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CAYMAN REACHES IMPORTANT MILESTONES IN COVID FIGHT

Chamber honours donors, volunteers and Councillors

Two hard-working and selfless volunteers were honoured at last week's Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce AGM. Immediate Past President Woody Foster said that contributions made to the Chamber by Volunteers of the Year 2020 Roz Griffiths and Jan Gupta were "priceless".

Roz Griffiths is the Director/Senior Speech and Language Therapist with Chatterbox and she previously served on the Chamber Council for several years. Last year accepted the role as volunteer Chair of the Chamber's Leadership Cayman programme.

Mr Foster said that Ms Griffiths did not let the pandemic and the lockdown dampen the spirits of the Planning Committee or the class members.

"In the end, the 2020 Leadership Cayman class may have graduated several months later than usual but their expe-



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REOPENING & VACCINES: A GLOBAL CHALLENGE




When Hon. Premier Alden McLaughlin pinned Cayman's further reopening on the pace and success of the ongoing vaccination programme that projection was also hugely dependent on vaccine supply.

"Any reopening would be absolutely contingent on getting 90 per cent of the population vaccinated," he said at the AGM of the Chamber of Commerce.


Take-up of the vaccine in Cayman has been encouraging with over 10,000 doses already administered to the extent that the arrival hall of the Owen Roberts International Airport has had to be utilised to facilitate the demand and the long queues.

Were it only dependent on that, the prospect of some semblance of a further gradual reopening by March (as was pre-

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EDITORIAL

In praise of our Public Health service

Public health staff around the globe are currently working flat out to ensure that their populations are vaccinated against Covid-19 as quickly as possible, as countries know that this is the only way out of this current pandemic that the world faces. The Cayman Islands must feel justly proud of its exceptional Public Health staff who have achieved the incredible feat of administering the first shot of the vaccine to 4,908 persons as at Tuesday 19th January, or about 8 per cent of the roughly 62,000 population.

According to global data, the world leader in vaccines in terms of amounts given per population is the United Arab Emirates, which has (at the time of writing) given out 1.16 vaccines per 100 people. They are followed by Israel, which has given out 1.11 vaccines per 100 people, then Bahrain (0.42) then the United Kingdom (0.39) and then the United States (0.24). By the same calculations, the Cayman Islands has carried out an incredible 7.9 vaccines per 100 people, which makes this country streets ahead of the world.

Our nurses, doctors and other Public Health staff should be commended on their hard work in ensuring that the most vulnerable people within our community have been at the forefront of this mass vaccination drive. The elderly, healthcare and frontline workers and those with underlying health conditions have all been prioritised when it comes to receiving the first lot of vaccines.

Students should be high priority

Let's not forget our students, however. According to recent data from Public



Health England, over the last few weeks adults aged 18-64 have accounted for 40 per cent of daily Covid admissions to hospitals in the UK, which may be the start of a worrying trend for this latest variant of the virus.

According to Johns Hopkins in the US, data from one study showed that of more than 3,000 adults aged 18 to 34 who contracted COVID-19 and became sick enough to require hospital care, 21 per cent ended up in intensive care, 10 per cent were placed on a breathing machine and 2.7 per cent died. Young Black and Hispanic men and women are more at risk than their white counterparts, the data revealed.

So, when we are sending our young people back university and college this Spring, to Covid hot spots such as the UK and the US, we think they should be fully protected and ought to be high on the priority list. They are our future, after all.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cayman Arts Festival 2021

6 February - Cayman Arts Festival continues with a recital by Georgina Gatto at the Westin beginning at 7pm. 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.

St. Alban's Service of Holy Communion

7 February - All are invited to attend a Service of Holy Communion which will be held on Sunday, February 7th at 9:30am at St. Albans Church of England on Shedden Road. The Right Reverend Dr. PJ Lawrence, Bishop, will be the guest celebrant. All persons are requested to bring masks. Other safety protocols will also be in place.

Heart Warriors & Angels Beach Walk

7 February - Heart Warriors and Angels Beach Walk in memory of Baby Nolan - the inspiration of congenital heart disease awareness in the Cayman Islands. The event takes place on Sunday 7 February at 7:00 am at Public Beach. Registration is CI\$25 and includes an event t-shirt (while supplies last.) This family and pet friendly event aims to raise awareness for the #1 birth defect, CHD. Kids are encouraged to dress in warrior or angels costumes. Complementary refreshments including coffee will be available as well as face painting, raffle prizes, and much more. Register at caymanactive.com or by email at team-nolan-evans@outlook.com or aillianevans@hotmail.co.uk or by calling 9361717.

Walk and Wag 5K Charity Walk/Run

7 February - The Humane Society's annual fundraiser takes place on Sunday 7 February. Register for this fun family event with your own dog or pick up a shelter dog (from 6am on the day, or the day prior). Registration fee is CI\$25 the first 200 registrants will receive a free t shirt. Start time is 7am at Safehaven. Register online at www.caymanactive.com/registrations/



► Walk and Wag Fundraiser

walkandwag. For more information, email info@caymanislandshumanesociety.com.

St. Alban's Church of England - Ash Wednesday Service

17 February - The Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. PJ Lawrence, Bishop, on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 9:30am at St Alban's Church of England on Shedden Road.

National Arts & Culture Awards

18 February - The National Arts & Culture Awards gala takes place at the Harquail Theatre and is open to the public. While there is no admission fee, those interested in attending do need to make a reservation by calling the Cultural Foundation office at 949 - 5477. The ceremony recognises those who have contributed to the arts, culture and heritage of the Cayman Islands, attained a level of merit in their artistic discipline and/or supported the work of CNCF.

St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights

19 February - The popular St. Ignatius Friday Fish Fry Nights are back for this Lenten season starting on 19 February from 5:00-8:00 pm in the School Canteen. Serving Snapper or Mahi-Mahi with fries or rice, cole slaw, grilled onions and festival. Free desserts! Dine in or carry out!

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Applications are due by midnight on Sunday, 28 February 2021.

For more information on this programme, the selected areas and application process, visit dart.ky/about-us/community or email grants@dart.ky

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REOPENING & VACCINES: A GLOBAL CHALLENGE

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viously hinted), might have been well within reach.

Now, even an outlook to the end of the 2021 high season is shrouded in uncertainty and looking more like a longer-term 2022 probability.

Vaccine supply and how emerging strains of the virus respond to current drugs - and new ones in development - have become an increasing part of the equation, and not just for Cayman.

Two shipments have already been received from the UK totalling close to 20,000 doses.

The target of 90 per cent of the population indicated by the Premier would require an estimated further 38,000 doses - depending on the age group of persons eligible to receive the vaccine from Cayman's estimated 65,000 population (or less, factoring those persons who would have returned to their home countries because of the pandemic).

Availability might also be another consideration when recent pronouncements by the vaccine manufacturers, Pfizer-BioNTech and AstraZeneca-Oxford are brought into the picture.

Pfizer-BioNTech, the joint American and German entity which manufactures the vaccine currently being administered in Cayman, has reduced production at its Belgium plant in order to 'scale-up' operations to meet demand.

That decision, which was met with surprise by the European Union, came before the UK and the EU later clashed over the production of the AstraZeneca-Oxford



► George Town, Cayman Islands

vaccine which is produced in the UK by a British-Swedish company.

