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► US travellers are being told to avoid the Cayman Islands

New rules for travel

New rules will go into effect on Saturday 20 November for anyone planning to come to the Cayman Islands, once the country officially opens up its borders again. Then, the country will move into Phase 4 of its reopening process. At this time, people travelling to Cayman will still need to apply to Travel Cayman for permission to travel here, but if they are vaccinated against Covid-19, they most likely will not have to quarantine.

Premier Wayne Panton said: "The government has continued to put in to action the policies and regulations that will create a smooth transition into phase four of the reopening plan. I strongly encourage the public to utilise the exploregov.ky



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1 in 34 with Covid

At 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November, Chief Medical Officer Dr. John Lee reported that 3,696 PCR tests had been conducted since the last report on Friday, 5 November. Out of that, Public Health Department reported 678 positive tests and of these positive results, nine were in travellers and 669 were from the community.

These results brought the number of active cases of Covid-19 in the Cayman Islands as at 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November to 2,118. This translates to about 1 in 34 people with Covid-19.

The total number of cases recorded since the start of the pandemic stood at 3,354 as at the same time.

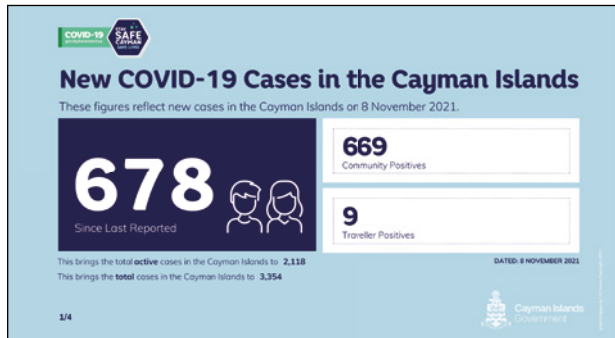
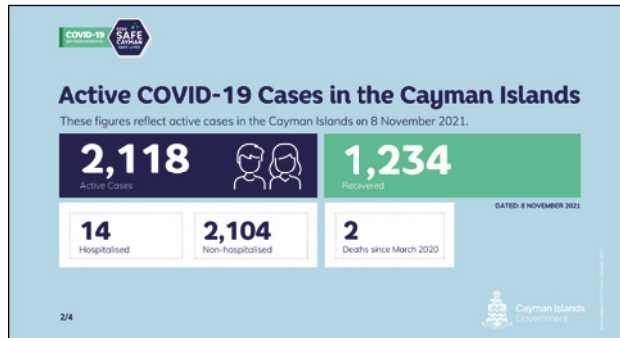
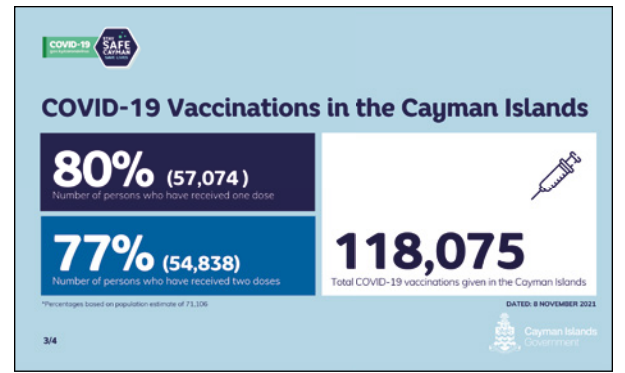
Up to that point, 2,785 people were in isolation either in Government isolation facilities or at home.

In addition, there were 14 Covid-19 patients hospitalised in the Cayman Islands at 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November. As at the same time, Cayman Brac's Faith Hospital confirmed there were 81 active cases in the Sister Islands, with two identified in the previous 24 hours and both from the community.

The Public Health department also confirmed that up to 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November there had been 832 total positive lateral flow tests since the introduction of the lateral flow test programme in the Cayman Islands.

Up to 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November, there had also been 118,075 COVID-19 vaccinations given in total in the Cayman Islands. Of these, 57,074 people (80% of 71,106) had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 54,838 individuals (77%) had completed the two-dose course.

Additionally, 6,163 people (representing 9% of those over the age of 50) had received a third or booster dose up to that point.





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EDITORIAL

The negatives of going with the flow



In April of this year, the UK Public Health Ministry announced that every individual in England would be given two free rapid lateral flow tests (LFTs) a week, under an extended government testing scheme. This was enacted approximately three months before Prime Minister Boris Johnson lifted the hard-hitting lockdown, and outlined plans for workplace testing programmes and online home-ordering delivery services of LFTs. A month prior, local pharmacies already had enough stock for each UK resident to collect two packs of tests at a time.

One pack contains seven tests.

With the launch of the Cayman Islands' new strict testing policy, accessibility of LFTs should have been taken into account in the planning stages. As regulations currently stand, if a member of a person's household tests positive, individuals in the household must take a daily lateral flow test, and provided they get a negative result, they are able to go about their daily activities as normal. However, the system only works if people have accessibility to testing. This should have meant the government securing routine shipments and back-up stock to account for shortages, and even funding the programme to ensure those who may not be able to afford tests can do so.

It's financially and physically impossible to follow a procedure that 'strongly encourages' you to routinely use something that you just can't access, or cannot afford. LFTs in the Cayman Islands can range anywhere from \$6.99-\$8.99 per test, if you're lucky enough get your hands on one. Many on-Island are thus experiencing undue stress that could have been easily avoided. Local pharmacies have been plagued with requests for LFTs, with customers only to be told they are temporarily out of stock and unsure as to when they will have more.

With most pharmacies on-Island already pushing 'pre-order only' policies due to mass shortages, the vulnerable, auto-immune, small business owner, and traveller is being further inconvenienced by a piece of plastic that is universally low-budget, globally abundant, and manufactured at US\$0.10-3.00 per unit.

The UK public were outraged further last month when they heard families may soon have to start paying an eye-watering £5 (CI\$5.50) for seven tests. The Chief Executive of the group UK Hospitality protested soon after that the price of LFTs should not exceed £1 per test, arguing persons should not be disadvantaged further during a pandemic that has already caused them enough harm.

In an increasingly fragile socio-political landscape where preparation is vital, planning is necessary, and an evaluation of all possible scenarios integral to strategise growing solutions, it is essential that we get this problem fixed, and fixed quickly. With less than three weeks away from our borders' reopening, it should not be an issue to access an LFT, nor should they be an expense for those who truly need them.



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Visitors won't be deterred by travel advisory

Further to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) move to place the Cayman Islands to its level 4 list of countries (indicating a very high rate of Covid-19), Cayman's Ministry of Tourism has issued a response, saying it did not believe Cayman's tourism industry would be particularly affected.

It pointed out that the Cayman Islands was one of 80 countries around the world on the list of level 4 countries which currently includes the UK, Ireland and Switzerland, along with 15 of Caribbean countries.

