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## From students to legends



► Gold cup awardees – All of these graduates were awarded special gold cups in recognition of academic excellence

“From students to legends,” was the apt theme for more than 150 graduates of Clifton Hunter High School on Thursday, 29 August. The school hall was packed with hundreds of people – brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers and other well-wishers who had come to see the graduates stepping out on the road to the rest of their lives.

His Excellency the Governor, Mr. Martyn Roper OBE said: “I thought to myself when preparing these remarks: ‘What one piece of advice could I pass on from my own journey?’ The best advice that anyone ever gave me was to maintain a positive outlook,” Mr. Roper said.

Hon Juliana O’Connor Connolly took the evening’s theme, “Legends,” and made each letter stand for something important: “L is for ‘leaving on your



► Tassel-time: The proud moment when the graduates are allowed to move their tassels to show that they have graduated

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## Then and Now: Tourism becomes the major economic force

By Beth Turnbull

By the end of 1965, the tourism industry had become an important factor in the economy of the Cayman Islands. The islands had begun to develop attractions such as water skiing, sailing and fishing and were now able to offer these to tourists. The Annual Colonial Report from 1961-1965 describes an increase in the number of

beds available in hotels as well as clubs and cottages. The report credits the growth of the industry to a number of factors, in particular the enhancement of communications systems, including the completion of the telephone system. Additionally, the proposed introduction of jet airliners would improve communication, as well as the major

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► Harbour Drive showing the Bayview Hotel, old Comart and Shell gas station, from the collection of Marcia Bodden-Bush, 1940s to 1950s. (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)

## Three Caymanians are promoted at CIFS

The Ministry of Financial Services and Home Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of three Caymanians as the new Divisional Managers for the Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS).

Mr. Dwight Randy Rankin is the Divisional Manager for Domestic and Mr. Whitman Tatum is the Divisional Manager for Aviation; both gentlemen are based in Grand Cayman. Mr. Witney Tatum is the Divisional Manager for Aerodrome and Domestic and is based in Cayman Brac, with additional responsibility for Little Cayman.

The promotions are another milestone in CIFS’ journey to becoming a world class uniformed service. They are the direct result of the career progression strategy the CIFS and the Ministry of Home Affairs have continued to implement over the past two years.

The strategy focuses on providing leadership training opportunities for those in CIFS hoping to advance to more senior roles. One such opportunity provided to interested candidates was a chance to work with personnel from local company RESOLVE.

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# NO COMMON GROUND FOR LGBTQ+ RIGHTS & EMANCIPATION OF AFRICAN SLAVES



► Pastor Alson Ebanks

Gender equality, same-sex marriage, LGBTQ+ rights and the abolitionist movement of the 18th and 19th centuries—what do they have in common? Is it a fair and reasonable comparison, or are they so dissimilar in nature so as to merit only statements of contrast? Let us ponder this question.

Perhaps an obvious starting point would be for us to acknowledge that it is strategically advantageous for promoters of this liberal, sexualising agenda to capitalise on modern western sentiments towards the past enslavement of Africans in the Caribbean and Americas as the foundation for economic prosperity for European and American slave owners, and by extension their nations. An immediate emotional bias is established in favour of the LGBTQ+ movement by equating it with the abolitionist movement. By combining the morally indefensible with the morally repugnant the LGBTQ+ strategists have purchased emotional support from a huge number of persons, most of whom have neither the time nor inclination to do any hard thinking or research about this co-mingling of ideologies and ethics. As someone has noted that ideas have consequences and that bad ideas have bad consequences, we can clearly at this stage of an unprecedented moral and social experiment point to one bad consequence. That consequence is that the simple historical plea of black-skinned people to be regarded as fully human and worthy of equal treatment as those of “white” complexion has now been disparaged by virtue of its comparison with modern sexual rights advocacy.

Now insult is being added to injury when even those in the seats of jurisprudence are heard comparing the pleas of

the gay rights advocates with the horrible cries of our enslaved ancestors. We are at times nonplussed by the ease with which the modern LGBTQ+ ideologues are able to have their ideas gain ascendancy among supposedly educated persons, especially those in critical positions of influence in governments. Do they really believe that the plight of the African slave and the plea of those with same-sex attraction or “gender” dysphoria are equal on any grounds? Human behaviour, as all levels of psychotherapy will tell you, is based on three things: nature, nurture and opportunity. For the enslaved African, the one thing that was immutable was his nature—his race. No quantity of nurture or choices could change that fact. And that was the primary fact on which he was regarded as sub-human and therefore could be treated as mere chattel. By contrast, moral actions, sexual or otherwise, are always matters of choice, despite whatever inducements or inclinations one may have because of nature or nurture. My sincere plea is this: Please do not insult the descendants of slaves by comparing the plight of their fore-parents to the desires or dysphorias (however genuine they may be) of today’s radical sexual rights advocates!

(Pastor Alson Ebanks) 🌐

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Travel Discounts for Participants in DG’s 5K on Cayman Brac

Participants in the 2019 DG’s 5K on Cayman Brac on Sunday, 15 September are encouraged to take advantage of the following offers, courtesy of Cayman Airways and Cayman Brac Beach Resort.

Cayman Brac Beach Resort is offering participants a 10% room discount. Please mention DG’s 5K when making the reservation and note you will need to provide proof of residency (passport or voter’s ID) to waive the room tax. To make reservations, please call 345-948-1323.

Cayman Airways is also offering a 15% discount to economy fares for travel between Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac for flights:

- from Grand Cayman on 13 – 14 September
- to Grand Cayman on 15 – 16 September.

The discount is available from this evening (Wednesday, 28 August 2019) for online purchase only on [www.caymanairways.com](http://www.caymanairways.com) using the promotional code AHC12. All provisions and rules of the fare purchase will apply. 🌐

### CAL change fees waived upon projected path of Hurricane Dorian

Due to the projected path of Hurricane Dorian, Cayman Airways Limited (CAL) will be waiving change fees and fare differences for passengers who wish to cancel their flight reservations for travel between the Cayman Islands and Miami and Tampa.

The waiver applies to those passengers who are holding ticketed reservations made on or before August 28, 2019 for travel between August 30, 2019 and September 3, 2019.

Travel for changed flight segments may be rebooked by September 3, 2019 for travel no later than September 16, 2019. Refunds are not allowed on non-refundable tickets.

For more information, customers can call Cayman Airways Reservations on 345-949-2311 or 1-800-422-9626 (toll free within the USA). They may also refer to the Hurricane Protection Policy on the Cayman Airways website: <https://www.caymanairways.com/hurricane-protection-policy> 🌐

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► Student of the Year Tarec Francis, receiving his award from David Watler representing CUC who are the sponsors



► Keynote Speaker Bruce Gordon



► Marcus Lawrence receives the Achievement Award for Academic Excellence

# Clifton Hunter Graduation – “Legends”

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mind,’ and I’m sure for most of you that’s where you find yourself tonight,” she said. E was for “Engage and embrace every single thing that is good,” she said. “G stands for gratitude. Have a liberal application of gratitude,” Ms O’ Connor-Connolly said. E stood for excellence, N – Never ever give up; and D stood for determination. “Finally S – Service to others must be your byword,” she said, “Because in serving others you are investing into mankind.”

