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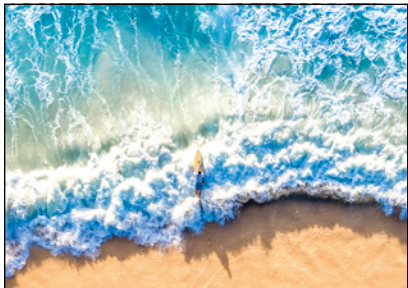
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# New laws needed for pharmacies

A new report called 'HSA Outpatient Pharmacy Services' has just been released by the Office of the Auditor General. The report looked specifically at whether laws governing the Health Services Authority's pharmacy services were efficient and effective, how effective the HSA pharmacy was at ensuring the availability, safety and quality of medicines while delivery value for money, and also its efficiency at delivering dispensary services.

The report came off the back of the OAG's 2017 performance audit report called 'Ensuring Quality Health Care and a Healthy Population', which had revealed there were several issues that had affected the HSA's ability to deliver efficient and effective pharmacy services. Back in 2017, they found that the 1979 law that governed the HSA's pharmacy needed to

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# Airlift a barrier to tourism rebound

By Lindsey Turnbull

Increased Cayman Airways flights to important hubs such as New York, Miami and Tampa are all “good news” as far as meeting airlift requirements for Cayman’s tourism industry to get back on its feet, but it is not enough. Cayman needs to do far more to ensure that important stakeholders such as travel agents, and airlines such as American, United and Delta, feel that Cayman is a credible tourist destination once again, according to Cayman Islands Tourism Association’s President, Marc Langevin.

## First steps

Even though borders are opening on 20 November, Mr Langevin does not anticipate a surge in bookings for some time. He said there was currently clearly a lack of credibility that Cayman would open on 20 November, given the stalled opening of the country over previous months.

“Hotels are planning to be filled up anywhere from 10 and 20%, some maybe 20 and 25%, and I’m assuming about the same for accommodation. On the one side, there should be no fear in the local population that we are going to be inundated by a volume

that is uncontrollable because that is not going to happen in the short term, so that is going to be a very controllable solution. However, from the accommodation side, that is not the recovery we need. We need something more substantial.”

Seeing the borders open on 20 November will be a step in the right direction for airlines because they will see that Cayman is serious about welcoming visitors once again, but Mr Langevin said he doubted it would make much difference to the short-term situation, not because of a lack of willingness on the part of the airlines, but for simple logistical reasons.

CITA had warned government for a long time that the logistics of reestablishing airline connectivity would take from 60 to 90 days, due to the length of time it takes for airlines to reset schedules, hire staff and select crews, he said.

“Even with the best desire they might not be able to do it,” he confirmed. “The same way as for a hotel, even if we want to reopen, we might only be able to reopen at a certain capacity because we don’t have enough employees,” he said.

*“Right now, if you look at our reservations moving into the first quarter of 2022, it’s flat”*  
 – Marc Langevin, General Manager of The Ritz-Carlton, Grand Cayman and CITA President

In the US right now, there was the double problem of not only a shortage of staff but also a reopening of America’s borders to places like Europe and Asia. International, long-haul flights might therefore be more profitable for airlines rather than short hauls down to the Cayman Islands, he said, especially if Cayman was not able to guaranty a certain load factor.

“They must look at the best use of their planes and their staff, so even if those airlines want to come, I’m not sure that they could.”

The bidding process for staff and crew as to which route they will get also takes

time and has to be put in place 60 days in advance.

“We realised this early on because we had these conversations with the airlines over the summer, so we knew it would take between 60 to 90 days as a minimum for the airlines to come back.”

Mr Langevin felt Cayman had missed opportunities with the airlines.

“Maybe some airline will come along and, through some extraordinary measures, might bring one flight in a day. Anything would be better than what we are seeing. Right now, it’s a wait and see approach that they have adopted,” he said.

## Looking ahead

Mr Langevin said that the industry needed to know the details now of Phase 5 in the government’s reopening plan, in order to get any kind of income from 2022.

“I want to know now because I want to be able to promote our next holiday season,” he stated. “Right now, if you look at our reservations moving into the first quarter of 2022, it’s flat.”

The CITA President said Cayman’s tourism industry was focusing on the next holiday periods coming up, include the January Martin Luther King holiday and a short holiday for private schools in NYC at the end of January.

“They are not big holidays but there could be a small rebound, then there is President’s Day in February and then

there is eventually spring break. But people are booking now for those things. They are not going to wait until January and February to do that. The same way the airlines are going to plan what they do based upon those factors,” he said.

Mr Langevin said if the destination was not taking the next steps, airlines were going to hold their flights.

“It’s all tactical,” he said. “At phase four we should be talking about phase 5 to give a level of reassurance to everybody that it’s coming along, because that is the next hurdle.”



► CITA President Marc Langevin

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# GeoData specialists begin seabed survey

The three Cayman Islands are currently undergoing a seabed mapping exercise by international geo-data specialists. The visiting specialists are operating a Partenavia P68 aircraft, flying as low as around 1,000 ft above land and covering a survey area of 382km<sup>2</sup> on Grand Cayman, 70km<sup>2</sup> on Cayman Brac and 62km<sup>2</sup> on Little Cayman. The exercise is expected to take five days' worth of flying, with the first flight taking place on 12 November. The specialists are hoping to be done no later the 21 November, based on weather conditions.

Governor Martyn Roper said he was pleased that as part of the Cayman Is-

lands/UK partnership agreement on climate change and the environment, the Cayman Islands would benefit from the

UK Government's Overseas Territories Seabed Mapping Programme.

"This £1m cross-OT project looks to reduce risk to the environment, life and vessels in the OTs' waters, help support compliance with international maritime obligations and support development of blue economies," he advised. "My thanks to the Ministry of

District Administration and Lands for their continued cooperation with the UK Hydrographic Office who are taking this work forward here in the Cayman Islands."

*"The data collected will be used by UKHO to create new, accurate Admiralty shipping navigation charts for Cayman waters"*  
 – Jon Hall, Director Lands & Survey



► (L-R) Pilot-Mitchel Kirne, Lands & Survey Director-Jon Hall, MDAL Acting Chief Officer-Wilbur Welcome with Fugro Specialists-Richard Goosen, Dennis Tobin & Mark Archer. The team stands next to the aircraft prior to take-off.



► Lands & Survey Director-Jon Hall talks with Fugro Specialist about survey equipment

The majority of the available hydrographic map data for the Cayman Islands is over 140 years old. The UK Hydrological Office has committed to provide all OTs with up-to-date nautical charts for navigational purposes. The main purpose of the survey is to map the seabed to identify the topography – hills, valleys, outcroppings and other details that can be hazardous to shipping and the safety of life at seas.

Director of Lands and Survey, Jon Hall, further explained: "The data collected will be used by UKHO to create new, accurate Admiralty shipping navigation charts for Cayman waters. These will be available for purchase for commercial shipping and private boating purposes from authorised outlets approved by the UKHO. Lands and Survey and the Port Authority will hold copies for operational purposes."

Hazard Management Cayman Islands will also have access for storm modelling

purposes. HMCI's access to spatially referenced data products, supports risk assessment for improved storm surge analysis.

The Premier and Minister for Sustainability and Climate Resiliency, Wayne Panton, added: "Given the existential climate related risk of sea-level rise across the Caribbean region, I am very delighted that HMCI under the Ministry of Sustainability of Climate Resiliency, will also benefit from the seabed mapping survey. This initiative further contributes to this Government's efforts to prioritise action to tackle the climate crisis and will be an integral part of the overall Climate Change Risk Assessment previously announced."

Minister for Lands, Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, said the seabed mapping project further equipped government to formulate plans on how this asset could be developed and used for the betterment of all residents of the Cayman Islands.



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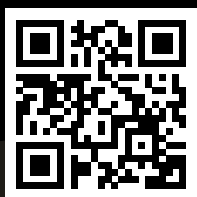


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► The Garden Club were pleased to help Bodden Town police



► Vivian Bould, Diane Vasic and Anita Hartwell



► Carole Broadbelt, SPC Clay Coleman, Anita Hartwell, Shirley Roulston, Joanne Ross

# Garden Club thanks BT police with landscaping

Last Friday and Saturday, members of the Garden Club of Grand Cayman gave their time and expertise to landscape Bodden Town Police Station. A once bare piece of land has now been beautified with what will become a glorious display of hedging, plants and trees that everyone can enjoy.

Garden Club member Carole Broadbelt said they had tried to keep everything as natural as possible.

"The Acalypha should grow into a thick bushy hedge

to screen the fence in a couple of years. The Salvia will self-seed in the breeze and quite soon create a beautiful sea of a bluey purple carpeting ground cover which will show up the fabulous red flowers of the porterweed and the orange blooms of the dwarf Ixoras," she advised. "The lemon and limes add some

extra interest of height and colour underneath the Bodden Town Police Station, making a nice formation of green and white variegated leaves, and tiny pink and white flowers. All of which will attract bees and butterflies."

They also planted Spanish Elm trees at each end. All the plants are from Cayman, except the Ixoras.

