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CMEA General Meeting Strikes a Note

A general meeting to address several publicly disputed issues was held by the Cayman Music and Entertainment Association on 1st March, 2020 at the George Town, Constitution Hall.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Culture, the Honorable Dwayne Seymour, Counsel for the CMEA, Dr. Steve McField, as well as members of the Association, and the Association's official President, Mr. Jean-eric Smith.

Mr. Smith outlined the challenges being faced at this organization, not the least of which is a faction of Members which has broken off from the Association and claim to have formed a new Executive body with a new President, etc.

However, in Sunday's meeting Mr. Smith presented official documents from the Cayman Islands General Registry which were addressed to Fidelity Bank, listing him as the rightful President and legal controller of the NPO.

The document had to be produced to the Bank, ".....because someone associated with the outside group, had the Association's bank account restricted, despite being a non-signatory to the CMEA's account," said Mr. Smith.



► Minister of Culture the Honorable Dwayne Seymour addresses the audience. CMEA Vice President Edlin Myles and CMEA President Jean-eric Smith and CMEA Founding Member John Henry Ebanks look on

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Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Welcomes New Members

The William Allen McLaughlin Civic Centre, East End was the scene of much pageantry and fanfare last Saturday as the Cayman Islands Cadet Corps (CICC) welcomed 43 new members during its annual Passing out Parade.

The 'Passing out Parade' marked the end of twelve weeks of intense basic cadet training, and allowed newly initiated Cadets to showcase what they have learned, particularly in the area of Drill.

"Officers, instructors and senior cadets have invested many hours into the lives of the recruits over the past three months. It is a reward and a pleasure to see the transition from recruit to cadet on display. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the pride in the eyes of parents and guardians as the cadets demonstrated the fruits of their labour on parade," noted Commandant Lt Col Bobeth O'Garro. "We

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► A Group Photo of the 20 newly appointed cadets from the Clifton Hunter High School Detachment, along with persons seated from the left 2nd Lt D. Brown-Richmond, Lt W. Bennett, CDR R. Scotland & 2nd Lt D. Williams

NO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE CASES AT HEALTH CITY

In response to unsubstantiated rumors in the local community and unconfirmed reports, Health City Cayman Islands is reporting that there are no suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at the facility.

Clinical Director Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil said, "These rumors are completely untrue and unsubstantiated. There are no suspected or confirmed cases of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at Health City Cayman Islands. We are working closely with the Ministry of Health and Public Health officials regarding the potential arrival of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the Cayman Islands, and would not accept any suspected cases without prior discussion with Government officials. We take infection control very seriously at Health City Cayman Islands, and our standard protocols guard against the spread of any bacterial or viral infection within our hospital."



► Health City Cayman Islands Clinical Director Dr. Binoy Chattuparambil

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Meals on Wheels Change for Change Coin Drive

It's that time of the year again! Time to gather up your loose change, empty your coin jar and give from the heart as we come together as a community to raise much needed funds for the Cayman Islands Meals on Wheels through their annual change for change Coin Drive. Over 200 volunteers will be stationed around Grand Cayman on March 27th and 28th collecting coin, cash and donations of any amount for Meals on Wheels. Last year's Coin Drive helped to raise enough funds to provide over 6,000 nutritious hot meals to seniors and other vulnerable members of our community thanks to the generous donations of the community! Your loose change may not seem like much right now, but when we come together it all adds up to make a huge difference and serve those in need.

Meals on Wheels, General Manager, Jennifer West is excited to be a part of this year's coin drive "I am overwhelmed by the response for volunteers by the public at large but also by companies who will allow their staff to volunteer for 2 hours to collect on our behalf, we have volunteers of all ages supporting this fundraiser and look forward to full community support to make it a success to meet our goal." Collection locations include all Fosters locations, Cayman National Banks, Cost U Less, G.T. Post Office, Book Nook, Atlantic Kids, Kirk Home Centre, Hurley's Supermarket, Books and Books, A.L. Thompsons, Butterfield, Kirk Market and Royal Bank.

Ms. West went on to say that "The goal of this year's coin drive is to raise



► Photos from the 2019 Change for Change Coin Drive. Meals on Wheels Volunteers collected donations from across Grand Cayman.

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CMEA General Meeting Strikes a Note

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He explained that the matter is now under investigation and noted that there could be serious repercussions for the perpetrators.

"Someone succeeded in having our accounts at Fidelity restricted just before our annual MUZAIC Festival Weekend, despite being 'non-signatory' on the account. This is a serious matter and it meant that I had to personally go into my own pocket to make sure events scheduled over the weekend could proceed," he explained.

"Persons even went as far as approaching teachers at the schools to stop the Young Musicians performance during the MUZAIC weekend," he added.

The MUZAIC Festival is in its twelfth year. Its tenure coincides with the current President's service, which also spans 12 years.

"This organization is nearly 40 years old and there was never a calendar event. When I became president, I thought it was important to for us to have a time - once-a-year - when we cel-

brate the accomplishments of our peers and acknowledge the contribution and service of our predecessors," said Mr. Smith.

Minister of Culture, the Honorable Dwayne Seymour noted that it was important that both sides find a common ground and referenced the rift between Cayman's two carnivals and the entities finally coming together as an example of what needs to happen with respect to the Music and Entertainment Association.

He explained that though he considered the President a friend, that did not mean he was not impartial.

However, he noted that the current president had worked diligently to raise the annual government grant for the CMEA from CI\$5,000 thousand to CI\$20,00 among other accomplishments which he thought were notable.

"I am glad that we are now honoring the musicians and entertainers from our past and I am actually of the view that we should have our own Hall of Fame for Musician and Entertainers from this country," he said.

During Smith's tenure the National Song Competition has been revived and the prize purse has increased from CI\$5,000 to CI\$10,000 for the National Song Competition. In addition the bi-annual CARIFESTA musical contingent has been expanded to include more musical offerings.