The Ministry called the decision "regrettable", but noted the CDC's advice for travellers to ensure they are vaccinated was in keeping with the Cayman Islands phased border reopening policy, which takes effect on 20 November. The policy stipulates that all visitors to the Island must be fully vaccinated and present a negative PCR test result taken within 72 hours of arrival. Travellers who arrive prior to the reopening date are required to quarantine for periods of 7, 10 or 14 days depending on their vaccination status.

"Given that we are close to reopening the borders, it is understandable that this travel advisory is raising concerns, particularly in relation to tourism. But the reality is the move to level 4 does not automatically mean that the Cayman Islands tourism industry will be negatively affected," the Ministry said.

Looking around the region and beyond, being at level 4 had not been shown to have any long term or immediate negative impacts on the economies or tourism

products of Cayman's competitors who were placed there before the Cayman Islands, and which are now at level 3. The Cayman Islands is expected to follow suit, they felt.

Additionally, the Ministry of Tourism had not received any indication from tourism stakeholders that this move by the CDC presented a major hurdle, neither had there been any suggestion that vacation bookings were being cancelled due to the CDC rating.

"On the contrary, we do not expect that visitors will be deterred and the Department of Tourism stands by its projection that the Cayman Islands will remain on a path of slow and steady growth following the reopening of borders on 20 November, 2021," they stated.

The Ministry said government remained confident that stringent health and safety protocols implemented by Public Health would continue to keep residents and visitors to Cayman safe. This was further bolstered by the fact that 80% of the population had had at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine and 77% were fully vaccinated, having completed the two-dose course. Additionally, 6,163 people representing 9% of those over the age of 50, had received a third or booster dose. As a result of the Islands high vaccination levels, hospitalisations due to Covid-19 were "relatively low", with 14 patients currently hospitalised in stable condition and none having needed to be ventilated.

The Ministry of Tourism said it urged the public to continue following public



► The CDC travel advisory is unlikely to deter visitors to the Cayman Islands

health guidelines and personal protection measures against Covid-19 and encouraged anyone who was eligible but not yet vaccinated to consider doing so.



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Activists want clean cruise liners by 2050

The Global Cruise Activist Network (GCAN) is calling on the UN delegates currently taking part in COP26 to take immediate steps to ensure that cruise ships in service anywhere in the world comply with standards that will achieve net zero emissions of greenhouse gases by the cruise industry by 2050.

The network said legal analysis showed international shipping emissions were included in the Paris Agreement and had to be included in Parties' Nationally Determined Contributions to meet economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets to limit global warming to 2°C [1].

"GCAN recommends that at a minimum, standards for the cruise industry should require emissions reductions of 40% by 2030 and incremental reductions of 5% year-on-year thereafter. Imposing such standards would be consistent with the

goals of the Paris Agreement and with the right of every country to control access to its ports," they stated.

Tom Siebens, a GCAN activist in New England, United States, said: "The shipping industry is seriously lagging in efforts to decarbonise. Cruise ships, in particular, are super-emitters of greenhouse gases. The cruise industry's carbon footprint will only increase if it is allowed to continue operating as it has in the past. It's time to abandon 'cruising as usual.'"

Another activist, Dr Steve Gratton, a GCAN activist on Australia's Gold Coast, said: "Cruise ships continue to exploit man-made wonders like Venice and natural wonders like the Great Barrier Reef while contributing to the climate change that destroys these treasures. Switching from burning the dirtiest of bunker fuels to natural gas only serves to accelerate climate change. The cruise industry must make drastic reforms to decarbonise if they are to continue."

Of particular concern to the network were cruise ships hired for accommodation during COP 26.

Linda Clark, a GCAN activist in the Cayman Islands, said: "The accommodation solution in Glasgow to use floating hotels is deeply disappointing and flies in the face of the purpose of the event to limit global pollution. Multiple reports and evidence are available which clearly state the risks to human health and the environment, including the peer reviewed scientific paper published in September this year 'Environmental and human health impacts of cruise tourism: A Review' by Lloret et al, and the 2019 report published by the European Federation for Transport and Environment 'One corporation to pollute them all'. The organisers of the G7 and COP

"In effect, cruise tourism is undermining the goals of the Paris Agreement" - The Global Cruise Activist Network



26 events ought to be very embarrassed by renting these super-polluters and disease incubators."

The network said ship emissions would continue to grow.

"The worldwide shipping industry produces over 3% of the planet's greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide -- as much greenhouse gas as all of America's coal plants combined. These emissions include micro-particles of black carbon, a proven human health hazard in cruise ports as well as a contributor to global warming," they stated.

"The cruise industry must make drastic reforms to decarbonise if they are to continue" - Dr Steve Gratton, a GCAN activist

The network called for shipping industry targets for decarbonisation to be made tougher.

"The International Maritime Organisation, the arm of the UN responsible for regulating global shipping, has set a goal of 50% reduction in shipping's greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 compared to 2008 levels. Yet the IMO's own projec-

tions anticipate growth of as much as 30% above 2008 levels by 2050, absent more immediate and effective efforts to decarbonise. The IMO's actions to date do little to reverse this trend," the network stated.

Cruise ships, in particular, they said, were "super-emitters" of greenhouse gases and black carbon. The cruise industry's recovery post-Covid should be truly carbon responsible, not "business as usual", they urged. The cruise industry's stated goal of reduced carbon intensity for each ship was "meaningless in the face of continued industry growth".

"In effect, cruise tourism is undermining the goals of the Paris Agreement," they affirmed.

The industry ought to impose a series of measures to clean up its act, including operate fewer cruise ships using only the most fuel-efficient, power ships with wind, solar, and non-fossil fuels and add a levy on ship fuel to fund alternative energy research, among other initiatives, they said. It should also halt construction of new cruise piers and terminals worldwide in order to stop further damage to the natural and built environment of ports.

"Cruise ships are a luxury that cause serious climate damage," the network concluded. "The industry and its regulators must give priority to decarbonising ships and promoting the long-term health of the atmosphere, the marine environment, and port communities. It's time to abandon 'cruising as usual'."



► Activists at COP26 lobby for cruise liner emissions reductions

New travelling rules for 20 November

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website as the official source of information, resources and guidance as we make this transition."

The following are some of the key points from the new regulations that will affect travellers to Cayman on or after 20 November.

Testing

Who will need to take a PCR test?

- A pre-arrival PCR test will be required within 72 hours prior to travel date for all travellers age 5 and older
- A quarantine exit PCR test will also be required for all travellers and their quarantine companions aged 4 and older, for people who still need to quarantine
- Travellers who are not required to quarantine are to undergo a lateral flow

test on days 2, 5, and 10 (three tests in total)

Traveling

Who can travel to the Cayman Islands?