Ms Broadbelt, who was the driving force behind the project, explained why the Garden Club chose to help Bodden Town

Police.

"Being on a neighbourhood watch group committee, I got to know PC Gardia at Bodden Town Police Station. He communicates with 19 separate neighbourhood watch groups from Bodden Town to Prospect. It's great that we have this personal contact with RCIPS in the community and

*"It's great that we have this personal contact with RCIPS in the community and we wanted to give something back" – Carole Broadbelt, Garden Club member*



► Plants arrive



► Dr Elaine Campbell and Laura Egglshaw get stuck in

we wanted to give something back," she advised.

But getting the project off the ground was not as easy as Ms Broadbelt had hoped. The Garden Club Committee enthusiastically supported the project, and the RCIPS formal approval was readily given. But because the land is rented by RCIPS, approval had to be sought from the landlord. Then plans had to be submitted to the CUC and the Water Authority to ensure there was no interference with supply.

The project could not have happened without the support of the many Garden Club members. Joanne Ross (Caribbean Blooms) and Janet Morse brought specialist plants and trees. The QEII Botanic Park stepped up with 50 salvias and two of their gardeners. A large team turned up, not just with their expertise, but also to muck in to do the heavy work with shovels and wheelbarrows.

SPC Clay Coleman came out to thank the Garden Club and the team of volunteers. Chelsea Blake, the community officer, told them she was thrilled with the transformation, promised to help with watering,

and suggested a plaque should be placed on the yellow electric monolith in recognition.

At the end of the day, the team of tired, sweating volunteers was satisfied with their work, and pleased to be able to do their bit to help the police.

"These same officers have to deal with terrible things in their daily jobs," Ms Broadbelt confirmed, "and it's nice to do something in return, to show our appreciation: make them smile and know someone cares for them, too."

Heather Bodden, the local MP, came by and enthusiastically posted photos. "Heather deserves credit too," said Ms Broadbelt. "She helped us set up our neighbourhood watch group. She is big on creating community involvement. It's rubbed off!"

If you would like to join the Garden Club of Grand Cayman, or get more information please visit [www.caymangardenclub.com](http://www.caymangardenclub.com)

Special mention to: Laura Egglshaw, Janet Morse, Elaine Campbell, Anita Hartwell, Carole Broadbelt, Josephine Linton, Diane Vasic, Vivian Bould and Shirley Roulston.



# Scotia branch goes cashless

Scotiabank Cayman has again advanced its digital adoption strategy with the introduction of a “cashless” operating model that will be implemented at its South Sound Branch location on 1 December.

Making the announcement, Sarah Hobbs, VP & Country Head, shared that after the conversion, the branch located on Crewe Road will be focused on offering financial advice and solutions, addressing customer service matters, and providing assistance with transactions that cannot be conducted via self-service channels. Day to day transactions including cash deposit and withdrawals will be handled via the bank’s Intelligent Deposit Machines (IDMs), while other services can be accessed via its online and mobile banking platforms.

The move, Ms Hobbs said, represented the continuation of a wider objective of the bank of ensuring that all customers can access and benefit from its electronic and digital channels across its Caribbean-wide operations.

“Our goal is to provide safer, faster and more convenient options for our customers. In line with customer trends, we have also heightened our focus on the use of our digital channels including our new IDMs, the Scotia Mobile App and Scotia Online as best practices for offering a high level of customer service

while we manage through the current health crisis,” she noted.

The launch of the cashless branch represented a significant step in getting customers more comfortable with Scotiabank’s convenience channels. Several IDMs were recently introduced to the market which offer significantly higher functionality and are enabled to provide customers with immediate credit when cash is deposited, Ms Hobbs said, while also assuring that staff would be available to assist all customers to use the digital channels as the transition is made.

“We have also made significant upgrades to our mobile banking app and will continue to add further functionality in the upcoming months to enhance the convenience for our customers to do their banking from wherever they are located,” Ms Hobbs added.

Hobbs, in closing, noted the launch of Scotiabank’s new and improved 24/7 Contact Centre on November 8, where customers can now access assistance for a wider variety of banking services such as credit/debit card support (including card activation), online and mobile banking support, lost/stolen card reports and general enquiries. This she says, will also significantly improve the support available to customers remotely going forward.



► Sarah Hobbs, Scotia's VP and Country Head

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# Deputy Governor explains government's reopening plan

By Lindsey Turnbull

The civil service has been focusing on its reopening plan so that Cayman can safely open on 20 November. Deputy Governor Franz Manderson explained that to do this a special board was set up, made of a cross section of the public service, including chief officers, CEOs and deputies of the statutory authorities, all coming together to deliver the project of reopening the country safely to tourism and to put Cayman into a position where it would not shut down again.

"We've had to co-op people from time to time," he explained. "There was a time when we were just

dealing with evacuation flights, but when we then moved to welcoming tourists, we had to bring our colleagues from the Tourism Department, our colleagues from the Airports Authority, our colleagues from Civil Aviation, working with the private sector, as they are our key partners in this."

Mr Manderson advised that the Government had tasked the civil service with showing them tangible proof that the civil service was ready for opening, making

sure that they had drilled down to solve issues such as bed capacity, dealing with the possibility of the hospital being overwhelmed, looking at how to deal with a tourist getting sick or needing to be flown out, and also looking to ensure that the Cayman Islands was not burdened with the cost of tourists' healthcare. They also needed to ensure that hotels were ready with their sanitation protocols, and so on.

"They have had to think through all these scenarios to ensure the policies and procedures were in place, very real issues that could arise once we reopen," he stated. "We have an opportunity to achieve something that very few countries in the

world have been able to achieve: to reopen safely and to keep hospitalisations and deaths at a minimum, to keep our people safe."

Mr Manderson said that once civil servants could relate the possibility of loved ones getting sick, it was much easier to work hard to ensure they were giving the government the best advice possible.

"Once you personalise it and say, I want to give the government the best advice that keeps my mother safe, that keeps my

***"This was not a civil service thing, this was not a public health thing, this was not a private sector thing; it was all of us working together for that common purpose and I think that's when we were at our best" – Franz Manderson, Deputy Governor***



► Deputy Governor Franz Manderson

wife safe, that keeps my children safe, that keeps my civil servants safe, when you personalise it, then you know you want to do the very best," he said.

The government was relying on the civil service because they were elected on the basis that they would open the country safely.

"The very purpose of the civil service is to make the government of the day successful," he confirmed.

In order to achieve this, the Deputy Governor said people could not work in silos and instead were all working together.

"This was not a civil service thing, this was not a public health thing, this was not a private sector thing; it was all of us working together for that common purpose and I think that's when we were at

our best. No one agency can do it by themselves," he advised.

Modelling of the types of tourists that were likely to arrive would help format the public health response. Along with modelling received from the UK, local modelling has helped in this regard to ascertain likely hospitalisation and death rates upon opening.

"So, we now have a really good idea as to what we can expect now and when we reopen in terms of statistics in infection levels and hospitalisation levels," he said.

The collaborative approach they had taken was enabling them to give elected leaders the best advice, so they could make the best decisions for the country, he said.

## New laws needed for pharmacies

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be updated and that there were concerns about shortages of physical space and staffing levels to provide pharmacy services to an increasing population.

This latest report has found that while the HSA provides good quality pharmacy services for outpatients, it could improve this further.

Auditor General, Sue Winspear, said: "The Health Services Authority provides vital pharmacy services for a large proportion of the population, including many of our most vulnerable people. It is pleasing,

***"Not for the first time I am having to report that the legislative framework for pharmacy services is significantly out of date and there is a lack of strategic direction at the national level for healthcare" – Sue Winspear, Auditor General***

therefore, to be able to report that the HSA provides a good quality pharmacy service and has processes in place to ensure that the quality, safety and efficacy of the medicines it uses and dispenses to patients."

The report highlighted that the HSA provided a good quality pharmacy service, which had improved over recent years, but said it needed to do more, including regularly measuring and reporting on performance.

"I encourage the HSA to continue to improve pharmacy service, by for example improving its facilities, and to regularly measure and report on a range of performance indicators. These should include measures that contribute to customer satisfaction such as waiting times," Ms Winspear said.

The report concluded that the procurement exercise started by the HSA in late 2019 for the supply of medicines had a number of deficiencies and was abandoned early in 2021.

"The HSA spends around \$9 million a year buying medicines and it is important that it obtains value for money from this," Ms. Winspear said. "It was dis-



appointing to note that lessons from the previous procurement exercise did not appear to have been learned. The procurement exercise that started in late 2019 was started far too late and took too long, leading to contracts, that were not providing value for money, being extended multiple times. That procurement exercise was eventually abandoned in early 2021 and a new one has now started."

The report stated that the legislative framework is outdated and there is a lack of strategic direction at the national level for healthcare, and by extension pharmacy services.

The Auditor General said: "Not for the first time I am having to report that the legislative framework for pharmacy ser-










► Auditor General Sue Winspear

vices is significantly out of date and there is a lack of strategic direction at the national level for healthcare. The Pharmacy Act, which dates back to 1979, is not in line with current good practice and creates risks for the control and regulation of drugs that are able to be brought into the Cayman Islands. This needs to be rectified as soon as possible."



WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

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# Charity advisor's birthday trash collection challenge

By Lindsey Turnbull

The Breast Cancer Foundation's Finance and Programming Advisor, Martin Lancaster, decided to do something worthwhile for his 65th birthday this year, by collecting 65 bags of plastic trash from Cayman's shorelines and rural areas over a period of months. This sponsored effort was launched in October as part of Breast Cancer Awareness month and, a month later, Martin is making great progress, having already reached an incredible CI\$20,000 in fund raising.

Martin hopes that his endeavours will draw attention to the brand-new Breast Cancer Foundation website recently launched and he would also like to en-

courage anyone who wants to support his efforts to make a donation to the Breast Cancer Foundation.

It is anticipated that these contributions will help to bolster the Foundation's depleted coffers arising from the postponement of its annual gala this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. One very generous supporter, Mr Louis Massicotte, got the fundraising off to a great start, with a donation of US\$5,000.

Martin is using pink 30-gallon trash bags to collect the 65 bags of plastic, and, with pink the colour associated with breast cancer awareness and fund raising, they are instantly recognisable as being associated with the Breast Cancer Foundation once collected. Martin started the exercise in the Mangrove Loop at Camana Bay at the end of October and was given logistical support by Dart to aid him in his endeavours.

Since then, Martin has been traversing Grand Cayman to find pockets of plastic and has also visited each of the Sister Islands to collect plastic trash there, too. You can follow his incredible progress on the BCF social media pages.

Over this long bank holiday weekend, Martin spent the weekend in Cayman Brac picking up bags of plastic trash. He collected 22 bags in total which, as at the time of writing, brings him to 60 bags overall.

In order to assist Martin in locating concentrations of plastic trash, he is asking all supporters to please contact the Foundation by emailing [info@bcfcayman.com](mailto:info@bcfcayman.com) with tips as to where large concentrations of plastic may be found on the shorelines



► Martin Lancaster's efforts to raise awareness and funds for the Breast Cancer Foundation



► Martin Lancaster is out rain or shine collecting trash

and in rural areas. Martin has two more weekends left and, on the last weekend which is Saturday 4 December, the BCF is encouraging all BCF supporters, patients, thrivers and volunteers to come out and support Martin in collecting the last bag.

# Christmas party for Caymanian students in London

The Cayman Islands government's London office is holding a Christmas get together for Caymanian students in the UK. The event will be held at the King's Arms at 68, Great Titchfield Street, London, W1W 7QL on Friday 3 December from 6pm until 9pm. The evening promises to be one of drinks, snacks, games and conversation, allowing the Caymanian student contin-

gent in the UK to get together and unwind as we gear up for the Christmas holidays.

There is a limit of 60 people, so the CI government in the UK is urging students to RSVP now to reserve space. Nibbles and drinks tokens will be provided.

Sign up at [www.eventbrite.com/e/caymanian-student-christmas-party-registration-205073720017](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/caymanian-student-christmas-party-registration-205073720017)



► Party time for Caymanian students in the UK



# Art show giving back to the community

A one-off art show is taking place at Abacus in Camana Bay on Friday 26 November and part of the sale proceeds will be donated to the ARK Foundation to help out families in need during the festive season.

An Evening of Art & Design with photographer Julie Corsetti and design company Mariners Surf Co will kick off from 4.30pm and run until 8.30pm and will feature artwork by Julie and also a new line of limited-edition picture hats from Mariners Surf Co. Live at the event, they will be revealing a new Mariners Surf Co hat design, featuring a Julie Corsetti photograph.

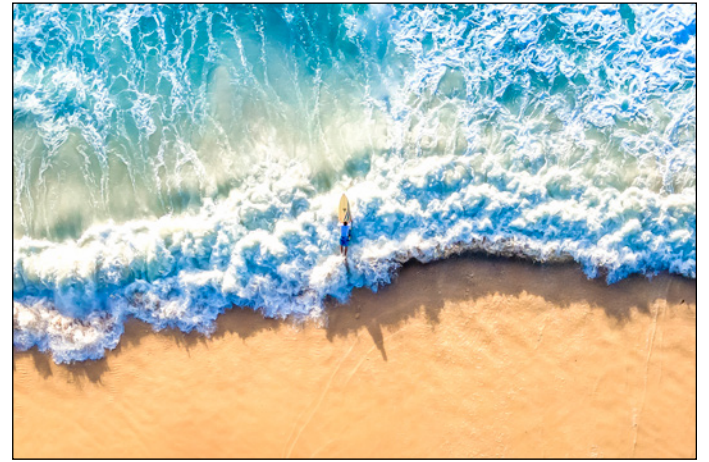
Julie said they were proud to be raising funds for the ARK Foundation of Cayman to supply kids and families in need at Christmas time.

"It will be an evening to celebrate our wonderful Cayman community and a collaboration of local businesses. The new designs by Mariners Surf Co and the photography exhibition on display are inspired by and encompass the natural beauty of the Cayman Islands," Julie advised. "Together, we are proud to be Caymanian founded and owned companies."

Everyone is welcome to the event, which is free to enter and happy hour drink special will be offered throughout the night.



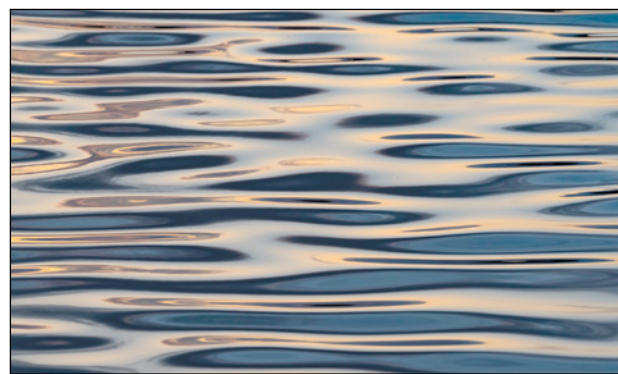
► Hurricane Delta Wave, Julie Corsetti Photography



► Seven Mile Beach Surfer, Julie Corsetti Photography



► Marina Surf Co with the Cayman flag



► Ocean Abstract, Julie Corsetti Photography



► Mariner Surf Co hat design

# Young mental health advocates get inspiration

The Youth Ambassadors Programme for mental health - a branch of the Alex Panton Foundation - hosted their third annual induction event on Saturday 13 November, with the goal of training and inspiring young teens to become advocates for mental health issues in the Cayman Islands.

Due to the spread of Covid-19, the Youth Ambassador leaders, Jhadari Lumley and Caitlin Roney, decided to host the event virtually via Zoom. Former Miss World Cayman, a long-standing partner of the Alex Panton Foundation and advocate for mental health, was this year's keynote speaker. She stressed the responsibility that comes with such an induction:

"Earning the title Youth Ambassador for mental health is a great privilege and one you should be immensely proud of," she confirmed.

Joining her, clinician, Dr Erica Lam and founder of the Alex Panton Foundation, Jane Panton, also gave encouraging words to the future youth ambassadors as they received direct training on the science of the brain, maintaining healthy relationships, mental health policy and inclusion.

By the end of the event, 45 teens, ranging in age from 14 to 19 completed the training. To date, the Alex Panton Foundation



► The Youth Mental Health team

has supported more than 105 youth ambassadors for mental health. Considering our world's current crises including the global pandemic, climate change, and income disparity just to name a few, empowering students with the skills to strengthen their mental health was key to creating a better future for us all, they said.

Youth Ambassador leader, Jhadari Lumley was thrilled to see so many engaged students and said this was their biggest induction yet.

Among the new inductees was Isabella Do Vale, who said:

"The Youth Ambassadors for Mental Health are one of the warmest and welcoming groups I've been a part of. Every member is so kind and welcoming. I'm very excited to be a part of this team as we help other students in our community."

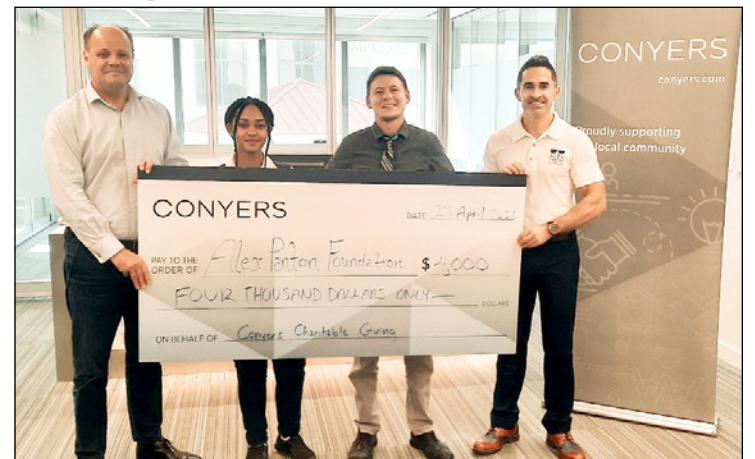
Inductee, Janani Kumar appreciated that the programme helped to destigmatise talking about mental health, which

helped to find ways to support people on their journey towards a happier life.