The AstraZeneca drug also being administered in the UK and shipments have been despatched some other OTs.

Cayman currently receives the Pfizer-BioNTech from the UK, although it was not clear if the AstraZeneca drug might also be included in future consignments.

HE Governor, Martyn Roper recently reminded that although vaccine supplies remain challenging across the world, the UK

is committed to supplying Cayman "with a proportionate amount of the vaccines they are procuring for the UK according to our population size."

He had also stated that with a second batch now delivered here, he was "in touch with London about the next batch in February."

The supply issue was put to Premier McLaughlin at the recent AGM of the Chamber of Commerce, by immediate past-president Woody Foster.

Addressing the equally important points of public health and economic well-being, he had asked the Premier about "a Plan B if the vaccines stop coming?"

In response, Premier McLaughlin reassured that in his view vaccine availability was not expected to be a challenge given the pace at which they are being developed in the UK and elsewhere.

"The greater challenge" he felt, "was in persuading our people to take the vaccine."

"Without that," Premier McLaughlin added, "there is nowhere to open safely."

He had also said that a successful roll-out of mass vaccinations across the world "offers the prospect that we can now think positively but cautiously about reopening Cayman."

That view by the Cayman Islands Premier echoes a narrative coming out of the

UK which has been a world leader in its vaccination programme but is also struggling with its reopening expectations.

Comments by the UK Health Secretary Matt Hancock that the country will enjoy a "happy and free" summer were being interpreted that the UK's current third lockdown might be further extended due to mounting concern about emerging new variants of the COVID-19 virus.

British health authorities have rushed to put measures in place aimed at addressing not only the fast-spreading UK variant but also South African and Brazilian strains which are proving to be more transmissible than the original virus.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has tempered expectations of even a summer reopening with a note of caution.

"I don't want to give too much concrete by way of dates for our summer holidays," he has stated.

"We have got to make sure we don't get thrown off course by new variants, we have got to make sure that we continue to keep the disease under control and the level of infections come down."

Given Cayman's current dependence on vaccine supply from the UK, the territory and mother country seem destined to be in lockstep for the immediate future on their separate reopening plans.



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Maples Group Donations Support Mentoring, Shelter and Crisis Services

The Maples Group is pleased to announce its recent contribution of over US\$147,000 on behalf of its clients to a variety of non-profit organisations that provide mentoring to school-age children and assistance to children, families and individuals fleeing abuse or neglect. The organisations that received funds were Big Brothers Big Sisters ("BBBS") of the Cayman Islands, the Children and Youth Services ("CAYS") Foundation and the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre.

BBBS offers community-based and in-school mentoring opportunities for children, with mentors serving as role models for staying in school, giving back, and having respect for family, peers and the community. The Maples Group contributed US\$61,975 towards BBBS funding costs which will support the organisation in screening, training and matching 60 new volunteers, sustaining 20 existing matches, assisting with costs for monthly group events for "Bigs" and "Littles" and enabling BBBS to host four parent and family workshops.



"On behalf of the current and future Bigs and Littles and the BBBS board and staff, thank you for this generous donation," said Pilar Bush, Chairperson of BBBS, Cayman Islands. "This will allow us to transform operations and serve more children, and we are grateful for your continued support and confidence."

The Group also made a separate contribution of US\$27,813 to the CAYS Foundation. The Foundation is another non-profit operation dedicated to supporting young people and their families who are experiencing difficulties achieving their full human potential. The CAYS Foundation manages the Frances Bodden Children's Home and Bonaventure Boys' Home, which provide accommodations for children needing care or protection because of abuse or neglect. The homes offer therapeutic services and educational and vocational programmes that aim to improve social and life skills. The Group's donation will go towards refurbishing bathrooms, replacing the group therapy room furniture, new mattresses for the children as well as a full service power generator for the buildings.

"This donation goes a long way in realising these projects and we thank you for consistently being there for our children," said Denise Williams Watson, Manager of the Francis Bodden Children's Home.

Lastly, the Maples Group donated US\$58,000 to the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre. Since 2003, the Crisis Centre has been helping at-risk women and their children create new, violence-free lives for themselves. They provide not only a secure, emergency shelter for women and children escaping from domestic abuse but also supplementary support services for anyone experiencing do-

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CUC WEST BAY SUNRISE 5K

CUC is taking to the streets again in West Bay on **Saturday, March 6, 2021** for a fun run and walk as we raise money for the Sunrise Adult Training Centre and the Cayman Islands Athletic Association (CIAA). Everyone is welcome to join us.

Course: Starts and ends at Ristorante Pappagallo, Conch Point Road, West Bay.

Start Time: 6:30 a.m. (Walkers) and 6:45 a.m. (Runners). Check-in time starts at 5:30 a.m. (to receive numbers (all participants) and race chips (for runners).

Fee: **CI\$15** Adults and **CI\$10** Youth (Under 17).

Registration:

- 1) Register online at www.caymanactive.com.
- 2) Download the PDF form from CUC's website at www.cuc-cayman.com (click on "Events" under the "About Us" tab on the Home Page). Complete, scan and e-mail the form to communications@cuc.ky
- 3) Forms can also be dropped-off and payments made by cash or cheque (payable to CUC) at CUC's Administration Building on North Sound Road from **Monday, March 1 and Friday, March 5 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.** Participants who register online can also collect their t-shirts and 'power' bag from CUC on those three days in March. **Note: There will be no registration on the day of the event.**

Amenities: First 250 participants will receive a t-shirt (sizes are not guaranteed) and all participants will receive a participation medal and 'power' bag following the event. Light refreshments will be provided and trophies for the fastest and second fastest finishers in the Adult and Youth (Under 17) divisions will be presented at the end of the event.

Contacts: CUC's Pat Bynoe-Clarke (914-1107) and Neil Murray (914-1110) or e-mail communications@cuc.ky or the CIAA's Cydonie Mothersill (928-2726) and Kenrick Williams (925-1943).



Chamber honours dedicated donors, volunteers and Councillors

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rience was excellent, and Roz should be commended for her guidance and leadership," he confirmed.

Jan Gupta, a local developer, has been the organiser of Resilience Cayman, an entity established to address the immediate and long-term issue of food insecurity for many residents who have been hard hit though job loss and business closures.

Mr Foster outlined that in the first six months of the programme, more than 3,000 individuals and families received food vouchers and daily meals. Ms Gupta also worked to create summer internship opportunities and grants for 35 young Caymanian college students to ensure they could continue their education and develop workplace skills for their future careers.

"Resilience Cayman is now a registered independent non-profit organisation and this was only achieved through Jan's hard work, vision and perseverance," Mr Foster stated. "It is my pleasure to present Jan with the Chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award for her outstanding service to the Chamber and the community."

Three Chamber Councillors honoured

Three Chamber Councillors were concluding their two-year term on the Council: Tim Bradley, Amanda Brown and Simon Watson and were presented with gifts of thanks for their tireless contribution to the Chamber.

Secretary and former Councillor Steve McIntosh was also honoured, having



been instrumental in providing insight, research and data to help the Executive Committee to make important decisions during the pandemic and for assisting the Executive Committee to develop a plan to respond to the crisis.

