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Sargassum is a long term regional threat

Caribbean governments are acknowledging that Sargassum could pose a long-term threat. In Barbados, sargassum has worst hit southern and eastern shores. Catches are affected - in sargassum years flying fish numbers in Barbados have fallen significantly, although it is not clear why.

Dolphin fish (or mahi-mahi) are being caught much earlier in their development, prompting fears for the fishery down the line.

The reason southern and eastern shores are worst hit lies in the seaweed's source. In 2011 people initially assumed the Caribbean influx had, for some reason, drifted from its traditional home in the Sargasso Sea.

But now research indicates the sargassum is from a new source - an oval band stretching from the Brazilian coast to West Africa.

James Franks, of the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and co-author of a 2016 study on the subject, says the sargassum circulates through this band,

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Culture Ministry works to Relocate Historic Home

The Ministry of Culture along with the National Trust for the Cayman Islands (NTCI) and other heritage stakeholders has taken the lead to save a traditional Caymanian style cottage from the early 1800s from destruction by relocating it to the Mission House property in Bodden Town.

The Ministry has just concluded the procurement exercise for a relocation operation that will

involve relocation and some reassembling post-move of what is known as the Clayton Nixon home currently located across from Citrus Grove on Goring Avenue in George Town. The dwelling is named for a former owner and thought to have been constructed by his grandfather.

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► Group Minister for Culture Hon. Dwayne Seymour (centre) joins L-R NCB's Tania Knapik and Ally McRae, Ministry Intern Isabella Rooney, Museum Director Dr. Peggy Leshikar-Denton, Ministry DCO Nancy Barnard, and members of the National Trust: Chairman Andy Gibb, Volunteer Sue Gibb, Director Nadia Hardie and Rhonda Cornwall. Missing from the stakeholders' group photo are: John Doak, Cathy Frazier, Jerry Frazier, Colleen Stoetzel and Marcia Muttou.

Free newspapers: An International growing trend



► London's Evening Standard used to be a paid-for

The Internet and digital publishing technologies have transformed the newspaper business worldwide. But there is still a market for newspapers, especially free ones. In the Cayman Islands there is a thriving newspaper industry, with the *Caymanian Times* standing out as the only free paper which focuses predominantly on local news, highlighting the many achievements of the indigenous population.

This paper will remain free as we believe that all residents including jobseekers should have free and easy access to job postings. In recent years, there has been efforts to encourage internet use for newspaper advertising. Okay for those with internet access and are computer literate, but not everyone has that access or means to do so, especially in low skilled jobs like gardening, housekeeping, security and child minding, occupations that Cayman residents rely heavily on immigrant workers filling.

But there is a strong case to maintain the status quo in the Cayman Islands because worldwide even though paid-for newspaper sales are dwindling - many into extinction - free sheets are thriving. In the UK, for example, The Metro

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EDITORIAL

NiCE Summer Project: Valuable Program or Short-term Fix?

Recently, hundreds of people flocked to the Lions Centre. They were there to register for the NiCE Summer Project which offers temporary positions and decent pay to unemployed residents of Cayman who have the right to work. This program has been touted by the government as valuable for the facts that it offers that part of the population a chance to earn some money and also allows the island to be cleaned up a little better during summer. The program, however, is not without its critics, and each side of the issue has several strong points supporting their belief.

Proponents of the program speak of the impact the program on the cleanliness and beauty of the island because the large group of individuals that are signed up set up clearing roadsides, picking up trash, painting roadside curbs, and other important tasks. It has always been the Caymanian way to brighten up and beautify our communities, starting with our homes and yards, so in a sense this program is simply an extension of that practice customized for the wider community.

Opponents of the program might simply state that this beautification would not be necessary if the money allotted for this mass-hire were to be spread out over 12 months and used to pay existing civil servants in the NRA, DEH and PWD. Perhaps, that money could be used to hire a few Caymanians in those aforementioned departments



► Unemployed Caymanians queue at the NiCE registration (Photo by Elphina Jones)

on a permanent basis, thus making a more significant impact in the lives of those individuals and their families.

Arguments for the program might also include the fact that since the program is done at this time of the year, it will make a great impact for the participants, their families, and the community as a whole. It would be argued that summer is often the time of the year that financial stress increases in families, causing other problems, including

marital and parenting problems. This program being held at this time helps to alleviate some of that stress and to afford an opportunity for more families to have a stress-free summer holiday as they prepare for the new school year.

Those against the program might then choose to go back to their point of hiring permanent employees instead. They might say that permanent job would help alleviate those same stresses in a more effective and long-lasting way.

Regardless of what side of the fence one falls, this program appears like it is something that will continue to be utilized, year after year. Even opponents have to admit that this is something that helps people and the community as a whole. The arguments are simply as to whether or not this is the best option and whether another solution might be more appropriate. Perhaps, this is one of those times where agreeing to disagree might be the best option.

Dart welcomes Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach to hospitality portfolio

Dart and Seven Mile Suites Ltd. are pleased to announce that they have entered into a purchase agreement for Dart to acquire the Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach hotel in Grand Cayman.

"This decision marks a new chapter for the hotel," says Managing Director of Seven Mile Suites Ltd. Gary Rutty. "We have built a great business over almost 20 years due to the efforts of our dedicated staff and management team. We are proud that Dart sees the value in our business, which continues to deliver an excellent product and service to our guests, and feel this is an exciting outcome for the future of the hotel."

Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach, a franchise of the Choice Hotels group, has won awards for its service and guest loyalty programmes. With a behind-the-scenes legacy of supporting workforce development in the hospitality industry, Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach boasts a current staff complement of approximately 90% Caymanian employees.

