This will allow the country to have a stable Government and continuity as we address the rebuilding from Covid."

It was widely expected that the narrow outcome of the election would have resulted in serious and intricate negotiations to form the next government.

Just hours after the election, in a development that surprised many political observers and others due to the quick deci-

sion, it was confirmed that a coalition of independents led by Wayne Panton and including Sabrina Turner and Isaac Rankine had signed a pact to form the next government.

Once again, as happened in the 2017 election, independent candidates walked away with a majority of seats.

Of the 19 seats in the Parliament, independents not aligned to the Progressives won 11, while separately a 12th independent seat went to incumbent Dwayne Seymour who campaigned as part of the Progressives/Independents Alliance. He was also a minister in the PPM-led Unity coalition government.

The Progressives on their own won seven seats plus an eighth with Mr Seymour of the Independents Alliance.

With this Friday morning's surprise development, it is expected that a new statement confirming the new Progressives-led government will now be forthcoming from the Governor's Office.

The previous agreement for what would have been a Wayne Panton-led independents coalition was framed under the banner of PACT (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent).

That agreement was already signed off by HE Governor Martyn Roper as part of the constitutional provision that Mr Panton at that time had the majority of support among the elated MPs to form the next government.

A statement on Thursday afternoon from the Governor's Office had confirmed that "newly elected candidate from the

Newlands electoral district, Mr Wayne Panton met with His Excellency the Governor, Mr Martyn Roper at the Governor's Office today, Thursday, 15 April 2021."

It said: "Mr Panton presented to the Governor his letter confirming that he has the support of the majority of the elected candidates who were successful in yesterday's General Election to Parliament and that he intends to form the new Government."

With the Progressives now claiming to have majority support to form the next government, relief in their camp is matched by disappointment among the Panton PACT supporters.

A statement from the Governor's Office acknowledging the turn of political fortunes was awaited.

## *Elections Office Confirms Complaint*

The Elections Office confirms that it has received a complaint 14 April 2021 from a candidate concerning the handling of ballot boxes during the General Election.

Supervisor of Elections Wesley Howell notes that section 51 (4) of the Elections Act (2021 Revision) empowers Returning Officers to make provisions for the safe custody of ballot boxes, but does

not specify how this process should take place.

"We have always ensured that all mobile and postal ballot boxes are transported in sealed condition, from a secure location to the respective counting station. This year as an added precaution, we have used police escort when transporting mobile and postal ballot boxes.

"Furthermore, before the boxes are opened, candidates' agents are able to examine the boxes' seals for their signatures, which were placed there when the boxes were being sealed up and securely stored.

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The Cayman Islands Airports Authority (CIAA), which operates the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) and the Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA), is pleased to congratulate CIAA Facilities & Projects Manager Eimer Powery on successfully completing his City and Guilds ILM level 5 qualification in leadership and management.

This internationally recognised Level 5 qualification encourages strategic thinking to foster business improvement and this programme, which was facilitated by the Cayman Islands Government Civil Service College, had a particular emphasis on innovation.

"This programme is focused on helping managers to develop their ability to lead, motivate and inspire others," said Civil Service College programme facilitator Graeme Jackson. "A key part of the programme is the delivery of an innovative workplace project to demonstrate the required competencies and skills which give us the assurance that the learning has transferred into reality."

CIAA CEO Albert Anderson commented, "This was a fantastic opportunity for



► Eimer Powery (centre) accepting his Certificate from Deputy Governor Franz Manderson (right) and Facilitator Graeme Jackson (left)

Eimer to network with colleagues in the wider public and civil service. The assignments were practical and meant we were

benefiting from his participation immediately by adding innovation ideas to the maintenance department as we transition

back to normal operations focused on our vision to deliver an excellent airport experience."

# UCCI Holds Spring Graduation

The University College of the Cayman Islands will hold its commencement ceremony for its class of 2021 at 7:30 p.m., April 24. More than 200 students will receive degrees or certificates in the program, which is limited to 500 attendees, but which will be live streamed via UCCI's Facebook page.