Principal Dr. Richard Wildman said: “My first word of advice: Take Care of yourselves, spiritually, emotionally and physically. Doing so ensures your ability to cope, and thrive in this changing world. Be a lifelong learner – always set aspirational goals,” he said.

Presentation of diplomas was divided into several groups according to each student’s achievement: Level 1 Diplomas, Level 2 Diplomas, Level 2 Honours Diplomas, and Level 2 High Honours Diplomas.

There were also special awards for those who had excelled in various subjects and disciplines.

Keynote speaker Bruce Gordon is a successful local recording artist. He gave the students some valuable tips about how to be successful in the widest sense of the word, and offered them a crash course in how to design their lives.

“How do we begin to design a life? First, we have to learn and unlearn a few things. One, ‘Find your passion,’ is awful advice,” he said. “Parents and teachers, when you encourage us to find our passion, what happens is, you unintentionally put us in a mental box where we feel we have one calling in life, we have to find it quickly, we have to stick to it and if we don’t we’re failures. We are not one thing. The world wants us to choose one thing, but we are not one thing,” he said.

For example, I’ve been a musician all my life throughout school, and upon approaching graduation from UCCI I felt the pressure of ‘Hmmm I need to pick something,’ I need to decide on a career so music being the thing I knew best, I worked hard at it, harder than anyone that I know.

And it worked. I recorded a song in my bedroom, it has a hundred million views, its on commercials, its all over the world, I’m getting checks every month. However, there was a sense of “Hmm- I’m more than this,” this is not just what I want to do every day.”

The secret is not to ‘find your passion,’ it is to constantly search for the things that bring life to your soul, and pursue them, diligently,” he said. “Make a list of all your passions, interests, curiosities and start looking at ways you can combine them.”



► Academic Excellence Awards being presented to Marcus Lawrence, included awards for Geography and Biology

## TALK ON THE STREET

# Talk On The Street: Petition Verification? And Then What?

With the recent news of the petition to hold a referendum on the cruise port being almost completely verified, a questions came to mind. Our reporter wanted to check the public’s pulse on this issue. The specific question posed was, “Will the petitions be verified, and what will happen after that?” Below are the responses of 15 individuals.

Joe, Caymanian, 35:

“I think that the government will cooperate and let the referendum happen. They believe it won’t pass anyway.”

Jean, Caymanian, 68:

“It will be verified and the referendum will happen. I don’t think it will pass though.”

Miguel, Caymanian, 62:

“There will be no port. We the people will stop that.”

Keith, Caymanian, 21:

“Everybody is saying that the referendum is going to happen. I agree. But, whether it passes is another question.”

Nigel, Caymanian, 48:

“The government will fight it the entire way. Ultimately, they will lose, though.”

Vernon, Caymanian, 55:

“I don’t know what will happen. I just know that I don’t want the port.”

Lee, Caymanian, 46:

“I hope it passes. We can’t afford to destroy any more of our environment.”

Leslie, Caymanian, 51:

“I hope it does. And I hope that the people vote against the port too.”

Michael, Caymanian, 42:

“I hope that it is verified so I can get a chance to have my say at the polls. I’m for the port, by the way.”

Chester, Caymanian, 35:

“The government is hell bent on this port, but I think the referendum will happen.”

Eric, Caymanian, 40:

“The government has tried everything to stop this, but it is fate. The people will speak loudly at the polls.”



Barbara, Caymanian, 43:

“We need the port but I think it will be stopped.”

Bobby, Caymanian, 47:

“If there is a God, then the port will be stopped.”

Gina, Caymanian, 31:

“I hope it is, and I hope that the Caymanian people vote their conscience and strike down the port deal.”

Wayne, Caymanian, 53:

“The whole thing will pass.”

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# Cayman 27 shuts down

It was the end of an era for local television last Friday when Cayman 27, Cayman's only Free-to-Air (FTA) independent television station, closed after 27 years of operation. For many viewers, at least in the early days of its operation, Cayman 27 was a vital source of information for the local community, bringing local news, sports, weather, talk shows and community events since its inception in 1992 into the living rooms of Cayman viewers.

Cayman 27 started life as a division of WestStar TV and then became part of Logic Communications when it was then bought out by Hurley's TV in 2015, but it had struggled as a viable concern for about a decade due to the market being too small to support it without viewers having to pay a subscription. According to its website, Hurley's TV Ltd./Cayman 27's financial situation was made known to the regulator, OfReg. In fact, Cayman 27 had never been profitable and had always been subsidised from inception from its parent company WestStar as part of its own cable licence requirement that it provide local content, the website stated.

Hurley's TV Ltd Managing Director Randy Merren said he had bought Cayman 27 because he felt, as a Caymanian, it was important to keep the country's only FTA independent television station

in local hands and to continue providing an invaluable service to the public.

"In my discussions with the regulator prior to the acquisition, I made it clear that there were serious financial concerns and I was under the impression that there would be the creation of a 'must carry' fee where each subscription TV licensed operator would pay to carry Cayman 27, so they could fulfill their own licence obligations that required each to provide local content. The 'must carry' fee or Universal Service Fund never came to pass," he said.

Cayman 27's website said that earlier this year, Cayman 27 received an OfReg notice of unpaid fees spanning a couple of years. In May, Cayman 27 again made its position known to the regulator and laid out the issues the company faced, stating that without a monetary contribution of a subscription fee, Hurley's TV Ltd. would have no choice but to terminate the channel's current programming as it was unsustainable under its licence requirements.

OfReg then began a comprehensive consultation period but in August, Cayman 27 received an Enforcement Notice. A couple of weeks later, a Suspension Notice was issued by the regulator, giving Cayman 27 a deadline of 1 September to address the financial compliance



issues, or its licence rights would be suspended.

"In the absence of support from successive administrations and a lack of a level playing field set by the regulator, we find ourselves in the regrettable position of no longer being able to continue daily operations. We have no choice but to shut down Cayman 27 and Hurley's TV Ltd.," Mr. Merren stated.

In a short statement, Premier Alden McLaughlin said the government was very concerned about the loss of Caymanian jobs and would make available all of government's resources to assist with finding them alternative employment.

"The decision to close the station was one made by its owner on the basis that it was not commercially viable. As far as the regulatory breaches are concerned, questions in this regard should be put to the regulator, OfReg," he said. "The government believes that a television station that produces and broadcasts local programmes and news is a critical piece of Cayman's information infrastructure and will immediately begin exploration as to how the void created by the closure of Cayman 27 can quickly be filled."

The television station's flagship programme Cayman 27 News was the final show aired on the channel at 6 pm last Friday, 30 August.

