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## National Arts and Culture Awards announced



► Recipients of the 2020 National Arts & Culture Awards, pictured with CNCF Artistic Director Henry Muttoo and Minister of Culture Hon. Dwayne Seymour and Melanie McField, Chief Cultural Officer, Festivals and Carnivals. Left to Right: Wray Banker; Ilean Powery, Henry Muttoo, Melanie McField, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, Isaac Jeralow Rankine, Debra Barnes-Tabora, Raj Ramasubbu, and George Jones

Artistic Director of the Cayman National Cultural Foundation, Henry Muttoo announced the recipients of the 2020 National Arts & Culture Awards. There are gold, silver and bronze awards in each category, and they reflect the contribution that Cayman people have made, sometimes over many years, to the cultural and artistic life of the Cayman Islands. The awards will be formally presented on February 20. Awards are also presented for Volunteer of the Year, Sponsor of the Year, and the Chairman's Award for outstanding long-term support of CNCF's work.

Every year a call goes out for nominations, not only from other culture, art and heritage organisations, but to the general public for artists and those who are dedicated in preserving and in-

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## CAYMAN ISLANDS MAY BE ON EU TAX BLACKLIST

The Cayman Islands government says it's awaiting confirmation from the European Union following international media reports that the territory has been placed on the European Union's (EU) tax blacklist.

Reputable international media outlets reported on Wednesday that the Cayman Islands had become the first UK territory to be blacklisted by the EU for failing to address concerns about tax abuse.

It is said that the government here had not put adequate legislation in place to prevent companies from claiming tax



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The RCIPS is informing the public of a fraudulent email being sent to members of the public purporting to be from the RCIPS Financial Crime Unit. The email suggests that a complaint has been filed against the recipient and contains a link (described as an "attachment") to the case file for the recipient to review urgently.



In reality, the link in the email is a phishing attempt and members of the public are warned NOT to click on any such links. If any similar email is received it should be forwarded to the RCIPS Financial Crime Investigation Unit at RCIPS.FCIU@rcips.ky.

An example of the email is below. Members of the public are also reminded that domain names on email addresses can be spoofed. This means that even if an email appears to be sent from an address ending in "@rcips.ky" this does not necessarily mean that it actually comes from the RCIPS.

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The RCIPS Financial Crime Investigation Unit can be contacted by phone at 949-8797.

RCIPS Announces Twice Weekly East End & North Side Community Clinics

The RCIPS would like to inform the East End and North Side communities that, beginning Thursday, 13 February, there will be Community Clinics being held at the North Side Police Station and the East End Police Station between 6:00PM and 9:00PM, every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Community Police Officers and Community Safety Officers for the districts will be in attendance. In addition, the Area Commander for the Eastern Districts, Inspector Fernando Soto, will also be in attendance at select meetings and the community will be advised in advance of these times.

Please check the RCIPS website and mobile app frequently to find out more about these community clinics, and the dates that senior officers will be in attendance.



Man Charged with Stalking

A man, age 35 of West Bay, has been charged with two counts of Stalking in relation to a series of incidents. He appeared

in court on Wednesday, 12 February, and was granted court bail with conditions in advance of his next appearance.



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► A red rose says "I love you for being there for me."



► Dining, and dancing

# Boyz 2 Men: Knights of fine dining

It was a night courtly, behavior, and refined, gentlemanly manners: The Boyz 2 Men Night of Fine Dining, and it began by each of the young gentleman from the Boyz 2 Men programme, mostly aged between 15 and 16, who escorted their mothers along the red carpet leading to one of the dining rooms of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. The Night of Fine Dining is one of the highlights of the programme, started by John Gray School Counsellor Christopher Murray, and it was a chance for them to put into practice all that they have learned. The

Ritz Carlton Hotel is a good choice for the occasion, because hotel staff have volunteered their time to teach the young gentlemen the very best in high-class etiquette, during a day trip to the hotel.