Hailing Chamber Champions

Chamber Champions, i.e. those businesses which had donated funds or investment to the Chamber, were also recognised and included:

Chamber Stewards, which contributed between \$5,000 and \$7,499 to the Chamber of Commerce during 2020:

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- Cayman Turtle Conservation and Education Centre Ltd.
- Cox Lumber
- Davenport Development Ltd.
- Health City Cayman Islands
- Knighthood Annuity & Life Assurance Company
- KPMG
- Provenance Properties Cayman Islands
- RBC Royal Bank (Cayman) Limited
- Walkers
- Water Authority - Cayman
- Wheaton Precious Metals

Chamber Advisors, which contributed between \$7,500 and \$9,999 to the Chamber of Commerce last year:

- CG BritCay
- Dart
- Island Taste Group Ltd.
- Kensington Management Group Ltd.

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- Foster's
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mestic violence, including a 24-hour crisis phone line (943 2422), a kids helpline (649 5437), a safe space walk-in centre, crisis counselling, community outreach and youth programmes, plus many other helpful initiatives. The Group's donation

will cover rent for the walk-in centres and help to pay for shelter utilities, groceries, repairs and maintenance.

"Last year was very challenging for us as we were not able to organise any major fundraisers due to COVID-19. The Maples

Group has supported us in the past and once again, they have helped us immensely during these trying times. We are very grateful for this generous contribution," said Ania Milanowska, Executive Director of the Cayman Islands Crisis Centre.

Scott Somerville, CEO of MaplesFS, part of the Maples Group, added:

"We stand in solidarity with those who are fighting or have fought domestic hard-

ship and recognise that it can take a vast amount of support and courage to transcend these circumstances. We are proud to contribute to these local organisations that provide such essential resources and support. We wish to thank Big Brothers Big Sisters Cayman, the CAYS Foundation and the Crisis Centre for all that they do to protect and inspire those in our community."

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Cayman Brac Farmers Gravitate Towards MEYSAL Farmers' Assistance Programme

Over 70 Cayman Brac farmers turned out at the Department of Agriculture building at the Agricultural Grounds on Thursday (21 January) and Friday (22 January) to apply for assistance under the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sport, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) COVID 19 Farmers' Assistance Programme, increasing the current number of applications received to over 350 farmers.

Minister of Agriculture Honourable Juliana O'Connor-Connolly expressed her delight at the turnout. "I am encouraged

that so many of our local farmers have taken advantage of this opportunity to increase their capacity to yield greater quantities of high-quality produce and livestock," Minister O'Connor-Connolly stated.

Several grant recipients, including Mr. Ashton Ferguson, lauded the initiative, expressing appreciation to the Ministry of EYSAL for the opportunity to enhance their backyard farming enterprises and increase the availability of safe, nutritious food within their communities.

"I certainly believe that eating what you grow and growing what you eat creates a healthy environment and provides persons with the opportunity to provide for themselves during these uncertain times. It truly is a great initiative," Mr. Ferguson commented.

During the two days, applications were processed on-site. Each successful applicant received a voucher card to purchase seeds, fertilisers, and other essential agricultural inputs from the Department of Agriculture.

The programme which commenced in December was developed to stimulate increased agricultural activity by providing one million dollars in funding for farmers to use towards the purchase of products and services from the Department of Agriculture.

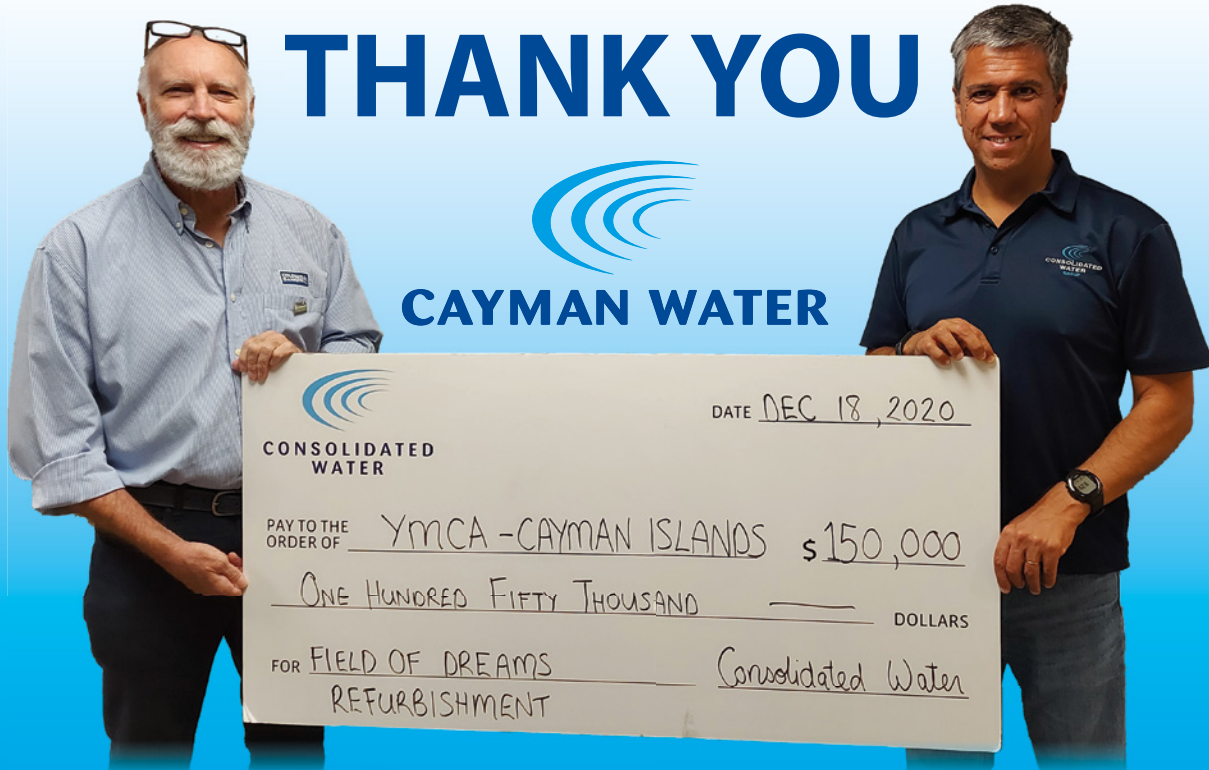
To learn more about COVID 19 Farmers' Assistance Programme or apply for the farmers' assistance grant, contact MEYSAL Deputy Chief Officer Wilbur Welcome at 926-3146 or Senior Policy Advisor Demoy Nash at 927-0753.



► Cayman Brac farmers complete their applications for the farmers' assistance grant (Photos by STACEY-ANN ANDERSON)



► Deputy Chief Officer Wilbur Welcome (l) presents Luke Scott (r) with a farmer's voucher card. Background (l) Senior Policy Officer Demoy Nash



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Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden Announces Candidacy for George Town West

Successful entrepreneur and community leader draws on her upbringing to uplift Cayman

Pearlina McGaw-Lumsden announced today that she will be a candidate in the upcoming Cayman Islands General Election on 26 May 2021. Mrs. McGaw-Lumsden is running as an independent candidate in the constituency of George Town West. "All my life I have been surrounded by displays of unselfish acts which aim to make individuals, our community, and our country better. For decades, I have given back generously to benefit as many people as I possibly can," said McGaw-Lumsden. "I'm vying for the opportunity to represent the people of George Town West and the Cayman Islands solely for the purpose of serving and helping to rebuild and shape our country during one of the most critical junctures in our history." Embarking on her third campaign for office, McGaw-Lumsden will continue to do what she has done for years – meet, connect, and listen to people about their challenges and concerns, hopes and wishes for the Cayman Islands.