Tom Jenkins, chairman of OpenText Corporation, will deliver the keynote address during the evening ceremony. Jenkins, a Cayman resident, was CEO of the Canadian-based OpenText, one of the largest tech companies in the world, for more than a decade and spent more than 20 years with the company. It was a three-year-old fledgling startup when he joined the company in 1994. Today it is worth an estimated \$12 billion. He has a long list of accomplishments in the tech industry and in education. Part of his address, he said, will focus on the importance of taking risks.

UCCI President and CEO Stacy McAfee said it is an honor to have Jenkins speak at the commencement event.

"In the past several years, Tom has chosen to involve himself with UCCI to help promote career paths in computer and digital science," McAfee said. "This is especially important as Cayman looks toward creating more tech companies and we look at ways in which to provide graduates for that burgeoning industry."

McAfee said moving the commencement ceremony to a spring date was a way to meet student needs.

For years, UCCI has been honoring its graduates during the first week in November. The practice was designed to accommodate those graduating after the school's summer semester and to avoid conflicts with high school graduations in June. Often, those graduates who had gone on to study at colleges and universities overseas, were unable to attend the fall ceremony.



"We want to be able to celebrate the accomplishments of our students in person," McAfee said. "This gives all graduates a better opportunity to attend commencement and receive the accolades they deserve."

The move also brings UCCI in line with traditional international practices.

The programme will include addresses by McAfee, Board of Governors Chairman Mark Scotland and other dignitaries. It will also feature live performances by the UCCI Dancers and the UCCI Choir.

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## FLASHBACK: MCLAUGHLIN CHALLENGED IN BID TO RETAIN RED BAY

Outgoing Premier Alden McLaughlin who is defending his Red Bay seat and his government's track record, traded policy ideas with his constituency challenger Sammy Jackson when they met in the Chamber of Commerce's Candidates Forum on Monday evening.

Mr McLaughlin, who is completing his constitutional two consecutive terms as Premier, has also stepped down from leadership of the Progressives party. But he has said he is available for a ministerial role if he retains the seat and his party stays in government.

While national issues dominated the two-hour session, matters specific to Red Bay were also in focus with Mr Jackson leading off by committing to address the persistent traffic problems, flooding and concerns about crime.

Mr McLaughlin responded by disclosing that the government has been working on a plan for a six-lane highway serving the area, adding that just on Monday

a contract had been signed for local access roads and drainage improvement as a key component of that project.

The impact of the pandemic, from the plans for reopening to how the economy will be structured going forward also featured prominently.

Premier McLaughlin said, "I suspect that it will take us into May or June before we have 75 to 80% of the population here vaccinated, which will then allow us to reopen up our borders relatively safely."

He said the economy was "doing well" but accepted that the tourism industry was struggling while listing infrastructure, the environment and climate change among key areas for the next government.

While commending the government for its handling of the pandemic, Mr Jackson said it had overlooked the cost of living.

"I think that is certainly the top national issue that needs to be addressed by the new government, whoever that may be.



And that needs to be vigorously addressed because there are folks who are falling through the cracks."

Both stressed the importance of defending financial services as an even more important economic pillar now, through negotiation and legislative compliance in the face of continuing harsh scrutiny by the EU and others.

Regarding economic diversification, Mr McLaughlin pointed to medical tourism being pursued under his leadership and the development of the tech sector as examples with stay-over tourism now being prioritised now over cruise visits.

Mr Jackson however questioned financial services firms being registered in Cayman but basing their staff overseas depriving the jurisdiction of work permit fees.

He also challenged Mr McLaughlin on his benefits to the citizens particularly from concessions granted to developers, claiming that there are "far too many projects approved in the

last four to eight years, where we didn't really get what we were statutorily promised."

That dovetailed into an exchange about population and development with stridently opposed views.

Mr Jackson: "We've already seen what has happened as a result of land banking in Cayman and investment in real estate. We are not building for Caymanians any more...We simply need to stop, get a handle on development and curtail population growth because we're already reaching our capacity in terms of infrastructure. We know that there's going to be irreversible economic harm."

But Premier McLaughlin countered: "I sit here and I listened to my colleague and I shake my head. It is amazing how history can be revised," he said referring to appeals from the Chamber and Commerce and others in the private sector to stimulate the economy when his government took office in 2013.