Attorney for the CMEA and architect of the organization's



► CMEA Constitution architect, Dr. Steve Mcfield speaks to audience at CMEA General Meeting

original constitution over 35 years ago, Dr. Steve McField strongly advised that CMEA and those who have broken away, seek mediation immediately or risk losing the NPO status; a sentiment echoed by the General Registry Office, whom registers NPO's.

The office has advised both the CMEA and the faction group that it is untenable to do business under the umbrella of the NPO and that this was essentially putting the integrity and credibility of the organization at risk.

Dr. Steve McField, explained that what could happen in relation to the CMEA was akin to the fate the Bar Association suffered.

"When we drew up the Bar Association Constitution, the members of Executive Counsel at the time - now referred to as Cabinet - decided that we should take out the clause that stipulated that the Association be a Caymanian only organization.

This was the mistake that was made with the Bar Association. What it meant was that those who come to live among us can simply draw greater numbers, vote us out and then do as they please."

Both Dr. McField and Mr. Seymour noted that it would be wise to come together in a spirit of unity and amend the CMEA constitution to make the organization a Caymanian only entity.

Currently foreign nationals are allowed membership but not voting rights.

"It is not about protectionism but it is important to consider who are we building for," noted MLA Seymour.

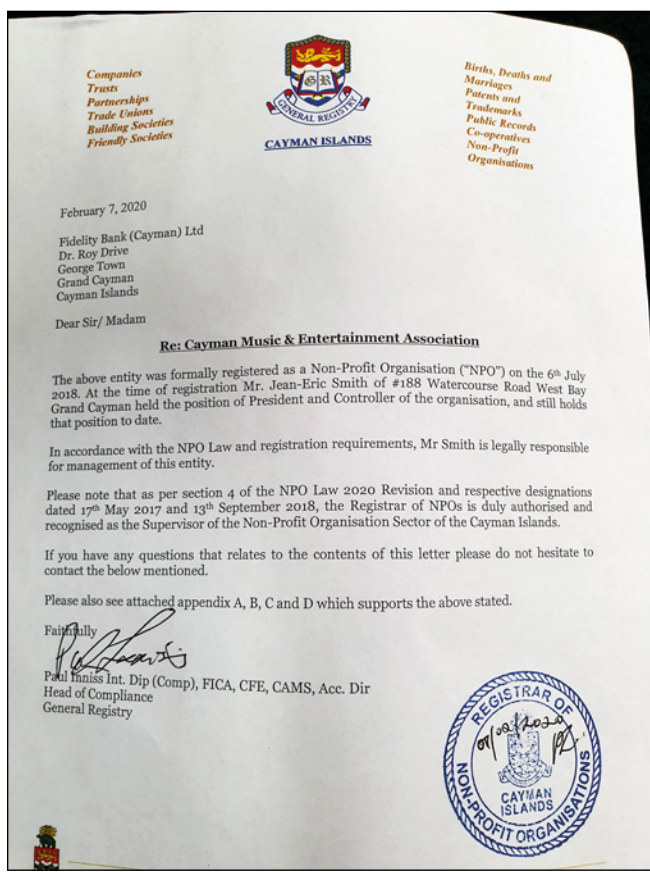
He added that his wish was to see the two groups settle their differences via mediation.

Both gentlemen advised the President that though he might not get the apology and recant, which he is requesting from the other Members as part of his terms for a settlement, it was something he may be able to pursue on a personal basis.

Some members present at the meeting concurred with the President's contention that he had been wrongfully represented in the public arena and expressed concerns about public personal attacks which they said were not beneficial to the spirit of unity.

It is now proposed that both the official CMEA and the Members whom are attempting to form a new Association consider the prospect of mediation, after which an Annual General Meeting will be called; one month hence.

Sunday's meeting was attended by roughly 27 Members and apologies were officially received from 21. A cross-section of the CI entertainment industry including DJ's; Musicians; Producers; Icon Members; Founding Members and Distinguished Members were present.



► General Registry Letter to Fidelity Bank presented at CMEA Meeting

Cayman Islands Cadet Corps Welcomes New Members

Female Cadets Receive Top Awards

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look forward to further development of our new cadets as we mould future leaders of our islands," she continued.

The CICC also used the opportunity to openly recognise the achievements of its most outstanding recruits, all of whom, were young women.

Accordingly, Cadet Winsome Campbell was recognised as Best Recruit from the Clifton Hunter High School Detachment, Best Recruit in Drill, in Academics as well as Most Outstanding Recruit. Cadets Keveenah Hill and Haylie Kirkwood were also recognised as the Best Recruits from the John Gray and Layman Scott High School detachments respec-

tively; while each new cadet received a half star badge and certificate.

The Cadet Corps provides high school students aged 12 to 17 with training that emphasises the value of citizenship, leadership, community service, personal responsibility, a sense of accomplishment, self-esteem, teamwork, and self-discipline.

As part of its training in community service, the Cadets render their assistance at some of the islands' major

events including the annual Agricultural Show.

Just last week, a team of approximately 20-25 cadets were on hand at the Agricultural Show to showcase their musical skill and volunteer their services in traffic and parking management; a practice that has been customary for the past decade.

Contact CICC by telephone at 946-9810 or by email at cadetcorps@gov.ky for more information on the Cadet Corps and its services.



► A Group Photo of the 19 newly appointed cadets from the John Gray High School Detachment, along with persons seated from the left Staff Sergeant A Jackson, Lt A. Whyte, CDR R. Scotland, Cpl Hansraj T & Cpl Miller S



► A Group Photo of the 4 newly appointed cadets from the Layman Scott High School Detachment, along with persons seated from the left Cpl Carter N, Lt C. Palmer & CDR R. Scotland



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► Health City Cayman Islands

Low Risk of Exposure to Soccer Team

Returning Residents from the Dominican Republic amid COVID-19 Concerns

Public Health Department Officials are aware of a local sports group traveling back to the Cayman Islands from the Dominican Republic. The Department has consulted with the team regarding its itinerary during their visit to the Dominican Republic and considers the

risk of their exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as very low.

