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## GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIOS ASSIGNED

Hon. Premier Wayne Panton on Monday evening formally announced his cabinet team saying their ministerial responsibilities aligned "around the key priorities of this administration."

The anxiously-awaited announcement shows an eight-person team of ministers, three more than the previous gov-

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## CMO CONCERNED OVER SLOWDOWN IN VACCINATIONS

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr John Lee is urging persons in the 16 - 44 age group to come forward and get their COVID-19 vaccination.

In an update on the ongoing vaccination campaign, Dr Lee reports that since the campaign started in January, 55 per cent of the population have already received one dose and 67% of those over 16 years of age based on the estimated population of 65,000.

The Pfizer vaccination is administered in two doses three weeks apart in Cayman.

That means that to date Public Health Cayman have administered 65,497 doses

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COVID-19 gov.ky/coronavirus



### Let's Keep Working Together

Protect yourself and your community against COVID-19.

www.gov.ky/covid19-vaccine

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- 2 consider **wearing a mask** around the elderly and vulnerable
- 3 continue frequent **hand washing**
- 4 consider getting **vaccinated** when eligible

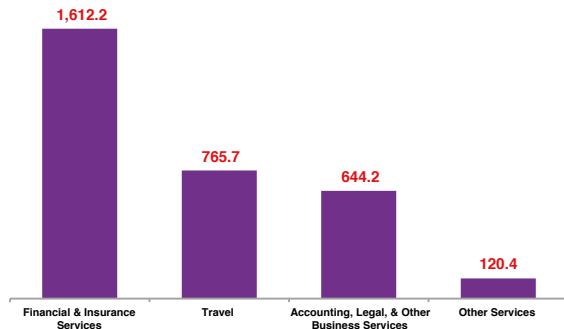
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Foreign Exchange Revenue from Services in 2019, CI\$ Million



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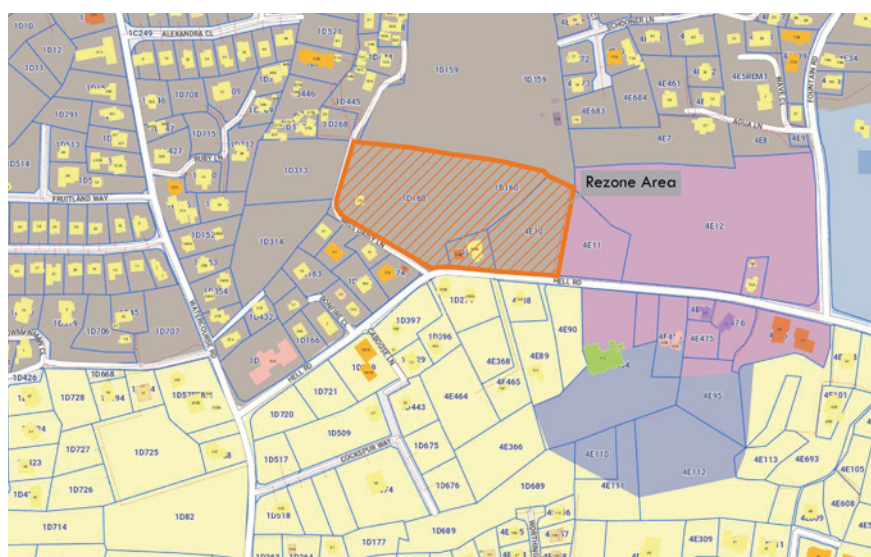
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#### REQUEST FOR ALTERATION TO THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 1997

The Central Planning Authority (CPA) is considering a request for alteration to the Development Plan 1997 (RZ20-0006) for the following: Block 1D Parcels 160 and 161, and Block 4E Parcel 10 from High Density Residential to Neighbourhood Commercial. These parcels are located to the north of Hell Road in West Bay.



The electronic file can be inspected at the Department of Planning, Government Administration Building, 133 Elgin Avenue, George Town between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday. Anyone wishing to comment on this proposal must do so in writing within 60 days of the final advertisement (May 5<sup>th</sup> 2021) or by July 4<sup>th</sup> 2021. Please remit all correspondence to the attention of the Director of Planning, P.O. Box 113, KY1-9000 Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands; or by email to [planning.dept@gov.ky](mailto:planning.dept@gov.ky). CPA meeting minutes pertaining to this application can be found on the Department's website at [www.planning.ky](http://www.planning.ky) (Meeting CPA/07/21; Item 3.1)

# CMO CONCERNED OVER SLOWDOWN IN VACCINATION UPTAKE

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with 30,068 receiving the required two doses and the other 35,429 getting their first jab.

CMO Dr Lee says: "We have good vaccination rates for people over 50 years of age, but for those between 16 and 50 years old, the rate is 44%. The country is looking forward to the borders opening, and to make the population safe, we need to have widespread coverage of all those eligible."

Reassuring that "the vaccination is very safe", Dr Lee says, "although many people have side effects for a day or two, and often only after the

second dose, the risks of getting seriously ill or dying from COVID-19 by far outweigh the minor side effects that some people suffer."

And directing his message to persons aged between 16 and 50 years old where the uptake of the vaccine in Cayman is comparatively low, he points to the situation in Brazil where persons under 40 years old are among the most infected.

"In Brazil during April 2021, more than 50% of intensive care beds were occupied by patients aged less than 40, and we know that Variants of Concern are affecting the young more," Dr Lee reminds.

"COVID-19 is raging around the globe but the Cayman Islands has the precious resource of vaccinations," he adds, and urges "let's not waste this gift in the face of the world's gaze; people are desperate for vaccinations in countries where patients can't get enough oxygen and respiratory support."

The current outbreak in India is a case in point where oxygen and other crucial supplies to combat the virus are running dangerously low.

According to the CMO: "Through the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) of the United Kingdom, we have been provided around 90,000 vaccinations which is enough to give 45,000 people a course of two injections. Our last scheduled delivery was on 7th April, and the last batches expire at the end of June 2021."

For persons who have not taken their jab, the CMO stress that "our last sched-



► Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee

uled delivery of vaccines will expire at the end of June so your first dose needs to be by 9th June."

"Please come forward to protect yourself, protect the community and do the right thing," he urges.


While peak demand for first doses of the vaccinations has declined considerably from its height in March, Dr Lee says the Owen Roberts International Airport site will remain in operation for a few more weeks for our final drive."

There are many benefits to the community from taking the vaccine iDr Lee points out.

These include: protecting the most vulnerable from the infection as the virus cannot get a good hold, individuals won't pass the virus to those most vulnerable, and in you get infected, the vaccine offers high protection against moderate to severe disease, hospitalisation and death.

Other benefits are listed as:

- the chances of getting 'long COVID' after even a mild infection (where symptoms persisting for months or years) will be hugely reduced
- studies from Israel have shown that protection from high vaccination will even benefit children
- travel abroad will be safer
- allowing travellers into the Cayman Islands will be safer
- large scale outdoor gatherings will become a far safer prospect
- and, as the world improves, the duration of quarantine will reduce further and hopefully will no longer be required.



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# Share moments with Mom at Camana Bay this Mother's Day

Mother's Day is Sunday 9 May and the shops, stores and services at Camana Bay are here to help all to cherish their moms and maternal figures. With brunches, gift options, free photo sessions and the chance to win an ultimate prize pack, there's something for every Mom at Camana Bay.

## Meaningful experiences

Capture memories with Mom on Saturday, 1 May with a free Mother's Day portrait taken by photographer Guy Waller. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. drop into the pop-up photo studio at 9 Forum Lane, across from Scotiabank. Reservations are not needed; however, families are encouraged to arrive early.

On Thursday, 6 May spend some time with Mom with a special cooking class on fermentation hosted by Saucha Conscious Living at Bon Vivant. Spaces are limited and registration is CI\$125 per person. Email [info@bonvivant.ky](mailto:info@bonvivant.ky) to book.

