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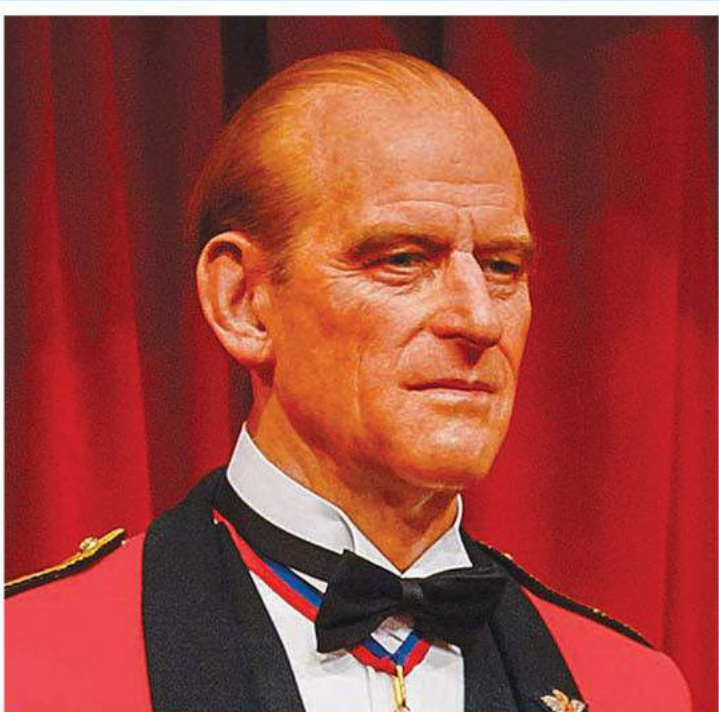


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## FERRY OPERATORS DISCONTENT SOURS PORT REOPENING



On Saturday 17 April the world will bid eternal farewell to Prince Philip. The royal ceremonial funeral will be at the same level of honour as formerly given to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother and Diana, Princess of Wales. The event is scheduled to be televised. Plans for the funeral include the Duke's coffin being carried by the Grenadier Guards to the State Entrance of Windsor Castle before being taken to the West Steps of St George's Chapel at 2:45 pm (UK time) in a Land Rover designed with the help of Philip himself. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, and the longest-serving royal consort in British history, died in Windsor Castle at the age of 99 on the morning of 9 April 2021, two months before his 100th birthday.

Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie has distanced the central government from the backlash resulting from the announcement that the BVI Ports Authority (BVIPA) has approved a new ferry operator to run the BVI-USVI route

The fallout from this move comes on the heels of an unpopular fee increase the BVI Ports Authority is already facing. In this new round of public discontent, the shout is coming from ferry operators who are stating that they have been suffering since the borders closed. The peeved operators said that it is unfair that at a time when travel is not as vibrant the Port has decided to add competition.

The disgruntled ferry operators took their grievances to the public via an interview on 284 Media on 8 April. During the interview, Marjorie Smith, and Janette and Brin of Smith's Ferry, Byron Chucky Hodge of Fast Ferry, and Rose Christian of Native Son ferry all lamented how difficult business has been.

Noting the complaints made by the operators Premier and Minister for Finance on Andrew Fahie

in an interview with Tola Radio on 13 April reminded that the BVI Ports Authority is a statutory entity that has a certain autonomy. The Premier said that the Port is not required to seek guidance from the government on its day-to-day decisions.

Hon. Fahie said: "The Government of the Virgin Islands wants to see all businesses prosper. This is not a political answer, we really mean it. The Ports Authority contrary to what persons were hearing over the last couple of weeks is an independent statutory body. They make their decisions on their own. This is not something that they have to come to the Premier to ask whether to do a schedule or not."

"We can make a policy overall of what we want to see but it is also up to them to decide if will this fit in with what we are doing at the BVI Ports Authority. They wouldn't have come to me at all. I would state here that the BVI Ports Authority doesn't have the authority on its own just to give a schedule. It would have to also be agreed by the United States." As it relates at what stage the arrangement was, the Premier said that "he would not

be able to say because he was told that it is a work in progress," Hon. Fahie added.

However, the fallout over the introduction of the new ferry service is not because the operators are saying that they don't want to see a new service provider. Instead, it is a case of poor timing that is being raised.

### THE ISSUE

Brin of Smiths Ferry explained that it is not a matter of the companies being afraid of competition. She said, "We all know that competition is good but competition can also be bad."

