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Highlighting the need for Gender Equality



► Family Resource Centre staff at last year's Honouring Women Month Captain Marvel film premier (Photo by Elphina Jones, GIS)

The Family Resource Centre (FRC) is currently hosting a diverse programme of events and activities to celebrate Honouring Women Month (HWM). This year's theme is #EachforEqual, as an equal world is an enabled world.

"2020's theme emphasises that our individual actions, conversations and behaviours CAN bring about change, and challenges each of us to do what we can to make a positive difference for women in our community," said FRC

Programmes Coordinator Charmaine Miller.

"Through our collective efforts, we can help to create a gender equal society

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A touch of whimsy at The Ritz-Carlton

By Lindsey Turnbull

The opening night of a new art show at The Ritz-Carlton Art Gallery was well attended last week, a collaboration of 61 local artists featuring around 300 pieces including paintings, photographs, sculpture, mixed-media artwork and more, all celebrated un-

der the collective theme of 'Whimsical Cayman'.

The featured artist of the show is Renate Seffer, a well-established local artist whose use of bold strokes, colourful palette and whimsical and often humorous studies of everyday life are

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► Mike Seffer, Chris Christian, Renate Seffer, Kaydia Gouldbourne, Jason Kennedy and Jerome Wilson at the opening night

Virus causing havoc on stock markets



► An Italian arriving at Lagos Airport took the virus to Nigeria

Global stock markets suffered their worst week since the financial crisis of 2008 because of the growing spread of the coronavirus – and the predictions are that it will get worse before improving.

Calculations are that global investors have lost \$6 trillion since Monday as markets priced in the threat of a global recession. Oil-rich countries are considering deep production cuts reflecting the expected impact on global economic activity.

Hopes that the coronavirus would be contained to China have vanished as

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Cabinet approves travel restrictions to manage the threat of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19)



try transmission of COVID-19 should consider the need for the journey and whether it might be postponed or re-organised. At this time, the Ministry of Health recommends only essential travel between Cayman and the following countries because the World Health Organization reports that they have had five or more cases where exposure to COVID-19 has occurred within country:

- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Iran
- Italy
- Japan
- Macau
- Republic of Korea
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- United Arab Emirates
- Viet Nam

Cabinet today issued Regulations to control the entry of persons to the Cayman Islands who have a travel history to mainland China under the Public Health Law (2002 Revision). Visitors who have been in China in the preceding fourteen days will be denied entry – which is a restriction in line with many of our regional neighbours.

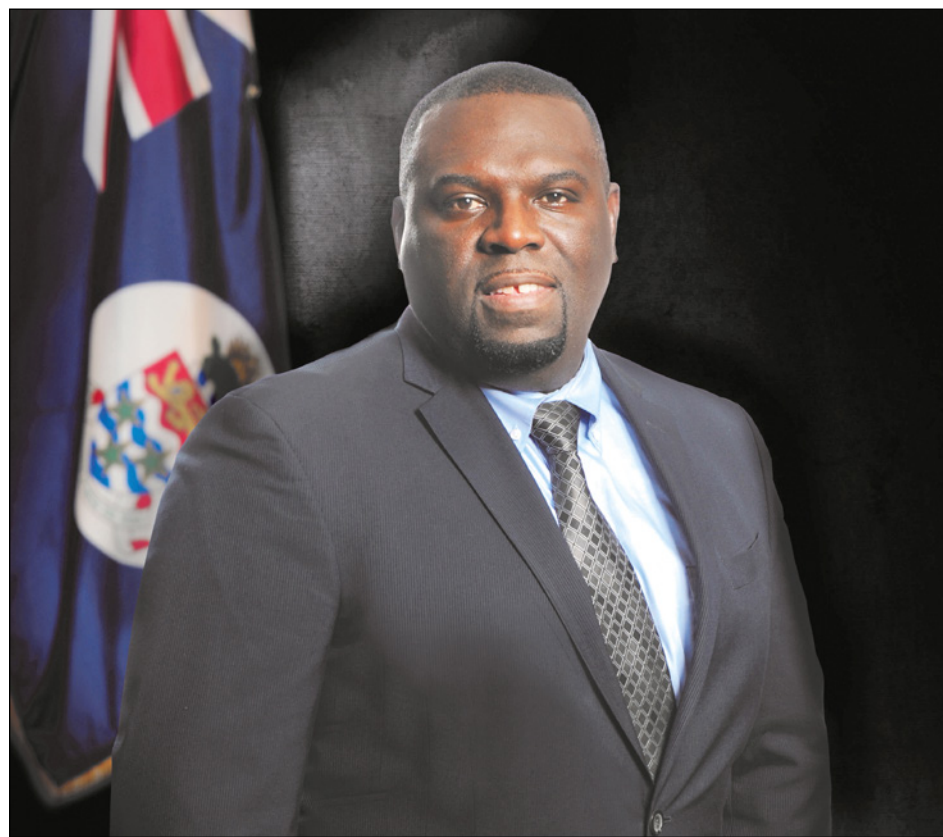
Returning residents who have travelled to mainland China will be quarantined under the direction of the Medical Officer of Health. At this time this is likely to be in the traveller's home.

The Ministry of Health and the Public Health Department also issue travel advice that the public should avoid all but essential travel to mainland China until there is a measureable change in the global situation and the ban lifted.

Additionally, people travelling to countries with significant in-coun-

Persons who have returned from this or any other area where there is a risk of COVID-19, within the last 14 days, should advise Public Health immediately if they have a cough, or fever or shortness of breath.

Minister for Health, Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP, MLA said, "As always, our first priority is to keep Caymanians and



► Minister for Health, Hon Dwayne Seymour, JP, MLA

residents safe and mitigate any public health threat expeditiously.

The ban will take immediate effect and the intention of this announcement

is to give clear notice to travellers, businesses and organisations that may be affected. Rest assured that border control measures to screen passengers on all flights and vessels from mainland China and for people who have been in, or transited through, mainland China in the past 14 days will be on-going.

I want to continue to remind the public to be vigilant and to assure the people of the Cayman Islands that we are prepared for this threat to global health."

Public health officials are reminding arriving passengers, if they have symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness, to seek medical attention and share their travel history with their healthcare provider, even if arriving from countries where fewer cases have occurred.

Common symptoms of the COVID-19 infection include shortness of breath and cough, along with flu-like symptoms and fever.