Cultivate a new skill together by dropping into 3 Girls & A Kiln, on the corner of Market Street and Forum Lane, to decorate a personally glazed or customised piece. Alternatively, stop by solo and glaze a piece as a thoughtful personalised gift for Mother's Day. If time is short, simply select a one-of-a-kind gift from the shop's assortment of decorated ceramics or pick up a "book one class, get one half-off" special gift card.

On Sunday, 9 May, Mizu Asian Bistro + Bar and Pani Indian Kitchen are coming

together for an Asian- and Indian-inspired feast that will take Mom on a journey through the Orient. For only CI\$55 per person families can enjoy all-you-can-eat Asian and Indian classics and beer, wine and well drinks.

Continuing the global culinary tour, perhaps try a Peruvian-and-Italian-inspired Mother's Day brunch at Agua on Sunday, 9 May from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for only CI\$125 per person. This decadent brunch experience includes a full spread of seafood, grass-fed meats, organic pastas, farm-fresh produce and bottomless champagne, wine and cocktails.

## Edible gifts

Looking to celebrate at home this Mother's Day? Enjoy an easy but indulgent Mother's Day dinner at home with Carnivore's Dinner-in-a-Box offering. Families can choose from two boxes offering an appetiser, choice of two mains and a whole slew of sides that are sure to satiate the whole family's tastebuds and offer Mom a memorable meal.

Don't forget the dessert! Sweeten the deal with macarons, cakes, tubs of her favourite gelato flavour or a speciality custom order from Gelato & Co. Be sure to place special orders at least three days before Mother's Day to ensure availability and timely delivery.

Stop by Foster's and pair a pre-made bouquet or custom floral arrangement from its flower market with fresh-baked

cakes, macarons and pastries for a delightful surprise.

## Spoiling Mom

Give the gift of relaxation, courtesy of Eclipse Hair Design & Day Spa's special Mother's Day packages, available until Saturday, 8 May. Mom can experience the 'She is Worth it' treatment for CI\$95, which includes a bright eyes treatment and back, neck, shoulder massage and Indian head massage. Alternatively, send Mom on a 'Mother's Retreat' for \$180 that includes an aromatherapy back, neck and shoulder massage and botanical brightening healthy skin facial with a bright eyes treatment.

Put together a gift basket of Mom's favourite things from Next Chapter. A one-stop shop for gifts, cards, books and more, the Next Chapter team is ready to assist with meaningful suggestions that are sure to surprise and delight Mom this Mother's Day. The shop's lowest-price guarantee and complimentary gift-wrapping service make shopping a breeze.

Make Mom sparkle at Island Jewellers and Pandora. Spend CI\$50 and receive a free Mother's Day card and an entry to win flowers delivered to your mom anywhere in the world.

Mom knows best, and for the discerning mom, offer her the gift of choice with a Camana Bay Gift Card from the Camana Bay Visitor Centre that she can use at the location of her choosing. Email

► Celebrate Mother's Day in Camana Bay with meaningful experiences, gift ideas and take a free portrait with photographer Guy Waller on Saturday, 1 May

by.com to pre-order your gift card or stop by the Visitor Centre on Market Street.

## Key dates:

- Saturday, 1 May – Free Mother's Day portraits at 9 Forum Lane, across from Scotiabank
- Wednesday, 5 May – First Wednesdays offers late-night shopping, featuring special offers on jewellery, make-up, shoes, books, home décor from participating retailers. Looking for something locally made? A special artisans market will be taking place from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, 6 May – Saucha cooking class at Bon Vivant
- Sunday, 9 May – Mother's Day brunches and lunches at Mizu Asian Bistro + Bar and Agua

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# HSA welcomes first full-time chiropractor

The HSA is pleased to announce the commencement of its full-time chiropractic service in the new specialist clinic at the Smith Road Centre. This service will be conducted by HSA chiropractor Dr Robert Bouliane, BSc and DC.

Dr Robert Bouliane is BSc. DC, FIIT works with patients from all walks of life to provide natural, sustainable pain relief and preventative care.

Over the last 20 years, Dr Bouliane has garnered the respect of his patients, community, and colleagues by providing exceptional care to uncover the cause of ailments such as lower back and neck pain, disc injuries, arthritis, sports injuries, scoliosis, chronic illnesses/pain, fibromyalgia and many others.

"It is an honour to be the first ever Cayman Islands Health Services Authority chiropractor. I am excited to return to Cayman with my family and eager to be working with my astute col-

leagues to help people of Cayman who need an accessible and convenient alternative to restore their health. With the onset of COVID 19, other health concerns stemming from relative inactivity and unsuitable home office conditions have emerged. Chiropractic services can address some of these issues and move patients toward a healthier lifestyle," stated Dr Bouliane, adding that he uses state-of-the-art chiropractic instruments and equipment that supports a multitude of gentle and exclusive techniques.

"Over the most recent years there has been a trend of people seeking more alternative solutions to pain and overall health rather than traditional medicine," explained Medical Director Dr Delroy Jefferson. "One of those solutions include chiropractic techniques. It's non-invasive, does not require ingesting drugs or chemicals and have very successful results."

"It is a pleasure to have Dr Bouliane join our team of expert specialists. He brings with him a great deal of experience in his field. He also has a history working in the Cayman Islands and his exemplary work is already known by his former patients, many of whom are eager to return to his care. The HSA is proud to be able to offer our patients this service in-house for the first time ever and assure them that there are more to come as we continue to expand our services and locations to better meet the healthcare needs of our people," Dr Jefferson stated.

Dr Bouliane received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Logan University in St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Upon graduating he was awarded the health center achievement award in recognition of exemplary clinical performance and academic excellence. Early in his career, he earned his fellowship with the



► HSA full-time chiropractor Dr Robert Bouliane

International Institute of Trigenics in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, giving him a unique approach to treating muscular conditions that have failed to heal with other types of therapies.

He believes that there is a simple and systematic approach to restore health to the human body. "Providing sufficiency where there is deficiency and pu-

riety where there is toxicity is my approach and philosophy and it has proven successful," he said. "I refer to this as functional chiropractic."

Persons interested in booking an appointment with Dr Bouliane do not require a referral (unless required by their health insurers). To book an appointment call 244-2530 ext 8004.

# HSA CT scan service resumes with new advanced scanner



► The new Revolution CT scanner

The Health Services Authority (HSA) has resumed its computed tomography (CT) scan service effective 26 April 2021 after temporary suspension of the service to make room for the installation of a new modern scanner.

"The Revolution CT allows us the ability to lower radiation doses while capturing higher quality imaging, making the process safer than before," said HSA Interventional Radiologist Dr Alessandro Lemos. "It will also make scanning of challenging organs such as the heart easier and more efficient. All of these benefits will result in a significantly more comfortable and safer patient experience and contribute to better patient outcomes."

Other capabilities of the machine include high quality vascular studies and fluoroscopy that enables real



► Louda Powery is HSA's first patient to use the recently installed CT scanner

time image control over the entire body during interventional procedures, which reduces time and radiation dose to the patient. Additionally,

it may be used for CT brain perfusion for the evaluation of stroke.

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# GOVERNMENT PORTFOLIOS ASSIGNED

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ernment supported by three Parliamentary Secretaries.

The spread of portfolios reflecting the governing mandate of the PACT (People-driven, Accountable, Competent and Transparent) coalition of Independents.

Premier Panton has taken on the portfolios of the Cabinet Office along with Sustainability and Climate Resiliency, the latter previously the Ministry of Environment which Mr Panton held in the former People's Progressive Movement-led Unity government before his departure.

Issues around development, sustainability and climate change were key aspects of his campaign during the election.

"As Premier I have also chosen to retain a smaller portfolio which will allow me to coordinate the work of my administration. However, I have created a Ministry to address the existential threats posed by climate change," he said.

