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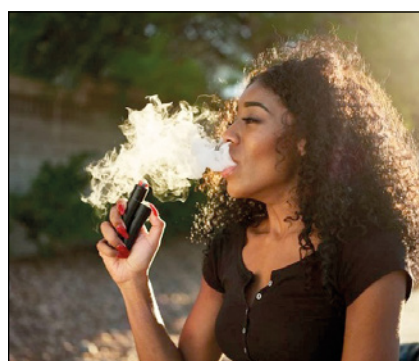
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► H.E the Governor, Martyn Roper, was in the front line of PACCE's running section of PACCE

By Christopher Tobutt

Around 250 walkers, runners and cyclists got up before the crack of dawn for the Eighth Lions Club of Grand Cayman Delano Hislop Memorial PACCE (Prostate and Colon Cancer Event), which began and finished at the Jasmine Building

on West Bay Road, on Sunday morning. Each of them paid CI\$ 25 to take part, either by walking for 5k, or running for 10k, or cycling for 15k.

Current President of Lions Club of Grand Cayman, Cordella Chollette said: "This is to bring awareness to men's health issues, such as prostate cancer,

colon cancer and testicular cancer. We know that if it is detected early you can survive prostate and colon cancer. Statistics have shown that early detection is the key so we want to bring awareness to men out there, so that they will get

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CIG Refutes CCMI claims with Scientific Evidence

The assertions made by CCMI in its press release dated 12th September 2019, which urges stakeholders to take stock of the potential impacts of Cayman's new cruise berthing and cargo facilities project are at odds with all the available scientific evidence.

The Cayman Islands Government has produced a detailed technical paper in response to the CCMI news release. Drawing on the actual scientific evidence, the paper refutes completely the assertions made by CCMI. The technical paper can be accessed by link <http://www.gov.ky/portal/page/portal/otphome/publications/report-scientific-evidence-refutes-ccmi-claims-regarding-impact-to-smb>.

The paper dismisses the claim made by CCMI that "what is proposed will undoubtedly affect Cayman's most famous beach." Instead the paper reiterates the analysis carried out by Baird & Associates as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed cruise berthing facility. Baird's findings are clear:

"7MB appears to be supplied by sand coming round the northwest corner of

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Enjoy Tampa with Cayman Airways



By Flynn Bush

Each city has its own charm and flavor; a list of attractions that make it unique. Tampa, Florida is no different. This southern city has an encyclopedia-sized list of things-to-do for locals and visitors alike. This feature seeks to highlight just a sampling of the offerings.

First of all, there are family-friendly attractions. Most people, even those who have never visited the area, are familiar with Busch Gardens, Florida Aquarium, and Zoo Tampa. However, there are so many more options. For instance, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Clearwater Aquarium (Home

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Landfill closed to the public until further notice

The Cayman Islands Fire Service (CIFS) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH) continue to work together to extinguish a fire in the George Town Landfill which started yesterday morning, September 22, 2019.

CIFS crews have remained at the landfill site overnight where excavations have revealed a deep seated waste fire.

CIFS crews will continue to work with DEH colleagues to fully resolve this incident and therefore minimize the chance of re-ignition. There is no risk to public safety at this time with

little or no visible smoke as response operations continue throughout today.

Until these assessments are concluded, the landfill site will be closed to customers until further notice.

For those needing to drop off waste today the landfill container drop off at the front gate will remain in operation.

However, whilst additional equipment and personnel are deployed to service the gate containers customers are advised to expect delays.

If possible, customers are advised to avoid attending the landfill until further advice is given. 🌐



▶ Orrett Connor was one of the Day Breakers cyclists who took part

Another successful PACCE event

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their checks early. We anticipate that we will raise a minimum of 50,000 dollars from this event, and that money is going to be used for more awareness meetings in the districts. It will assist men with getting their prostate cancer testing done. Part of the proceeds will go to the cancer society and part of the proceeds will go to Jasmine."

A group of walkers and runners were busy doing stretches before the sun came up. Patricia Muschette said: "I wanted to support The PACCE event because I don't think its recognised and acknowledged enough. I'm a runner- I run all the time, so I am feeling fit enough." Her friend, Corrine Evans-Ebanks is a 5k veteran: "I always do a lot of 5ks and they go to a worthy cause. This is my thirteenth 5K for the year," she said.

Radio talk show host Orrett "OC" Connor was there with members of his cycling group, called the 'Day Breakers.' "We try to support as many activities as possible, and when it involves cycling we are even more motivated. We've decided to support PACCE, and we have done it in the past as marshals on our

bicycles. It's a great event and we continue to support it on an annual basis."

Cayman's Miss Teen, Ashley Gooden was there too: "I wanted to take part in the walk today because I think it is important to take part in programmes that are happening in the Cayman Islands," she said

His Excellency the Governor, Martyn Roper was warming up; he was going to take part in the run. A fitness enthusiast, he is known for jogging on the sand along Seven Mile Beach: "I want to support this great cause and this is cancer awareness month. I think it is really important we raise awareness of cancer. Everyone knows someone who has a friend or relative or work colleague who has had cancer, and early prevention is the key - going and getting yourself checked before it can take hold."

The very first person over the line, Cyclist Andrew McLaughlin, who is 64, "that's not bad for an old man," he said.

Sunday's walk follows an extensive awareness campaign that has been put on by the Lions Club of Grand Cayman. Earlier in the week the Club took their campaign to the Water Authority.

The Lions Club of Grand Cayman Prostate, Colorectal (colon) & Testicular

Cancers Event (PACCE) committee took their cancer awareness campaign to the Water Authority Tuesday, when PACCE Committee Chair Lion Ercley Bodden spoke briefly about the story behind PACCE and the importance of educating men and women on the importance of getting tested early for Prostate, Colorectal (colon) & Testicular Cancers. 🌐



▶ A big "Hi Five" for the Deputy Governor



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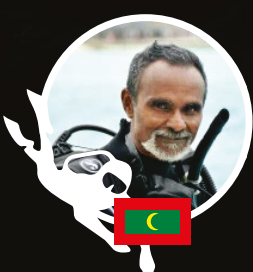
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Scientific Evidence Refutes CCMI claims regarding impact to SMB

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the Island, with the sand being sourced from the nearshore/fringing reefs along this shoreline.”

And the Environmental Statement produced by Baird went on to conclude that:

“There is no apparent sediment transport linkage between GTH and 7MB; therefore, the proposed project is not expected to have any impact on 7MB. Fluctuations in the beach width will continue but the proposed project will not cause any changes in the erosion or deposition patterns along 7MB.”