Meanwhile, her mother Marjorie Smith explained that the Acting Managing Director of the BVI Ports Authority Oleanvine Maynard made contact with the current operators and informed them that the Board met and approved this other company as a ferry operator. Smith said that the Acting Managing Director said that she was contacting the current operators to let them know that they had to fit this operator into their schedule.

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# FERRY OPERATORS DISCONTENT...

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In noting why this request is not sitting well with the operators she said: "As you know the approved schedule that we are going to be allowed to run for the first 30 to 40 days is one trip per day, for two days, for each operator. On the Sunday - which would have been Interisland Boat services - we were going to alternate that until Interisland was ready to resume service."

"In essence, they have not approved a schedule. They are asking us to look at what they have given us and decide what we are going to give up from that schedule," Smith said noting that these two days are desperately needed by the operators.

While expressing how difficult things have been since the March 2020 Port closure, Smith said: "Basically business has been nonexistent but midway through 2020 they did approve us to operate cargo and we (Smith's Ferry) have been doing that one day a week. Whereas the other two companies have been doing two days per week in cargo."

"One can only imagine there is only so much cargo that can come to Tortola. Basically, for the last 13

months, it's just been a struggle to keep our companies running. We have downsized as much as we could. We don't have full staff anymore and we have just taken all the extreme measures that we possibly could to survive and just kept looking forward to when this would all end and the Ports would reopen and business could get back to some semblance of the norm," she further explained.

The reopening of the sea Ports is great news for the ferry operators. In fact, Smith pointed out: "I don't think any of us expected it to be this long but at the end of the day it has been this long. Just recently as Saturday's decision by the BVI Port Authority to come on the eve of us opening at least a partial opening because it is not a full opening."

She said that none of the ferry operators are being allowed to run their full schedule and none have any idea of how many people they should expect. "To expect us now to move aside or to make room for yet another carrier that's going to not be very well."

The Native Son representative Ms. Christian said that this is a bad time for the BVIPA to be considering a new operator. "It certainly is a bad time. We are limited to 50 passengers

a day bringing into the BVI Port. That has cut almost 200 percent of the number of passengers we would have normally been able to carry so you are looking at a significant loss in revenue for each of the companies. In addition to that, we should have been respected enough to have a sitdown dialogue concerning bringing in an additional ferry company."

Ms Christian further called on the BVI Ports Authority and by extension the government to put a hold on any changes until the expiration of the 40-day period ferry operators are using to test the state of the ferry industry. She said after the 40 days the PA can reevaluate if there is room to bring on another ferry company

She said that the reopening is a big lifeline for her company which has been affected like all others by the Port closure. "It has been very difficult for us. The cargo run, allowing us to do that is what has helped us to survive. It has not been what we had hoped it would be."

"We tried to understand that people are in dire straits for money so we could not charge what we need to. In the process, the fuel cost has gone up. We still have to pay rent to both ports, we have tried to keep up our payments with all the government

taxes and issues that you have to take care of. We started off with a skeletal staff which was salaried employees and then after we started with the cargo run we were able to bring back a captain and three crew members," she added.

Considering that the pandemic affected travel confidence Byron Hodge of Fast Ferry said that all of the ferry operators came together to decide how they would operate once the Port reopens. He pointed out that the current two-day schedule was jointly decided.

He said that the reopening of the Port is welcomed and needed, but for operators it brings worry. The Fast Ferry representative said: "Initially it's all a guessing game. We are just hoping and praying that those numbers change (travelers increase). We were given the power to just look at it for the first 30, 40 days, and then if things change - within that time - we can add trips accordingly as we see fit. We were given that authority to expand how we see fit. It is a group effort we all decided what we were going to do. We also put together a schedule already amongst ourselves that if we have to run more trips how we would alternate so that's something that we have been working on in the backend. That is

something we proposed amongst us so we are just looking at it to see how we could tweak."

Hodge said that his company also experienced hardship during the pandemic: "When we started to do the cargo run one of the first things my father wanted to do was to make sure that we at least try to keep a full staff. We didn't want to downsize. One of the first things I did, I took myself off of salary to make sure that we would be able to pay the other guys that are working. I have been in it for about a year now I am just winging it. It has been rough but with God's help, we are going to keep pushing through. The time has come to open and we are ready."