Monina Thompson, who was inducted last at last year's event, was excited to share the Youth Ambassador's next project and campaign with the inductees.

"This year we are fortunate to partner with UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) on our project proposal 'Inclusion for All,'" Monina stated. "We identified a key demographic in Cayman, persons with disabilities that are often underserved. We wanted to target three main areas for support: Cayman's social, educational and business sectors. Our aim is to challenge and guide these sectors to be more inclusive. It has been an amazing experience working with representatives from around the world, as we come together to create change in our own communities. The Youth Ambassadors for mental health are really excited to see our plans grow into fruition."

With many future projects to come, the Youth Ambassador leaders continue to express gratitude for the support of the Alex Panton Foundation and for Conyers for sponsoring the programme.



► Youth Ambassador leader Jhadari Lumley takes delivery of a donation from Conyers



► Youth Ambassadors campaign



► Youth Ambassadors promote mental health



## 36 Sleeps 'til Christmas!

# Handmade gifts for all the family

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!

Cayman Scents on West Bay Road has been making a wide range of handmade

products for more than 20 years. Soaps, bath bombs, body lotions, candles, jewellery and loads more fill this great little store from top to bottom, and everything is reasonably priced. It's definitely worth a visit and a browse, as there is literally

something for everyone, including fun bath soaps for kids, great toiletries for men and a ton of lovely smelling candles, soaps and also jewellery for women.

You can also shop online at [www.caymanscents.com](http://www.caymanscents.com)

*If you are a local business owner and your goods or service would make great Christmas presents that are CI\$30 or under then please email us at [lindsey@caymaniantimes.ky](mailto:lindsey@caymaniantimes.ky) and we will try and feature them.*



► Small bath bombs are three for CI\$10



► Donuts for the bath are CI\$7 each



► Bathing sets for him and her are under CI\$30

### THIS WEEK IN TIME

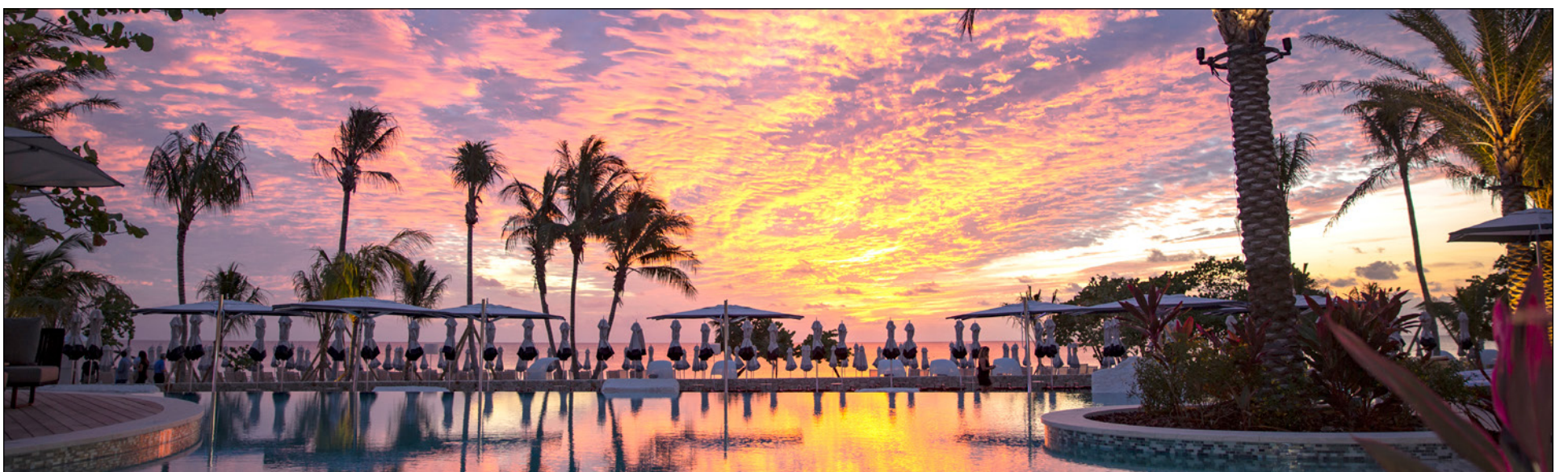
# 15 November, 2016

With the Kimpton Seafire becoming something of an integral part of many residents' weekend relaxation these days, it is hard to believe that it only opened just five years ago. Since the Covid restrictions on travel were put in place last year, the Kimpton has been a central weekend

spot where residents can chill and have some fun, round the pool, at brunch, or on the beach. Now, with the border reopening on 20 November, the resort will no doubt see an influx of visitors looking forward to enjoying this excellent resort once again.



► The Kimpton Seafire is five years old



► The Kimpton Seafire sunset on opening night



# “Lest We Forget” Remembrance Sunday commemorated

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year’s Remembrance Sunday observance on 14 November took the form of private wreath-laying ceremonies, without the usual contingents on parade.

A total of 49 wreaths were laid at memorial sites on Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac in honour of those who have died in military action.

Commenting on the proceedings, Chief of Protocol Meloney Syms noted: “Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19

pandemic and the risks posed to elderly and vulnerable veterans, we were unable to have our traditional annual parade. Instead, we invite members of the public to visit both memorial locations to lay wreaths privately while observing Covid-19 safety protocols.”

Simultaneous ceremonies on Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac began at 10:50 a.m. and included a two-minute moment of silence at 11:00 am in remembrance of the fallen.

The programme continued with the sounding of the Last Post and the laying of wreaths, at the Cenotaph at Elmslie Memorial United Church and the Seamen’s Memorial nearby.

This was led by the Acting Governor, Franz Manderson, followed by Premier Wayne Panton, as well as representatives of Parliament, the uniformed services, and other organisations.

“Today we honour the many heroes who sacrificed their lives for our freedom, with

special mention to our local heroes who rose to the task and joined in bravely on behalf of our Islands,” Mr Manderson said.

Wearing their symbolic poppies with pride, Veterans and Seafarers Association members in attendance included those who served in World War II. There was also representation from contingent heads for the uniformed services, including Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Cayman

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► Acting Governor Franz Manderson lays a wreath



► Dignitaries at the Seamen's Memorial



► CIVA President Salutes at Cenotaph



► Fire Service with wreath



► Uniformed Services lineup





► Police Commissioner Derek Byrne salutes

## Remembrance Sunday commemorated

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Islands Regiment, Cayman Islands Coast Guard, Cayman Islands Fire Service and Her Majesty's Cayman Islands Prison Service.

Other participants were Girls Brigade, Boy Scouts, Cadet, Pathfinders, and the Lions Clubs of Grand Cayman and Tropical Gardens.

Paying tribute to those who lost their lives in military action, District Commissioner Mark

Tibbetts also led a brief private wreath-laying ceremony on Cayman Brac. During the ceremony on Cayman Brac, Henry Scott laid wreaths on behalf of both the Veterans and Seaman's Society of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman and the Cayman Islands Seafarers Association. Ceremonial wreaths were also laid by other uniformed services, organisations, and community groups.

The Protocol Office invites members of the public to share memories of their wreath-laying with the wider community, by tagging the Cayman Islands Protocol FB page and using the hashtag #remsunday2021. For further information, contact the office number 244-3612 or protocol@gov.ky.



► District Commissioner Mark Tibbetts on Remembrance Sunday

# Cayman rep lays wreath at the Cenotaph

Last Sunday, Cayman Islands representative to the UK and Europe, Dr Tasha Ebanks Garcia, participated in the UK's annual tradition of honouring service men and women at the Cenotaph in London's Whitehall. The event takes place on Remembrance Sunday and is part of the UK's National Service of Remembrance. Dr Ebanks Garcia joined other Commonwealth representatives at the ceremony, which is usually attended by Her Majesty, the Queen, however due to ill health the monarch was not present and instead was represented by Prince Charles and other members of the Royal Family.

Dr Ebanks Garcia laid a wreath to remember the valiant contribution of citizens of the Cayman Islands, who fought and died for the British Crown in both World Wars and later conflicts.

Dr Ebanks Garcia said: "It was such a privilege and an honour to represent the people and Government of the Cayman Islands at the national Remembrance Day ceremony held in London at the Cenotaph on Whitehall. The opportunity to participate in this ceremony of remembrance will certainly be a highlight of my time of service in the UK. To those who served

and gave their life, we pay tribute to you today."

The ceremony honoured the service of the UK Armed Forces community, British and Commonwealth veterans, the Allies that fought alongside the UK, and the civilian personnel involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts, to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect freedom.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has historically laid a wreath on behalf of all the British Overseas Territories. However, since 2001 there has been a campaign by the United Kingdom Overseas Territories Association for the right to lay a wreath themselves. In 2008 the Labour Government agreed that one wreath could be laid for all Territories by the Chairman of the Association.

This year was only the second time in the history of the National Service of Remembrance that British Overseas Territories Representatives have been invited to lay wreaths for citizens of their respective Territories, in their own right, a significant step in recognising the Overseas Territories' efforts and sacrifices for the United Kingdom.