These results confirm a previous study by R Seymour in 2000 for DoE and the Beach Erosion Committee and the results were fully accepted by the Environmental Assessment Board in their review of Baird’s report:

“The EAB is satisfied that the results of the sediment transport modelling confirm/verify previously understood mechanisms for sediment transport regimes between George Town Harbour and Seven Mile Beach (SMB).”

CCMI go on to point to 80% mortality rates within two years for relocated cor-

al and it is understood that this reflects the Institute’s experience working in the field.

The technical paper looks at all the available international experience and quotes a global study which included 91 direct coral transportation projects. The research found that “overall, direct transportation studies reported an average survival of 64%, with 20% reporting >90% survival of transported corals.”

The technical paper goes on to look in more detail at the successful results of projects similar to the George Town Harbour project elsewhere in the world.

Significantly, it also looks at experience in Grand Cayman when shipping incidents dislodged and fractured large sections of the limestone reef and damaged thousands of corals at West Bay and Eden Rock, Grand Cayman. The proposed Verdant Isle Coral Relocation Partner restored both of these sites in 2016 and 2017. Coral fragments broken and disturbed by vessel anchors and ship hulls should arguably have lower survival than those removed more carefully, yet monitoring studies have reported 89% survival of



tagged specimens in the West Bay site two years following the restoration compared to 93% of unaffected coral colonies.

Coral colonies that survive for a year or more in good condition following reattachment are likely to mimic natural survival patterns of unaffected corals in future years. The same coral species in the same vicinity relocated by the same teams may provide the best evidence of likelihood of success for this project.

Premier Alden McLaughlin, commenting on the release of the technical paper said, “As we move towards a referendum on Cayman’s port project, it is vi-

tally important that the information put to the public reflects detailed scientific evidence rather than unfounded claims. The fact is that Seven Mile Beach will not be impacted by the project. At the same time, we will be working towards no net loss of biodiversity in line with the objectives of the National Biodiversity Action Plan.”

He went on, “I am unclear as to why CCMI, itself a respected scientific institution, has released misleading information in the way that it has. We have shared our technical report with CCMI and we have invited them to talk with us about their concerns.”

Infrastructure Minister Convenes Emergency Meeting To Discuss Traffic Congestion Issues

Minister of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Hon. Joey Hew, recently (Monday, September 16), convened an emergency interagency meeting to discuss solutions to the traffic congestion issues affecting the Eastern Districts across Grand Cayman.

Attendees at the meeting included representatives of the Ministry of Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands, Department of Education, National Roads Authority, Portfolio of the Civil Service and the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service.

“With the growth of communities in the Eastern District, increase in number of cars on our roads and adjustment of school start times have come challenges such as increasing traffic volumes and congestion, increasing travel times, and growing road safety issues. These are affecting the quality of life of our people and I have therefore asked the relevant stakeholders to find short and medium term solutions as we continue on track with some of our long term plans,” states Minister Hew.

As part of these efforts, the Ministry of Education Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands will move to have discussions with the Private Schools’ Association to explore the use of a school bus system for the over 4000 private school students who are dropped off and picked up for school on a daily basis.

In addition, Chief Officer of the Portfolio of the Civil Service, Ms. Gloria McField-Nixon states that her agency will encourage the hundreds of civil servants operating within the Government Administration Building to consider the Work Hour’s policy which allows for staggered work hours.

She emphasises, “We will remind managers of the 2012 Policy and have them encourage wider take up of the existing offerings, including by those departments not operating from the Government Administration Building, where feasible”.

Some of the immediate plans being undertaken by the National Roads Authority (NRA) to address the traffic congestion in the Eastern Districts include the reversing of the travel lane capacity along Marina Drive and provisions for Prospect Drive area to have two lanes westbound. This will be implemented in mid-October.

Two other projects expected to start this month are the widening of Rex Crighton Boulevard and Shamrock Road. The Rex Crighton project will involve the expansion of the existing east and west bound travel lanes between the Poindexter Road Roundabout and the Chrissie Tomlinson Roundabout, where the section of the roadway will have four lanes.

Shamrock Road will be widened into six lanes with the initial focus on developing a westbound third lane between Red Bay Roundabout and Grand Harbour Roundabout.

Ongoing work to ease traffic congestions is currently taking place on the Mango Tree Connector, Olympic Way and Island Heritage Roundabout.

Some of the long terms projects which are expected to start before the end of the year include: the planned extension of the Airport Connector Road from the roundabout to the George Town landfill on Esterley Tibbetts Highway to Sparky Drive in the North Sound area, extension of Godfrey Nixon Way and the East-West Arterial from Hirst Road to Lookout Road in Bodden Town.

The NRA is currently in discussions with the National Conservation Council about the East-West Arterial route.

Minister Hew reminded attendees at the meeting that while various solutions are being considered to address the traffic problems, a holistic approach has to be taken to include carpooling, incentivisation of alternative transport, limits on importation of older vehicles, a comprehensive public transportation system and complete streets that will accommodate vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.



► Chief Inspector Malcolm Kay, Head of Traffic and Roads Policing Unit and Community Policing with Hon. Joey Hew, Minister of Infrastructure at meeting to address traffic congestion affecting Eastern Districts



► Hon. Joey Hew, Minister of Infrastructure with representatives of several government departments at a meeting to address traffic congestion affecting the Eastern Districts

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CayMAS organizers disagree with 2020 Carnival date

CayMAS Carnival NPO (“CayMAS”) have released a statement in relation to the 2020 Carnival in the Cayman Islands which we have published in its entirety

We, the Directors of CayMAS Carnival, a registered NPO (Non Profit Organisation) in the Cayman Islands, respect the Ministry’s attempts to facilitate a unification of the two Carnival entities, however, we are of the strong opinion that the Ministry’s decision is not conducive to a successful outcome by placing the adult Carnival on Grand Cayman on the second weekend of May, which is Mother’s Day weekend.

The proposed dates by the Ministry are not the solution to realise the full potential of the Cayman Carnival product. CayMAS has made efforts through formal proposals to justify the necessity for the Discovery Day Weekend as the optimal dates. This date change will not be beneficial to the growth of our Carnival Tourism product based on our research and discussions with outside potential patrons as well as with influential international Carnival Media Houses. Simply put, not many will leave family, particularly mothers, on Mother’s Day weekend to come to a Carnival.

CayMAS Carnival is not a Government Entity nor do we receive major funding from the Government to operate. CayMAS is a Non-profit Organisation who has created and delivered a first-class Carnival product that has competed with regional Carnivals from inception. CayMAS wants to do what is in the best interest of those involved whom have invested a lot into the success of CayMAS Carnival by ensuring the optimal date and presentation for our Carnival. There are many Caymanian businesspeople who benefit from what we have created on Discovery Day Weekend, through events held on Carnival weekend and those who participate in the CayMAS Soca Monarch competition. CayMAS does not cannibalise the events for our Carnival but

instead endorse events hosted by local promoters.

