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CAYMAN TO CONSIDER CORONAVIRUS TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The Cayman Islands government will decide next week if it will institute travel restrictions in light of the global coronavirus outbreak.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the outbreak, which started in China, as a global public health emergency.

The Cayman Islands National Security Council will meet early in the week to review the current situation consider whether travel restrictions may be in the national interest and any further action deemed necessary.

The announcement was made on Friday by Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing.

In a statement to the Legislative Assembly, he reported that the Department of Public Health held a multi-sectoral meeting on Wednesday 29th January to update and assess the territory's preparedness to handle the coronavirus crisis.

Amongst the attendees were senior members of Customs and Border Control, the Port Authority, the Airports Authority, Ministry of Tourism and staff from across the Health Services Authority.

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Minister Hew emphasizes need for Stakeholder Collaborations

Minister of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joey Hew has underscored the need for multi-stakeholder collaborations at all levels to enable countries to achieve sustainable growth and development.

Minister Hew was speaking as part of a panel discussion alongside the Most Honourable Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica during

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Get ready for Cayman Arts Festival 2020



► Kristine Balanas & Margarita Balanas

One of the most exciting arts events in the Cayman Islands, the 2020 Cayman Arts Festival, will be taking place in February, with a raft of international and local musical

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How to Produce a Marketing Budget

If your marketing budget is just a vague figure floating around in your head, here are some ideas to help you.

Marketing is a necessary business function, akin to finance and customer service — but I'd argue it's equally important as those. Crafting a marketing budget is vital because it forces business owners to consider the cost of getting sales.

Here's some advice for creating a budget that can work for you — and lead to more sales.

Have a Plan

Creating a marketing budget requires more than just arithmetic and accounting. Outlining your business goals shapes your thinking about the marketing collaterals and activities you must focus on. Three useful tactics to guide you are:

1. Define Goals: Ask yourself and teammates questions such as: Should the company expand or retain market share? Should you seek new customers or focus on getting more revenue from existing customers? Such questions will guide how you apportion marketing dollars and focus your campaigns.

2. Evaluate Spending: A common yardstick for defining marketing spend is to use 7% to 10% gross revenues for a small business, 4% to 6% for an established business that wants to expand, and 3% to 4% for an established business that wants to preserve its position. This assumes you have the funds to cover your expenses, including marketing.

3. Brainstorm Strategies: Rank all possible means to implement your mar-

keting plan based on available funds and human resources. Focus primarily on tasks that are easy to execute, yield results and are least expensive. Develop your marketing budget from here.

Measure Success

After implementing your marketing budget, monitor its results so you can fine-tune spending and actions appropriately. Establish a benchmark system, and use it to define the success or failure of each marketing campaign.

You could begin with low-cost strategies such as Google ads or general search engine optimization (SEO), assuming you have a website, then advance to larger-budget campaigns. This might include more expensive activities like radio and/or print ads or trade shows, providing the initial effort is successful.

Try implementing a six-month trial for each approach, after which you should gain enough awareness to know whether to tweak, increase, or cease. Such monitoring shows the costs and outputs of each activity and eases budget impacts. If money is lost on a certain campaign, the total yearly budget may not be adversely affected.

Be Pragmatic

Producing a pragmatic marketing budget enables you to monitor and compare campaign results on a per project and yearly basis. By using this data, businesses can improve performance by allocating funds to the most effective marketing channels.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Sinkhole Discovered in Little Cayman

Just after 6PM on Friday police in Little Cayman were informed of a sinkhole that formed in the roadway along Guy Banks Road. The sinkhole will interrupt the regular flow of traffic and the area has been marked to inform road users of its location.

Work has already commenced on repairing the area where the sinkhole was formed however at this time it is

incomplete. Officers are asking that the Little Cayman community be aware of the sinkhole and proceed with caution when traveling along Guy Banks Road.

The RCIPS would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation and are encouraging anyone who discovers any sinkholes that are unmarked to inform the 9-1-1 Communication Centre immediately.



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According to the Health Minister, "Plans for managing arriving passengers and people who may be at risk from the novel coronavirus were discussed in detail.

"Additionally, plans for transferring and managing patients who require hospital care were also discussed."

With much global attention on travel as countries take steps to reduce the risk the of the disease spreading, Minister Seymour said that the Department of Public Health is communicating with Cayman Airways and with the cruise industry, offering support and advice.

He confirmed that the cruise ship companies are screening all joining passengers.

Highly visible information for arriving passengers will be placed at the ports within days.

"It is also reassuring to know that travellers who are coming from China are being screened on arrival in the USA, Canada, the UK and beyond," Minister Seymour added.

Other precautionary steps that have already been put in place include Customs and Border officers already

screening all arriving passengers for travel histories to China.

Minister Seymour outlined that in instances where arriving passengers have recently been to China, the Department of Public Health will then be notified.

Those persons will be monitored during the incubation period of the disease and provided healthcare support as necessary.

He informed that the Health Services Authority is taking forward plans to increase its capacity to respond to the outbreak including sourcing additional equipment and supplies.

Private healthcare providers are also on alert to provide the necessary support.

Masks will be placed at the entrances to clinics across the islands for people with respiratory symptoms.

The Public is reminded to "be in the know" about 2019-nCoV (the 2019 novel coronavirus).

This virus is one of a family of coronaviruses which include one causing the common cold. However, this particular strain has not been encountered before.

In any travel abroad, the Public is advised to practice general infection control measures.



► Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing

These include frequent hand-cleansing with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, covering your nose and

mouth when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections. 🌐

Amendments Passed in LA to Enhance Cayman's Financial Services Industry

On Friday, the Cayman Islands Government took the next step in the modernisation of legislation around its beneficial ownership regime, with the intent of bringing the jurisdiction in line with the latest round of international standard requirements around gathering and filing information on beneficial owners of those entities.

The following Bills were debated and approved with committee stage amendments in this sitting of the Legislative Assembly: 1. The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020 2. The Limited Liability Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2020 3. The Limited Liability Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

These bills seek to provide clarification of what constitutes a beneficial owner and corporate service provider responsibilities in gathering, recording and filing such information with the Registrar of Companies.

Further, The Private Funds Bill, 2020 and the Mutual Funds (Amendment) Bill, 2020 was also debated in the House. These Bills seek to enhance the regulatory infrastructure for investment funds, including previously exempted funds with the familiar sensible and commercially responsive model that has been the backbone of the Cayman Islands' success as a leading jurisdiction for investment funds.

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These laws were drafted in close consultation with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority and Cayman-based funds professionals, including accounting, audit, administration, governance and legal practitioners to provide practical operational and industry perspectives.

The International Tax Co-operation (Economic Substance) (Amendment) Bill 2019 was also debated. This Law

was also the subject of industry consultation. The amendments were designed to maintain alignment with international standards and to facilitate effective implementation of the Law in a manner which can better withstand the scrutiny of international monitoring and peer reviews regarding the "substantial activities" requirement for no or only nominal tax jurisdictions under the OECD BEPS Action 5 on Harmful Tax Practices. 🌐



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► (Left to right) Infrastructure Minister, Hon. Joey Hew, the Most Hon. Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica and Chairman Global Cities Center of Excellence, KPMG Canada, Steve Beatty during a panel discussion at the Caribbean Infrastructure Forum in Jamaica on January 21



► Hon. Joey Hew presenting on the topic, 'Walking the Walk - Promoting the Adoption of Sustainable Energy to Power Island Governments'. Looking on is moderator, Ambassador Dr. Neil Parsan

Need for Stakeholder Collaborations to Achieve Sustainable Development - Minister Hew

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the Caribbean Infrastructure Conference at the AC Marriot Hotel in Kingston recently (January 21), as they addressed strategies for advancing infrastructure, sustainability and resilience in their respective islands.

"I challenge us all to have several perspectives when we discuss this because... we are talking about the future of our countries, and so we should take all things into considerations as we move forward," he said.

Minister Hew spoke about the infrastructural agenda of the Cayman Islands which includes road infrastructure, the Integrated Solid Waste Management System project, Owen Roberts International Airport's airside upgrade and the proposed cruise berthing and cargo port redevelopment project.

"Development is being done with sensitivity towards the environment and within the framework of the National Energy Policy," Minister Hew emphasised.

The Caribbean Infrastructure Forum which took place January 21-22 convened the region's public sector, utilities, financiers and project investors to map out the region's infrastructure needs, foster relationships and introduce Caribbean projects to international sources of expertise and financing.

The event, which was organized by New Energy Events and IJGlobal, was attended by private and public sector decision makers, utility representatives, multilaterals and representatives across the financing space from the Caribbean and other regions.



► Attendees at Caribbean Infrastructure Conference, January 21-22



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Cayman Arts Festival 2020

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talent waiting to entertain local audiences. The festival takes place from February 13th to February 22nd, and the events will showcase world-class performers, including violinist Kristine Balanas and her sister, cellist Margarita Balanas from Latvia, The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass from the United States and the Lana Janjanin Trio hailing from Croatia.

Over the years, CAF has traditionally supported various art forms in addition to music. This year is no exception, and during CAF's 'fringe' events the audience will be entertained by students from CAF's afterschool programme, in addition to being able to view a range of locally made products by artists from the Visual Arts Society. The fringe events will also feature poetry readings by local poets from the Cayman Poetry Society. CAF will also continue its successful partnership with the Jubilate after school programme, where students from both programmes will present a classical music concert. "Music for Children" a morning concert to be held at the George Town Library is a new addition to the festival, which expands the reach of the festival to younger audience.

CAF's tradition of holding educational and cultural workshops for local students will continue this year. For the 2020 festival, the main performers will present free educational concerts for students from both public and private schools.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.caymanartsfestival.com.

For more information and a full schedule of events, please check either www.caymanartsfestival.com, CAF's frequently updated website, or its Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. You can also call 922-5550 or email enquiries@caymanartsfestival.com.

The Cayman Arts Festival 2020 Performers

Kristine Balanas & Margarita Balanas - violin and cello recital

Thursday, February 13th, 2020 | Agape Family Worship Centre, 7pm

US\$ 40 - Adults. US\$ 15 - Students (up to 18 years old)

Latvian natives Kristine and Margarita Balanas are two of the most exciting and versatile artists of their generation. Known for their distinguished artistry and mesmerising stage presence, the pair have quickly earned an international reputation as critically-acclaimed soloists in the vanguard of classical music. The sister's unique and visionary approach has penetrated the industry, paving the way for a new scene in classical music, and the duo have been praised on a global scale for their revolutionary ideas.