The Medical Officer of Health Dr. Samuel Williams Rodriguez notes, "the concerns are understandable given the report of a single confirmed case in the Dominican Republic yesterday Sunday, March 1, 2020, that involves one individual with a travel history to an affected region. He added, "At this time, we believe the risk of the exposure from this particular incident involving our local soccer team's visit to the Dominican Republic to be very low. However, as more cases are confirmed within the region and the US, in this regard, the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA) has upgraded the risk of coronavirus disease transmission from low to 'moderate to high' within the region."

The Medical Officer of Health further added, "The Public Health Department seeks to assure all Caymanians and residents that we continue to monitor the global and regional COVID-19 situation



carefully. As of today, March 2, 2020, there are no reported cases of the Coronavirus in the Cayman Islands. We continue to review of our plans and make adjustments where necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents of the Cayman Islands is an iterative process. We remain steadfast and vigilant, and continue to work with all local and

regional stakeholders to ensure our borders are protected, reduce the chance for any imported case and to implement our plans with the highest efficiency to mitigate the impact of any virus spreading."

For more information on COVID-19, contact the Public Health Department on 345-244-2621 or visit www.hsa.ky.

Countries in the Caribbean that have confirmed COVID-2019

- Dominican Republic
- St Marteen
- St Barts

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.

CARIBBEAN AIRLINES MONITORING COVID-19

Caribbean Airlines continues to monitor and respond to the situation regarding COVID-19. While authorities have not issued travel restrictions to its destinations, Caribbean Airlines is committed to the health and safety of both its crewmembers and customers, and is working directly with health and security officials as well as industry leaders to keep updated and to ensure that it continues to implement best practice.

The airline is working steadfastly to make sure it is well prepared. Already, the airline has put in place measures which include:

- Placing special safety kits on board all aircraft and at offices.
- Equipping employees with international guidelines on how to deal with any suspected cases of COVID-19

- Monitoring the air quality in its aircraft cabins
- Continuing to ensure compliance with aircraft cleaning procedures, ensuring that all aircraft are properly sanitised at all ports
- Activating a special response team to monitor the situation in real time
- Promoting frequent handwashing practices amongst its crewmembers and passengers

The airline's operations team is putting contingencies in place in the event of any future disruptions. Also, the airline is permitting persons travelling on Caribbean Airlines with onward connections to/from mainland China, Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea and Singapore to rebook the Caribbean Airlines travel segment without change fees, subject to conditions.



The UWI establishes COVID-19 Task Force

Once again, The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is launching a Task Force to assist with the mobilisation of the region's public health providers to deal with an incoming virus. Four years ago, the Zika virus triggered the response; today it is COVID-19.

Again, the Task Force will be chaired by The UWI's Professor Clive Landis, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies and former Director of the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, who has considerable experience in the field of Caribbean public health.

The University is currently delivering a software engineering degree programme at its joint Institute in Suzhou, China, and has a large registered cohort of Caribbean students. It is engaged directly with public health officials in Beijing, and the leadership of its partner university, the Global Institute for Software Engineering (GIST).

Vice-Chancellor of The UWI, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles stated, "Against the background of dealing with its internal affairs in China, The UWI has been working in close collaboration with regional health ministries and the relevant CARICOM agencies." The purpose,



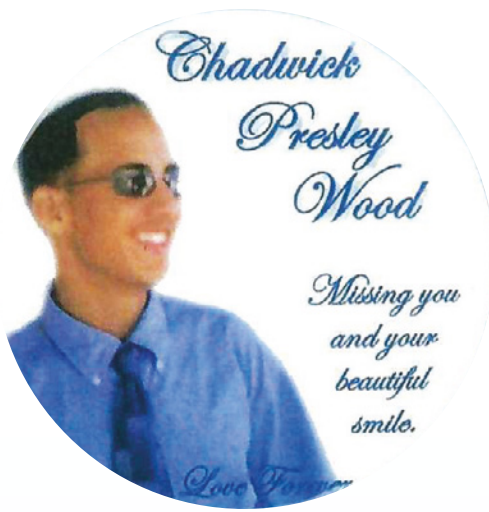
► The University of the West Indies

he added, is to "Provide the necessary scientific data on the virus and to work with government colleagues in creating an effective communications strategy for the region." He concluded saying, "The Task Force will have a critical role to play in solutions building in the immediate future."

Membership of the Task Force is drawn from the regional UWI medical faculties and external experts experienced in the laboratory and field deployment of an active scientific approach.

Commenting on the work of the Task Force, Professor Landis stated, "It is right that The UWI should deploy its full expertise as a public academy to help Caribbean communities cope with this instance of the COVID-19 epidemic. The primary emphasis of the COVID-19 Task Force will be to provide accurate and reliable information through UWItv and other channels of communication. Armed with good information and strong partnerships we will get through this viral outbreak as we did for 'swine flu', Chikungunya and Zika before it."

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Life for us will never ever be the same without you, Chad.

In our hearts your sweet memory lingers, sweetly, tender, fond and true.

Our Precious Darling One, there is not one single second, or minute, of any day that we do not miss you and think of you.

Our hearts ache that it is now 15 sad years lost behind us, full of words we never spoke, but in our hearts we always felt the great love you showed, and gave to each one of us. Neither distance, nor time, can take away the wonderful bond we forged with you.

Today, we all want to remind you, and this whole world, how much we really LOVE you, and MISS you, and will ALWAYS care greatly for you.