"Whether or not you reside in George Town West, I encourage every Caymanian to ponder the question, 'Are we a country that requires its leaders to work for the benefit of the entire community or one that will

settle for minimalistic achievements?" said McGaw-Lumsden. "It is incumbent upon us to vote, to demand more and refuse to settle for anything less than our country deserves. We should demand more from our elected officials and thus I am here to serve, to listen and to help move the country forward for the benefit of all Caymanians."

Over the coming months, McGaw-Lumsden will share her perspectives on the most pressing issues facing the Cayman Islands and its people at present including:

- Housing and Cost of living
- Employment opportunities and Unemployment
- Education and Vocational training

McGaw-Lumsden is a well-rounded background and wealth of experience in the classroom, boardroom, and school of life. From private enterprise to non-profit service, from youth empowerment to women's

rights, she has a track record of service, and action and impact.

McGaw-Lumsden is a graduate of the Cayman Islands School and began her tertiary education with an associate's degree from the International College of the Cayman Islands and was later awarded a scholarship to pursue an accounting degree from Howard University in Washington,

National Roads Authority, Information and Communications Technology Authority, Education Council – Scholarship Secretariat, Water Authority Cayman, and the Immigration Appeals Tribunal. Now a successful entrepreneur with several businesses, McGaw-Lumsden has also become a strong advocate for the local arts and is deeply commit-

ted to public service. In recognition of her leadership and contribution to community service, she was nominated as a finalist for the Young Caymanian Leadership Award in 2006. McGaw-Lumsden is a board member of Generation Now, a youth empowerment program that provides amongst other things, workshops on personal budgeting, scholarships, and professional development. She is a past member of the Young Business and Professional Women's Club and former member of a task force for Young Business and Professional Women's Club which helped implement laws to prevent sexual harassment and stalking. On and off the campaign trail, McGaw-Lumsden continues to work hard to improve the lives of others, often sharing her life story and experiences through motivational talks to and mentorship of students at local high schools and young professional groups.

DC. Thereafter, she acquired master's degree in law from Bristol University in the United Kingdom and a master's degree in Sports Management from the Southern New Hampshire University. Over the course of her career, McGaw-Lumsden worked in the financial services industry and also as a lecturer at the International College of the Cayman Islands for Business Law and General Principles of Law. She has also served as a board member for the Health Services Authority,

McGaw-Lumsden noted, "I invite the people of George Town West to begin this journey with me. Let us work together for a better tomorrow. I believe that, with your support, we can absolutely achieve greatness for all Caymanians and people who call the Cayman Islands home."



McCleary Frederick stands for East End

Career civil servant and former Director of Hazard Management Cayman Islands

(“Hazard Management”), McCleary Frederick has announced that he will be run-



ning for the constituency of East End in the upcoming May Election.

A seasoned former civil servant of 36 years, Mr. Frederick believes his experience as a leader at the community, national and regional level places him in a good position for becoming a Member of Cayman's Parliament. He is also a passionate mentor to young Caymanians, having a genuine desire to help them attain greater heights within their careers.

Mr. Frederick's contribution to improving the resilience of Cayman throughout his career was noticed internationally. He 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.

Before becoming the Director of Hazard Management Cayman Islands, an entity that he helped create, Mr. Frederick was the Chief Building Control Officer in the Planning Department and was instrumental in the development of the Building Control Unit and the writing of the Building Code Regulations and the Cayman Island's Building Code. During his tenure within the civil service, Mr. Frederick also worked at the Public Works Department and acted as Deputy Chief Secretary (which now equates to Chief Officer) and other senior positions.

"Even though I have been retired for a few years, I continue to 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 a strong and stable leadership and representation for the people of East End Community."

One of his concerns is the lack of long-term infrastructure planning at the national level.

"Infrastructure is the underlying foundation of sustainable development and includes personnel, buildings, roads, transportation systems, communication networks, sewage, water, and electric systems and I believe we have been reactive rather than proactive in developing our infrastructure," he said. "Development has outpaced infrastructure and it appears we are always trying to catch up. As the population increases and the Country develops, we should strategically invest in our infrastructure to enhance our economic growth and our standing in the global economy."

Mr. Frederick further noted that "East End seems to always be last on the list to get any infrastructure or other needs addressed". He is particularly keen on ensuring his East End community receives the focus it deserves when it comes to development and the improvement of the lives of the residents of East End.

The value of your health

It has been said that the most valuable thing that you possess is your health.

Let's face it, today more than ever, health is a topic of concern. We take precautions to avoid exposure to others and to mitigate our risk of contracting coronavirus by wearing masks, social distancing, staying home and following guidelines and protocols when out in public.

We do this because we don't want to get ourselves or others sick.

What is health? To have good health is to be free of illness or injury, to be able to adequately cope with the demands of life, and to maintain a state of equilibrium with yourself and your environment.

When we are in a state of good health our quality of life increases dramatically. We are able to utilize our bodies without

pain, experience natural energy, and enjoy feelings like joy and happiness.

One of the factors that influences our health the most is diet. The foods that you eat make a measurable impact on the condition of your health. By eating healthy, wholesome and nutritious foods you give your body the building blocks it needs to fortify healthy cells and smooth bodily functions.

Just as important are the things that we avoid eating as part of our diet, refined sugars being the deadliest. Additives, processed ingredients, unhealthy fats, and unnatural sugars are problems for our bodies to flush out the best it can. Too much of these harmful items result in extra weight, clogged arteries and decreased ability to regulate blood sugar.

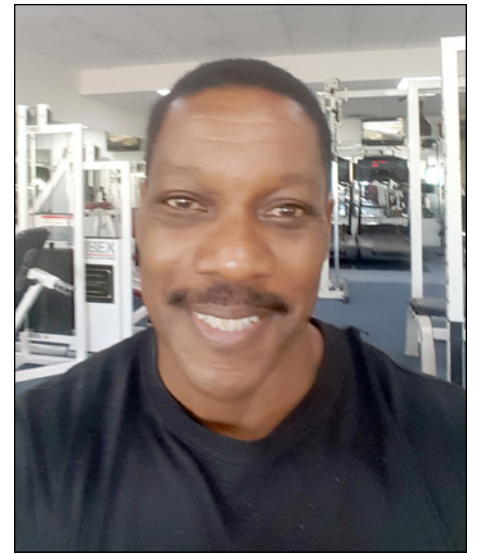
Today I'd like you to draw the mental connection between your healthy eating and your good health. By sticking with it you will take measurable strides towards claiming better health.

This means having a stronger immune system that's ready and able to fight off viruses.

So please add good health to your list of reasons for exercising and instilling healthy eating habits to last you a lifetime.

If you aren't yet one of my prized clients, then please reach out to me. I'd love to be a big part of your health and fitness journey this year.

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



► Ernest Ebanks

HEALTH MATTERS

Health benefits of eating tomatoes

Cayman's climate is particularly conducive to growing tomatoes especially during the cooler months. They are an easy fruit (yes, they are classified as a fruit, even though we think of them as a vegetable!) to grow in your backyard, in particular small varieties such as Tiny Tim and Small Fry, which are quite forgiving if you forget to water for a day or two.