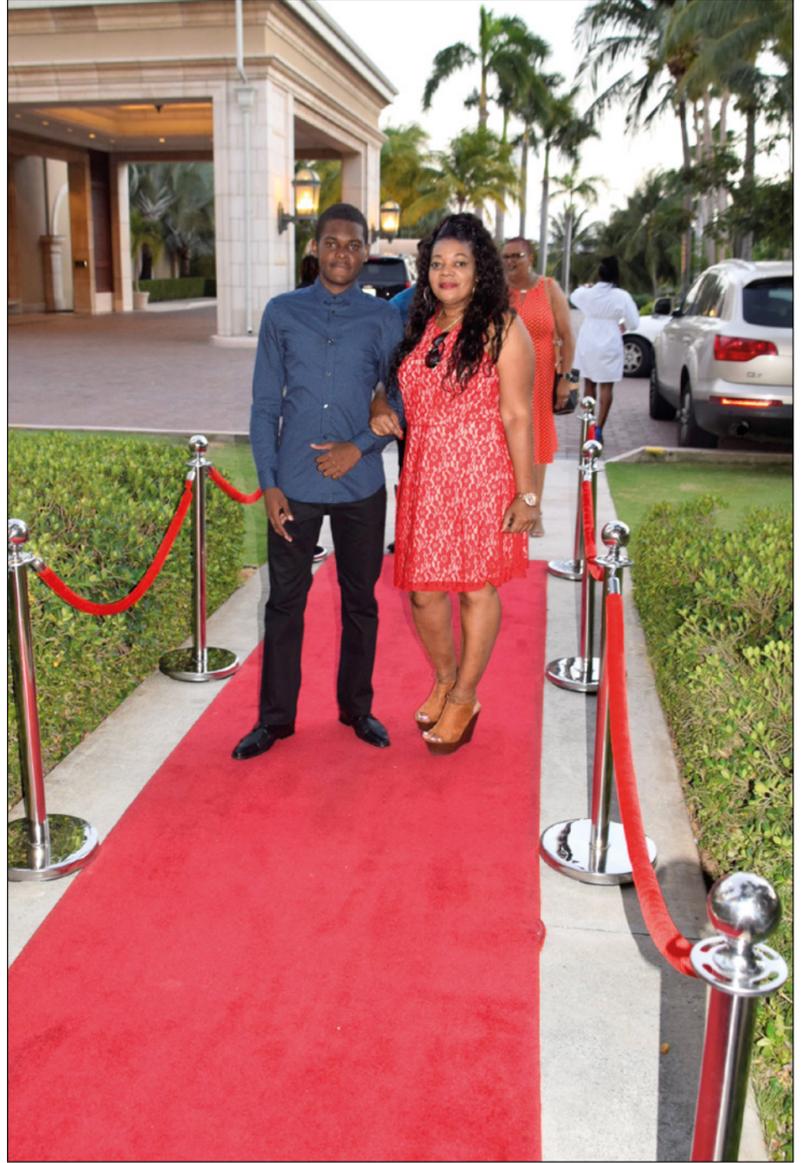
This year there was the biggest intake, with around 40 Joh Gray students joining. The programme meets once a week, and Mr. Murray invites guest speakers to tell the students all about how to not only be successful, but to become kind and thoughtful young gentlemen who respect themselves, and respect one another. Many want to join because they see a positive change in their friends who have joined. Teachers and parents see the difference, too.

Raekwon 15 said, "I wanted to join because it will help me from turning from a boy to a man. I was looking for the opportunity to do community service and work it has given me more self-esteem, he said. Roukeim Pitterson, 16 said, "It's helped me a lot in achieving certain things and setting certain standards for example, in helping others and in changing my way of life, making me nicer, and helping out more people."

John Gray High School Principal, Jonathan Clark said: "Let's have a round of applause for Mr.