<https://www.margaritabalanas.com/>, <https://www.kristinebalanas.com/home>

Event sponsored by RBC Dominion Securities and RBC Private Banking

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass concert

Saturday, February 15th, 2020 | Marriott Hotel Ballroom, 7pm

US\$ 40 - Adults. US\$ 15 - Students (up to 18 years old)

The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass is a veritable "dream team" of virtuoso brass players dedicated to bringing the joy of great music to a wide range of audiences. With a diverse group that reflects American culture, the ensemble burst onto the music scene with a debut performance in Philadelphia's Kimmel Center. The ensemble also enjoyed a residency at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts and a special feature on the National Public Radio show, All Things Considered. Performances by The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass include holiday concerts, family concerts, and traditional brass concerts with options for organ or choir, and custom-designed residencies. <http://www.rmpbb.com/>

Event sponsored by Butterfield Bank.

CAF and the Visual Arts Society

Monday, February 17th, 2020 | Public Library, George Town, 5pm

This event presents an evening of visual art, music and poetry, with the participation of the young jazz musicians from CAF Soul Septet and local poets.

Music for Children

Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 | Public Library, George Town, 10.30am

An event for children of all ages, but especially for those in kindergarten, where they will discover the joys of live classical music brought to them by students enrolled in the CAF After School programme.

CAF and University College of the Cayman Islands

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020 | Camana Bay, Cinema, 6pm

CAF's founders, sponsors, volunteers, musicians, fans have their own stories about CAF from its inception in 2004 to date. Some of these stories will be shared with the public in a ground-breaking documentary to be released in conjunction with CAF 2020.

Music at the Library

Thursday, February 20th, 2020 | Public Library, George Town, 6pm

Cayman Arts Festival and the Cayman Islands Public Library Service proudly present monthly one-hour concerts which include classical music, poetry



► Kristine Balanas & Margarita Balanas

and readings from local poets and writers.

The event, which for this month forms part of the Cayman Arts Festival 2020 programme, will showcase the following performers: Glen Inanga (piano), Antonio Sanchez Alvarez (cello) and Yoan Tamayo Garcia (violin). Their programme will contain works by José White Lafitte, Guido López-Gavilán, Astor Piazzolla and Ernesto Lecuona.

CAF and Jubilate

Friday, February 21st, 2020 | Cayman Islands Baptist Church (Pedro Castle Rd., Savannah), 5.30pm

Free Admission

For this event, Cayman Arts Festival and Jubilate will showcase students from their After School Programmes partnering again in what has become a very strong artistic collaboration.

Lana Janjanin Trio - jazz concert

Saturday, February 22nd, 2020 | Camana Bay, Cinema, 7pm

US\$ 40 - Adults. US\$ 15 - Students (up to 18 years old)

The Lana Janjanin Trio is a group of young, talented and versatile musicians, founded and led by Lana, in her pursuit of performing her original music. It consists of Lana Janjanin (vocals, piano, composition), Marko Ferlan (e.bass/double bass) and Lukas Fellner (drums), all of whom are classically trained musicians with a great passion for many genres of music, including jazz, soul, R&B, which they combine in their mu-

sic, creating their own individual sound and style.

<https://lanajanjanin.com/>, <https://www.lanamusic.eu/>

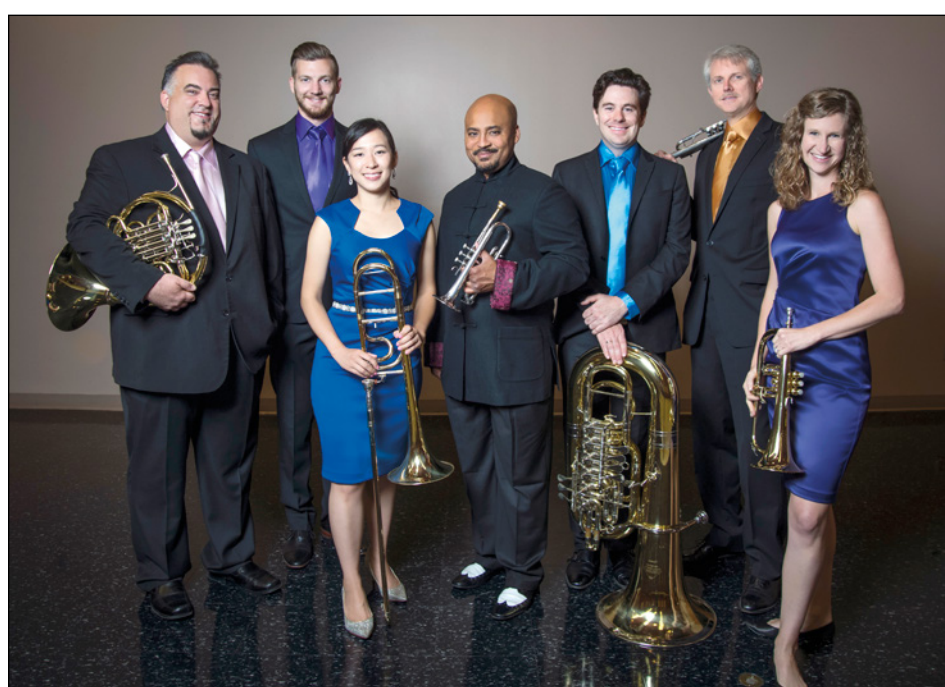
About the Cayman Arts Festival

Incorporated in 2003 by Glen Inanga and Jennifer Micallef - both world-renowned concert pianists - and Sharon Roulstone, a Caymanian attorney, Cayman Arts Festival brings international artists to the Cayman Islands, and also showcases local artists.

Furthermore, since its establishment, CAF has decisively acted on its belief that education should be among its core purposes. This is embodied in CAF's mission statement: "To bring world-class performing arts to the Cayman Islands to inspire, entertain and educate." Since 2004, more than 1,800 students have attended workshops or master classes with visiting artists.