As it relates to the pushback at the decision to approve a new company Hodge said that it is not personal to the new operator who is well known. "It is nothing personal against Mr. Maduro, he's a friend of ours, he is a family of Marjorie, he had a real good relationship with Native Son. It is nothing personal against him. It is just that we have been operating for so long handling what is put to us. It's a seasonal thing. We don't really think a next ferry service is needed now. We have issues with the Port never fixing the schedule... How you are going to put another ferry company to complicate things even more," Hodge stated.

# Medical Marijuana Bill Needs To Be Compliant With International Agreements

The Government is still trying to get a favorable response from the United Kingdom concerning the Cannabis Licensing Act that is yet to be assented to. Premier Fahie during an interview with Tola Radio on 13 April said that the Government has been trying to get better information about the stall.

In July 2020 the House of Assembly passed the Cannabis Licensing Act which the Government said could result in earning the Territory millions of dollars. The legislation itself earned mixed reviews among the population and concerns from the UK.

In response to questions about the legislation this week the Premier complained about

how the matter is being handled by the UK. He said: "It makes no sense delaying something that can be handled in a much more sensible way. We went to the House of Assembly, this charge was led by Hon. Natalio Wheatley. When we passed it there were concerns and he [Governor Jaspers]... did not assent to it."

The Premier said the stall was initiated on the opinions of the Governor, and that the current position is seldom taken. "We went to the House debated it, he did not assent to it and then he stated that it has to go through entities in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office - a section in the Constitution that I never saw used before for the ascension of a Bill."

The Premier further said that in seeking answers about the delay the government has not been able to find any major issue: "One of the concerns that were listed to us is that they don't want to pass it because we are going to have a social problem greater than we have in the BVI. There are no statistics to bear that out. The law does not allow for what has been stated," Hon. Fahie said.

"I don't mind I'm going to respect all of my superiors. I'm going to respect the UK in the way that they have to be respected, but in the 21st century we cannot have a legislature, House of Assembly meeting to pass bills and then after that depending on how the persons assenting to it... One person in this

day and age cannot be allowed to do that. That's nothing against the person in the seat we are looking at democracy," he added.

Meanwhile, the Premier said that Government's belief that the medical marijuana industry is good for the BVI still stands. "This government stands behind the medicinal marijuana and a lot of times persons get a negative connotation of something because sometimes they only remember it when it is being used in methods that they don't like. We don't want our people to go and get high and lose their minds..."

Early in his tenure Governor John Rankin was asked about the delay in the assenting of the Bill. In fact during a media interview on 26 February, the Governor explained: "Medical marijuana is lawful in United Kingdom and it is regulated

in accordance with the requirements of the United Nations International Narcotics Conventions; so what we need for the legislation here is to have a licensing arrangement and regulations set up which would also ensure that that is in compliance with international requirements to make sure that medical marijuana is administered and produced safely."

The Queen's Representative noted that the Governor's Office is interested in working with the government to promote what is best for the Territory and he mentioned that this is an area that requires collaboration. "I am keen to encourage effective conversation between development agencies here...so we can make sure those regulations and licensing arrangements are in place. I certainly hope we can make progress in that area," the Governor noted.

# Dilemma On Unvaccinated Staff May Lead To Collective Action

As the government ramps up its push to get the Territory vaccinated some residents are digging their heels and refusing to take the inoculation. This situation is causing an issue as employers are taking a stance to compelling resistant colleagues to get vaccinated. The matter is bordering on concerns of rights and Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie said that the Government might be forced to get a legal opinion on the matter.

While speaking on Tola Radio on 13 April the BVI Leader received complaints from someone who claimed to have lost employment because of the unwillingness to get vaccinated. The resident noted that he did not feel that employers should force their staff.

The resident informed the Premier that some employers gave their staff mandatory dates by which to get vaccinated. He also mentioned that a few disagreeing employees are contemplating legal recourse.

But then, the vaccinated employees may go on strike or seek legal action, a commentator suggested.

After hearing about the situation Hon. Fahie said that the government never made vaccination mandatory. Further, the Premier said that government will need legal advice on the situation. "I really think once it comes down to this and people continue to ask it will become a topic in government where we'll even have to go to the Attorney General's Office and ask for a legal opinion..."

The Premier said that in the vaccination debate both the employers and the employees have strong points so the government will need the Attorney General's Office to weigh in, "To ensure that we're not violating anyone's rights."