Premier Panton also retains responsibility for the budget of the Royal Cayman Islands Police's Service (RCIPS).

As expected, Hon. Deputy Premier Chris Saunders has taken on the portfolio of Finance and Economic Development alongside Labour.

Premier Panton said, "Improving the lives of our people will be at the centre of everything we do. That is why we have

aligned responsibilities around Labour and Employment (to tie in with the Ministry of Finance) as well as Social Development to benefit from innovation and inward investment opportunities."

Hon. Andre Ebanks will lead the Ministry of Financial Services & Commerce coupled with Investment, Innovation & Social Development in line with the vision outlined by the Premier.

For the first time in two decades, the Ministry of Education will have the same minister continuing in the role with Hon. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly retaining the portfolio that she held in the previous PPM-led government.

It's a portfolio assignment highlighted by the Premier against the background of repeated concerns during the campaign that education policies lacked consistency with a consequential impact on academic outcomes.

Premier Panton singled it out as a top issue for his government.

"As an example, the Ministry of Education will have policy continuity and a streamlined focus in a more strategic portfolio. This is the first time in over 20 years and 6 administrations that the same Minister has continued as Minister for Education," he pointed out.

During the coalition negotiations Min. O'Connor-Connolly, who will also be responsible for District Administration, Lands and Survey crossed over from the

Progressives camp to join the PACT, cementing the coalition's governing majority.

The Cayman Islands new Minister of Tourism is Hon. Kenneth Bryan who will also have responsibility for Transport putting him at the centre of decision-making on the reopening of the critical tourism industry and resolving the challenges besetting Cayman's local traffic network.

Hon. Hon. Sabrina Turner has been assigned the sole and all-encompassing portfolio of Minister of Health with a plethora of issues ranging from the COVID-19 pandemic, health insurance, access to healthcare, the growing medical tourism industry and related health areas.

The Minister of Home Affairs, Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage is Hon. Bernie Bush with Hon. Johany Ebanks as Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing, and Infrastructure.

The Parliamentary Secretaries have also been named to support specific ministries.

Katherine Ebanks-Wilks is Parliamentary Secretary to Minister Andre Ebanks (Financial Services) and Minister Julianna O'Connor-Connolly (Education).

Isaac Rankine is assigned to Mins. Johany Ebanks and Bernie Bush (Home Affairs).

Heather Bodden will support Min. Kenneth Bryan and Min. Andre Ebanks (Social Development).

Premier Panton said: "My Cabinet colleagues and I are eager to begin tackling

the business of the Government in a way that positively impacts our diverse constituencies. We understand that we are here to serve the will of the people and we feel privileged to work alongside the Civil Service towards this goal."

He also thanked Hon. Deputy Governor Franz Manderson and his team "for facilitating our introduction to the work of the Civil Service over the past few days."

In extending his well-wishes to the new Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries on behalf of the Civil Service, Mr Manderson said: "We have been working behind the scenes for some time to facilitate the smooth handover of power to any incoming Government.

"Now we are very much looking forward to helping them settle in and move the country forward in a way that benefits the lives of all Caymanians and residents."

Of the new administration, only Premier Panton and Minister of Education O'Connor-Connolly have had previous cabinet experience.

With several of the ministries re-named and re-assigned, it was not immediately clear which ministry will carry the responsibility for immigration, customs and border control.

And while some other ministers have held representative political seats, three of their colleagues - Andre Ebanks, Sabrina Turner and Jay Ebanks - have been successful for the first time in an election.

## New CERT Members Strengthen Cayman's Resilience

Eighteen volunteers attended the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training earlier this month.

The intensive two-day course took place at the Red Cross building on Huldah Avenue on Saturday, 17 April and Sunday, 18 April.

Hazard Management Cayman Islands' Preparedness and Planning Officer, Teresita DaSilva explained, "Typically the CERT training focuses on a specific community, but in this instance, we had a number of residents from across Cayman who expressed an interest in the CERT program. These new members will join established CERTs or form the basis of new teams that will be developed in areas that are not currently represented with an established group."

The Cayman Islands Red Cross (CIRC) works in partnership with Hazard Management Cayman Islands (HMCI) to deliver CERT training and maintain the program. They are also assisted by the Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) which provides the fire safety and search and rescue components.

HMCI Director, Danielle Coleman congratulated the participants for volunteering and helping to make the Cayman Islands more resilient. "We really appreciate the commitment shown by these 18 members of the community. The CERT training is, of course, just the beginning. We now expect these volunteers to actively work to make their own families and communities safer and better prepared for all hazards, as well as support the re-

sponse and recovery efforts of the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) when required."

The 18 volunteers still have to complete the required first aid and CPR components before being included in the official national CERT database. The training over the weekend included an overview of the structure of an established CERT team, fire safety and suppression, disaster preparedness, search and rescue operations, stress management and disaster psychology, shelter management, initial damage assessment and vulnerability and capacity assessment.

There are currently six active CERT groups established in the Cayman Islands, including teams in Little Cayman and Cayman Brac, Savannah Meadows, Prospect,

North Sound Gardens and West Bay. HMCI and CIRC maintain engagement with the volunteers through annual exercises and ongoing training activities.

The CIRC Disaster Manager, Edward Tinling-Miller said "It's always great to welcome new members to the CERT programme. We are constantly striving to make Cayman more resilient and being a CERT responder is a fundamental part of that process. The training covers a wide range of topics and is designed to improve the overall knowledge of disaster preparedness and response. We are delighted to welcome the newly qualified members to the Cayman CERT family!"

If you are interested in becoming a CERT volunteer, please contact Ms. DaSilva at [Teresita.DaSilva@gov.ky](mailto:Teresita.DaSilva@gov.ky)



► The training included considering the risks and vulnerabilities of their community as well as past impacts that have affected the Cayman Islands



► 18 volunteers in Grand Cayman train to join the Community Emergency Response Team programme



► New CERT members train with fire extinguishers



► Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks receives the instrument of office as Parliamentary Secretary from His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper



► Ms Heather Bodden receives the document from the Governor



► Mr. Isaac Rankine receives the instrument of office from the Governor

## Parliamentary Secretaries Receive Instruments of Office

Government's three Parliamentary Secretaries received their instruments of office for their appointment today, Tuesday, 27 April 2021, from His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper at his office in the Government Administration Building (GAB).

Parliamentary Secretaries are appointed under Section 54 (A) of the amended Cayman Islands Constitution. They are elected Members of Parliament and they provide assistance to Cabinet Ministers.

Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, received the document from the Governor to serve as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Min-

ister for Financial Services Hon. Andre Ebanks as well as Minister for Education Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly.

Ms Heather Bodden is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Tourism and Transport Hon. Kenneth Bryan and the Minister for Community Affairs (Social Development) Hon. Andre Ebanks.

Mr. Isaac Rankine serves as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Home Affairs Hon. Bernie Bush and to the Minister for Planning, Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, Hon. Johany Ebanks.

The Governor and the three Parliamentary Secretaries signed the instruments as required.



► His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper (second from right) with the three Parliamentary Secretaries (from left) Mr. Isaac Rankine, Ms Heather Bodden and Hon. Katherine Ebanks-Wilks (Photos by Lucy Russell, GIS)

## “MASSIVE” OPENS BRAC BRANCH

By Shakir Khan

West End Park on Cayman Brac was a hub of activity, fun and excitement last Saturday April 24th as the MASSIVE GROUP Company of Grand Cayman launched their Brac outlet. The function got underway shortly after mid-day and continued until around 4:30 in the afternoon.

Massive is a Caymanian owned business, now in its 22nd year of

operation. Established back in 1998, the company's main focus is the provision of services for the contractor, “do-it-yourself,” as well as, event sector.