The 2018 festival was a very successful event. Attendance numbers indicate the joy and inspiration that it brought to the Cayman Islands.

- 12 events were held over 10 days.
- 20 artists performed in six different venues.
- More than 1,500 persons attended the festival.
- More than 1,000 tickets were sold for the main festival events.
- More than 150 persons attended the fringe events.
- More than 300 children attended the special youth oriented events. 🌐



► The Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass



► Lana Janjanin Trio

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Thursday, February 20th, 6pm
George Town Public Library

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LANA JANJANIN TRIO
jazz concert

Saturday, February 22nd, 7pm
Camana Bay, Cinema

Tickets
USD 40 (Adults)
USD 15 (Students)

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For more information please contact us at enquiries@caymanartsfestival.com or 345-922-5550

FRINGE EVENTS

<p>CAF & THE VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY</p> <p>Celebration of Music, Arts and Poetry by the Sea</p> <p>Monday, FEB 17th, 5PM George Town Public Library</p> <p>(Free Admission)</p>	<p>CAF & MUSIC FOR CHILDREN</p> <p>Featuring CAF string players</p> <p>Tuesday, FEB 18th, 10.30AM George Town Public Library</p> <p>(Free admission)</p>	<p>CAF & UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF CAYMAN ISLANDS (UCCI)</p> <p>Premiere of CAF documentary</p> <p>Wednesday, FEB 19th, 6PM Camana Bay, Cinema</p> <p>(Invitation-only event)</p>	<p>CAF & JUBILATE</p> <p>After School Programme Students in concert</p> <p>Friday, FEB 21st, 5.30PM CI Baptist Church (Pedro's Castle Rd.)</p> <p>(Free admission)</p>
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

Varied menu at Brooklyn Pizza + Pasta

By Lindsey Turnbull

There really isn't anything much nicer than chilling at a restaurant in Camana Bay on a Friday evening, enjoying a glass of wine and nibbles while watching the world pass by, all set against the backdrop of the North Sound beyond. The Brooklyn Pizza + Pasta is therefore perfectly poised for such an evening, sitting as it does within the crescent of waterfront restaurants, beckoning diners in for a leisurely bite as they stroll by.

Even though we have lived here for far longer than Camana Bay has been around (yes, there was actually a time when Camana Bay didn't exist!) I have to say this is not a restaurant at which I have ever dined, as the place always seemed to me to be a beacon for a younger crowd of diners. Indeed, it has been a favourite with my kids since they were teens, mac and cheese fritters their dish of choice (and pretty much the only

thing they have ever ordered there, or so they tell me!)

So, it was with quite a good deal of interest that we stopped by for an early evening bite, just before our VIP viewing of the 1917 movie (which is definitely worth watching, by the way.)

Arriving just before 6pm, we had our choice of tables inside or out, so opted for outside by the greenery, the perfect spot to people watch without being obviously nosey. A nice breeze, a panorama of ocean and happy families and a cold glass of wine (Pinot Grigio) set the scene nicely, along with a flowerpot of warm bread.

A well-flavoured array of bruschetta, topped with wood-oven roasted tomatoes, grilled onion, lemon and shaved parmesan went well with the wine and whet the appetite adequately for mains. I noticed a couple next to us ordered the carpaccio flatbread, which consisted of beef, sautéed mushrooms, garlic, olive oil, arugula, shaved parme-

san and lemon (according to the menu) and looked an equally tempting appetiser.

Had we been in the mood for a lighter meal, I think we might have chosen the Brooklyn butchers board, which consists of a selection of cured meats and cheeses, olives, pickled garden vegetables and assorted breads, which would probably have been a meal in itself yet appeared on the appetiser menu. That's definitely our sort of Friday night dining.

Brooklyn Pasta + Pizza does offer some good menu choices other than what it promotes in its name, including a 12oz CAB striploin, grilled salmon, chicken parmesan and braised beef short rib, to name but a few entrées. Pizzas (which can be made with gluten-free crusts) are an obvious choice and please all tastes, with the classic margherita, pepperoni and Hawaiian everyone's favourite, along with the slightly more unusual-sounding nacho pizza, with moz-

zarella, marinara chilli chicken, tomato, green onion, salsa, sour cream, Cajun guacamole and nacho chips. I also liked the sound of the 'fun guy' ('fungi', get it?) pizza of portobello, button and shitake, along with basil, truffle oil, shaved parmesan, mozzarella and parmesan cream sauce, but in the end opted for a comforting bowl of pasta. I considered the butternut squash ravioli but opted instead for the short rib pappardelle, which consisted of a house-made pappardelle, mushrooms, onion, fresh arugula, pecorino and red wine beef jus. It was delicious and to be honest, I could have eaten another bowl, but I guess if you leave wanting more than that is the sign of a good meal? The mushroom ravioli, complete with sautéed wild mushrooms, rosemary, white wine butter sauce, tempura mushroom was equally as good but equally not huge in its portion size. A pleasant surprise all round and definitely not a restaurant just for kids! 🍷



► Comforting bowls of pasta



► Short rib pappardelle was a hit



► Taste of Cayman Mushroom ravioli

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Caribbean Public Health Agency urges the Region to be Vigilant, Be Prepared

The Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has activated its incident management team and is coordinating the Regional Health response to the 2019 novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), outbreak in light of the increased number of confirmed cases of infections in China and internationally.