Also, CayMAS have not affected the other entity that also does their festivities on the same Discovery Day weekend. It has been stated on several occasions that they are doing just fine on that weekend and have continued to sell out.

We wish to again clarify the following points that we have presented to justify CayMAS to operate on Discovery Day Weekend:

- The proposed date for carnival unification falls on Mother’s Day weekend, celebrated both locally and regionally. Hosting this event on the proposed weekend poses problems for local and visitor participation, as potential visiting masqueraders will be reluctant to travel away from their mothers at that time. Commerce calculations estimate a loss of CI\$1.5 Million in travel revenue due to this major conflict.
- To create a conducive traffic flow strategy that allows us to create as little disruption as possible to business’ operations, CayMAS has created Road Maps with strategically blocked portions of the road with a time schedule of the road blocks for the parade, as opposed to blocking the entire parade route for its duration. CayMAS has not only provided these maps to the RCIPS but have also publicly published them on Social Media, our websites, and traditional media avenues. It must be noted that the longest Road Blockage for the entire day is only 2hrs.
- CayMAS has made a commitment to cleanliness as a part of the CayMAS experience, with a professional Cleaning Company for the Road at the backend of the parade to ensure cleaning is done as we go. The burden is not placed on the Department of Environmental Health to



come behind and clean the streets after the festivities have concluded.

- CayMAS Carnival has committed to compensate the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service for their extended services on Carnival Day and will continue to work in partnership to ensure that minimal obstruction is felt by the public at large and to ensure the safety of both participants and spectators.
- Residents of the Cayman Islands have historically chosen to travel off island during long weekends, this has obvious negative economic ramifications for local businesses. By hosting a national event like CayMAS Carnival on a long weekend, locals are incentivised to remain, facilitating economic injection that would otherwise be lost. Through the Department of Commerce we have confirmed that the economic state of the Cayman Islands experienced a boom during the Discovery Day long weekend over the last 3 years.
- The very first Cayman Billfish Run-down Tournament was held on Monday 13th May 2019 – Friday 17th May 2019. Participants from around the world travelled to Grand Cayman to indulge in multiple days of fishing, Caribbean cuisine, local activities and ended by celebrating in CayMAS Carnival, all the registered Billfish participants participated in the festivities of CayMAS. CayMAS and the Cayman Billfish Run-down are both integral pieces in the long weekend experience that will indeed bring more tourism, annually.

Justification for The Discovery Day Weekend

Below we have listed conflicts within the region on alternative dates for the Carnival. We want to be able to host this event during the traditional slow season of the Cayman Islands tourism and Discovery Day is the most ideal.

- Bahamas Carnival resides on the first week of May every year with the Bahamian Government and other entities investing millions into their carnival product.
- Bermuda Heroes Weekend, which is their carnival celebration, resides on the long weekend in June, when we celebrate the Queen’s Birthday, making this date very challenging as well.
- Jamaica Carnival resides on the weekend after Easter, some years it being the last week of April. The Jamaican market has been a huge source of our travelling patrons and it is imperative that we carefully consider our local dates to avoid conflict with this lucrative resource.
- Memorial Day Weekend is a major federal holiday in the United States and

sits on the last weekend in May. The US being a major source of Carnival Tourism, it would pose a significant challenge if we were to assume this date, as it is a heavily celebrated occasion with numerous events nationwide.

• Mother’s Day Weekend is celebrated regionally, including in North America, on the second week of May. Interfering with this solemn occasion is the Ministry’s choice, however we at CayMAS believe that this poses significant conflict of ideals that will result in overall decreased participation.

• July Holiday weekend is not a great option either; if you think it’s hot in May what do you think about July?

CayMAS conducted a brief 24-hour survey in July on the 2020 Carnival Dates. Simple results showed that 88% voted for a Long Weekend, 81% voted against Mother’s Day and 72% agreed not to do Carnival on a Short Weekend. A total of 795 people responded in just 24 hours.

We at CayMAS have a combined 50+ years of experience in management of Carnival, masqueraders, costume designs and organisation of Carnival events. Having consulted with all stakeholders on our end, after the premature press release of dates and the mass confusion that ensued, we reiterate that we remain focused on bringing a premium Carnival product that does not interfere with the Mother’s Day weekend of celebrations while also finding a Carnival date that is internationally identifiable as our own.

It is also worth mentioning that it is CayMAS’ agenda to continue to invest in the cultural aspect of carnival so that it continues to develop and flourish year after year. CayMAS Carnival has engaged our local performers in the arts and music through our Soca Monarch and Pan competitions featuring local artistes and songwriters.

In conclusion, our mission is to continue to enhance our product that can be enjoyed locally, as well as a Carnival that will be considered as a carnival tourism destination and attract a substantial number of visitors for the Cayman Islands. Our commitment to excellence is unrelenting and firm, and we invite all who share this commitment to work with us. CayMAS has always welcomed all masquerading Bands that share our vision to be a part of our carnival and our mandate remains the same, to become the best Boutique Carnival in the Industry.

For more information on CayMAS Carnival, please follow us on Instagram @caymas.ky, on Facebook @caymascarnival, or email us at info@caymas.ky





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“PIRATES WEEK GOLF CLASSIC IS BACK AND THERE’S TREASURE TO BE WON”

The Cayman Islands National Festival, Pirates Week is less than two months away and organisers are pleased to announce the Pirates Week Charity Golf Classic is back! This annual sporting event doubles as a fundraiser and encourages teams to play for some very high stakes including a brand-new car, while being entertained by swashbuckling pirates along the fairway.

The tournament set for Friday, 25th October at the North Sound Golf Course, is geared toward corporate teams and registration fees will assist in raising much needed funds for Meals on Wheels Cayman.

The event will feature teams of four players competing in a ‘scramble’ format. Each member of the team tees off from the starting hole and the best shot is selected by the team. Play will continue from this point, until one player secures the ball in the hole.



► The ‘Hole in One’ Competition Prize, Changan CS35 SUV plus luxuries

This year Trac Automotive have partnered with the tournament as the Automotive sponsor and are offering a brand new Changan CS35 SUV for any player who sinks a hole in one during the tournament.