► Christopher Murray



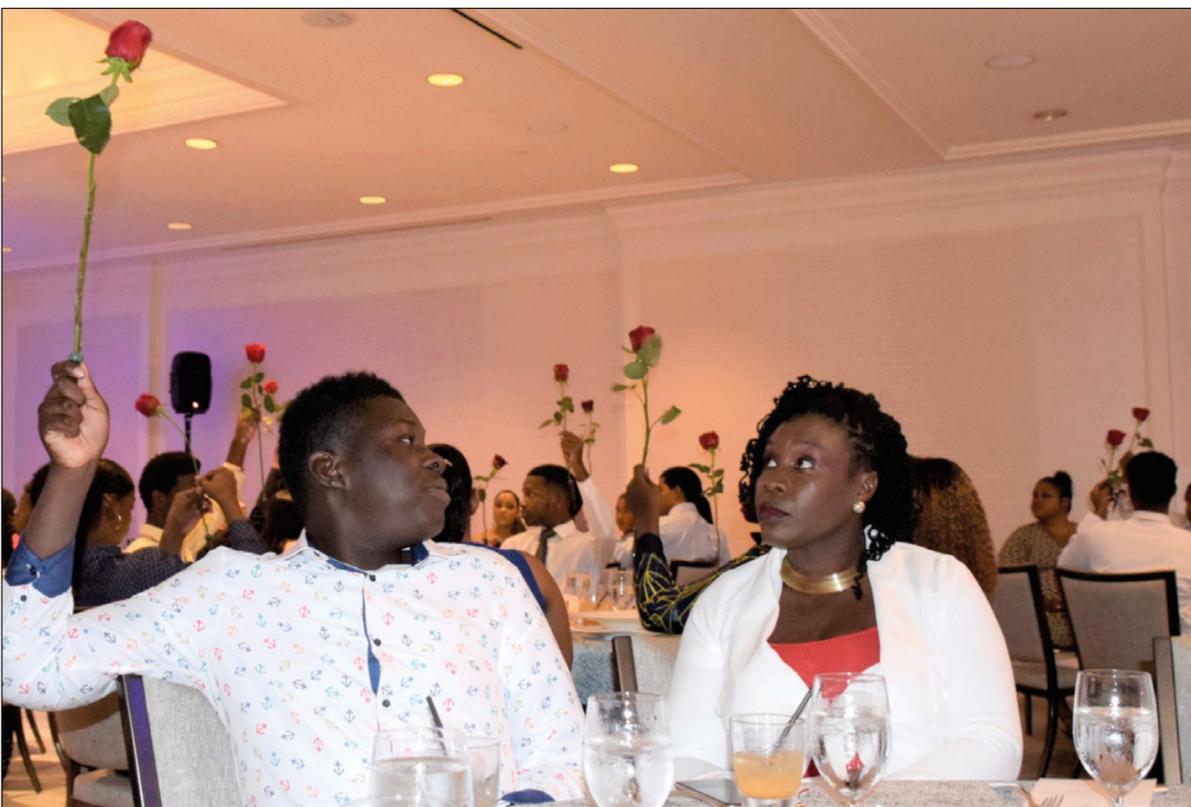
► A procession of young gentlemen escorted their mothers to the dining-room

Murray. He's put so much into this programme. He's been a rock in school for

you boys in good times and times when you've not known that you've needed him, and he pops up and he's been there for me as well, so thank you very much. I also need to forgive myself, because, boys, I am not going to call you boys anymore, I think I am going to call you gentlemen agreed? Because they look like gentlemen, they behave like gentlemen.

"For me the biggest thing about the programme is that us as gentlemen develop an understanding of what strength is. Strength isn't about being a bully at school or being someone who is bigger than everybody else. Strength is about strength of character, strength of faith, loyalty; and there is no greater loyalty than that which you can show to your mothers."

During the evening there was a video of a man who explained that, when his mother suffered a sudden heart attack and he had to say goodbye to her as she lay dying in hospital, he realized that he had never told his mother how much he loved her before. Mr. Murray then invited each of the young gentlemen in turn to stand up, present a red rose to their mother, and tell her why he loved her and why she was so special to her. The evening ended with each of the young gentlemen dancing with his mother, as beautiful music played. The evening was sponsored by E.Y. Cayman Ltd.



► Red roses for very special ladies

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# National Arts and Culture Awards announced

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terpreting Cayman's culture, to present nominations to the CNCF's Awards Committee, Mr. Muttoo said.

This year, Debra Barnes-Tabora, was among the Gold Heritage Cross Award recipients. Her passion for Cayman's history started when she was still at high school. She joined the Cayman Islands National Museum in 1989 and has dedicated her life to the collection, preservation, interpretation and exhibition of Cayman's cultural heritage. As the National Museum's Curation and Collections Manager, she is proud to say she holds the "Best job in the world," collecting, caring for and handling precious objects from Cayman's past, Mr. Muttoo said.

Isaac Jeralow Rankine another recipient of the Gold Heritage Cross Award. "Mr. Rankine is recognized as a culture ambassador of the Cayman

Islands, for his work in the net-making tradition, a discipline he learned by watching his father and by watching his elders," Mr. Muttoo said. A retired seaman, respected musician and traditional net maker, Mr. Rankine is among the few remaining net makers in the Cayman Islands.

Gold Heritage Cross Award recipient Anne Walton, from Booby Point, Spot Bay, Cayman Brac has excelled in the preservation and promotion of Caymanian heritage and traditions, and has significantly contributed to the shaping of cultural identity of the Cayman Islands, particularly Cayman Brac, Mr. Muttoo said.