According to World Health Organization (WHO), as of 30 January 2020 there are 8,124 confirmed and 12,167 suspected cases of the virus in China. Of the confirmed cases 1,370 are severe and 171 people have died. 124 people have recovered and been discharged from the hospital. There are now 83 cases in 18 other countries. Of these, only 7 did not have any history of travel in China. There has been human-to-human transmission in 3 countries outside China.

To date, there have not been any reported cases of nCoV in the Caribbean region. The immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV to the general public in the Caribbean remains low, states CARPHA in a press release.

“CARPHA is monitoring the international situation as it evolves. We continue to work closely with Caribbean Member States (CMS), and Caribbean coordinating partners and mechanisms to respond to the threat and to prepare CMS to prevent further transmission from exported cases if they were to happen in countries,” states Dr. Joy St John, CARPHA Executive Director.

There is still much more to learn about how the 2019-nCoV virus spreads, severity of associated illness, and other features of the virus. The virus is a new



strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.

Common signs of infection include respiratory symptoms, fever, cough, shortness of breath and breathing difficulties. In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia, severe acute respiratory syndrome, kidney failure and even death.

British Airways has suspended service to China and United Airlines and Delta Airlines are to reduce service to and from China.

Currently, there are no restrictions on international travel and no special precautions travelers need to take when travelling to the Caribbean since there have not been any reported cases of 2019-nCoV in the Caribbean.

“CARPHA is recommending that Member States be proactive and vigilant. They must reinforce surveillance measures at points of entry, communication strategies which emphasize good hand hygiene, and measures targeted at reducing the importation of this new virus to our shores,” stated Dr. St John.

Hotels and Resorts in the region which have not signed on to the Caribbean Tourism Health Information System (THIS) are encouraged to do so. Established by CARPHA with Carib-

bean Hotel and Tourism Association’s (CHTA) support several years ago, to date over 200 hotels in the region have signed on to the Tourism Health Information System, a confidential web-based monitoring and support system for reporting illnesses by travelers and employees aimed at capturing and isolating infectious illnesses to stop/reduce their spread and public health and reputational threats. For registration information visit <http://this.carpha.org>.

Travelers are advised to: Stay informed about the 2019-nCoV situation in any countries to which they are travelling, and practice general infection control measures, such as frequent hand washing with soap and water for 20 seconds or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and practice respiratory hygiene by sneezing into the elbow.

CARPHA states they remain committed to supporting its Member States in adapting existing influenza preparedness plans for 2019-nCoV, refreshing training of health care workers in universal precautions and the use of necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), and implementing measures to protect the most vulnerable in our populations from developing the disease. 🌐

Coronavirus prevention



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick.

Savannah Primary’s little heroes

By Christopher Tobutt

National Heroes Day isn’t just for adults, but for children too, because they are going to be the heroes of tomorrow. Because there wouldn’t be any school on Monday, Savannah Primary School celebrated all of Cayman’s heroes a few days early, with a big school assembly. Every child got their chance to shine in front of all the others, including lots of proud moms and dads, and that is quite good practice for being a future hero.

Each of the classes had picked a different hero; one of the very special men and women who had helped to shape Cayman, and make it what it is today. What made it very special is that every single child had something to say, do or share, in front of all the others, whether it was a recital or a little drama skit, and even the youngest kids took part. It is not easy, even for adults to speak in front of an audience of a couple of hundred, but it certainly takes a lot of courage if you are only six or seven or eight. All the presentations were led by children, who had been working hard at home practicing.

Presentations were all about our National Heroes including Hon. James Bodden, who did so many things; Mrs. Sybil

McLaughlin, MBE, first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly; Dr. Roy McTaggart, Thomas Farrington, Mary Evelyn Wood, and Mrs Sybil Joyce Hylton, M.B.E who was Cayman’s first probation officer and a lifelong advocate of disadvantaged young people.

Telling Mrs Hylton’s story, teacher Ms. Ebanks’ Year Two class began with a skit, where each of the children said the kind of thing that Ms Hylton might have said: “No! No! No! You can’t treat a child like that!” said six year old Naomi, wearing an old-time traditional Cayman-style dress and big straw hat, just like one that Mrs Hylton would have worn. Everyone found out just how Mrs Hylton, like all of our heroes, wasn’t afraid to step right in where she saw something going wrong. For example, children being tried harshly in adult’s courts without proper, separate provision for juveniles, and making proper provision for their welfare.

Another Year Two class offered a presentation on hon William Warren Connolly. It was put into children’s words, so that they could participate properly, understanding everything: “His mum was called Adrienne...William worked very hard at school. However his family did not have enough money for him to go to College afterwards. He worked sail-



► National Heroes Celebrated at Savannah Primary

ing on a big ship as a Merchant marine for three years during WW2 in America. Afterwards he became the first Caymanian politician. This means he helped to make laws and rules for Cayman.”

Principal at Savannah Primary School, Mr. Delton Pedley said: “This assembly gives our kids the opportunity to understand where we are coming from as

a country, and those that have gone before us, our National Heroes for example, who have done a great job in paving the way for us. We’ve tried to organise today so that kids can access that information, in a way that they understand, and hopefully it’ll impact their lives as we unpack the lessons and learn from them.” 🌐



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Annual Turtle Release a Success

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"Be Informed" theme for series of port meetings

With the port referendum drawing closer, the government has organised a series of eight big public meetings for disseminating information and answering voters' questions about the proposed new cruise berthing facility, the first of which took place at Mary Miller Hall

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Government to Hold Public Meetings on Cruise Berthing

The Government will be holding a series of public meetings in its ongoing effort to inform the public about the proposed cruise berthing facility and enhanced cargo port project (CBF).

