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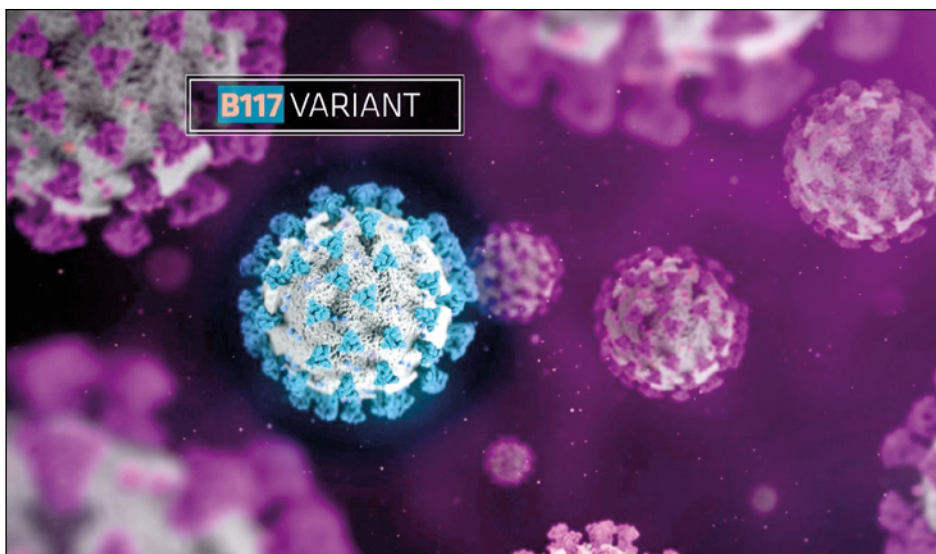
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Celebrating our National Heroes



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UK COVID VARIANT FOUND IN CAYMAN SAMPLES



The UK COVID-19 variant has been found in test samples from Cayman Islands.

The presence of the variant first observed in the UK was confirmed in samples sent by the Cayman Islands Public Health Department to Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) for verification.

Public Health Cayman confirmed today (Tuesday January 26th) that it has been advised by the CARPHA that, of a selection of COVID-19 positive samples sent for genomic sequencing just over two weeks ago, three have come back as being of the British variant known by the scientific name, B.1.1.7.

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Let's Keep Working Together

Protect yourself and your community against COVID-19.

www.gov.ky/covid19-vaccine

- 1 continue **safe distances** from others in public
- 2 consider **wearing a mask** around the elderly and vulnerable
- 3 continue frequent **hand washing**
- 4 consider getting **vaccinated** when eligible

EDITORIAL

NATIONAL HEROES DAY - A CELEBRATION OF CAYMAN

Across four pages of photos in captivating splendour honouring local heroes and celebrating Cayman's maritime history, Caymanian Times joins with the entire Caymanian community at home and abroad in this moment of tribute.

It's important to stop and reflect on how we got here on the historical and developmental trajectory of these islands, not just economically but also socially.

As a community, it is vital that we honour, recognise and respect those who've played their part; both in getting us here and those who have picked up the mantle in its various forms and continue to be beacons for this society.

Charting the path of Cayman's continuing evolution from its seafaring heritage to our modern-day mini-mecca, recording and preserving it, is not just for us to reflect on but is an inspiration for present and future generations.

Such is the tremendous significance of the announcement by Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin of the renaming of Harbour Drive to be known as Seafarers' Way along with the proposed national park honouring our seafarers.

Cayman's proud maritime tradition continues to make its presence felt globally today, although not to the extent that it did in the past.

The formal recognition of currently active Cayman Islands seafarers delivered during the Heroes Day ceremony by Hon. Leader of the Opposition, Arden McLean, JP, MP, himself a former seafarer was particularly noteworthy.

He lauded two Caymanians, both from the Brac; Capt. Anderson Radley Scott, who works in Freeport, Texas as one among only 400 Mooring Masters in the world; and Mr Gentry Lee Tatum, an Articulated Tug Barges specialist based in New York.



The recognition given to Cayman's Early Pioneers, Pioneers, Excelled at Sea, Women in Seafaring, Memorial Scroll and Friends of Seafarers was especially heart-warming.

The moment of respectful silence by the Seafarers' Association to commemorate Cayman's past heroes, veterans and seafarers lost at sea was very touching and respectful.

We also note the special commendation for the newest National Hero, the late Ms Leila Ross-Shier, composer of Beloved Isles Cayman - The National Song of the Cayman Islands.

*"O land of soft, fresh breezes,
Of verdant trees so fair
With the Creator's glory reflected ev'rywhere.*

*O sea of palest em'rald,
Merging to darkest blue,
When 'ere my thoughts fly Godward,
I always think of you."*

National Heroes Day is that reassuring beacon that the history and destiny of these islands are in all our hands.

It's an occasion we embrace, the flag we wave, the song we sing and the bond we share.

Relive this year's celebrations captured here in vivid photography courtesy the Cayman Islands Government Information Service/Lucy Russell, GIS.

Let this 8-page keepsake be a reminder of what Cayman can do and let it serve as an inspiration to pull us through.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RunDown 2021 - Actors needed

Ongoing - Runday is back and are looking for a few good actors to be part of this annual hilarious Caymanian play. Contact the Cayman National Cultural Foundation at 949 - 5477.

Kids Night Out at the Pavilion

29 January - Cayman Agriculture is hosting Kids Night Out on January 29th at the Agriculture Show Grounds in Lower Valley from 6 to 10pm for ages 6 through 12. There will be games, sweet treats and a movie on the lawn. Register by January 28th at 5pm by emailing 345agriculture@gmail.com or calling 917.2008.

Meals on Wheels - Change for Change Coin Drive

29 & 30 January - It's that time of the year again! Time to gather up your loose change, empty your coin jar and give from the heart as we come together as a community to raise much needed funds for the Cayman Islands Meals on Wheels (MOW) through their annual change for change Coin Drive. Over 200 volunteers will be stationed around Grand Cayman on Friday and Saturday, January 29th & 30th collecting coin, cash and donations of any amount for Meals on Wheels. Collection locations include Credit Union, Butterfield branches, Buy Smart, Fosters Supermarkets, Cayman National Banks, Cost U Less, Book Nook, Atlantic Department Store, Atlantic Kids, Kirk Home Centre, Hurley's Supermarket, A.L. Thompsons, and Kirk Market. To donate, volunteer or learn more email volunteer@mealsonwheels.ky, visit www.mealsonwheels.ky or call us on 769-1974!

Market at the Pavilion

30 January - Starting January 30th, you're invited to Market at the Pavilion at the Stacy Watler Pavilion from 9am to 2pm. For more information by email 345agriculture@gmail.com or call 917.2008.

CUC Sea Swim

30 January - CIASA, The Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association in association with CUC is having the 32nd Annual CUC Sea Swim on Saturday January 30 with registration from 3pm - 3:45pm followed by a 4pm start for the 800m swim and a 4:45pm start for the 400m swim. For more information, visit caymanactive.com



Stride Against Cancer Walk/Run

31 January - The Cayman Islands Cancer Society is having its annual Stride Against Cancer on Sunday 31 January. There will be staggered starting times, beginning at 6am for runners and 6:30am for walkers and then 7am and 7:30am respectively. Maximum of 1000 persons for each start time. Arrive for your preferred start time - Wristbands will be issued - First come, first served. Go to <https://www.cics.ky> for more information.

Inter Primary Schools Sports Day - Cayman Brac

4 February - Join the primary schools in the Brac for their annual Sports Day on Thursday 4 February.

Cayman Arts Festival 2021

4 - 13 February - Cayman Arts Festival is featuring four events for their 2021 festival. It includes Music at the Library, recitals by Georgina Gatto, Nathan Barnett Herrera and the ever popular Glen Inanga on different days at the Westin. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.com. Visit Cayman Arts Festival's Facebook page for more information or call 922 - 5550.

Love Potion Workshop

6 February - Love is in the air! Just in time for Valentine's Day, you can create your own love potion with essential oils at the Mission House with Heather Appleby - Lopez. Starting time is 10am and tickets can be CI\$35 with a 10% discount for Trust members. Visit nationaltrust.org.ky/events/ to purchase tickets.

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National Heroes Day Celebrated at Heroes Square



Awardees and guests for George Town and West Bay spent Monday, 25 January 2021 celebrating at Heroes Square on the third and final day of the weekend-long National Heroes Day celebrations.