“We will be offering a wide range of facilities and construction equipment rentals coupled with equipment and tools, portable toilet rentals and servicing,” said Mr. David Kirkaldy, President of Massive Equipment Rental and Sales Services.



“There will also be the provision of party and special event equipment. With the number of projects in the pipeline geared towards Cayman Brac we saw the need to make our presence felt here.”

Massive's business vision is to rent and sell equipment and provide allied services to contractors, homeowners, and the special events market. Products include compaction equipment, concrete equipment, construction lighting, generators and welders and a host of other

equipment. Mr. Kirkaldy advised that opening up on the Brac came after lengthy discussions with a variety of interest groups on the island. He also mentioned that it will be a lot easier to get the island back on track in the event of a hurricane hitting the island. They have also put together a list of how to prepare your home for a hurricane.

Residents were treated to a wide variety of fun activities. There was the ever popular bouncing castle that was a hit

with the little ones. Those a little older enjoyed themselves on the slides and swings. Adults and youngsters alike participated in the trail walk with those completing it receiving a bag of Massive goodies. The Bingo event also attracted both adults and children who had an enjoyable time.

Residents were also treated to a wide variety of refreshments throughout the evening's activities.

In the words of residents, “this will be **MASSIVE** indeed.”



# KPMG in the Cayman Islands announces six new Partners

KPMG in the Cayman Islands has announced six new Partner promotions. Joining the firm's partnership are Cathy Houts (Tax), Jeffrey Stower (Restructuring), Ben Blair, Claire Griffin, Hellen Chemeli, and Rennie Khan (all Audit, Asset Management).

Cathy is an experienced leader within KPMG's Tax function, leading the Firm through the continually evolving tax environment since joining in 2009 and now becoming the firm's first female Tax Partner. She also works closely with Gender Equality Cayman and 100 Women in Finance locally.

Jeff has over 19 years of restructuring experience and has been with KPMG for over a decade. An instrumental part of the leadership team, Jeff has established an international network and was named in the Global Guide of Who's Who Legal as a leading restructuring and insolvency practitioner.

Ben has over 17 years of audit experience across the UK, UAE and the Cayman Islands. He has an important role in the Global Asset Management working group, building up relevant functionality and creating a knowledge library for the Firm.

Claire is a private equity specialist who leads some of the Firm's key private equity relationships. She is also a member of Hedge Fund Care's Hope of Cayman Committee and often presents to 100 Women in Finance on digitization.

An accomplished engagement leader, Hellen brings over 15 years' experience to KPMG in hedge funds, private debt and credit and private equity. She plays an active part in the KPMG Junior Achievement program and the KPMG Money Talks program for local children.

With over 20 years' experience from Trinidad and Tobago and the Cayman Islands, Rennie leads the Firm's audit relationship with the KPMG Hong Kong asset management practice, serves on the Cayman Islands Institute of Professional Accountants ("CIIPA") Council and is Chair of the CIIPA Public Practice Committee.

"We are delighted to welcome Cathy, Jeff, Ben, Claire, Hellen and Rennie as Partners at KPMG. These promotions reflect their motivation to deliver the world-class service and advice that our clients and industry peers require. They are all great ambassadors for our firm, which is clear through the numerous initiatives and organizations they work



► L-R (Top row): Ben Blair (Partner, Asset Management), Hellen Chemeli, (Partner, Asset Management), Rennie Khan, (Partner, Asset Management), Jeff Stower, (Partner, Restructuring). L-R (Bottom row): Cathy Houts (Partner, Tax), Andrew Stepaniuk (Managing Partner), Claire Griffin, (Partner, Asset Management).

with outside of the office," said Andy Stepaniuk, Managing Partner at KPMG.

"Each new Partner brings their own individual skillsets and personalities to the

role and we are excited to see what the future holds as they start this new chapter in their already well-distinguished careers."

## Lions Breakfast, and Rotary Flea Market raises lots of funds

By Christopher Tobutt

Two of Cayman's biggest service organizations, the Lions Club and the Rotary Club got together at the Lions Centre on Saturday April 24, to raise funds for all the good work they do. The Lions were busy raising money by cooking the most delicious breakfast you ever smelled, and tasted and selling it to a great line of customers. Lions get things done, but so do Cayman's Rotary clubs, and they organized a really big fund-raising flea market, with items mostly going between five dollars and ten dollars (although if you made a reasonable offer, it usually wasn't turned down. There were many high-quality items on sale for real bargain-of-the-century prices. Jackets, beautiful dresses and dress-shirts, men and women's shoes were all on sale. All the items were donated either by Rotary Club members or their family & friends.

Robert Powell, Chair of the Foundation Committee for Rotary Sunrise said: "We are holding this flea market to raise funds

for the Rotary Foundation that does good work, globally as well as locally. Everything that is sold here in this flea market, the proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Polio Plus fund, which helps vaccinate people across the world against polio, and provides the delivery mechanism for vaccinations so we're anticipating that some of that work will also be used for covid vaccinations as the vaccines are rolled out across the world. So far, we've probably had two or three hundred people coming to buy," he said.

Not to be outdone (in their own hall, too!) the Lions Club breakfast was in full swing:

President of Lions Club, Carmin Godfrey, said: "This is our breakfast and we used to have it here every month, but that has fallen away now and we try to have it every Quarter instead. We have some very delicious items including some fresh fish & fritters, liver & onions and ackee & salt-fish and we've recently added turtle gumbo and turtle stew to the menu." It



► Rotary Club members and their families all came to make the flea market a big success

certainly looked delicious. Customers had a choice: 12 dollars for the 'single', such as liver and onions or ackee and salt-fish by

itself, and if you want a combo of any of those two, its 15 dollars. It's a fundraising project so it goes back into the community assistance that we have; various aspects of community assistance such as feeding children in the schools and then we also have other projects such as giving gifts out to the needy people at Christmas time and we also assist people through the food pantry as well."

Lions share a core belief - to serve their community. Founded in 1917, Lions are perhaps best known for fighting blindness, but also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects - including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled. Lions also support local children and schools by providing scholarships, recreation facilities and programs, and mentoring programs.



► Breakfast fit for a Lion! Everyone loves ackee and salt-fish



► The art of dumpling-making

# BLISS YOGA RAISES FUNDS FOR CHILDREN'S GARDEN

As Earth Month draws to a close the Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park's (QEIBP) and Bliss Yoga Cayman have completed its Yoga in the Park series. The three-part series aimed to provide a place for the community to focus on health and relaxation, while raising funds for the ongoing Children's Garden project.

"Offering yoga in the beautiful setting of the Colour Garden lawn provided an ideal location for participants. With weekly participation growing up to 35 persons last Sunday (25th April), I was overcome with pride to see everyone enjoying the space we have here," said John Lawrus, Botanic Park general manager.

"Being an Earth Month partner with Bliss Yoga Cayman has been an overwhelming success for all groups involved. Partnering with our local businesses and diversifying what we can offer to the public is key to everyone's growth during these challenging times," he added.

Bliss Yoga Instructors took turns offering their expertise for three consecutive Sundays helping to bring balance to students both mentally and physically. Instructor Rachel Clark was excited to extend her studio's reach by creating more accessibility for people who live out in the eastern districts, as well as to be outside experiencing nature at the Park.

"It feels so nourishing just to be here in the space, my breath was taken away because the Park is so lush and fragrant; there's just so much life here, you can hear the birds and see the butterflies and dragonflies and the Blue Iguana came out every time too!" she said.



► A curious Blue Iguana steals the attention of Yoga in the Park students



► A visit by the endangered Grand Cayman Blue Iguana delights participants

Yoga in the Park participant Marzeta Bodden voiced the classes were another creative way to support the Park as sessions were operated on a "donation only" basis and participants offered up a gift of any amount on the day of their class.