# Mental Health Facility Back on Track

The Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing announced today that the construction phase of the Long-term Residential Mental Health Facility (LTRMHF) is back on track and due to start mid-October 2019. The works which were split into smaller "packages" to ensure cost effective measures and fair competition amongst smaller firms has been met with success thus far.

"This venture is close to my heart" says Hon Dwayne Seymour, Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing. "Though the delays have been frustrating for us all, it has allowed the Ministry of Health to ensure that we get a project of this magnitude right in the best economical way. This project is about so much more than brick and mortar. It is our mission to ensure access to quality, affordable healthcare as well as to build stronger communities and support the most vulnerable in our society - two of Governments strategic outcome aims. I look forward to breaking ground on this historic initiative."

The Public Procurement Committee (PPC) has accepted the recommendation to award the contract for the construction of the Long-term Residential Mental Health Facility - Enabling Works Package to Ron Wilson's Equipment. Estimated costs for this portion of the facility are in the region of CI\$1.3M.

The PPC has also accepted the recommendation to award the contract for the construction of the LTRMHF's Main Building Works Package to Phoenix Ltd. Estimated costs for this portion of the facility are in the region of CI\$5.8M.

The awards are subject to the companies successfully entering into a contract with the Ministry. The Public Works Department (PWD) and the Ministry will begin work on these draft contracts immediately.

Finally, the PPC has also accepted the recommendation to award the contract to AAA Construction Ltd. for the construction of the LTRMHF's Cottages Work Packages in three distinct clusters each comprising three cottages; a total of nine residential spaces capable of accommodating 54 patients at a time.

The Ministry will work with PWD on this 3rd draft contract in due course. Estimated costs for this portion of the facility are in the region of CI\$ 2.6M per cluster; total CI\$ 7.9M.

"Despite the delays, I am pleased that we have now found the best way to meet this demand in our healthcare system and to see this crucial project back on track," says Ms Nancy Barnard - Acting Chief Officer, Ministry of Health. "I appreciate the innovativeness of the Ministry of Health and the PWD team which brought this to fruition."



► Artist's Rendering of Facility

Acting Director for PWD, Ms Niasha Brady commented, "We look forward to working with the Ministry and these three local companies to ensure the timely, successful completion of this major public institution."

The Ministry has worked diligently to ensure that the design of the LTRMHF meets outstanding function.

The facility's blue-print follows along best practice models that allow for a variety of therapeutic amenities and fosters a trusting and dignified environment.

Principal architect, Alice Liang, is an expert in purpose-built facilities for

mental health patients. She has many major projects in her repertoire and is a key contributor to her firm's philosophy to design spaces that support recovery. DDL Studio, with more than 20 years' experience in providing consultancy services in the Caribbean, is the local firm working in conjunction with Montgomery Sisam on this project.

Work packages Site Finishing (Exterior Works) and Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FF&E) are scheduled to be tendered in the first quarter of 2020.

The entire project is estimated to open its doors in the second quarter of 2021.

# September is Recovery Month

The Department of Counselling Services (DCS) is marking Recovery Month, this September, with several awareness-raising activities and events.

"The annual observance is an important part of the department's outreach work with people recovering from mental health and substance use disorders, their families and the broader community," says DCS Director Judith Seymour.

"We have a clear mandate to help support families and individuals actively battling these issues. Along with therapies available at our community based clinic, The Counselling Centre, and Caribbean Haven Residential Centre, we are using a joined up strategy for targeting recovery by providing a series of educational opportunities throughout September."

"Recovery is a long and often difficult undertaking which requires understanding and support, not only by health professionals but also by the

community, so as not to stigmatise and further isolate those who have chosen to try and overcome their challenges," Ms Seymour adds.

As well as a series of Table Talk recovery roundtable sessions with local radio stations, during September DCS representatives will also be hosting community workshops in West Bay, George Town and East End. Furthermore, a free Family Fun Day will be held at the Turtle Centre at the close of Recovery Month.

"Mental health and substance use disorders are global concerns that we take seriously on a local level," says Health Minister Hon. Dwayne Seymour.

"These are equal opportunity diseases found in all strata of our community. Their detrimental effects on families and individuals are such that we ignore addiction and mental health challenges and their ramifications at our peril."

Nancy Barnard, Acting Chief Officer for the Ministry of Health says, "The

more people who learn about mental health and substance use disorders the better. I encourage teenagers and adults to tune in and call into the shows that will be discussing these issues. Attending workshops will also really help knowledge about recovery and the services available on our islands."

The Recovery Month calendar is now available on media bulletin boards, and both the Cayman Islands Government and Department of Counselling Services Facebook pages.

**Recovery Month calendar**  
The Department of Counselling Services (DCS) is organising the following awareness raising radio appearances/events to mark National Recovery Month this September:

- **Monday, 2 September** - Recovery Month Launch Table Talk Series (**Radio Cayman 89.9FM**), 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join the voices for recovery to learn about drug use trends in Cayman and what we can do.
- **Tuesday, 3 September** - Recovery Month Table Talk Series (**Star 92.7FM**), 5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Listen and learn from substance abuse/recovery experts.
- **Wednesday, 4 September** - Recovery Month Community Workshop, **West Bay Community Centre, 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Learn about the process of addiction and how to get support, or to support someone in active addiction.
- **Friday, 6 September** - Recovery Month TableTalk Series (**Crosstalk**



**101.9FM), 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.** Join the voices for recovery to learn about drug use trends in Cayman and what we can do.

• **Wednesday, 18 September** - Talk Early, Talk Often: Drug Edition. **Family Resource Centre, 2nd Floor Apollo House West, Mary St., George Town, 6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.** Learn how to talk to your children about drugs and alcohol. The workshop will provide parents with the skills and the age-appropriate language needed.

• **Wednesday, 25 September** - Recovery Month Workshop, **East End Community Centre, 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.** Learn about the process of addiction and how to get support, or how to support someone in active addiction.

• **Saturday, 28 September** - Recovery Month Family Fun Day. Join the DCS at the Cayman Islands Turtle Centre for a FREE Family Fun Day, **10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** Pre-register for entry and complimentary buffet.

For more information, contact the Department of Counselling Services at 949-8789, <https://www.dcs.gov.ky/>

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*As the 20th Century progressed, Cayman's tourism industry began to flourish with the establishment firstly of the Cayman Islands Tourist Board and then the Department of Tourism. Read how this important sector of our economy began to blossom in this second part of our three-part series.*

# Tourism becomes the major economic force

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improvements made to the Owen Roberts Airport in 1964, it said. This and other factors, such as the trade link with the United States, publicity and the expansion of hotel accommodation on the islands, promoted the development of the tourism industry and placed the Cayman Islands on equal footing with the rest of the islands in the Caribbean.

Much of the praise for the expansion of the tourism industry laid with the airlines and also the Cayman Islands Hotel Association, reports the Annual Colonial Report of 1961 to 1965. Armed with only a small grant from the government they achieved a sizeable amount of publicity for the Cayman Islands between 1964 and 1965, it details.