The colourful parade, presentations and musical tributes led up to the presentation of National Heroes Day awards to more than 180+ seafaring heroes from the West Bay and George Town districts. The event at Heroes Square was by invitation only, in view of COVID-19 numbers restriction.

Master of Ceremonies, Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Samuel Rose, Cert. Hon. JP, kept the proceedings lively and enjoyable for all who came out or tuned-in to celebrate the Cayman Islands' seafaring heritage.

A delighted audience heard that Harbour Drive will be renamed Seafarers' Way, and the national park honouring seafarers is planned.

Officials also announced the newest National Hero, Ms Leila Ross-Shier. Ms Shier is responsible for composing Beloved Isles

Cayman – The National Song of the Cayman Islands.

After the arrival of His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper, OBE, and the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP, Mr. Deal Ebanks and Miss Ariane Ebanks opened the ceremony with the traditional blowing of the conch shell.

Upholding maritime tradition, the CI Seafarers' Association arrived to ring a bell to commence the Watch, and kept watch throughout the proceedings.

The National Anthem by Mr Rudy Myles, OMH, Cert. Hon, preceded opening prayer by Pastor R James Arch, Cert Hon, JP.

Monday's event also celebrated those nominees who now make up the Order of the Cayman Islands.

The award of "Officer of the Order of the Cayman Islands" was conferred on the following three persons, who will be able to use the designation OCI after their names:

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National Heroes Day Celebrated

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- Ms Heather Boddan, OCI, Cert. Hon., JP
- Mr. John Edward Ebanks, OCI, Cert. Hon.
- Nurse Shirline Henriques, OCI, Cert. Hon.

The following four persons, are now "Member of the Order of the Cayman Islands" and able to use the designation MCI after their names:

- Mrs. Suzy Soto, MCI, Cert. Hon.
- Ms Reba Dilbert, MCI, Cert. Hon.
- Pastor Randall von Kanel, MCI
- Dr. Delroy Jefferson, MCI

Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, JP, MP, in his opening remarks, highlighted some of the unique, industrious features of seafarers from these districts.

In his keynote address, the Premier, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MP paid

rich tributes to the seafaring heritage, underscoring the contributions, sacrifices and positive actions that laid a strong foundation for the Cayman Islands to thrive and progress.

A musical tribute, Letter from Sea, by Mr. Andy Martin, Cert. Hon. was accompanied by the Barefoot Man and Sea N' B band.

After remarks from President of the CI Seafarers' Association, Mr. Denniston Tibbetts, the National Heroes Day Awardees received their medals and certificates from the Premier, Cabinet Ministers and MPs.

The seafaring pioneers were recognised as Early Pioneers, Pioneers, Excelled at Sea, Women in Seafaring, Memorial Scroll and Friends of Seafarers.

Seafarers' Association members then led a brief silence to commemorate Cayman's past heroes, veterans and seafarers lost at sea.

A formal recognition of Cayman Islands' active seafarers was delivered by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Arden McLean, JP, MP, himself a former seafarer. He laud-

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National Heroes Day Celebrated

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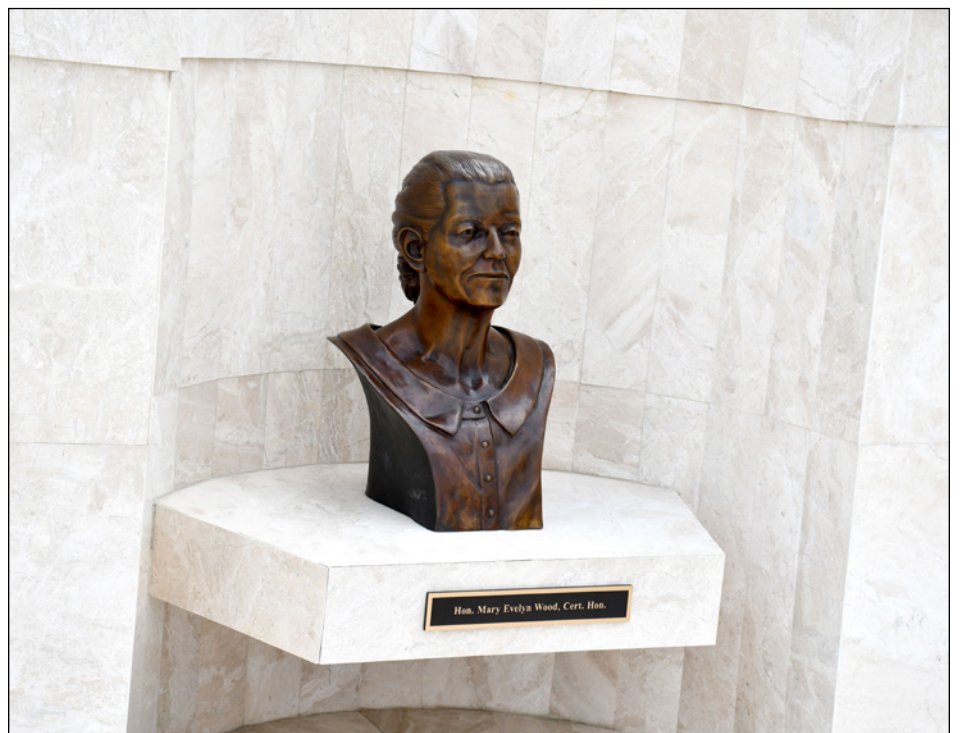
Before the close of the event three new busts were unveiled by the Premier

along with the families of those being honoured in Heroes Square; these include:

- Hon Mary Evelyn Wood, Cert Hon
- Hon Ormond Lauder Panton, OBE
- Hon William Warren Conolly, OBE, JP

In conclusion the Premier announced that next year's event will honour Uniformed Services.

The closing ceremony featured laying of wreaths followed by the ringing of the bell to signal the End of Watch by the CI Seafarers who departed in procession, to the singing of Come Back Home to Your Island by the CI Folk-Singers.



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Seafaring Pioneers

Excelled at Sea

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Still At Sea!



The 2021 National Heroes Day nomination process has revealed the names of two of the last known Caymanian seafarers who are still active at sea and continuing this great Caymanian tradition.

The following is a brief summary of the sea-going careers of these two outstanding Caymanians.



Capt. Anderson Radley Scott

Capt. Radley, as he is affectionately known, was born on 22 February, 1949 in West End, Cayman Brac. His seafaring career began at the youthful age of 16. Incredibly, at just 19 years old he was made captain of the Foster Trader, a cargo ship, after the captain passed away suddenly during a voyage. The ship's owners were so impressed by his performance and ability that they authorised him to remain as the captain. Continuing his studies at the Maritime Institute of Jamaica, he obtained his master mariner license at the age of 23. He continued to sail throughout the Caribbean and around the world but returned home to Cayman Brac in 1978 to work for Cayman Energy Ltd

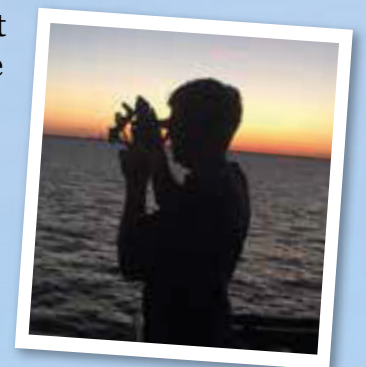
in the ship to ship transfer business as a mooring master for several years. He continued with Cayman Energy Ltd as they expanded lightering operations to the USA, Aruba, Panama, and the United Arab Emirates. In 1989 he became a mooring master with Jahre Shipping Company later acquired by Tee Kay Marine Solutions Inc based in Freeport, Texas. He has remained with this company for 32 years and today holds the position of senior mooring master. When ashore, the company draws on his incomparable experience for leadership and advice on safety policies and procedures. Truly world class, Capt. Radley is one of only 400 mooring masters in the world who are qualified to conduct ship to ship oil transfers. He has safely and efficiently completed approximately 2,500 ship to ship transfer operations involving a total of 5,000 tankers of various sizes during his illustrious career of almost 56 years at sea.

Mr. Gentry Lee Tatum

Gentry Lee Tatum was born in Grand Cayman on 3 February, 1984 to Edwin and Beverly Tatum, pastors of the Churches of God (Holiness) on Cayman Brac. He attended Layman Scott High School and went on to attend college at the University of Alabama.