At the Farmer's Market in Camana Bay, which runs on Wednesdays from 10am, you will see a whole kaleidoscope of coloured tomatoes, an exciting sight for home cooks and restaurant chefs alike, because as everybody knows, the taste of a home grown tomato is incomparable to one that's had to be refrigerated to get here.

There have been numerous studies into the benefits of eating these juicy little fruits, in particular, the benefits that the lycopene in a tomato can bring to the body. Lycopene is one of four carotenoids, or anti-oxidants, that can protect the body from disease and also boost immune systems.

Lycopene in the diet has been linked to a reduction in cancer in some studies, for example one by The University of Montreal that found a diet high in lycopene (which you can get in the main from eating tomatoes) was linked to a 31 per cent reduction in pancreatic cancer in men.

In fact, tomatoes contain all four major carotenoids: alpha and beta-carotene, lutein, and lycopene and together they interact to work to help boost health.

One study in France found the health benefits from consuming carotenoids from tomatoes were enhanced when people ate the skins of the tomatoes as well as their flesh, so don't peel tomatoes for maximum health benefits. Tomatoes are also rich in vitamin C and potassium, two other important components for good health.

Tomatoes are eaten plentifully in Mediterranean countries and make up a large part of the Mediterranean diet. According to a study by The University of Athens Medical School, people who most closely follow the Mediterranean diet have lower death rates from heart disease and cancer. This research appears to be backed up by a Harvard School of Public Health study, which found



that eating oil and tomato-based products was associated with cardiovascular benefits.

So, the next time you are at the Farmer's Market in Camana

Bay, or at Foster's, Hurley's or Kirk Market, or better still, tending your plants in the backyard, make sure you give a wide variety of tomatoes a try.

How Historically Reliable is the New Testament? Part One

For Christians, the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments, is sacred. I do not believe, however, that enough Christians are aware of the current debate among New Testament scholars concerning the historical reliability of the New Testament. It is an important and consequential discussion as it concerns the credibility of a main sacred text around which millions organize their lives and anchor their hopes.

My examination of the historical reliability of the New Testament will begin with a definition of the New Testament and what, reasonably, is meant by historical reliability. I will then summarize the arguments against the historical reliability of the New Testament and respond briefly to these views, followed by the best arguments for its historical reliability. I will conclude by making some deductions.

The New Testament is that collection of early Christian literature, which together with the Old Testament, forms the Holy Scriptures of the Christian churches. In its present form the New Testament comprises twenty-seven books: four Gospels which tell of the life and teachings of Jesus; The Book of Acts, a historical narrative of the early church; the Pauline and General Epistles which give advice, exhortation, instruction and admonition and the apocalyptic work The Revelation of John, a dramatic account of the last day events. The books of the NT were written in Greek, and they date from c.50-150 A.D.

What does 'Historical Reliability' Mean?

I am drawn to the reasonableness of the description of historical reliability outlined by Licona (2019) in his paper 'Are the Gospels "Historically Reliable"? A Focused Comparison of Suetonius's Life of Augustus and the Gospel of Mark.' Quot-

ing Blomberg (2014) he says that 'we must think of historical reliability in view of the literary conventions that were in play at the time of writing. Ruling out the need for a historical work, 'To have accuracy with the precision of a legal transcript, or that it be free of error or embellishment', he outlines that "Historically reliable" means that, at the very minimum, the account provides an accurate gist or an essentially faithful representation of what occurred-that it is true enough; that numerous items reported can be verified; that the author chooses sources judiciously and that the author used his sources reliably.

I believe that these minimum standards make sense, especially as we make a distinction between historiography as practiced in ancient times and cultures versus the expectations of post-modern societies. It is important that we do not impose the expectations of modern scholarship unto the ancient cultures which gave rise to the literary texts. The writing of history in the modern era is expected to be based on the critical examination of sources, the selection of details from the authoritative sources and the synthesizing of such details that can stand the test of critical examination, stern peer-review processes, scrupulous attention to details and exactitude in the documentation of sources and source material. One must also be considerate of the genre of literature that these are and the expectations of this type or writing in the times in which they were written. Having said that, these minimum standards together can serve as a way of deciding on credibility and reliability.

Arguments Against the Historical Reliability of the New Testament

Bearing these in mind, I will not summarize some of the main arguments given

against the historical reliability of the New Testament. Bart Ehrman, one of the most influential contemporary writers on the New Testament, while declaring his love for the New Testament and noting that the four Gospels are 'the most beautiful, powerful, moving and inspirational books ever written', 'the most important books in our civilization, and for my own life' (Ehrman 2020), in his recent statement on the historical reliability of the New Testament (Ehrman, 2020), he outlines his objections to accepting these works as legitimate history.

Explaining that he was expressing the views of virtually 'Every professor of Biblical studies at every major liberal arts college or research university in the US' (Ehrman 2020), he asserts that while the New Testament, the Gospels especially, contain valuable historical material about Jesus's death and life, it also has non-historical material.

Ehrman says that there are too many inconsistencies in the gospels for them to be regarded as historically reliable. Several of his books, identify these inconsistencies, especially his **Misquoting Jesus**. Examples include his view that John changed the plot of the story to suit his theology of Jesus as the Lamb of God. He says that even the very authorship of the Gospels is in great doubt as followers of Jesus were 'uneducated, lower class, Aramaic-speaking peasants from rural Galilee, while the Gospels were written by highly educated and well-trained, Greek-speaking, elite Christians in other locations' (Ehrman 2020).

The authors, he continues, gathered their stories though the oral tradition of the time given that the Gospels were written between 70- 95 CE, that is 40-65 years after the events they narrate. The oral tradition, however, is not to be trust-



► Dr. Livingston Smith is a Professor at the University College of the Cayman Islands. He is also Director of the CXC Education Volunteer programme

ed as it bends and adjusts its narratives under the weight of time, not to mention the gifts and embellishments of the storyteller. It is not true, he believes, that oral cultures recall things better. He presents as evidence for this, abundant discrepancies that he has diagnosed in the gospels easily detected with a horizontal reading of these works, instead of the usual vertical readings.

In the story of the healing of Jairus' daughter, in one account she is sick, in another, she is dead. In John's Gospel, Christ cleanses the temple at the very beginning of his ministry, while in Mark, he does this at the very end where it becomes one of the reasons for the Jewish establishment desiring to have him killed. In John, Jesus preaches about his own identity, repeatedly claiming to be God on earth, 'before Abraham was, I am,' etcetera, but he does not make these claims in Mark, Q, M, and L, the latter in reference to the popular four source hypothesis, which supposedly explains the sources of the information used in writing the Synoptic Gospels and thus the relationship between them. 'The six earlier authors, did not have the historical Jesus claiming he was God on earth, yet this would have been the most profound thing to repeat.' (Ehrman, 2020). It is more likely, Ehrman, concludes, that Jesus did not actually say such things, but that John placed these words in his mouth. In Luke's version of the death of Christ, Mary and Joseph are from Nazareth, but Christ is born in the village of Bethlehem, which is not feasible and explains why Luke invents the story of the census, a necessity to fulfil the Old Testament prophecy. Luke and Matthew give different accounts. While going on his way to be crucified, in one version he is as quiet as lamb to the slaughter, in another, he is constantly speaking, giving advice to those who were crying for him, and so on.