“This exciting tournament is open to everyone and golfers of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. The addition of a new car as the ‘Hole in One’ prize has certainly upped the stakes and has created a buzz among our corporate teams. The funds raised for Meals on Wheels depends heavily on the number of teams who sign up and Meals on Wheels as we know, provides hot nutritious meals to the most vulnerable in our society while helping Cayman’s seniors maintain their independence at home. We’re really looking forward to a thrilling afternoon while raising funds for this worthy cause,” said event coordinator, Anna Keating.

Team entry is CI\$1,000 and includes green fees, cart rental, buffet dinner and participant goodie bag. Registration deadline is Friday, 11th October.

There are even more great prizes to be won including Cayman Airways gift vouchers for the winning team, a treasure trove of spot prizes for the Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Chip to the Ship among other competitions, all in the name of raising money for our charity partners.

“Meals on Wheels is thrilled to be selected as the charity who benefits from the Pirates Week Golf Classic. Every dollar raised goes towards helping to end hunger for some of Cayman’s most vulnerable seniors. We are so thankful to Melanie McField and the Pirates Week Coordinators for their support and we encourage the Corporate Community to get involved to help make the Pirates Week Golf Classic a huge success.”



► Pirate raids the green with members of the Broadhurst team

“This year’s Charity Golf Classic promises to be a lot of fun. It’s about bringing people together to celebrate what Cayman has to offer and providing another great opportunity for people to show their community spirit while having fun. Pirates Week truly has something for everyone to enjoy,” said Pirates Week General Manager, Melanie McField.

There are a number of ways to participate and companies interested in registering a team or sponsoring this event are asked to contact events@piratesweek-festival.com. Don’t miss out, register today! 🌐

Cayman Islands Delegation Heads to Monaco

A Cayman Islands trade delegation led by the Ministry of International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs (MITIAMA) will travel overseas next week.

Headed by the Premier and Minister responsible for MITIAMA, Hon. Alden McLaughlin, the group will also consist of: Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure (CPI), Hon. Joey Hew; MITIAMA Chief Officer, Eric Bush; Head of the Office of the Premier, Roy Tatum and CEO of the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI), Joel Walton.

The representatives will be taking part in a series of scheduled events under the auspices of the Monaco Yacht Show (25-28 September).

Mr. McLaughlin explains “We continue to be a leading flag state in the super yacht industry and it is important for us to be part of this event and meet with owners and their representatives to ensure they have the most current information on what the Cayman Islands can offer and provide the best possible advice for their existing and future super yachts.”

Mr. McLaughlin continues “I will also be able to tell them first-hand how well we are doing both economically and politically and that we continue to

be a good, stable jurisdiction in which to do business.”

The broad purpose of such trips is to attract new international business and to promote the Cayman Islands brand on the international stage.

In order to support those ambitions, a diverse number of private sector partners will lend their weight to the Cayman Islands’ presence at the Yacht Show. These include representatives from the “Big Four” accountancy firms and from the worlds of law, real estate, yacht brokerage and management, technology and precious metals and stones.

Minister Hew explains: “I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with our counterparts in Monaco at the very highest level, as well as the chance to engage with potential investors and high net worth individuals at the prestigious Monaco Yacht Show. Such investment is vital, because it ensures we are able to create opportunities for Caymanians both now and in the long term.”

Minister Hew and the delegation will seek to encourage investment in the jurisdiction, to promote the Cayman Islands as an attractive place to invest and conduct business and to increase further the market share held by the Cayman Islands’ premium shipping registry.



Similarly, the Maritime Authority of the Cayman Islands (MACI) will utilise its platform of repute as the operator of one of the world’s best shipping registries to host a forum during the MYS. In leading discussions around the challenges and expectations for the industry’s future, MACI will utilise the forum to promote the red ensign of the Cayman Islands as a symbol for the global maritime community.

The Ministry’s Chief Officer Eric Bush underlines the im-

portance of continued efforts to maintain and increase the significant market share for the Cayman Islands’ shipping registry.

“Monaco is a vital market for us,” Mr. Bush explains, adding: “the Cayman Islands Shipping Registry is regarded as world-class and home to many of the world’s biggest yachts. It is essential we strengthen and increase our presence in the industry to ensure we continue to remain the premium maritime flag state.”

In addition to the MACI sponsored business forum, the other events will include: a charity bike ride in aid of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation (Wednesday, 25 September); a reception at the Monaco Yacht Show (MYS) hosted by the Premier (Wednesday, 25 September); and a dinner hosted by the Premier at the MYS (Thursday, 26 September). In attendance at the events will be the Cayman delegation as well as key individuals from the Monaco community. 🌐

HSA Medical Director lauded for humanitarian efforts

Dr. Delroy Jefferson, Medical Director of the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA), has been named a Distinguished Humanitarian by the Global Listening Centre.

The Global Listening Centre (GLC) is an international non-profit organisation that defines listening as effective in-

tercultural and interpersonal relations by being attentive and respectful of all persons. As a member of the GLC, Dr. Jefferson has been recognized for his contributions in both his personal and professional environments. Dr. Jefferson is just one of three individuals globally to receive this 2019 Distinguished Humanitarian Award.

For the past fifteen years, Dr. Jefferson has dedicated his annual leave to humanitarian efforts in countries such as Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica and Egypt. On these self-funded trips, he provides medical aid to persons with socioeconomic challenges free of charge. In keeping with his mandate to be an effective global listener, he engages in cultural exchange with these persons, offering insight to his culture while absorbing theirs in return. In his role as a physician, providing free care to less fortunate persons has been a longstanding passion of Dr. Jefferson. In addition to providing healthcare assistance, Dr. Jefferson has also funded academic scholarships for students in Africa and the Caribbean.

“I look forward to my annual humanitarian missions as a time of renewal”, says Dr. Jefferson. “Interacting with those with less-

er voices and empowering through education, financial aid or healthcare gives me extraordinary fulfilment. Knowing that I have aided those persons gives me the vigor to lead the medical personnel of the HSA once I return home.”

Locally Dr. Jefferson offers guidance and mentorship to young Caymanians who are aspiring physicians as well as those in allied health fields through their university years and into medical school. Over the years, he has mentored over 25 individuals. Dr. Jefferson continues his local and regional humanitarian efforts through various initiatives as a member of Rotary Club of Grand Cayman Sunrise.

Dr. Jefferson has been with the HSA since 1998 and took up his current post as Medical Director in 2012. He holds a BSc honours degree in Biochemistry and Physiology from the University of the West Indies (UWI), where he also obtained his primary medical training and postgraduate training. He went on to earn an Advanced Diploma in Anaesthesia followed by Doctorate of Medicine in Anaesthesia and Critical Care.