In 2007, he began his seagoing career as an ordinary seaman or "OS" with Martin Marine out of Houston, Texas. He worked his way up to able seaman or "AB", and progressed further to become a tankerman and is currently working in that position for Moran Shipping out of New York where he has remained for the past seven years. He has continued his

training and has obtained a third mate license but has not yet moved into that position. Depending on the tonnage of the Articulated Tug Barges or ATBs he is working on, he can also sail as second or chief mate. During his career, he has worked out of ports in Central America including Belize and Panama and was previously employed by Bouchard Shipping and the Kirby Corporation, both out of New York.



Cayman Islands Scouts

The scouts of the Cayman Islands have, played a significant part in developing young Caymanian boys into diligent, high-achieving seafarers. Through the help of several companies and hardworking individuals, the Cayman branch of scouting was officially recognised by the World Scout Foundation after hitting 600 scouts and cubs. The young boys who participated in the program developed many important sea capabilities, such as tying knots and following orders. Discipline, good citizenship and respect for elders and leaders were some of the many values instilled in these boys. Because of the work done through the Cayman Islands Scouts Association, many of these boys went on to become successful seafarers.



Chamber Introduces 2021 Leadership Cayman Class

Leadership Cayman (LC) welcomed 25 participants for its 2021 programme at its traditional Orientation Dinner held at Risorante Pappagallo on January 20, 2021. The candidates were selected from a field of 48 applicants based on their roles in the community, business and professional involvement, skills, and assets, along with their passion for knowledge.

The Leadership Cayman programme is an intensive six-month course, introduced by the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce, that enables class members to develop new skills and learn vital information about the Cayman Islands' community and business sector. The class attend bi-weekly seminars on a range of different topics, learning from expert and local leaders, government officials and keynote speakers.

Chamber President-Elect, Mike Gibbs welcomed the class of 2021 and shared his experience as a graduate of the programme. LC Programme Chair, Nicholas McLean, outlined what the class members should expect over the next six-months.

Eight Planning Committee members who are alumni were also in attendance to show their support for the new class.

The successful candidates for 2021 are: **Patricia McTaggart Duval** Uncle Bills Home Improvement Centre, **Jody Ebanks** RBC Royal Bank (Cayman) Limited., **Emma-Jane Fisher** Sunset House, **Micah Coleman** Cayman Islands Government, **Steve Bull** EY Cayman Ltd., **Kate Bosman** Deloitte, **Melissa Whorms** Cayman Islands Government, **Kimberley Dangerfield** Clearly Cayman Dive Resorts,



► LC Programme Chair, Nicholas McLean with the Class of 2021

Roderick Pierson Dart, **Diksha Sahni** Baker Tilly (Cayman) Ltd., **Marco Miranda** Cayman Islands Government, **Wilberlee Range** Cayman Islands Government, **Jennifer Williams** CTMH Doctors Hospital, **James Robinson Jr.** EY Cayman Ltd., **Rolna DaCosta** Cayman Islands Govern-

ment, **Kelsey Halley** Deloitte, **Kate Ryley** Property Cayman, **Amy Hubble** Helix Advisory Services Ltd., **Deirdre Billes** Acme Private Fund/Billes Family Office, **Caitlin Mathiassen** Kensington Management Group, **Daniel DeFinis** Davenport Development, **Nicole Ebanks** Department of

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Netclues is named as a Facebook Marketing Partner for Agency Member

Netclues, Caribbean's Leading Web Development and Digital Marketing company has been confirmed as a Facebook Marketing Partner for Agency Members. As part of the Facebook Marketing Partner program, Netclues is recognized as a leader in the social media space. Facebook Marketing Partners undergo great scrutiny for all badges and provide an additional level of insight and strategy on Facebook.

Jay Mehta our Internet Marketing & Sales Executive at Netclues single handedly planned this and was able to steer the company towards achieving this great milestone.

What is Facebook Marketing Partners for Agency?

Facebook Marketing Partners for Agencies is designed specifically for agencies like Netclues who manage advertising campaigns on behalf of brands or other businesses. This partnership is achieved through agency-specific education, best practices, training, meeting certain marketing spend and more.

How did Netclues achieve this?

Netclues was early to embrace the power of social media and we were one of the first companies in educating our customers on the advances of using social networks like Facebook to market their business in the Caribbean and beyond. With our expertise in the areas of Social Media Marketing, Social Media Advertising, Social Media Identity Creation & Consulting and more, our certified staff members and the various successful campaigns we have run over the years including the large spend we have with Facebook, they decided to



► Netclues connects brands looking to scale their business with a global community of millions

grant Netclues with Facebook Marketing Partner status.

"We're so excited to be recognized as an official Facebook Marketing Partner and to be working with the Facebook team to provide a fast and affordable marketing solution to our clients."

Jay Mehta (Internet Marketing & Sales Executive at Netclues)

Why does your business need Facebook Marketing?

Jay Mehta, Internet Marketing & Sales Executive at Netclues said "As a business, you should be investing in mar-

keting on Facebook because it is still the world's largest social network with a whopping 2.7+ billion active users. Facebook is the largest social media platforms in the world, and Facebook marketing has become one of the biggest digital channels. Facebook is here to stay and with such a massive user base, ignoring Facebook is not really an option for businesses. There are various ways for a business to use Facebook including Facebook Postings to engage customers, Facebook Ads, Facebook Videos, Facebook Events, Facebook Groups and more..."

Talk to Netclues to understand how you can leverage Facebook platform to achieve your business goals.

Candidates Slow to Declare for 2021 General Election

In just a few months, voters in the Cayman Islands will go to the polls to exercise their democratic right to vote for elected members - now referred to as Members of Parliament - previously known as Members of the Legislative Assembly.

The Governor's Office has confirmed that the Cayman Islands General Election will be held in 117 days on Wednesday, 26 May 2021.

This General Election will also be the second to be held under the one person one vote, Single Member Electoral District system.

Candidates will contest seats in 19 constituencies, as defined by 2015 Electoral Boundary Commission's report.

However, as was the case in the Islands' last election - held in 2017 - there has been very little activity in candidates announcing their intentions to run in the election; a strategy that many believe is the result of the introduction of the Single Member Electoral Districts and the desire for persons to know who their respective competitors may be.

"This strategy may back-fire, as the electors are the ones ultimately making the decisions with their vote and should be the priority for any strategy," noted political pundit Racquel Johnson, who spoke exclusively with the Caymanian Times.

"Candidates will be in a better position if they start their campaigns no later than February and hit the 'campaign trail' running, publicising their intended electoral districts and also meeting with electors in their respective districts," she added.

Many voters have echoed these sentiments and have been vocal about the need to hear more from candidates on their plans, as well as the Electoral Districts being contested.

Nomination Day is set for 7 April however, at which time the full slate of candidates will be revealed.

"Quite a few people believe that there will be a record number of candidates contesting this election, with numbers possibly surpassing the 57 candidates of the 2013 elections or the 61 who ran in 2017," noted George Town Resident Nolan Harrison.

So far former "People's Progressive Movement" Members, Minister Wayne Panton, Osbourne Bodden, as well as Mrs. Heather Bodden have declared their intentions to run in the 2021 campaign.

Osbourne "Ossie" Bodden will run for the Bodden Town East Electoral District and will campaign in affiliation with Wayne Panton, his former political party and Government colleague, as well as Heather Bodden, a former Bodden Town MLA.

Both Panton and Bodden have declared their candidacies for the Newlands and Savannah constituencies, respectively under the campaign theme of "Community Creates Country".

It is expected that most members of the current House will run again except for Anthony Eden who appears to be handing over his Savannah mantle to his son Malcolm.

Mr. Eden has represented the district of Bodden Town since 1992 and, as Minister



of Health & Human Services, has served in Cabinet. He is a founding member of the People's Progressive Movement, though he is no longer affiliated with the Party.

Two candidates for the Cayman Islands 2021 General Election who are currently not in Government are Youth Development Champion Michael Myles and Lawyer/Community Organizer Alric Lyndsay, who remains (unofficially declared).

Mr. Myles will be vying for the Prospect Constituency.

With regard to the general atmosphere in the Cayman Islands surrounding this year's elections, especially on the heels of a tumultuous political season in other countries recently, His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper has noted:

"The Cayman Islands has a proud history of fair, well run democratic elections with high levels of voter participation.