Gold Star for Creativity Awardee Wray Banker has been drawing inspiration from Caymanian Culture for the last 20 years. Often thought of as a painter, he also does fine crafts, industrial and graphic design, photography and hand-printing techniques of lithograph.

He's a founding member of the local artists' cooperative Native Sons, launched in 1996

Gold Star for Creativity Awardee Conroy Ebanks was born in Cayman Brac. After serving in the US Army he attended the Miami Dade Community College, majoring in printing, photography, and drawing.

Silver Star for Creativity Awardee, Barbadian George Jones, is a founding member and keyboard player for one of the Caribbean's top soca bands, Square One. Since migrating to the Cayman Islands Mr. Jones has performed with several local groups and in 2012 formed a new band, CAY-NRG.

The Chairman's Award is given for outstanding long-term support of the work of the CNCF, and this year is awarded to Sandra Watler, while Ilean Powery, Hazel Brown, and Raj Ramasubbu are recipients of Outstanding Volunteer Awards. 🌐



► Henry Muttoo, Artistic Director of Cayman National Cultural Foundation

# Maples Group maintains number one listing agent status on CSX

The number one listing agent on the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (CSX) continues to hold its crown.

The law firm Maples and Calder advised a hefty 47 % of all CSX's listings in 2019, confirming again its top status as industry leader for the Maples Group---a global resource for comprehensive legal services and independent provider of a wide spectrum of fiduciary and management services.

Scott Macdonald is the head of finance leading the local listing agent team.

"We advised on a number of new and novel structures over the past twelve months and these statistics further cement our position as the leading listing agent in the Cayman Islands," said Macdonald.

The group's global listings leaders includes stand-out stellar specialists based out of Dublin, Cayman Islands, Hong Kong, Jersey, and London offices.

The Cayman Islands team advised on the first dual listing with a Cayman Islands CLO issuer and a Delaware co-issuer listing three classes of notes on the CSX and three classes of notes on Euronext Dublin. They also listed 62% of all BSL / MMO CLOs listed on the CSX in 2019.

"The Maples Group's unique ability to offer CSX listing services from multiple international locations offers clients a broad range of options suitable to their businesses in time zones convenient to them," said Macdonald.

"This achievement would not have been possible if it were not for the talented and committed lawyers and professionals on our global listings team and we look forward to another strong year in 2020."

There were 605 listings on the CSX in 2019 with the listing of specialist debt securities remaining the largest proportion of new listings, including CLO issuers, aircraft ABS and synthetic securitisations with the listing of PPNs remaining strong. A total of 54 CLO issuers listed on the CSX, comprising BSL / MM new issuances, refinancing and resets.

"This growth in new business reflects the CSX's ability to provide a proportionate regulatory environment for the streamlined and cost-efficient listing of a wide range of securities for a variety of issuers and jurisdictions," Maples Group said in the statement reflecting its confidence in the Cayman Islands stock exchange. 🌐



► Scott Macdonald, Maples and Calder Head of Finance for Cayman Islands Team (Photo Courtesy Maples Group)

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# Ministry of Culture Announces 'Carnival Week'

Batabano and Caymas Carnivals are officially coming together to host one Caymanian Carnival, after there was some ambiguity around whether the two would ever have done so.

The Ministry of Culture, along with organizers from both entities, announced on 13th February that they have collectively decided to move forward with a 'Carnival Week' that will allow the various groups to host separate road parades and represent the best of Caymanian Carnival.

The plan moving forward will include a unified Cayman Carnival that will run between 9th to 18th May, 2020.

The dates will consist of an opening parade on 9th May; produced by the Batabano Committee, followed by a Brac parade on 16th May, which will be produced by the Bracannal Committee.

The closing parade is set to take place on 18th May and will be produced by CayMAS.

Parade routes and road closures will be announced publicly in due course, according to Ministry officials.

An official carnival calendar, listing the events each group will host will be published and available for members of the public. These may be obtained from Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF).

Cayman Islands Government Minister of Culture Dwayne Seymour alluded to the well publicized differences that previously existed between the groups in his comments and articulated his relief at finding an amicable solution ".....This was not an easy task and required many proposals and counter-proposals with stakeholders and vested parties; for which I am truly grateful."

Mr. Seymour said at his request, the CNCF played a more active role in handling negotiations with all the groups.

"CNCF formed a carnival steering committee, consisting of representatives from each camp to ensure we were satisfied that an agreement with all parties could be reached," he remarked.

"Today I am happy with those results," declared the Minister.