Dr. Jefferson’s education and experience extends well beyond medicine, having obtained a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London in 2001 and then pursued a Doctorate in Business Management from the Swiss Manage-



► Dr. Delroy Jefferson, Medical Director of the Cayman Islands Health Services Authority (HSA) with his Distinguished Humanitarian from the Global Listening Centre



► Dr. Jefferson in Haiti during one of his humanitarian trips

ment Institute with an emphasis on medical tourism. In addition to being a practicing physician, Dr. Jefferson has lectured regionally and internationally in such fields as strategic leadership, governance and policy and written for a number of peer-reviewed publications. 🌐

St. Ignatius win Boys' Opening Rally

This past Saturday at the T. E. McField Sports Field (Annex Field), the youngsters from St. Ignatius Catholic 'A' defeated defending champions Cayman Prep 'A' 3-2 in an exciting sudden death penalty shootout to secure the 2019 CUC Primary Football League (PFL) Opening Rally title.

Under sunny skies and enduring very warm conditions, St. Ignatius 'A' and Cayman Prep 'A' battled for the coveted trophy in what was a very exciting finale and conclusion to a fabulous day of youth football.

In the final, with the score locked at 0-0 following the 12-minute regular time, both schools scored two of their three penalties during the first-phase of the penalty shootout. The pressure on the young players was unimaginable, but after St. Ignatius 'A' calmly slotted home their first sudden death penalty, their goalkeeper Charlie Macon came up huge as he saved Cayman Prep's penalty to secure the title for his team mates and school.

With 15 teams from 12 schools competing in this year's CUC PFL Opening Rally, the action was non-stop from

beginning to end. Teams were divided into three groups of five with the three group winners, three second place finishers plus the two best third place finishers advancing to the quarter finals. Each team played the other four teams in their group.

When the dust settled finally settled, it was group winners St. Ignatius Catholic 'A', Prospect Primary and Cayman Prep 'A'; second place finishers Red Bay Primary, Cayman Brac and George Town Primary; and the two best third-place finishers Triple C and Savannah Primary in the quarter finals.

As the afternoon heat intensified, St. Ignatius Catholic 'A' defeated George Town Primary 2-1, Cayman Prep 'A' squeezed by Savannah Primary 2-1 on penalties (0-0 after regulation time), Prospect Primary outlasted Red Bay Primary 4-3 (1-1 after regulation time) and Cayman Brac got past Triple C 1-0.

In the semi finals, St. Ignatius Catholic 'A' secured their place in the final with a last minute 1-0 win over Cayman Brac and Cayman Prep 'A' defeated Prospect Primary 2-0 in a rematch of the 2018 final.



► St. Ignatius 'A' (purple) defeated Cayman Prep 'A' in the final of the 2019 CUC PFL Opening Rally

In the third place playoff, Cayman Brac defeated Prospect Primary 3-1.

The Ronnie Roach Most Valuable Player award was presented to Liam Whiteside from St. Ignatius Catholic 'A', who expertly anchored the Catholic defence

throughout the day and scored a penalty in the final.

The 2019 CUC PFL and Girls' Primary Football league (GPFL) regular seasons begin this Saturday, September 28 at venues across Grand Cayman. 🌐

ESTERA APPOINTS SONAL PATEL AS MANAGING DIRECTOR, HEAD OF SALES - AMERICAS, BERMUDA AND CARIBBEAN

Estera, a leading global provider of corporate administration, funds and trust services, has appointed Sonal Patel as Managing Director, Head of Sales - Americas, Bermuda and Caribbean. Sonal joins Estera at a significant time for the business as strategic enhancements continue to be implemented across the group, including investments in leadership, facilities and enhanced service capabilities. Sonal will focus on implementing Estera's regional growth strategy, further developing relationships with US clients and intermediaries for Estera Bermuda, BVI and Cayman Islands.

Sonal joins Estera with over 20 years' experience at BNY Mellon in business development, sales and relationship management. Most recently Sonal was the Managing Director - Business Development, US and Americas, where she was responsible for the company's largest and most complex global client relationships; her responsibilities included sourcing and cultivating new business opportunities across businesses and geographies.

James Maitland, Regional Head of Americas, Bermuda and Caribbean at Estera, said "We are pleased to welcome Sonal to Estera as we continue to execute our key strategic business priorities and enhance our client experience. Sonal's partnership and expertise will play a key role in driving our growth across the region."

Farah Ballands, Group CEO at Estera, added "The last few years have been tremendously successful for Estera. We have seen very strong results with significant revenue growth and we have built a well-diversified business. As well as investing in the growth of our long-established corporate and trust business we have also built a fully-fledged global funds capability. The wealth of experience that Sonal has will be invaluable to Estera, and her appointment will help take us to the next level, particularly in servicing US clients."

Sonal Patel commented, "This is an incredibly exciting time to be joining such a dynamic business. Estera has an exceptional track record, provides outstanding client service and I can see many opportunities across jurisdictions to help build Estera's profile in the Americas."

Estera employs over 550 people globally and services over 6,000 clients through its offices in both offshore and onshore jurisdictions. In Bermuda, Estera is one of the largest providers of corporate fiduciary services and is a key player in Bermuda's insurance market. In Cayman, Estera is a top tier CLO player and has an enviable reputation for delivering a full range of corporate, fund and fiduciary services. Estera specialises in incorporation and administration of BVI companies through its office in the jurisdiction. 🌐



► Sonal Patel, Managing Director, Head of Sales - Americas, Bermuda and Caribbean

Partners at Bedell Cristin named among the 'Global Elite'

Bedell Cristin partners Alasdair Davidson, Zillah Howard and Andrew Miller have been nominated by the private client community as 'Global Elite' individuals and included in Legal Week's Private Client Global Elite directory.

Launched in 2017, the directory is a highly respected global record of the world's leading private client lawyers and trust and estate litigators.

Global managing partner Tim Pearce said: "To have partners from the Cayman Islands, Guernsey and Jersey recognised as Global Elite individuals demonstrates the strength of our international team and is a reflection of the excellent service Andrew, Alasdair and Zillah provide for their clients."

"Bedell Cristin's client focus has always been at the core of what we do, and to be recognised on this scale is high praise." 🌐



► Andrew Miller, Bedell Cristin partner

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New study reveals investments in climate change are good business

The UWI's Professor Michael Taylor among co-authors in renowned Science magazine



Professor Michael Taylor of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is among an internationally respected group of scientists urgently calling on world leaders to accelerate efforts to tackle climate change. The scientists are authors of a study (see here: <https://science.sciencemag.org/content/365/6459/eaaw6974>) published today in *Science* which points out that almost every aspect of the planet's environment and ecology is undergoing changes in response to climate change — some of which are profound, if not catastrophic for the future.