"I want to thank the staff and management that have worked at the hotel over the years for their commitment and efforts toward the success of the hotel," Rutty says. "On behalf of the current ownership group, I want to wish everyone continued success for their future."

All existing staff will be offered the opportunity to continue employment under the new ownership.



► Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach Hotel, Cayman Islands

Dart Chief Executive Officer Mark VanDevelde says the purchase complements the company's existing hotel portfolio.

"With the planned purchase of Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach, we can ensure a range of accommodation offerings for a variety of visitor demograph-

ics," he says. "We recognise the strength of the hotel's performance and the dedication of its staff and management team towards its continued success."

As a major investor in Cayman's tourism product, VanDevelde says the planned purchase represents Dart's continued commitment to and confi-

dence in the Cayman Islands as a destination.

"This planned investment demonstrates Dart's confidence in the strength and resilience of the Cayman Islands economy," he says. "We look forward to welcoming Comfort Suites Seven Mile Beach into Dart's hospitality portfolio."

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CIMA to Host Financial Services Student Mixer

The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is hosting a student mixer on Friday, 2 August at the Marriott Beach Resort from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

This interactive platform will give college bound students (ages 16 - 25) a chance to meet potential employers, learn about the importance of the financial services industry and how it contributes to the standard of living in the Cayman Islands. The event will include refreshments, prizes and giveaways.

For more information or to RSVP, visit cima.ky





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► Detail of the wattle and daub with limestone wall and ironwood posts



► John Doak Architecture conducts a voluntary as-built survey

Culture Ministry works to Relocate Historic Home

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Minister for Culture, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, says in mid-2018 his Ministry learned that the cottage, which is on the National Trust's Register of Historic Buildings, was in danger of being demolished due to the upcoming development of Citrus Grove II.

"The structure is one of the few remaining examples of an early home, and according to records, was possibly one of the first homes owned by a former slave. It is also a fine example of traditional Caymanian construction techniques with walls that include wattle and daub as well as limestone. We quickly decided that we had to save this fine aspect of our built heritage from demolition," Mr Seymour comments.

With this objective in mind the Ministry has been working with a group of stakeholders that met throughout the last half of 2018. The group includes Ministry of Culture representative DCO Nancy Barnard, Cayman Islands National Museum (CINM) Director Dr Margaret (Peggy) Leshikar-Denton, Cayman National Cultural Foundation (CNCF) Managing Director Marcia Muttuo, NTCI Executive Director Nadia Hardie, NTCI Chairman Andrew Gibb, NTCI Historical Advisory Committee members John Doak, Cathy Frazier and Sue Gibb, Planning Department's Colleen Stoetzel and NCB Group property company representatives Alan Wight and Ally McRae who represent the developers of the Citrus Grove office complex.

While Minister Seymour sought brought the paper to Cabinet to seek the funding required, the NTCI's Historical Advisory Committee members Cathy Frazier and John Doak generously volunteered their time. Mrs Frazier conducted research to verify the historical value of the property, which she developed into a report, while vernacular architecture expert Mr Doak conducted an as-built survey and produced a report of the house.

CINM Museum Director and NTCI Historical Advisory Committee member Dr Leshikar-Denton researched the step-well on the property and produced a report for the group. NTCI HAC member Sue Gibb assisted with the ground survey along with a small group of volunteer archaeologists from the Southern USA. The volunteers travel to Grand Cayman to do the pro-bono work was

enabled by a grant from Minister Seymour, while Jerry and Cathy Frazier hosted them at their home for the short stay.

National Trust Executive Director, Nadia Hardie, comments: "The Trust is delighted to have been involved in the preservation of the Clayton Nixon house - which is a historic treasure of national significance as it offers invaluable insight into traditional architecture of that era - and in providing a home for it at our signature property the Mission House. One of the mandates of the Trust is to promote an awareness for and appreciation of the Cayman Islands' built heritage and to preserve places of historic significance. Our Historic Advisory Committee has been instrumental in documenting, recording and registering the Clayton Nixon house and stepwell, along with other historic properties across all three Cayman Islands."

Noting that there is currently a gap in existing legislation whereby Caymanian built heritage is adequately protected, Chief Officer Jennifer Ahearn says that addressing this gap is a priority goal of the National Culture and Heritage Policy.

"The Cayman Islands has developed so quickly over the past several decades that we have lost some irreplaceable historical structures and others are still at risk today." Ms Ahearn adds. The Chief Officer also thanked developers NCB

Group for their support for the relocation.

Deputy Chief Officer Nancy Barnard noted that it was thanks to the developers' representative, NCB Group, which brought this to the culture and heritage organisations' attention, that the home will be saved. "It often starts with the passion of just one individual, in this case recent NCB's Caymanian university graduate Ally McRae, to enable these types of initiatives to take place." Mrs Barnard said. "The developers have paused their activity for months while we get the logistics in place. Saving this fine example of built heritage is aligned with the Culture and Heritage Policy direction five: ensuring the place of culture and heritage in development."

The next steps for the Ministry of Culture are awarding the job to the successful proponent, working with the Public Works Department to seek Planning permission, and developing a medium and long-term plan for the use of the house after it is relocated.



► The stepwell on the site

Matthew Wight, Managing Director of NCB Group comments: "As developers we had no hesitation in collaborating with this project. The built heritage of the Cayman Islands contributes to our understanding of ourselves and to our quality of life. We believe it is one of our country's most important cultural assets." 🌐



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► Turtle breeding grounds are affected by sargassum



► Seven Mile Beach's tourism industry fears a sargassum invasion

Sargassum: A long term regional threat

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consolidates off Brazil and then is periodically released northwards by currents into the Caribbean. He believes climate and meteorological changes are the main contributing factors.