## Tourist Board is developed

By the end of 1965, it was clear a tourist board was required. Under the requirements of the Tourist Board Law 1965, the Cayman Islands Tourist Board began its work in January 1966. Eric Bergstrom, an American citizen and owner of one of the "best clubs in the islands" (according to the Report), was appointed the chairman. The law provided the groundwork for the modern tourism industry by stressing the importance of planning, promoting and monitoring the tourism industry. Additionally, the law required a Government Executive Council Member for Tourism to ensure that people were able to get to and from Cayman, as well as encourage



► The George Town Port is a bustling sight in 2019 unlike the 1930s when it greeted Cayman's first tourists

the amenities required to attract visitors to the islands, according to an article written by Barbara Currie Maguire called Anatomy of a Tourism Success Story, taken from the May 1981 edition of the Nor'Wester magazine.

Led by Mr Bergstrom, the Cayman Islands Tourist Board made great progress in promoting the islands, especially in North America. In 1968 a Tourist Board office was appointed in Miami containing a director, secretary and a sales manager, as well as an agent set up in New York. The Annual Colonial Reports of 1966 to 1970 register the tourism figures steadily rising and at this time, tourism is considered the primary economy of the Cayman Islands. The report presented the number of tourists visiting the islands: in 1966 there were 8,244 visitors to the Cayman Islands. By 1970 this figure has more than doubled showing 22,888 visi-

tors. This increase is said to be largely due to the efforts of the Tourist Board and its staff. Additionally, the number of hotels was still on the rise, as in 1970 it was reported there were 15 hotels across the islands with rates ranging from US \$32 to US \$ 60 per day for a double bed during the winter months.

Just three years later, in the Annual Colonial Reports of

1973 there were 17 hotels in Grand Cayman, two in Cayman Brac and one on Little Cayman, with the number of visiting tourists still on the rise. A Tourism Survey was conducted by Government along with the assistance of British Technical Aid in 1972. This resulted in the creation of a new Department in the Government, the Department of Tourism, which

officially started on the 1st of January 1974. This department replaced the Tourist Board, and Mr Bergstrom was appointed as the new Director of Tourism as the head of the department. During 1973 it is estimated that tourists and visitors to the islands spent US\$10 million.

Read about the development of our present-day tourism product next time. 🌐



► Southern Cross Club, Little Cayman, from the collection of Lucinda Cruickshank, 1967. (Photo credit: The Cayman Islands National Archive Photographic Collections)



► Some 2019 landmarks would have greeted Cayman's 20th Century tourists



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# Maples Group Expands Shipping Expertise with Strategic Hires in Asia

The Maples Group is pleased to announce the expansion of its global Shipping team with a number of strategic hires in Asia.

Jonathan Silver joins the Maples Group's law firm in Hong Kong as a partner and brings nearly 20 years' experience in the fields of banking and shipping, having previously led the Shipping Group at Norton Rose Fulbright for the North Asia region, where he also co-lead the Republic of Marshall Islands law practice.

Jonathan will lead the Group's Asia Shipping team, providing British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands and Marshall Islands legal advice, entity formation and fiduciary services to clients worldwide. The team will work closely with Sherice Arman, partner and head of the Shipping team in the Group's Cayman Islands office.

Jonathan's vast experience covers shipping finance and other shipping matters, including loans, leasing, private equity, sale and purchase, building contracts, charter parties, guarantees, joint ventures, pooling and management. He also has substantial experience advising on general banking and finance transactions, such as unsecured lending, working capital loans and structured trade and commodity finance. Jonathan is proficient in Mandarin Chinese and speaks conversational Cantonese. Jonathan is also a Notary Public appointed in Hong Kong.

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The expansion includes the strategic hiring of Maggie Wong and Rachel Wang in the Maples Group's Hong Kong-based law firm and Edwin Lo in its fiduciary services team.

Managing Partner of the Group's law firm in Hong Kong and Global Head of Asset Finance, Mark Western, said, "We are delighted to welcome Jonathan and team to the Maples Group. We believe their combined extensive experience in the shipping industry, deep market knowledge of Asia, and Marshall Islands legal expertise will complement our existing global capabilities and enable us to offer a broader service to our clients in the region."

Commenting on his appointment, Jonathan Silver said, "I am very excited to join the Maples Group where I will have the opportunity to work with the Group's international client base across shipping, finance, entity formation and fiduciary matters. I look forward to joining a prestigious global partnership and using my experience to develop the Group's global shipping practice."

Global Managing Partner, Alasdair Robertson, added, "These appointments further demonstrate our commitment to provide our Asian clients with a world class service in a wide range of industries."



▶ Jonathan Silver

The Maples Group's Asia offices have over 300 legal, fund services and fiduciary services lawyers and professionals based in Hong Kong and Singapore. Jonathan is the second new partner to join the Group's Asia Pacific team this year, where they now have 21 practising partners. Earlier this year, the Group opened an office in Shanghai in response to the growing client base in China.

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# CAYMAN ISLANDS TO HONOUR TEACHERS ON WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

The Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture & Lands, will honour public and private sector teachers on World Teacher's Day on Saturday, 5th October at the 7th Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching at the Kimpton Seafire Resort & Spa.

Launched in 2007, the Golden Apple Awards recognises teachers and principals in public and private primary and high schools who have been nominated by their students, parents and peers for their outstanding achievements and contributions both in the classroom and at their respective schools.



▶ Christopher Kirkconnell, President of the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce

Recipients will be announced during a formal ceremony and will receive the award and a cash prize. An educator who has contributed at least 25 years to education will also be announced and will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award in Education.

"Quality teaching is essential to motivate students to learn and to acquire skills that will enable them to transition into the workplace," says the Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands. "The Cayman Islands will proudly join others around the world to acknowledge the important role that teachers play in the lives of the communities in which they serve."



▶ Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MLA, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands

"Teachers contribute tremendously to our society by motivating students to achieve success in the classroom and in life generally," added Christopher Kirkconnell, President of the Cayman Islands Chamber of Commerce. "It is important to thank them and to celebrate their achievements and hard work. I encourage parents, students

and educators to attend this event and to demonstrate your support for our teachers."

Early bird tickets are now on sale for the Golden Apple Awards for a limited time only. Those interested in attending to support educators in the community can purchase tickets at [www.cayman-chamber.ky/goldenappleawards](http://www.cayman-chamber.ky/goldenappleawards).

# CAL's Tuesday flights reinstated after ORIA runway closure postponement

Following the announcement earlier this year by the Cayman Islands Airport Authority (CIAA) that the runway at Owen Roberts International Airport (ORIA) would be closed from late Monday night through early Wednesday morning throughout the months of September and October, Cayman Airways, along with all other airlines operating flights out of ORIA, were required to cancel Tuesday flights and make other schedule modifications. Passengers on the affected flights were rebooked on alternate dates, or airfares were refunded.