Further Hon. Fahie mentioned that many countries around the world are having a debate.

The situation with persons refusing to be vaccinated is a trending issue and earlier in the week (8 April), the Premier made a statement noting the conundrum the matter caused. Hon. Fahie pointed out that the government can vaccinate at least 9000 more people, but noted that each supply that is currently on hand has expiration dates, which is fast approaching. "We will continue to educate, and inform the public of the benefits and advantages of being vaccinated. Our lives, our health,

and our economy depend on what we all do."

Meanwhile, Hon. Fahie said that government will not allow procrastination to result in the expiration of the remaining vaccines. Instead, he said that government will return the unused dosages. "What we will not do, is allow our supply of vaccines to expire awaiting the decisions of some of the public. In this regard, a decision will have to be made whether or not the volume of vaccines that is at risk of being expired would have to be returned to the United Kingdom and/or Dominica."

Further, the Premier said that procrastination is affecting the decision to acquire more vaccines. "Our proactive steps in securing vaccines from COVAX in 2020 would have to be heavily weighed, in that: do we want it or not? If it is that we do it will work out well, but if it is that we

do not want them it would result in wasted resources," he pointed out.

"I am aware that member states within the region are seeking to amend their public health laws to make it mandatory for some sectors of employees to be vaccinated. It is not our intention to make it mandatory, I repeat, it is not our intention to make it mandatory, but it is our intention not to have the vaccines expired while in our possession if others can do with it. It is time for us to fully reopen our borders, reopen our ports, return to full-time schools. All these can be accomplished sooner, based on our decisions to vaccinate or not! The most credible option to rebound our economy at this time is vaccines. This will ensure the safety of our people and the economy of the Virgin Islands as much as humanly possible," Hon. Fahie added.

# PWD And Sewerage Workers On VG Working In Container And Under A Tree For Years

Staff members of the Public Works Department and the Water and Sewerage Department on the sister island of Virgin Gorda are not working in ideal conditions. It was disclosed this week that after years of complaining the Public Works staff are still working under a tree, while the Water and Sewerage Department staff are working next to an old container.

The complaint about the work environments was made to Premier and Minister of Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie during his appearance on Tola Radio. The issue was noted by a caller to the programme. The caller said, "We want to get some covering."

Another person on Virgin Gorda also texted the show to complain that the Water and

Sewerage employees on that island had no bathroom to use and were working in the yard. "They attend work sitting next to an old container," the resident revealed.

In response to the complaints, the Premier said that he was unaware of the situation. He announced: "I will have to check those out and get in contact with the Minister because I wouldn't have known about those before..."

"Well, I didn't know the magnitude of it. What I would do is call the Minister of Transportation and Works and ask him to look into it with his PS and then let us see what is happening," the Premier added.

Hon. Fahie further explained that matters related to public officers fall under the purview of the Governor and the Deputy Governor. He noted that his government nonetheless continues to advocate for various needs the public officers may have. Hon. Fahie noted that the issue of improper work premise is one that would be taken to the head of the Public Service. "What I will do is address that problem with the Deputy Governor's Office."

"The Minister can only make his representation but when it comes to those sections it is not the elected officials who will make sure of that. What we would do is once we get them to understand or get them to review it and put the positions in;

what we do is make sure that the monies are available," he added.

The first complaint that public employees were working under a tree was made in 2014. At that time the issue was raised by a resident who called into the JTV Speak Your Mind talk show on July 12 and told hosts Courtney DeCastro and Julio Sam Henry that the deplorable conditions of the Virgin Gorda Water and Sewerage Department (WSD) have left the staff with no choice but to sit under a tree.

At that time the caller began his complaint by recalling his shock when he visited the location: "I went there to visit the institution, and what I saw was very disappointing." In explaining the plight, he said:

"It's not only the conditions it is the way the Department is handled, the way it is run. They have the facility there next to the seaside with two containers that are totally rusted...The main issue is I could stay inside the building and watch the roof outside to see whether there are rain clouds or what. When it rains the guys can't stay in there."

He added: "This to me is very disappointing because our people like to pay bills they like to rush and pay their water bills. It is not fair to the people who work there who have to sit outside under a tree, because of the deplorable conditions at their base. This thing is deplorable and it needs to be moved."