We continue this fascinating exploration in subsequent articles.



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Save The Date for Cayfest 2021

After a difficult year for the arts and culture community and the creative economy, the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), organiser of Cayfest 2021, is looking forward to once again highlighting the cultural diversity and artistic talent that flourishes in Cayman.

Cayfest is Cayman's finest showcase of talent with an emphasis on local arts and culture, and an eclectic mix of visual arts and crafts, music, theatre, dance, film, fashion design, and cultural discussions. This year's celebrations will kick off on Thursday, 18 February with the 27th annual National Arts & Culture Awards ceremony, followed by Dress For Culture Day on Friday, 26 February and culminating with the signature Red Sky at Night multi-cultural arts fair on Saturday, 27 February.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has devastated the lives of artists and cut off the world from the sustaining nourishment of the creative industries. The lack of a job, limited and dwindling funds, the uncertainty of an end to the pandemic as the virus continues to mutate, and whether the vaccine will be effective, have all played a role in enervating society. Cayfest aims to rekindle the fire of our creativity by offer an exciting platform for artists to share their work in craft, song, dance, painting and sculpture and theatre, and for our community to engage the experience," said Henry Muttoo, CNCF Artistic Director.

NATIONAL ARTS & CULTURE AWARDS

Thursday, 18 February @ 8pm

The National Arts & Culture Awards gala takes place at the Harquail Theatre and is open to the public. While there is no admission fee, those interested in attending do need to make a reservation by calling the Cultural Foundation office. The ceremony recognises those who have contributed to the arts, culture and heritage of the Cayman Islands, attained a level of merit in their artistic discipline and/or supported the work of CNCF. The award categories are the Gold, Silver and Bronze Heritage Cross, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Stars for Creativity, the Chairman's Award and the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

"We're profoundly indebted to those who continue to make art, who define and preserve our heritage and culture and, as well, to those who make voluntary contri-



► Silver Star for Creativity Awardee George Jones and CNCF Board Member Lorna Reid (Photo credit Helena Jones)

butions to the development and maintenance of Caymanian society," said Muttoo.

DRESS FOR CULTURE DAY

Friday, 26 February

Friday, 26 February is Dress for Culture Day, now in its ninth year. This annual 'dress up, dress down' fundraiser celebrates Cayman's multicultural community which is comprised of over 100 nationalities. Schools, businesses and individuals across the Cayman Islands are encouraged to creatively display their homeland pride and cultural attire on that day for a donation of \$5 per adult and \$3 per student. Monies raised go toward CNCF's cultural heritage preservation programmes.

"A person's or a community's cultural genealogy is such an inextricable part of their identity that it can be hard to define, especially since it can be a combination of several different influences within their family tree. Culture is really the core of one's sense of self, and if adrift from it, life can be unsettling. One way to think if it is to imagine what it must be like to have amnesia, to be disconnected from your roots, memories, kinships, or even familiar routines.

That's not to say that we can't thrive away from our homeland or community; it's still possible to do so because these cultural influences are woven into our DNA," said CNCF Managing Director, Marcia Muttoo.

"And with Cayman's mix of people from virtually every corner of the world, it can be fascinating to learn how much we have in common and what we each bring to the tapestry. Dress for Culture Day offers that opportunity to celebrate yourself, share your heritage and appreciate what others share with you from their own backgrounds. It doesn't need to be complicated; you can simply dress to reflect where you come from, or tell your co-workers a story about your place, bring a sample refreshment, or a piece of art or music that reflects your home."

RED SKY AT NIGHT

Saturday, 27 February -

Matinee Show, 2pm to 6pm,

Prime Time Event, 7pm to 11pm

The following day, the popular Red Sky at Night multicultural arts fair takes place on the grounds of the Harquail Theatre. This year, due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, there will be a Red Sky matinee and then a separate evening session. The matinee will take place from 2pm to 6pm and cater more to families. It will include the Creative Kids area which offers supervised activities and specialty food for kids ages three to 12, along with entertainment for all ages. The later event will start at 7pm and continue until 11pm.

Mrs. Muttoo stressed that both events will include the food, entertainment and artisans which long time patrons of Red Sky have come to love.

"From steel pan, fiddles and drums to DJs, dance troupes, storytelling and theatre, there will be no shortage of entertainment at the two Red Sky events. Both established and up-and-coming artistes are showcased on the various Red Sky stages."

There will also be dozens of booths with locally made art, crafts, jewellery, clothes and accessories on Thatch Walk, as well as local vendors in the Café Cayman area

offering dishes such as Cayman style beef, fish rundown, stewed conch and lobster and desserts including pepper jelly, coconut treats, heavy cakes, ice cream and doughnuts.

PARADE OF NATIONS

Mrs. Muttoo also put out a call for groups to be a part of the Parade of Nations which takes place during Red Sky At Night. The parade is a beautiful and colourful display of all the wonderful cultures represented in Cayman, and every nation is welcome to participate. Prizes will be awarded for the best groups. Anyone who registers a group will receive \$5 off each adult Red Sky ticket for the group (conditions apply).

GET INVOLVED!

• *Entertainers*

For those artisans, actors, comics, fashion designers, magicians, food vendors, singers, dancers, instrumentalists, musical groups, poets and storytellers who are interested in participating in this special event, there is still time to get involved. Contact Melanie McField on mmcfield@piratesweekfestival.com or 949-5078/949-5859.

• *Artists, Artisans & Food Vendors*

Vendor registration for Red Sky at Night is open until Friday, 29 January. Local artists, artisans and food vendors are invited to sign up to promote, sell and display their work and sell their food.

To register, and for more information email rhonda@kellyholding.com or call (345) 623-8823.

TICKETS - ON SALE FROM 1 FEBRUARY

Tickets for the matinee session of Red Sky are \$10. The night event costs \$15. Children under 2-years old can enter for free. The public is strongly encouraged to purchase tickets in advance online at www.eventpro.ky. Limited tickets will be available at the gate, depending on availability.

For more information about Cayfest, email cncf@artscayman.org, call 949.5477 or visit www.artscayman.org/cayfest.



► Eunice Ritch of Yuni Jewelry



► Camana Bay Waterfront dining coupled with a Caribbean sunset

Camana Bay has love to give this Valentine's Day

If you have plenty of love to give but need some ideas on how to show it, Camana Bay is here to help this Valentine's Day.

In the spirit of the holiday, the shops, services and restaurants of Camana Bay have a number of opportunities on offer to help you give love to those special people in your life – including yourself.

Whether it's a shared meal, pampering experience, gift or memento or just quality time together, find out how you can celebrate the spirit of St. Valentine at Camana Bay.

Make some memories

Try out an interactive cooking class at Bon Vivant, whether you are "cheffing" solo or with a friend or loved one. The kitchen studio is hosting two cooking classes, on Friday, 12 February and Saturday, 13 February from 6 to 8 p.m. Participants will prepare a four-course meal of crab cakes, coq au vin, boeuf bourguignon and tiramisu, all with wine pairings. The class will be limited to 12 participants, at a cost of CI\$125 per person, so book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Bon Vivant at +1.345.623.2665.

Take in a movie together at Camana Bay Cinema, upgrading for a special date night to a VIP showing in one of the cinema's three VIP theatres. Pick up a hot dog, popcorn or tray of nachos and receive 50% off a 100g Dairy Milk, Fruit & Nut or Whole Nut Cadbury chocolate bar!