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New hotel fulfills business travelers' needs

Long term residents will have noticed that there's an extra pop of colour along the West Bay Road opposite the Marquee Plaza at the intersection of Lawrence Boulevard, as a new hotel and restaurant has finally had its soft opening. The original location stood half-built for a number of years until Howard Hospitality Group took on the project and redeveloped the space to create Locale, a 42-bedroomed hotel and Bonfire Urban Italian Kitchen.

Although it's been open for business for about a month, the hotel won't be fully operational until it has jumped a couple more hurdles, but it is anticipated its hard opening will take place a few weeks after it is fully up and running.

"Following a phased plan of opening, we are on target to be completely open at the end of April," Locale's Sales and Marketing Manager, Aliya Dunstan, advised.

Locale has a mix of queen double and king lofts, all embracing a cool, beach-vibe décor, with pale wooden accents and cool, muted tones. The king loft provides an extra living or sleeping space upstairs and each room is equipped with a microwave, coffee machine and



a proper fridge which is stocked daily with fresh water. The bathroom has an overlarge shower with shampoo, conditioner and shower gel on tap and beach towels are in each room. The overall feel is fresh, modern, clean and uncomplicated. The restaurant, Bonfire, follows the same vibe, with extra long tables for communal dining and a simple but interesting menu of pasta, salads, risotto and pizza. Catering to the young and up and coming demographic, they serve a good selection of vegetarian and vegan menu options. A carry out menu is

available and offers good value. Further amenities include a swimming pool and outdoor cross-fit type fitness area.

Part of the downstairs of the building is being let out to tenants, which, when occupied, will house a salon, a jewelry and accessories store, Dairy Queen, a Red Sail Sports store and REM, RE/Max's property rentals arm.

Sweet spot on the strip

"At between \$300 and \$400 a night, our price point sits in a sweet spot just below the Marriott and just above the

Comfort Suites and Sunshine Suites," Aliya said. "Our guests know that we aren't directly on the beach, but it's just a short walk away and we've had some great feedback from guests so far."

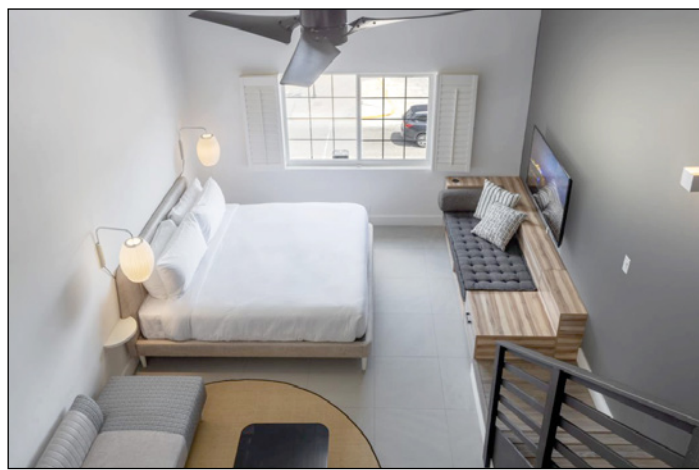
The hotel is a great choice for long-term visits, Aliyah stated, offering an excellent location for new residents to get acclimatised with this busy part of the island.

"We think they can feel somewhat settled as soon as they arrive when they stay at Locale," Aliya confirmed.

Locale's Manager, Tyler Welton, advised: "We didn't know what to expect as far as the demographics of our guests, but we've already had a great mix of families, business travelers and people staying here while they visit friends and relatives on island."

"We're kid-friendly, local-friendly and we even provide water bowls for pets outside the restaurant," Aliya said. "We also have two ground-floor rooms that are wheel-chair accessible and there's plenty of parking just behind the hotel."

Once the hotel is fully operational, they will be offering a residents' special until 31 May, US\$299 for the two nights. Stays include breakfast as well.



Flashback: 52nd Agriculture show better than ever

The Agriculture show keeps getting better every year. Agriculture of all kinds is on the rise in Cayman right now, as the market for healthy, fresh, locally-grown food continues to grow. People are finding out that local fruits are just better tasting than imported food, which is subjected to more chemicals and isn't nearly so fresh.

There were wonderful displays of produce under the big main tent, and lots of visitors had come early to pick the cream of the crop. There were huge breadfruit like pumpkins, cassava, Sweet potato, and coconuts on one stall. It was piled high. Then on another stall there were huge tomatoes the size of oranges, and peppers, from the red hot scotch bonnets to the season peppers. There were traditional Caribbean vegetables for greens, as well as lettuces that looked like the crowns of jolly green giants. Then there were fruits – star apples, naseberries, mulberries, guava. It is great to see so much happening and being grown, and thriving here.

Of course, moms and dads like to show young children the cows, goats,



► Inside the main tent there was plenty of produce



► All kinds of fluff- feathered and fancy fowl

and chickens, and the children love to come face-to-face with them. It was a very child-friendly event, and there was a special children's corner with slides and games, and there was a bouncy castle too. There weren't any pigs this year, sadly. When I asked one of the officials why, he said that the main pig farmer who usually brings them hadn't brought any this year. But there were plenty of horses, and children and their parents were lining up for horseback riding.



► First prize!

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper OBE said, "Despite the small size of the islands and the scarcity of agricultural land I know that Cayman has a long and rich agricultural heritage. Locally produced food is not only tasty and healthy but it also helps the environment and the local economy. We should all look to buy local first."