"I am confident that the Elections Office will continue this practice in the 2021 General Election."

FUN AND RELAXATION HAD AT BOTANIC PARK FAMILY DAY

Garden Club of Grand Cayman committed to Children's Garden Project

The Garden Club of Grand Cayman (GCGC) and the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park hosted a Family Fun Day on Sunday [24th January] garnering a large crowd of visitors offering their fundraising support of the Children's Garden project currently under development.

Through this fundraising event, the Club has been able to contribute to two features of the planned Children's Garden. "All the money that we have raised over the past few years is for the Children's Garden. We are all looking forward to the development of the Maze and Sensory Garden, both sponsored by our Club," said GCGC Botanic Park representative, Jill Wood.

Mrs. Wood stated the event was well received, after hearing from grandparents and parents of children who all wore big smiles while enjoying the activities of the day. "It was a long, hot day in the sun, but I believe it was a resounding success! Everyone absolutely loved it. The Children's Garden will be an amazing addition to the Park," she added.

The highlights of the day were the newly opened features which

sparked interest with children and adults. "The Observation Tower, Cayman Islands Orchid Society Wild Banana Orchid sculpture created by Joseph Betty, the Greenlight Re Grow Zone, KRYs Global Discovery Pond, Cayman National Splashpad and giant Bird's Nests created by Tansy Maki were all overwhelmingly enjoyed," said Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park General Manager, John Lawrus.

"Just seeing the children's faces as they discovered what a bird must feel like in their own nest was a hit on its own. The views overlooking the Pond, children cooling off in the Splashpad, and watching people explore the views over the treetops provided a positive experience for all," added Mr. Lawrus.

The crowd also enjoyed the fun family atmosphere which resonated throughout the entire park with games, music, crafts, food and educational booths.

The GCGC has raised more than \$30k through its annual Family Fun Day event and it appears the Club is not slowing down in its efforts with organizers stating approximately \$9k was raised at Sunday's event.



But Mr. Lawrus says there is still a lot to be done as the Park is still in need of approximately CI\$400k to finish the majority of the Children's Garden. "There are pathways to establish and shade trees and sails; along with many more details to be installed and we need help from the community to finish this important part of the Park," he explained.

The plans also include the development of a Great Lawn, Butterfly Garden and Recycling Garden.

"The Children's Garden is well on its way to becoming a per-

manent fixture in our community's landscape. We could not be prouder to receive such an outpouring of support from all the families who came out [Sunday]. I can say that we too have had our challenges with the effects of the pandemic, and I say a big thank you to all who have contributed to the Children's Garden over the years! We along with our sponsors, are so pleased to bring such an amazing garden to life," he said.

The Tourism Attraction Board (TAB) which oversees the administration of the national at-

traction is equally as excited to see the progress of the Children's Garden thus far. "The TAB is truly grateful to the Garden Club of Grand Cayman for their commitment and dedication to the Park and more specifically to the Children's Garden project. Through quality partnerships like these as well as continued financial support from other private sector partners, we will achieve our goal of completing one of the best fun and playful learning environments which encourages our children to interact with nature," said TAB Director, Patrick Thompson.

"The turnout for the event was tremendous and I join the general manager in expressing gratitude to the public for their support. It was another successful event for the entity and a commendable performance by the team at the Park and all its volunteers," added Mr. Thompson.

For more information about the Children's Garden project and how you or your company can donate, please contact Mr. John Lawrus on 947-9462 or email manager@botanic-park.ky.

DEPUTY OFFICIAL OPPOSITION LEADER TO RUN AS INDEPENDENT

Saying he is "ready for the challenges ahead", Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition and MP for Newlands, Alva Suckoo, has formally declared his candidacy for May's general election.

Mr Suckoo who is seeking a third consecutive term says he "has maintained his independent status for the past four years while working as a member of the Official Opposition."

He was elected as the first representative for the Newlands constituency in May 2017 with the introduction of single-member constituencies.

In a press release announcing his candidacy, Mr Suckoo said "he believes he now has the experience and leadership skills to raise the bar and represent his constituency as a member of the Cayman Islands Government Cabinet."

He acknowledges that he is "facing a growing slate of opponents in his constituency" but says that he "plans to focus on his achievements and his plans and is ready to commit to getting to work on the challenges the country now faces."

One of his main challengers is the former People's Progressive Movement (PPM) financial services minister, Wayne Panton, who Mr Suckoo narrowly defeated in the 2017 poll.

He is also up against businessman Raul Gonzalez and former senior civil servant Roydell Carter.

Mr Suckoo will be defending a record as the incumbent over the past four years during which he says he has "managed to accomplish a substantial agenda, despite sitting on the Opposition bench, and believes the key to his successes has been his ability to put aside political differences and work with others in the best interests of the country and his constituents in Newlands."

First elected to public office in 2013, Mr Suckoo has run on a PPM ticket, served as a Councillor with the PPM government, then left the party "to continue his political efforts as an independent member."

He contested the 2017 poll on a joint campaign with outgoing MP Anthony

Eden and former legislator and cabinet minister Gilbert McLean, was part of the initial Official Opposition group serving as Deputy Leader to Ezzard Miller - a position he kept when that group fractured and he teamed up with the current Official Opposition lead by Arden McLean.

With the May 27th political campaign now getting into stride, a recent government project launch in which Mr Suckoo was photographed alongside members of the PPM administration led to speculation over his political intentions for this election.

Also, a comment by PPM leader, Premier Alden McLaughlin responding to a letter from Leader of the Official Opposition Arden McLean about having the Speaker removed, was seen as further questioning the cohesiveness of the opposition group.

"I would be grateful if you would confirm which members of the Official Opposition support your demand for the removal of Speaker Bush," the PPM leader wrote, adding: "as Leader of the Official



► Deputy Leader of the Official Opposition and MP for Newlands, Alva Suckoo

Opposition you must continue to enjoy the support of the majority of members of the Parliament who are in opposition to the government."

The Official Opposition in Parliament since Ezzard Miller was ousted, has been comprised of Arden McLean as Leader, Mr Suckoo - Deputy Leader, Chris Saunders and Bernie Bush, while Ezzard Miller and Kenneth Bryan sit as independent MPs.

McCleary Frederick Stands for East End

Career civil servant and former Hazard Management Cayman Islands Director, McCleary Frederick, has announced that he will be running for the constituency of East End in the upcoming May election.

A seasoned former civil servant of 36 years, Mr Frederick's experience as a leader at both the community and national level within the realms of infrastructure management will stand him in good stead for becoming a Member of Cayman's Parliament, he believes. He is also a passionate mentor to Cayman's youth, having a genuine desire to help young Caymanians attain greater heights within their careers ingrained in his DNA, he confirms.

"Even though I have been retired for a few years now, I still have a desire and drive to be of service to the country and the community," he stated. "I've been part of the East End community all my

life and I believe, based upon my experience, I would be able to provide strong and stable leadership and representation for the people of East End."

His contribution to improving the safety of Cayman with better hazard management has not been unnoticed internationally. Mr Frederick was honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference in 2017 for his contributions to hurricane preparedness, the first person from outside the United States to be bestowed such an award.

Prior to ten years leading Hazard Management as its Director, an entity that he helped create, Mr Frederick led the Building Control Unit and helped to write Cayman's Building Code. He has acted at the Deputy Chief Secretary level (which now equates to Chief Officer) for both entities.

His extensive experience within the field of infrastructure has laid the foundation for the impetus to run for election, he says.

"Infrastructure is the backbone of development and I believe we have gone about dealing with the issue backwards," he said. "Development has outpaced infrastructure and it appears we are always trying to catch up. I believe it should be the other way around: we should focus on infrastructure - not just roads but telecommunications in addition - which would then make development a lot easier."

Mr Frederick is particularly keen on ensuring his local East End community gets the focus it requires when it comes to infrastructure development.

"East End is always the last on the list to get any infrastructure improvements, whether that's upgrading roads or fibre technology. I want to see that changed," he said.



► Career civil servant and former Hazard Management Cayman Islands Director, McCleary Frederick

POLICE NEWS

Collision in Frank Sound

Shortly before 5:45PM on Wednesday, January 20, officers responded to a single vehicle collision at the intersection of Frank Sound Road and Bodden Town Road, where a black Ford Edge had collided with a utility pole,

entered the waters near the Frank Sound Boat Ramp, and overturned.