Take in the Town Centre lit up in pink in celebration of Valentine's Day while enjoying an ice cream or gelato. Take a romantic evening stroll with your loved one or catch up with a friend or family member over a coffee or juice enjoyed on the harbour as you enjoy the most priceless gift

of all – quality time with those special to you. The lights will glow pink from 12 to 14 February.

Treat those taste buds

Pane & Pasta is offering its delicious and fresh housemade pasta and bread as part of a special St. Valentine three-course menu. For CI\$50, choose between three starter options, three main course options and two desserts as well as a welcome drink. Call +1.345.547.9208 to reserve your table.

Enjoy a cosy night in at home with Carnivore's dinner box – offering two prime cut steaks, all the sides and their signature housemade sauces, order your kit in advance to avoid disappointment. Call +1.345.640.6328 for details or to place an order.

Valentine's Day this year falls on a Sunday, so book your reservation for one of Camana Bay's brunches, whether it's a dim sum brunch at Mizu Asian Bistro + Bar, barbecue brunch at KARoo, Pranzo della Nonna at Agua, The Brooklyn Pizza + Pasta's a-la-carte brunch, or Carnivore's all-day breakfast. Or start the Valentine's Day celebrations a day early with Pani Indian Kitchen's Saturday brunch.

Find the perfect gift

Give the gift of relaxation with one of Eclipse Hair Design & Day Spa's special pampering packages. Purchase one of the spa's three gift packages on 6 February and receive a free 15-minute chair or Thai foot massage. Packages range in pricing from CI\$130 to \$220. Call +1.345.945.1188 for more information.

3 Girls & A Kiln's shop is a Valentine's Day wonderland, with heart-shaped and love-filled gifts perfect for all the special

people in your life. Stop in to purchase a ready-to-buy piece or attend one of their open glazing studios on Thursdays to paint your own Valentine-inspired ceramic item for a gift with a personal touch.

Beside Manor is offering 20% off accessories and furnishings storewide until Valentine's Day so that you can give the gift of home to those you love.

Browse the curated display of books and gifts for him and her on display at Books & Books, or treat yourself to a new read to curl up with this Valentine's Day.

For the music lovers in your life, offer the sleek sophistication of Bang & Olufsen's Beoplay 09 – a one-point music system on sale until 14 February for CI\$3,104.

Stop by NKY for a range of handbags, shoes, apparel and wallets from some of the world's leading fashion designers. New arrivals are coming in every week.

Visit Island Jewellers for a wide selection of timepieces and jewellery to remind your loved one of just how much you care, or to treat yourself to a piece that will last. Spend more than US\$350 to receive six complimentary long-stemmed red roses!

Sweeten up your sweetheart with a gift that appeals to their sweet tooth. Visit Bon Vivant on Saturday, 5 February, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday, 13 February from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for pop-up shops with Cayman Cookie Company and B's Sweets, respectively.

Whether you're looking for romance or relaxation, Le Visage has all the perfect elements to set the mood. Express how deeply your love burns by taking advantage of specials on their giant heart-shaped seven-wick candles.

Offer those you love the gift of choice with the Camana Bay Gift Card, accepted

throughout the Camana Bay Town Centre. Red glitter designs are available today, so don't miss out! Visit the Visitor Centre on Market Street or call +1.345.640.4000 to purchase.

Share the love

Capture your moments celebrating Valentine's Day in Camana Bay and share on social media with the hashtag #Camana-Bay for your chance to have your photo featured and win spot prizes. Make sure you are following Camana Bay on Facebook at @CamanaBay and Instagram at @camana_bay.

Visit camanabay.com for all things Valentine's Day.

About Camana Bay

A destination within a destination, Camana Bay is a vibrant town located in the heart of Grand Cayman in the Cayman Islands, a British Overseas Territory.

Situated on 685 acres between Seven Mile Beach and the North Sound, this mixed-use master-planned community is one of the first examples of New Urbanism in the Caribbean.

Developed by Dart Real Estate, Camana Bay offers more than 650,000 square feet of commercial office and retail space as well as 63 luxury apartments available for long-term lease, and condos, townhomes and duplexes at OLEA, Camana Bay's first for-sale residential project. The town also offers public spaces for all to enjoy, world-class shopping and dining, as well as family-friendly entertainment, events and attractions.

For more information, visit camanabay.com and keep up with the latest developments on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
81° / 75°	83° / 76°	83° / 76°	83° / 76°	80° / 78°	80° / 77°	79° / 78°
Partly sunny, showers around	Humid with a few showers	Breezy in the morning	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and nice	An afternoon shower	A shower in the morning

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Delores Elizabeth Clarke, who passed away on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Savannah Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1631 Shamrock Road, Grand Cayman on Sunday, February 07, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Interment at: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Shayne Anthony Ewart, who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church Of God Prophecy, 314 Eastern Ave., George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing: 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Interment: Prospect Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Roy Faulknor Snr, who passed away on Monday, February, 01, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service for the late Roy Faulknor Snr Aka Dudley will be held at Agape Church 50 Fairbanks Rd, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday, February, 13, 2021 at 10: 00 a.m. Viewing: 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Interment: Prospect Cemetery This funeral Service will be live-streamed on the Churchill's funeral Home Facebook page starting from 9:50 a.m.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Dorinda Greene, who passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Smith Road, George Town, Grand Cayman on Sunday, February 07, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Viewing: Closed Casket Interment at: Garden of Reflections Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

The family of the late **John Davis Currison** regret to announce his passing on 26 January, 2021.



A funeral service will be held 3:00 p.m. at Ministry of Peace Church , West Bay on Saturday, 6 February 2021.


Interment will follow at the Boatswain Bay Cemetery.

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

Bodden Funeral
"A source of comfort in a troubled time"

Churchill's Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Marilyn Ethel Walker, who passed away on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the North Side Civic Center, 923 North Side Rd, Grand Cayman on Sunday, February 07, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Viewing: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Interment at: North Side Cemetery



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COVID vaccination schedule week of 1st February 2021

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

When receiving your second dose, you **MUST** also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your first dose.

For the most up to date vaccination schedule visit <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Thursday, 4 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname A - D	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname E - G	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname H - M	DOSE 2
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1, Group A - Surname N - Z	DOSE 2
*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 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose.			
The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.			
Facemask & Photo ID required			

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Friday, 5 February 2021			
9:00am - 10:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	East End Clinic	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
9:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname A - F	DOSE 2
10:00am - 11:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname G - N	DOSE 2
11:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 Group A - Surname O - Z	DOSE 2
*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 2nd dose, you MUST also bring along your vaccination card reflecting your 1st dose.			
The date on your vaccination card for the 2nd dose is the earliest that is recommended.			
Facemask & Photo ID required			



Stage One:

Group A

- Residents and staff of institutional facilities
- Individuals aged 70+
- Healthcare workers and first responders
- All frontline staff dealing with incoming travellers

Group B

- Adults 60+ or with a relevant health status

Group C

- Workers essential to Government continuity

Stage Two:

Group A

- Anyone aged 16-60 with relevant medical conditions predisposing to COVID-19

Group B

- Those living at home with persons from stage one of the programme
- Essential workers, teachers, school staff

Stage Three:

- Those aged 50+
- Everyone else 16+ who has not been vaccinated

Persons over 60 years old are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as they are some of the most vulnerable and we want to keep them protected when our borders open. **If you are home bound and unable to attend one of the vaccination clinics, please contact the Flu Hotline or your local HSA District Health Centre and arrangements will be made to with a Public Health nurse to provide your vaccine in the comfort of your home.**

Persons receiving the vaccine must wear a facemask, present a Government photo ID and sign the COVID-19 vaccine consent form (dose 1).