► Batabano and Cayman have combined to make 'Carnival Week'

Brent McLean, Chairman of Caymas noted, "All the stakeholders have a vested interest in ensuring that Cayman's carnival experience and its events attract the widest possible support from visitors and locals and continues to grow our Islands' Carnival Tourism product."

"I believe that these changes to the schedule have the potential to position Cayman as an attractive carnival destination within the region."

Ms Ventisha Conolly of the Bracannal Committee also remarked on the developments.

"We are pleased with all the efforts that have helped bring us to a conclusion that facilitates residents and tourists being able to participate in both events and we look forward to a great turn-out on the Brac."

"The Ministry and the National Cultural Foundation will continue to listen to stakeholders on an annual basis and make adjustments as necessary and thank all parties for their submissions, communications and the healthy discussions that have led to this decision," noted a CNCF Senior Official.

Minister Seymour concluded his remarks, stating:

"We all encourage the community to try to make these dates work and a success for the Cayman Islands. I am excited to say that the time to go fete is almost upon us. The public and visitors to our shores can



► The best of Cayman's Carnival will be represented at the new 'Carnival Week'

expect the same energy, excitement and cultural immersion they have come to love.

"The line-up of festivities will continue to include all of our favorite highlights: musical contests, concerts by highly-sought after artists, local art and food and vibrant parades that come to-

gether in our soca-fueled celebration of life, culture and camaraderie."

The dates finally chosen for Cayman's revamped Carnival Season were the result of careful analysis of regional activities during the year. Several other dates being canvassed were deemed to not be adequate to render the most optimal results.



► Cayman Islands Government Minister of Culture Dwayne Seymour was instrumental in bringing all the parties together to combine Batabano and Caymas into the new Carnival Week set for May 2020



► 'Carnival Week' is scheduled between 9th and 18th of May



# CIVF Raises the Profile of Volleyball



The volleyball courts at First Baptist Gym were overcrowded this past Sunday, as nearly 50 people attended CIVFs "Know the Game" session headed by International Volleyball Referee, Fareed Hosein. Many of the volleyball clubs were present for the session with members representing First Baptist Volleyball Club, Knights Volleyball Club, and the Philippine Volleyball Club. With the PVC League quickly approaching, the Philippine Volleyball Club was there in full force in attempt to broaden their referee list. The

Youth Development Program was well represented, with many of the young athletes present with the aim of developing their knowledge and understanding of the game.

"Both in playing and officiating capacities, there is a definite need for these sessions considering the many tournaments and leagues currently held on island" explained Hosein. The evening was well received by both the organizers and the attendees. Hosein was delighted with the turnout as he noted "The great attendance signifies the growth of the sport in the Cayman Islands." Technical Director, Javid Ali, plans to build off the success of this first event by hosting CIVFs next session, "Know the Game... Beach Edition." This second session will happen in the near future at Public Beach, so stay tuned for further details. This will be the first of many sessions to come, as CIVF President, Kennedy McGowan, added "CIVF will be putting on a series of clinics in 2020 to facilitate development of indoor and beach volleyball players, coaches, and referees with the aim of raising the profile of the game."



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# CAYMAN ISLANDS ON EU TAX BLACKLIST

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advantages without having an adequate business presence in the territory.

While the decision is said to have been taken on Wednesday, the Cayman Islands government says it is still awaiting formal notification.

In a statement issued shortly after the news broke, the government said the EU Ministers of Finance will make the final decision at a meeting to be held on 18th February, "and as such we have yet to receive confirmation of an EU decision."

In defending its policies, the Cayman Islands government argues that it believes it has "introduced the appropriate legislative changes to enhance our regulatory framework, in line with the EU's requests."

"Over the past two years the Cayman Islands Government has adopted a number of fundamental legislative changes to enhance tax transparency and cooperation with the EU, fully delivering on our commitment to strengthen our regulatory regime and addressing the concerns reflected in the EU Council conclusions of 12 March 2019."

The statement also points out that "the Cayman Islands Government has offered to make itself available

for further dialogue or clarification with the Commission and the EU Ministers of Finance."

But EU officials insist that the Cayman Islands hasn't done enough to meet EU requirements.

The decision to place the Cayman Islands on the black list comes less than a fortnight after the UK has left membership of the EU.

With trade talks about to start between them, the thorny issue of tax standards is already being red-flagged as a sore point, and the financial sectors of the UK's Overseas Territories is expected to inevitably be a factor in the negotiations. 🌐

# PUSHING FOR OTs IN UK PARLIAMENT

By Michael Jarvis,  
UK Correspondent

Efforts are being stepped up in some segments of the United Kingdom's political establishment to give the Overseas Territories (OTs) a direct voice in the British parliament.