## Flow Supports Relief Effort for St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Road Town, Tortola, Thursday April 15, 2021 – As part of a collaborative response to support humanitarian efforts in St. Vincent and the

and Maria, we are happy to be able to reciprocate and offer support to our Caribbean neighbors in their time of need.”

the Grenadines, but more importantly with action. Therefore, we along with other corporate citizens have come together and have sent



Marketing and Communications Coordinator, Nadia A. James is pictured with Marketing Manager of Road Town Wholesale Limited, Dawn Calwood; Delta Country Manager, Robert Liburd; along with Nagico Insurances Assistant Manager for Sales and Retention, Stacey Roberts and Supervisor for Customer Service, Avonell Taylor, as part of a collaborative response to send a 40-foot container of water to support relief efforts in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. (Photo Credit: Flow)

Grenadines (SVG) following the eruption of La Soufrière volcano, Flow has partnered with Road Town Wholesale Limited, Delta Petroleum and Nagico Insurances to ship 2600 cases of water to be received by the National Emergency Management Organisation in SVG.

Country Manager, Ravindra Maywahlall said that on learning of the level of disruption caused to the people of SVG, we immediately mobilized resources in partnership with Road Town Wholesale Limited, Delta Petroleum and Nagico Insurances to send the container.

Maywahlall said, “We in the BVI, know all too well the devastating impact of a natural disaster of this magnitude. We are extremely pleased that we are able to help our brothers and sisters in SVG. Given the level of support we received from around the region in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma

Speaking on the donation, Stacey Roberts, NAGICO’s Sales and Retention Manager said “NAGICO Insurances here in the BVI is pleased to be joining with Road Town Wholesale, Flow and Delta Petroleum to deliver much-needed clean water to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines. We are responding in a timely manner by providing a 40-foot container of water. We remind ourselves that as a BVI community we are a generous people. Despite the fact that we may still be recovering from two massive storms and coping with the global COVID-19 pandemic, we will always lend a helping hand to our Caribbean counterparts.”

Delta Petroleum Country Manager, Robert Liburd added, “We as a company not only stand in solidarity, and with prayers for the people of St. Vincent and

to SVG over 62,400 bottles of water which is a commodity that is in high demand due to the disruptions caused by the volcano.”

Managing Director for Road Town Wholesale, Neil Hayes stated, “We wanted to help people as quickly as possible. The best way of doing this was to send a container of water directly to SVG from Florida, where it will reach the affected residents in just a few days.

The reports regarding the shortage of clean drinking water are very concerning and we just hope this container goes some way in providing some relief at a time of crisis”

Flow has also partnered with the BVI Rotary Family and donated mobile phones to assist with a fund-raising telethon on Thursday, April 15. The proceeds of the telethon will be sent to the Rotary Club of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to support relief efforts on the ground.

## HOSTING ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES CITIZENS

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY  
MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, LABOUR & IMMIGRATION  
SEVENTH SITTING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2021

Mister Speaker, I am sure that we are all aware of the situation in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with the eruption of the Soufriere volcano. Mr. Speaker the Government and people of the Virgin Islands, stand ready to assist our brothers and sisters in whichever way possible.

Mister Speaker, as a Government we have been meeting and making plans on how to assist in various ways and our Premier has been in contact with Prime Minister Gonsalves and other Caribbean leaders as we make these plans.

Mr. Speaker the relationship between the BVI and St. Vincent and the Grenadines has deep roots and covers many years, Mr. Speaker it is a cherished relationship. Mr. Speaker, many persons living in the BVI are connected, either directly or indirectly with people in St. Vincent and the Grenadines and have expressed interest in hosting them here in the BVI.

Mr. Speaker, our first response to this crisis, is to provide much needed aid to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines; that is why Mr. Speaker; we have partnered with the many NGOs and EZ Shipping to send a barge load of supplies to St. Vincent and the Grenadines next week.

Mr. Speaker, as Minister for Immigration, I have charged the Department to come up with a policy and logistics that will allow us to host persons here in the BVI for a period of time, until the situation stabilizes in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Mr. Speaker, once completed and approved, it will be communicated to the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines and the wider public here in the BVI. Mr. Speaker, we will be our brother’s keeper, as we know first-hand what it is like to be devastated and be at the mercy of others.

Mr. Speaker, we will continue to lift up the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in our prayers as they go through this difficult period and we want them to know that we too are holding their hands.