At least enterprising people are finding ways of turning sargassum to good use. In St Lucia one entrepreneur is turning it into a plant tonic, while in Barbados a fertiliser project is underway. There is also talk of bio-gas. But tests have found some sargassum is high in arsenic, which rules out use as animal feed.

Sargassum is focus of NiCE project

In the meantime, here at home, hundreds of unemployed Caymanians and their spouses are completing the annual National Community Enhancement (NiCE) summer project's two-week paid initiative, which finishes on Friday, July 19.

Four hundred and eighty-six unemployed Caymanians and out-of-work spouses of Caymanians attended the NiCE recent summer project's registration and orientation.

Participants were advised about two new elements; the clearance of sargassum from beaches and a booth at registration hosted by Workforce Opportunities and Residency as a NiCE partner agency.

When waves of sargassum - a type of seaweed - washed up on Eastern Caribbean shores eight years ago, people hoped it was a one-off. Matted piles swamped coastlines from Tobago to Anguilla. It soon arrived in the Cayman Islands and has now become a perennial problem around the region.

Countries across the Caribbean are struggling to deal with the unusually large amounts of sargassum being washed up on many beaches.

Although the strong-smelling, rotting seaweed arrives most years in many



► It is polluting many beaches in the Caribbean



countries, the volume - reportedly up to three to four feet high in some locations - is so great that normal voluntary efforts to clean beaches are proving ineffective on many coastlines.

The problem for the tourism sector and for local fishermen is that the unsightly piles of seaweed and the difficulty of its removal could begin to have longer term negative economic consequences.

Although there are no reports of visitor cancellations, the hospitality industry across the region is concerned about its unsightly appearance, visitor complaints, the cost of mechanical removal, and the possibility of reputational damage. The seaweed's arrival also coincides with the season when many European visitors are vacationing in the Caribbean.

Fisherman too are worried. There are reports in some countries that the seaweed has led to diminished catches and a fall in their earnings. There is also some anecdotal evidence of investors questioning the long-term cost implications in relation to projects they are engaged in.

As the name implies, the sargassum comes from the Sargasso Sea. This is an ecologically important warm water area located in the mid-Atlantic where traditionally masses of seaweed are created.

Much less clear is why the quantity has been so bad and so widespread in recent years and exactly what can be done.

That is why, in her welcome address, NiCE's Project Manager, Lois Kellyman, noted that the Department of Environment was giving a presentation on sargassum during the orientation.

Attendees learned that such clearance would take place alongside the usual NiCE roster of tidying road verges, clearing beach accesses and general beautification of the island.

During his remarks, Minister for Commerce, Planning and Infrastructure, Joey Hew said that the summer programme had been brought forward a month, to help address the urgent need to remove sargassum.

"Sargassum is a naturally occurring phenomenon across the Caribbean, however the number of blooms we are currently experiencing is unprecedented and is affecting water sports enthusiasts' and beach goers' enjoyment of some stretches of coastline," Mr Hew said. "As the DoE considers this is likely to be a long-term issue, posing both environmental and a tourism challenges, government has established a sargassum taskforce to tackle the issue.


"I am confident that NiCE can help with the clean-up effort. Sargassum removal from our coastal areas is a priority which requires a robust, multi-agency approach to keep our island's beaches and sea beautiful for residents, wildlife and Cayman's tourism product."

DoE Sustainable Development Officer Nathan Dack explained what was causing the large blooms of sargassum in Cayman waters, why they pose problems for marine life, and explained that raking and removal by hand was preferable to using heavy machinery on beaches, which would also remove sand and might cause coastal erosion during hurricane season.

As turtle hatchlings use sargassum as shelter, Mr Dack asked clean-up crews to avoid sweeping away turtle tracks as DoE use them to identify nesting sites. The sargassum problem has gone from a minor problem to an alarming one in only a few years.

"In 2011 it was the first time we'd seen it," says Professor Hazel Oxenford, an expert in fisheries biology and management at the University of the West Indies. "It came as a complete shock and no-one had a clue what to do with it."

Three years later the seaweed returned, in larger quantities. Over several months, it made its way through the Caribbean to southern Mexico, where its impact on Cancun's beaches made international headlines. The problem may get far worse before a solution is found.



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► Barbados is blighted by mounds of sargassum



► It is polluting many beaches in the Caribbean

Elections Office Statement

In response to numerous media inquiries into the number of persons declining to verify cruise port referendum petition signatures, the Elections Office Supervisor, Wesley Howell, issued the following statement:

"As of Monday July 8th, our verification teams encountered a small number of persons, less than two dozen, who have declined to sign verification forms. Elections Office verifiers are documenting each of these encounters, and our field supervisors and senior team are reviewing each of the instances. As such, while the reviews are underway, we are not able to publicly share the exact reasons why persons are declining to be verified at this time. However, we expect to be able to share those numbers in the coming weeks."


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Saturday 10am to 3pm	The Strand in George Town	



Scholarships Awarded



Gabrielle Ramoutar, Natalia McCoy, Briony Gallegos and Sebastian Martinez

In keeping with the Company's commitment to scholastic excellence, four young Caymanians recently received financial assistance towards furthering their education. **Gabrielle Ramoutar** and **Natalia McCoy** have been awarded scholarships to complete A level studies and **Briony Gallegos** and **Sebastian Martinez** were awarded scholarships to pursue university level studies.

Gabrielle Ramoutar recently graduated from Cayman Prep & High School with nine IGCSE passes and is a Senior Model United Nations Club representative. Gabrielle will pursue A level studies at St. Ignatius Catholic High School with a focus on science and business classes.

Natalia McCoy recently graduated from John Gray High School with six CXC/CSEC passes and one CXC/CAPE pass. She is also a graduate of Eminent Orators Toastmasters. Natalia will pursue A level studies at Cayman Prep & High School focussing on the sciences as her aspirations are to be an engineer.