The urgency of responding to climate change is front of mind for Professor Michael Taylor, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Technology at The UWI Mona. "This is not an academic issue, it is a matter of life and death for people everywhere, as most recently evidenced in the Bahamas with the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. People from small island states and low-lying countries are in the immediate crosshairs of climate change. I am very concerned about the future for these people," said Professor Taylor.

Professor Taylor's contribution to the *Science* study further demonstrates the effort by The UWI to lead global climate action. Earlier this year, the International Association of Universities (IAU) selected The UWI as its global leader in the mobilisation of research and advocacy for the achievement of a climate-smart world.

Fellow Caribbean scientist and a co-author of the study published in *Science*, Dr. Adelle Thomas of The Uni-

versity of The Bahamas and Climate Analytics, agrees and adds "The current catastrophe being faced by The Bahamas is not an isolated incident. As evidenced by the widespread devastation felt throughout the Caribbean in 2017, extreme events are becoming more intense and small island developing states are faced with addressing existential threats. There must be international co-ordination and transformational change to limit global warming."

The *Science* study also suggests that reducing the magnitude of climate change is a good investment. Over the next few decades, acting to reduce climate change is expected to cost much less than the damage otherwise inflicted by climate change on people, infrastructure and ecosystems.

Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg from the ARC Centre for Excellence in Coral Reef Studies at the University of Queensland in Australia, lead author on the study, explains that "Acting on climate change has a good return on investment when one considers the damages avoided by acting." The investment is even more compelling given the wealth of evidence that the impacts of climate change are happening faster and more extensively than projected, even just a few years ago. This makes the case for rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions even more compelling and urgent.

Hoegh-Guldberg further explained the mismatch. "First, we have underestimated the sensitivity of natural and human systems to climate change, and the speed at which these changes are happening. Second, we have underappreciated the synergistic nature of climate threats — with the outcomes tending to be worse than the sum of the parts. This is resulting in rapid and comprehensive climate impacts, with growing damage to people, ecosystems, and livelihoods."

For example, sea-level rise can lead to higher water levels during storm events. This can create more damage. For deprived areas, this may exacerbate poverty creating further disadvantage. Each risk may be small on its own, but a small change in a number of risks can lead to large impacts.

Professor Daniela Jacob, co-author and Director of Climate Services Cen-



tre (GERICS) in Germany is concerned about these rapid changes — especially about unprecedented weather extremes.

"We are already in new territory" said Professor Jacob, "The 'novelty' of the weather is making our ability to forecast and respond to weather-related phenomena very difficult."

These changes are having major consequences. The paper updates a database of climate-related changes and finds that there are significant benefits from avoiding 2°C and aiming to restrict the increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial global temperatures.

Professor Rachel Warren from the Tyndall Centre at the University of East Anglia in the UK assessed projections of risk for forests, biodiversity, food, crops and other critical systems, and found very significant benefits for limiting global warming to 1.5°C rather than 2°C.

"The scientific community has quantified these risks in order to inform policy makers about the benefits of avoiding them," Professor Warren stated.

Since the Paris Agreement came into effect, there has been a race to quantify the benefits of limiting warming to 1.5°C so that policy makers have the best possible information for developing the policy required for doing it.

Professor Warren continued. "If such policy is not implemented, we will continue on the current upward trajectory of burning fossil fuels and continuing deforestation, which will expand the already large-scale degradation of ecosystems. To be honest, the overall picture is very grim unless we act."

A recent report from the United Nations projected that as many as one million species may be at risk of extinction over the coming decades and centuries. Climate change is not the only factor but is one of the most important ones.

The urgency to act is further emphasized by the vulnerability of developing countries to climate change impacts as pointed out by Francois Engelbrecht, co-author and Professor of Climatology at the Global Change Institute of the University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. "The developing African countries are amongst those to be affected most in terms of impacts on economic growth in the absence of strong climate change mitigation," Professor Engelbrecht explains.

In closing their joint statement, simultaneously released today across the globe, Professor Hoegh-Guldberg reiterated the importance of the coming year (2020) in terms of climate action and the opportunity to strengthen emission reduction pledges in line with the Paris Agreement of 2015.

"Current emission reduction commitments are inadequate and risk throwing many nations into chaos and harm, with a particular vulnerability of poor people. To avoid this, we must accelerate action and tighten emission reduction targets so that they fall in line with the Paris Agreement. As we show, this is much less costly than suffering the impacts of 2°C or more of climate change."

"Tackling climate change is a tall order. However, there is no alternative from the perspective of human well-being and too much at stake not to act urgently on this issue." 🌍

Enjoy The Many Sides of Tampa

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of Winter from the Dolphin Tale movies), Extreme Zip Line Adventures, Dolphin Exploration Tours, and a variety of helicopter city tours are legitimate choices for family entertainment.

For the sports fans, the area has several professional, semi-professional, and college teams in multiple sports. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Rays, Tampa Lightning, University of South Florida and University of Tampa are but just a few of the possibilities for fandom. The chance for one to participate in sporting/fitness activities also seems to have no limit. There are events and competitions throughout the Tampa area. These range from fun runs on the weekend to yoga and fitness classes to competitive leagues in just about every sport that exists.

For the adults who prefer a slightly different activity and/or atmosphere, there are alternatives as well. Food and drink festivals, speedboat rentals, music concerts, Zombie Scavenger events, comedy clubs, night clubs, and fishing excursions pepper the visitors with possibilities. Additionally, food establishments fill the city with menus that range from the common, everyday fare to the finest in international cuisine. Perhaps romance is on one's mind. To that end, Tampa affords the chance to wow a partner or love interest. Some of these activities include finding colorful seashells at Honeymoon Island State Park, taking a Sunset Sail, making a visit to the iconic Tampa Theatre, having a chance to see the sunrise in a hot air balloon, or exploring Pinellas Park



► Aerial view of Tampa Bay

by horseback. If the likes of these don't get the romantic juices flowing, there might be cause for concern.