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CORONAVIRUS CRUISE CONTROL

When the UK-registered cruise ship Braemar docked in Dutch St Maarten on Sunday evening March 1st, it was the latest example of the Dutch Caribbean territory providing 'safe harbour' (to borrow from a maritime metaphor) to cruise ships denied a port of call in other islands due to coronavirus concerns.

The ship of the UK's Fred. Olsen cruise company was barred from entry to its Caribbean homeport in the Dominican Republic after reporting that eight people - four crew and four passengers (two of them British) - had exhibited flu-like symptoms regarded as an early warning sign of possible coronavirus infection.

Dutch St Maarten has become somewhat of a port of last resort for cruise ships denied berthing elsewhere out of concern over the rampant new strain of the coronavirus called COVID19.

It triggered an uproar in some local circles with the government of pursuing politics, profit and public relations over public health.

The Braemar development was the third such occurrence in the region in about a fortnight.

Local authorities which have disallowed entry to cruise ships with people on board displaying flu-like or other symptoms, say they did so "out of an abundance of caution".

St Lucia, Antigua, Jamaica, the Cayman Islands and the Dominican Republic have taken such action.

When the Cayman Islands and Jamaica recently barred the cruise ship MSC Meraviglia from entering their harbours, the ship's owners responded by accusing them of "acting out of fears" over the new coronavirus.

MSC Cruises said a crew member who had been tested and considered suspect, resulting in the ship being barred, was being treated for seasonal flu.

In the case of the Braemar in St Maarten, tests carried out there showed that the symptoms were not COVID19-related.

(St Maarten and the Cayman Islands are two of a handful of countries in the region with COVID19 testing capability).

However, the French side of the island (St Martin) and its sister island St Barts have confirmed three cases of coronavirus not linked to the Braemar.

Since the outbreak countries have had to take the extreme steps of barring and in some cases quarantining cruise ships.

The crisis of the Diamond Princess which remains under quarantine in Japan looms large and is a stark lesson.

For the tourism-dependent Caribbean island chain, authorities navigate the tightrope of priority public health concerns with an eye on economic implications of their decisions.



► Cruise ship Braemar (Photo source: fleetmon.com)

The Caribbean is the world's most popular destination for cruises. It's very profitable for cruise lines, generally affordable for passengers, and an economic lifeline for the various island ports of call.

Several islands also provide homeporting for a growing number of ships providing an additional revenue stream, while in others joint commercial ventures extend to multi-million dollar investment in port infrastructure.

That makes the cruise industry even more vital to the region's all-important tourism sector and its overall economy.

But now, with the uncertainties of this new coronavirus (COVID19) against which there still isn't a vaccine, its potential of economic disruption is already proving to be as much of a worry as its threat as its public health.

Of the hundreds of cruise vessels that ply the world including those that bring thousands of visitors to the Caribbean, only four vessels have been quarantined due to proven cases of the coronavirus.

Others have been denied port access "out of an abundance of caution".

Outbreaks of viruses in the enclosed, confined, close-contact environment of a cruise vessel are the nightmare scenarios - and realities - that cruise lines, ship's captains, crews, passengers and destination authorities are at pains to avoid.

Modern cruise ships are not only floating resorts, they are also by force of stringent international regulations required to be floating hospitals equipped with advanced medical facilities, with a team of highly-trained medical staff.

An urgent meeting was called in Barbados this past weekend of regional government leaders, healthcare agencies and cruise industry executives to address the public health and economic threat that COVID19 poses and formulate a response strategy.

Cruising is more popular than its ever been, especially for trips through the Caribbean is the world's leading cruise destination.

The coronavirus crisis will undoubtedly force a hard 'course adjustment' for some parts of this behemoth industry.

As the saying goes, it must be 'all hands on deck' - cruise industry and local authorities - to take the necessary actions "out of an abundance of caution".

An old Caribbean saying counsels that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."



► Quarantine operation on the eighth deck of cruise ship Diamond Princess in Yokohama

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JN Cayman gets new MD

Former Deputy General Manager of JN Fund Managers Limited, Jermaine Deans, has been appointed the Managing Director of Cayman's only building society, JN Cayman (a member of the Jamaica National Group). His appointment took place as at December 2019.

A press release from the firm said Mr Deans had been brought on board in Cayman to develop business strategies and plans to ensure high performance and the success of JN Cayman, as well as oversee all operations and business activities of the company.

Mr Deans, who has more than 17 years in the financial services industry with extensive experience working in the global financial markets, said his plan was to become more familiar with the various financial requirements of the people of Cayman in order to better provide for their needs.

"My main goal is to see how we can work to add additional functionalities to JN Cayman that are modern, that represent a new way of thinking, a new way of doing business and add value to the services that are already being offered here in the Cayman market, and by extension, the wider Caribbean," he stated.

In his former role, Mr Deans worked as part of a team that revolutionised and expanded the services of the organisation, making it more competitive on the local and regional landscape, the press release advised.

He explained that when he started at JN Fund Managers in 2016, their portfolio had been very limited, but that during his tenure they were able to develop investment banking business and got deeper into asset management, eventually launching a mutual funds business. He said he could grow the JN Cayman business further also.

"I believe that despite the maturity of the Cayman financial market there are still services that we can offer that aren't currently available. My goal, therefore, is to assess the market and to look at what is missing from the offerings and to find a way to introduce and spear head those services at JN Cayman, all within the



► Former Deputy General Manager of JN Fund Managers Limited, Jermaine Deans

context of our license as a building society," Mr Deans said.

JN Cayman has been operating in the Cayman Islands for almost 28 years offering mortgage financing, as well as savings and fixed deposit accounts.

Mr Deans is also a lecturer in Portfolio Management and Financial Markets, and led the move to introduce classes in financial management to his staff, starting up a Friday class engaging staff members for an hour on finance related topics. He said this helped to not only build the confidence of staff members, but it also helped to increase unity and camaraderie among the team.