Residents are being reminded to "be in the know" about COVID-19 when traveling abroad and to practice general infection control measures such as:

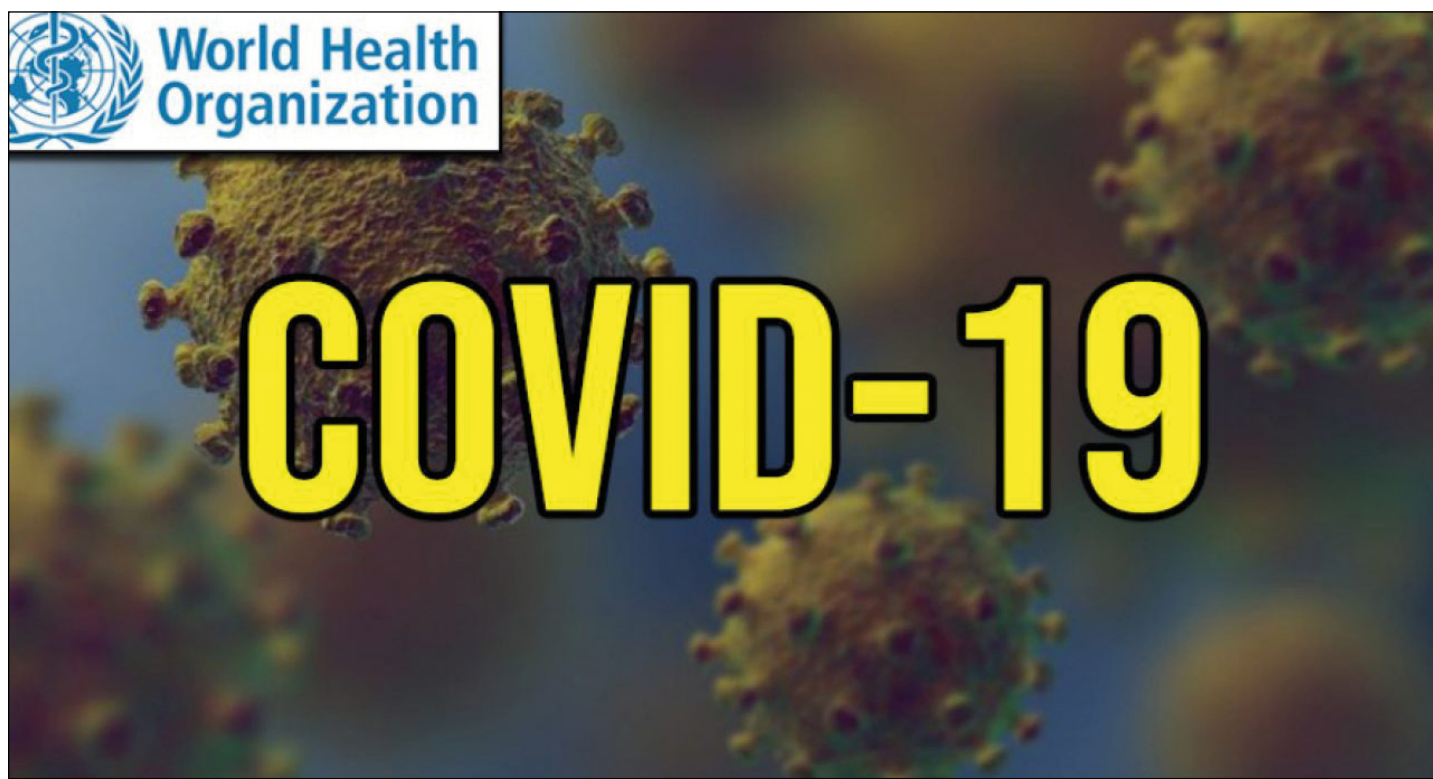
- frequent hand cleansing with soap and water or an alcohol based hand sanitizer
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- avoiding close contact with people suffering from acute respiratory infections, and
- avoiding unprotected contact with farm or wild animals when travelling.

The Ministry of Health, Public Health officials and the management of the Health Services Authority confirm that at this time there are no cases of the coronavirus COVID-19 in the country.

Public Health officials and the management of the Health Services Authority continues to assure the public of their capability to manage any imported cases of the coronavirus and continue to activate national contingency plans as needed.

Cabinet has also approved funding for the H.S.A. for the preparation and implementation of a coronavirus (COVID-19) treatment unit.

For further information on the coronavirus (COVID-19) please contact the Public Health Department on 244-2621 or visit <https://www.hsa.ky/public-health/coronavirus/>.





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Commencement of Standards in Public Life Law

On 25 February 2020 His Excellency the Governor Martyn Roper, OBE signed the Commencement Order for the Standards in Public Life Law, 2014 ("the Law") and the Standards in Public Life (Amendment) Law, 2016 ("the Amendment Law"), as well as the Standards in Public Life Regulations, 2020 ("the Regulations") to officially commence on 1 and 2 March 2020 respectively.

The Law is divided into eight parts with the main sections aimed at establishing and promoting standards in public life (including the introduction of measures to prevent conflicts of interest); the establishment of a Register of Interests; directions on the appointment, responsibilities and compensation of board members; and the introduction of powers of investigation. The Law ensures that conflicts of interest are properly addressed and contributes towards a sound infrastructure of good governance, therefore reducing the opportunity for corruption. The commencement of the Law, Amendment Law and Regulations will provide the Commission with the power needed to meet its constitutional mandates to supervise the operation of registers and to investigate breaches of established standards in public life.

Standards in Public Life

The Law adopts the Nolan Principles, the seven principles to be adhered to by persons in public life: Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership. It sets out a procedure for dealing with possible or perceived conflicts of interest with respect to any matter that comes up for discussion during the course of their duties. The Nolan Principles are set out in Schedule 2 of the Law.

Register of Interests

The Law will repeal and replace the Register of Interest Law, 1996 ("the ROI Law"). As a result, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, as the Registrar appointed under the ROI Law, will transfer declarations previously submitted in accordance with the ROI Law to the Commission following which the Commission will inform declarants of this transfer.

The Law will extend the scope of persons to whom disclosure provisions will apply. Now classified as "persons in public life", all public officers holding the post of Heads of Departments, Sections, Units or higher (as well as their Deputies and those acting in those positions) will submit annual declarations. Further, board members of statutory authorities (as defined by the Law), government companies and constitutionally created commissions will be required to complete a declaration. The Law still covers candidates nominated for election, as well as elected and Official Members of the LA and the Speaker.