If travel is on the table for this year, or next, it is definitely worthwhile to give the Tampa area a second look. With the chance to be as active or sedentary, social or private, as one chooses to be, a short flight from

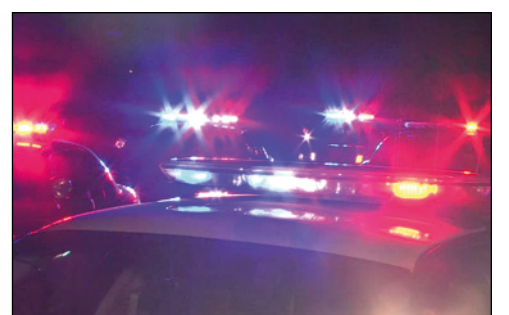
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POLICE NEWS

Vehicle collapses and kills man in Bodden Town

Shortly after 1:00PM on Saturday, 21 September, officers responded to a report of an industrial incident on Valencia Drive in Bodden Town. A man had been injured after a vehicle collapsed on him and was found unresponsive. Police and emergency services attended the scene and the man was transported to the Cayman Islands Hospital where he was pronounced dead. 🌍



Health Authorities in Barbados Warn of Vaping Risks Amid Outbreak of Respiratory Illnesses in US

The Ministry of Health and Wellness has warned Barbadians about the dangers of vaping, particularly on the heels of reports of an outbreak of severe respiratory illnesses associated with the practice in the United States.

In a statement, the Ministry said that the cause of the outbreak, which has so far resulted in six deaths, was still not entirely clear, but investigations were ongoing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr Kenneth George, said that vaping was a fairly recent phenomenon, mostly among teenagers and young adults, which involved smoking flavoured e-cigarettes with nicotine oils and more recently marijuana oils.

The Ministry advised that particularly minors, pregnant women and persons who have never smoked should avoid the practice since they were at increased



risks of adverse outcomes, including respiratory illnesses.

Those persons who vaped were warned against using home-made solu-

tions, and the Ministry also made it clear that it did not recommend that e-cigarettes should be used as a stop-smoking aid.

The Health Services (Smoking Regulations) 2017 defines electronic smoking devices as tobacco products for the purposes of restricting marketing, restricting sales to minors and forbidding their use in public spaces, as defined in the regulations.

In the more than 450 cases so far confirmed in the United States, respiratory symptoms include cough, difficulty breathing and chest pain, while the gastrointestinal symptoms have been identified as nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea. The non-specific symptoms being experienced include fever and fatigue.

The Ministry of Health and Wellness will be issuing guidelines to healthcare providers summarizing the situation and sharing the local case definition for surveillance purposes.

Hospitals and urgent care providers are also being asked to enquire about vaping in cases of significant respiratory distress. 🌐

Two Companies Strike Oil Offshore Guyana on Same Day

Director of the Department of Energy Dr Mark Bynoe has announced that both Tullow Oil and ExxonMobil have made discoveries of oil in commercial quantities – and they were both made on Monday.

The finds mark the second for Tullow in the Orinduik block, and the 14th for ExxonMobil in the Stabroek Block, bringing the total number of oil discoveries from 2015 to date, to 16.

“We are particularly appreciative of the prolific rate at which Guyana has been able to uncover very valuable resource,” Dr Bynoe said, adding that the discoveries demonstrate that the country has substantial oil resources.

He noted that while it was too early to determine the number of oil-equivalent barrels, Guyana’s estimated production has exceeded expectations.

“We now have to do further tests to be able to determine potential barrel equivalency before we can make that projection. It seems as Guyana is well on the upward trajectory to be way beyond the 6.5 billion as we go forward,” he said.

On Monday morning, it was announced that Joe-1 exploration well was

successful, making it the second discovery of oil in two different wells operated by Tullow, in less than six weeks.

The Joe-1 exploration well was drilled by the Stena Forth drillship to a total depth of 2,175 metres in water depth of 780 metres. The evaluation of logging and sampling data confirms that Joe-1 has encountered 14 metres of net oil pay in high-quality oil-bearing sandstone reservoirs of Upper Tertiary age.

A few hours after Tullow’s discovery was announced, US oil giant ExxonMobil reported that it had encountered approximately 108 feet of a high-quality oil-bearing sandstone reservoir at Tripletail-1. The well was drilled in 6,572 feet of water, is located approximately three miles northeast of the Longtail discovery.

In a release from ExxonMobil, Senior Vice President of Exploration and New Ventures Mike Cousins, said “this discovery helps to further inform the development of the Turbot area... Together with our partners, ExxonMobil is deploying industry-leading capabilities to identify projects that can be developed efficiently and in a cost-effective way.”



► Tullow’s Joe-1 discovery well was drilled by the Stena Forth drillship. (Photo Credit: Stena Drilling)

With the recent finds, Dr Bynoe assured that “the government will continue to work conscientiously to pursue the most effective and efficient marketing strategies of Guyana’s crude entitlement to transform our economy and to implement

sustainable development programmes from which all Guyanese can benefit.”

The rate of discoveries in Guyana has been deemed to be astronomical when compared to the rate of discoveries in other parts of the world. 🌐

Eastern Caribbean Embarks on Strategy Towards a Blue-Green Economy

In the Voices from the Global South podcast (follow by link <https://soundcloud.com/interpressservice/eastern-caribbean-embarks-on-strategy-towards-a-blue-green-economy>), IPS takes

you to the Caribbean where correspondent Jewel Fraser learns how micro, small and medium enterprises hold the key for building economies that are resilient to the impacts of climate change. 🌐



► The Caribbean green-blue economy strategy and action plan will make the most of the sub-region’s strengths, harnessing these to create economies that are environmentally friendly and at the same time more socially equitable. (Photo Credit: Elizabeth Eames Roebling/IPS)

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Raptors need a star turn

The Toronto Raptors were Eastern Conference champions last season then improbably went on to win their first NBA title. It will be incredibly difficult to repeat that feat, especially as star player Kawhi Leonard has moved on. Nevertheless, the Raptors go into training camp this week buoyant and upbeat.

Last season turned out to be historic for the Raptors, winning their first Larry O'Brien trophy and cementing their status as a new NBA force.

Without the privilege of having a superstar two-time Defensive Player of the Year in Leonard, and a sharpshooter and all-around incredible defender in Danny Green, retaining their title is seemingly impossible.

Leonard was the perfect example of just how important a superstar is to winning a title. During the playoffs, when schemes and offensive systems breakdown, your team better have a guy who can take over the game. Right now, the Raptors don't have anyone on their roster who can do that.

Pascal Siakam is a bona fide stud and the franchise's cornerstone, but he does not fit in the elite bracket. He can be the best player on a very good team but is not quite a game changer.

The Raptors' 25th season tips off on Oct. 22 when they host Zion Williamson and the New Orleans Pelicans on the NBA's opening night.

Williamson is one of the most talked about youngsters in the league in a long

time. Even without having played a second on an NBA court, Williamson's potential has fans and media alike extremely excited. According to new teammate JJ Redick, he hasn't seen this type of hype since LeBron James entered the NBA.

Redick said: "He's a super-nice kid. I think he is in a very interesting position because of the amount of responsibility that he has off the court — he has this huge contract with Brand Jordan there are going to be a lot of people pulling at him. He has got such a great head on his shoulders. So, for me, it's taking that slow and figuring out where I can help and where I can be an added value for him."