A past CUC Employee of the Year recipient, **Briony Gallegos** has worked with the Company since interning in

2012 whereafter she gained a permanent role in the Customer Services Department. She will be pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a focus in Management in the United States. Upon graduating, she plans to return to CUC to further contribute to the Company's success.

Sebastian Martinez, a former professional footballer with Académica de Coimbra in Portugal, holds a BTEC Level 3 extended Diploma from New College Swindon in Swindon, England. Sebastian will be attending David Game College in London, England, and plans to pursue a career in engineering.

CUC established its scholarship programme in 1989 and since then has awarded full and partial scholarships to over 50 current and past employees and high school students in the fields of mechanical and electrical engineering, information technology, systems operations, environmental management, occupational safety and health and financial services. In 2016, the Company further enhanced its scholarship programme by offering assistance for qualified students to pursue their A levels.



The Environmental Management System at the North Sound Road Power Plant is registered to ISO 14001



Leadership Cayman celebrates 10th Annual Graduation



► Future Leaders in Business. Graduates of the 2019 Leadership Cayman Programme pictured at the graduation ceremony at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman. Back Row: L-R Anoop Jayaprakash; Sean Vasquez; Steve Lorimer; Wesley Heistand; Pete Bridge; Vince Budesa; Simon Watson; Mike Gibbs; Alistair Mills; Richard Strommer; Simon Stewart-Jones; Mario Iwazaki. Front Row: L-R Julissa Castillo; Danielle Coleman; Anita Parsons; Malynna Gibson-Nixon; Kafara Augustine; Danielle Roberts; Jovanna Wright; Shaunna Owens; Giselle Passchier; Kacey Moble; Alanna Trundle; Sarah Stewart-Jones; Jennifer McKinney; Dubadah Boileau.

A total of 26 participants recently celebrated their graduation from the 2019 Chamber of Commerce Leadership Cayman programme, at the Ritz-Carlton Grand Cayman.

The participants came together to celebrate the end of a six-month intensive programme, designed to give participants a well-rounded view of the Cayman Islands community; a detailed understanding of the islands' history; and culture and develop their leadership skills. Participants took part in a series of seminars that focused on business, government, education, media, financial services, criminal justice and the sister islands. They also participated in a community project.

The recent graduation marks the 10th annual celebration of the Leadership Cayman programme since the programme's inception in 2009. The graduates join over 200 other local high-level community leaders who have successfully completed the programme.

"Leadership Cayman is one of the Chamber of Commerce's key pro-

grammes focusing on the development of the human capital in the Cayman Islands," Chamber President, Christopher Kirkconnell, said. "The programme provides participants with exclusive opportunities and experiences that enable them to become strong leaders, in their jobs as well as in the community. Each graduating class adds to the strong network of likeminded businesspersons across industry fields. Congratulations to the 2019 graduates on their achievement," Kirkconnell said.

Describing her Leadership Cayman experience, 2019 Graduate, Jovanna Wright, says, "Leadership Cayman was an unforgettable and rewarding experience. I truly enjoyed meeting new people and developing new friendships. During Leadership Cayman, I had the oppor-

tunity to learn about the key sectors in the Cayman Islands and how they're impacting today's world. I am truly grateful for this amazing opportunity and would highly recommend this program. It was definitely a meaningful experience and I enjoyed every minute of it."

"Expertly selected panellists who were passionate about their craft and a must do for anyone who is looking to have a deeper understanding of our islands, and take on a more proactive community driven approach," says another 2019 graduate, Sean Vasquez.

Leadership Cayman 2020 is now accepting applications. Applicants must be at least 25 years old by January 1, 2020; have lived in the Cayman Islands for a minimum period of 12 months and must be in at least a middle-manage-

ment position at their current place of work. There are only 24 spaces available for this coming year's programme. Applicants can apply online through www.leadershipcayman.ky

The Chamber of Commerce will be hosting information sessions on Wednesday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 24, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm, at their training facility in Governor's Square, to provide further details about the programme.

The programme is made possible by the ongoing support and sponsorship of local businesses in Cayman such as Cox Lumber Ltd, RBC, Royal Bank (Cayman) Ltd., Wheaton Precious Metals International Ltd., Cayman First, Deloitte, Greenlight RE, Island Paving, KPMG, Logic and Walkers.

Free newspapers: An International growing trend

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and Evening Standard are staple London free newspapers. (The Metro model is copied in many cities worldwide). They go from strength to strength in annual advertising revenue, the lifeblood of all publications. London's other successful free publications are City AM, Time Out, Stylist, Shortlist, Sport and Escapism, all catering to specific niches.

Like the rest of the world, America's newspaper industry has been in freefall for over 30 years, but the free papers have not suffered as badly. In the mid-1980s print newspaper circulation in the US reached its peak with some 63 million papers distributed each weekday. By 2016 this had fallen by nearly half to just under 35 million. The internet was the reason for the decimation. As news became increasingly available online and through a wide range of sources, newspaper readers took to their tablets, phones, and computers to access what previously was only available in a printed newspaper. In 2016 there were 11.7 million unique monthly visitors to the websites of the top 50 US daily newspapers, an increase of 21 percent from just the year before.

It's not just digital newspapers that people get their daily current affairs

feed from. More than two-thirds of Americans get at least some news from social media websites such as Twitter, YouTube, Snapchat, and through Google searches. This use of social media is not just among the young. More than half of Americans over 50 report using social media for news. Mobile devices like smartphones and tablets are quickly becoming the preferred method for getting news online, enabling consumers of news to access their favourite sources anywhere, anytime. This usage will continue to grow, with over 70 percent of global internet consumption already coming from mobile devices.