"When we took office in 2013 the economy was in the dol-

drums, employment was at 10 and a half per cent, every association involved in business was clamouring for us to do something to get the economy moving...that's the reason why we gave concessions at the time for development."

Providing opportunities for young people, education and employment garnered much attention during the discourse with the model of the education system coming in for close examination.

On the question of civil partnership, Premier McLaughlin who had piloted the original ill-fated Domestic Partnership Bill declared:

"I believe that person is entitled to their right to sexual orientation in their private life. It's not for me to sit in judgement about those things."

Mr Jackson summed it up by calling the issue a *fait accompli*.

Views diverged on having a constitutional amendment to recall MPs, and both were lukewarm to the idea of a national lottery.



# FLASHBACK: BATTLE LINES DRAWN FOR WEST BAY CENTRAL

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 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."



**KATHERINE EBANKS-WILKS**  
CANDIDATE FOR WEST BAY CENTRAL

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.



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**EUGENE EBANKS**  
Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment

## KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE

# Historic Caymanian-made ships of distinction

*Last time we explored Cayman's rich ship-building heritage, so a natural follow-on from that article is a look at two of Cayman's most famous locally-built ships - the Cimboco and the Goldfield*

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Built the year before by the Cayman Islands Motor Company, the Cimboco (an anagram of the company's name) was a pioneering vessel, the very first locally-owned motorship that would open up a whole new world for residents.

It was built at the George Town yard on North Church Street by Capt. Royal Brazley Bodden who also crafted Elmslie Memorial Church, the George Town Post Office and the original George Town Library that stands in front of the new library building. Its importance to the islanders in the late 1920s and 1930s could not be underestimated, as it provided a lifeline when it came to bringing in items that would not have previously been experienced, such as ice and exotic food items, while at the same time providing a passenger service for people visiting Jamaica. Of great importance also was its mail service that provided people with a regular communications link to the outside world. Up until that point mail was received every ten weeks or so, at best.

In fact, the Cimboco became the only reliable freight, passenger and mail boat in Caymanian history, with residents looking forward to its regular round trip service every three weeks between Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, Cayman Brac and Jamaica.

The Northwest article tells how the President and Managing Director of the company was Dr Roy McTaggart and that the Cimboco was classed by the Marine Board of Jamaica to carry 20 first class passengers, 12 deck passengers and 12 crew, including the Master. The vessel shipped thatch rope which was then a major industry on the island.

In May 1942 the Cimboco made a significant contribution to the Second World War effort by rescuing the survivors of the



► Launching of the Cimboco in 1927 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

Comayagua, which was torpedoed by a U-boat not far from Cayman's shores. Captained by Eugene Thompson, the Cimboco was sent to rescue the remaining survivors on board after the attack. In 1947 the ship was sold to Archibald Brothers of Columbia and now lends its name to popular restaurants on the island.

## Sad tale of the Goldfield

Another important locally-built vessel of the era was the Goldfield, a magnificent schooner built for Conwell Watler by the Arch brothers in 1930. Crafted out of local mahogany wood that was highly prized for its ability to weather wet conditions and also yellow pine brought in from Louisi-



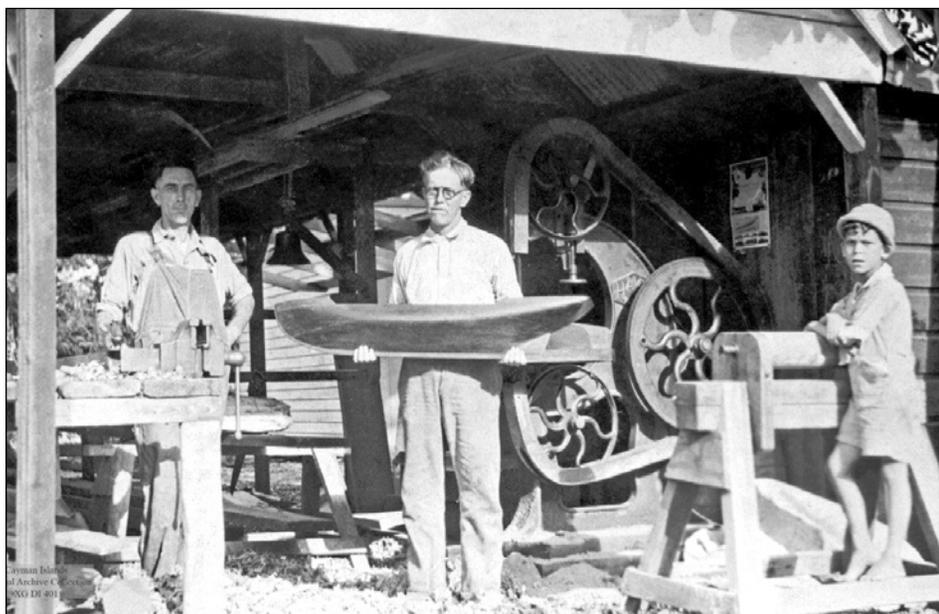
ana, the Goldfield was used as a turtling vessel. Skipper Capt. Charles Farrington hunted loggerhead, hawksbill and green sea turtles in the Miskito Keys off of Nicaragua, eventually taking the ship and its prized cargo to Key West in Florida where the catch would be sold.