While the Pelicans are now without superstar Anthony Davis, they were extremely lucky in landing the rights to draft Williamson. Now, fans will once again be turning up to see another potential superstar in the making, and with a surprising team filled with depth, many are expecting great things out of New Orleans this season.

The Raptors will do their best to spoil Williamson's debut party. Despite losing a wealth of talent, they are still expected to make the playoffs after 82 games. A team led by the likes of Siakam, Kyle Lowry, and Marc Gasol is still extremely strong. Siakam is the reigning holder of the NBA's Most Improved Player award, while Gasol is a former Defensive Player of the Year — albeit seven years ago.



► Zion Williamson debuts against the Raptors



► Pascal Siakam must step up for the Raptors

Gasol fits into the Raptors defensive scheme incredibly well. His presence throughout the playoffs was imperative as the Raptors held off the likes of Joel Embiid and Giannis Antetokounmpo on their run towards gold. Raptors newcomer is guard Isaiah Taylor who has averaged 6.3 points, 2.9 assists and 17.2 minutes in 71 career NBA games with the Atlanta Hawks and Houston Rockets.

The 25-year-old Californian did not play the entire 2018-19 season after sustaining a stress fracture in his left leg. He was with the Hawks previously. 🌐

Cornwall always makes a big impact

Anyone watching the Caribbean Premier League must have noticed the huge figure of Rahkeem Cornwall, officially the biggest player in first-class cricket history.

Allrounder Cornwall went on a rampage in Jamaica to help St Lucia Zouks pick up their first win of the 2019 Caribbean Premier League two weeks ago. Cornwall, sent out to open in the chase of 171, sent the Jamaica Tallawahs bowlers on a leather hunt smashing eight sixes in his 30-ball 75 that paved the way for his side's resounding win with 20 balls left to spare.

The 26-year-old Antiguan weighs around 140 kilos (308 pounds) and became the heaviest Test cricketer ever when he played for West Indies in the second Test against India in August. He surpassed former Australia captain Warwick Armstrong, who weighed 139 kg, to achieve this feat.

Cornwall, who hits sixes at will and gets some sharp bounce and turn with his off-spin, has been among the most consistent cricketers in the domestic circuit recently. In West Indies Championships 2018-19, Cornwall picked up 54 wickets at a staggering average of 17.68 runs.

Representing Leeward Islands, Cornwall has scored 2,224 runs in 55 matches and picked up 260 wickets in his first-class career at 23.90. He shot to fame when shining with his all-round skills



► Rahkeem Cornwall weighs over 300 pounds

in a tour game for West Indies Cricket Board XI vs India in 2016.

Apart from top-scoring with 41 in the 1st innings, Cornwall picked up the wickets of Virat Kohli, Cheteshwar Pujara and Ajinkya Rahane and went on to finish with a 5-wicket haul.

In 2017, he faced the touring England team in a warm up game and scored an important 59 runs in a partnership of 123, helping his team recover from 55-5 to 233.

Despite being a hugely talented cricketer, Cornwall's weight delayed his call-up to the West Indies first team. In 2017, former West Indies chairman of selectors Courtney Browne said a programme was set up to get the big-hitter in shape for international cricket.

He may have improved his fitness but little or no weight has come off. Nevertheless, he is still a world class player. 🌐

Jamaica climb up FIFA rankings

Jamaica's Reggae Boyz have moved up significantly in the latest FIFA rankings.

A 6-0 win over Antigua and Barbuda and a 4-0 triumph over Guyana propelled Jamaica five places to 47 in the world. They are ranked fourth on the CONCACAF table. Jamaica's highest ranking was 27 in 1998 when they reached the World Cup Finals for the first and only time.

Mexico top the CONCACAF region and they 12 in the world. The United States are 21 in the world and then

its Costa Rica (43) of the CONCACAF countries. Honduras and El Salvador round out the top six in the region. Cayman Islands are 193 in the FIFA rankings.

Jamaica must remain in the CONCACAF top six by June 2020 to fight for one of three spots in the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. Belgium remain FIFA's world top team, then its France, Brazil, England and Portugal. Jamaica's next game is against Aruba at home on Oct. 12 in the CONCACAF Nations League. 🌐



► Jamaica's Reggae Boyz are on a roll

Archer rewarded with lucrative retainer

England's fast-bowling sensation Jofra Archer has been awarded his first-ever retainer by the England and Wales County Board (ECB), with speculation rife the value of the contract could top one million pounds sterling.

The 24-year-old Barbadian is one of an elite band of six who has received an all-formats contract, meaning he will play Test, One-Day and Twenty20 Internationals.

Batsmen Jonny Bairstow, Jos Buttler and Joe Root, along with all-rounder Ben Stokes and fast bowler Chris Woakes, are the other players on similar contracts.

Archer, who only qualified to represent England six months ago before making his debut in May, has been rewarded for outstanding performances which helped England win the World Cup in July and draw the Ashes two weeks ago.

He was his side's leading wicket-taker in the World Cup with 20 wickets and bowled a dramatic Super-Over in the final against New Zealand at Lord's.

Called up for his red-ball debut, Archer made an instant impact in the second Test at Lord's, bowling with troubling pace. He struck world number one batsman Steve Smith, ruling him out of the second innings with a concussion and putting him out of the third Test at Headingley. Archer took 22 wickets in the series, including two six-wicket hauls.

"I think Jofra is capable of everything," said England's director of cricket, Ashley Giles. "His dad told me he thought he would hit 100 miles per hour next year. We must look after him. It's not easy to bowl that pace consistently."

"We have talked about resting a number of people in the T20 series in New Zealand. That will allow us to focus more on youngsters and put more focus on the Test series."

Test contracts are worth as much as \$650,000 a year, while white-ball contracts are valued up to \$275,000 and are set to be aligned closely to the ECB's new billion-dollar broadcast deal which will run from 2020-24.



► Jofra Archer can earn millions

While salaries are determined based on players' seniority, once bonuses and appearance fees are added, players like Archer with all-formats retainers could

see their deals top the million-dollar mark. Overall, 22 England players have been awarded retainers for the upcoming 12-month period. 🌐

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				A	R	A	B		H	I
				F	A	L	S	E		M
				E	L	L		Q	U	A
						F	U	R	Y	P
				J	E	T	L	A	G	R
				A	V	I	A	T	E	A
				W	A	N	T	E	D	F

Yesterday's answer

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

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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Answer to previous puzzle

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

Word Search

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

- Alligator
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- Chameleon
- Cobra
- Crocodile
- Frog
- Gecko
- Gila
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