



C1 - Renee Ming



C2 - Kim Swan



C3 - Lovitta Foggo



C4 - Tinee Furbert



C5 - Derrick Burgess



C6 - Wayne Furbert



C7 - Anthony Richardson



C8 - Owen Darrell



C9 - Vance Campbell



C10 - Ernest Peets Jr



C11 - Christopher Famous



C12 - Lindsay Simmons



C13 - Diallo Robain



C14 - Wayne Caines



C15 - Walter Roban

DEPUTY LEADER



C16 - Michael Weeks



C17 - Jason Hayward



C18 - David Burt

PARTY LEADER

CONGRATULATIONS



PLP TEAM

LANDSLIDE VICTORY 30



C19 - Jache Adams



C20 - Davida Morris



C21 - Curtis Dickenson



C22 - Curtis Richardson



C23 - Arianna Hodgson



C24 - Lawrence Scott



C25 - Ianthia Simmons-Wade



C26 - Neville Tyrrell



C27 - David Burch



C28 - Dennis Lister III



C29 - Zane DeSilva



C30 - Jason Wade



C31 - Crystal Ceasar



C32 - Scott Simmons



C33 - Jamahl Simmons



C34 - Kim Wilson



C35 - Dennis Lister



C36 - Kathy Simmons

Premier's Remarks from Swearing In Ceremony



Thank you Your Excellency. Good afternoon to colleagues, family and friends. Thank you for coming to Government House today.

One week ago Bermudians were presented with a choice of who would bear the heavy responsibility for rebuilding this economy and reviving the livelihoods of our people. As the results have indicated, the choice made was clear and unambiguous.

The mandate of trust that has been emphatically expressed by the people of Bermuda is both humbling and inspiring. Humbling because I believe that our message of steady leadership is one that inspires confidence in our abilities and commitment. Inspiring because in so strong an expression of democratic will, there is an inherent hope that the vision presented will have every opportunity to succeed.

The 30 men and women who made up the Government's legislative team prior to the election worked day and night for just over three years as a united group, in our efforts to put Bermudians first. I wish to thank every one of them for that effort and that service. I pay special homage to former MP and former Attorney-General Michael Scott, and I also must remember our dear departed colleague Walton Brown who tragically passed a year ago today.

With some new faces, especially in the Senate, that legislative team is now 35 and my hope is that, as our seniors rightly say: 'many hands will make light work'.

First let me announce the ministers who will continue to serve in the Cabinet.

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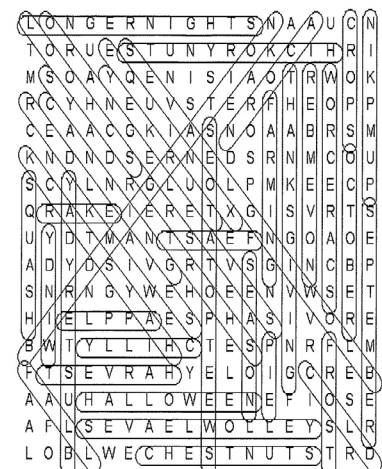
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PUZZLE • SOLUTION

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ACORN	EQUINOX	NOVEMBER	SEPTEMBER
APPLE	FALL	OCTOBER	SHORTER DAYS
BIRD MIGRATION	FARMING	ORANGE LEAVES	SQUASH
BLOWING LEAVES	FEAST	PIE	SWEET POTATOES
BLUSTERY DAY	FROST	PUMPKIN	THANKSGIVING
CANNING	HALLOWEEN	RAKE	TURKEY
CHESTNUTS	HARVEST	RED LEAVES	WINDY
CHILLY	HAYSTACK	SCARECROW	YELLOW LEAVES
COLD	HICKORY NUTS	SCHOOL	
CROPS	LONGER NIGHTS	SEASON	

Use the numbers in the puzzle to find the words. The words are listed in the box below.

PLP Win Thirty Seats

In my opinion, the only thing surprising about the General Election that was held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, was that the Bermuda Progressive Labour Party won five (5) more seats, taking its total seat count to thirty. I believe that most people, if not all believed that the PLP would once again be successful at the Polls, however it was a total surprise to me that the Party was able to win thirty seats.

I had predicted that the Party would definitely win 24 seats as I was unsure of Constituency 25, the seat that Finance Minister Curtis Dickinson vacated so that he could run in a “safer” seat in Constituency 21. Therefore I was pleasantly surprised that Ianthia Simmons-Wade was able hold on to the seat in C25 by garnering 14 more votes than Jon Brunson, a former UBP Member of Parliament. While I did not predict that Jason Wade and Crystal Caesar would win in C30 and C31, I believed that their wins would be icing on the cake, and as it was, sending Leah Scott and Ben Smith to the political burial ground where they belong after their ill-fated video where they tried to convince the viewers that Premier David Burt was born in Jamaica. It’s interesting that both are now saying that their intent was not to question the Premier’s status, but to highlight other things.