The following people can travel to Cayman on or after 20 November:

- All vaccinated travellers (securely and non-securely verifiable)
- Unvaccinated returning Caymanians, residents and work permit holders
- Unvaccinated visitors who have close ties to the country (that means, people who own local properties and businesses, or who are a spouse, civil partner, parent, step-parent, child, grandchild, step-child, or grandparent of a Caymanian or resident)
- Travellers below the age of 18 who are vaccinated with one dose when travelling from jurisdictions that only allow one dose for this age group

Note: Cruise travellers or unvaccinated tourists which includes unvaccinated children who are tourists are not permitted to travel to the Cayman Islands.

All travellers are required to apply on the Travel Cayman Portal and will be issued with a travel certificate which is required for entry.

Quarantine

Who still needs to quarantine?

A 14-days quarantine still applies for unvaccinated adult travellers and travel parties with unvaccinated minors. A 10-days quarantine still applies for non-securely verifiable vaccinated travellers who are travelling from a country with a vaccination rate below 60% for the first dose of the vaccine.

GPS tracking is also a requirement for travellers and their quarantine compan-

ions age 10 and older who quarantine at an approved private residence instead of a quarantine facility.

Where can I quarantine?

You can quarantine at approved quarantine facilities/hotels or at an approved private residences or other tourist accommodations. Government pays quarantine fees at government-run facilities for essential travel only, as outlined by The Control and Management of Covid-19 Regulations, 2021. All quarantining travellers and their companions are subject to Travel Cayman welfare phone calls and physical checks.

The Travel Cayman portal will be updated on Monday, 8 November 2021 after 9 P.M. Cayman Islands time.

Visit exploregov.ky for more information

THE PANEL DISCUSSION

Small businesses key to successful reopening

The small business sector in Cayman has been amongst the hardest hit by the economic contraction caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

With Cayman now poised to reopen, revitalising that core segment of the economy is set to receive even more attention from the Chamber of Commerce, according to incoming Chamber President Shomari Scott.

Small and medium-sized enterprises have already been the recipients of several government initiatives to tide them over during the downturn over the past year and a half.

Now, Mr Scott says the Chamber will be making more resources

available to the sector as Cayman emerges from the impact of Covid-19 with all eyes on the reopening on 20 November 20.

The small business sector, largely comprised of locally-owned companies, is a vital and dynamic component of the Caymanian economy operating across several industries ranging from grocery stores, boutiques and salons, restaurants, night-clubs, transportation, landscaping, a variety of professional services.

“A lot of times when people hear to Chamber of Commerce, they think big business,” Mr Scott says. “Actually, of the 632 companies that are registered Chamber members, 73% are businesses that have over 20 employees, and 40% are businesses that have under five employees. So, it's really small business that we are representing,” the next-in-line Chamber president points out.

He said special attention is being placed on those businesses to help them

adjust to the new realities as the economy reopens.

“When you hear about the training that we're doing; when you hear about the advocacy, it's really on behalf of those businesses that wouldn't have a lot of admin staff, that wouldn't have a lot of revenues, and would bear a lot more pain when we reopen, and that's what we as a Chamber are doing; advocating and making sure that the government can also meet us halfway to help businesses to reopen.”

Appearing on the Caymanian Times discussion programme, The Panel, Mr Scott explained that one of the initiatives that the Chamber is embarking on for its membership that is especially targeted at small businesses is a special focus on the mental well-being of business owners.

“There are certain types of mental issues that persons would have with not being able to make their salary and not being able to make ends meet, and now as we get closer to the borders being open, and you have positives popping up left, right and centre, there's another aspect in regards to mental health with the fear of what's going to happen with Covid,” he said.



► Incoming Chamber President Shomari Scott

Mr Scott said safeguarding and supporting small businesses alongside the cohort of established major enterprises is crucial as they all transition back into some semblance of normal commercial activity picking up from where they left off last year.

“When you have a small business that has five employees or less, it becomes hard for the business owner to continue footing the bill, especially when you have businesses that haven't made the revenue over the past two years based on borders being closed.”

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Cayman gets top award from Condé Nast Traveler

Even though the Cayman Islands has been shut to tourists since March 2020, visitors to the country have clearly not forgotten the lure of this destination, as the Cayman Islands has recently been recognised in magazine Condé Nast Traveler's 2021 Readers' Choice Award as a top island to visit in the Caribbean and the Atlantic.

Cayman was named one of the 'Best Islands to Visit in the Caribbean and the Atlantic'. The Cayman Islands Department of Tourism said it was pleased to accept the honour from Condé Nast Traveler readers this year.

More than 800,000 travellers submitted responses rating their experiences across the globe to help narrow down the best of the best – from destinations and resorts to airlines, luggage, and car rentals. The Read-

ers' Choice Awards programme is the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry.

Minister for Tourism and Transport Kenneth Bryan said: "We are honoured to be recognised as a premier travel destination, especially now as we've begun to welcome tourists back to our trio of unique islands once again."

Minister Bryan said that Condé Nast Traveler was one of the most respectable publications in the industry, and the accolade solidified that Cayman's culture, cuisine and Caymankindness was among the best in the world.

The 2021 Readers' Choice Awards are published on Condé Nast Traveler's website at cntraveler.com/rca and celebrated in the November issue.



► Cayman's lure has not been forgotten by travellers

Collaboration to prepare for border opening

Ensuring that the tourism industry is prepared to safely welcome visitors back to the islands is a top priority for the Ministry and Department of Tourism. As part of that commitment, the Ministry and Department of Tourism hosted a strategic development collaboration with tourism partners on Wednesday, 20 October, with the aim of gathering feedback on sanitation, visitor management and marketing.

Tourism and Transport Minister Kenneth Bryan said: "As we get ready to welcome more visitors to our islands, it is important that guests feel confident in our preparedness and ability to manage their experience in this new normal. The information collected from this strategic session with our tourism partners will go a long way in assisting us in considering all the risks and challenges that potentially come with reopening to tourism."

To maximise the success of the focus group discussions, the Department of Tourism engaged local facilitator Tara Tvedt and her Cayman-based company SquarePeg Ltd. Each focus group was asked a set of questions on three main areas – Sanitation, Guest (Covid positive) risks and challenges, and activation marketing. Ms Tvedt, as a trained facilitator in



► Members of the public and private sector came together to discuss sanitation protocols and visitor management in the tourism industry ahead of the expected increase in tourism in Phase 4 of the reopening plan

the method, guided the process helping the group collaborate.

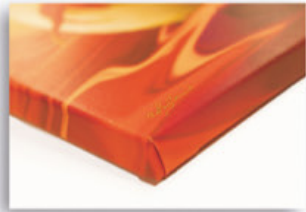
The goal of these focus groups is to have a better understanding of what potential challenges the industry faces in this crucial area of Covid-19 protocols. The members of the focus group represent both

the public and private sectors that are involved in the return of tourism in the Cayman Islands. The session was visited by Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Labour, Chris Saunders, the Tourism and Transport Minister Bryan and Minister of Planning,


Agriculture, Housing and Infrastructure, Johany Ebanks.