Annual Declarations

Annual declarations (or more regularly if there are changes to be declared) from persons in public life shall (subject to the caveat below) include, in relation to herself/himself and any member of the person's immediate family, details relating to:

- (a) shareholdings and directorships held in any company or other corporate body;
- (b) any contract made with any public entity;
- (c) any company, partnership or association in which money is invested;
- (d) any trust;
- (e) any land, whether beneficial or otherwise;
- (f) any investment fund in which an interest is held;
- (g) sources of income other than a salary or money from other perquisites of office;
- (h) other substantial interest whether of a pecuniary nature or not, which raise or may appear to raise a material conflict of interest; and
- (i) any loan, secured or non-secured, **other than** from any institution regulated under "regulatory laws" as defined by section 2 of the Monetary Authority Law.

The Law **does not** require the disclosure of the actual amount or extent of any financial benefit, contribution or interests by anyone.

In relation to the referenced caveat above, where:

- a. a person in public life holds property or manages anything on behalf of any connected person, the person in public life shall so state in the decla-

ration but shall not be required to disclose the terms on which the property is held; or

- b. a connected person holds property or manages anything on behalf of a person in public life, the person in public life shall so state in the declaration but shall not be required to disclose the terms on which the property is held.

Filings by Board Members

Board members of statutory authorities, government companies and constitutionally created commissions shall not be required to include any details in their declaration unless there is a possible or perceived conflict with the person's functions on the entity to which the person is appointed arising out of such interests, income, assets or liabilities as described above. The onus of making true and accurate filings is on the declarant.

Retention and Inspection of Declarations

The Commission will enter into the Register of Interests all declarations made under the Law and will retain all declarations for a period of at least five years. Members of the public who wish to inspect the Register may do so at the offices of the Commissions Secretariat at 67 Fort Street, 2nd Floor Artemis House during normal working hours.

Offences and Penalties Relating to Declarations and Reports of Alleged Breaches

Failure to submit a declaration, making of a false declaration, or refusal to provide requested information (without reasonable cause) may render persons in public life liable to penalties ranging from one hundred dollars for each day in default to, on summary conviction a fine of ten thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of two years, or to both.

Members of the public who wish to allege a breach of the Law may do so in writing, providing the facts in support of the allegation and providing any evidence in their possession. Knowingly making a false or misleading statement to the Commission, however, is an of-



fence for which, upon summary conviction, a fine of twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisonment for a term of two years, or to both, may be imposed.

Power of Investigation

The Law provides the Commission with the power to appoint Investigators and/or investigate breaches of the Law by persons in public life. Such investigations may result as a consequence of the Commission's own initiative or from an allegation made by any member of the public. These powers mirror that of the Grand Court with respect to summoning of witnesses, requiring the production of reports, documents, and other relevant information, although the Commission may also take any other actions necessary or expedient for the purpose of carrying out its functions. The production of these additional reports, documents, etc. are subject to protection and shall not be disclosed except in the limited circumstances set out in the Law.

Persons who fail or refuse to comply with a requirement made by the Commission in accordance with its powers to investigate a suspected breach, or who give to the Commission false or misleading information, commit an offence and are liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term of two years, or to both. Following the conduct of an enquiry the Commission may refer matters to the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and the Director of Public Prosecutions. Whistleblowers are provided with the same protections as detailed in the Freedom of Information Law.

Appointment, Responsibilities and Compensation of Boards

The Law provides guidance to Cabinet on appointing board members to ensure that each board has the skills, knowledge and integrity to carry out the duties required of the position in a highly competent and politically neutral manner, and provides guidance on the handling of conflicts of interests as they arise during the business and decision-making of the board. The Law allows for the removal of board members in instances of incapacitation due to physical or mental illness, inability or unfitness to discharge duties, unsuitability, conflict of interest, absence from 3 consecutive meetings without consent/permission of the chairman of that board and failure to comply with the requirements of the Law.

Members of the Legislative Assembly

Where a Member contravenes the Law, such contravention may constitute contempt of the Legislative Assembly for which the Assembly may order the Member's suspension from sitting and voting in the Assembly for such period as the Assembly determines.

The Commission is in the process of developing instructions for the completion and submission of declarations. Further information will be released to the public through the media and on the Commission's website. For more information please visit www.standardsinpubliclifecommission.ky

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a brilliant springboard that sets the stage for the entire exhibition.

The opening night took place on Tuesday 25th February, where artists and selected guests were able to view the first preview of the artwork, created by popular well-known artists as well as some younger artists new to Cayman's art scene looking for the chance to show off their talents.

"We could not ask for a better mix of artists," Chris Christian, Director at The Ritz-Carlton Art Gallery, said. "We have been fortunate to secure the talents of some amazing artists such as Nasaria Chollette, Al Ebanks, Gordon Solomon, Jason Kennedy, Christel Ibsen and Lorna Griggs, and they are showcasing their work alongside our new talent such as Elena McDonough, Gillis Welcome, and Andrew Christian."

Chris says that Renate's artwork takes centre stage at the exhibition.

"We like to rotate the featured artist slot among our established artists and this time it is Renate's art work that is at the centre of the exhibition. Renate's colourful paintings are always instantly recognisable and highly collectable. Her signature style often uses abstract expressionism to explore everyday scenes, such as a day at the beach or drinking from coconuts under the shade of a tree. They are always easy on the eye and are a great contemporary reflection of life in the Cayman Islands."

New talent

Chris confirmed that an important part of the show is giving new artists the opportunity to show alongside well-known artists.


"It allows them to receive critique from more established artist and also from the public," he advised. "Our new artists then gain a better understanding of how their artwork influences others and an appreciation of how people respond to it."

While The Ritz-Carlton Art Gallery is a commercial enterprise and

all artwork is for sale, Chris advised that the Gallery is very much committed to exposing new and up coming artists to this kind of experience, as well as providing a fantastic venue for more established local artists to showcase their work.

"That's part of my job as the Gallery's curator, to ensure that the artwork we showcase is a great blend of established artists and up and coming artists, using all sorts of mediums, paintings, photography, sculpture, mixed media, resin pourings, among others," Chris advised. "In this way we can offer viewers a broad range of artistic talent."