Emergency Services attended the scene and the two occupants of the vehicle were transported to the Cayman Is-

lands Hospital for treatment for their injuries. The driver of the vehicle remains in hospital in stable condition, the passenger has been discharged.

The matter remains under investigation.

RCIPS FCIU Issues Public Advisory on Fraudulent Service Activity

The RCIPS Financial Crime Investigation Unit has commenced investigations based on complaints received of fraudulent activity reported across social media platforms

where it is alleged that a person has taken payment for shutter and screen installation works never completed. Some of the complaints received go back over four years. An

investigating officer from FCIU has been appointed to investigate all related complaints and an investigation file will be prepared for legal ruling in due course. Any persons who

have been victim of this alleged fraudulent activity is asked to make direct contact with the RCIPS FCIU to assist investigations at RCIPS.FCU@rcips.ky or 949-8797.

Making our Families Functional

Functional families are vital for the stability and happiness of its members and by extension the well-being of society. Societies need its families to be strong because the family is the primary agent of socialization that inculcates and passes on values and norms to succeeding generations. Yet too many of our families are not functional.

A family that is functional performs its roles and responsibilities adequately. These functions include producing well-adjusted, well-integrated members of society, providing for the material and economic needs of its members as well as offering them emotional security, a sense of safety, nurture, care, and support. It is well established that a child's initial socialization into the accepted behaviours of the societal culture has a profound effect on that individual's behaviour. These are irreducible functions.

In its ideal form, it includes the physical, emotional, financial, and spiritual presence of two adults who came together to start, nurture, and grow a family for their own happiness and spiritual fulfillment as well as that of their children. Even though one will not find a 'perfect' family, some families are closer to this ideal than others.

Conditions Making for Dysfunctionality

Our history, that is that of the Anglophone Caribbean, has bequeathed to us a very disorganized family structure. Approximately 80 to 90 percent of families in the Caribbean are from an African background and came as slaves to the region. Most of them settled in Jamaica, Barbados, and other Caribbean islands. Almost half of the population in both Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana is of African descent.

Caribbean sociologists have long pointed out the four basic types of family structures that affect childrearing, values, and

lifestyles. Hyacinth Evans and Rose Davies (1996) describe these as (1) the marital union; (2) the common-law union (the parents live together but are not legally married); (3) the visiting union (the mother still lives in the parents' home); and (4) the single parent family. Relationships often start as a visiting union, change to a common-law union, and culminate in a marital union. Since their analysis, other family forms have developed consistent with changing societal values and norms both local and global.

The African-Caribbean family has unique mating and childrearing patterns. Some of these patterns include absent fathers, grandmother-dominated households, frequently terminated common-law unions, and child-shifting, where children are sent to live with relatives because the parents have migrated or have begun a union with another spouse. Families tend to have a matrifocal or matricentric structure. Many Caribbean families begin as nuclear but soon usually changes with the 'taking care' of some children of relatives, aging parents, etcetera.

There are several historical, socio-economic, and socio-cultural factors making for family dysfunctionality. Rhynie points out the 'unique' features of Caribbean family organizations: 'the dominant role of women in households; the marginality and irresponsibility of men; the high incidence of children born out of wedlock; the prevalence of non-legal childbearing family formation. (Rhynie, 1993). Other factors include: the shrinking economic resource base of the family and its reliance on migration of significant others; inefficiencies of the educational system which bears interconnections with the society; adolescent parenting in the context of globally high levels of teen pregnancies; family violence mirroring the broader society and inappropriate societal images/role models.

The Persistent Problem of Absent Fathers

Sociologists like Professor Leo Rhynie, and other researchers in absent fathers and the effect of this fact, especially in the Caribbean, have noted that with the father absent, children usually develop their sense of trust and security through interaction with the mother and depend on her, almost exclusively, to satisfy their needs. Fernando Henriques commented on the psychological dependence of many on their mothers, and attributed this to their complete reliance, as children, on the mother and the deprivation of a father's care. Luckily, Rhynie notes, younger family groups, fathers are increasingly observed taking their children to school, to the hospital, and participating in their care and nurture.

Various analysts have pointed to research done in the United States and here in the Caribbean which indicates that fatherless children are 11 times more likely to display violent behaviour, nine times more likely to run away from home, twice as likely to drop out of school, nine times more likely to become gang members, and more than twice as likely to experience teen pregnancies. For boys 20 times more likely to end up in prison; 32 times more likely to run away; 20 times more likely to have behavioural disorders; 14 times more likely to commit rape; Nine times more likely to drop out of high school; 10 times more likely to abuse drugs; Five times more likely to commit suicide; Nine times more likely to end up in a state-operated institution, 70% of juveniles in state facilities come from fatherless homes; 85% of all incarcerated youths grew up in a fatherless home, etcetera. (Henry, 2013).

Specific Types of Dysfunctions in Homes.

Some families suffer from substance abuse, some from conflicts of various



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sorts, physical, psychological, and emotional violence, while others suffer from authoritarian leadership styles. Some families have difficulty setting proper boundaries while others do not invest enough in care and expression of love for each other.

Yolande Forde's study 'Predisposing Factors Towards Criminality in the Cayman Islands', completed in June 2006, done in the Cayman Islands among inmates in its prison, implicated many family issues- such as poor parenting skills, parental separation and absence, domestic conflict and violence, child abuse, alcohol and drug abuse and criminality of other family members.

Maybe it is time to revisit this study and to explore the extent to which its recommendations were implemented and to what effect, if any.

Why she couldn't lose weight

It's incredibly frustrating to hit a wall with your fat loss. When your results stop but your diet and exercise haven't changed, it's quite often dehydration that is the culprit.

Most people are chronically dehydrated which means that they are not drinking enough water throughout the day. There are 2 main reasons that not drinking enough water causes you to gain weight...

1. Thirst often feels like hunger - which leads to overeating

Most of the time when we think we are hungry, and find ourselves reaching for a snack, it's actually due to thirst that's simply disguising itself as hunger. This leads to regrettable food decisions throughout the day - and all of these undesirable calories add up and work against your body fat and energy levels.

2. Dehydration slows down body functions - including your metabolism

It's been reported that 75% of Americans suffer from Chronic Dehydration which leaves the body vulnerable to weight gain, illness, injury and further increases the risk of contracting any number of viruses.

The human body is made up of 11 important organ systems, including the circulatory, respiratory, digestive, excretory, nervous and endocrine systems -- they also include the immune, integumentary, skeletal, muscle and reproductive systems.

All the systems work together to maintain a healthy human body -- and all the systems rely on proper hydration to deliver vitamins, nutrients and minerals to stay healthy and recover quickly.

For just a moment think about your car and the two important fluids that keep it on the road - gas and oil. Your car needs enough fuel to keep it moving and the right amount of oil to keep all the parts running smoothly.

Without gas or oil the engines seize up and the car is unable to move and is vulnerable and exposed to the elements.

Water is like gas in your car, it keeps you fueled. And electrolytes, vitamins and minerals are like the oil in your car ensuring that all the systems in your body work as they should.

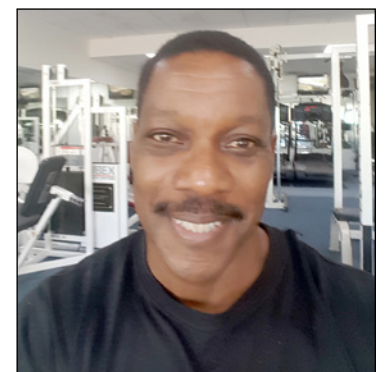
Losing weight, battling infection, fighting off sickness, building and repairing muscle, lowering stress and maintaining a healthy and happy life all require proper

hydration levels. Without water and the right nutrients you're fighting an uphill battle with weight loss.

I have just the exercise plan for you - one that will help keep you motivated and going strong in 2021.

If you haven't joined yet, now is the perfect time to start. Together we will get you focused on your goals with my results-driven method.

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YMCA Helps Fill The Gap During Extended School Holiday Break

In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the YMCA offered programmes for government school students across six sites island-wide, including Cayman Brac, during the extended Christmas holiday break. The programme was funded by the Ministry and offered free of charge to both primary and high school students. Up to 245 students between the ages of 5 and 17 attended each day over the two-week period (4-8 and 11-15 January).