On August 14, 2019, three weeks before this weekly closure was to commence, the CIAA advised that the ORIA runway would no longer be temporarily closed during September and October. As a result of the closure cancellation, Cayman Airways re-introduced as many Tuesday flights to its fall schedule as possible. However, with the short time

window between the closure cancellation and the affected Tuesday flights, not all flights were able to be re-added and some have had to be operated at different times. Tuesday flights to Miami and Jamaica have been added, along with securing domestic service between Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

"Coming out of the effort to change our schedule and accommodate those passengers who had booked travel on Tuesdays, there are now some challenges in trying to re-introduce flights with a limited booking window," explained Paul Tibbetts, Executive Vice President of Finance and Commercial Affairs. "Seats on flights are generally sold across a long span of time, generally up to a year. With weeks instead of months to sell, we are therefore cognizant of the fact that many of the re-introduced Tuesday flights will likely go out with light loads. However,



we are mindful that for the next two months, Cayman Airways will provide the only connection between the Cayman Islands and the rest of the world on Tuesdays, once again underlying the Airline's importance to our islands."

Passengers wishing to travel on Tuesdays during September and October can visit [www.caymanairways.com](http://www.caymanairways.com), call Cayman Airways Reservations at 345-949-2311, or contact your local travel agent.

# Amnesty period for 'pet' parrots starts Sept. 1st

Residents who are currently keeping Cayman parrots as pets will be given six months, from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020, to register those birds with the Department of Environment (DoE).

After February 2020, any unregistered Cayman parrots that are still being kept as pets may be seized by DoE conservation officers, and the bird's owners can be fined for possessing or keeping them illegally.

"We're trying to correct a problem with illegal parrot ownership that has been allowed to persist for going on 20 years," said DoE Terrestrial Resources Unit manager Fred Burton. "These Cayman parrots are a protected species under the National Conservation Law,

as they were under the Animals Law, and really shouldn't be kept as house pets. However, we know hundreds of people do keep them and, if they are being responsible, we want to give them a chance to continue to keep their birds."

During the parrot amnesty period, residents may contact the DoE at 949-8469 or via email at DoE@gov.ky and a DoE team will attend their location to register the parrot. The registration process involves assigning each pet parrot an identification number imprinted on a small band around the parrot's leg and implanting an identification chip, called a PIT tag, similar to the ID tags used to register other pets such as dogs and cats. DoE officers will provide a health check, as well as advice during the visit on how best to care for Cayman parrots. This service is free of charge.

Officially registered Cayman parrots may still be kept as pets. However, after February 2020, no more parrots will be registered and anyone keeping an unregistered parrot will be doing so illegally.

The amnesty process is one that has been implemented by several Caribbean islands and is necessary to reduce or eliminate the illegal trade and poaching of wild Cay-



► A pair of adult Grand Cayman Parrots (Credit: Cayman Turtle Centre)



► These two baby parrots were rescued earlier this year by DoE conservation officers (Credit: DoE)

man parrots, which puts the wild parrot population at greater risk each year.

"When the restrictions on keeping these birds are enforced, it will hopefully reduce or stop the poaching of wild Cayman parrots," DoE Research Officer Jane Haakonsson said. "The local parrot population on both Grand Cayman and Cayman Brac remains critically low in the wake of Hurricanes Ivan in 2004 and Paloma in 2008. The parrots' ability to recover from those storms and human induced threats is also compromised through ongoing habitat loss."

"The Cayman parrot is our national bird and an important part of our nat-

ural history. We must continue to take steps to ensure the protection of our parrots, so that they can flourish in our islands now, and into the future," said Minister of Environment, the Hon. Dwayne Seymour. "I urge everyone who owns a Cayman parrot to contact DoE during the amnesty period in order to register their pet parrot."

For more information regarding the parrot amnesty, please check the DoE website at [www.doe.ky](http://www.doe.ky) or contact DoE Public Education and Outreach Officer Brent Fuller via phone at 244-5984/922-5514 or via email at [brent.fuller@gov.ky](mailto:brent.fuller@gov.ky).

## CARIBBEAN AIRLINES ANNOUNCES SPECIAL 25% OFF FLASH SALE FOR NEW SERVICE BETWEEN KINGSTON AND GRAND CAYMAN

Caribbean Airlines is having a special 25 percent flash sale for travel between Kingston and Grand Cayman, effective Thursday August 29, 2019.

Customers taking advantage of this special sale offer on the airline's new service can purchase a return ticket for as low as **USD\$294** providing that they:

- Book direct flights from Grand Cayman to Kingston, Jamaica by 3rd September 03, 2019.
- Travel during the period October 29th to December 10th, 2019.

Plus, customers get an added bonus of travelling with **two free bags** at 50 lbs each with this special flash sale

offer. Jamaica and the Cayman Islands have always enjoyed a very close connection. Now with even more people travelling for both work and leisure the airline's new service, which adds 300 seats per week into either market, will only enhance and strengthen the robust linkages already existing between the islands.

Flights between Kingston and Grand Cayman are twice weekly on Tuesday and Saturday and this special fare is available for immediate booking at: [www.caribbean-airlines.com](http://www.caribbean-airlines.com), or via the airline's Reservations Call Centre, Ticketing offices and Travel agents.



## Aircraft Incident at Charles Kirkconnell International Airport Update

Charles Kirkconnell International Airport (CKIA) on Cayman Brac resumed normal business operations at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, 30 August 2019, following an incident with a departing private aircraft.

The incident occurred at approximately 11:40 a.m. on Thursday, 29 August 2019, in which the aircraft takeoff was aborted due to a malfunction of the landing gear.

There were no reported injuries, and Airport personnel were on the scene

immediately to assess and resolve the situation.

Normal runway operations at CKIA were suspended temporarily to accommodate the safe removal of the aircraft from the runway.

The Cayman Islands Airports Authority would like to thank the Cayman Islands Fire Service at CKIA, Cayman Airways personnel, aircraft operator and CIAA staff for their joint efforts to remediate the situation and restore the operational readiness of CKIA.



## New Tennis Coach for The Cayman Islands Tennis Club

The Cayman Islands Tennis Club has welcomed Noah Capetta as their newest tennis coach.

Noah has lived most of his life in Maine, USA, where he grew up as a multi-sport athlete skiing, doing gymnastics, and playing baseball, basketball and table tennis.

He didn't discover tennis until the age of 16 but quickly became obsessed and played every chance he had when there wasn't snow on the ground.

After high school, Noah began working at an indoor tennis club where he could play year-round and began competing in tournaments and USTA leagues, as well as starting his coaching and teaching career.

In a few short years, he went from a USTA 3.0 to 5.0 and was ranked #1 in New England in Men's Open Doubles.

At 24, Noah moved to the coastal town of Camden, where he met his wife, Kathleen, and began teaching tennis full time at Midcoast Recreation Center and, shortly thereafter, coaching the Camden Hills Boys Varsity tennis team as well.

After serving 2 terms on the Maine Tennis Association Board of Directors and acting as Junior Team Tennis League Coordinator, Noah began focusing on high school coaching, where he lead his team to 5 straight regional titles and 2 state championships and amassed a 73-7 record.