Artists featured in this new exhibition are: Al Ebanks, Alejandro Max Padilla, Alton Hussey, Andrew Christian, Anshula Singh, Carley Jackson, Cathy Church, Charmaine Delas Alas, Chris Christian, Chris Duty, Christel Ibsen, Cj Viggers, Courtney Platt, Elena Bozinovska, Elena McDonough, Fayona Barnes, Fiona Macfarlane, Gill McDonald, Gillis Welcome, Gordon Solomon, Jason Kennedy, Jerome Wilson, Jim Hellemn, John Clark, John Reno Jackson, Julie Corsetti, June Marie Robinson, Kai Parham, Kay Smith, Kaydia Gouldbourne, Kerry-Ann Brown, Kersean Ewers, Kerwin Ebanks, Kimberly Reve, Kylie Christian, Langley Ebanks, Laurel Schmid, Leemar Ebanks, Levin Vallo, Lorna Griggs, Lorna Reid, Marcia Codner, Mary Mctaggart Yates, Maureen Lazarus, Melody Protacio, Miguel Powery, Monte Lee Thornton, Nasaria Chollette, Pamela Kelly, Patricia Nicholson, Patrick Broderick, Randy Chollete, Renate Seffer, Ruby Marr, Shane Dready, Shilpa Tagalpallewar, Stephen Myers, Susannah Snowden-Smith, Tessa Hydes, Villence Buchanan, and Yonier Powery.

The exhibition will remain up for about six months, with a new exhibition opening in November of this year. Everyone is encouraged to view the exhibition and think about purchasing a piece that will go a long way to supporting local art in Cayman. 



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Honouring Women Month Highlights Need for Gender Equality

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that research has proven will be healthier, wealthier and more harmonious," she added.

HWM began with the campaign's church service at the Agape Family Worship Centre on Sunday, 1. The remaining HWM calendar is as follows:

- Friday, 6 - **HWM Dress for a Cause Photo Opportunity**, Government Administration Building front steps, 9.10 a.m. assembly for 9.15 a.m. shoot
- Sunday, 8 - **HWM International Women's Day Brunch** with US Keynote Speaker and entertainment, Kimpton Seafire Resort, 11a.m. - 2 p.m. - Tickets \$125 pp/table for 10 available, email IWD@gov.ky
- Sunday, 15 - **Colour Me Purple 5K Run/Walk**, SafeHaven, 6.30 a.m. Register at www.caymanactive.com/registrations/purple
- Wednesday, 25 - **Empowering Women Through Employability** (hosted in partnership with the Ministry of Community Affairs' Gender Affairs Unit), Family Resource Centre, Apollo House West, 87 Mary Street, 5.30 p.m.
- Tuesday, 31 - **HWM Closing Reception**, Government House, 6.30 p.m. (invitation only).

"Planned and coordinated by the Family Resource Centre in the Department of Counselling Services, the Honouring Women Month events are being assisted by the generous support of the Ministry of Health, Environment, Culture and Housing in partnership with the Ministry of Community Affairs' Gender Affairs Unit, and private stakeholders," noted the Department's Director Judith Seymour.

"While we focus on promoting gender equality during our March celebrations, the Department works throughout the year to provide services and programmes to empower women and strengthen families in our community. The engagement of our partners and the participation by the broader community in the various HWM events will provide much-needed support to sustain these efforts that make a tangible difference in women's lives," she added.

Minister for Health, Environment, Culture and Housing, Hon. Dwayne Seymour, who gave remarks at the observance's church service on Sunday said: "Honouring Women Month presents our community with a wonderful opportunity to redouble its efforts to not just talk about achieving gender balance but to act to further that goal. Government



► Last year's Honouring Women Month Brunch attracted a capacity crowd (Photo by Elphina Jones, GIS)

as the largest employer in the Cayman Islands is committed to advancing women's right.

"We'd like to invite everyone to take part in one or more of the HWM events, as equality for everyone will

lead to a level playing field for all," he concluded.

For further details, visit the FRC's Facebook page, the Department of Counselling Services' website dcs.gov.ky or call 949-0006 or email frc@gov.ky

Social Work Month Will Raise Awareness

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) will focus on highlighting the primary importance of social workers past and present this month to celebrate Social Workers Month.

"Our theme this year is 'Social Workers Generations Strong,' said DCFS Director Paulinda Mendoza-Williams.

"The department will engage the public by organising events around the theme, which show how the profession has transformed to better serve the community. These events will not only reinforce all the work done by our staff and private sector social work professionals but will acknowledge the value and importance of our local social work pioneers," she stated.

Chief Officer for Ministry of Community Affairs Teresa Echenique said: "Social work practitioners are the backbone of a community-focused society. As such, their work should be acknowledged and this month's observance supports that. DCFS has highly specialised Elderly Services, Family, Youth, Adoption and Fostering and M.A.S.H (Multi-Agency Support Hub) teams; as well as our District Community Officers, all of whom provide quality care and a range of services to meet the needs of individuals and families throughout the Cayman Islands. These teams also work closely with several other agencies and companies, both in the public and private sector. The fact that they manage heavy caseloads, meet demanding social needs and comply with increasing protocols, while receiving relatively little recognition, is a testament to the dedication and commitment of our social work teams," she concluded.

Social Work Month opened with a Thanksgiving church service at New Testament Church of God, East End. This month will also showcase the Cayman Islands a social work pioneers photo exhibition: "Social Workers Generations Strong," Monday, 9 to Tuesday, 31; 1st floor exhibition space Government Administration Building, 8.30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

World Social Work Day (WSWD) on Tuesday, 17 will feature two activities that the public are invited to attend. The first is the WSWD Dress for a Cause photo opportunity on the steps of the Government Administration Building, 9.10 a.m. assembly for 9.15 a.m. shoot. Attendees are asked to wear a splash of orange. DCFS will also host a Social Work Month Discussion Panel, to discuss "The Evolution of Social Work Practice in the Cayman Islands", at Constitution Hall, 4.30 p.m.

For further information, call DCFS at 949-0290 or visit the DCFS Facebook page.



► March is Social Work Month (Photo by Elphina Jones, GIS)



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► Creek and Spot Bay Primary



► High School Choir

CAYMAN BRAC NCFA GALA

By Shakir Khan

If there's an event that stirs great excitement and anticipation on Cayman Brac, it's the NCFA GALA SHOW. It's an event that reveals the abundance and variety of talent that is existent on the island. This year, 2020, was no different as on Thursday 20th February, the Aston Ratty Centre's auditorium was packed to capacity with family and friends to witness the event. Gracing the occasion with her presence was the Minister for Education, Hon. Mrs. Julianna O'Connor Connolly.

Commencing just before 7p.m. Mrs. Cassandra Salazar, the High School's Music teacher welcomed everyone and trusted that they will enjoy the show. Ms. Stephanie Williams, Music teacher for the Primary Schools then introduced the M.C. for the night, the veteran Mr. Mark Knowlton.