If Jason Wade’s and Crystal Caesar’s wins were icing on the cake, Jache Adams’ victory in C19 had to have been the star on the top of the cake. I expected Mr. Adams to make inroads in that constituency, which was previously held by former OBA Leader, Jeanne Atherden and has always been described as a “UBP stronghold”, but little did I

expect him to put paid to (former) Senator Marcus Jones’ parliamentary aspirations. But Jache has joined the growing list of young Members of Parliament who will be occupying the government benches which also includes the Premier himself who recently turned 41, Minister of Labour, Jason Hayward and Dennis Lister III.

However, all of the PLP Members of Parliament are not young persons. There still remains some seasoned politicians who will sit on the government benches such as Derrick Burgess, Michael Weeks, Lovitta Foggo, Neville Tyrrell and Dennis Lister who is currently the longest-serving Member of Parliament. And then there are those who are in-between.

It was no surprise to me that the Free Democratic Movement (FDM), led by former PLP Leader, Marc Bean did not win any seats at this election, which I predicted. I do believe that the FDM took a page out of the Free National Movement’s (FNM) book. The FNM was a breakaway group of eight MPs from the then governing Progressive Liberal Party in Bahamas. They officially became a political party in October 1971. In the General Election of 1992, the FNM defeated the PLP, winning 32 of the then 49 seats. In the General Election of 1997 saw the FNM elected in a landslide, with 35 of the 40 seats in a reduced House., the FNM defeated the PLP. Initially the FDM put forward 16 candidates but a week before the day of the Election, one of its candidates, Kae Thomas Palacio withdrew her candidacy. I cannot recall that ever happening in Bermuda before.



The difference between the FDM in Bermuda and the FNM in Bahamas, is the FNM started out with eight MPs, and therefore had a voice in Parliament from the inception of their party, unlike the FDM who have no elected members in Parliament. And, in spite of the eight MPs, it still took the FNM twenty years before they became government. Only time will tell if the FDM will stay around long enough to have their voice heard in Parliament. They have yet to publish a Constitution.

There is not much to say about the One Bermuda Alliance (OBA) who were demoralized at the polls on October 1, 2020. In 2012 they won 19 seats to the PLP’s 17. In 2017, the PLP won 24 seats to the OBA’s 12 seats and in 2020, the OBA held on to only 6 seats while the PLP won 30 seats. It goes without saying that they will need to rebuild if they were ever to become relevant again.

Interestingly enough, there were 5 independent candidates, and not one was able to garner more than 30 votes.

I for one was more than happy with the PLP’s victory of the polls. Congratulations to Premier David Burt and all candidates. Now the work begins.

Premier's Remarks from Swearing In Ceremony *(continue from page 2)*

Minister Walter Roban, JP, MP will continue as Deputy Premier and Minister of Home Affairs, to usher in the renewable energy revolution. Minister Curtis Dickinson, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as Minister of Finance, focussing his energy on our economic recovery.

Minister Kathy Lynn Simmons, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as the Attorney-General, and I have asked her to turn special attention to legal and constitutional reform.

Minister Kim Wilson, JP, MP will continue to serve in Cabinet as Minister of Health, focussed on implementing universal healthcare. Minister Diallo Rabain, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as Minister of Education, to finish the work that has been started in the phasing out of middle schools.

Minister David Burch, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as Minister of Public Works, and will be focussed on upgrading the country's infrastructure.

Minister Renee Ming, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as the Minister of National Security, and to redouble our efforts in tackling the root causes of crime.

Minister Wayne Furbert, JP, MP will continue to serve in the Cabinet as the Minister for the Cabinet Office dedicated to economic development and diversification which, of course, as we know, is vital for our economic recovery.

Before I speak to the additions, I

would like to thank the Members of the House of Assembly who will no longer be serving in the Cabinet. Former Ministers Lovitta Foggo and Neville Tyrrell are owed a debt of gratitude for their service and this change of responsibility is by no means a cue to relax on the back-bench.

Minister Foggo in particular gave excellent service during the pandemic working so hard to implement the unemployment benefit and I have enjoyed her counsel over the last 39 months. I am grateful that MP Foggo and MP Tyrrell have accepted other assignments and remain committed to supporting the Government as we execute our agenda. With MP Foggo agreeing to accept the chairmanship of the Bermuda Land Development Company and also chair of the Bermuda Airport Authority. MP Tyrrell accepting to serve as chair for the West End Development Corporation.

To the new ministers, following a successful tenure as Chairman of the Bermuda Airport Authority in addition to serving for over two years as Government Whip, and as Shadow Minister of Transport before that, I have invited, and he has accepted the invitation, MP Lawrence Scott to join the Cabinet as the Minister of Transport.