Craig Robinson, YMCA After-School Programme Director shared, "It was a pleasure for the YMCA to team up with the DES/MEYSAL to offer an extended holiday programme. Participants have had a blend of traditional day camp activities (e.g. sports, arts & crafts, field games) and after-school staples including STEM, academic enrichment, and social emotional learning."

The programme also included activities for High School students, "For the old-

er participants at the Field of Dreams, leadership and teamwork activities have been at the forefront of the Teen Challenge Camp. Under the guidance of caring, well-trained staff members, students participated in safe and fun activities with an underlying focus on the Y's five core values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility and faith." Mr. Robinson concluded.

Incredibly happy parents of two boys, Madelin and George McLean, had this to say, "We are so grateful to the Cayman Islands Government and the YMCA for hosting these 2 weeks of camp. Our boys enjoyed all the fun activities. The staff were very helpful and every day the boys would come home excited to tell us about all the fun they had. They enjoyed the breakfast served, the lunch and all the healthy snacks too. They made lots of new friends and had a very lovely time."

Another parent, Merthelin Ebanks, echoed these comments and added her appreciation for the lunch and snack programme that was included, as well as the great care that was taken care of the children. "I am so grateful this was offered free of charge and meals included, otherwise it

would have been very difficult for many parents. My kids had a fantastic time."

Student Nevaeh Terry, who was in the programme at the Theoline McCoy Primary School said she truly enjoyed the activities she was able to take part in, her favourite was balloon games and creating tie-die shirts.

"The Ministry of Education was delighted with the opportunity to partner with the YMCA to provide well-needed support for parents and ensuring that children were engaged in a safe, well-supervised environment during the extended Christmas break," commented Minister of Education, Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly.

For more information about the YMCA visit www.ymcacayman.ky, email info@ymcacayman.ky or call 926.9622.



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Transformative Role of the Storyteller

Dr Stephanie Fullerton-Cooper is an Associate Professor of English at the University College of the Cayman Islands. She has a passion for promoting Caribbean, and Cayman, literature, and Caymanian Times has provided this space for her to do so on a fortnightly basis.

Being a connoisseur of books and especially having a particular affinity for regional writings and writers, when I moved to the Cayman Islands several years ago, I immediately set out to the bookstores and the local library in search of creative works by local storytellers. I found many. I found a variety of topics, disciplines and interests, as there were books on local recipes, local flora and fauna, religion, fiction and non-fiction. I found multiple genres – novels, poems, memoirs, short stories, and dramas. I found writings by multi-generational Caymanians and writings by expatriates who called Cayman home. The works were comparable to others I had been exposed to regionally and internationally. My forays into the bookstores and library revealed that Cayman had much to be proud of in its storytellers.

Then, I tried to discuss these writings with those who lived in Cayman, especially the youth. What I found was that a number of them had little to no knowledge of published indigenous writings, whether fiction or non-fiction. Though the reasons were many and many of them valid, Cayman's youths were surprised and at times in disbelief to learn that there was a body of writings by local authors that could be considered worthy of inclusion in the national curriculum.

Fast forward to today, more than ten years later, and so much has changed. The number of local writings has grown exponentially; the education ministry, culture ministry, such influential organisations as the Cayman Islands Public Library Service, the Harquail Theatre, CLM Publishing, and the Cayman Islands Poetry Society among others, have contributed to a new and growing appreciation of local creative expressions. Since my initial probe, there are certainly more readers of local writings, and I am happy to likewise facilitate a celebration of Cayman's writings and other art forms, through the medium of this fort-

nightly column with the Caymanian Times newspaper.

Even as I join those local groups and individuals who are contributing in big and small ways to ensure this growth continues, I wonder whether there is a full appreciation for the storyteller. Is there an awareness that stories exist not just in verbal art form, but also through theatre, dance, music, paintings, and sculptures, to name but a few? Is the transformational role of the Cayman storyteller fully recognized, received, and revered? Or are they – storytellers – still seen by too many as weavers of myth and the imagination – intangible therefore inconsequential? Surely their function is not integral to the overall progression of a people, a society, a country, a civilization! Should we not celebrate storytelling and storytellers, surely, we have lost extraordinarily little. Our children still grow, our societies still thrive, our country still progresses. Right?

Working on the premise that art imitates reality, it can be said that the storytellers' task in any society, lies in more than just an expression of a fecund imagination. The storytellers' works are an intervention into the social realities of their community, and they lead to new objectives being set, new truths being unfolded, and new models being created. Storytellers often delve into the experiences that shape the livelihood of the men and women they investigate. It is these lived experiences that they use to reflect the community members' reality back at them. When it is able to look at itself through the eyes of the storyteller, the community draws conclusions about its reality, seeing what it has taken for granted as having enough "stuff" to grace the pages of a book.

Arguably Cayman's most prolific writer, JA Roy Bodden believes "the role of the storyteller is critical to the development of even the most sophisticated societies. Storytellers are informants, advisors, entertainers, curators of history and culture, 'keepers of the secrets', and the best storytellers are masters of hyperbole, embellishment, and exaggeration. In the Cayman Islands, storytellers have always been admired and respected, and in old Cayman, the best storytellers were the itinerants, travelling from village to village".

Renowned activist for regional writings, essayist and, dare I say, storyteller, Barbados' George Lamming echoes this thought, expressing his belief that the Caribbean now has a better perspective of the society, as, through its literature, as it has been provided with "a synoptic view of a whole civilisation". He believes that storytelling, especially through the media of the novel and through theatre, has enabled the Caribbean society to be "returned to itself ... the society has been called upon to look at itself". A country's ability to see itself reflected through the stories it produces as though looking at a mirror, emphasises the storyteller's social responsibility and enables it to construct new identities. Trinidad's literary critic and novelist, Merle Hodge, views writers as image-makers who are able to effectively agitate for change. Jamaica's sociologist, scholar, and novelist, Erna Brodber, believes the storyteller has a social responsibility to his community as "...those who have social power can create images ... reduce the discrepancy between image and the role performance [and] ... cast relevant models for Caribbean people". Local author and academician, Dr Christopher Williams, sums it up succinctly when he says that "the adroit storyteller always has pen pressed steadily against the pulse of the nation, ready, willing, and able to capture the interminable buzz of its frenetic human bloodline".

Should these theories of the transformative role of the storyteller be accepted, aren't Cayman's storytellers then social activists, and shouldn't they be known not just for their creative, imaginative works, but also as voices of significance and reference on many intellectual issues related to the country and, indeed, the wider Caribbean? Cayman's storytellers help in the creation of an intellectual space, to encourage and facilitate new lines of inquiry by the community whereby ordinary citizens can study the stories, and memories of their forefathers. A people's writings, writers, and art are an important means of documenting and preserving a nation's history and culture. It allows them to see who they are; to create an identity they can be proud of; and to share their culture with others beyond the boundaries of their shores.



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

If those who live in the Cayman Islands are unaware of Cayman's verbal and other art forms, as expressed by its storytellers, they have missed out on the privilege of seeing the Cayman Islands through the multiple stories it produces. It is a nation's ongoing dialogues as reflected through the discourse of writings that will provide food for mature thought, introspection, and growth in self-awareness and self-esteem. How then can we find new and innovative ways to include and celebrate local literature and art in Cayman's everyday experiences?

I propose to do so through this medium. I propose to bring the storytellers – and the stories – to those of us who live in the Cayman Islands. Having presented Cayman's writings to regional and international audiences, I am anxious to present them to local audiences as well. Over the next few months, it is my intention to celebrate Cayman's writers, writings, and the arts through this column. Meet me here every fortnight then, as I hope to explore, summarise, critique and provide a forum for intellectual discourse. Cayman has many stories and storytellers. Let us enjoy them – together!