Noah's ability to work with players of all ages and abilities, from pure beginners to Division 1 college athletes, has earned him numerous professional awards, including 2 time recipient of the state's Jr Development Award (2014, 2018), 2 time Maine High School Coach of the Year (2017 & 2018), and Adult Sportsperson of the Year (2018).

Noah holds multiple certifications from the USPTR and USPPR and is dedicated to staying current with modern teaching methodology.

Best match he saw in person was watching Juan Martin Del Potro crush Rafael Nadal in the semi-finals of the 2009 US Open, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

Eva Jacques, President of the Cayman Islands Tennis Club, says; "We are de-

lighted to have Noah join the team at CITC! Our goal with each new hire is to raise the bar at the club by giving our members and tennis enthusiasts more options to learn the great sport of tennis! We are continuously investing and developing all aspects of the club to attract more members! Noah's community mindedness along with his experience and coaching qualifications is refreshing and we are looking to him to help build programs to get tennis to more kids in Cayman! We also hope to develop more adult programs at the club with Noah's assistance!"

Noah says; "The thing I love most about tennis is the people I've met through playing and teaching. It's an eclectic, international, and diverse community who are connected by this game we love."

Noah is also a certified pickleball instructor and 5.0 pickleball player and hopes to help grow pickleball at CITC and in the Cayman Islands.

When he's not on the tennis court, Noah can be found singing and playing



► Noah Capetta as newest tennis coach of Cayman Islands Tennis Club

his guitar and spending time with his wife, Kathleen, his daughter Ella, and sons Graeme and Reid, who all love tennis, too!

# New Divisional Managers for CIFS

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In response to the announcement of the appointments, Minister for Financial Services and Home Affairs, Hon. Tara Rivers, JP said: "We are extremely pleased to have three experienced and highly capable Caymanians fill these important roles. I look forward to seeing them continue to strive for excellence as we work towards creating a world class Fire Service."

Divisional Manager for Domestic, Mr. Dwight Randy Rankin will assist the Deputy Chief Fire Officer (Domestic) in the strategic leadership, readiness and delivery of emergency fire and rescue services for Grand Cayman.

With 26 years' experience serving in the CIFS, Mr. Rankin is both an academically and technically proficient fire officer. He holds an associate degree in Public Administration from CSC and chose to further his studies at Florida State Fire College and the Fire Service College in London.

Mr. Whitman Tatum, the Divisional Manager for Aviation, will assist with the management of the aviation division and provide aerodrome firefighting and rescue services at Owen Roberts International Airport.



► Newly appointed Divisional Managers (from left to right), Whitman Tatum, Witney Tatum and Dwight Randy Rankin (Photo by GIS)

During his 23-year career with CIFS Mr. Tatum has worked on all three islands. Originally from Cayman Brac where he was most recently based, Mr. Tatum has moved to Grand Cayman to take up his new position. He is passion-

ate about fostering a world class Fire Service of which everyone can be proud.

As the Divisional Manager for Aerodrome and Domestic on Cayman Brac and Little Cayman, Mr. Witney Tatum will be responsible for overseeing the

delivery of both critical services in the Sister Islands.

With a total of 32 years' experience, Mr. Tatum has global experience with Fire Services having worked across the Cayman Islands as well as in the UK. He plans to use his expertise to ensure that a high standard of service is delivered in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman.

Commenting on the recent appointments, Chief Officer for the Ministry for Financial Services and Home Affairs, Dr. Dax Basdeo, Ph.D., JP, added that he was pleased to be able to fill the positions internally.

"An individual's suitability for the role remains the highest priority when the Ministry selects a candidate at the conclusion of a recruitment exercise. We are pleased to see that the investment we've made in professional development and training has helped our officers compete in recruitment exercises with confidence as promotion opportunities become available," Dr. Basdeo added.

"We are striving to ensure that the most suitable individuals are identified as part of fair and transparent processes across all recruitment exercises for posts in the Fire Service."

All three fire officers took up their new posts on 15th July 2019.

# Harneys Cayman office offers summer internships to students

Harneys continues to roll out a variety of internship opportunities to students who are currently enrolled in either secondary education or in a university or postgraduate-level law course.

This year's summer internship programme saw 18 participants placed within the firm's legal, fiduciary and business support teams, where they

observed day-to-day operations and earned practical experience.

Harneys is committed to finding and supporting exceptional individuals who wish to gain first-hand work experience in a leading global firm.

Intern Kathy Quintana-Gonzalez commented: "It has been a privilege to be welcomed into the team at Harneys. My

time working with the Fiduciary team has allowed me to gain a solid understanding of corporate work and the fiduciary business."

Trisha McElroy, Harneys' Head of People Management & Culture added: "We are pleased to welcome these students into Harneys and provide them with a framework that can be used to help

them excel in their chosen fields. We hope that the experience gained through these internships will help nurture their understanding of the global legal industry and build a long lasting relationship with their mentors."

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CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

# Sunsplash returns to Jamaica

Jamaica's Reggae Sunsplash, the ground-breaking festival that became world-renowned for all the great artists that performed there, will return in November 2020, following a 14-year hiatus. It will be held at Grizzly's Plantation Cove, Priory, St Ann, a spacious outdoor venue located near Ocho Rios on the north coast.

Founded by Synergy Productions, the inaugural Reggae Sunsplash was staged 1978 in Montego Bay and featured six nights of dusk-till-dawn concerts showcasing Jamaica's finest reggae acts, including Jimmy Cliff, Burning Spear, Jacob Miller and Inner Circle, Third World and Toots and the Maytals. Bob Marley, Peter Tosh, Dennis Brown, Buju Banton, Marcia Griffiths and Gregory Isaacs are some of the other reggae legends who performed at Sunsplash. It was held each summer between 1978 and 1992



► Bob Marley performed at Reggae Sunsplash

in Montego Bay - except for 1980, when it was held in Kingston -- using football field Jarrett Park and the Bob Marley Entertainment Centre as its venues. The festival moved around the island between 1993 and 1996, with one-offs in 1998 and 2006. But now, the festival is returning under new ownership. Guardsman Group Ltd, one of Jamaica's largest security companies. 🌐

# Hurricane Dorian heads for Florida

Hurricane Dorian passed through the Eastern Caribbean last week as Tropical Storm Dorian, impacting Barbados, Dominica, Martinique and Antigua amongst others. The storm rolled over the Virgin Islands, hitting St Thomas with wind gusts of up to 100 mph. It hit Puerto Rico before gaining strength in the Atlantic and millions of people in Florida were warned to be ready for its impact. Dorian was expected to become a major hurricane on Friday, and remain an extremely dangerous hurricane through the weekend, the



► Hurricane Dorian damaged parts of the Eastern Caribbean

US National Hurricane Centre said. Dorian could be a Category 4 storm when it makes landfall Monday. The storm could have maximum sustained winds of 130 mph. Landfall could happen anywhere along Florida's Atlantic coast. 🌐

# Montserrat eases residency laws

Montserrat will hold general elections soon and will change its residency laws so that long-term expats can vote for the first time.