Social inclusion is important and vital, especially as we as a country work through the economic challenges as a result of the pandemic. I have asked MP Tinee Furbert to join the Cabinet as the Minister for Social Development and Seniors. Minister Furbert will be responsible

for our Seniors, Child and Family Services, Disability Services, Youth Development and the Human Rights Commission.

Given the fact that all previous Government Senators were elected to the House of Assembly, I have asked former MP Rolfe Commissioning to lead the Government's senate team and join the Cabinet as the Minister of Community Affairs and Sports.

As the Governor indicated, he will now issue the oaths to the respective ministers, that would be the A-G and the three new ministers.

Thank you Governor and congratulations to the new ministers. Just a minor clarification, as I went over the list of ministers who remain, the Minister of Labour will also remain in the Cabinet and continue the vital work which is necessary required to ensure that expand the workforce in Bermuda during difficult economic times.

With each of the five former Government Senators now elected to the House of Assembly, a completely new team must be appointed to fill their shoes. Under the leadership of now Senator Commissioning, who having served in the House of Assembly for seven years will be able to provide the required guidance, I have invited the following persons to serve in the Senate as Junior Ministers:

Mr. Owen Darrell, who will serve Senator and Junior Minister for the Cabinet Office, Education, and Public Works;

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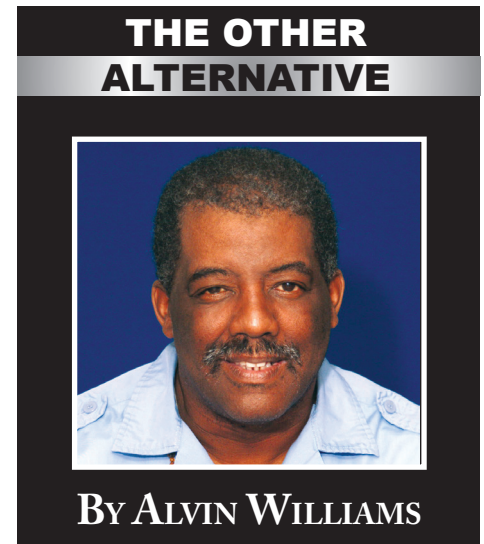
The election results of October 1, 2020

Well the political results are in and the people of Bermuda have given the Progressive Labour Party (PLP) a massive mandate. The One Bermuda Alliance (OBA) has been crushed and the insurgency mounted by the Free Democratic Movement (FDM) has failed as they did not win one seat. But they did make a creditable showing beating the OBA in many areas in gaining more votes in those areas. But the question now is do they have the staying power? Certainly the PLP developed the staying power through the long years they failed to win the government.

Now there is going to be a struggle to see who is to be the official opposition. Even though the FDM did not gain a seat, it is still in position to challenge the OBA as weak as it is. Again it is a question of staying power and that is the test for the FDM and that is going to be tough not being in parliament. Will they be able to hold their support together? I think the first thing they will have to do is drop the idea that they are a movement and accept that they are a political party. Apart from their Leader, they do not have the experience of running or being a part of a government. To be a part of a movement you have to be involved in a long time struggle with your support behind you. All the talk of unrest or a challenge to the leadership of Premier Burt was a delusion and a falsehood. Now the only challenge that will come will be directed towards the Leader of the OBA, having lost this election.

There was disquiet within his own ranks towards his leadership. The myth that the PLP could not manage has been put to bed. The Covid-19 virus and how the PLP has handled it has proven that.

So what in reality caused the OBA to lose the election? First of all it appears that a number of their supporters stayed away from the polls, something that those of us who have been around Bermudian politics for a long time never thought we would see. I am talking about the UBP days when the white community has given what they consider was their political party, meaning the UBP and then the OBA, a level of political support I call the herd



mentality. Now the question is "Is the herd mentality dead? The level of white support for the PLP in this election will answer that question? For the OBA, who is going to be their new leader? Will it be their old leader Dunkley? At this point I don't see who will step up, but in the meantime those of us who support the PLP let us enjoy this election victory.



Ministry of Education Congratulates 2020 Scholarship and Award Recipients

The Ministry of Education recently announced the recipients of 2020 Bermuda Government Scholarships and Awards.

Each year the Ministry of Education provides scholarships and awards to Bermudian students to pursue a higher education. Last year, the Government announced a new award, the Bermuda College Promise Programme for students graduating from public schools. To date, 70 students have registered and benefited from this initiative that provides free tuition to a senior with a 3.0 GPA to attend the Bermuda College.

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Diallo Rabain, JP, MP said, "Education is and will continue to be a top priority for this Government. These awards and scholarships are intended to demonstrate the Government's commitment to Bermudian student's abilities to further their education at Bermuda College or at overseas institutions. Our students and their ability to pursue post-secondary education is an integral part of the continued development and success of Bermuda. We recognize the importance of providing our people with opportunity and will make no apologies for doing so."