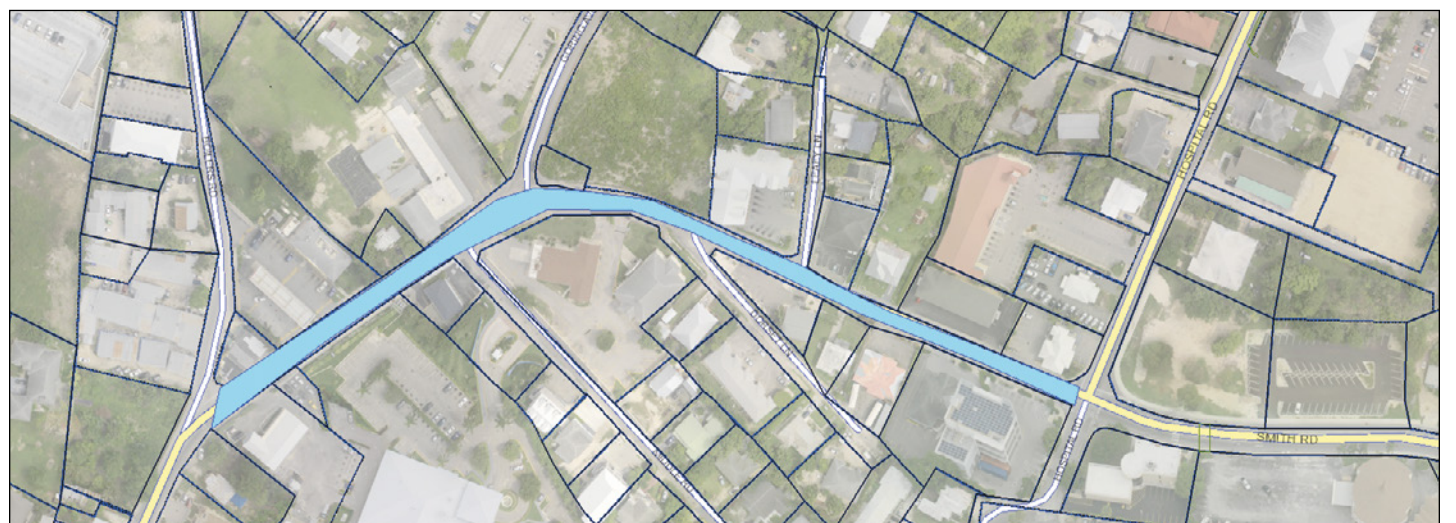
Walkers Road – Roadworks, January 27 to February 1

The National Roads Authority (NRA) and its subcontractor will undertake milling and paving works on a section of Walkers Road between the hospital 4-way stop and Boilers Road, from Wednesday, January 27 to Monday, February 1, **between 8:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.**

The road will be closed to motorists to help facilitate the work being done in a timely manner, however, local traffic will be given access.








Motorists are asked to plan ahead and watch out for traffic diversions.

Members of the public can email nra@nra.ky with questions or comments regarding this project. For any urgent questions or concerns, please contact 525-1251.



► Roadworks graphic

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
78° / 73°	80° / 76°	81° / 75°	82° / 72°	77° / 74°	76° / 75°	79° / 78°
Partly sunny; winds subsiding	Partly sunny; breezy and nice	Breezy in the morning	A passing afternoon shower	Shower around in the morning	Times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



GOD'S PURPOSE
EPHESIANS
5:31

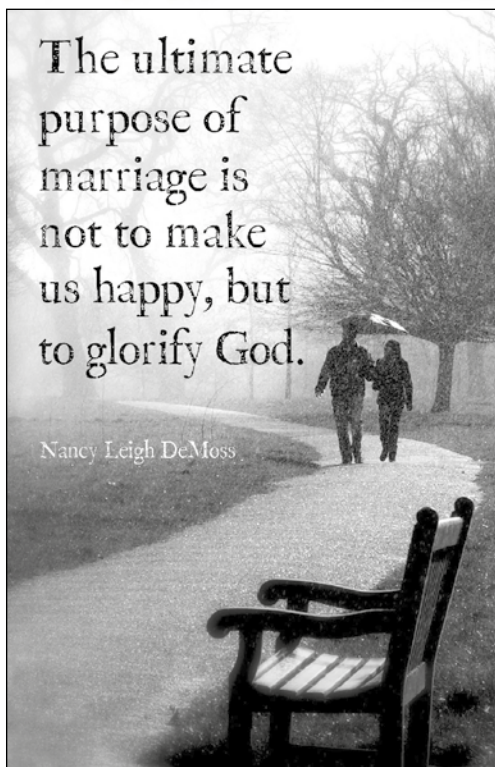
WE NEED PURPOSE! Without purpose it sure feels like we are just wandering away. Often times we fall into destructive patterns. A marriage that has no purpose is on the brink. What then, is the purpose of marriage?

This passage tells us the answer. It is His plan. But, according to His word, the primary purpose of marriage is not to have children, is not to present a picture of the gospel of the relationship of the church and Christ. The relationship of Christ and His church illustrates that between a husband and wife. CHRIST IS WHERE WE START. NO WHERE ELSE!

A marriage would have it ups and downs. Not every marriage would have children. However, a husband and wife who trust the Lord's purposes for their marriage will not only endure hardships but GLORIFY HIM IN IT ALL.

The ultimate purpose of marriage is not to make us happy, but to glorify God.

Nancy Leigh DeMoss



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Norman Foreman Connolly, who passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Shayne Anthony Ewart, who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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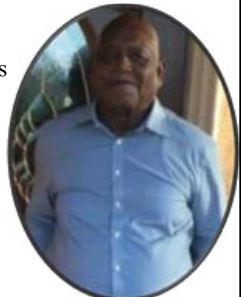
Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. David McLean who passed away on January 17, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Cayman Islands Baptist Church, 163 Pedro Castle Road, Savannah, Grand Cayman on Saturday, January 30, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Viewing Closed Casket

This Funeral Service will be live-streamed on the Churchill's Funeral home Facebook page on Saturday, January 30, 2021, starting from 10:00 a.m.

Interment: Prospect Cemetery

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Churchill's

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Zenda May Robinson, who passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



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UK COVID VARIANT FOUND IN CAYMAN SAMPLES

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All other variants were ruled out from the samples.

The three samples with the UK variant came from travellers from the United Kingdom and Barbados.

An official statement said of these three people who tested positive for the UK variant, "one traveller group has been discharged from quarantine and the other remains in quarantine."

The UK variant is said to be around 50% more transmissible than the original COVID-19 virus which caused the original outbreak and is responsible for a huge spike in cases across the UK with cases now showing up elsewhere in the world.

Just a few days ago, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson said early evidence had suggested the variant of coronavirus that emerged in the UK may be more deadly, although debate on that assessment continues in the UK's scientific community.

Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee, said: "It is not surprising that we now have confirmation of this variant in the Cayman Islands as we know it to be virulent and widespread."

However, he assured that "our strict adherence to quarantine protocols in the Cayman Islands is keeping the threat of COVID-19 at bay."

The CMO is particularly encouraging "everyone dealing with travellers to remain vigilant and adhere to infection prevention and control strategies at all times."

Dr Eryka Simmons, acting Medical Officer of Health said, "This new service from CARPHA is much appreciated by the Cayman Islands Ministry of Health, and complements well the PCR testing capabilities at the HSA and Doctors' Hospital to help monitor and keep our communities free from COVID-19".

CARPHA is able to assist with genomic sequencing for a selection of samples with high viral loads at a rate of ten samples per month.

Meanwhile, the British government said today that it will offer its world-leading genomics expertise to identify new variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 to countries who do not have the resources to do so.

Countries will be offered UK capacity to analyse new strains of the virus through

the launch of the New Variant Assessment Platform which will be led by Public Health England (PHE) working with NHS Test and Trace and academic partners as well as the World Health Organization's SARS-CoV-2 Global Laboratory Working Group.

It said, they will be working directly on samples provided from abroad or will provide expert advice and support remotely where the partner country already has some capabilities in this area but requests further assistance.

The statement added that "this vital work will combat the spread of coronavirus by identifying more COVID-19 variants around the world to keep the global community one step ahead of any mutations."

COVID-19 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN MOVES INTO NEW PHASE

The National Voluntary COVID-19 Vaccination campaign is continuing apace in Cayman with several important developments from this week.

Starting Wednesday January 27th, Stage Two of the campaign will begin alongside the administering of the second dose to those



persons who have received their first injections of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine.

Cayman is following the manufacturer's recommendation of administering the second dose 21 days after the first shot, unlike in the UK where there's an ongoing debate between the health authorities and Pfizer over the interval between shots.

Another significant development this week in the vaccination programme is the arrival of the second consignment of 9,750 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine from the UK on Thursday January 28th.

With the high level of interest shown by the public in getting inoculated against the virus, the next stage of the campaign will also see the Owen Roberts International Airport being used both as a testing centre for arrivals as well as a mass vaccination centre.

This move is intended to reduce the amount of congestion being experienced at the vaccination clinics due to the high demand.