Traditionally, print newspaper readers have tended to be older, more affluent, and more educated than non-newspaper readers. That is certainly true in the Cayman Islands where the reading of a newspaper is still preferred rather than viewing a tiny screen.

Metro's and the Evening Standard's paid-for competitors must finance populating their websites while devising new angles for their overnight newspaper offerings. By contrast, the free papers can concentrate all their attention on the paper, with minimal resources devoted to their online presence.

Plenty of free local weeklies in the UK have gone to the wall over the past dec-

ade due to the pronounced slump in advertising. But Metro, Evening Standard (which used to be a paid-for) and all the others have survived and thrived.

In 1995, the founders of free dailies in Aspen and Vail teamed up to start the Palo Alto Daily News in Palo Alto, California, a city about 20 miles south of San Francisco. The Palo Alto paper was profitable within nine months of its launch and usually carries more than 100 retail (non-classified) ads per day.

That model has been copied over the years, including by four San Francisco Bay Area publications.

The Palo Alto Daily News owners have published free sheets all over the US since. Under their model, papers are delivered to public places such as coffee shops, restaurants, stores, gyms, schools, corporate campuses, and news racks. Very similar to Cayman, in fact.

The publishers have avoided putting the content of their newspapers online because that would reduce readership of their printed newspapers, and therefore reduce the effectiveness of their print advertising. While ads can be placed on web pages, they are not as effective for clients as print advertising.



► Ralph Lewis, publisher of the Caymanian Times

That is why print advertising rates are generally higher.

The *Caymanian Times*, published by Ralph Lewis, of course, has an online presence as well as its free hard copy. It has proven to be a winning dynamic – and something the public deserve to receive for years to come.

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Metro's and the Evening Standard's paid-for competitors must finance populating their websites while devising new angles for their overnight newspaper offerings. By contrast, the free papers can concentrate all their attention on the paper, with minimal resources devoted to their online presence.

Plenty of free local weeklies in the UK have gone to the wall over the past dec-

ade due to the pronounced slump in advertising. But Metro, Evening Standard (which used to be a paid-for) and all the others have survived and thrived.

In 1995, the founders of free dailies in Aspen and Vail teamed up to start the Palo Alto Daily News in Palo Alto, California, a city about 20 miles south of San Francisco. The Palo Alto paper was profitable within nine months of its launch and usually carries more than 100 retail (non-classified) ads per day.

That model has been copied over the years, including by four San Francisco Bay Area publications.

The Palo Alto Daily News owners have published free sheets all over the US since. Under their model, papers are delivered to public places such as coffee shops, restaurants, stores, gyms, schools, corporate campuses, and news racks. Very similar to Cayman, in fact.

The publishers have avoided putting the content of their newspapers online because that would reduce readership of their printed newspapers, and therefore reduce the effectiveness of their print advertising. While ads can be placed on web pages, they are not as effective for clients as print advertising.

► The free Caymanian Times is dedicated to local news

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No. 1 in Palo Alto and the Mid Peninsula

Dry-cleaner to pay \$361,927 in restitution
BY EMILY BRANCH

The former owner of a Mid Peninsula dry cleaner, who was ordered to pay \$361,927 in restitution for credit card fraud and identity theft, has been ordered to pay the victim \$361,927 in restitution.

\$2.5 million for this teardown
A humble cottage sells for \$623,000 above asking price

A 10-year-old, 10K square foot cottage in Palo Alto has sold for \$2.5 million – \$623,000 above the asking price.

Shift in hospital control proposed
Publicly-elected board might have influence diluted

A new member board that oversees the hospital. This board is to include the five members of the district board, five appointed members and the hospital CEO.

Green supporters win legal round in battle over college's plans for parking lot

Green supporters in the battle over the college's plans for parking lot have won a legal round.

From our archives | Bush sues Former Governor

Opposition Leader Mike Bush has designed to "hold various political strategy spots".

Drones in The Cayman Islands

There are a lot of drones in the air over the Cayman Islands.

► The Daily Post is one of America's most successful free papers

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► There are Metro papers all over the world

THREE STUDENTS MAKE THE GRADE AS 2019 DART SCHOLARS

Diamond White, Michael Marzouca and Marcos Bertran, three local students with outstanding academic and extracurricular achievements, have earned the prestigious title of Dart Scholars for 2019.

Dart Chief Executive Officer Mark VanDevelde says, "These three exceptional young Caymanians have maintained high academic standards while also demonstrating dedication to their community. Dart's continued investment in education is a strong indicator of the value we place on helping to develop Cayman's future business leaders and innovators. We see our investment in these young people as an investment in the future of this country; a talented and well educated workforce is essential for Cayman to compete globally"

Diamond White of John Gray High School (JGHS) and Michael Marzouca of St. Ignatius Catholic School are this year's Dart High School Scholarship recipients. Both students have shown exceptional academic performances, especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math, commonly known as STEM. A well-rounded student, White was placed in an accelerated programme and sat external examinations a year early. Outside of school, he actively participates in numerous STEM-related extracurricular activities such as Drone Club, Flight Club, and the SeaPerch Challenge (underwater robotics). As captain of the JGHS SeaPerch team, White has represented his school and the Cayman Islands at the international competition for three years. White is also a black belt

in Karate and serves as the webmaster for Key Club. Upon completion of high school, White wants to pursue a degree in engineering or computer programming due to his keen interests in Physics, Information Technology and Technical Drawing.

Michael Marzouca is an exceptional student who has succeeded in his STEM subjects. A talented mathematician, Marzouca participated in the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2018 and scored in the top 0.4% in the world.