The findings and ongoing sub-committee sessions will support the Ministry and Department of Tourism in finalising reopening standards and protocols that will be presented to Cabinet.

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Sunrise Adult Training Centre celebrates 35 years

On Monday 8 November, the Sunrise Adult Training Centre (SATC) celebrated 35 years of serving the Cayman Islands with its integrated services and programmes for adults who have a broad range of special needs. The Centre recently came under the remit of the Cayman Islands Government's Ministry of Investment, Innovation and Social Development.



► Director Kim Voaden at the 2021 production of *The Wizard of Oz*

By providing vocational training, therapeutic services, case management services and a recreational day programme, the Centre aims to enable all of its clients to become empowered, productive and fully included members of the community.

Currently, the Centre supports 35 clients in its day programme, and 23 clients who work in paid employment in the community (see below for a range of testimonials from employers). There are 22 members of staff.

Although current Covid-19 protocols have postponed traditional celebrations and festivities for the Centre's anniversary,

sary, the clients, staff, families and wider community anticipate these at a later date.

Minister André Ebanks extended his congratulations to the Centre:

"Since its founding 35 years ago, Sunrise Adult Training Centre has played a significant role in the Cayman Islands, both in its delivery of services to clients and its advocacy on their behalf. Its Director Ms Kimberly Voaden leads the Centre with enthusiasm, wisdom and great compassion, and its staff are to be commended for their work and dedication.

"The Centre equips its clients with hugely important life skills to enable their functioning in wider society, in line with the recognition that such participation is vital for every human being. Likewise, the Centre provides the delivery of therapy services and vocational training in aid of the same objective.

"At the same time, demand for Sunrise's services currently exceeds its ability to accommodate all of its potential clients. Investment in the Centre's physical facilities is an urgent need and priority of this Government."

Sunrise Adult Training Centre Director Kimberly Voaden, who has served as Director since 2017, provided the context of Sunrise's services and the role it plays in the Cayman Islands:

"I am honoured to serve as Director and formerly as Programme Director during a portion of Sunrise's three and a half decades.

"People with disabilities - one billion worldwide - are one of the most excluded groups in society. Even without the strain of the Covid-19 pandemic, these people are less likely to access healthcare, education, employment and active community participation.

"An integrated approach is required. Sunrise is committed to working in a holistic,



► Lots of fun to be had



► Governor Martyn Roper lends his support

"The commitment to realising the rights of persons with disabilities is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future, for Cayman, and to the betterment of us all."
 – Sunrise Adult Training Centre Director Ms Kimberly Voaden

tic, client-centred manner and collaboratively with all possible partners, to ensure that its clients live fulfilling, flourishing lives and are fully included in our community."

Ms Voaden noted that in the past 35 years, there has been a transformation of attitudes towards people with special needs and disabilities. She said this has elevated the crucial importance of policies and practices to support and include them in our community, the economy and society. Swiftly changing technologies also aid in the range of possibilities for them to contribute, and likewise enabling them to strive for their full potential as individuals.

"Without a doubt, the purpose and functions of Sunrise Adult Training Centre are vital and mutually beneficial not only for our clients and their families, but also for the Cayman Islands as a whole to have opportunities to embrace and engage with these members of our community," she said.

Commenting on the future of Sunrise Adult Training Centre, she noted:

"Going forward, we will continue to work with our clients to enable their full

inclusion. We will work to embed the Sunrise ethos of empowerment, employment and independence even more deeply within the Cayman Islands community.

"To deliver on this ambition, and to properly serve a long list of clients who are currently on a wait list -- or will join when they finish at the Lighthouse School -- Sunrise requires a bespoke building. Moreover, the building will need to be located more centrally, as the current premises in West Bay significantly hinders participation of clients from the eastern districts.

"We also eagerly anticipate building more partnerships with potential employers, with civic organisations, and connections with the broader community."



► Sunrise Adult Training Centre celebrates 35 years of serving the community

Ms Voaden concluded that disability inclusion was an essential condition to upholding human rights, sustainable development, peace and security. She said, "The commitment to realising the rights of persons with disabilities is not only a matter of justice; it is an investment in a common future, for Cayman, and to the betterment of us all."

America issues travel avoidance for Cayman

By Lindsey Turnbull

America's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CDC, announced Tuesday that the Cayman Islands had been placed at Level 4 – as having a 'very high' level of Covid-19. As such, it suggests to would-be travellers to Cayman to avoid travelling here. "Because of the current situation in the Cayman Islands, even fully vaccinated travellers may be at risk for getting and spreading Covid-19 variants, it said. If people did decide to travel to the Cayman Islands, travellers should follow recommendations or requirements, including the wearing of masks and staying 6 feet apart from others.

At the time of writing, there had been 678 positive tests found from testing last weekend and of these positive results, nine were in travellers and 669 were from the community.

These results brought the number of active cases of Covid-19 in the Cayman Islands as at 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November to 2,118. This translates to about 1 in 34 people with Covid-19.

The Public Health department also confirmed that up to 8 a.m. on Monday, 8 November there had been 832 total positive lateral flow tests since the introduction of the lateral flow test programme in the Cayman Islands.

Opposition airs concerns

Opposition Leader Roy McTaggart stated he and his Opposition member colleagues knew there was a lot of concern throughout the country with the escalating high level of Covid-19 community spread, and said they shared that concern.



► CITA President Marc Langevin

Referring to the CDC's moving of Cayman up their travel risk ranking to the top level 4 category, Mr McTaggart said this had serious implications for Cayman's tourism business – particularly as Cayman was poised to re-open its borders and re-introduce visitors to the Islands.

"We will have tourists willing to visit, but the rise in community spread of the virus, coupled with the CDC now recommending that travellers should avoid the Islands,

will temper any enthusiasm for visitors to come here," he worried. "We are used to being in the top ranking for financial services and tourism, but not for Covid-19 spread."

Mr McTaggart felt the implications to people's health and the health of the economy was now "at the gravest it has been since the onset of the pandemic".

"This is a regrettable set of events and I remain of the view that this is down to serious mismanagement by the government and specifically the Premier

and health minister," he stated.

However, he acknowledged that bemoaning the cause of the current situation would get Cayman nowhere.

"What is needed now is leadership, and the Premier must now lead from the front. He and his government must take action to have firm rules in place regarding all the necessary public health protocols and these must be enforced," he stated. "This action is needed now to limit the further spread before we start to have tourists arrive here in ten days' time. Hopefully, it is not too late. The government's cavalier attitude towards the pandemic must end."

Mr McTaggart felt that, so far, it did not seem like a planned border re-opening.