Proposed legislation to this effect could be tabled shortly.

Anthony Webber, former member of the parliament of the UK Crown Dependency Guernsey, has reported that he is working on a set of proposals which would involve the creation of nine Parliamentary constituencies for the OTs.

No further details were disclosed.

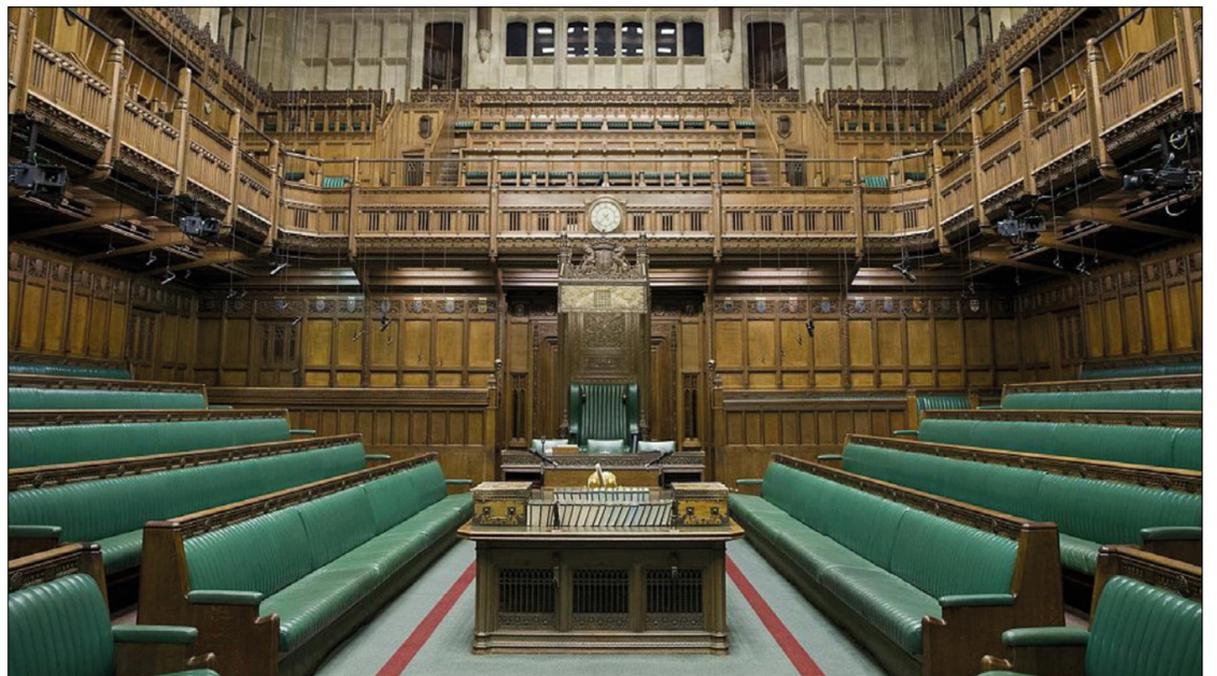
Mr Webber, a member of the Friends of the British Overseas Territories (FOTBOT), told the UK's Express newspaper: "The UK is the only country in the world which does not provide parliamentary representation for its dependent territories."

He said it was a "dereliction of duty" on the part of the UK parliament for failing to address the situation up until now.

The idea now seems to be gaining some traction amongst some other MPs, including Conservative MP Andrew Rosindell, who has long championed issues on behalf of the OTs, and his colleague John Penrose.

As recently reported by Caymanian Times, Mr Penrose himself has said that the OTs "should be at least be offered the chance to have an equivalent kind of devolution settlement that has already been agreed and negotiated with Scotland, with Wales and Northern Ireland."

He envisages that the OTs would then become "equal elements" of the UK with



the "same status" as Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland, sending MPs to the Westminster parliament, constitutionally stable, properly integrated, modern status for these overseas territories.

Mr Penrose had said that such a move would show that the UK is "committed to being a global nation post-Brexit", and he rejects any suggestion that the move would be a return to Britain's imperialist past.

Mr Rosindell, who chaired the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the British Overseas Territories in the last parliament, has been pressing for Gibraltar to be granted a UK parliamentary seat

as a priority in the wake of Brexit - the UK's departure from the European Union (EU) which took effect at the end of January.