"I can't believe it but this is the 38th annual NCFA GALA. I am thrilled to have been a part of this over the years and from what I have been told, tonight's show is going to be exceptional," said Mark. His remarks were followed by prayer by Pastor Chambers.

The High School's steel pan band got things off to a rollicking start with two

melodious items. So sweet was the rhythm that children and adults alike joined in with cheering and dancing. It was especially eye catching to see how the children were enjoying themselves to the strains of the steel pan sounds.

The performances presented were in music, folk, dance, recitation, drama and dialect. This year, instead of highlighting only the Gold and Silver pieces, performers were drawn from other categories to ensure a proper representation of what took place during the adjudicating sessions. Each item received thunderous applause and calls for encore from certain items could be heard from the audience.

There were some eye-catching performances according to those in attendance. 10 Green bottles by Deah Tatum from Little Cayman Educational Services, was well cheered. The dance presentation from Samaya Ritch of Creek and Spot Bay Primary School was one that received the greatest raves. It was scintillating indeed. Then there was a marvellous recitation by Yzara Ebanks from the High School titled, "The Monster In The Classroom." Kids may now be looking out for that monster in the classroom. Another piece that had the audience holding their breath was the item "



► High School Steel Pan Band

Happiest Man Alive," on the steel pan by Taygan MacFarlane, from West End Primary School. "Rice Gwan," a dialect piece from Suwayne Watson of C&SB Primary School captivated the audience. Ashlee Walton of the High School, rendered the song, "The Only One," She had the crowd in hushed silence as they took in her performance that was soothing to the heart.

Mr. Paul Samuels, the new Principal of the WEPS, closed this exceptional with the Vote of Thanks. "What an array of fine talent displayed tonight. Cayman Brac is in good hands. Thanks to all who made the event spectacular and enjoyable."

The Gala concluded just around 8:30 p.m.



► West End Primary School Choir



► Attendees at the event

The Peter N Thomson Family Foundation Scholars announced

On February 24, 2020, The University College of the Cayman Islands (UCCI) announced the Peter N Thomson Family Foundation- UCCI Spring 2020 Scholars. Ten young Caymanians will continue to pursue their Associate or Bachelor studies at UCCI without having to worry about financial aid.

The Peter N Thomson Family Foundation - UCCI Scholarship is designed to recruit and support students who are driven to improve the Cayman Islands in areas including, but not limited to: liberal arts, social sciences, and/or the sciences. Each scholar receives up to CI\$2,500 financial aid to cover tuition, fees, books, and supplies.

The Peter N Thomson Family Foundation - UCCI Scholarship is renewable each year up to a two-year period for Associate degrees or up to a four-year period for a Bachelor's degree. The scholarship is available for students in need of financial aid, such students are required to maintain a minimum 2.5 grade point average (GPA) at the Bachelor's level and 2.25 at the associate's level to complete their tertiary studies at UCCI in the Spring 2020 Semester.

"The late Peter N Thomson's vision was to push education in Cayman and also in the Bahamas. His son Peter A Thomson, former Caribbean Utilities Company (CUC) CEO, and daughter Patricia Thomson-Leonard's mission is to deliver on this vision with the launch of Peter N Thomson Family foundation in 2018. The foundation was impressed with UCCI's vision and is an institution they want to continue to support. This is the first class and next generation of great Caymanians of many to come," said Mr. Wayne Ross representing the Peter N Thomson Family foundation.

"The scholarship programme empowers young Caymanian minds with higher education studies at UCCI so that they can become influential leaders in the Cayman Islands to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the islands," said Dr. Stacy McAfee, President and CEO at UCCI.



► Hon Julianna O'Connor-Connolly, Minister of Education, Youth, Sports, Agriculture and Lands; Dr. Stacy McAfee, President and CEO of UCCI; Wayne Ross, Representative of the Peter N Thomson Family Foundation, (Centre), Mr. Mark Scotland, JP, Chairman of UCCI Board (End). Student recipients: Somali Thompson, Johnathan Page, Mauricea Lawson, Mauricea Lawson, Andre Mena-Hebbert, Yisel Masso Perez, Tison Maitland-Ebanks, Michael James Mullings, Mya Dunkley, Drasen Harris and Melisa Mckenzie.

The Peter N Thomson - UCCI Spring 2020 Scholars pursuing an Associate or Bachelor degree are: Somali Thompson - Associates of Science in Sciences (AS), Johnathan Page - Associates of Science in Computer Science (AA), Mauricea Lawson - Associates of Science in Computer Science (AA), Andre Mena-Hebbert - Associates of Science in Computer Science (AA), Yisel Masso Perez - Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Tison Maitland-Ebanks - Associates in Hospitality Management

(AAS), Michael James Mullings- Associates of Science in Computer Science (AA), Mya Dunkley - Bachelor of Science in Social Work, Drasen Harris - Associates in Social Studies (AA), Melisa Mckenzie - Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

For more information on the scholarship, please visit UCCI's website at <https://www.ucci.edu.ky/PNT/scholarship> or call the UCCI Student Life office at 623-0530 to apply for next term's scholarship.

Virus causing havoc on stock markets

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the first case in sub-Saharan Africa was announced in Nigeria on Friday, spread by an Italian who travelled to Lagos. It has killed more than 2,800 people and infected more than 84,000 worldwide so far.

US and European stock markets continued their dramatic slide on Friday as investors rapidly stopped committing to riskier assets amid the global coronavirus outbreak.

In the US, the S&P 500 stock index was 1.2 percent lower four hours into trading. Earlier in the day it had briefly fallen into so-called correction territory – a fall of more 10 percent since its peak last week.

The Nasdaq was down 1.5 percent while the Dow Jones had slipped 1.2 percent. Both had recovered some ground since morning trading.

The falls were steeper in Europe, where the UK's FTSE 100 index finished 3.5 percent lower, with a dispute with the European Union over a future trading relationship also denting shares. The FTSE had slipped below the correction mark at its lowest point in the session.

Germany's Dax index ended the day 3.2 percent lower, while the pan-European Stoxx 600 fell 3.8 per cent.

The stock market routs – many of them the sixth straight day of falls – came as coronavirus spread rapidly outside China. The death toll in Italy, Europe's worst-affected country, rose

to 14. Sporting events around the world are being cancelled or postponed and there is a deep fear that the Tokyo Olympics will not go ahead in the summer if the outbreak is not tempered soon.

Governments have responded by locking down whole regions while flights, supply chains and businesses have been impacted, raising fears the global economy is in meltdown.

An International Monetary Fund (IMF) spokesman said the organisation was likely to downgrade its growth projections for the world. The IMF had already said China's growth would likely be 0.4 percent lower this year than originally thought, at 5.4 percent.