The Goldfield was then sold three further times and used as a cargo and passenger ship, taking its load - both human and cargo - back and forth between Grand Cayman and Florida, before being purchased by the Goldfield Foundation for US\$75,000, refurbished and sailed back to Grand Cayman. Sadly, the Goldfield even-

tually sank and her remnants are still to be found at Canal Point.

Seaman H.E. Ross spoke about the Goldfield at a presentation he gave at the National Gallery in 2018, having been involved with the ship in the early 1980s. Mr Ross explained how he had tried to teach the then crew of the ship how to sail, but that the ship eventually came to its sad demise in Canal Point.

Readers interested in the story of the Goldfield can see a model of this Caymanian-made schooner made by Dr William Hrudehy in 2002, which is on display in the lobby of the Cayman Turtle Centre.



► Captain Royal Bodden - centre, Hilary Conrad I, builder of Cimboco [model boat in hand], 1926 (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

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NorthSide	Jack's Esso (Jack's II)	4.17	4.47	4.10
Bodden Town	Lorna's Rubis	4.09	4.45	4.18
Bodden Town	Mostyns Esso	4.10	4.43	4.14
Savannah	Savannah Rubis	4.12	4.40	4.03
Red Bay	Barcam	4.12	4.42	4.10
Red Bay	On The Run ( Brown's Red Bay)	4.07	4.35	4.00
George Town	Peanuts	4.12	4.47	4.13
George Town	Jose's Escape	4.12	4.45	4.13
George Town	Refuel	3.93	4.35	3.63
George Town	Esso Tigermart 4 Way Stop (JS) H&B 11	4.19	4.50	4.15
George Town	Eastern Avenue Rubis	4.12	4.40	4.08
George Town	Walkers Rd. Rubis	4.12	4.40	4.03
George Town	On The Run (Mike's Walkers Rd.)	4.05	4.45	4.00
George Town	On The Run ( Brown's Industrial Park)	4.17	4.52	4.10
George Town	On The Run (Mike's 7 Mile)	4.02	4.40	3.75
West Bay Rd.	H & B Esso (H&B 1 Seven Mile)	4.19	4.50	4.15
West Bay Rd.	7 Mile Rubis (AA 7 Mile)	4.12	4.40	3.81
West Bay	Hell Esso	4.22	4.52	4.05
West Bay	Esso 4 Way Stop (Four Winds)	—	—	—
George Town	Scotts Landing	—	4.42	3.81
Cayman Brac	West End	—	4.61	4.63
Cayman Brac	Tib Mart	—	4.61	—
Little Cayman	Village Square	—	5.54	6.05

<b>Lowest Prices</b>	Grand Cayman	<b>3.93</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>3.63</b>
<b>Highest Prices</b>	Grand Cayman	<b>4.22</b>	<b>4.52</b>	<b>4.18</b>

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# April 2021

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13	14	15	16	17
12-3:30pm 5 – 8pm	12-3:30pm 5 – 8pm	PUBLIC HOLIDAY CLINIC CLOSED	7am – 11am 12:30 – 3pm	7am – 11am 12:30 – 3pm	8am – 11am 12:30 – 4pm
19	20	21	22	23	24
12-3:30pm 5 – 8pm	12-3:30pm 5 – 8pm	CLINIC CLOSED  <i>*If due for Dose 2 on the 21<sup>st</sup>, please attend the clinic on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or thereafter</i>	7am – 11am 12:30 – 3pm	7am – 11am 12:30 – 3pm	9am – 12pm 1:30 – 5:30pm

**COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC LOCATION**  
 OWEN ROBERTS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (ORIA)



**The COVID-19 vaccine is available to ALL persons 16 years and over, regardless of surname.**

DOSE 1 & 2 will be given at any of the published clinic times.