Outside of the classroom, Marzouca won events in this year's Minds Inspired SeaPerch Challenge, and Rotary Science Fair. Marzouca is a brown belt - currently pursuing a black belt - in Karate and he plays the saxophone. After completing his A-Levels, he hopes to pursue a degree in Mathematics and Computer Science.

The William A. Dart Memorial University Scholarship 2019 recipient is St. Ignatius Catholic School alumnus Marcos Bertran. This year, Bertran was the recipient of the Minds Inspired Excellence in STEM graduation award for achieving the highest GPA in STEM subjects for his final two years of school. He mentored his peers, assisting them in both IGCSE and AS Level Mathematics. In addition to his academic success, Bertran is also well-known within the music community. He plays in numerous bands, including playing percussion in the Cayman National Orchestra; has played the alto saxophone for nine years achieving Trinity Guildhall Grades 7 and 8 with merit; and won the 2017 Butterfield Young Musician of the Year Award. Bertran is a well-rounded student who will attend Imperial College, London, to begin studies in Biomedical Engineering.

Dart Scholar High School recipients are selected with a focus on their success in STEM subjects. After students have completed the application, they are then short-listed to take a STEM focused test. The highest scoring applicants are short-listed for the second time for an interview with Dart Executives. The William A. Dart Memorial University Scholarship, however, is decided on academics, extracurricular activities, and



► William A. Dart Memorial University Scholarship 2019 recipient Marcos Bertran will attend Imperial College, London, to study Biomedical Engineering



► From left, Senior Manager Education Programmes Glenda McTaggart, Chief Executive Officer Mark VanDevelde, 2019 Dart Scholar High School recipient Michael Marzouca, 2019 Dart Scholar High School recipient Diamond White, President Business Development Jackie Doak, and President Development Delivery & Infrastructure Cameron Graham

community service. Both programmes use a blind-selection process, designed to remove identifying details of applicants, such as age, gender and school, allowing the selection panel to choose recipients without the possibility of bias.

Dart began offering scholarships in 2012 as a part of its Minds Inspired education programme. In 2018, the scholarships were re-branded as "Dart Scholar." Dart Scholar is merit-based and rewards exemplary academic performance with tuition aid, resume-building work experience and unique enrichment experiences to supplement classroom learning.

Caribbean Football Union 2019 Girls' Under-14 Challenge Series

The Caribbean Football Union (CFU) will host the 2019 Girls' Under 14 Challenge Series from August 5-13, 2019 across five venues in the region. A total of 22 teams will take part in the competition.

The developmental tournament will be played in Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, St. Kitts and Nevis and the Dominican Republic.

"This competition follows last year's Women's Challenge Series and drills

down on the CFU's commitment to grassroots football generally and the advancement of the women's game specifically. Just under 400 girls from across the Caribbean will get the chance to pit their skills against their counterparts, and this will also foster their growth and development both on and off the football pitch," CFU President Randolph Harris said.

"This competition is also important for us from a developmental perspective, as it gives us the opportunity to appoint budding referees from the respective territories to officiate in the matches. This will shore up their skills and give them some of the much-needed practical experience required to advance to the next tier," President Harris added.



The groups are as follows:

Group 1 Jamaica

- Bermuda
- Cuba
- Jamaica
- Martinique

Group 2 Cayman Islands

- Barbados
- Cayman Islands
- Curacao
- St. Lucia

Group 3 Puerto Rico

- Anguilla
- Bonaire
- Haiti
- Puerto Rico
- Turks and Caicos

Group 4 St. Kitts and Nevis

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Dominica
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Vincent and Grenadines

Group 5 Dominican Republic

- Dominican Republic
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago

Dates and time for local matches

CONCACAF Men's Olympic Qualifiers:

- 24 July 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex:
 - ◻ 7:30pm: Cayman Islands vs. Grenada
- 26 July 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex:
 - ◻ 7:30pm: Grenada vs. Haiti
- 28 July 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex:
 - ◻ 7:00pm: Haiti vs. Cayman Islands

CFU Under 14 Girls Challenge Series:

- 5 August 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex
 - ◻ 5:00pm: St. Lucia vs. Curacao
 - ◻ 7:00pm: Cayman Islands vs. Barbados
- 7 August 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex
 - ◻ 5:00pm: Barbados vs. St. Lucia
 - ◻ 7:00pm: Cayman Islands vs. Curacao
- 9 August 2019 - Truman Bodden Sports Complex
 - ◻ 5:00pm: Barbados vs. St. Lucia
 - ◻ 7:00pm: Cayman Islands vs. St. Lucia

CONCACAF PRELIMINARY MEN'S OLYMPIC QUALIFIERS

JULY 24TH - 28TH 2019

TRUMAN BODDEN SPORTS COMPLEX

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- JULY 26TH: 19:30 GRENADA VS HAITI
- JULY 28TH: 19:00 HAITI VS CAYMAN ISLANDS

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5:00 P.M. ST. LUCIA VS. CURACAO

7:00 P.M. CAYMAN ISLANDS VS. BARBADOS

7 AUGUST 2019 - TRUMAN BODDEN SPORTS COMPLEX

5:00 P.M. BARBADOS VS. ST. LUCIA

7:00 P.M. CAYMAN ISLANDS VS. CURACAO

9 AUGUST 2019 - TRUMAN BODDEN SPORTS COMPLEX

5:00 P.M. CURACAO VS. BARBADOS

7:00 P.M. CAYMAN ISLANDS VS. ST. LUCIA

Archer makes Windies jealous

Of all the reasons for the West Indies poor showing at the 2019 ICC World Cup, the most glaring one must be how they let Jofra Archer get away.

The 24-year-old Barbadian was so frustrated by how badly he felt the Windies selectors treated him as an emerging fast bowling teenager that he changed allegiance and turned to England. And hey presto! He is now a World Cup winner.