Ritu Vohora, equities investment director at M&G Investments, said: "The coronavirus outbreak has replaced trade wars as the dark storm bearing on markets."

"This is no longer just an Asia issue. The virus has spread to Italy, South Korea and Iran and there are fears this could develop into a global pandemic."



► Nasdaq shares have plummeted

The World Health Organization has not yet used the term pandemic, but its director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said the spike in cases was "deeply concerning" as the virus spread to 44 countries outside China.

On Thursday, Wall Street suffered its biggest one-day slump on record, shedding 1,190 points as the Dow Jones industrial average went into freefall again.

This week's Geneva motor show became the latest major international business event to be cancelled after the Swiss government imposed a ban on gatherings of more than 1,000 people. In the UK, the law firm Baker McKenzie shut its London office and sent more than 1,000 staff home after a possible coronavirus case was detected.

Following warnings from economic analysts that the virus could take a toll akin to the 2008 financial crisis, the Bank of England governor, Mark Carney, cautioned on Thursday that UK growth could be hindered by the drag effect the outbreak was having on global trade.

"We would expect world growth would be lower than it otherwise

would be, and that has a knock-on effect on the UK," said Carney, who is due to hand over leadership of the Bank to Andrew Bailey on 15 March. "We're not picking that up yet at all in the European and UK economic indicators but if the world is slower than the UK, a very open economy, will have an impact."

Carney said on TV that "it was impossible to be precise about the severity or the duration of the effect, but the direction is down".

Oil prices reached a 13-month low last week and any slowdown in economic activity would weigh even heavier on prices, adding to pressure to cut output to balance supply and demand.

Saudi Arabia, the largest producer, is expected to discuss with fellow OPEC members such as Iran and Iraq whether plans to cut production should be ramped up from 600,000 barrels per day to one million.

The combined value of companies listed on stock markets around the world has plunged so much since the Covid-19 outbreak began in January, in the city of Wuhan in China's Hubei province, that if the outbreak is not stopped soon this could lead to the worst global recession in history, analysts predict.



► The Geneva Auto Show has been cancelled

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Trinidad Police Officers Charged with Child Trafficking, Supporting Gangs, and Other Crimes

Two police officers are among three people scheduled to appear in court today charged with trafficking a child for the purpose of exploitation, under Section 18 of the Trafficking in Persons Act.

The lawmen – 47-year-old Acting Inspector Rajesh Gookool and Acting Sergeant Richard Lalbeharry, 43 – both of whom were last attached to the Central Division, were also charged with receiving a benefit knowing that it resulted from the offence of trafficking in a child, supporting a gang in the commission of gang-related activity, and misbehaviour in public office.

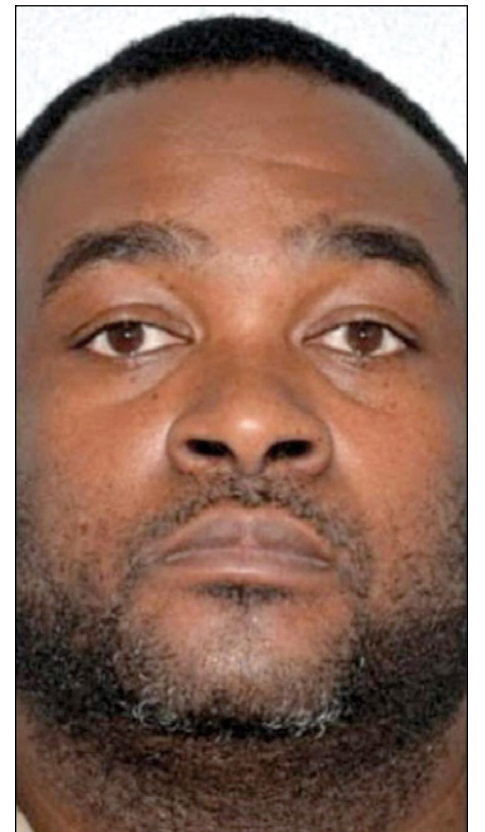
Inspector Gookool was additionally charged with sexual penetration of a child.

The third accused, 39-year-old bar manager Matthew Ross, also faces a charge of supporting a gang in the commission of gang-related activity.

A statement from the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) said the three men were among four suspects arrested by officers of a Special Task Force put together by Commissioner of Police Gary Griffith, in conjunction with the Counter-Trafficking Unit, during an anti-crime exercise conducted in the Central Division last Friday.



► Acting Inspector Rajesh Gookool (right) and Acting Sergeant Richard Lalbeharry (left) have been charged with serious crimes. (Photos: TTPS)



► The third accused, Matthew Ross.

The accused were suspected of trafficking in persons, mainly minors, from

Venezuela. Police said investigations are continuing in the matter.

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Tobago Student Cleared of Coronavirus After Return From China

A Tobagonian who was hospitalized after developing a fever, days after returning from China, has tested negative for the new Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The confirmation from the Tobago House of Assembly's Division of Health, Wellness and Family Development came after rumours began circulating on social media that COVID-19 had reached the twin-island republic's shores.

The THA said in a statement issued yesterday evening that samples of blood, urine and nasal swabs taken from the female student – who had spent several months in China where more than 2,700 people have already died of the virus – tested negative.

When the student, who had been in China on a scholarship, arrived at the ANR Robinson International Airport last Friday evening, she was immediately isolated from all other passengers, interviewed and examined by port health officials.

The clinical team that examined her found that she was in good health at the time, but in keeping with government's policy that nationals returning from China be quarantined and monitored at their home, the student was taken directly home by health officials and kept under 24/7 guard.

However, she was admitted to Scarborough General Hospital two days later with a low-grade fever and samples taken from her were sent to the Caribbean Public Health Agency lab in Trinidad.

"Since admission to the hospital, the individual had no fever or symptoms of COVID-19," the Division said in its statement yesterday.

The student will continue to be monitored by health officials for the remaining nine days of the required 14-day home quarantine.

COVID-19, which was first discovered in Wuhan, the capital of the central Chi-



nese province of Hubei, has infected 80,980 globally and nearly 3,000 have died.

A 61-year-old man in Brazil was today confirmed as the first known COVID-19 case in Latin America.

UN Study: One in Three Venezuelans Not Getting Enough to Eat

As a result of hyperinflation in Venezuela, about one-third of the population – more than nine million people – are not getting enough to eat and are in need of assistance, according to estimates published yesterday by the World Food Programme (WFP).