"Rather, it seems we are hurtling toward the 20 November date and praying for the best," he said.

"I have been trying very hard to give the Premier and the government a wide berth to get things together, while still fulfilling my duty to the country to hold the Premier and the government to account. We in the Opposition will continue to be vigilant and to point out where the government is going wrong. But time is running out."

Bigger fish to fry

Marc Langevin, President of the Cayman Islands Tourism Association and General Manager at The Ritz-Carlton, Grand



► Opposition Leader, Roy McTaggart

Cayman, felt the CDC advisory situation was currently not the most worrisome for Cayman's beleaguered tourism industry.

"I'm not so concerned by this announcement as it is just temporary while our destination is going through the initial process of community transmission, which is cyclical," he stated.

However, Cayman's tourism industry had far more critical issues ahead, he felt.

"We are more concerned about the delay in commercial airlines until February and March, and by the regulation preventing visitors' unvaccinated children to travel to the Cayman Islands," he stated.

New regulations that come into effect on 20 November state that cruise travellers or unvaccinated tourists which includes unvaccinated children who are tourists are not permitted to travel to the Cayman Islands.

Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce President Mike Gibbs also felt the CDC announcement should not be a barrier for visitors wishing to travel to the Cayman Islands.

"The Cayman Islands has one of the highest Covid-19 vaccination rates per capita in the world and, as a result, a very low rate of hospitalisation," Mr Gibbs



► Chamber of Commerce President Mike Gibbs

said. "Vaccinated visitors from the United States and other countries should feel confident that a trip to the Cayman Islands will be safe."








Mr Gibbs said Cayman's hotels, condominiums, watersports operators, restaurants and small businesses were eager to welcome visitors back to Cayman's shores on 20 November, so visitors could experience Cayman's beautiful islands, beaches and people.

"The Chamber, in partnership with Government, will be hosting a series of webinars to prepare for the reopening and I would encourage business owners, employees and the general public to attend these online webinars," he stated.

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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						
86° / 78°	84° / 78°	84° / 78°	85° / 80°	83° / 80°	85° / 81°	84° / 80°
A t-storm around in the p.m.	A thunderstorm in spots	Clouds and sun with a shower	Breezy with a thunderstorm	Windy; a little p.m. rain	Cloudy, showers around; windy	Cloudy and windy

UCCI's digital facelift

Months in the making, UCCI launched a renovated and newly tooled website last week. Cleaner, more comprehensive and easier to navigate, the upgraded site will better serve faculty, staff and students, as well as the public, the UCCI said.

The web address of www.ucci.edu.ky remains the same.

UCCI's Marketing, Public Relations and Alumni Director Marian Jarquin, who oversaw production of the new site, said on the old site it was often very difficult to find information, so their goal was to make the new site very user friendly. It had also been designed to promote the strengths of UCCI's offerings.

Ms Jarquin confirmed: "We're putting our unique programmes at the forefront of the website. One of the first things you'll see is 'Search for a Programme.' This will make it easy for potential students to identify and explore the offerings at UCCI."

UCCI President and CEO Stacy McAfee compared the difference between the old and new sites to that of night and day.

"It has a contemporary look that shows the university as an equally appealing option that should be considered along with



► UCCI's new website is more user friendly

other universities around the world," Ms McAfee said.

First impressions are always important, she said, and the impression made by a website could make or break the interest of a potential student.

"Websites are the primary tool that universities use to appeal to students," she said. "Within the first few minutes, users make a decision to either explore further or move on. This new website more effectively represents what the university

is doing and presents it in a positive and visually appealing manner.

"It's also important that donors and non-profits be able to easily access information, which they have said has been difficult. This will simplify accessing that information," Ms McAfee stated.

The new website also brings all of UCCI's elements under one digital roof. Until now, programmes such as the Professional Development Centre, the STEM Carib Conference and others had independent websites. Now, everything connected with UCCI is on the same site and can be accessed through the main home page.

Archival material will also be more accessible.

"Faculty and staff would complain about trying to find material from the past and not being able to locate it," Ms Jarquin said. "Now that process should be much easier."

Ms McAfee emphasised that this was only the initial version of an ongoing process.

"It needs to constantly be refreshed with new stories and new images of students, staff and faculty that tell the UCCI story," she said. "It will continue to evolve and become even better."

Scotiabank offering more support for customers

Scotiabank Cayman has expanded the support that it provides via its customer care centre to now include assistance with a wider range of banking enquiries 24 hours per day. These improvements the bank says, will allow it to increase its ability to serve the needs of its customers remotely while improving operational efficiency at its branch locations.

Sarah Hobbs, Country Head and Vice President, Scotiabank Cayman, said: "This latest development will significantly improve our ability to manage the customer enquiries process."

Among the expanded services of the new customer service outfit is 24/7 con-

tact centre support - a first for the bank in the Cayman Islands, credit and debit card support including card activation, online & mobile banking support as well as the handling of other general banking and product enquiries.

Ms Hobbs also noted that the expansion and enhancements would reduce wait times for callers and bolster the bank's ability to service customers via this channel. An anticipated 31,000 calls are expected to be handled via the enhanced operations annually.

"By deepening our customer service resource pool in centralised locations, we will also further enable our front-line staff

to deliver an even greater customer experience in our branches," she noted. "As the bank continues to respond to the challenges posed by the global pandemic, we will also continue to significant invest in our technology, facilities and team members to better serve our customers."

Ms Hobbs said that over the past 18 months, several improvements have been made under the bank's digital transformation strategy as it aims to further to align with increasing customer preferences for electronic and self-service channels. Since the start of the pandemic, usage of its digital and remote banking channels has increased by more than 15%.



► Sarah Hobbs, Country Head and Vice President, Scotiabank Cayman

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Pirates Week 2021 activities mostly cancelled

The much-loved celebration of Pirates Week will be sharply curtailed this year due to Covid restrictions, as the Ministry of Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage and the Pirates Week Office have advised that the November's Pirates Week 2021 land-

ing, parade and district day activities have been postponed due to safety concerns with the ongoing community spread of Covid-19.

There is a small ray of hope for some fun, however, as, despite the postponement of the larger events, organisers confirm that the 41st Pirates Week 5k Sea Swim will still take place on Saturday, 13 November 2021 at the Governor's Beach. The race starts at 7am with registration from 6am to 6:45am. Discussions are underway for possible firework displays in various districts and the Ministry says that the details, times and dates will be confirmed.



► Flowers Sea Swim will still go ahead



► No pirate invasion this year

THIS DAY IN TIME

Cayman Drama Society first performed



► Constitution Hall

In July, 1970, the Cayman Drama Society was finally formed as an informal group and they prepared for their first production called 'See How They Run'. It ran for three nights from 12 - 14 November 1970. It was the first full play ever presented in Cayman with scenery, costumes and props. The George Town Town Hall (now Constitution Hall) was bursting at the seams every night. It was really a joyful occasion for everyone and most rewarding for the fledgling Society. An extra performance was presented on 21 November 1970 to meet public demand.