Ahead of upcoming general elections, Premier Donaldson Romeo has announced that his government has put a moratorium until June 1, 2020 for non-nationals residing in the country for 12 years or more.

The offer is for those wishing to apply for their Montserrat nationality, and is available with the government removing the savings requirements of \$5,000

or more. However, all other requirements remain.

Premier Romeo made the announcement at his most recent press conference. According to the Act, the applicant must show "proof that he has maintained a savings account with an average monthly balance of at least \$5,000 during the 6 months immediately preceding his application."

Mr Romeo emphasised that all other requirements remain, and that the Cabinet decision was based on economic and humanitarian grounds, acknowledging

that many non-nationals have invested in homes, are paying rent, and setting up businesses.

The date for General Elections must be announced to be held no later than January 8, 2020.

Montserrat is desperate to keep its long-term residents after the previously dormant Soufrière Hills volcano, in the southern part of the island, became active in 1995. Eruptions destroyed Montserrat's capital Plymouth. Between 1995 and 2000, two-thirds of the island's population fled, primarily to



► Montserrat has rebuilt since the volcano eruption

the United Kingdom, leaving fewer than 1,200 people on the island by 1997, which has steadily risen to over 5,200 today. 🌐

# Willis sells Turks mansion

Bruce Willis and his wife, Emma Heming Willis have sold their sprawling Turks and Caicos compound. The couple raked in an impressive \$27 million for the 13,500-square-foot property, just short of the \$27.5m record price tag on the island's most expensive property, a nearby home known as Oliver's Cove that sold in 2016.



► Bruce Willis's Turks mansion went for \$27m

The Hollywood A-lister bought the land, covering 7.37 waterfront acres, in 2000, and completed the Asian-inspired compound in 2004. It consists of an elegant five-bedroom main house, a yoga pavilion, and two guest casitas with three bedrooms each. There is also a massive pool, a children's pirate-ship-themed playground, a beach volleyball court and butler service

The main house, which spans more than 5,000 square feet, features an open floor plan with a harmonious flow between the outdoor and indoor spaces; most of the common living areas have walls of glass sliders that

can be opened for direct access to the back patio and pool. The master suite, which spans the entire upper level, boasts a large private balcony, and two of the guest rooms also have their own private sundecks. The couple completely renovated the home last year.

Parting with the place likely wasn't an easy decision for the pair, who were married there in 2009 and marked their 10-year wedding anniversary by renewing their vows there.

Their decision to sell is largely due to their recent relocation to the West Coast. Their estate in Bedford Corners, New York, is still on the market for \$9.39m. 🌐

# Trini politician on corruption charge

Trinidad and Tobago member of parliament Marlene McDonald, who held the portfolio of Minister of Public Administration, has been arrested in Trinidad on corruption charges. Ms McDonald, who was also dismissed from her position as deputy political leader of the governing People's National Movement, faces several criminal charges, including money laundering, conspiracy to defraud, and misbehaviour in public office.

Ms McDonald is not a stranger to controversy. In 2016, she was fired from Minister of Housing and Urban Development after allegations that she was misusing her position. She was accused of granting her common-law husband a house through the state housing agency, of offering him and other relatives' jobs in her constituency in breach of ministerial hiring procedures and of starting a non-governmental organisation in order to gain access to public funds.

Despite the poor optics, Prime Minister Keith Rowley appointed Ms Mc-



► Marlene McDonald is accused of corruption

Donald Minister of Public Utilities two years ago, a job she held for mere days. She was fired soon after her swearing-in ceremony, thanks to the public outcry over the presence of a "community leader" (aka gang leader) who posed with Ms McDonald in photographs at the President's House. Yet she was again rehired and began working in the Ministry of Public Administration in April 2018. Four others were arrested along with Ms McDonald: her common-law husband Michael Carew, and three friends in connection with a corruption investigation from 2016. 🌐

# Grenada gets luxury resort

Grenada is set for the debut of a major new all-inclusive resort from the Royalton Luxury Resorts brand.

The new property will be a transformation of the former Grenadian by Rex resort and is slated to open in March 2020. The resort will open with 269 luxury suites on a beachfront setting on Grenada's Tamarind Bay, on the southwestern corner of Grenada near Magazine Beach, a short distance from Grenada's Maurice Bishop International Airport.

The new all-inclusive is the latest in what has been a rapid Caribbean expansion for the Royalton brand and its Blue Diamond Resorts parent company.

The resort will include Royalton's signature all-inclusive amenities, from 24-hour room service to complimentary non-motorised water sports, free high-speed Wi-Fi and a host of swim-up rooms.

The latter have become something of a specialty for Royalton, which boasts one of the broadest and most impres-



► Grenada's new luxury resort will help tourism

sive range of swim-up suites in the wider region.

The Royalton Grenada, which will also include a spa, will be the first property in the Royalton umbrella to open the new Ma Maison eatery, a French bistro-style restaurant.

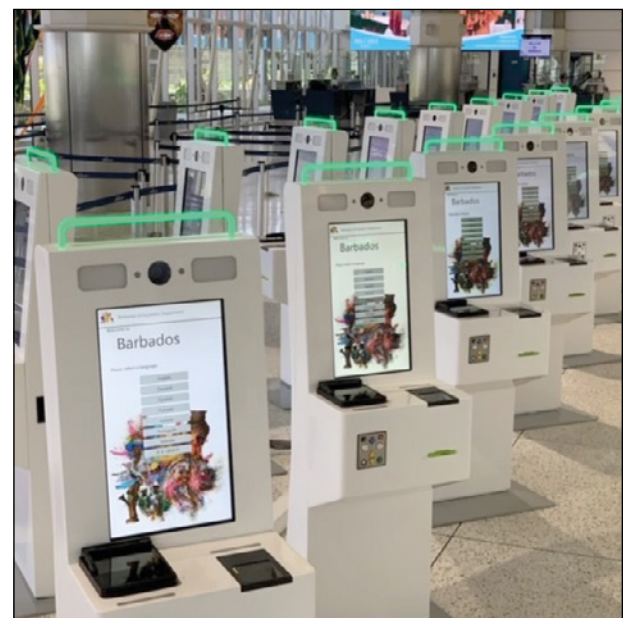
It will be the second major opening for Royalton in the Caribbean in 2019, following the spring debut of the new Royalton Antigua, which recently debuted Antigua's first-ever overwater bungalows. 🌐

# Barbados airport travel easier

Barbados has installed an additional 32 biometric-enabled kiosks at Grantley Adams International Airport to make it 48 in total. This will make it far easier for travellers to pass through the popular destination.

Vancouver International Airport's Innovative Travel Solutions has installed the kiosks. The self-service border control solution BorderXpress aims to improve overall traveller experience by accelerating the clearance process and reducing passenger waiting times.