Premier Hon. Alden McLaughlin said: "While we still see many backyard gardeners who grow foodstuffs as a hobby, there are some very serious and successful farmers throughout the Cayman Islands, some of them sustainable and alternative methods."

George Smith, President, Cayman Islands Agricultural Society said "The

theme, 'Commitment to Sustainable Agriculture in a Changing World,' backed by the sub-theme of, 'When you eat local, you are involved in agriculture,' is a fitting reminder of what is happening in today's world."

Each year, more and more people are starting up businesses that process locally grown crops. There was more than one sugar-cane juice machine I could see, where the operator put the sugar cane in between two rollers, turned a handle flattening the sugar cane while out came the most refreshing juice. People couldn't buy enough of it. Everyone is getting a taste for the Cayman Islands. Then there are the pepper jellies, preserves of all kinds, and fruit juices, from guava to passion fruit.

Joelle Walton grows a huge variety of crops on his couple of acres in Lower Valley, and his variety of fruit trees alone was just as amazing: "I've got Star apple guinep, naseberry, guava, kalanchoe, sweet sap, Malay apple, pomegranate, vine grapes, java plum, custard apple, mulberry..." he said. He was selling fruit juices and coconut water, too, as well as a very big range of produce.

No Agriculture show would be complete without mentioning traditional



► Bobo the fruit-and-vegetable cyclist

art and crafts, and in the main building there were award-winning samples of exquisite silver thatch work – hats, bags, baskets, and there were also artists with beautiful paintings, too. Then there were the food vendors, selling all kinds of fried fish, plantains, heavy cake. Its one of the things that makes the Agriculture show so enjoyable – you don't just see it; you eat it.

There were some beautiful displays from each of the districts, in the main building. Bodden Town Heritage Committee always put together something different, but this year they really excelled, by making a life-size man on a bicycle, all made out of fruits, vegetables and sugar-cane. His body was a big bunch of bananas, the bicycle's frame was sugar cane, and his head was a coconut. But he looked alive, with a hand of little bananas on the handlebar, and big wheels filled with carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers. Committee member Betty wood was there, explaining how hard they all worked to make the produce-man. "His name is Bobo," she said.



► The Agriculture Queen (left) and Miss Cayman Islands World



► Produce of all kinds



► Thatch work and crafts



► Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton said there was no truth to the claim that there was such a case



► Emergency Press Conference - Ministry of Health and Wellness Dr. the Honourable Christopher Tufton

Jamaica Government Denies Case of Coronavirus But Issues Advisory Against Travel to and From China

Health authorities have sought to assure Jamaicans that there is no case of the deadly new coronavirus at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI).

There had been reports that the hospital's Accident and Emergency Department was on partial shutdown as personnel treated a suspected case of the coronavirus that has left more than 130 people dead in China.

However, at a press conference yesterday afternoon, Health Minister Dr Christopher Tufton said there was no truth

to the claim that there was such a case.

Medical Chief of Staff at the UHWI Dr Carl Bruce further explained that a patient, who recently travelled to China and had flu symptoms, was transferred to the UHWI from another hospital and an assessment of the individual was done "out of an abundance of caution".

However, he said, the patient who returned to Jamaica on January 14 did not exhibit symptoms of the virus, which includes a fever exceeding 30 degrees Celsius.

"The patient is doing well... and the University Hospital will continue to do the evaluation and testing and will discharge the patient, as per our usual protocol, as soon as all those testing and evaluation are completed," Dr Bruce said.

Meantime, Minister Tufton disclosed that a travel advisory was being issued for travel between Jamaica and China.

"Persons in China who were planning to travel to the island are being asked to defer those plans. For those in Jamaica,

who had planned on travelling to China, we are asking that they also defer their plans," he said.

"For persons in transit to Jamaica, our quarantine protocols will be put in place where persons will either be quarantined in a health facility or at home, depending on the risk assessment done."

The Health Minister also indicated that active surveillance would continue at Jamaica's ports of entry.

"This morning, we had a meeting with the Minister of

Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador. Based on those discussions, the GOJ [Government of Jamaica] will continue its surveillance protocols, which are in alignment with international health regulations," Dr Tufton added.

The number of cases in the new coronavirus outbreak, which started in the central Chinese city of Wuhan, in the Hubei Province, has increased rapidly. It jumped to 4,593 in 15 countries yesterday, from the 2,835 confirmed the day before. 🌐

Visitor Arrivals to The Bahamas Hit All-Time High

The Bahamas exceeded a record-breaking seven million visitors in 2019, despite the catastrophic impact of Hurricane Dorian last September.

According to the Department of Immigration, Port Authority and Customs, last year was a record-breaking one, with the highest number of arrivals by air and sea recorded in the country's history. By the end of 2019, foreign air and sea arrivals had totalled more than 7.2 million, a nine per cent increase from 2018. Stopover visitors alone were the highest in recorded history at 1.78 million with American visitors accounting for 1.45 million.

Minister of Tourism and Aviation Dionisio D'Aguilar attributed the historic success to data-driven, agile marketing, authentic storytelling, and aggressive PR, sales and airlift strategies.

"We look forward to building upon the success of our marketing efforts and continuing the momentum in 2020 as we show the world that The Bahamas continues to be open for business and has so much to offer visitors," he said.

The ministry's Director General Joy Jibrilu added that the achievement would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the team behind the scenes at the ministry as well as industry and agency partners.

Since 2009, The Bahamas has seen a steady increase in air and sea arrivals with a 52 per cent increase in just 10 years.