Commenting on the programme so far, Chief Medical Officer, Dr John Lee said he is "pleased to see the excitement to get the vaccine."

He is urging the public to follow the schedule as the roll-out moves into Stage Two.

"It's important that we continue to focus our first efforts on the vulnerable as

they are at most risk of a poor outcome should they contract COVID-19," Dr Lee said.

"We ask that persons please be patient and come for the vaccine when your stage and group are called."

Similar to Stage 1, Stage 2 will be broken into two groups and will begin with all persons

over the age of 16 with a medical condition who are vulnerable.

The Public is reminded to adhere to the published schedule to limit congestion at the various vaccination sites.

An official advisory "strongly encourages" persons over 60 years old to get the vaccine "as they are some of the most vulnerable and we want to keep them protected when our borders open."

It further urges persons who are household and unable to attend one of the vaccination clinics to contact the Flu Hotline or their local HSA District Health Centre to make arrangements for a Public Health nurse to administer the vaccine "in the comfort of your home."

With the second batch of the 9,750 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine arriving on Thursday, the second round of shots will start promptly with those persons who have received the first shot.

They are reminded that the date noted on their vaccination card for the second dose is the 'earliest date' in which they can receive the vaccine.

Meantime, CMO Dr Lee has spoken of how impressed he has been with the health team for their hard work in the roll-out of the vaccination programme which has been a huge undertaking.

"I'd like to again thank the Public Health team who has been working tirelessly to help disseminate this vaccine the community," he said.

"This team provides many services to our community including the COVID vaccines, COVID testing, home healthcare and child immunisations. This can be a

stressful time for all as we are all working through the complexities of a global pandemic, so I ask that we all remember to be Cayman-Kind," he added.

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021				
Tuesday, 26 January - Saturday 30, January 2021				
DATE	TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Tuesday, 26 January 2021	9:00am - 12:00pm	Cayman Islands Hospital, COVID Vaccine Clinic	Prescheduled organisations & homecare only -NO WALK-INS	
Wednesday, 27 January 2021	1:30pm - 4:30pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - SURNAME A	DOSE 1
Thursday, 28 January 2021	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - SURNAME B	DOSE 1
Friday, 29 January 2021	9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Private Healthcare Workers	DOSE 2
	10:30am - 11:30am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A (Surname A-D)	DOSE 2
	11:30am - 12:30pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A (Surname E-G)	DOSE 2
	1:30pm - 2:30pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A (Surname H-M)	DOSE 2
	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A (Surname N-Z)	DOSE 2
Saturday, 30 January 2021	8:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - Surname C - D	DOSE 1
	10:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - Surname E - F	DOSE 1
	1:00pm - 2:30pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - Surname G - H	DOSE 1
	2:30pm - 4:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (all) Stage 2 Group A - Surname I - L	DOSE 1

**Schedule and groups subject to change. Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky*

Stage 2, Group A - 16+ years old with medical conditions
 The Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic is now located in the ticketing area of the Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA). Please park in Long Term Parking.
 When receiving your second dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your first dose. Facemask & Photo ID required

CAYMAN CAUGHT UP IN BREXIT TAX BACKLASH

By Michael Jarvis,
UK Correspondent

The Cayman Islands and other British Overseas Territories risk being collateral damage from the Brexit fallout between the United Kingdom and the European Union.

The split has been riddled with acrimony despite assurances in the immediate aftermath of the signing of the 'departure deal' that neither side would be worse off.

Now, in what's seen as a 'Brexit backlash', Cayman and other OTs, along with the UK's Crown Dependencies, are ensnared in a new move by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to widen the tax blacklist.

Just last October Cayman was removed from the status-damaging list, after being placed on it in February.

The European Commission had claimed there were regulatory lapses and legislative shortcomings in Cayman which

caused EU member states to lose tax revenue.

The designation was strongly refuted by the Cayman Islands Government (CIG) and others in the global sector.

The authorities here said inclusion on the list was particularly harsh and unfair as it was merely due to missing a deadline to revise legislation on Private Funds, which has since been done.

In the process, the government has also further tightened up its systems and laws governing the offshore financial sector.

Since then, however, there has been mounting pressure from some MEPs going as far as challenging the decision to remove the jurisdiction from the blacklist and lobbying to broaden the net.

In the wake of the Brexit, and with the UK now effectively a third country/non-member of the EU, MEPs are now pressing the European Parliament to broaden the base of countries they regard as tax havens.

Some MEPs had argued that "only token tweaks" were done to the jurisdiction's tax



system, calling changes "very minimal" and "weak enforcement measures".

In a press release dated January 21st, the European Commission stated:

"All third countries need to be treated and screened fairly using the same criteria, MEPs say, stressing that the current list indicates that this is not the case."

It said MEPs had called for "the process of establishing the list to be formalised through a legally binding instrument by the end of 2021 and question whether an informal body such as the Code of Conduct Group is able or suitable to update the blacklist."

ing targeted as a competitor to European states keen to grow their own financial centres; especially Germany, France and The Netherlands.

Paul Tang, the Dutch MEP who chairs the European Parliament's Subcommittee on Tax Matters, said:

"By calling the EU list of tax havens "confusing and inefficient", the Parliament tells it like it is. While the list can be a good tool, member states forgot something when composing it: actual tax-havens."

"Guernsey, the Bahamas and now the Cayman Islands are only some of the well-known tax havens that member states

have taken off the list. In refusing to properly address tax avoidance, national governments are failing their citizens to the tune of over €140 billion. Especially in the current context, this is unacceptable," he stated.

According to one report: "The European Parliament wants to add UK overseas territories - including the Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, Guernsey and Jersey - to its tax havens blacklist now that Brexit is done."

Robert Palmer, the director of the Tax Justice UK campaign group, told the UK's Guardian newspaper: "Post-Brexit the UK tax havens have lost their protector within the corridors of Brussels. I'd expect to see the EU ramp up pressure on places like Jersey to clean up their act."

He said, "The UK itself has been warned that if the government tries a Singapore-on-Thames approach, with a bonfire of regulations and taxes, then the EU will act swiftly."

According to the Guardian, scrutiny of the UK's tax arrangements is rising amid concern on the continent that Boris Johnson's government could dramatically reshape the regime to give Britain a competitive advantage outside of the EU.

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► Robert Palmer, the director of the Tax Justice UK campaign group

The subsequent resolution which passed with an overwhelming majority of 587 to 50 with 40 abstentions, widens the net to include countries with zero per cent tax - such as the Cayman Islands.

With the UK no longer a member of the EU, the OTs have lost a direct lobbying voice in the European Parliament and Commission.

The UK's world-leading London financial district, The Square Mile, is also be-

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Old English forest
 - 1 Tricky puzzle
 - 6 Bulb rating
 - 11 Foreword cry
 - 12 Paintball
 - 13 Healer Barton
 - 14 Note from the boss
 - 15 Young fox
 - 16 Unthrifty sort
 - 18 Count start
 - 19 Young fellow
 - 20 Ornate vase
 - 21 Very bright
 - 23 Shows disuse
 - 25 G-man
 - 27 Snap
 - 28 Check for bugs
 - 30 Bangkok native
 - 33 Scary shout
 - 34 Corn core
 - 36 Attila, for one
 - 37 Be behind
 - 39 Switch settings
- DOWN**
- 41 Keen
 - 43 Fragrance
 - 44 Polite refusal
 - 45 Grazing groups
 - 46 Dulcet
 - 1 Bully
 - 2 One way to shop
 - 3 Ann Patchett book
 - 4 Mess up
 - 5 Comedic tribute
 - 6 Got smart
 - 7 Grace finish
 - 8 Ann Patchett book
 - 9 Kitchen gadgets
 - 10 Boat back
 - 17 Hole number
 - 22 Social page word
 - 24 Remain for a time
 - 26 Pours, as port
 - 28 Origin trap
 - 29 Lobster
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 - 32 Ad section
 - 33 Impetuous
 - 35 Cassoulet base
 - 38 Give for a time
 - 42 Farm grazer

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Word Search

P	S	M	W	D	V	H	N	Q	K	F	J	X	T	H
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- Aroma
- Beans
- Black
- Blend
- Brewed
- Cappuccino
- Colombian
- Cream
- Decaf
- Espresso
- Filter
- Grind
- Grounds
- Instant
- Jamaican
- Java
- Kona
- Latte
- Milk
- Mug
- Percolate
- Plantation
- Roast
- Sugar

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

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