The facility is available to all passengers landing at the airport. Using the biometric kiosks, passengers can scan their documents and conclude their declaration.



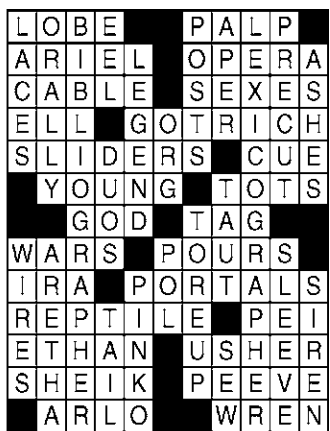
► Biometric-enabled kiosks are at Barbados airport

Eligible passengers will be able to authenticate their identity using facial recognition technology and will then move to a border services officer for final inspection. 🌐

**CROSSWORD**

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 44 Relaxing places
  - 1 Carpet feature
  - 5 Goad on
  - 9 Body of law
  - 10 Declines
  - 12 Top story
  - 13 Chosen few
  - 14 Smelter's need
  - 16 Jazz horn
  - 17 Undoing word
  - 18 Regret
  - 20 Weds in secret
  - 22 Finishes
  - 23 "Loot" playwright
  - 25 Slant
  - 28 Without contract
  - 32 Back from boating
  - 34 Freud topic
  - 35 East, in Germany
  - 36 Become angry
  - 38 Principled
  - 40 Full of caffeine, perhaps
  - 41 Roofing material
  - 42 Drops
  - 43 Took in
- DOWN**
- 1 Make rounds
  - 2 Completely
  - 3 Beef cut
  - 4 Cryptographer's device
  - 5 Check for bugs
  - 6 Crony
  - 7 Concord
  - 8 Slow down
  - 9 "Alfie" star
  - 11 Sides in an ongoing battle
  - 15 Make as new
  - 19 Camera part
  - 21 Swanky
  - 24 Boxing combos
  - 25 Mike holders
  - 26 Sneaker part
  - 27 Off the track
  - 29 Illinois city
  - 30 Long-plumed birds
  - 31 College girls, once
  - 33 Eyeballed
  - 37 Fool
  - 39 Had a feast



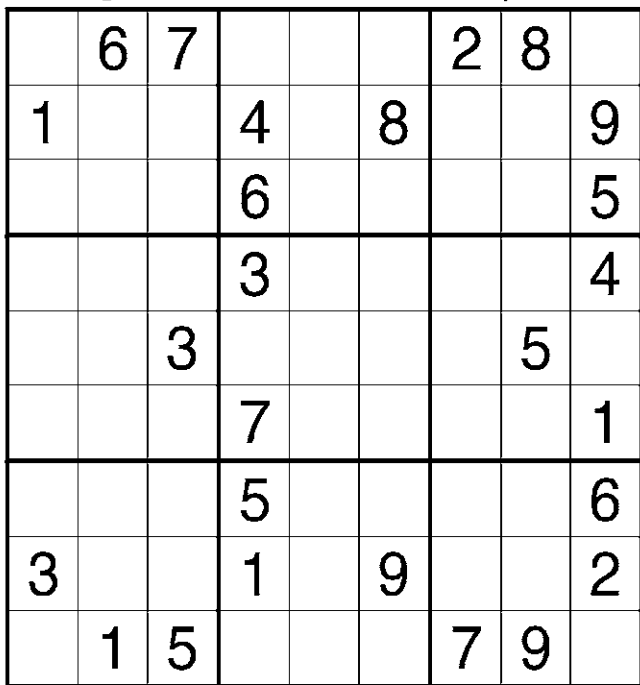
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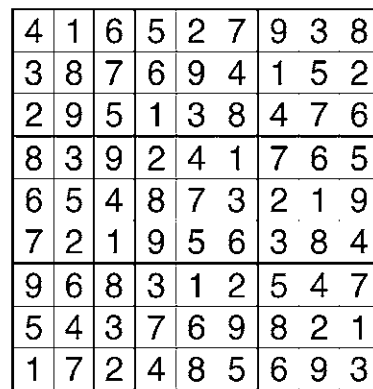
By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle



Difficulty Level ★★

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Word Search



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

- Adieu
- Adios
- Aloha
- Au revoir
- Auf wiedersehen
- Bonjour
- Cheers
- Ciao
- Farewell
- Godspeed
- Good day
- Goodbye
- Greetings
- Hello
- Hiya
- How do you do
- Howdy
- Sayonara
- See you later
- So long
- Welcome



**CURTIS**

By Ray Billingsley



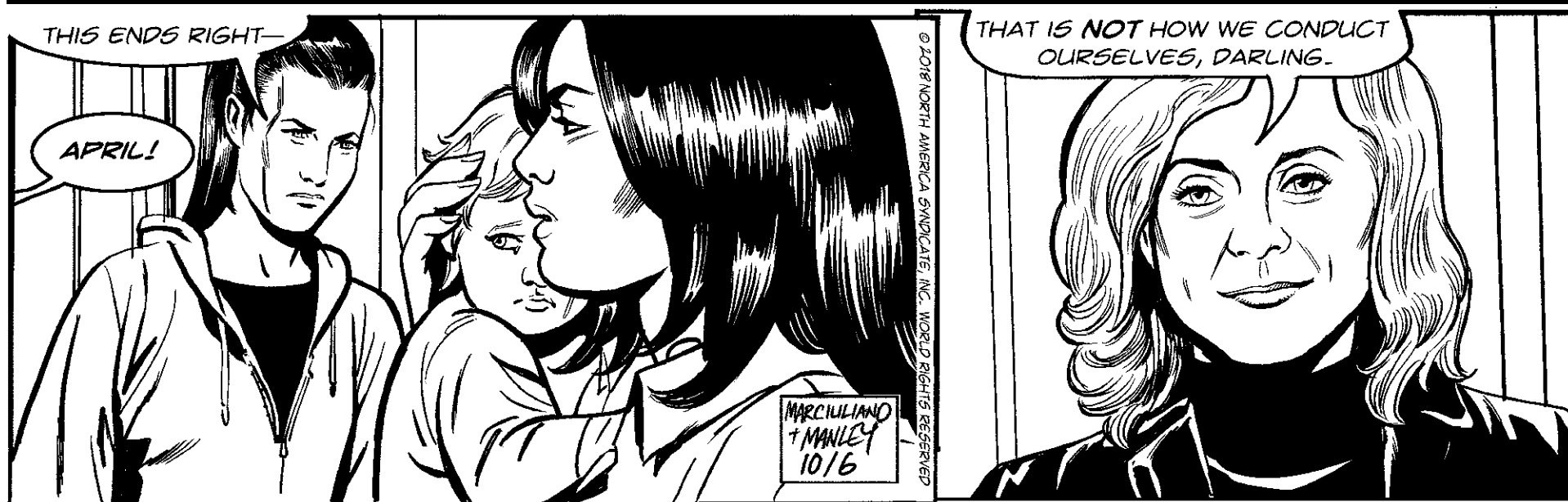
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