*"To those who served and gave their life, we pay tribute to you today" - Dr Tasha Ebanks Garcia, Cayman Islands representative to the UK and Europe*



► Cayman Islands representative to the UK and Europe, Dr Tasha Ebanks Garcia



# New Doctors Hospital Covid-19 testing locations

Doctors Hospital has set up Covid-19 testing kiosks rotating at various hotels, which will begin testing on 8 November.

Residents can book online for these locations and times:

## **Holiday Inn Resort**

Tuesdays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
Thursdays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Saturdays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## **Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa**

Mondays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Wednesdays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
Fridays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

## **Wyndham Reef Resort**

Tuesdays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Thursdays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am  
Saturdays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am

## **Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Hotel**

Mondays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Wednesdays between 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Fridays between 8:00 am – 11:00 am

## **Doctors Hospital Drive Drive-through testing facility**

16 Middle Road, George Town  
Mondays between 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Tuesdays between 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Wednesdays between 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Thursdays between 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Fridays between 7:30 am – 5:00 pm

## **\*Important Information Update\***

### **Camana Bay, 38 Market Street –**

Up until 25 November:

Monday-Saturday between 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**\*CLOSED AS OF 26 NOVEMBER\***

Quantitative PCR (qPCR) lab testing transpires at the Doctors Hospital main campus daily. Results are provided by email within 24 to 48 hours. Please note, if you require test results for outbound travel, testing must



take place in a morning slot 48 hours prior to your departure.

Book your appointment online at [covid19.doctorshospitalcayman.com](https://covid19.doctorshospitalcayman.com) or through their Covid call centre at (345) 325-9000, ext. 2.

# One in 21 with Covid, one more death

As at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 November, Chief Medical Officer Dr John Lee reported that 4,004 PCR tests had been conducted since 8 a.m. on Friday, 12 November.

The Public Health Department reported 714 positive results from these tests, with 40 in travellers and 674 from the community, for an average of 179 new cases per day between Friday, 12 November to Monday, 15 November.

These results brought the number of active cases of Covid-19 in the Cayman Islands to 3,340 as at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 November. The total number of cases recorded since the start of the pandemic stood at 4,917 as at the same time.

Up to that point, 3,956 people in the Cayman Islands were in isolation either in Government isolation facilities or at home.

The Public Health department also confirmed that up to 8 a.m. on Tuesday,

16 November there had been 1,320 total positive lateral flow tests since the introduction of the lateral flow test programme in the Cayman Islands, which are included in the total positive numbers given above.

As of 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 November, Faith Hospital confirmed there were 60 active cases in the Sister Islands, with eight identified since last reported.

To date, there had been 105 total cases recorded in the Sister Islands, with 45 having recovered. Out of the total number of cases in the Sister Islands, 55 were fully vaccinated, six were partially vaccinated, and 44 were unvaccinated.

There were 21 Covid-19 patients hospitalised in the Cayman Islands at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 12 November.

Two Covid-19 positive patients passed away between 8am on Friday, 12 November and 8am on Tuesday, 16 November.

Both deaths are considered Covid-19 related, as Covid-19 is listed as a contributory factor for the cause of death.

According to guidelines issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO), a death due to Covid-19 is defined for surveillance purposes as “a death resulting from a clinically compatible illness, in a probable or confirmed COVID-19 case, unless there is a clear alternative cause of death that cannot be related to COVID disease (e.g., trauma).”

The WHO guidelines further stipulate that, “A death due to Covid-19 may not be attributed to another disease (e.g., cancer) and should be counted independently of



pre-existing conditions that are suspected of triggering a severe course of Covid-19.”

The WHO Covid-19 death reporting guidelines can be found in full at [https://www.who.int/classifications/icd/Guidelines\\_Cause\\_of\\_Death\\_COVID-19.pdf](https://www.who.int/classifications/icd/Guidelines_Cause_of_Death_COVID-19.pdf)

Dr Lee explained the cause of death reporting requirements in Covid-19 cases while appearing on Radio Cayman’s ‘Talk Today’ programme on Tuesday, 16 November.

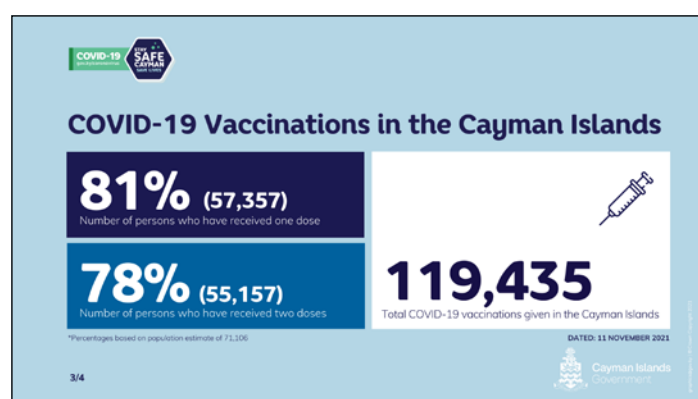
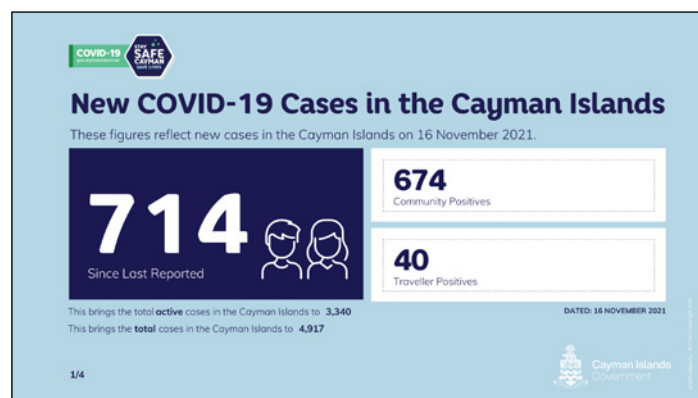
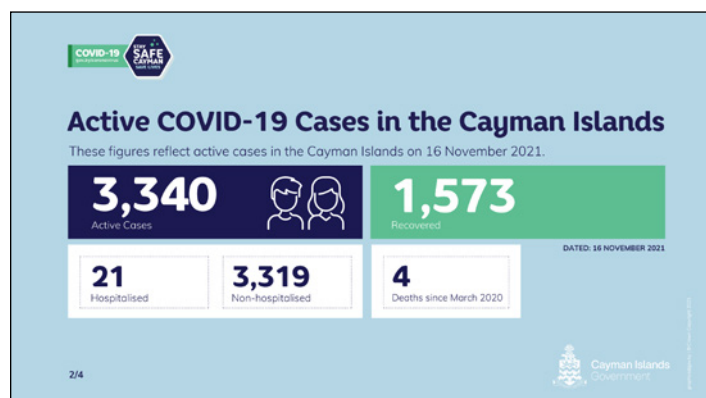
He noted that death certificates list all contributory factors to a person’s death.

He further explained that if Covid-19 is completely unrelated to the death, it will not be listed as a cause or contributing factor. He gave an example of this as, if someone dies in a car accident, and it is later discovered that the person was Covid -19 positive. In that case, the death would not be listed as a Covid-19 related death, as the infection played no role in the person’s death.

He said of the local deaths over the weekend that, “In both of these cases, the people had a lot of other medical problems and were very sick and, in both cases, it was not unexpected that they passed”.

Local vaccine clinics, which were closed from Thursday, 11 November to Saturday, 13 November due to depleted vaccine stocks, resumed on Tuesday, 16 November, following the delivery of new vaccine supplies on Friday, 12 November.

The latest vaccination schedule can be found at <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## SALT - Jason Kennedy Art Exhibition

**19 November** - Join Jason Kennedy at his exhibition "SALT" on 19 November from 5pm to 9pm at Mercedes Benz Cayman in Industrial Park. "SALT" is a collection that illustrates life by the sea, painted with acrylics washed with sea water from Seven Mile Beach. Admission is free and free valet parking is also available. Part of the proceeds from this series will go to @feedourfuturecayman and @msfcayman.

## National Museum - Old Time Days Come Back Again

**20 November** - In celebration of the National Museum's 31st anniversary, enjoy a look back at the old-time days in Cayman on 20

November from 10am to 6pm. At this family friendly event, there will be lots to enjoy, including a Jonkanoo Parade, catboat rides, displays, games, traditional crafts and much more. All Government COVID-19 Safety Protocols will be adhered to. Check the museum's website, <https://www.museum.ky/> for the schedule of events.