"It's always wonderful to be at the Botanic Park. We are really fortunate that we have this protected, loved and cared for space on the island, but to come out here to share a yoga experience with other people is really special. And the fact that the donated funds is going to a worthy cause, makes it all the better," said Ms. Bodden.

"These funds go directly to the ongoing Children's Garden development. We are extremely grateful for the donation of the instructors, as well as the monies received from all the participants at the three classes at the park, and one at the Bliss Yoga location in George Town which totaled at CI\$1,282.86 thus far," said Mr. Lawrus welcoming the opportunity to discuss further potential fundraising initiatives with businesses.

Bliss Yoga Cayman is hosting one final Earth Month session this Friday 30th April at the Kimpton Seafire Beach Deck at 5:45

pm. To register email [info@blissyogacayman.com](mailto:info@blissyogacayman.com), any donation will be accepted, and all are invited. Bliss offers several outdoor beach-side classes weekly and hopes to have the Botanic Park as a regular occurrence on their fall schedule.

The Queen Elizabeth II Botanic Park is open daily from 9:00 am with last entry at 4:00 pm, general admission is CI\$5.00, (children under 12 are free). Please call 947-9462 to book a guided tour or email [manager@botanic-park.ky](mailto:manager@botanic-park.ky) for information on how you or your company can donate to the Children's Garden Development.

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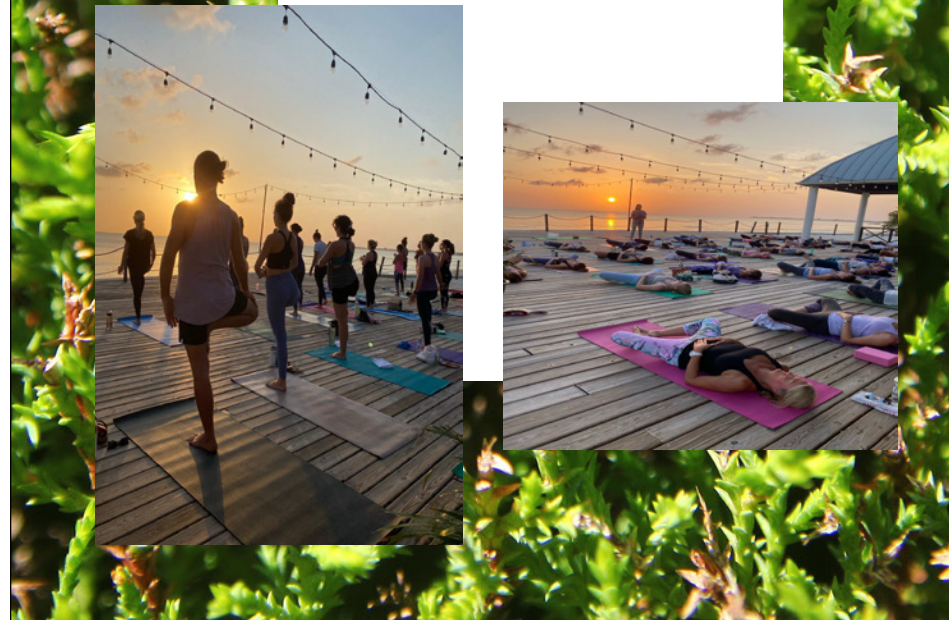



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► Participants enjoy yoga on the QEIBP Colour Garden lawn



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## National Children Festival of the Arts (NCFA) - Final Concerts

**29 April - 1 May** - There will be three concerts to showcase the gold awardees of the 2021 NCFA competition. The showcase gives parents and the general public an opportunity to attend the evening's performances. All shows begin at 6:30pm. Thursday and Friday performances are at the First Baptist Church on Crewe Rd. and Saturday's show is at the Triple C Auditorium. The cost of all concerts is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

## Scholarship Opportunity

**30 April** - The Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands (MEYSAL) is now accepting local scholarship applications for the 2021/2022 academic year. Eligible applicants must possess the right to be Caymanian and possess a letter of acceptance to the academic institution they wish to attend. Apply for the Cayman Islands Government's Education Council Local Scholarship online at [www.education.gov.ky/scholarships](http://www.education.gov.ky/scholarships). Supporting documentation including a cover letter, a copy of the applicant's birth/status certificate and one passport size photograph must be uploaded to the website by today - Friday, 30 April 2021.

## Youth Group - Open Air Meeting

**30 April** - The Savannah United Church Youth Group is hosting an Open Air Meeting on Friday April 30, 2021 from 730 to 930pm. This will be held on the basketball court beside the Church located on Astral Way (behind Wendy's and the Rubis Gas Station) in Savannah. Youth Groups from the other 8 United Churches on island will also be in attendance.

## Yoga at the Gallery with Janine Martins

**1 May** - Enjoy free yoga classes at the National Gallery with Janine Martins from 8:30 to 9:30am. Bring your yoga mat and reusable water bottle. Registration is required so register by emailing [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky). For more information, call 945 - 8111 or email [info@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:info@nationalgallery.org.ky)

## Cayman Chess Club - Chess Tournament

**1 May** - Join the Cayman Chess Club on Saturday May 1 at the George Town Public Library (Historic) for their chess tournament - challenge someone new or advanced! All players play 5 games. Four sections: Open, Intermediate, Beginner and Queens (Lady beginners). Game time is from 10am to

1pm and the entry fee is CI\$10. Call 525 - 5862 for more information.

## National Gallery - Meditation with Mirabelle D'Cunha

**5 May** - Do you need to destress and re-centre? Mirabelle D'Cunha is leading a series of free meditation workshops at the National Gallery from 6pm to 6:45pm. Register for the full series or for individual sessions by emailing [education@nationalgallery.org.ky](mailto:education@nationalgallery.org.ky). For more information, call 945 - 8111.

## Chamber Workshop - Employment & The Labour Law: Understanding the basics

**6 May** - This course will provide an in-depth overview of the major components of the Labour Law and will cover the employment contract, types of leave, hours of work, severance pay and termination. Instructors are Huw Moses, OBE - who is well versed in all aspects of employment law, and Associate Hilary Brooks. The workshop goes from 9am to 1pm and costs \$250 for members and \$325 for future members.

## Speaker Series: 'If These Walls Could Talk' with Arthurlyn Pedley

**6 May** - The National Trust's Speaker Series continues with 'If These Walls Could Talk' with Arthurlyn Pedley and focuses on The



► Cayman Islands Chess Club

Life & Times of Rayal & Roland Bodden- GT (1880s-1970s). The venue is the George Town Public Library and it goes from 5:30 - 6:30pm. Tickets are \$25 and NTCI members receive a 10% discount. Light refreshments will be provided. Purchase tickets online at [nationaltrust.org.ky/events](http://nationaltrust.org.ky/events) or call 749 - 1121 for more information.

## Annual Spring Tea Party

**8 May** - St. Ignatius Spring Tea Party takes place on Saturday 8 May from 2:30 - 5:00pm. Tickets cost \$5 and include afternoon tea (drink and finger foods), entertainment and a chance to win some spectacular door prizes. This is always a beautiful and affordable event for young people to enjoy with their mother, grand-

mother, aunt etc on Mother's Day weekend. Call 949 - 6797 or email [ignatius@candw.ky](mailto:ignatius@candw.ky) to purchase tickets.

## St. Alban's Church of England - Services of Holy Communion

**9 May** - On Sunday May 9th, there will be a Service of Holy Communion and Celebration of Mothers' Day at St. Alban's Church of England on Shedden Road at 9:30am. Children are welcome to come with their parents. There will be light refreshments after the Service.

Send your community events to [wendy@caymaniantimes.ky](mailto:wendy@caymaniantimes.ky)

## COMMUNITY NOTICE

# Landfill Caps Acceptance of Derelict Vehicles

The George Town Landfill will only accept 15 derelict vehicles on any given day going forward.