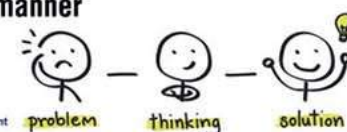
*I thank you Mister Speaker.*



Hon. Vincent Wheatley

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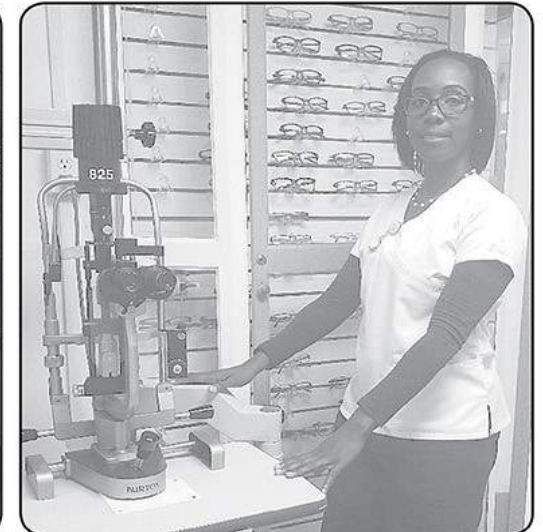
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# Governor Announces Minute Silence For Duke Of Edinburgh on 17 April And Condolence Book Open

His Royal Highness The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh passed away on the morning of 9 April after 70 years of loyal public service. He was a friend to the British Virgin Islands, first visiting in 1966 and then in 1977 and 1993.


The funeral will take place at Windsor Castle on Saturday, 17 April, at 10:00 a.m. BVI local time. The Governor invites everyone across the Territory to observe a minute's silence in honour of The Prince Philip.

Leading up to the funeral, the Governor has opened a book of condolence at the Old Government House Museum, where the Duke of Edinburgh visited and had lunch. The book of condolence will be open to

the public from 12 noon today (Monday, 12 April) to 3:00 p.m. and then 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. each working day until Friday, 16 April.

Covid-19 protocols must be observed when signing the book,

"I thank everyone who has already sent messages remembering The Duke of Edinburgh's visits to the British Virgin Islands. All those wishing to pay their respects are invited to do so by signing the condolence book and joining the



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<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	LIVING WELL 24/7	9 – 9:30AM
	HOT SEAT RE-VISITED 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	8 – 9:30PM
	DYAS VOICE (Sports) 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7 -8PM
<b>THURSDAYS</b>	UMOJA	8 – 9:30PM
<b>FRIDAYS</b>	BODY & SOUL	7 – 8PM
	THREE D SHOW	8 -9:30PM
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	CARIBBEAN GOLD <i>feat</i> MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC	7:45 – 9AM
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10 – 11AM
	LET'S BE REAL	2 – 3PM
	SPORTS TALK	5 – 6:30PM
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7 – 8PM
<b>SUNDAYS</b>	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3 – 7PM
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and mourners are asked to bring their own pen and wear a mask. Visitors should park on the road outside the Governor's Office and walk through the main gate to the museum.

A virtual condolence book is also available online at the [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk) website.

Governor John Rankin said:

minute's silence".

The Palace does not expect, nor would encourage, the sending of a wreath or flowers. If people wish to do so, a donation to a charity would be welcome. Information on charities with which the Duke of Edinburgh was involved is available at [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk).

## 2021 Public Holidays

Acting in accordance with Section 5 of the Public Holidays Act (Cap 199), as amended, Cabinet has approved the following public holidays for 2021:

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| <b>Monday, 24th May</b>  | <b>Whit Monday</b>  |
| <b>Friday, 11th June</b>   | <b>Sovereign's Birthday</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 5th July</b>  | <b>Virgin Islands Day</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 2nd August</b>  | <b>Emancipation Monday</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, 3rd August</b>   | <b>Emancipation Tuesday</b>   |
| <b>Wednesday, 4th August</b>   | <b>Emancipation Wednesday</b>   |
| <b>Monday, 18th October</b>  | <b>Heroes' and Forefathers Day</b>  |
| <b>Monday, 8th November</b>  | <b>Commemoration of the Great March of 1949 and the Restoration of the Legislative Council (to be determined)</b> |
| <b>Monday, 27th December</b><br>(In lieu of Saturday, 25th December) | <b>Christmas Day</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday 28th December</b><br>(In lieu of Sunday, 26th December)   | <b>Boxing Day</b>   |

# Adjustment to International Ferry Schedule

The British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (BVIPA) would like to inform the public of an adjustment in the international ferry passenger schedule that starts on 15 April 2021.