## 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 at 6am. Start and Finish will be at Grand Old House, South Church Street. Register today at [www.mealson-](http://www.mealsonwheels.ky)

wheels.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](mailto: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 enjoy a Holiday Craft Market and live music on the Paseo from 4pm. The Town Centre, including the tree, will be 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/>

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## Girl Guiding Cayman - Christmas Arts & Craft Bazaar

**27 November** - Join Girl Guiding Cayman for the 10TH Christmas Arts and Craft Bazaar Saturday 27 November 2020 from 10am to 2pm at Loyola Hall and Courtyard, St. Ignatius Catholic School, Walkers Road. Find one-of-a-kind items and Christmas gifts from many local vendors. Arts, crafts, jewellery and so much more! Free Admission! Everyone welcome. All proceeds go to Girlguiding Cayman Islands

## Centre for Theological Leadership Training (CTLT) Cayman Islands - Christmas Seminar

**5 December** - The Centre for Theological Leadership Training presents a Christmas special seminar on "The Uniqueness of Jesus in the context of Pluralism" on Saturday 5 December from 10am to 11:30am. via Zoom. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Steve Jennings. Zoom information is as follows: Meeting ID: 2485559547, Pass Code: 5SZPSI. Everyone is welcomed to tune in.

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



► Girl Guides Cayman

# Prevent holiday pounds (survival guide)

The time is here for parties, family dinners, and goodies around the house. This is a recipe for disaster, and if you're not careful it could reverse your fat loss results quicker than you can say Happy Holidays!

I'd like to make it easy for you to stay on track with your healthy eating, even while being tempted by all kinds of holiday foods during this festive time of year, so keep reading for five Holiday Party Survival Guide Tips...

## Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #1: Don't eat anything fried

Fried food is loaded with fat and calories while offering zero nutritional value. It's a lose-lose! Sure, fries and chips TASTE good, but healthier items also taste good. Just say no to the deep-fried items on the menu. You'll be leaner, healthier and won't have greasy fingers.

## Here's a healthier alternative to frying foods... use a broiler/grill.

If you simply must have a French fry, then make them at home in your oven. Use sweet potatoes, as these are a more complex carbohydrate. Cut into matchsticks, drizzle with a tablespoon of olive oil along with a dash of salt, then place in your oven on broil/grill. Mix every five minutes until the fries are tender on the inside and crispy on the outside.

## Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #2: Don't eat white bread

White bread products have zero nutritional value and are quickly converted by your body into sugar. So, you really may

as well eat a cupcake. Even breads that are technically wheat, but are as soft and smooth as white bread, should be avoided. Don't be afraid to discard the bread from your sandwich or to push away that bread basket. Your waist will shrink and you'll lose that bloated feeling that high carbohydrate meals give you.

## Here's a healthier alternative to white bread... Enjoy sprouted grain bread.

If you must have bread, then stick with sprouted. Sprouted grain bread is a lot easier on your digestion and is packed full of nutrients. Sprouted grain breads are often kept in the freezer section since they don't contain preservatives to prolong shelf life.

## Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #3: Don't eat creamy dressings

You were so good to order a salad, but then you ruined it by drenching the salad in fattening creamy dressing. Just a few tablespoons of creamy dressing contain more than 20 grams of fat and hundreds of calories. Same goes for pasta dishes - avoid the ones with creamy, heavy sauces, as these are simply loaded with extra fat and calories.

## Here's a healthier alternative to creamy dressings... vinegar dressing and red sauce.

Dressing and sauce are meant to lend flavor to salad and noodles, not fat and calories. Vinegar-based dressings pack amazing flavor in with minimal fat and calories. You can even mix your own dressing at home. Take high quality vinegar, fresh

lemon juice, salt and pepper, your choice of dried herbs, and a bit of olive oil.

## Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #4: Don't drink sweet beverages

'Tis the season for sugary beverages like eggnog, sweet cocktails, and hot cocoa. Just like white bread, these sugary drinks have zero nutritional value - other than calories. The sheer number of sugar grams in one of these beverages is usually the same as dessert! So before you indulge in a sweet drink, consider changing your order to something less sweet, or count it as your dessert.

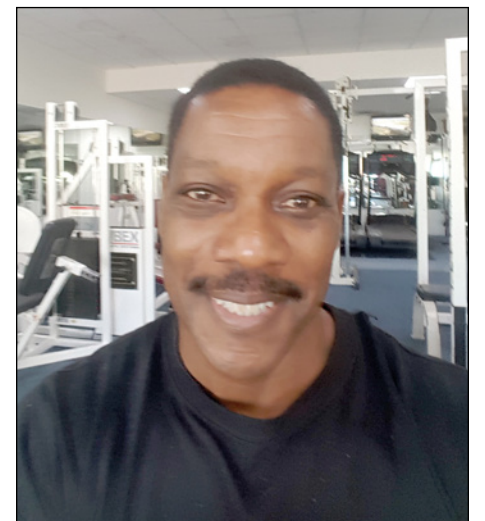
## Here's a healthier alternative to sweet beverages... sweeten with liquid stevia.

Carry a small bottle of water-based, liquid stevia and use a little squirt to sweeten your beverage of choice this holiday season without adding any grams of sugar. Ask for your beverage to be made without sugar, and then sweeten it yourself without any repercussions to your fitness results.

## Holiday Party Survival Guide Tip #5: Don't overindulge on sugar

Sugar and high fructose corn syrup are the epitome of anti-fitness food. Nothing will destroy your progress, expand your waist and plummet your energy levels like sugar will. If you only take away one tip from this article, please let it be to not overindulge on sugar! The holidays are full of sugary treats, so you must make a conscious effort to keep your intake under control.

## Here's a healthier alternative to sweet beverages... enjoy some fruit



► Ernest Ebanks

Don't turn to artificial sweeteners to get your sweet fix, instead turn to nature's wholesome source of sugar: fruit. Eat organic fruit that is seasonal and locally grown. Stay away from dried fruit and fruit juices, as these are high in simple calories.


Eating right, along with challenging exercise, is the formula for a toned, lean body. Guarantee your results by teaming up with me.

Together we will come up with a fitness plan that is uniquely yours, one that fits your lifestyle and helps you achieve your goals.


Call Ernest at Body Shapers Personal Training Studio 325-8696 or email [bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com](mailto:bodyshaperscayman@gmail.com) today to get started.




# DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Churchill's**  Funeral Home


We have been asked to announce the passing of Loxley Henry who passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at East End Cemetery, East End, Grand Cayman on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. Viewing: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

**Churchill's**  Funeral Home

We have been asked to announce the passing of Ms. Meldine Verbena Powell, who passed away on November 10, 2021. A Graveside Service will take place at the New Pease Cemetery, Bodden Town Road, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands on Saturday, November 20, 2021 at 1:15 p.m. Viewing: 1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Interment at: New Pease Bay Cemetery



Condolences can be registered at [churchillsfuneralhome.com](http://churchillsfuneralhome.com)

*The Family of the Late*  
**Amy Kirkconnell**  
*Regret to announce her passing on*  
**Tuesday, November 3rd, 2021**

*A service of thanksgiving will be held at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church on Pedro Castle Road, Savannah, on Sunday November 21st, 2021 at 2:30 pm*



*Interment will follow at the West Bay Beach Cemetery.*




*In Lieu of flowers please make donations to Cayman Islands Baptist Church.*


The family of **Vincent Martin Pantry, Jr.** regret to announce his passing on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00am on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at the Cayman Islands Baptist Church in Savannah. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Queen Elizabeth II Royal Botanic Park in his name.

Please wear bright colors.



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

**MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION**

**HIS PLANS OR OURS 1- Corinthians 1: 17-20**

I read of guy who at age 18 started a carpet cleaning business. He rented a garage, hired helpers, and created advertising brochures. The business prospered, and his intention was to sell it. Proceeds would go to college tuition, so he was thrilled when a buyer came along. After much negotiating and time it seemed the deal was set. But at the last minute the deal collapsed.

It is normal to be disappointed when God's timing and design for our lives do not go our way. When David wanted to build the temple, he had the right motives, leadership ability, and resources. Yet because he killed so many people God told him he would not do it. He was not disappointed because he valued his relationship with God more than anything else. And that must also be our mission.

We regret to announce the passing of **Mr. Paul Jefferson** on Sunday, 7 November, 2021.

A Funeral Service for will be on held on Saturday, 27 November at Wesleyan Holiness Church, West Bay at 2:00 p.m.

Interment will be at the North West Point Cemetery.



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



# Crawford aims to prove he's king

Terence Crawford defends his WBO welterweight title for the fifth time in what could be fight of the year on Saturday.

Crawford faces mandatory challenger and former two-time titleholder Shawn Porter at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas.

Crawford, who is rated No. 2 by The Ring, has won titles at 135, 140 and 147. However, it's his feats at junior welterweight, where he became undisputed champion, that helped separate him from the rest. Since moving to welterweight, the 34-year-old Nebraska native has claimed the WBO title and made four successful defences, beating Jose Benavidez, Amir Khan, Egidijus Kavaliauskas, and Kell Brook all by stoppage.

Porter, who is rated No. 4 by The Ring, is a two-time welterweight titleholder. The 34-year-old Las Vegas resident outpointed Devon Alexander to claim the IBF title in 2013 but lost it the following year to Brook on points. "Showtime" rebounded well and narrowly edged Danny Garcia on points to claim the vacant WBC title in 2018. He made one successful defence before losing a unification match to Errol Spence Jr.