Tourism officials say The Bahamas expects to see the trend of increasing arrivals by air continue as major airlines, including United Airlines, British Airways and Delta Airlines, have increased their airlift to Nassau in 2020.

United Airlines has added Saturday-only non-stop service from Denver to Nassau. The service begins March 7, in time for the peak spring travel season and continues through August 15.

Beginning March 29, British Airways will operate non-stop service between London Heathrow and Nassau every Tuesday. British Airways will now offer



► Bahamas Minister of Tourism & Aviation, Dionisio D'Aguilar

non-stop service between London and Nassau Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Delta Airlines has also expanded its airlift to Nassau this winter. From De-

ember 21, 2019, the airline introduced daily nonstop flights from Boston Logan Airport to Nassau's Lynden Pindling International Airport. Flights will run through April 30, 2020. 🌐

Barbados Government Begins Preparations for 2020 Hurricane Season and Urges Residents to Do the Same

Although the six-month Atlantic hurricane season won't officially begin until June 1, Government is not leaving anything to chance and has started its preparations.

And Minister of Home Affairs Edmund Hinkson has urged all residents to follow suit with their personal plans and those for their communities, in an effort to strengthen the island's resilience to natural hazards.

He said Government was already seeking to ensure that the island had greater water and energy capacity post disaster, and that vehicles were available to respond to those who might be affected.

"We have entered into a memorandum of understanding with the private sector [so] that we could command their vehicles, equipment, tractors.... We also entered a memorandum of understanding with food distributors, so that we can ensure a supply of food in the aftermath of a disaster. And, we have also made arrangements [that in the event] parts of Barbados are cut off that food will be distributed pre-event into those parts as well as equipment," Hinkson said.

"These are the kinds of strategies that we as a Government have sought to employ within the context of our economic and financial constraints at present. We need to ensure that Barbados is as ready as possible to face and manage a disaster and be resilient."

In addition, the Minister said, Cabinet agreed to employ 360 people, 12 from each of the island's 30 constituencies, to clean up Barbados through an arrangement between the National Conservation Commission and the Ministry of Transport, Works and Maintenance, under a three-month programme. Once completed, Hinkson said it would be reviewed to see if it could be continued.

Meanwhile, he called on residents in communities to join together and clean-up their surrounding as - task which would need to be repeated in another six months.

Minister Hinkson urged people not to consider it "too soon" to begin their hurricane preparedness, but rather to get prepared as Barbados was within one of the most vulnerable parts of the world in terms of natural disasters.

He also appealed to homeowners to insure their homes, noting that Govern-



► Minister of Home Affairs Edmund Hinkson

ment was committed to finding a platform to assist the most vulnerable who were financially unable to do so.

"It has been a challenge of Barbados governments for at least 40 years to be able to comprehensively insure all houses in Barbados, we have to ensure that

all houses are sustainable," Hinkson emphasized.

The Home Affairs Minister reminded residents that everyone had a responsibility to prepare for the hurricane season and for natural disasters, as Government could not do it all. 🌐

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 46 Sat for a spell
 1 Galoot
 7 Skilled
 11 Draw forth
 12 Yuletide
 13 Weather-changing current
 14 Line of symmetry
 15 Alaskan peak
 17 Urban fleet
 20 Skeleton makeup
 23 In the past
 24 Move worm-style
 26 Price addition
 27 Concealed
 28 Backgammon piece
 29 Series unit
 31 It's pressed for cash
 32 Budget amounts
 33 Colors
 34 Axle gunk
 37 Beat, but barely
 39 Wolf's cousin
 43 Fellows
 44 Turkey's capital
 45 Rubies and garnets

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Yesterday's answer

- DOWN**
 1 Worker, for one
 2 Suffering
 3 Pink Lady ingredient
 4 Lab liquids
 5 Freshener scent
 6 School on the Thames
 7 Counterpart
 8 December 26, in England
 9 Island gift
 10 Golf's Ernie
 16 Tolerate
 17 Provide food for
 18 Clearly stunned
 19 Ring setting
 21 Superior group
 22 Appears
 24 Question of
 25 Free
 30 Accent
 33 Liner parts
 35 Cracked
 36 Reasonable
 37 Meringue ingredient
 38 Expected
 40 "Krazy —"
 41 "You — Here"
 42 Young fellow

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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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Difficulty Level ★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Difficulty Level ★

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 Porgy
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 Romeo
 Tristan

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

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CURTIS

By Ray Billingsley

OH NO! MOM'S NOT HOME, AND I'M HUNGRY!

LEAVE IT TO ME, BARRY! I'LL JUST MICROWAVE US UP A BATCH OF THESE FROZEN PIZZA THINGYS!

GOOD THING ABOUT 'EM IS, THEY'RE SO EASY TO MAKE. ONLY AN IDIOT COULD MESS 'EM UP!

BING!

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THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

Uhhnnf... YOU WERE BOTH STUNNED-BUT YOU'RE THE FIRST BACK ON YOUR FEET!

STRIKE, CAGE-BEFORE HE CAN RISE!

I WANT HIM DEAD!

YOU-MISSED HIM?!

SHAAASH

STAN LEE
 ALEX SAVIUK
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JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

I CAN'T BELIEVE CHRISTMAS IS OVER ALREADY.

HENCE WHY WE'RE CONTINUING THE HOLIDAY WITH BOXING DAY, ABBEY!

WHICH I'M PRETTY SURE WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY CELEBRATING CORRECTLY.

MARCU LIANO + MANLEY
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