All ferries will now depart Road Town, Tortola for Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas at 8:00 a.m.

All ferries will depart Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas for Road Town, Tortola at 4:00 p.m.

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# Impacts and Consequences of Covid-19 on Conservation in the BVI

COVID-19 has had environmental, economic, and societal impacts across the world. The Darwin COVID-19 Rapid Response Round



responds to the immediate impact of COVID-19 on the priorities of the Darwin Initiative, Darwin Plus and the Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund (IWTCF) and supports the early stages of recovery from the pandemic. Projects must directly address the impact of COVID-19 on biodiversity between 1

January and 31 March 2021.

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew's UK Overseas Territories team in partnership with the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands (NPTVI) and Fort Worth Zoo have been awarded a grant by the UK Government's Darwin Initiative to investigate the Impacts and consequences of Covid-19 on conservation in the BVI. Building on 20 years of collaboration between Kew, NPTVI and Fort Worth Zoo, this project will provide a better understanding of the nature and extent of the impacts and consequences the pandemic to inform the development of measures to recover and adapt to new ways of operating. Measures introduced to limit the transmission of Covid-19 have disrupted conservation work in the islands, from monitoring of threatened species and habitats, and management of ex-situ collections.

Through field visits on four islands (Anegada, Fallen Jerusalem, Tortola, Virgin Gorda), surveys of ex-situ collections on two islands

(Anegada, Tortola), and desk-based analyses of those data collected, the project will evaluate the impacts and consequences of Covid-19 on conservation in the British Virgin Islands. Surveys will focus on observations and assessments of five tree species: *Myrcia neokiaerskovii*, *Myrcia neothomasiana*, *Vachellia anegadensis*, *Varronia rupicola*, *Zanthoxylum thomasianum*; and two animal species: *Cyclura pinguis*, *Spondylurus anegadae* and include observations and assessments of other rare, endemic and threatened plant and animal species and record threats observed like invasive species. The results will improve our understanding of these impacts and provide evidence for the most appropriate and resilient responses to minimise negative and maximise positive outcomes for the territories' unique biodiversity in the face of future disturbances.

Kew botanist, Dr Martin Hamilton, says "determining how the Covid-19 pandemic is impacting conservation and understanding how we can mitigate against the consequences in the British Virgin Islands is crucial to make

meaningful recommendations for species and habitat recovery and management." Fort Worth Zoo herpetologist,

the Anegada iguana recovery program moving forward". National Parks Trust of the



Mrs Kelly Bradley, added "the conservation program for the Critically Endangered Anegada iguana was disrupted in 2017 following Hurricane Irma. Now due to Covid-19, travel restrictions

Virgin Islands Director, Dr Cassander Titley-O'Neal, went on to say "while we humans were forced to stay indoors during the Covid-19 pandemic, nature had an opportunity to heal and replenish, there was less pressure on the



and local lockdown measures in the territory have reduced revenue sources, paused long-term monitoring programs, and restricted recruitment of additional hatchlings to the Headstart program. Our goal now is to understand and minimize the effects of this global pandemic on

environment where endemic species thrive which gave these habits time to recoup".

Links Royal Botanic Gardens Royal Botanic Gardens Kew <https://www.kew.org/>

National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands <http://www.bvinct.org/>



## Vacancy Notice

The Financial Services Institute (FSI) at H. Lavity Stoutt Community College is now accepting applications for the position of **Accounting and Administrative Officer**. This role involves the performance of diverse accounting and administrative duties for the FSI. The ideal candidate will have:

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Two years experience in an accountancy role, and a relevant professional or academic qualification is preferred. A detailed job description is available and interested persons should contact and submit CV/Resume to [derhodge@hlscc.edu.vg](mailto:derhodge@hlscc.edu.vg), or call 340-6310. BVI Islanders and Belongers preferred. Closing date: May 7, 2021.



## Entangled Whale In Nanny Cay Has Been Freed

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries has reported that a male humpback whale has been freed after getting caught in a net in the Sir Francis Drake's Channel.

Mr. Ken Pemberton of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries said that reports were received on Monday, April 12, of a whale south of Nanny Cay covered with fishing net.