How will Crawford (37-0, 28 knockouts) deal with the raw aggression Porter is likely to pose? Can Porter (31-3-1, 17 KOs) rough up the defending champion and get inside and turn it into a brawl? At 34, both have a lot of mileage and any one or both

could fall apart at any time. Crawford faces supposedly his most stern test, so the intrigue is there.

"Beating a guy like Shawn Porter would boost my résumé and my legacy to the next level," said Crawford. And that, in his mind, should be enough to earn the spot he believes he deserves on the pound-for-pound rankings. "I'm not going to be biased, I'm going to be realistic. It de-



► Terence Crawford wants the pound-for-pound crown



► Shawn Porter is capable of causing an upset

pends on how I beat him and what fashion."

Leapfrogging Canelo Alvarez, the undisputed super-middleweight champion, in the minds of boxing observers is hard to fathom considering Alvarez owns boxing's best résumé and just made history last month. But if Crawford impresses in this highly anticipated fight, at the very least it becomes a more reasonable debate. Because beating the gritty, gusty Porter would represent his most significant win.

"These two fighters, Terence and Shawn, are the elite of the welterweight division," said Top Rank chairman Bob Arum, Crawford's promoter. "Because I've been around boxing for so long it really reminds me of the great years in the 80s when Ray Leonard and Tommy Hearns and Roberto Duran were going at it, fighting each other. The welterweight division has always been a top division because there's so much action the fighters bring and Terence and Shawn remind me of that era."

## Bronny eyes joining dad LeBron

The day when LeBron James and his son Bronny play together in the NBA seems to be drawing closer. Bronny is now 17 and reports claim he has offers from elite programmes such as Duke, Kansas University, Kentucky, North Carolina, and UCLA.

Bronny gets more offers than the No.1 prospect at his position, point guard, yet he is only ranked 13th in the 2023 ESPN Top Point Guards list.

Being the son of who many consider the GOAT certainly has its perks. There's the marketing side—fans would want to watch how Bronny fares in college games, which means more national TV coverage and sponsorships in the future. Also, dad is one of the most trusted brand ambassadors and the sponsors of LeBron, 36, would likely offer Bronny or his team deals too.

Aside from the marketing aspect, giving Bronny scholarships is one step to making LeBron's ultimate dream of them playing together in the NBA. It would be a fitting finale.



► Bronny and LeBron James intend to be teammates

Bronny's progress depends on his desire to improve. Barring serious injuries, he clearly has the skills to reach the NBA.

Bronny has court smarts like dad. He is a willing passer, but there is more promise to his upside if he grows taller, which is likely. Right now, James Jr. is 6-ft 3-ins and weighs 180 pounds. If he gets to the 6-ft 6-ins level, he would be more suited to the point guard position. LeBron is 6-ft 8-in.

## Ronaldo sweats on World Cup place

European champions Italy could face Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal in a winner-takes-all World Cup playoff final in March.

Portugal and Italy, winners of the last two editions of the European Championship, failed to top their World Cup qualifying group, missing out to Serbia and Switzerland respectively.

It means both must enter the new playoff system, featuring 12 teams battling for three places at Qatar 2022, and while both are seeded in the semi-final draw they could be placed into the same path and play each other. The playoff draw is in Zurich, Switzerland on 26 November.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal were beaten at home by Serbia in their final group qualifier. Ronaldo, 36, cast a dejected figure after the match.

It means the 12 nations will know their two possible final opponents, and if both Italy and Portugal are drawn into



► Qatar may be Cristiano Ronaldo's last World Cup

the same path they face the prospect of playing each other - and one will not make it to Qatar 2022.

The only restriction on the draw is that Russia and Ukraine cannot be drawn together for political reasons.

## Hetmyer touted as next Windies skipper

Cricket West Indies should appoint Guyanese batsman Shimron Hetmyer as the new white-ball captain after the disappointing run of Kieron Pollard at the ICC T20 World Cup and other competitions.

This suggestion comes from former CWI President Dave Cameron who believes that the current CWI leadership should reassess the criteria for picking captains in future.

"We felt as an organisation that Hetmyer would be a future leader for West Indies. The way he conducted himself when

we won the 2016 Under-19 World Cup and coming through the ranks," Cameron said. "Hetmyer is a very confident young man, very aggressive and talented, we felt he could be someone who could lead us and be a future captain of the West Indies."

Cameron spoke as part of a review of the leadership roles in the team and CWI managerial structure after the side won only one of five matches and finished near the bottom of the table with captain Pollard once again contributing little with the bat.

After 23 matches in four T20 World Cups, Pollard has scored only 254 runs at a poor average of 14.11. Since he was appointed West Indies T20I captain in September 2019, Pollard has played 31 matches, winning 10, losing 16 with five no-results.

During the T20 World Cup, Hetmyer topped the batting with 127 runs averaging 31.75. Only two others managed over 100 runs - Evin Lewis (105, avg 21.00) and vice-captain Nicholas Pooran (103, avg: 20.60) - as the defending champions bowed out.



► Shimron Hetmyer is touted as a future Windies captain



## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

## Dominica's new airport starts soon

The Dominica government said it will grant a construction contract for the international airport on the island's north-eastern coast next month.

Dominica signed an agreement with the Canadian-based Montreal Management Consultants Establishment Limited (MMCE) six months ago to build the airport.

The government said that the EC\$1 billion (CI\$384 million) venture to be situated on land between the Woodford Hill and Wesley villages will be funded under the Citizenship by Investment Programme (CBI).

Under the CBI, Dominica provides citizenship to foreign investors who make a significant economic boost. It will replace Melville Hall as the main airport.

Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit said: "The response has been so encouraging that American Airlines has informed that they will increase their number of flights to Dominica, from two times a week to three times, from 5 January."



► Dominica's Melville Hall airport is inadequate

Skerrit added that over the next few years, the Wesley/Woodford Hill area will be transformed into a hive of activity with business and employment opportunities.

He said: "In the site preparation, earthworks, and construction, there will be jobs for our people both skilled and unskilled, and in the provision of equipment and materials. There will be opportunities for those providing services, catering, shops, entertainment and for our farmers and fishers. The opportunities are endless."

## Antigua attacks big nations over climate

Antigua and Barbuda were another strong critic of large nations responsible for climate change problems at the COP26 conference in Scotland.

In 2017, Hurricane Irma reduced tiny Barbuda to "literally rubble," forcing the entire population of 1,400 residents to be evacuated to Antigua. Hurricane Maria struck Antigua shortly after. Total cost of recovery is estimated at \$377.2 million which is 25 percent of the country's gross domestic product, yet the nation is considered too rich to qualify for aid grants.

The destructive capacity of Irma, which made landfall in Barbuda as a Category 5 storm, was likely intensified by warmer waters in the Atlantic Ocean caused by climate change.

Antigua and Barbuda - together with all the Small Island Developing States of the world - emit less than one per cent of greenhouse gas emissions, yet there is no mechanism in place for holding the world's largest emitters accountable for recovery efforts.

"Immoral and unjust" is how Mia Motley, Barbados PM, branded the failure to



► Barbuda was devastated by Hurricane Irma

deliver critical loss and damage funding to small islands, when addressing the participants of the World Leaders' Summit at COP26. She added that the toll of the climate crisis for SIDS was being measured in "lives and livelihoods."

In light of this, Antigua and Barbuda decided to start COP26 with a bold move, made in collaboration with Tuvalu, a Pacific island nation that is disappearing as a result of sea-level rise and coastal erosion. The two islands announced a platform to hold big emitters legally accountable for loss and damage from extreme weather.

## Cuba reopens for Xmas surge

Cuba fully reopened for tourism this week with no testing or quarantine as the nation drops entry restrictions for the first time in 20 months.

The reopening coincides with Cuba's peak tourism season, which lasts until late March.

A Cuba tourism spokesman said: "This is an opportunity, it allows to foresee and build the restart of the tourist operation, which benefits a large number of sectors of the Cuban economy."

"We must start from the condition that all vaccination schedules state that we will

reach more than 90 percent vaccination in November. After this decision, there is analysis, seriousness, and responsibility."

Travellers to Cuba now need to show a negative PCR test if they're fully vaccinated and have a certificate to prove it. However, unvaccinated travellers will need to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure to Cuba. Children under 12 are exempt from providing proof of vaccination and a negative PCR test.

The airport authorities will take random diagnostic tests at the airport. If a tourist tests positive, the government will

transfer them to a 'hotel hospital', which is a government authorised tourist facility offering isolation and medical care.

The current travel rules state all incoming travellers must quarantine at these hotel hospitals for five days until they receive the results of their PCR test. After travellers have completed quarantine, they will need a second PCR test.

However, since Monday, all travellers can now bypass these restrictions and enjoy Cuba from the moment they've left the airport. There are other protocols for American travellers.



► Cuba is desperate for tourism revenue

## St Lucia struggles with fourth wave

St Lucia has reached a slow rate of decline in Covid-19 cases, but an increase in social activities over the past few weeks is contributing to an increase in cases.

In an update report on the fourth wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Health, Wellness and Elderly Affairs said since 25 July officials recorded 7,208 Covid-19 cases at an average of 69 cases daily.