The finding is based on a Food Security Assessment conducted by the agency at the request of the Government between July and September of last year.

"Hyperinflation is affecting the ability of families to secure food and other basic needs," according to the study.

"Fifty-nine per cent of households have insufficient income to buy food and 65 percent are unable to buy other essential items such as hygiene products, clothes and shoes."

WFP collected data countrywide at the household and community level via more than 8,300 questionnaires, analyzing food consumption patterns, food and livelihood coping strategies, and economic vulnerability.

Results indicate that nearly 18 per cent of households, or roughly one in five, has an unacceptable level of food consumption. Of that number, 12.3 per cent were described as borderline, while 5.5 per cent have poor food consumption.



► Food distribution in Venezuela. (UN Photo)

Additionally, lack of dietary diversity indicated inadequate nutritional intake.

Families consume cereals, roots or tubers daily, complemented with beans, lentils or other pulses three days a week and dairy products four days a week.

Meanwhile, overall consumption of meat, fish, eggs, vegetables and fruits is below three days a week for each of these food groups.

Most families surveyed – 74 per cent – have engaged in food-related coping strategies such as reducing the variety

and quality of food they eat. Sixty per cent reported reducing portion sizes, the study found.

It added that, to survive, 33 per cent of households have also accepted working for food as payment, and others have sold family assets to cover basic needs, or even spent their savings on food.

WFP said: "As families deplete the coping mechanisms they have been using to sustain basic food consumption, there are great concerns that nutritional needs will not be met in the short term. This will affect the most vulnerable, including children, pregnant and lactating women, and the elderly."

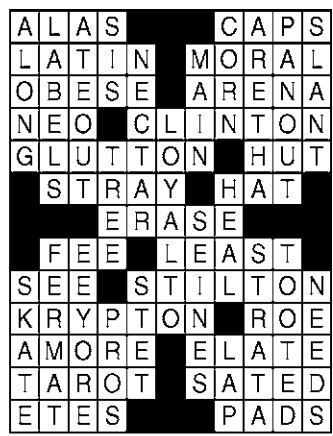
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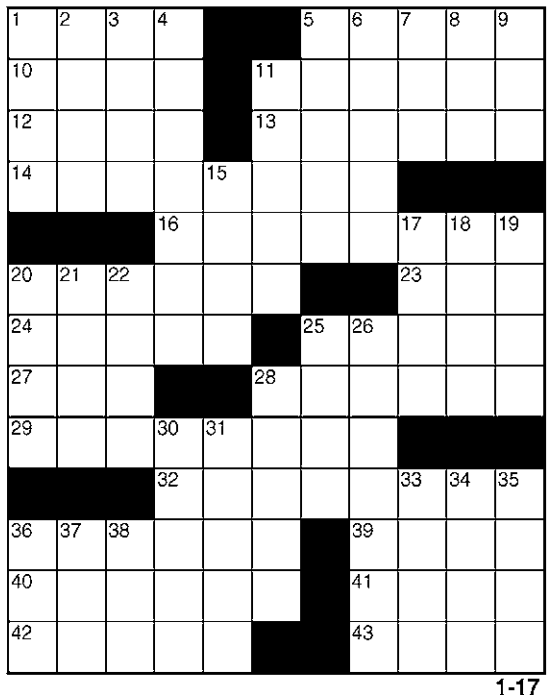
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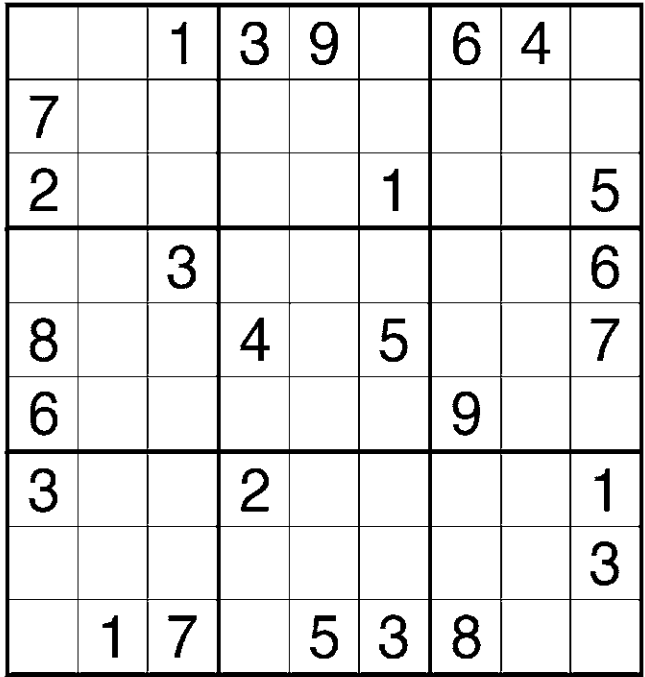