England beat New Zealand to win the men's World Cup for the first time after one of the most amazing games of cricket ever played was tied twice at Lord's on Sunday.

Archer was the hero in the bowl off and proved to be one of the world's best throughout the tournament.

Raised in humble beginnings just outside Bridgetown, he was desperate to follow West Indies heroes Courtney Walsh, Curtly Ambrose and Michael Holding and play for his country. And he seemed to be on his way, representing the Windies at Under-19 level three times in 2014.

But when he was snubbed by the senior side for the 2014 Cricket World Cup, Archer, decided to move to the UK - where his father was born - and he soon became a hit with Sussex just two years later.

His meteoric rise has continued this year on the international stage, as Arch-

er's aggressive style has intimidated the world's best batsman.

As a youth, Archer did nothing else but play cricket with his stepdad, Patrick Waithe who would take his adopted son to a pitch next to a graveyard with tennis balls wrapped in tape to mimic the movement of a cricket ball. They played for hours.

Locally, he played for Pickwick Cricket Club - and at home Patrick created a makeshift wicket next to their modest bungalow.

"One day, he just clicked. I was stood facing him in the nets and in four consecutive balls, he clean bowled me," Waithe revealed. "It was like his bowling had been plugged into the mains and 240 volts were running through him."

"Everything just seemed to fall into place. Batting too. One time Jofra got hold of a ball. It was like he hit it into space. I could see this car and knew what was going to happen. Sure enough, it hit the car. The driver got out and I feared the worse, but he was delighted to have been hit by a ball hit by Jofra!"

At 15 Archer wanted to be a wicket-keeper, which is what he did for Christchurch Foundation School. But it was his skinny appearance that hindered his confidence.

However, his former PE teacher Nhamo Winn revealed that a growth spurt



► Jofra Archer is sorely missed by the West Indies

soon helped his protege's talent accelerate.

The West Indies must have rued the day they ignored Archer's ability when his three-wicket haul earlier in the World Cup helped England to an eight-wicket victory.

Before the match, Windies captain Jason Holder, was asked how they felt losing out on the services of Archer. He was dismissive: "But he's English." If Archer needed any more inspiration to dismantle the Windies that was it.

In his formative years, Archer knew he had to leave Barbados to achieve his dreams and try something different.

"It's really hard to get a chance in Barbados," he said. "It's either the first team or no team. There's no second XI, there's no academy really. From under 19 you've just got to try and break into the senior team. It's just a long list."

"I was injured at the time, so I put myself pretty much to the bottom of that list. No one showed much interest, so I just thought I'd try and come to England and give it a couple of years. If it didn't happen I could always go back and try again."

Although his real father was English, and he's a British passport holder, he initially wasn't allowed to play for England until the winter of 2022.

Ancient English Cricket Board rules stated that because he didn't live in England until after his 18th birthday, he would have to complete a seven-year residency period.

However, in November 2018, the ECB announced a change to its rules, reducing the eligibility period to three years to bring it into line with ICC regulations.

Archer made his debut against Ireland in May, then two days later played in the Twenty20 International against Pakistan.

Initially, he wasn't called into England's preliminary squad for the 2019 Cricket World Cup.

That decision prompted cricket legend Andrew Flintoff to say at the time he would drop "anyone" from the squad to include Archer.

However, when the final 15-man squad was announced - the new boy was in it, and it was possibly the best decision England's selectors made this summer.

In an emotional and electric final at Lord's, both sides scored 241 in their 50 overs and were level on 15 when they batted for an extra over apiece.

It meant England were crowned world champions by scoring more boundary fours and sixes - 26 to New Zealand's 17 - in the entire match. 🌐



► Ben Stokes was the England hero

Hamilton steers towards sixth world title

Lewis Hamilton confirmed that he is one of the greatest drivers ever after taking a record sixth British Grand Prix victory in a thrilling race featuring a crash between Max Verstappen and Sebastian Vettel. Hamilton is well clear in the championship and looks set for a sixth world title.

Hamilton's victory extends his championship lead to 39 points at the halfway point of the championship, but the discussion will focus on Vettel, and what many will perceive as another error in the heat of battle - the latest in a series over the past year. 🌐



► Lewis Hamilton won for British title for the sixth time

Williams still wants grand slam records

Serena Williams is being written off to win more grand slams after her annihilation by Simona Halep in the Wimbledon final on Saturday, but even with her 38th birthday approaching, the resilient American still has a lot to offer elite tennis.

Halep beat Williams for only the second time in 11 encounters and became the first Romanian woman to win the coveted title. For Williams, it was a chance not only to equal Margaret Court's record of 24 grand slam singles titles, but to silence the critics who have questioned her form since her return to the sport at the end of 2017, after giving birth to daughter Olympia.

This was her 11th Wimbledon final (seven wins). Indeed, she had broken two records before even walking out on Centre Court: becoming the oldest finalist in the open era at 37 years and 290 days and achieving the longest gap between a first and most recent final - 18 years, surpassing Martina Navratilova's 16.

But she could not achieve the record that mattered to her most, as she lost to Halep in just 56 minutes. Now the question is, will she ever?

When Williams was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Angelique Kerber last year, she was already being written off as too old. Her openness about the challenge of parenthood was praised and she was rightly held up as a champion for working women everywhere. As Patrick Mouratoglou, her coach, said last week: "She



► Serena Williams is fading at 37 but still competitive

could have stayed at home, become a mother, start a second life. She decided to make an incredible effort to come back."

This year, Williams appeared fitter and leaner. She was 17 when she won her first slam; the US Open in 1999. Her 2019 has been plagued by injury - the persistent knee problem that meant that she only had 12 matches under her belt coming into Wimbledon. A convenient excuse? Only four players out of the 127 in the women's draw had played fewer, and none of them came within touching distance of the Venus Rosewater Dish. 🌐

Giannis promises Bucks he'll stay

Giannis Antetokounmpo will remember the summer of 2019 as full of firsts.