When receiving your 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose. **(Do NOT laminate your card)**

The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.

All persons must present photo identification showing date of birth.

**Facemask required**

Most up to date schedule will be on [www.hsa.ky](http://www.hsa.ky)

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# KiteFest Cayman!

By Contributor

After the cancellation of last year's KiteFest due to COVID, the team at Kaibo were keen to kick start the event this year, and Easter Monday proved to be the busiest day of the long Easter Weekend!

Kaibo joined forces with local charity, One Dog at a Time, who rescue dogs from the pound, as well as saving surrendered and feral dogs and pups. It was the first year that the event had been held by ODAAT and it was a great afternoon for all involved!

Setting up their kites for sale in the Kai-bo Cabana, the team soon had a long line of participants, clamouring to buy their kites of all shapes and sizes! Some kites could even be decorated by the flyers prior to the competition. With eight different categories to enter, including best small kite and best family participation, the event started



▶ Norman Linton with his winning entry, the Red Hawk



▶ Ian and Phillip Whan-Tong won best family of kite fliers

at around 2pm, with many entrants keen to show off, not only the kite flying skills but also some of the most amazing kites!

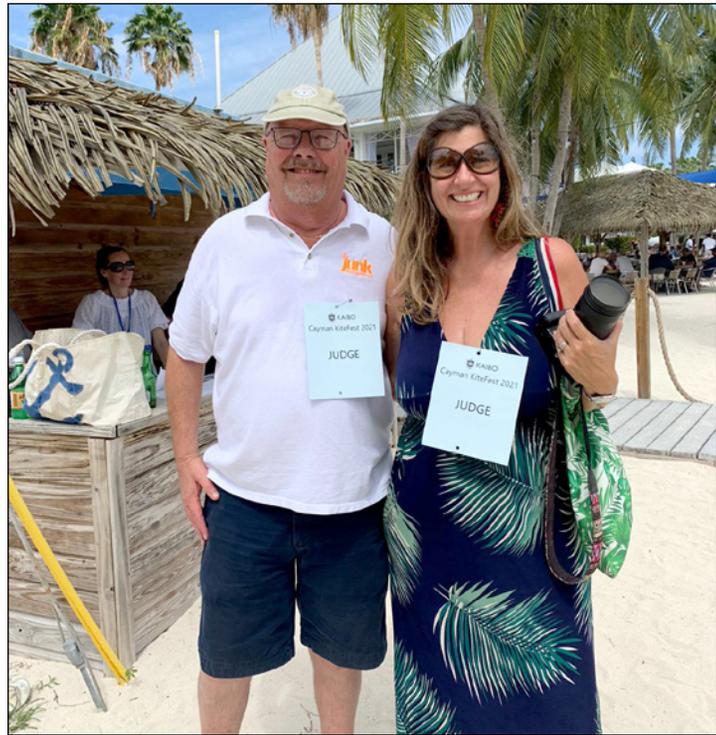
The judges Andrew Bodden from JUNK Recycling and Elizabeth Riley, photographer and a teaching assistant at Cayman

Prep and High School, had a difficult time selecting the winners! They were both looking for not only great looking kites but ones that would fly! "We are so lucky to have such a beautiful setting for these amazing creations," said Elizabeth Riley "The colours, the styles and the techniques used to fly them are fantastic!"

Norman Linton entered the best decorated kite category and can be seen with his winning entry, the Red Hawk. Linton said he initially purchased the spectacularly detailed kite to ward off iguanas but soon realised that it wasn't the best deterrent he could have chosen! The design made it a bit beak heavy and, by the time he had managed to launch it, the iguanas had actually been scared away by the guffaws of laughter at his attempts to fly it!