The CDS benefited greatly from having a home for its productions, when the Prospect Playhouse opened in Red Bay in October 1990, with a gala evening of speeches and refreshments, and the first production, Pirate Princess commenced the following week.



► 2015 production of Rent! The Musical

In 2011 the Playhouse underwent extensive enhancements, including the building of a hurricane-proof window to its theatre office, re-flooring of the office and redecoration of public spaces. In 2012 it saw an upgrade of the auditorium and stage sound systems.

The CDS has produced some memorable productions over the years, none more so anticipated than its Playhouse Family Christmas, a regular Christmas

tradition for many which began in 2014. Other notable performances include Grease, Anne of Green Gables, Peter Pan The Musical, Death of a Salesman, The Importance of being Earnest, the Woman in Black, as well as some brilliant Shakespeare productions, including The Tempest and A Midsummer's Night Dream. Due to Covid restrictions, the CDS' last performance to date was Noises Off in May of this year.



► 2017 Playhouse Family Christmas



► 2017 production of Footloose

43 Sleeps 'til Christmas! Give the gift of art

Christmas is just around the corner, so each week until the big day we bring you a sample of great gifts you can buy on island that won't break the bank!

Who doesn't love a gorgeous piece of artwork on the wall? It's all

the more meaningful and special if the art was made locally. Gordon Solomon is a local artist based on Cayman Brac who has been creating some amazing artwork for decades. His style is instantly recognisable, bringing quintessential

Cayman scenes (both current and also of yesteryear) to life with his colourful approach to preserving the moment on canvas.

Original artwork is understandably high priced; however, art lovers on a budget can enjoy

his work for a fraction of the cost of the original. Prints of his artwork can be done on demand, while he also has a collection of paper prints already available at his studio in the Brac. 8x10 prints are CI\$30.

Visit Gordon's website at www.gordonsolomon.com

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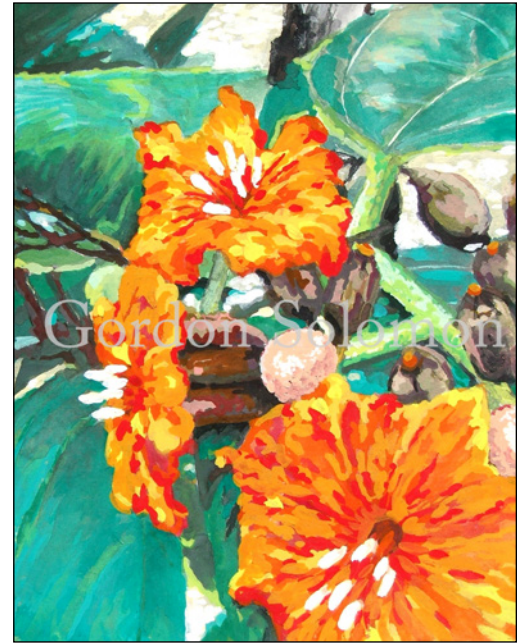
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► Bougan Rain print



► Seven Sails print



► Broad Leaf print

Unique Christmas goodies at girl guides' bazaar

Girl guiding Cayman Islands is holding its annual Christmas arts and craft bazaar on Saturday 27 November from 10am to 2pm at Loyola Hall and Courtyard, St. Ignatius Catholic School, Walkers Road. All

are invited as it is a great chance to buy some unique gifts that you won't find anywhere else in Cayman.

The public is encouraged to pop by and find one-of-a-kind items and Christmas gifts from many local vendors. Be on the lookout for arts, crafts, jewellery and so much more! Admission is free and everyone is welcome. All proceeds go to Girl Guiding Cayman Islands.

A brilliant entity that helps girls acquire skills for life while participating in fun activities and making friends, girl guiding helps girls build their confidence, discover their full potential and make a positive difference in the community. Girls can begin their girl guiding journey from age five within the Rainbow section and move up through Brownies, Guides, Rangers and on, to become young leaders.

**** Please note that attendees must follow the latest CI Government Regulations on Covid 19 when visiting the Bazaar. Masks will be required inside the Hall. ****



► Unique gifts for sale



► Girl guides will be selling great Christmas items



► One of a kind items



► Local art and jewellery



► Fashion art for sale

Cayman youngster crowned 2021 FR Americas series champion

Last weekend, 17-year-old Cayman Islands resident, Kyffin Simpson, secured the 2021 FR Americas Powered by Honda championship title at Circuit of the Americas' Austin Speed Tour in Austin, Texas, with dominant displays in Race 2 and 3, complementing TJ Speed Motorsports' teams' championship title with his own drivers' crown.

As part of his championship winnings, Kyffin was awarded a scholarship worth \$600,000 by Honda Performance Development and Honda Motor Company towards participation in the 2022 Super Formula series.

Despite a dramatic incident in Friday's Race 1 with championship rival, Joshua Car, Kyffin's

nearest championship competitors were out of mathematical contention, so he secured the title early in the weekend. He went on to race unchallenged from pole position on to score his sixth win of the season, before holding off a charging Dylan Tavella in a thrilling season-ending race to score his seventh victory of 2021.

Kyffin was born in Bridgetown, Barbados before moving to live in the Cayman Islands. He began his racing journey at 7, and has since competed at all levels of karting in the United States and Europe, winning multiple championships along the way. Just two years into his career, Kyffin secured his first championship victory in the

Barbados Karting Association, and returned to win the series the following season. He has since made a giant leap to motorsports, clinching this latest title.

Kyffin said: "What a way to end the season. I'm glad we got some more wins this weekend after a tough Race 1. Dylan [Tavella] pushed me hard today - I think that's the hardest I've ever had to work for a race win!"

"The whole TJSpeed Motorsports crew have worked so hard this year to give me a great car. I don't think anyone expected us to fight for the title at the beginning of the season, but we've been fast at every track and I think our consistency is our greatest strength."



► Kyffin (centre) is the champion (Photo by Gavin Bake)

Tim Neff, TJ Speeds Motorsports owner, said Kyffin had been "spectacular" this year.

"It's easy to forget how young he is," he confirmed. "We had a dream start to the season with a clean-sweep, and every weekend since we've been right up there. FR Americas and Parella should be proud of the series we ran this year despite the challenges."

Kyffin finished the 2021 FR Americas season with 314 points, almost 100 clear of Joshua Car in second with 218. SRX and Trans-Am racer Ernie Francis Jr rounded out the top three with 160 points.

With the FR Americas title secured, Kyffin's focus shifts towards preparation for the 2022 Indy Lights Presented by Cooper Tires season. You can follow and support Kyffin's progress on social media via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Kyffin's Instagram is @kyffin_simpson and Kyffin's website is: kyffinsimpson.ky

Kyffin is supported by Simpson Race Products, GoPro action cameras, Spy sunglasses, DART, BODDENS, Kimpton Seafire Resort + Spa, and Kokoro Performance driver coaching services.