Minister Rabain extended his thanks to the Scholarships and Awards Committee members, and the Ministry and Department of Education public officers who have contributed towards the success of this scholarship and award season.

The Bermuda Government Scholar-



ship for graduating senior school students or current college or university students (aged 16-25) for post-secondary education. This Scholarship has a value of up to \$35,000 towards the cost of tuition and basic accommodation. We congratulate this year's recipients:

1. Mr. Kairo Morton, attended Somersfield Academy and is a 2020 graduate from George School; he is pursuing a degree in Computer Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
2. Ms. Anna Francoeu, a 2020 graduate of Warwick Academy; is pursuing a degree in Liberal Arts from University of Florida.

The Teacher Education Scholarship for current college or university students with sophomore standing for study of selected subjects and/or areas of teaching need in the Bermuda Public School System. The applicants must demonstrate financial need. Scholarship value is up to

\$20,000 and this year's recipients are:

1. Sierra Reid - a Berkeley Institute and Bermuda College graduate, studying at American International College pursuing a Master's Degree and Teacher Certification in Moderate Disability Initial License PK - 8.
2. Chiante Roberts, also a Berkeley Institute graduate, attended Bermuda College. She is returning to University of East London to pursue a degree and Teacher Certification in Special Education.

The Non-Traditional Student Award for the mature (aged 25 and over) college or university students pursuing post-secondary study. The Award value is up to \$20,000. And our 2020 recipients are:

1. Alexis Stovell, a graduate of Bermuda High School currently studying at Arizona State University pursuing a BA degree in Mass Communication and Media Studies .
2. Trikeita Outerbridge, a graduate of the Bermuda College with an Associate's degree in Arts and Studies. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Digital News and Media at the University of Buckingham.
3. Corynne Edwards is a graduate of the Bermuda College Nursing Program in 2018. She is currently attending City University of London pursuing a BSc in Midwifery.

The Minister's Achievement Scholarship for graduating public school students for overseas post-secondary study. In 2019 there were 36 applicants for this scholarship and for

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2020 there was a total of 48 applicants. The Scholarship value is up to \$25,000 and was awarded to Jaiden Furbert-Jacobs, a graduate of The Berkeley Institute and the Bermuda College dual enrolment programme. He is pursuing a degree in Actuarial Science at Penn State University.

The Minister's Exceptional Student Award for graduating students or school leavers with disabilities for local or overseas post-secondary study is valued at up to \$25,000 for overseas study and up to \$5,000 for local study at Bermuda College. The 2020 recipient of the \$25,000 overseas award is Jah-nai Smith, a graduate of The Berkeley Institute who is pursuing a BSc Psychology at Winthrop University in South Carolina, USA.

The Minister's Applied Science Scholarship is designed for public senior school students graduating from the Applied Technology Dual Enrolment Diploma Programme with the Bermuda College and who plan to continue their education there. Jacari Renfroe is a Berkeley Institute graduate and Bermuda College via the dual enrolment program is the 2020 recipient of this scholarship. Jacari is continuing at the Bermuda College pursuing a Certificate in Motor Vehicle Technology. The Minister's Technical and Vocational Award for graduating public school students or recent public school alumni (aged 25 or under) attending Bermuda College or over-

seas post-secondary study and is valued at up to \$25,000 for overseas study. This year's recipient is DesRon deShield-Burchall, a graduate of The Berkeley Institute. He is presently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Software Engineering at New England Institute of Technology.

The Minister's Bermuda College Book Award for Bermuda College students to purchase books. These are one-time awards for students enrolled in degree programmes at Bermuda College. Award value is \$500. Up to six students will receive Bermuda College books awards for the 2020/2021 academic year.

The Further Education Award is for current college or university students with sophomore standing for continued post-secondary study who must demonstrate financial need. This award value is up to \$10,000 and this year there were a total of 55 Further Education Awardees as listed below:

Tae-Eja Bean
 Sherwin Burgess
 Tia Burrows
 Jayla Burt
 Keshun Butterfield
 Ember Butterfield
 Asante Chapman
 Mercedes Correia
 Brianna Correia
 McKenzie Costa
 Tahj Cox
 Dawson-Samuel Dates
 Shatonae DeSilva

Di'Neasha DeSilva
 Crystal Dill
 Stefan Dill
 Zorie Eve
 Taznae Fubler
 Atiya Furqan
 Yanni Gibbons
 Dazhja Greaves
 Chayah Guishard
 Paul Harney
 Precious Hayward
 Chantae Hollis
 Deonae Jones
 Keizhari Knight
 Dantae Leverock
 Victoria Lindsay
 Jacy Lowery
 Kyrie Parfitt
 Solomon Pearman
 Ajai Peets
 Sacara Phillips
 Staesha Pitcher
 Paige Raynor
 KaRi Richards
 Davondra Sealy
 Seth Samuels
 Damion Simmons
 Gloria Simmons
 Ackah-Simons Simons
 Dawayne Smith
 Jawonday Smith
 Naphisa Smith
 Selaah Stephenson
 Veronica Swan-Degraff
 Vernicka Symonds
 Seon Tatem
 Jessie Thomas
 Gregory Trott
 Shani Tucker
 Tierra Tull
 Takiesha Wales