Ilan and Phillip Whan-Tong won best family of kite fliers! Ian said, "We've been flying kites for years and we just love it! We've been here since early morning practising our skills and it's great that there's been a breeze for them to soar through the air!"

Other winners included Lucas for the best youth kite, Holt Riley for the biggest kite, Jordan Johnson for the smallest



▶ The judges Andrew Bodden from JUNK Recycling and Elizabeth Riley, photographer and a teaching assistant at Cayman Prep and High School



▶ Holt Riley for the biggest kite

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## CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN DONATES TO RELIEF EFFORTS IN ST. VINCENT

As the region rallies to assist the thousands of people in St. Vincent and the Grenadines displaced by the eruption of the La Soufriere Volcano, CIBC FirstCaribbean has sent a shipment of much needed supplies to the island.

The shipment which was coordinated by the Barbados Coast Guard left the island on Thursday evening aboard the Admiral Bay which was due to arrive in St. Vincent early Friday morning and will be presented to the National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO).

The relief supplies which include over 40 pallets of food, water, cleaning supplies and sanitary items were purchased by funds donated by the bank's charitable arm the FirstCaribbean International ComTrust Foundation.

The foundation's Chair and the bank's Chief Executive Officer Colette Delaney said the bank shared a "deep concern for the wellbeing and safety of the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as they



are confronted with the twin threats of an erupting volcano and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic".

She said the eruption in St. Vincent and the subsequent ash falls in Barbados and neighbouring islands demonstrated how interconnected the islands of the region are. She also noted the sense of com-

munity demonstrated within the Caribbean in times of disaster, which she observed was borne out in how quickly the Caribbean reached out- within hours of the first eruption - with offers of aid to the people of St. Vincent.

"It is a testament to the closeness and sense of family of our region. We've seen

this in times of disaster and need over and over again. It proves that despite our differences of opinion and sometimes our squabbles, family always comes first. Our thoughts immediately go to the people of St. Vincent and our prayer is that they will continue to be safe," Ms. Delaney said.





# ROTARY BIKEATHON HELD IN CAYMAN BRAC

By **Shakir Khan**

On Saturday March 27th, 2021, residents of all ages began converging at the

Spot Bay Loop on Cayman Bac for the annual, "ROTARY BIKEATHON EVENT". It was truly admirable to see many young bikers come out early in the morning enthusiastic and excited to participate this year, after COVID -19 caused last year's event to be cancelled.

Bikers from South and West were afforded free transportation for their bikes to the Spot Bay starting area. As the event got underway, the adults took the lead from early on. There was police escort for bikers along the route.

The very young ones actually stole the spotlight. As they passed the various points along the route they were cheered along lustily. These young folks never seemed to become exhausted as they rode their bikes with zest and determination. Even as they overtook one another at regular intervals they continued to cheer each other along the route. Very frequently as

the lead changed, those who lined the route kept cheering on the young ones encouraging them to keep going.

The elder bikers were also a great aspiration for the younger ones. They dug in hard all along the route as the rode against each other. By standers also gave them great encouragement as they seem to tire periodically along the route.

By the time they began to cross the finish line at the West End Park, Zaria Connor emerged as the first child to do so. She was the youngest of the competitors. She is a year student at Creek and Spot Bay Primary School. Sebastian was the first boy to cross the finish line and he took the prize for the most funds for sponsorship. Karina Foster was the first adult female to cross the finish line while Michelle Smith was the first male. A loud and lusty round of cheering greeted Ms. Marion Howard the oldest rider to cross the finish line first.



MEYSAL Hon. Mrs. Julianna O'Connor Connolly was on hand to distribute the prizes to the various winners. The remarkable event concluded around 10a.m.

## KiteFest Cayman

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kite, Daniell for the highest-flying kite, Ava for the youngest kite flier and Alex for the most environmentally friendly kite!

ODAAT Vice President said "The event raised over \$1,300 which are much needed funds to pay vets bills, currently averaging at \$4,000 per month. All our dogs and pups are fully vaccinated, spayed and neutered and receive any additional veterinary care once rescued. We currently have 27 adoptable dogs, and there are more on the horizon! A corporate sponsor would be awesome as this would allow us to expand further, continue running our shop and begin employing staff for a new socialisation venture which will assist both foster dogs and



adopted dogs within the One Dog family." She added, "We're already planning next year's KiteFest at Kaibo and seeking out more kites and different designs to sell. If any individuals or companies would



consider assisting us with purchasing the kites or even helping the kites be imported, please let us know!"