"I hope to also engender something similar here at JN Cayman, because this can only make us an even stronger team and I believe that this will redound to the benefit of our members," he stated.

Mr Deans also plans to continue JN Cayman's work in the community through the development of sports and the arts.

POLICE NEWS

Two Arrested for Criminal Trespass and Other Offenses

Shortly before 1:00AM on Sunday, 1 March, officers on patrol in East End came upon a vehicle that appeared to be parked in a suspicious manner at an address on Sea View Road. Officers approached the vehicle and observed two individuals, one of whom appeared to attempt to flee from the approaching police vehicle.

Both persons were stopped and spoken to by officers, and subsequently detained on suspicion of criminal tres-

pass. Officers conducted a search of the area and found items, including gloves, nearby. The vehicle was also searched and a quantity of ganja and several other suspicious items recovered.

Both persons, a woman age 26 and man age 30 of North Side, were arrested on suspicion of criminal trespass, going equipped for stealing, and possession and consumption of ganja. They remain in custody as investigations continue. 📍

Partial Closure of Crewe Road for Airfield Works Resumes, 2-6 March

A portion of Crewe Road, west of the Owen Roberts International Airport runway, will be closed overnight for the next five nights, from 2 to 6 March, between 10:00PM and 4:00AM. During these times, Crewe Road will be closed between the roundabouts at Smith Road and Printer Way. This is to facilitate continued works being carried out on the airfield, just west of the runway. 📍



Man Charged for East End Wounding

Early on the morning of Wednesday, 26 February, officers responded to a report of an assault at an address on Sea View Road, East End. Two men had been at the location when one brandished a knife and used it to wound the other in the neck. The victim was

taken to hospital by private vehicle, treated, and subsequently discharged.

A man, age 23 of East End, was arrested in relation to the incident. He has now been formally charged with Wounding and was scheduled to appear in court on 2nd March. 📍

Man Charged for Burglary and Cocaine Offenses

At about 1:15AM on Saturday, 29 February, officers responded to a report of a burglary at an address on West Bay Road north of Marsh Road. The occupants of the residence discovered a man not known to them who had entered the home. Upon being discovered the man fled the location with a quantity of cash.

Later that day, a man age 54 of West Bay, attended the West Bay Police Station and turned himself in as the suspect in the burglary. He has been formally charged with Burglary and Consumption of Cocaine and was scheduled to appear in court on 2 March. 📍

Environmental youth summit to empower tomorrow's leaders

More than 100 local students from both the public and private school sectors are expected to converge at Cayman International School on 25th and 26th April for a first-of-its-kind conference, called the Youth Summit 2020: A Cleaner Vision for Cayman, during which it is anticipated young people from across the islands will gain a far greater insight into the environmental issues facing Cayman and the world in general, and will find out how to go about mitigating them.

Organised by Plastic Free Cayman, the non-profit organisation dedicated to improving Cayman's environment, the event will not only educate the young people about global plastic pollution, it will also encourage them to come up with solutions to improve Cayman's environment and the wider world as well.

All students in the Cayman Islands aged between 10 and 19 are encouraged to apply to attend through the website: <https://plasticfreecayman.com/youth-summit-2020/>

Attendees can expect two days of educational talks delivered by key global figures from around the world. Students will be divided into environmental squads and rotate through environmental workshops. Squads will then choose a plastic pollution focus prior to the summit and select additional areas of interest such as management, marketing, policy, science or art, as they develop campaigns to battle this environmental crisis. Students will then pitch their 'plastic pollution solution' to a panel of experts who will select the top campaigns for recognition, support and funding. Students can expect two days of important networking to help them grow their ideas as they forge bonds with the wider community.

Plastic Free Cayman, led by teachers and students, has already seen notable successes in their environmental campaigns. The organisation, which completely relies on volunteers, has set up monthly cleanups since September 2017. They have also implemented



► Dejea Lyons, Lilly Langevine, Ben Somerville, and Steff McDermot

the #345 Pledge across the Cayman Islands, hosted overseas voluntourism groups, partnered with local businesses and Youth Parliament, and motivated more than 2,000 volunteers to remove 23,371lbs of trash from Cayman's beaches and community. Most recently, their campaigning has helped Government to recognise the need to halt the use of plastic in Cayman, with Environment Minister Dwayne Seymour's recent announcement that Government is working on a plastic ban to begin in 2021, in line with other Caribbean nations.

Demonstrating the support Plastic Free Cayman already has from Cayman's younger generation, the organisation hosted two huge clean up events last month, bringing the youth out in full force. Plastic Free Cayman volunteers and Protect Our Future students traveled to Little Cayman and partnered with CCMi and The Full Moon Clean Up to survey and sweep three major locations:

Charles Bright, Owen Island and Spot Bay. Over two days, more than 30 volunteers and over 900 pounds of trash were removed, the organisation advised. On Grand Cayman, Plastic Free Cayman and Protect Our Future cleaned up West Bay Public beach, that had been suffering from the effects of substantial littering. Eighty-five volunteers removed over 650 pounds of local litter, consisting of thousands of cigarette butts and beer bottles.

Young people involved in the clean ups gave their opinion of the situation. Lilly Langevin, 18, of Protect Our Future, said that it was truly disappointing to see all three sister islands being affected by plastic pollution.

"As soon as we stepped foot onto the beach, there were miles and miles of never-ending bottles and micro plastics," she said. "Living on an island with minimal recycling facilities, it's important for us all to be cognisant of the amount of waste we are producing everyday simply by refusing, reducing, and reusing!"