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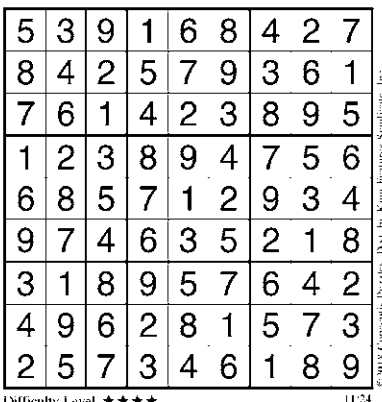
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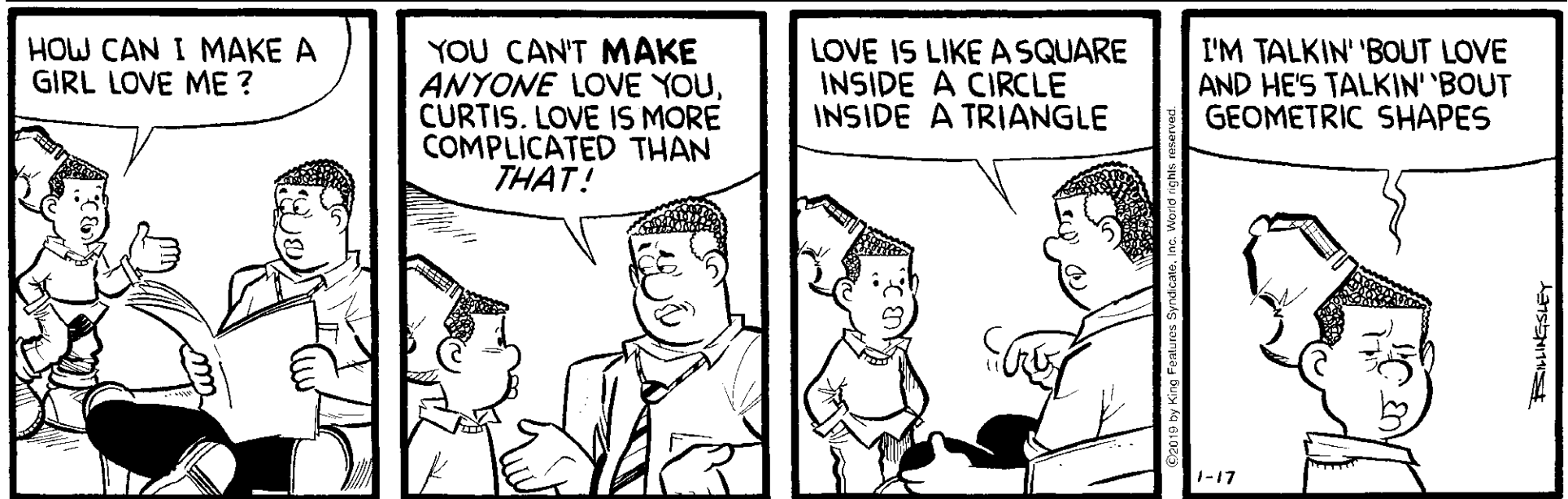
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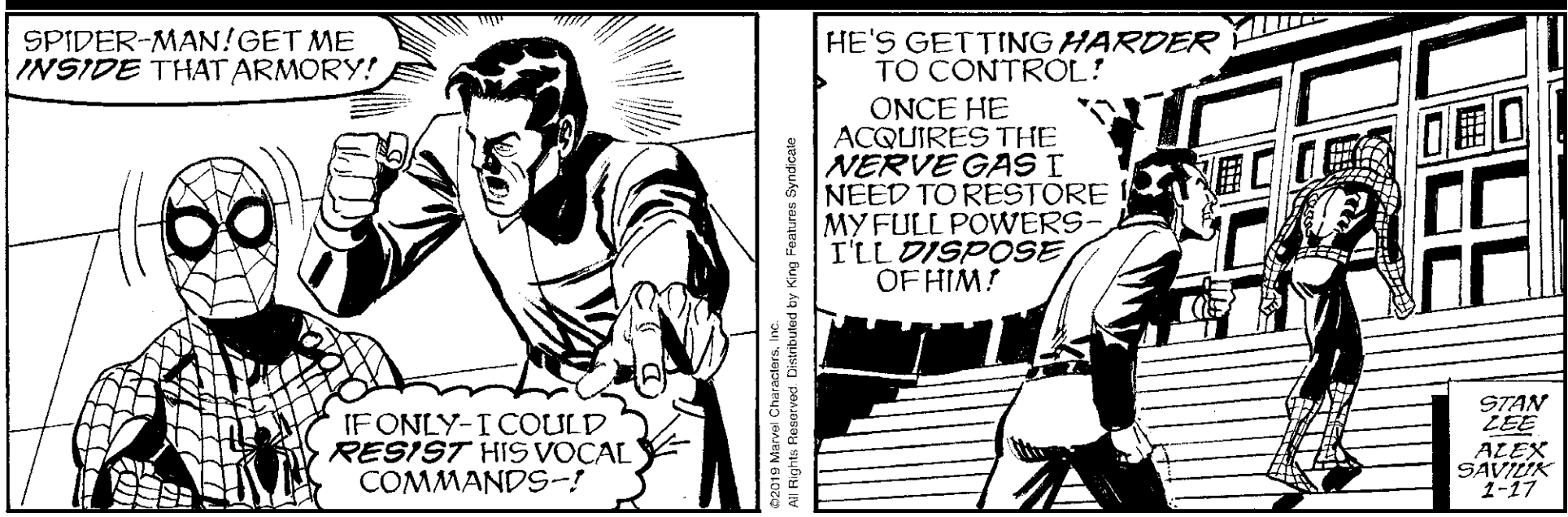
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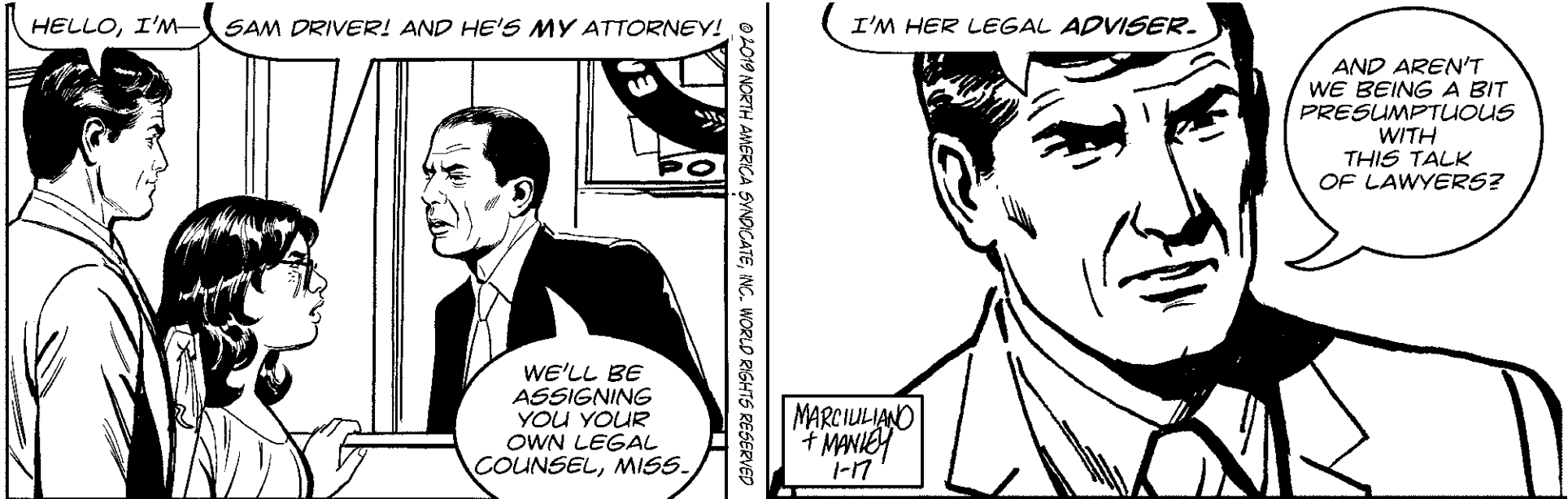
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