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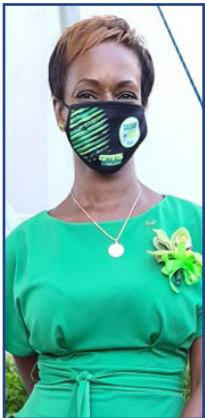
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2017 ELECTION RESULTS					
1	2	3	4	5	6
		PLP	OBA	Total votes cast	number of votes won or loss by
		24 SEATS	12 SEATS		
Constituency	1	590	365	955	225
Constituency	2	690	360	1,050	330
Constituency	3	737	228	965	509
Constituency	4	652	429	1,081	223
Constituency	5	808	192	1,000	616
Constituency	6	635	281	916	354
Constituency	7	465	486	951	21
Constituency	8	274	729	1,003	455
Constituency	9	405	540	945	135
Constituency	10	454	497	951	43
Constituency	11	513	419	932	94
Constituency	12	152	743	895	591
Constituency	13	616	337	953	279
Constituency	14	568	385	953	183
Constituency	15	733	73	806	660
Constituency	16	820	58	878	762
Constituency	17	540	283	823	257
Constituency	18	639	326	965	313
Constituency	19	379	502	881	123
Constituency	20	176	650	826	474
Constituency	21	538	228	766	310
Constituency	22	397	704	1,101	307
Constituency	23	317	645	962	328
Constituency	24	723	334	1,057	389
Constituency	25	428	493	921	65
Constituency	26	724	192	916	532
Constituency	27	661	338	999	323
Constituency	28	530	518	1,048	12
Constituency	29	726	145	871	581
Constituency	30	463	516	979	53
Constituency	31	457	506	963	49
Constituency	32	645	263	908	382
Constituency	33	653	339	992	314
Constituency	34	730	170	900	560
Constituency	35	644	261	905	383
Constituency	36	577	297	874	280
		20,059	13,832	33,891	
		59.2%	40.8%		



2020 ELECTION RESULTS								
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	PLP	OBA	FDM	IND	Total votes cast	difference in total votes cast for the OBA	number of votes won or loss by	number of votes picked up by the PLP
	30 SEATS	6 SEATS	0 SEATS	0 SEATS				
1	608	195	-	-	803	(170)	413	18
2	576	177	65	-	818	(183)	399	(114)
3	663	125	-	-	788	(103)	538	(74)
4	655	223	-	-	878	(206)	432	3
5	641	105	114	-	860	(87)	536	(167)
6	634	162	-	-	796	(119)	472	(1)
7	422	326	89	-	837	(160)	96	(43)
8	318	547	-	-	865	(182)	229	44
9	432	403	-	-	835	(137)	29	27
10	324	503	-	-	827	6	179	(130)
11	567	282	-	-	849	(137)	285	54
12	172	531	96	12	811	(212)	359	20
13	496	197	63	-	756	(140)	299	(120)
14	454	222	-	-	676	(163)	232	(114)
15	603	44	-	-	647	(29)	559	(130)
16	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
17	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
18	626	124	37	-	787	(202)	502	(13)
19	368	307	39	-	714	(195)	61	(11)
20	124	485	-	-	609	(165)	361	(52)
21	432	-	125	-	557	(228)	307	(106)
22	365	472	-	-	837	(232)	107	(32)
23	282	447	-	-	729	(198)	165	(35)
24	564	240	-	13	817	(94)	324	(159)
25	419	405	-	-	824	(88)	14	(9)
26	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
27	532	192	48	39	811	(146)	340	(129)
28	498	329	-	-	827	(189)	169	(32)
29	630	78	-	-	708	(67)	552	(96)
30	486	400	-	-	886	(116)	86	23
31	441	388	-	-	829	(118)	53	(16)
32	551	131	100	-	782	(132)	420	(94)
33	532	-	202	-	734	(339)	330	(121)
34	611	63	131	-	805	(107)	548	(119)
35	538	97	90	3	728	(164)	441	(106)
36	431	114	185	-	730	(183)	317	(146)
	15,995	8,314	1,384	67	25,760	(4,985)		(1,980)
	62.1%	32.3%	5.4%	0.3%				

Rejected Votes 151
 Spoiled 69
Total Votes Casted 25,980

Number of votes for the OBA Decreased by	(5,518)
Number of votes for the PLP Decreased by	(4,064)

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Mr. Curtis Richardson, Senator and Junior Minister for Transport, Health, and National Security;

Ms. Arianna Hodgson, Senator and Junior Minister for Community Affairs & Sport and Labour; and finally

Ms. Lindsay Simmons, Senator and Junior Minister for Social Development and Seniors and Home Affairs.