Dejea Lyons, 16, also of Protect Our Future, said that the clean ups were both "disheartening and fulfilling"

"There was so much plastic and Styrofoam. Honestly, plastic policy in the Cayman Islands has to be enforced or else the issues at hand will progressively get worse. The youth wants change and we want it now," Dejea said. 📍



► Student eco warriors



► Diedre Edwards and Ben Somerville

RESTAURANT REVIEW



► A whole snapper was not for the faint hearted



► Crisp linens at Blue Cilantro

Celebratory dinner at Blue Cilantro

Birthday celebrations always call for something a little out of the ordinary, so a visit to one of our top five Cayman restaurants was in order, to the fantastic Blue Cilantro.

The restaurant itself is quite unassuming from the outside, located on the "wrong" side of the West Bay Road (i.e. not overlooking Seven Mile Beach) in a complex that houses a bank and other businesses. However, step through the heavy wooden doors and you are immediately struck by the enticing décor that features shades of blue (as one may suspect from the name), crisp white linens and a jazzy electric blue bar, a great spot for imbuing a cocktail or two.

Our party decided the evening should start with a bang and consequently the cocktail menu was inspected and choices made, including a refreshing Moscow Mule, made with vodka, ginger ale and lime, a classic Mojito (light rum, club soda and lime, though flavourings of mango, raspberry or passion fruit could have been added) and a delightfully fragrant gin and tonic, complete with rosemary, cucumber and lime.

To dine at Blue Cilantro and miss out on their amazing clay oven flatbreads would be a bit of a disaster, so we opted for a selection of four different kinds, three complete with different stuffings (cheese, olives and potatoes) and one flat bread with black onion seed. Served with three different chutneys, these moreish bites are a fantastic start and accompaniment to the meal.

A special celebratory meal ought to really consist of things you wouldn't normally cook or eat at home, so the diver sea scallops were our appetiser choice, served with a tomato jam, burnt cauliflower puree, beech mushroom, chickpea crumbs and a Sherry reduction. Now, the uninitiated might look at these and say, where's the sauce? But Blue Cilantro's chefs' talents lie in their ability to cram as much flavour as is humanly possible into a small portion. So, although you might only get a dot or a 'schmeer' of sauce or chutney, it will pack such a flavour that it will complement the dish without overpowering it, as was the case with the diver sea scallops.

Market fish was a mains choice, this time a snapper that has been filleted and blackened, served with a mush-



► Perfectly cooked rack of lamb



► Diver sea scallops

room risotto, corn puree and a truffle corn sauce, all well received by the diner. I opted for the whole catch of the day, which was again snapper and blackened, but this time served in its entirety (i.e. plus head, tail and bones) cooked in a clay oven and served with a satisfying tub of roasted eggplant and chickpea puree and a lovely mustard coconut sauce. Not for the fainthearted, this dish requires you to pull the flesh from the bone, something which I'm happy to do but others might find a bit fiddly. Our party also chose the New Zealand rack of lamb that, I have to say, came perfectly cooked medium rare and was served with a potato and carrot galette, carrot puree, braised salsify and a mighty Barolo Boursin reduction. A special that hadn't made it to the menu was a marvelous shrimp risotto, which was as beautiful to look at as to taste.

A short burst of 'Happy Birthday' later, a slice of light and chocolatey birthday cake and a leisurely coffee, and we were ready for home, a birthday very well spent. ☺



► Moscow Mule



► Cover Photo Beautifully presented shrimp risotto



► Gin cocktail

UWI Establishes Coronavirus Task Force

The University of the West Indies (UWI) has launched a task force to assist with the mobilization of the region's public health providers to deal with the deadly Coronavirus (COVID-19).

It will be chaired by Professor Clive Landis, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies and former Director of the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, who has considerable experience in the field of Caribbean public health.

This task force comes four years after a similar task force was set up for the mosquito-borne Zika virus.

"It is right that The UWI should deploy its full expertise as a public academy to help Caribbean communities cope at this instance of the COVID-19 epidemic," said Professor Landis.

"The primary emphasis of the COVID-19 Task Force will be to provide accurate and reliable information through UWI tv and other channels of communication. Armed with good information and strong partnerships we will get through this viral outbreak as we did for

'swine flu', Chikungunya and Zika before it."

The UWI said it is currently delivering a software engineering degree programme at its joint Institute in Suzhou, China, and has a large registered cohort of Caribbean students. It is engaged directly with public health officials in Suzhou, Caribbean diplomatic corps in Beijing, and the leadership of its partner university, the Global Institute for Software Engineering (GIST).

"Against the background of dealing with its internal affairs in China, The UWI has been working in close collaboration with regional health ministries and the relevant CARICOM agencies," Vice-Chancellor of The UWI, Professor Sir Hilary Beckles said.

He added that the purpose is to "provide the necessary scientific data on the virus and to work with government colleagues in creating an effective communications strategy for the region".

"The Task Force will have a critical role to play in solutions building in the immediate future," he added.



► Professor Clive Landis, Pro Vice-Chancellor for Undergraduate Studies and former Director of the George Alleyne Chronic Disease Research Centre, is chairing the task force

Membership of the Task Force is drawn from the regional UWI medical faculties and external experts ex-

perienced in the laboratory and field deployment of an active scientific approach. 🌐

PAHO Urges Region to Intensify Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Activities

The Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) Dr Carissa Etienne has recommended that countries intensify their plans to prepare and respond to the new Coronavirus (COVID-19), given the appearance of cases of new coronavirus disease in the region of the Americas.

The Ministry of Health of Brazil confirmed the country's first case of COVID-19 on February 26. The patient is a 61-year old man who recently returned from travel to Italy, where an outbreak of the virus has been ongoing since last week. So far, COVID-19 has already affected 81,109 people, 78 191 of them in China, according to the World Health Organization.

"For several weeks, countries in the Americas have been preparing for the possible importation of cases of COVID-19. There are measures in place for detecting, diagnosing and caring for patients with disease," said Dr Etienne. "A strong emphasis on stopping transmission continues to be an important objective while recognizing that the situation may vary from country to country and will require tailored responses."