The Milwaukee Bucks superstar won his first Kia NBA MVP award, released his first signature sneaker with Nike and won his first ESPY Award for Best Male Athlete of the Year.

But despite all this hoopla, the 24-year-old Greek remains focused on improving his skills on the court. Despite all his success, he insists he has only achieved 60 percent of his potential.

Antetokounmpo averaged career-highs with 27.7 points, 12.5 rebounds, 5.9 assists, 1.5 blocks and 1.3 steals over 72 games during the regular season. With Antetokounmpo leading the way, Milwaukee won an NBA-best 60 games and started the playoffs 10-1 before losing four straight games to the Toronto Raptors in the East finals.

If Antetokounmpo had his way, the Bucks would have had a chance to re-

deem themselves against Kawhi Leonard and the Raptors this upcoming season. But that won't be possible after Leonard decided to sign with the LA Clippers this summer.

The 2019-20 season will be critical for the Bucks as Antetokounmpo is eligible to sign a super-max extension with the team next summer. He has been clear that contending for championships is his biggest goal and he sees no reason to do it away from Milwaukee.

"My goal is going to stay the same: It's get better, take it day by day, step by step, and the ultimate goal is to win a championship," Antetokounmpo said. "As long as that we are all on the same page and we are all focused on that goal, why not play for the Bucks 20 years, why not play 25 years? Why not, after playing, be a member of the coaching staff or a member of the front office? But we got to have the same goal. We got



► Giannis Antetokounmpo is dedicated to the Bucks

to have the same principles. ... We got to focus on winning a championship.

"I want to be a part of a winning team. As long as we have the same mindset

and same approach to the game, there's no reason for me to move and not be like Steph Curry, not like be like Dirk Nowitzki or Kobe Bryant or Tim Duncan." 🌐

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By **THOMAS JOSEPH**

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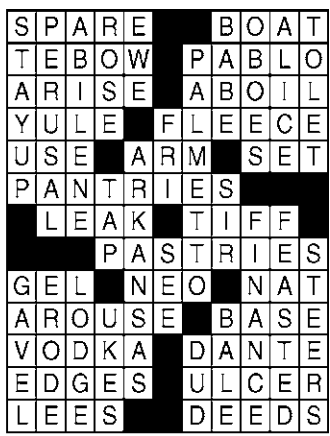
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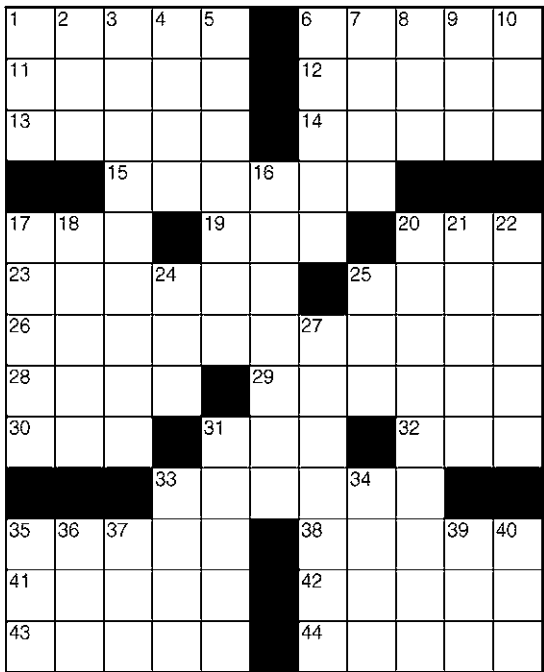
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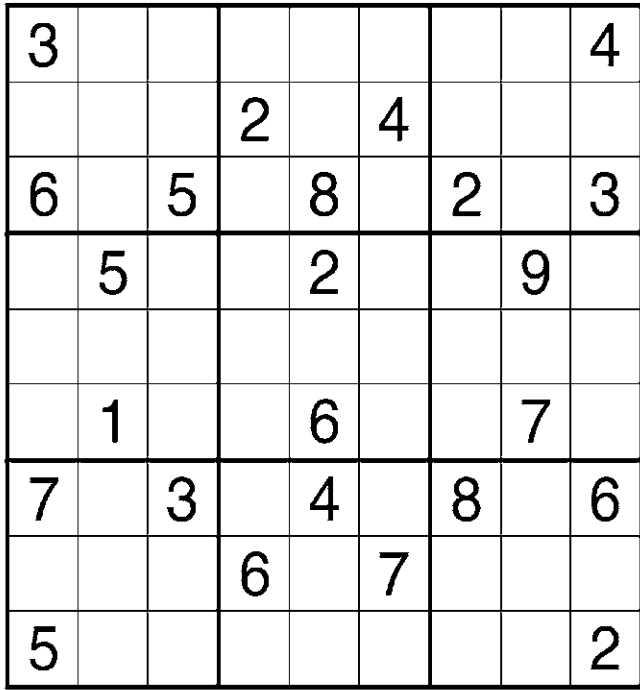
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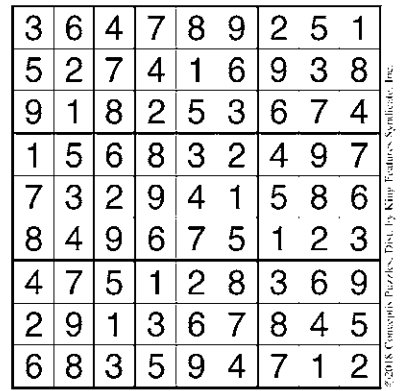
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