The form is available at <https://hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/> or <https://bit.ly/3ot0IG3>.

HSA Flu Hotline - 1-800-534-8600 or 925-6327 or flu@hsa.ky

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- George Town - 244-2800
- East End - 947-7440
- North Side - 947-9525
- West Bay - 949-3439
- Bodden Town - 947-2299
- Faith Hospital - 925-1190

COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign 2021			
Monday 1st February - Saturday 6th February 2021			
TIME	LOCATION	STAGE & GROUPS	DOSE
Saturday, 6 February 2021			
8:00am - 10:00am	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname M - P	DOSE 1
10:00am - 12:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname Q - S	DOSE 1
1:00pm - 3:00pm	Offsite COVID Vaccine Clinic, Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA)	Stage 1 (Group A, B, C) Stage 2 Group A - Surname T - Z	DOSE 1
*Schedule and groups subject to change. Most up to date schedule will be on www.hsa.ky			
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HONG KONG EXODUS?

By Michael Jarvis, UK Correspondent

Against a backdrop of protests over a move by China to introduce a new national security law, the British government is now offering Hong Kong citizens a fast-tracked UK citizenship.

Persons in Hong Kong who hold a British National Overseas passport can now apply (since the end of January) for a UK visa for themselves and their dependents with the possibility of a full UK citizenship after five years.

Hong Kong reverted to Chinese control in 1997 after over 150 years of British rule dating back to 1841.

This is a development that will no doubt be watched closely in the Cayman Islands where several Hong Kong citizens and companies have a presence and investments.

The UK visa offer is available to around 5.5 million Hong Kong residents, estimated to be about 70% of the population.

It was already expected that an initial 300,000 could take up the offer with the likelihood of many more considering the move.

The offer has been opposed by the Chinese government which has said it will not recognise the BNO passport as a travel document.

The current wave of protests started in 2019 against the plans by the Chinese government to introduce the security law which involves extraditing protesters from Hong Kong to mainland China.



The original draft law was eventually withdrawn last year but China is understood to be planning a new version of it.

Since the UK relinquished control of China in 1997 there have been waves of demonstrations demanding democratic reform aimed at keeping the territory more in line with the system under which

Hong Kong functioned for over 150 years of British colonial rule.

Hong Kong is ranked as a high-income country with GDP per capita in the region of \$US37,000 and has a highly regarded tertiary education system.

One perspective is that high-net-worth persons could seek to move their business interests and families out of the territory

leading to an estimated US\$36 billion outflow to the UK and possibly overseas territories.

With a representative office in Hong Kong - and Hong Kong business interests in Cayman - developments in and affecting that former British territory will no doubt be watched closely by the Cayman Islands government and business community.

CAYMAN REACHES IMPORTANT MILESTONES IN COVID FIGHT

Cayman recorded two milestones this past week as the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic continues.

The jurisdiction past an impressive 10,000 vaccinations in the ongoing national voluntary vaccination programme.

This means that the entire first consignment of the Pfizer-BionTech drug received at the beginning of January have been administered plus already over 2,000 doses from the second shipment which arrived at the end of the month.

Meanwhile, Cayman this week recorded its 400th case since the outbreak of the pandemic last year and the first case found here in March.

There have only been two deaths which have been attributed to the COVID-19 virus.

Cayman continues to have a comparatively low incidence of the disease and its testing and vaccination remain among the highest rates regionally and globally.

Commenting on the vaccine roll-out, Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee said, "I am really pleased with the roll-out of our vaccination programme in the Cayman Islands, and want to thank everyone who has stepped forward so far."

Despite some vaccine resistance by a minority of individuals, public interest in receiving the jabs is so high that health officials have had to resort to using the large



arrivals hall at the Owen Roberts International Airport to cope with the demand

and reduce congestion in the long queues evident at several clinics.

"I encourage those of you who are eligible to take it," CMO Dr Lee has appealed to residents.

"The vaccine is a great tool in our fight against this deadly disease, and in time as travel increases, it will protect us from COVID-19's deadliest effects. Please help protect our whole community and have the vaccine when you are eligible," he said.

Since the borders were initially opened to limited capacity travel last October, confirmed COVID-19 cases have generally been linked to incoming travellers with the recent discovery of a case of the highly contagious UK variant of the virus in one traveller heightening safety precautions.

Premier Alden McLaughlin who had previously indicated a projected date of March for further opening of the borders and the economy, has now set a threshold of 90 per cent of the population being vaccinated as a precondition.

The emergence of new, more transmissible variants of the virus is a concern for governments and health officials worldwide.

However, early indications are that the UK, South African and Brazilian variants which are presently the main cause of concern, are not considered to be more deadly than the original strain.

Ongoing research suggests that vaccines now being deployed and those in development could be modified to suppress these and any other variants as they develop.

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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

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

Difficulty Level ★

Difficulty Level ★★

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Pitching no-no
- 5 Group of actors
- 9 Stylist's spot
- 10 Coldly distant
- 12 Tag info
- 13 Captain Nemo's creator
- 14 Utah national park
- 16 Game cube
- 17 Some Father's Day gifts
- 18 Morality topic
- 21 Sinking signal
- 22 Teams
- 23 Tennis setting
- 24 Styx ferryman
- 26 Director's cry
- 29 Asian capital
- 30 Road crew marker
- 31 Noah's boat
- 32 Maine national park
- 34 Cloth fold
- 37 Leaves out
- 38 "Semper Fidelis" composer

DOWN

- 39 Zellweger of "Judy"
- 40 Ship pole
- 41 Bassets and beagles
- 1 Spanish neighborhood
- 2 "— Restaurant"
- 3 Highland lakes
- 4 Patella's place
- 5 Cleveland player, for short
- 6 Hoppy brew
- 7 Dishonorable
- 8 Invigorating drinks
- 9 Petty quarrels
- 11 Pros' charges
- 15 California national park
- 19 Rotate
- 20 Bowler or boater
- 22 In need of a massage
- 23 Beanie or beret
- 24 Music's Santana
- 25 Lift
- 26 Programmer's work
- 27 Joins forces
- 28 Make fun of
- 29 Lights-out tune
- 30 Unbilled role
- 33 Parachute pull
- 35 Dry — bone
- 36 Road gunk

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Saturday's answer

- 11 Pros' charges
- 15 California national park
- 19 Rotate
- 20 Bowler or boater
- 22 In need of a massage
- 23 Beanie or beret
- 24 Music's Santana
- 25 Lift
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Word Search

Z	V	X	F	O	E	B	E	R	K	C	I	L	C	Z
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- Background
- Browser
- CGI
- Click
- Cookie
- Crash
- Dotcom
- Download
- Email
- Fetch
- FTP
- Guestbook
- Highway
- Hits
- Homepage
- HTML
- HTTP
- Java
- Links
- Modem
- Password
- Search
- Site
- Virus
- Web page

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

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