As a result the Department of Environmental Health is encouraging persons to call the landfill on 949-3719 to confirm when their vehicle can be accepted, and if required to book a slot for a particular day.

The public is also reminded that the George Town Landfill will now only accept derelict vehicles from Monday to Friday between the hours of 7a.m. and 4p.m.



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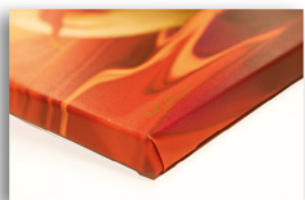
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## Share moments with Mom at Camana Bay this Mother's Day

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### 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.

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For more information, visit [camana-bay.com](http://camana-bay.com) and keep up with the latest developments on Facebook and follow us on Instagram.

# Shrink Your Tummy

Are you ready to reduce your body fat to flatten out your stomach?

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Here's how to make your tummy shrink...

**1. Exercise a minimum of 4 times per week.** It is important to dedicate yourself to working out a minimum of 4 times a week if you want shrink your stomach. Anything less than this won't make a large enough impact on your progress.

**2. Make sure your workouts are effective.** What makes a workout effective? It includes intense cardiovascular training coupled with effective resistance training. Walking on the treadmill for 30 minutes isn't a fat blasting routine. Neither is a leisurely 20 minutes on the elliptical machine. The truth is that you can dramatically increase your results while investing less time when your workouts are effective.

Cardio exercise is all about maintaining an effective level of intensity. This doesn't mean that you should be out of breath or gasping for air, but it does mean that you need to push yourself.

Resistance training is the second key part of a fat burning workout. This means working your major muscle groups against resistance in a way that stimulates your metabolism. Again, the key here is to



▶ Ernest Ebanks

find the right intensity and to keep each muscle group guessing.

**3. Eat a clean diet.** Diet is a big stumbling block for most people. If your diet is out of control, then your stomach will be too. You can't trim your waist without trimming the junk out of your diet, regardless of how intensely you exercise.

Keep calories in check. Do you know how many calories you eat? The best way to find out is to record everything you eat for a few days. Tally the number of calories that you eat each day and do an evaluation — feel free to recruit me to help out with this part. Together we'll chart

improvements for your diet and adjust your calories for maximum results.

Just say "No" to junk food. While this may seem obvious, your definition of "junk food" may need an alteration. Refined sugar is one of the biggest culprits in the junk food world — it is found in soft drinks, blended coffee drinks, cookies, cakes, packaged snacks, and other sinfully sweet treats. Processed fat is another monster. As a rule of thumb you can safely view all processed or refined items as junk food.

Eat more frequently. The key here is to never let your metabolism "crash" by going hours without eating. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to skip breakfast — as this is the meal that 'breaks the fast' that your body goes into each night. Stick with eating small meals every few hours and always avoid stuffing yourself.

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## COVID-19 Vaccine Schedule

# April/May 2021

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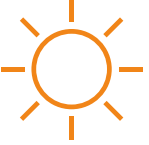





All persons must present photo identification.

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

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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
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DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of the late **Juliet Hurlstone** of Cayman Brac regret to announce her passing on April 16, 2021.



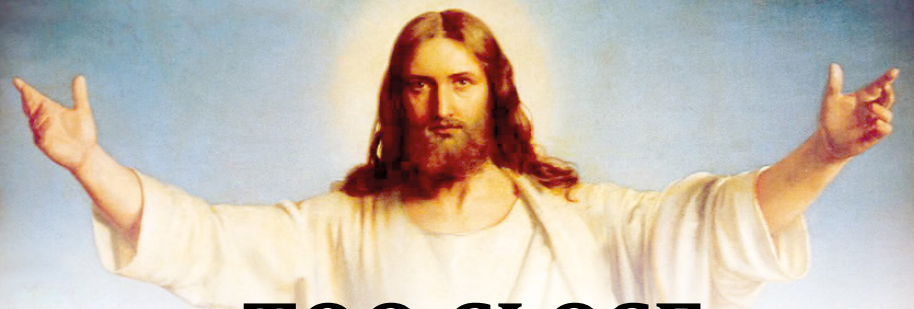
A funeral service will be held 2:00 p.m. at Aston Ruddy Centre, on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Viewing will be held from 1:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow at the Stake Bay Cemetery.

Condolences can be registered at [boddenfuneralservice.com](http://boddenfuneralservice.com) & Bodden Funeral Service Facebook page



MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION



**TOO CLOSE**  
**Proverbs 3:1-18**  
**Devotional Reading**

Oklahoma is well known for severe weather from early spring through the end of summer. It is told of one evening the weather reporter warned of an approaching tornado. The sky boiled with dark clouds as electricity went out. One family climbed down the wooden ladder into the cellar behind their house where they stayed until the storm abated.

"Storm chasing," is a big thing today. For some it is a hobby for others a profitable vo-

cation. The goal- get as close as possible to a tornado or storm without being harmed. They are skilled forecasters with accurate information, but honestly I will stay far from this.

In moral and spiritual areas of our lives, however, we foolishly do things God tells us not to do. Solomon wrote, "trust in the Lord with thine heart and lean not to thy own understanding." He is the Master adventurer of living so let us follow His commands.

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You may also register your special memories to his register at [www.churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://www.churchillsfuneralhome.com)



**Churchill's**

Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Charmaine Marie Seymour - Maxwell, who passed away on Monday April 19, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at Church of God Full Gospel Hall, 63 South Church St, George Town, Grand Cayman on Saturday May 1, 2021 At 2:00 p.m.

Viewing 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Interment will follow at Old Man Bay Cemetery. This Service Will be livestreamed on the Churchills funeral Home Facebook page starting from 1:50 p.m.

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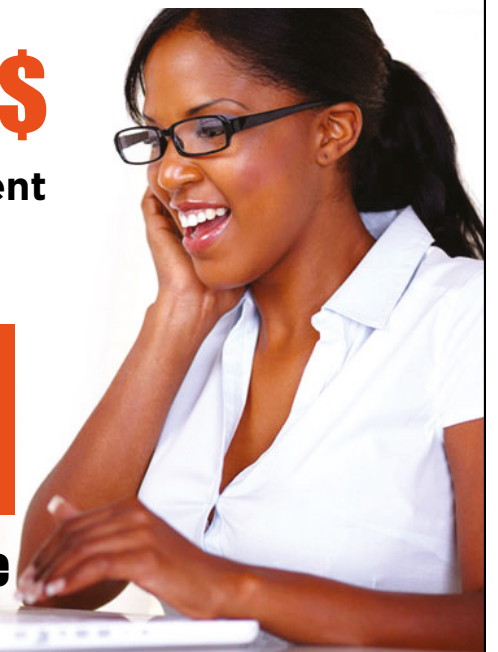
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# Honduras killing its Garifuna people

Human rights activists are concerned at the increasing brutality and killing of the Garifuna people on the Honduran island of Roatan as criminals and uncaring government policies devastate their rich lands.

Human rights campaigners accuse the Honduran government of refusing to control the criminal gangs attacking the indigenous territories; meantime the Garifuna indigenous people have suffered again after gunmen murdered Martin Pandy, the leader of the Corozal community in early April. Pandy was rushed to a hospital where he died soon after. The armed attack also caused the death of two other people.

The Garifuna are a mixed African and indigenous people who descend from the Black Caribs, who lived on the Caribbean island of Saint Vincent, and speak Garifuna, an Arawakan language. Their unique culture is a mixture of African, Arawak Indian, and Spanish.



► Garifuna people retained their dance traditions from Saint Vincent



► African drumming has been passed down the centuries

Garifuna have a long and proud history. They waged a 40-year war of resistance against invading colonial powers until improved cannon technology forced them to accept permanent exile as prisoners of war. In 1797, over 5,000 Garifuna were transported on British ships

and left on the then deserted Honduran Bay Island of Roatan.