► Kyffin in the driving seat



► Kyffin celebrates his amazing win

CIFA partners with AC Syracuse Pulse

A formal partnership has been formed between US football club AC Syracuse Pulse and the Cayman Islands Football Association, which will result in shared education, coaching and training, and international travel for tournaments, CIFA said.

The agreement was signed during a live media event in Syracuse, N.Y on 27 October by Alfredo Whittaker, President of the Cayman Islands Football Association, and Samir Belhseine, President of AC Syracuse Pulse, who called Whittaker "a champion for youth and professional soccer." Whittaker was a professional soccer player in Costa Rica, Honduras, and Cayman Islands, including the national teams of Costa Rica and Cayman Islands.

The alignment with the Cayman Islands will take soccer to a new level, according to Mr Belhseine, providing an exchange of ideas and team play — with the Cayman professional players and youth teams coming to the states and AC Syracuse's professional and youth teams traveling to the Cayman Islands.

Mr Whittaker said: "We are building a bridge from America to the Cayman Islands. The golden gate has been opened for countless opportunities to expand the benefits of soccer, which go far beyond the game, as our players learn sportsmanship, teamwork, and strength, and build character."

AC Syracuse Pulse encompasses a professional men's team, and women's

semi-pro team, and a youth academy and international partnerships. Playing and training will begin in spring 2022. The club's other international partnerships include soccer organisations in Barcelona, Spain (RieraSport) and in Morocco (Regional Football League of Laayoune Sakia El Hamra).

Mr Belhseine said: "These partnerships foster learning and development and allow for increased international expansion and recognition. He and Mr Whittaker will be traveling to Morocco this month to explore additional relationships for the Caymans Island Football Foundation. The AC Syracuse Pulse leadership team will visit the Cayman Islands in January.

The new head coach for the AC Syracuse men's professional team, and director of coaching for the youth academy, is Portuguese native Cláudio Garcia, who has coached winning teams in India, Portugal, and the Cayman Islands. He was an international football player and then a celebrated coach in India, Portugal, and the Cayman Islands. As head coach of the Cayman Islands Boys National Team (U20, U17, and U15), Garcia led the U20 Men's team to the Concacaf World Cup Qualifiers in Puerto Rico, placing third.

Coach Garcia said he was excited to export the knowledge of the game that he had acquired, to bring to Syracuse his international experience as a player and a coach.



► Samir Belhseine of AC Syracuse, left, and Alfredo Whittaker of Cayman Islands Football Association

AC Syracuse Pulse Youth Academy, offering programmes in 2022 for boys and girls ages 6 to 16. He will be selecting and training coaches for the academy's youth through camps and clinics, helping coaches to develop their skills and their training sessions.

AC Syracuse Pulse is a member of the National Independent Soccer Association

(NISA), a new US league formed in 2017 that has 16 teams across the country and is a pro-league member of US Soccer and a member of the US Soccer Federation. For more information about AC Syracuse, please visit ACSyracuse.com or contact us at info@acsyracuse.com. Join AC Syracuse's social media communities @ACSyracuse on Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Miss Lassie Exhibition

12 & 13 November – The public is invited to The Gladwyn K. Bush Retrospective – Miss Lassie: My Art is My Life – at Mind's Eye Education Centre, Ms. Lassie's Duplex at the intersection of Walkers and South Sound Roads. View the beautiful and inspired works of intuitive art created by Cayman's own visionary. The exhibition, presented by the Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF), is open from 10am to 6pm daily and admission is free. Donations are accepted. Call 949 – 5477 for more information.

Rotary Club of Cayman Brac – Family Fun Day & Health Screening Fair

13 November – The Rotary Club of Cayman Brac Family Fun Day and Health Screening Fair is 13 November beginning at 12pm at Cemetery Pier/Scott's Dock. For more information email: rotaryclubcaymanbrac@gmail.com.

Remembrance Day – Public Holiday

15 November – Remembrance Day is observed to honour all veterans who fought in World War 1. You can support the veterans by purchasing poppies. This is a pub-

lic holiday in the Cayman Islands and most businesses are closed. However, supermarkets, gas stations and liquor stores are usually opened.

Heart to Heart Afterschool Trunk Sale

15 November – Heart to Heart afterschool and care center is hosting a truck sale with \$75 per spot. Proceeds go towards the afterschool program. The event is November 15th from 7am to 1pm. Call 917.1791 or email hafterschool8@gmail.com to register.

Meditation with Wayne

17 November – Join Wayne Franklin for a free 45-minute restorative meditation practice in the gardens of the National Gallery beginning at 6pm. Register to reserve your space by emailing education@nationalgallery.org.ky or by calling 945 – 8111.

Meals on Wheels Turkey Trot 5K & 10K Fun Walk / Run

20 November – Registration is now open for the 6th Annual Meals on Wheels Turkey Trot 5k FUNdraising Walk/Run which will take place on 20 November, 2021, at 6am. Start and Finish will be at

Grand Old House, South Church Street. Register today at www.mealsonwheels.ky. Registration includes a t-shirt, finishers' medals, entry into the event raffle for a variety of spot prizes. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for each running category. Don't forget to get fancy and creative, a special prize and trophy will be awarded for the best 'Turkey Trot' themed dresser. Register online today or contact Meals on Wheels for more information or to make a donation at 769-1974 or info@mealsonwheels.ky

Free Family Fun Day – RE/MAX

20 November – RE/MAX presents a free, family event on Saturday 20 November at the Black Pearl Skatepark in Grand Harbour from 1pm to 5pm. There will be lots of family fun activities including a bouncy castle, big Jenga game, big Connect 4 game and table tennis. The first 100 kids will receive free scooter or skateboard rental. Free hot dogs, beverages, snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn will also be available for all attendees.

Twinkling Lights at Camana Bay

20 November – On Saturday 20 November 2021, enjoy a Holiday Craft Market and live music on the Paseo from 4pm. The Town Centre, including the tree, will be



► Universal Children's Day Walk-Run

illuminated at 7pm. Also, from the 20 November throughout the holiday season, Camana Bay will run a Selfies on Social competition where visitors can snap a selfie around the Town Centre, the Gingerbread family in Heliconia Court, under the large wreath by the Observation Tower or by the Christmas tree on the Crescent, post their photos on social and be entered into a prize draw to win.

Universal Children's Day 5K Walk/Run

21 November – The Department of Children & Family Services will

be holding their 2nd 5k Walk / Run to celebrate Universal Children's Day. Due to the current Covid-regulations, we encourage people to walk/ run in their own community on this day with their family and friends. We have lots of great raffle prizes and will give away a free t-shirt for the first 50 participants that have registered. Register at: <https://caymanactive.com/event/universal-childrens-day-5k-walk-run/>

Send your community events to wendy@caymaniantimes.ky

Did you forget ...about your fitness goals?