For more information on any events, applying to foster or adopt puppies, make

donations or assist in any way, please contact [info@odaat.ky](mailto:info@odaat.ky), [onedogatimeky@gmail.com](mailto:onedogatimeky@gmail.com), contact 345 9173370 or 345 9267506 or message [onedogatime13](https://www.facebook.com/onedogatime13) via their Facebook Page.

# 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

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

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

### ACROSS

- 1 Dumb-struck
- 7 Unwanted email
- 11 Lively dance
- 12 Longing
- 13 Acts the usher
- 14 Tooth part
- 15 Start a round
- 17 Plays the ponies
- 20 Bank job
- 23 Director DuVernay
- 24 Brown in the funnies
- 26 Kinsey topic
- 27 Lobed organ
- 28 Seventh Greek letter
- 29 Blow up
- 31 Mai tai base
- 32 Pigs' digs
- 33 Nile snakes
- 34 Looked lewdly
- 37 Hearty dish
- 39 Track bet
- 43 Wife of Zeus
- 44 Show up
- 45 Relaxed
- 46 Packing a punch

### DOWN

- 1 Crunch targets
- 2 "The Simpsons" bartender
- 3 Stout relative
- 4 Lemon rind strips
- 5 Lake near Buffalo
- 6 Finished
- 7 Wave rider
- 8 Serial crime investigators
- 9 In the past
- 10 Got together
- 16 Midwest airport
- 17 Grounds
- 18 Calendar entry
- 19 Folks with returns
- 21 Crunch kin
- 22 League members
- 24 Put a stop to
- 25 Bowler, for one
- 30 Latitude
- 33 Rework
- 35 Take in
- 36 Trade show
- 37 That woman
- 38 Brewed beverage
- 40 Bee follower
- 41 Leather hue
- 42 Museum focus

H	A	R	P	S		B	E	B	O	P
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S	O	F	T	Y		R	O	S	E	S

### Yesterday's answer

- 17 Grounds
- 18 Calendar entry
- 19 Folks with returns
- 21 Crunch kin
- 22 League members
- 24 Put a stop to
- 25 Bowler, for one
- 30 Latitude
- 33 Rework
- 35 Take in
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## Word Search

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

- Abed
- Barbed
- Bedaub
- Bedazzle
- Bedeck
- Bedevil
- Bedlam
- Bedouin
- Bombed
- Combed
- Crabbed
- Cubed
- Garbed
- Grabbed
- Lobed
- Probed
- Ribbed
- Robbed
- Sobbed
- Webbed

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

1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	
11								12			
13									14		
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## CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

THIS IS MRS. NELSON'S FATHER AND I WANNA HEAR MY BABY GIRL'S HEALTH CONDITION! AND RIGHT NOW, HEAR?!

NO, I DON'T KNOW HER FIRST NAME ... NO, I DON'T KNOW HER BIRTHDATE ... JUST LEMME HEAR SOMETHING, HEAR?!

DEEP VOICE

DEEP VOICE

I CAN'T REPEAT WHAT I HEARD.

BACK TO REGULAR CURTIS VOICE

## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

By Stan Lee

TAXI!! REALLY, ROBBIE... THERE'S NO NEED FOR A HOSPITAL...

SORRY, PETER, JONAH INSISTS.

BUT MY PHOTOS OF NAMOR AND SPIDER-MAN...

THEY'RE ALREADY BEING SPLASHED ONTO PAGE ONE!

METRO GENERAL, DRIVER-AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!

STAN LEE LARRY LIEBER 4-15

## JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING PICKETING MY TV SHOW?!

SO YOU TOLD THAT TO THE CREW FROM OUT OF TOWN?!

HEY, TOWNSPEOPLE STARTED TO SHOW UP... ESPECIALLY AFTER YOU AND I STARTED YELLING AT EACH OTHER.

MARCIULIANO + MANLEY 4/15

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