She added: "A multisectoral response to ensure strengthened surveillance, health service readiness, preventing

spread, and maintaining essential services, are key interventions to slow transmission and save lives. Countries of the Americas have already been working on these areas since 2009 as part of their pandemic influenza plans. PAHO stands ready to support countries in rolling out these plans."

COVID-19 is transmitted from person to person through droplets and in contact with contaminated surfaces. The disease is spread primarily by people who already show symptoms. Current information suggests that a single infected person can infect one to four close contacts.

In the event of an outbreak of COVID-19 in Latin America and the Caribbean, the impact on health services may be significant with the possibility that health services may become overwhelmed, including a high demand for specialized hospital services such as intensive care, PAHO noted.



The Ministry of Health of Brazil has confirmed that the patient with COVID-19 infection had recently returned from Italy. Brazilian authorities are taking measures to prevent further spread of the disease including a careful investigation of all relevant information and

following up with anyone who may have come in contact with the infected patient.

The first imported case of COVID-19 in the region of the Americas was identified on January 21 in the United States, and a few days later, on January 25, Canada reported its first confirmed case. 🌐

Guyanese Voting in General and Regional Elections

"Guyana today will demonstrate that it's a democratic country capable of conducting elections efficiently, credibly in accordance with the law and with the Constitution."

That view was expressed by President David Granger this morning, as he became one of the hundreds of thousands of Guyanese who are voting to elect a new government.

The 2,339 polling places opened at 6 a.m.

Granger, the first person to cast a ballot at the Pearl Nursery School, Pearl, East Bank Demerara this morning, expressed the hope that the estimated 661,378 eligible voters, "regardless of their political persuasion, come out and express their opinion in favour of the party of their choice."

Thirteen parties are contesting the general and regional elections, including the ruling A Partnership for National Unity (APNU) and Alliance for Change (AFC) coalition, and the parliamentary opposition Peoples Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/Civic).

Several small parties will also be seeking to secure votes at both the general and regional polls: A New United Guyana, Change Guyana, Federal United Party, Liberty and Justice Party, Organisation for the Victory of the People, The Citizenship Initiative, People's Republic Party, The New Movement, and United Republican Party.

The Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) has assured that all systems have been put in place to ensure credible elections. More than 13,500 polling day staff will be manning the polling stations.

Several local and international observers have been approved by GECOM and will be on the ground at polling station across the country.

Included on the local observer's list are: the Private Sector Commission (PSC), Guyana Public Service Union (GPSU), Cuffy 250, AMCHAM Guyana, the Bar Association, the Ethnic Relations Commission and Youth Challenge Guyana.

International observers include the Organisation of American States



► President David Granger was an early voter, casting his ballot at the Pearl Nursery School, East Bank Demerara

(OAS) the European Union (EU) the Carter Centre, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Commonwealth.

GECOM said it will ensure that the results of the elections are available in the shortest possible time.