The first Garifuna came from Yurime, which is a small region of Saint Vincent Island and settled in Punta Gorda.

Today, Honduras' population of roughly 100,000 Garifunas can be found living mostly in towns and villages along the country's northern coast, from Masca, Cortes to Plaplaya, Gracias a Dios. There are around 90,000 more in Belize, Guatemala, and Nicaragua, and many who have emigrated to the United States.

Garifuna rights activist Luther Castillo said that Pandy's integration efforts with young people, entrepreneurs, and Garifuna leaders abroad to address his community's needs were widely respected. Police believe the attackers murdered him to make it easier to operate in Garifuna communities.

Castillo said: "My Corozal village is once again a victim of organized crime, which

has installed itself in the permissive sight of the security entities in the area. They cynically facilitate the criminality that murders our people, extorts our entrepreneurs, and plunders our resources."

Last July, three vans arrived in Triunfo de la Cruz where they kidnapped five community leaders who were never seen again. They were all taken from their homes by heavily armed uniformed men in what local leaders said was the latest attack against the community by the Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernández, as Afro-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples continue to fight against mining and other extractive industries on sacred land.

Triunfo de la Cruz communities are embroiled in a longstanding struggle to save their ancestral land from drug traffickers, palm oil magnates and tourism developers aided by corrupt officials and institutions.



► Palm oil magnates have taken over prime Garifuna land

## Swimmers kept busy honing skills

While overseas competitions are currently out for Cayman's swimmers, this has not stopped swim organisers putting on a series of events at home to ensure the athletes can continue to improve their development.

Under the direction of the Cayman Islands Aquatic Sports Association's (CIA-SA) Board Members, Acting Technical Director and Club coaches, swimmers have been able to enjoy participating in swim camps and a clinic.

Michael Lockwood, CIASA President, said that Cayman's swimmers have been able to train and compete locally since last summer.

"The rest of the world is now getting vaccinated, and as we – and the rest of the swimming world – are coming out of the COVID-19 environment, CIASA's board of directors wanted to encourage and excite our swimmers – helping (some of) them to start preparing for international events scheduled for the summer and fall of 2021," he explained.

For swimmers on the Brac, the National Junior Team Pool Swimming Camp took place in Cayman Brac from 7th to 10th April at their new 25m pool, while in Grand Cayman the National Development Team Pool Swimming Stroke Clinic took place at the pool at the Camana Bay Sports Centre with a focus on skill and technique development.

Most recently, the Junior National Artistic Team travelled to Cayman Brac at the end of April, where they also availed themselves of the new 25m pool for training. At



this event, the 13-15 Duet of Allie Capasso and Lila Higgs filmed their submission for the upcoming virtual CARIFTA meet set to air at the beginning of June, and teammates from the Junior, 13-15 and 12&Under categories will be submitting their routines later this month.

Amber Barnes, Abbie Carnahan and Madison van Duynhoven submitted a Junior Free Duet (Barnes, Carnahan) as well as a Junior Technical Duet (Barnes, van Duynhoven) for the Artistic Swimming World Series hosted by Artistic Swimming

Canada. They will be competing alongside athletes from the US, Canada, Netherlands, Japan, Germany, Australia and Korea.

Coach Alissa said it was an incredible opportunity for Cayman's athletes and the FINA water sports federation to be seen by international judges and to support the virtual event format put forth by FINA.

The event will be scored 8th and 9th May and aired on FINAtv, 29th and 30th May.

In addition to the virtual artistic swimming competitions, Cayman's swimmers

will take part in the 2021 UANA Qualifier, in Clermont, Florida, from 29th April to 2nd May. Jordan Crooks, Jillian Crooks, Lila Higgs, Harper Barrowman, Avery Lambert, Lauren Hew and James Allison are representing the Cayman Islands. This meet is a sanctioned qualifier for the Tokyo Olympics so swimmers will be hoping to set personal bests that will see them qualifying for the Olympics later this summer. The team will be accompanied by acting Technical Director, Bailey Weathers.

# UK PRIME MINISTER UNDER INTENSE POLITICAL PRESSURE

By Michael Jarvis,  
UK Correspondent

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is under mounting pressure over a spate of serious allegations surrounding his conduct in public office.

The main opposition Labour Party is pressing for a Parliamentary inquiry while political and media scrutiny is intensifying over claims by Mr Johnson's former chief advisor Dominic Cummings regarding improvements to the official residence at 10 Downing St.

Officials close to the Prime Minister said he paid for it himself but questions continue to be raised over whether the Prime Minister had breached the ministerial code in the process by reportedly seeking a private loan from the Conservative Party and not disclosing it. Mr Johnson is also under scrutiny for remarks attributed to him during a discussion last year in which he was resisting calls for a second COVID lockdown.

He is reported to have said, "let the bodies pile high in their thousands".



▶ British Prime Minister Boris Johnson

While Mr Johnson has denied making such remarks, persons who it is said were in the meeting at the time and claim to have heard the comment are expected to

make public disclosures in the coming days.

The Prime Minister is also under attack surrounding the failed attempt by several

major British and European football clubs to launch a separate football tournament.

That idea crumbled under severe criticism from many, including fans and Mr Johnson himself.

However, it's now being reported that the idea was introduced to Mr Johnson sometime before by a delegation of top football club officials involved in the concept - and he showed no objection to the plan at that time.

The political optics are weighing against the Prime Minister with some within his own ruling Conservative Party, in addition to the opposition and sections of the press that would normally be supportive of Mr Johnson, leading the charge for these issues to be investigated.

The pressure on Mr Johnson is expected to further intensify in the coming days with his former top cabinet advisor, Dominic Cummings who was the prime minister's main election and Brexit campaign strategist, due to appear before a Parliamentary inquiry in May.

Mr Cummings and his former boss had an acrimonious parting of ways recently.

# INDIA REELS UNDER WORSENING COVID SECOND WAVE

A deadly wave of COVID-19 is sweeping through India and medical experts are concerned about its wider global implications.

Over 200,000 people have died in the devastating second wave with the crisis compounded by a crippling shortage of vital supplies to combat the rapidly spreading virus.

Oxygen in particular is in short supply alongside vaccines. Hospitals are struggling to cope with the massive influx of cases and are forced to turn away gravely ill patients.

The country's outdoor crematoriums are also straining to keep up with the large numbers of deceased.

India has now become the global epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic ahead of Brazil with many the UK and many other countries now coming to its aid by shipping urgently needed supplies to the stricken country.

India set a grim world record averaging over 300,000 cases daily in the past week. In one day alone over 2,600 people succumbed to the disease in horrific conditions, many of them unable to get a hospital bed.

There are reports that the fatality rates could be much higher than what the official figures state.

It was just recently that India, which has been assisting other countries with COVID-19 supplies, reported that it was getting on top of the pandemic within its borders.

The sudden change in circumstances has led the World Health Organization (WHO) to say that the situation in India was a "devastating reminder" of what the coronavirus could do.

Dr Soumya Swaminathan, the World Health Organization's chief scientist, says: "The virus doesn't respect borders, or nationalities, or age, or sex or religion," and warns that "what's playing out in India now unfortunately has been played out in other countries."

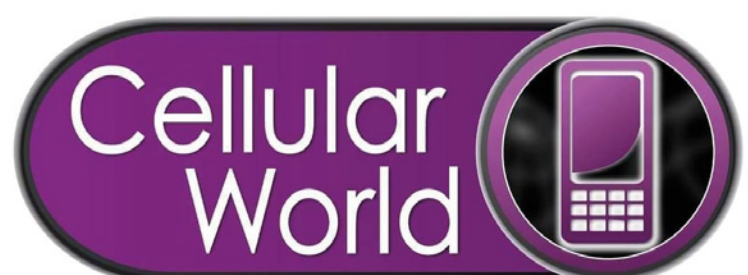
Despite being one of the world's leading manufacturers of COVID-19 vaccines under contract with major global pharmaceutical companies, India's own vaccination roll-out has been slow.