Critical to this is the UK's longstanding border dispute with Spain over Gibraltar.

With the UK and EU about to commence trade talks, the Gibraltar issue could prove thorny with Spain already suggesting that the territory should be excluded from any eventual trade deal.

Gibraltar also had direct representation in the EU parliament, shared with another UK constituency.

This renewed push for the OTs to be assigned seats in the British parliament

is yet to get official reaction from the other OTs.

In a report titled 'Global Britain and the British Overseas Territories: Resetting the relationship' published last year following an inquiry, touched on the subject.

The inquiry conducted by the UK parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee (-FAC) had noted that "the elected leaders and representatives of the OTs that appeared before us had mixed views on sending MPs to Parliament."

With the dramatic political shift which has taken in the UK in due Brexit and its implications for the OTs, it's left to be seen how this issue plays out. 🌐

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# St Vincent's Largest Ever Tourism Project – a Five-Star Luxury Resort – Breaks Ground

St Vincent and The Grenadines is embarking on its most ambitious tourism project to date – the Royal Mill Hotel Luxury Resort and Residences which is set to be a premier 5-Star private community and contender among luxury resorts in the region.

The single largest private sector tourism investment in the country is being undertaken by A&A Capital.

And Prime Minister Dr Ralph Gonsalves expects it to have huge spin-off potential.

“Upwards of 400 families island-wide are expected to benefit directly or indirectly from the hotel. I anticipate a major shift in our tourism economies and wealth creation through direct employment, taxes and National Insurance contributions,” he said.

“Though St Vincent and the Grenadines entered the mass tourism market late, it is evident through other hotels on the island that our country’s product is of excellent stature. Overall, I expect the Royal Mill to be an immense contribution to the people of St Vincent and the Grenadines.”

Currently, the staff base at the construction site is about 70 workers, and that is expected to increase considerably to more than 200 in the coming months. The local job creation from the project ranges from site engineers to foremen, masons, carpenters and other labourers.

The US\$60 million Royal Mill Hotel Luxury Resort will comprise 15 independent and private residence homes, while the resort will provide 18 high-rise apartment units and two rooftop penthouse units. The property will house a business centre, a conference/meeting centre, a gym, an aqua centre, an exclusive spa, a pool area and bar, an urban lounge viewing the ocean, a rooftop bar and restaurant and parking for more than 60 vehicles.

The residence portion of the project has an expected completion date of December 2020, while the hotel section is due to be done by mid-2022.

Principal Investor and co-founder of A & A Capital, Alex Lodde said he was happy to see the pace of the new development, and the cooperation and assistance of the St Vincent and the Grenadines Government, and was looking forward to the completion of the project.

CEO and Co-Founder of A&A Capital, Adem Adem, added that he was excited about the Royal Mill Hotel project and looked forward to it benefitting the country.

“I have been visiting St Vincent and the Grenadines for the past 15 years and I never thought I would have seen this day and our dream has come true. I am grateful for the commitment of my team, the support of family and the warm welcome of the people and the leadership of St Vincent and the Grenadines,” he said.

“It is important to note that the most critical aspect of the project for us is ensuring that the people of the country benefit meaningfully from a trickle-down economy and are always safe and secure while employed at the hotel. We see the Royal Mill Hotel spanning generations of St Vincent and the Grenadines.”

He further assured that A&A Capital was strongly committed to and invested in the completion and longevity of the development.

“One of the major proofs of commitment is the levels of employment already realized as well as the importation and purchase of millions of dollars’ worth of major equipment and material, both for construction of the hotel and for use by St Vincent and the Grenadines. We realized the need for heavy-duty equipment on the island and felt that the country



can benefit from our equipment resources as well. We have also purchased over 10 million dollars’ worth of integral material which would fulfil the completion of the hotel,” he said.

The Bank of St Vincent and the Grenadines (BOSVG) has given its backing to the project. The bank, through its Managing Director Derry Williams, has acted as a principal collaborator.

“As a bank, we must provide assurances to investors coming into any unknown to take investment risks. From our end, it’s not just about conducting the investor’s transactions effectively but also providing feedback from the banking community, the trajectory of the economy and governing policies. The passion, thoughtfulness and commitment to developing St Vincent and the Grenadines were also very important. A&A Capital has proven, to date, their commitment to the project and seeing it to its absolute fruition and this is truly good news for our country,” Williams said.

Camillo Gonsalves, Minister of Finance and Parliamentary Representative for East St George – the constituency in which the project is located – this is the exact type of tourism that the country is interested in leveraging.