I will now ask the Governor to issue the oaths.

Congratulations Junior Ministers.

Thank you HE and congratulations Junior Ministers.

There may have been much to disagree with during the election campaign, but one thing is clear, all Bermudians know that there is an immense amount of work to be done and they rightly expect the Government they elected to do it.

The mandate of 2020 is a heavy one and Ministers charged with delivering on behalf of the people of

Bermuda in line with our election platform will be assisted in their duties by parliamentary colleagues.

This is not unprecedented as in many jurisdictions, backbenchers are engaged to assist Ministers on certain initiatives – again, I remind, ‘many hands make light work’. I can only pick 11 persons from the House of Assembly to serve in Cabinet, but the scale of work is so immense that it will require more than what those 11 can do themselves.

The Government is spoiled for talent – so I am grateful and the people of Bermuda should know that the entire Government team will be engaged to work and to deliver on your behalf.

Whilst the public push and imperative is the rebuilding of the economy, this must be done in concert with the strengthening of our families and caring for society's most vulnerable. Just as finance and economic development need dedicated ministerial level oversight, so must our social services. We promised to rebuild Bermuda with Bermudians at heart and we must ensure that we have a more inclusive society. That

heart for the people must form a big part of what we do.

Before the impact of COVID-19 and the advent of a culture of masks and physical distancing, we had set Bermuda on a path to fiscal sustainability and renewed economic growth. That mission is unchanged. And though it may be a little bit more difficult we have a strong, diverse, and united team, backed with the support of the people and have no doubt, this Government has the will to do what is required.

Let me close by thanking all those who offered themselves for public service. Thank you also to the families who provide the invaluable support which makes what we all do that much easier. Sadly the pandemic has limited attendance today, but I'd like to thank all of the families, all of the branch workers, all of those who work behind the scenes and never get the credit or do not get acknowledged.

This team is your team, this team is Bermuda's team, and now it is time for this team to get to work.

Congratulations all and thank you.

Statement From Premier on Rolfe Commission's Resignation From Cabinet

“On Thursday I presented a team that would be responsible for delivering on the unprecedented mandate of trust received from the people of Bermuda on October 1st. One of the appointments made on that day has generated some significant concern, concerns which I must equally now share.

I reject completely any suggestion that I would personally endorse or tacitly support any action or knowingly make an appointment of this nature without regard to the critical-

ly important need to protect women in this community. I am the son of a strong, enterprising mother; husband to an independent and loving wife; and father to a young daughter to whom I am already teaching the importance of self-respect and dignity. Women in this country must feel safe and respected in all their pursuits. Where that is not the case, leaders have a responsibility to act and to act decisively.

Accordingly, I have today advised His Excellency the Governor

to revoke the appointment of Rolfe Commission as a Senator and have accepted his resignation as a Minister. Whilst it is not for me to judge any conduct or to determine the outcome of any further action which may be taken, I am compelled to act now.

The appointment of the Government Leader in the Senate and of the Senator who must, under the Constitution, be a member of the Cabinet, will be made in due course.”

Daron Raynor Appointed Chief Information Officer

Head of the Public Service, Dr. Derrick Binns, today announced the appointment of Mr. Daron Raynor as the Chief Information Officer for the Department of Information and Digital Technologies.

Mr. Raynor, a Bermudian, has lived overseas for more than 25 years and brings over 30 years of IT experience to the position. Prior to joining the Government of Bermuda, Mr. Raynor worked in the United States for Montgomery County, Ohio, where he was the Programme and IT Manager.



Mr. Raynor holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Technology and is a certified Business Relationship Professional (BRMP).

As a senior manager he is experienced in devising, coordinating and implementing IT strategy together with information and digital

technology strategy and planning, operational excellence, technical expertise, financial management and leadership.

Dr. Binns stated, "I am pleased to welcome Mr. Daron Raynor to the Public Service and specifically to lead the Department of Information and Digital Technology. His knowledge, skills and background will help to drive the technology strategy for the Government of Bermuda and in turn support our vision, of a future-forward government for the people of Bermuda."

MP Zane DeSilva Explains Police Arrest

On 2nd October 2020 still humbled by the landslide victory the PLP enjoyed in Thursday's election and my own unprecedented endorsement by the people of Southampton, I was raided by the police at my home. This was pursuant to a warrant issued by a Magistrate, the name of whom is obscured, at the behest of the BPS.

The warrant related to the now widely reported, ill-fated, government loan to Mr Blakey of Savvy Entertainment, with which I had absolutely no involvement. Had the police asked me for whatever information or documents they sought I would have willingly handed 'whatever' over to them without any hesitation and without the need for what was effectively a 'mob handed Police raid' which for some inexplicable reason was accompanied by the press!

Had they sought answers to questions that needed resolution I would have gladly assisted them in any way I could. I have done nothing wrong and have nothing to hide.