Polls will close at 6 p.m. 🌐

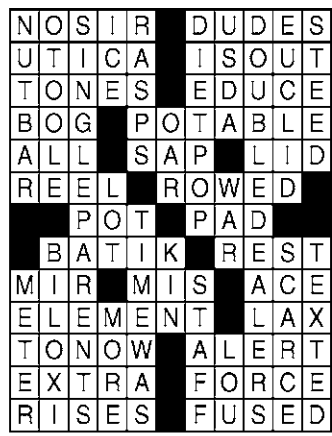
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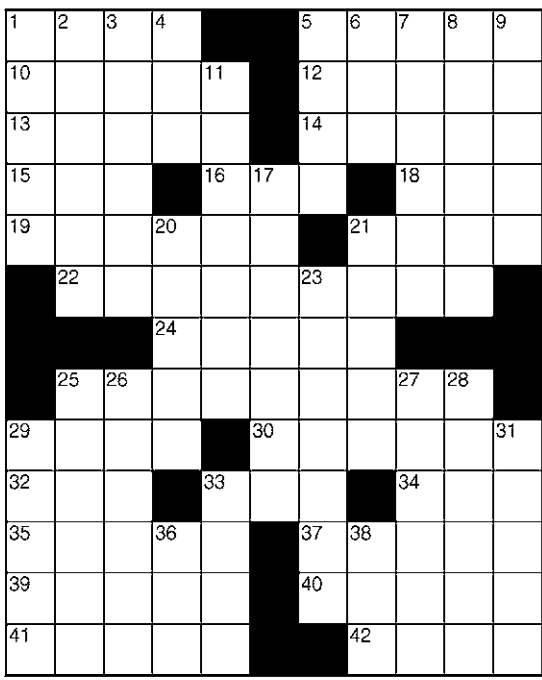
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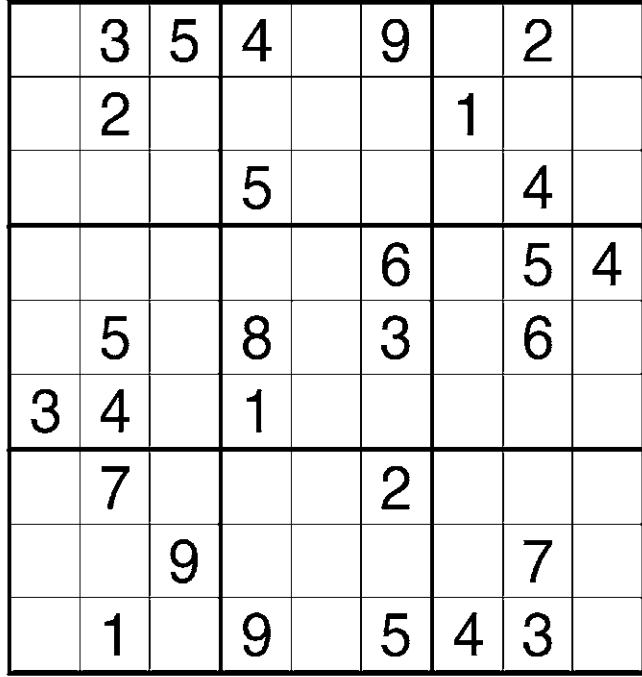
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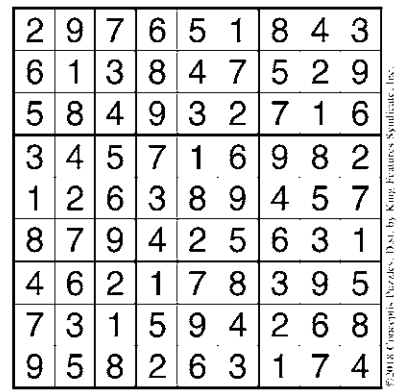
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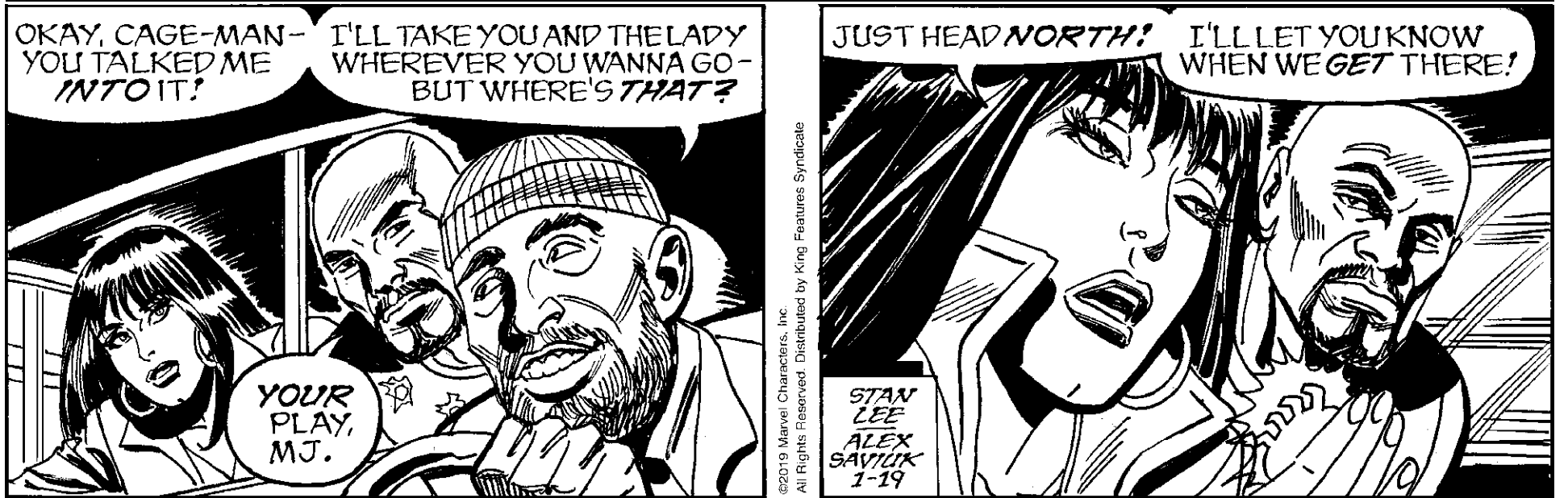
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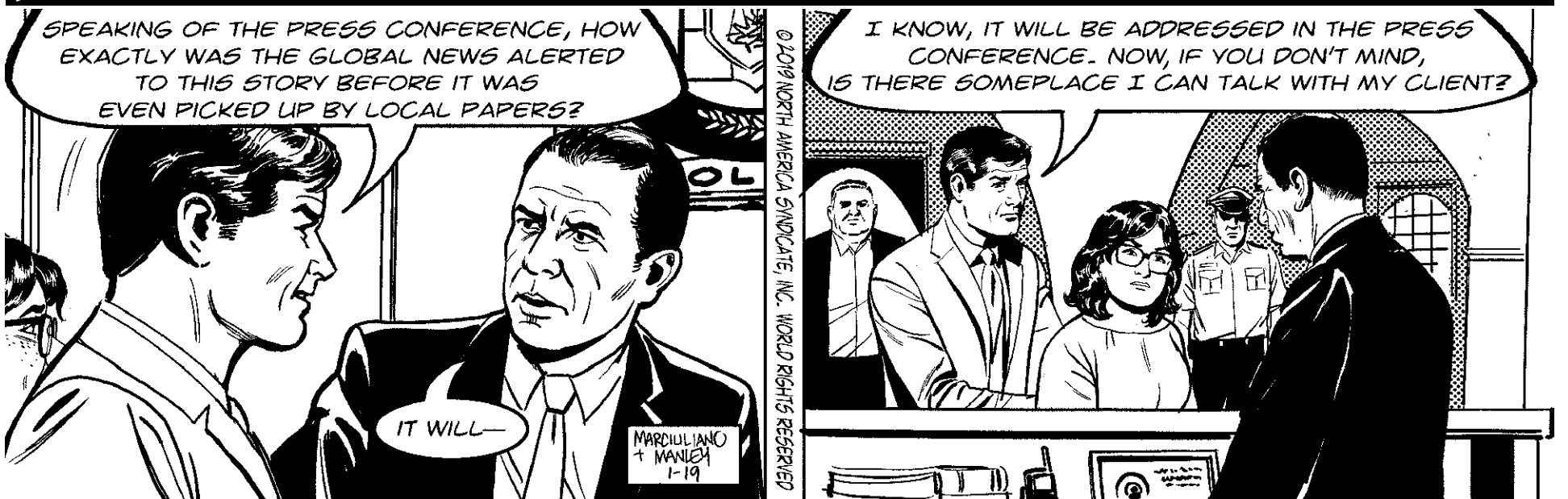
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