Just because it's the holidays doesn't mean that your fitness goals no longer matter. In fact, if you lose sight of your fat loss goals entirely this month, you'll have a seriously rude awakening come 1 January.

I have a better idea for you...let's keep you focused on your fitness goals while still making room for some fun this holiday season. This means that you'll need to learn how to indulge with control. While that may sound like an oxymoron, it is possible to let loose and enjoy without throwing away the results that you've worked so hard for.

Here's how to stay fit this holiday season:

Holiday fitness tip #1: It's all about moderation

Don't try to deprive yourself of all the foods you love, this is unrealistic. Instead, be smart about what you choose to eat. Enjoy your very favourite flavours of the season, but in moderation. Trim calories where you can by only eating those rich foods that you really enjoy.

Also, be sure to limit the number of alcoholic beverages you drink. These drinks are typically filled with tons of sugary calories. Try alternating an alcoholic drink with a non-alcoholic drink like sparkling water.

Holiday fitness tip #2: Fibre is Your Friend

Here's a simple tip that most people overlook when loading up their plates at holiday gatherings...fill up on fibre first.

You see, if you are eating a plate that's mostly fibrous vegetables and greens, leaving only a moderate amount of room for the dishes full of fats and carbs, then your net calorie intake for the meal will be dramatically lower than if you had eaten more of the carb and fat dishes.

While this tip is super effective during the holidays, it's also a technique that you can carry with you throughout the rest of the year to stay lean while still indulging in what you love. The key is to eat less of the rich, fattening foods and more of the lower calorie, high fibre foods.

Holiday fitness tip #3: Exercise is a MUST

Many people let their workouts go to the wayside during the busy holiday weeks, however I am here to tell you how important it is that you keep your workouts a priority. I know it's harder to get into the gym when it's cold outside, and when you're tired from getting ready for the holidays, but that act of lacing up your shoes, sweating, and getting the endorphins flowing makes a huge impact on your overall fitness.

Not only are you burning calories and stoking your metabolism, by exercising every single day you are keeping fitness at the forefront of your mind. It may sound like a small thing but getting into the gym forces you to remember your fitness goals



► Ernest Ebanks

and this small act will help you make better decisions throughout the rest of your day.

All of these small efforts add up, my friend, and you are able to do them all without sacrificing the fun or the flavours of the season. You can do this!

I am passionate about seeing my clients achieve results—and maintaining those results throughout the holiday season and beyond. Call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Studio 325-8696 or email bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com today to get started on my best available programme.

MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

HOLLYWOOD HILLS CROSS - 1 Corinthians : 18-31

One of the most recognizable images in the U.S. is, "HOLLYWOOD," sign in California. People from all over the world come to, "Tinseltown," to gaze at the cement footprints of stars and perhaps catch a glimpse of celebrities who might pass by. It's hard for visitors to miss this.

Less well known in the Hollywood hills is another easily recognized symbol- one with ETERNAL SIGNIFICANCE. Known as the Hollywood Pilgrimage Memorial Monument, this 32- foot cross looks out over the city. It was placed there in memory of Christine Wetherill Stevenson, a wealthy heiress who in the 1920s established the Pilgrimage Theater. It served as the venue for The Pilgrimage Play, a drama about CHRIST. These two icons showcase an interesting contrast. Movies good and bad will come and go, but the Cross of Jesus Christ will live on forever. It remains the symbol of the ultimate sacrifice for the salvation of our souls.

DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Family of the late **Odetta Lucille Dixon** fondly called Odette, announce her passing on October 20, 2021.



A Home Going Service will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at Spot Bay Church of God, following a Graveside Service at Spot Bay Cemetery. Viewing of Odetta will begin at 10am.



Churchill's


Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Mr. Loxley Henry, who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Churchill's


Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Margaret Elizabeth Carmola, who passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 09, 2021. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced at a later date.



Condolences can be registered at churchillsfuneralhome.com

Happy 100th Birthday, Granny!



9th November 2021

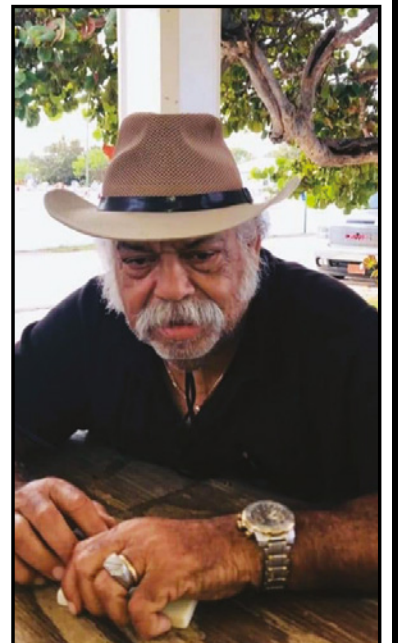


Today has been especially difficult, so here's a rose just for you, just for today.
We love you
Love, Kathryn, Trudi, Taj, Gianni & the rest of the family.

The family of the late **Melgreen Reid** regret to announce his passing on October 31, 2021.

A funeral service will be held at 3:30 p.m. under his favourite Rubber Tree in Bight, Cayman Brac on Saturday, November 13, 2021.

Burial will be at the Creek Cemetery.



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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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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32 Book genre

34 Heater

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36 Book genre

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41 Hamper

42 "Survivor" team

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- 27 Will topic
- 29 Words of understanding
- 30 Antilles natives
- 31 Songwriter Jule
- 33 Abrasive powder
- 37 Poi source
- 39 Decimal base

Word Search

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- Bare
- Bear
- Care
- Dare
- Declare
- Eclair
- Fair
- Fare
- Flair
- Flare
- Hair
- Hare
- Mare
- Mayor
- Pair
- Pare
- Pear
- Prayer
- Rare
- Snare
- Square
- Stair
- Stare
- Ware
- Wear
- Where

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

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THERE'S A PROGRAM COMIN' ON CALLED "PIGEONS"...

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...BUT SHE HAD SUCH AN HONEST FACE, OFFICER! I HAD NO IDEA THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE WASN'T HERS TO SELL!...

OH, THAT VARIETY OF PIGEON!

THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

RONAN'S DOWN - WITH WEB-FACE UNDER HIM!

AND I-I DON'T SEE PETER MOVING!

SHROOOM! RUN!

THE CITY'S UNDER ATTACK!

STAN LEE LARRY LEE 7-10

JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

I... I DON'T KNOW, SAM.

I DON'T NEED AN ANSWER NOW.

I JUST THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME OUT. NOW, IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN GET YOU BEFORE I GO?

A DRINK?

I'LL GET YOU SOME LEMONADE.

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