Less than 10% of its population have had the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and under 2% are fully vaccinated.

The current outbreak has been blamed on mass public attendance at recent cultural and religious festivals in India with limited or little social distancing and mask-wearing.

The Indian government has been heavily criticised with accusations that it had woefully mismanaged the pandemic.

Several countries have now placed a travel ban on the country.



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## UK TERRITORIES CONNECTION

# TURKS AND CAICOS MORATORIUM ON NEW WORK PERMITS

The new administration in the Turks and Caicos Islands is putting the brakes on issuing first-time work permits initially for the next three months.

Premier Charles Washington Missick advised that starting from May 1st no new work permits will be issued.

This moratorium will be in place for an initial two months following which it will be reviewed.

At the same time, the government has also introduced a new policy requiring that renewal work of existing permits would only be considered for persons who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

It said, "this measure, although temporary, is vital at this time, as it is necessary to take steps to ensure persons engaging in employment in the areas mentioned, are employed legally and not exploiting the current situation."

According to a government statement, the moratorium marks the beginning of a consultation into the territory's Skills Audit and Population Policy.



Areas affected under the moratorium are; construction sector and real estate management, water sports, the legal profession, entry-level office positions and human resource management, as well as tour boat captain and mate.

There are exceptions for certain skilled positions listed as airline and helicopter pilots and mechanics, certain roles in the agriculture industry such as cigar rollers, farmers and farm labourers.

Conditions have been attached to work permits for boutique receptionists, villa managers, front desk and concierge agents, and restaurant servers.



# ANGUILLA BATTLES SUDDEN COVID SPIKE

Anguilla this week continued to grapple with a worsening COVID-19 crisis with a sudden explosion of cases.

In the past week, the island has been besieged by a surge of over 50 cases which has forced it in lockdown until May 6th.

Extensive contact tracing is being carried out while authorities try to find out the source of the outbreak.

Restrictions have been imposed on movement within the island and its bor-

ders have been closed except for departing passengers.

Anguilla has intensified its COVID-19 vaccination programme.

The Governor, Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam, said; "The Premier and I understand these are unsettling times. We would like to place on record our deep gratitude to all individuals within the Health team who continue to demonstrate unwavering commitment and public service in driving forward the public health response to keep us safe."

# BVI RELAXES COVID PROTOCOLS

New COVID protocols are coming into force in the British Virgin Islands from next month.

These cover both residents and arrivals with some stipulations being relaxed and others being adjusted in keeping with the ongoing vaccination campaign.

Minister for Health and Social Development Carvin Malone said effective May 15th fully vaccinated persons travelling from overseas would require a PCR test within five (5) days of travel as well as providing satisfactory evidence of being fully vaccinated.

They will also be required to take a PCR test upon arrival. Fully vaccinated persons will be quarantined until a negative test result is received from the BVI Health Services Authority.

Health and Social Affairs Minister, Carvin Malone, said: "In relaxing the travel requirements for persons who have been fully vaccinated, and permitting larger gatherings, there will be an



increased risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 among the resident population. This is why other prevention measures such as mask-wearing, hand washing, and physical distancing will remain in effect, and vaccines continue to be widely distributed while they remain in stock."

New restrictions limit gatherings to a maximum of 100 persons, except for faith-based services, graduation ceremonies, wedding ceremonies and funerals where up to 250 people can attend.

However, persons who are considered vulnerable are restricted to five per group.

# MONTSERRAT ADJUSTS IMPORT TARIFFS

The Government of Montserrat has made a series of adjustments to its import duties making some affordable while penalising other products.

With a focus on health and the environment, the new tariffs relax duties on items classified as 'healthy alternatives' while penalising products deemed as harmful to the environment.

Import duties on pure natural juices have been reduced from 15 per cent to 5 per cent in some cases as they are classified as "a healthy alternative to the mostly sugary drinks."

Similar tariff reductions have also been applied to health food supplements "to encourage persons to consume healthy foods", and on importing live farm animals "in an effort to promote the livestock and animal husbandry industry," the government says.

On the other hand, "in an effort to discourage persons from selecting sugary drinks as their preferred drink of



choice, and hopefully encourage them to choose healthier alternatives", the duty has been increased from 15 to 50 per cent.

Sanitary products are now duty-free, and to reduce the cost of clothing the government has cut customs duties from 30 per cent to 20 per cent.

Meanwhile, a 50 per cent tariff has been slapped on single-use plastic bags and containers, styrofoam food and drink containers and drinking straws, initially for a year following which their importation will be banned.

And to cut down on smoking, the import duty on tobacco products already at a high of 40 per cent has been further hiked to 50 per cent.

# 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

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

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Difficulty Level ★

2/03

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Was

1 Wonder-land visitor  
overly fond

6 Extra

11 Did a yard job

12 Grottos  
Stamp collector

15 — Vegas

16 — Salvador

17 One — time

18 Make better

20 Young one

21 Horse doctor

22 Had on

23 Madrid mister

26 Radials, e.g.

27 Rowing team

28 Ravine

29 Unrefined

30 Made fresh

34 Battleship letters

35 Annoy

36 In the style

37 Coin collector

40 Old car part

41 TV's O'Donnell

42 Comic Youngman

DOWN

1 Plentiful

2 Lindsay

3 "Wouldn't that be great!"

4 Animation frame

5 "Lou Grant" star

6 Play part

7 Buddy

8 Ace, e.g.

9 Do

10 Manor museum work

10 Manor settings

25 Cronkite, for one

26 Stein's kin

28 Start of an idea

29 State frankly

22 Use a sponge on

23 Compress

24 Sign of error

25 Cronkite, for one

26 Stein's kin

30 Fraught with peril

31 Jeans measure

32 Cow of commercials

33 Out of style

38 Travel stop

39 Overly

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### Yesterday's answer

- 14 Diplomatic skill
- 19 State frankly
- 22 Use a sponge on
- 23 Compress
- 24 Sign of error
- 25 Cronkite, for one
- 26 Stein's kin
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- 30 Fraught with peril
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- 33 Out of style
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## Word Search

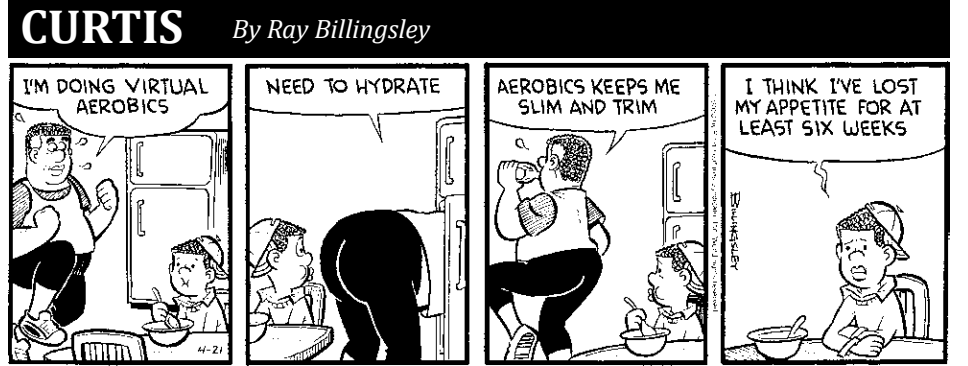
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- Baklava
- Blini
- Borscht
- Cassata
- Chapatti
- Chow mein
- Couscous
- Dim sum
- Dolmades
- Falafel
- Gazpacho
- Goulash
- Haggis
- Halva
- Hummus
- Lasagne
- Luau
- Moussaka
- Paella
- Pita
- Sashimi
- Stollen
- Sushi
- Tagine
- Tempura
- Tortilla

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



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