Instead, they chose to arrest



me, search my home and my business and hold me in custody for interview for a period of almost nine hours. I do understand the need for the Police to act on information they receive about apparent wrong-doing and to properly investigate any such circumstance.

I do not, and have never expected, any special treatment in any walk of life because of my business or political positions within our community but I, like every other citizen in Bermuda, expect to be afforded the respect to which we are all entitled before the Police adopt wholly unnecessary measures to pursue their tasks.

This is yet another example of oppressive tactics seemingly aimed at some of us on one side of the political divide, be it the pointless

Commission of Enquiry focused on the PLP, Dr Reddy's illegal arrest, Dr Brown's near 10 year criminal investigation – it has all cost millions of dollars for nothing, yet it continues to blight our progress both Island-wide and in the eyes of the international community.

If I had the slightest doubt about this type of approach affecting senior members of the PLP, the fact that reporters from the Royal Gazette 'just happened' upon my address at precisely the same time as the Police arrested me removes any uncertainty! Is it to be supposed that it was merely coincidence or that they are usually camped outside my address just in case something happens? Or did someone in the Governor's Office or the BPS deliberately tip them off in order to cause maximum embarrassment to the Party, my family and myself.

I have been elected by the people of this country to serve them: that is all I have ever wanted to do, that is all I have ever done and that is what I will continue to do.

The Airport

By Wentworth Christopher

In 2016 Bermuda was alerted to the possibility of our airport being redeveloped. Much information about the proposal was obtained by “an expose” disseminated by Ayo Johnson. The then Government (O.B.A.) did not appear to be willing to share information with the public and the limited disclosures were primarily as a result of Parliamentary questions as the Government claimed that disclosure of commercially sensitive information would be detrimental. Another source of information on the airport redevelopment was The People’s Campaign.

There were protests and a poll conducted that did not support the stance taken by the OBA Government. Notwithstanding that, the O.B.A. proceeded. They then selected a “blue ribbon” panel to review what was contemplated. It is noted that all the panelists were black. Each of them is highly acclaimed in the economic sphere. They concluded that it was a “good deal” though not perfect. The numbers worked out. There was however no indication of any expertise adduced relating to complex construction matters.

With a change in Government the P.L.P. secured the services of Leigh Fisher to review the agreement. It is a company that often works with Governments to provide solutions. They determined that much of the agreement adhered to the norm.

They also observed that a non-competitive control disadvantaged us as we were not part of the procurement process and could not ensure value for money because we had no negotiating leverage. What was also unusual was that there were

no variation clauses which were most unusual for a thirty-year concession agreement. In this context it is noteworthy that the legal advisors to the Government in this matter were Bennet Jones, a company that specializes in representing CANADIAN construction companies.



Then in March of 2018 we read that Bermuda’s controversial airport contract has won an international “deal of the year” award. Bob Richards the former OBA Minister of Finance said the news put a smile on his face. He said he was extremely pleased and considered it an indication “of the good work we did”.

It boggles the mind that this was his conclusion when one considers that Bermuda did not submit the agreement for consideration. Apparently neither Canadian Commercial Corporation nor Aecon informed him that the agreement was submitted. The award was to recognize the “deal” that the Canadians got. The call Bob Richards got could be likened to a boast. I do not begrudge the Canadians for their negotiating expertise. The award is said to have been bestowed by Infrastructure Journal. It focuses on infrastructure projects.

We appear to place credence on this international award without knowing what the criteria was. We do not know if the selection was an editorial decision or one made by a panel of professionals in one or more disciplines.. If the Worker’s Voice were to select a “negotiator of the year” one would not expect the winner to be a representative of the Chamber of Commerce.

The agreement had a minimum guaranteed revenue clause that was based on arrivals during a good “year” rather than using an average based on a longer period of four or five years. Covid 19 made that benchmark impossible and we have already paid over \$5 million to make up the guaranteed income with the prospect of more this year. There is every likelihood of more such payments in the near future.

The current Government questioned the commitment of Aecon to Bermuda. They were aware that Aecon worker on the airport project in Quito Ecuador and sold their interest six years after completion. In Bermuda’s case they were in negotiations with a Chinese Commercial entity for the sale of Aecon. The assets including the Bermuda project, would have been acquired by the Chinese. The sale was halted by the Canadian Government because the assets would include matters the Canadian Government considered would compromise their security. Aecon had stated that the acquisition would not impact its ability to complete the redevelopment. They did not give any guarantee as to the conduct of the Chinese thereafter.

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Bermuda's pandemic management makes visitors, residents feel safe: surveys

Bermuda's robust health and safety protocols and resulting success in managing COVID-19 have inspired travellers to choose the island and made them feel safe during vacations. Local residents also feel re-assured by Bermuda's pandemic response and comfortable with the tourism industry's re-opening, according to recent surveys.