“One which brings people into the island and will realize an entire set of ancillary spin-offs which will benefit the economy. Already, the construction sectors are profiting from the construction phase of the project,” he said.

In addition to the Royal Mill Hotel Development, A&A Capital has acquired the family-owned Grand View Hotel. Renovation works have already started on the 20-room boutique hotel.

“This boutique property will be ideally positioned for tourists, regional travellers, businesses and organizations that wish to host conferences on the island. It will also play host to special events and weddings....Works are progressing rapidly to have the small property ready for guests in April 2020,” Lodde said.

# Antigua Chosen as Location for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line’s First Royal Beach Club

Royal Caribbean International and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda have signed a deal for the cruise company’s first ever Royal Beach Club. The agreement marks the start of the planning and development for the Royal Beach Club scheduled to break ground later this year.

Created exclusively for Royal Caribbean guests, the Royal Beach Club at Antigua will sit along more than a half-mile of beachfront and combine the island’s beaches with the cruise line’s service and amenities.

“The Royal Beach Club will deliver a memorable beach day to our guests,” said Michael Bayley, President and CEO, Royal Caribbean International. “Together with the government of Antigua and Barbuda, we will bring to life an experience that will bring more visitors to these idyllic islands and create signifi-

cant economic benefits and opportunities. In addition, we are looking at ways for the local community to also enjoy the beach club on days our ships are in other destinations.”

The cruise line has also committed to bringing Symphony of the Seas to the twin-island nation with a call on November 3, 2020.

Minister of Tourism, Economic Development and Investments Charles Fernandez said the government was truly grateful and appreciative that Royal Caribbean’s first Royal Beach Club will be in Antigua, which, he said, “confirms confidence in our twin-island state”.

“We are also excited to share our beautiful island with guests sailing aboard Royal Caribbean ships when they begin calling to the island later this year,” he added.



► Royal Caribbean’s first Royal Beach Club will be in Antigua

# British Airways Adds New Flights from London to St Lucia

British Airways will increase direct flights from the United Kingdom to St Lucia later this year.

The two additional weekly flights from London Gatwick (LGW) to Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) on Wednesdays and Saturdays will bring the total to nine British Airways flights per week across the winter schedule.

The services will commence operation on October 28, 2020 and run until March 27, 2021 with no onward tag.

“The increased services from the UK market provides travellers with even more options of getting to St Lucia. British Airways is one of the biggest airlines to the Caribbean out of London and we celebrate the extension of this new ser-

vice to St Lucia,” said Tourism Minister Dominic Fedee.

With British Airways already adding flights this summer, Director of the St Lucia Tourism Authority UK & Europe, Patricia Charlery-Leon said the winter flights will “help us to continue our momentum during our high season”.

The decision by British Airways to increase the flights comes as St Lucia

closed 2019 with over 400,000 stay-over arrivals. For the period January to December 2019, the island recorded 423,736 stay-over visitors – the highest in the island’s history.

The UK figures for the year are up 6.2 per cent totalling 83,677 visitors. UK holidaymakers lead the way in terms of duration of stay average at 10.76 nights per visit.



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 7 Quarter, e.g.  
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 12 Last Stuart ruler  
 13 Roused  
 14 Gushing review  
 15 Sheet material  
 16 Not flimsy  
 17 Tees, e.g.  
 18 Burning the mid-night oil  
 19 Over  
 21 Stop signal  
 22 Six-sided item  
 25 Homer's bartending pal  
 26 Bouncy tune  
 27 Charm  
 29 Bar bills  
 33 Inverted v  
 34 Competitor  
 35 Lotion additive  
 36 Funny stuff  
 37 Sly signal

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Yesterday's answer

- 9 Party guest  
 10 Not optional  
 16 Period of time  
 18 Ill-suited  
 20 Wee hooter  
 22 Kenya neighbor  
 23 Impulse senders  
 24 Now and then  
 25 Showy parrots  
 28 Onions' kin  
 30 Turn away  
 31 Police ID  
 32 More cunning  
 34 Capital of Italia  
 36 Bee follower

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**SUDOKU**

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

**Conceptis Sudoku**

By Dave Green

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

**Word Search**

- Amigo
- Archipelago
- Bingo
- Bongo
- Cargo
- Chicago
- Congo
- Dingo
- Doggo
- Embargo
- Fandango
- Farrago
- Flamingo
- Indigo
- Largo
- Lingo
- Mango
- Santiago
- Tango
- Vertigo
- Virago

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

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