A ministry report stated: "At present we have 309 active cases in country. The majority of the cases are from the Castries, Gros-Islet, Vieux-Fort and Babonneau districts. The daily infection rate for the past week was 11.5 per 100 000 per day which is a four per cent decrease from the previous week."

"We note that we have reached a slow rate of decline at this point," the ministry said, noting also that it is managing a Covid-19 outbreak at the Bordelais Cor-



► St Lucia needs to increase its vaccination programme

rectional Facility - 27 inmates have been admitted to the Respiratory Hospital, with one in critical condition and seven severely ill.

The authorities said that they are making available free of charge, both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine.

## JA's former top cop blasts crime stats

Jamaica's disturbing crime stats are increasing annually and a former police chief is widely supported for calling out the government over its ineffective measures.

Echoing the sentiments of concerned Jamaicans who have been calling increasingly for a crime plan, retired Senior Superintendent of Police Reneto Adams asked: "Have we ever had a crime plan?"

Adams, who said he does not regret his controversial policing methods, even after being barred from entering America in 2019 for what the US State Department said is his "involvement in gross violations in human rights in Jamaica" told the Jamaica Observer that there was no crime plan during his years in the force.

His ban from the US came 16 years after the 2003 killing by police of four people in Kraal, Clarendon.



► Reneto Adams wants more effective policing in JA

Adams said: "We never had a crime plan. What we had was a random situation whereby each division would've organised their own little spot check, roadblock, and other operational activities. I had called for a national crime plan coming out of the commissioner's office. A man kill somebody and walk away. Not even run away. That's what I am saying about the crime plan. Is it effective or efficient?"



# 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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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### Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Frugal material fellow
  - 6 Scout settlements
  - 11 Aunt's spouse
  - 12 Dote on
  - 13 Kitchen appliance
  - 15 Finish
  - 16 Tea cooler
  - 17 Mendes of movies
  - 18 Ruin
  - 20 Ready to go
  - 21 Rooster's mate
  - 22 Three squared
  - 23 Seedy bars
  - 26 Searches
  - 27 Pennsyl- vania port
  - 28 Bowler or boater
  - 29 Sock part
  - 30 Armed helicopter
  - 34 Print units
  - 35 Easter find
  - 36 Lyricist Gershwin
  - 37 Kitchen appliance
  - 40 Deux follower
  - 41 Deal maker
- DOWN**
- 42 Suit
  - 43 Attendance count
  - 1 Under- stated
  - 2 Self- contained
  - 3 A lot
  - 4 High trains
  - 5 Stops working
  - 6 Music's Mariah
  - 7 Commo- tion
  - 8 Takes up residence
  - 9 Stop
  - 10 Law- making groups
  - 14 Bus. sch. course
  - 19 Quaker's pronoun
  - 22 Squirrel's cache
  - 23 Spots
  - 24 Smelter's need
  - 25 Tries to get
  - 26 Letter- guessing game
  - 28 Enormous
  - 30 Honking birds
  - 31 Walks in the woods
  - 32 Singer Cara
  - 33 Divides
  - 38 Pear- shaped fruit
  - 39 Previous- ly

S	P	L	A	T	A	C	E	D	
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### Yesterday's answer

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## Word Search

L	M	L	D	U	N	R	U	B	N	U	S	D	H	Y
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P	R	D	S	S	Y	N	B	S	U	N	D	E	W	N
E	G	N	U	S	U	B	D	E	C	K	S	T	E	U
S	S	U	N	U	M	N	U	P	I	I	T	P	F	S
I	U	S	F	N	N	S	D	M	S	A	A	M	O	S
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N	V	N	U	F	T	P	U	S	D	N	G	U	H	N
M	U	S	U	N	L	I	G	H	T	O	G	M	S	O
S	B	D	H	E	U	N	P	N	D	L	G	V	U	N

- Deck
- Sunbeam
- Sunbelt
- Sunburn
- Sundae
- Sunday
- Sundew
- Sundial
- Sundog
- Sundown
- Sunfish
- Sungod
- Sunhat
- Sunlamp
- Sunlight
- Sunray
- Sunrise
- Sunroof
- Sunset
- Sunspot
- Suntan
- Suntrap

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

MICHELLE HAS THE NICEST COUSIN!

SHE'S FUNNY, SWEET AND DOESN'T TALK 'BOUT HERSELF!

ON A SCALE OF ONE TO TEN, SHE'S A TWELVE!

SOUNDS LIKE... MICHELLE IS YESTERDAY'S NEWS.

### THE AMAZING SPIDER MAN

By Stan Lee

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU SURVIVED THE IMPACT WHEN I HURLED MYSELF BACKWARD!

FRANKLY... I WASN'T SURE... I WAS GOING TO...

BUT SOMEHOW I DID...

AND NOW- I'M RIGHT WHERE I WANNA BE!

MY HELMET-!

### JUDGE PARKER

By Woody Wilson & Mike Manley

ALAN, YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR CHAIR! YOU'RE...

I... I JUST FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO DO SOMETHING. ACTUALLY, WHAT I NEED TO DO MORE THAN ANYTHING IS FINALLY GET SOME SLEEP...

BUT I'M AFRAID IF I CLOSE MY EYES, I'LL DREAM OF THEM. I'LL DREAM THEY'RE STILL HERE... AND WHEN I WAKE UP... IT'S LIKE THE HORROR STARTS ALL OVER AGAIN.



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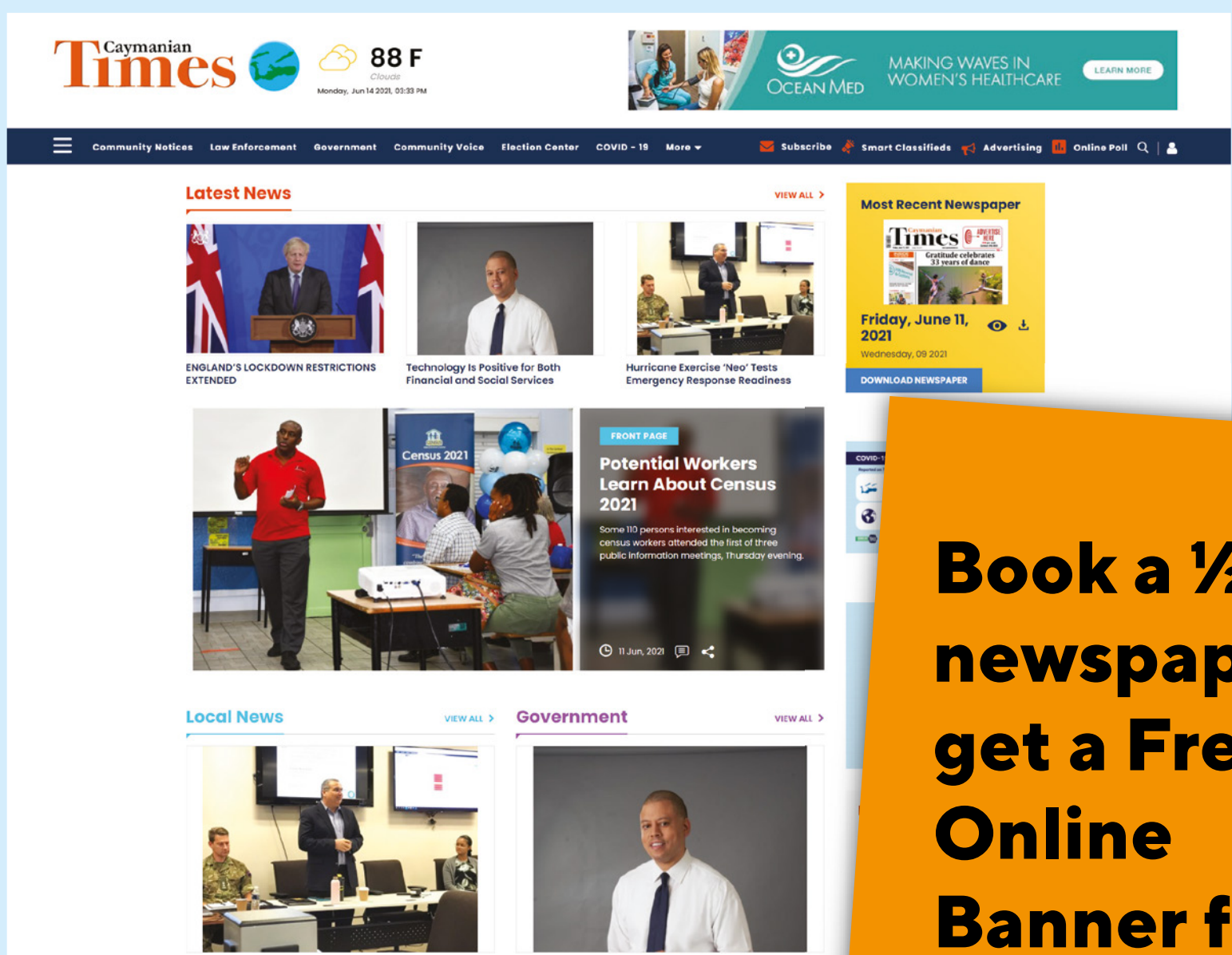
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