In ongoing exit polls conducted in August and September, half (50%) of Bermuda's air visitors said the island's rigorous safety protocols influenced their decision to travel here for a vacation. Safety was the number-one influence cited for choosing Bermuda as a destination. Once they were on the island, an overwhelming 97 percent felt either "safe" or "very safe" in terms of COVID-19 during their visit to Bermuda. Similarly, 95 percent of exit-survey respondents felt the island's protocols, including pre-travel, airport, and follow-up

coronavirus tests extending 14 days, were "reasonable."

And while local residents expressed caution back in May before regularly scheduled commercial air service resumed in Bermuda July 1, many more now feel comfortable. In May, a public poll found 62% of islanders believed re-opening to air travel would pose considerable risk to their health; by September, only 12% felt that way.

"It's very encouraging to see strongly positive public sentiment on two sides of the tourism coin—among visitors and residents," said Glenn Jones, Bermuda Tourism Authority (BTA) Interim CEO. "Bermuda's rigorous health protocols are rebuilding confidence in travel and our tourism product, carefully balancing health and the economy. It bodes well for our industry and our community."

Bermuda is recognised as one of

the most successful countries in the world in managing the pandemic, via effective per-capita testing, diligent contact tracing, and immigration and community health protocols. The US Centers for Disease Control (CDC) ranks the island at Level 2, one of only six places assessed with "moderate" COVID-19 risk, while the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office waived a 14-day quarantine requirement for returning residents from Bermuda. The island also earned the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) "Safe Travels" stamp for its achievement of top global health standards.

"Bermuda took decisive action and toed a tough line on protocols for travellers and the general public, and it's paid off," said Jones. "That safety record has now become a cornerstone of our destination marketing—it's our differentiator."

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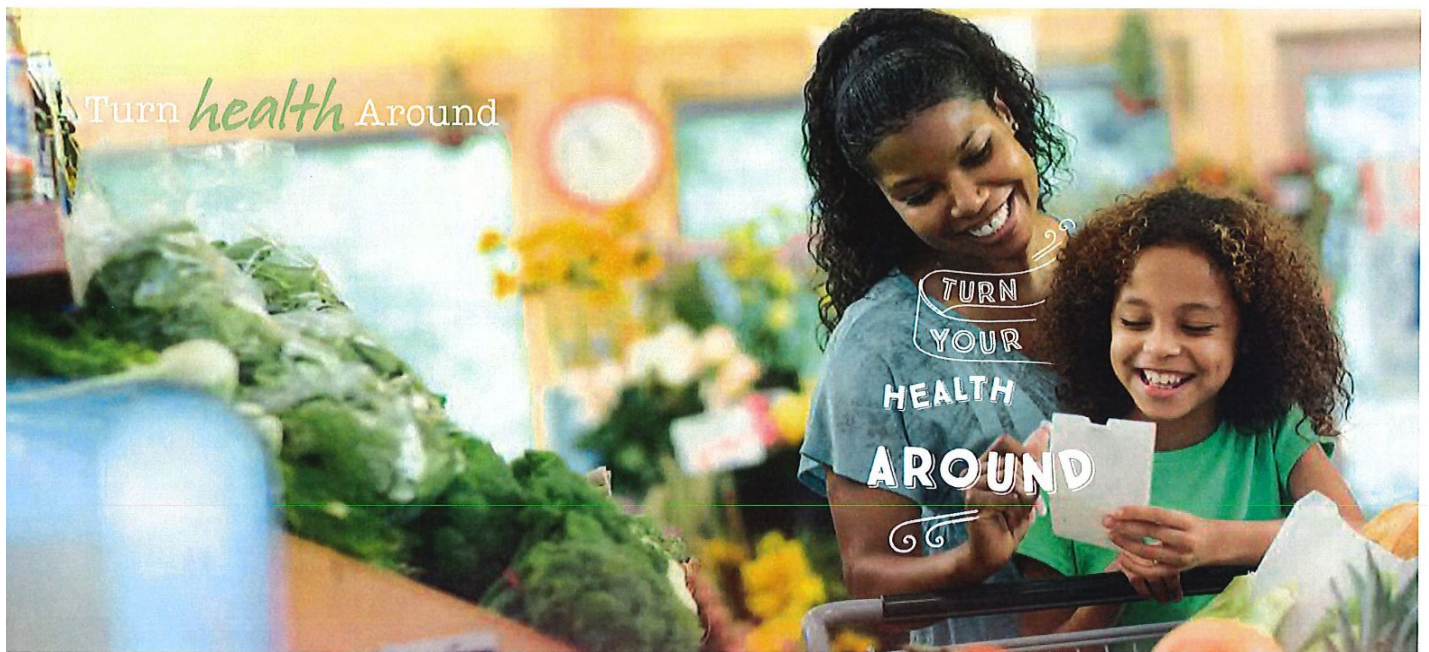
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