Mr. Pemberton said, "We were concerned that the whale could drown from being caught in the net. Luckily he was somehow able to shake the net loose. Ghost fishing nets and other marine debris can result in the death of marine animals, so we have to be vigilant about what we discard in the ocean."

It is reported that the male humpback was in the company of a female and her calf and did not appear in distress when last seen.

Dr. Shannon Gore of the Association of Reef Keepers was one of the key responders who quickly arranged with Blue Water Divers to mobilise a vessel to search for the mammal.

Dr. Gore said, "The divers were able to see that there was about 50 feet of line left on the whale. The whale went into shallow water to try and rid itself of the line by rubbing itself on the seafloor. But it was not in a position that it could not move." She added. "It is possible that the line drifted in from the open ocean but if you do see a large patch of debris in the water let us know. We can be reached at 496-7998."

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Labour extends its gratitude to the community for its support in locating the whale. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Shannon Gore of the Association of Reef Keepers, Husky Salvage of Blue Water Divers, and Chris Juredin of Commercial Dive Services and VISAR.

Whales frequent the warm waters of the Caribbean during the winter months to mate and give birth and several sightings have been reported.

The public is reminded to keep the Territory's beaches and water free from pollution by disposing of waste and garbage safely.

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British Virgin Islands

## Money Laundering Reporting Officer

April 2021

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### The Role

The successful candidate will act as the money laundering reporting officer (MLRO) for Trident entities, in line with regulatory requirements. This individual will also be responsible for assisting the head of risk and compliance in risk-and-compliance-related matters and act as deputy head of risk and compliance.

### Key Responsibilities

- Assist the head of risk and compliance in managing, guiding and mentoring the compliance team
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- Update politically exposed persons (PEP) log with identified PEPs in line with company and regulatory requirements
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- File SARs with the Financial Intelligence Agency
- Receive and sign served documents
- Assist with distribution of work to the first-line client teams and create a log of same for review
- Implement internal ticket system for compliance requests and/or tasks, as required, and provide updates
- Work on ViewPoint implementation project, BO data and other metrics as requested
- Monitor and investigate incident errors, breaches and reported complaints
- Train and mentor new team members

### Skills and Experience

- Degree in a business-related field and extensive experience in the financial services industry

- Comprehensive knowledge of the BVI financial services industry, the workings of the Registry of Corporate Affairs and the Shipping Registry
- Strong multi-tasking ability
- Strong leadership skills and ability to take initiative
- Excellent verbal, telephone and written communication skills
- Ability to work well in a team environment
- Demonstration of a professional, positive and enthusiastic attitude
- Experience in leading teams, and well developed training and coaching skills

### Compensation

Competitive compensation will be offered, based on the successful candidate's relevant experience and overall suitability for the position.

### How to Apply

Applications should include a complete C.V. and will be treated in the strictest of confidence. Please clearly outline the skills and attributes you would bring to the role, and your availability and salary expectations. Applications should be submitted to [msmith@tridenttrust.com](mailto:msmith@tridenttrust.com).



# VACANCY: CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

The Government of the Virgin Islands is seeking a qualified person to fill the following position:

## Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited

**Job Summary:** The Chairperson of the Board of Directors (the "Board") is primarily responsible for the activities of the Board and its committees. He/she shall act as the spokesperson for the Board and is the principal contact for the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

**Educational Requirements:** Bachelor's Degree (at a minimum) in field of expertise, preferably business/finance.

### Training/Skill/Experience Requirements:

- a) Minimum ten (10) years working experience in the field of expertise.
- b) Ability to maintain confidentiality.
- c) Ability to exercise discretion and good judgment.
- d) Sound written and oral communication skills.
- e) Financial, business and managerial acumen.
- f) Basic understanding of banking, laws and regulations.
- g) Financial Statement review and analysis.
- h) Proficiency in Microsoft Office.

### Primary Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- a) Ensuring that Board members, when appointed, participate in an induction program and, as needed, additional education or training programs, including annual compliance training.
- b) Ensuring that the performance of the Board members, including the CEO, is evaluated at least once every year.
- c) Determining the agenda of Board meetings, chairing such meetings and ensuring that minutes are kept of such meetings.
- d) Liaising with Board Committee Chairs to determine efficiencies and fulfilment of Committee Charters.
- e) Chairing the Governance, Nominations and Remunerations Committee to ensure that the Board maintains sound corporate governance standards to guide the Bank's operations.
- f) Consulting with external parties (such as auditors, consultants, and/or advisors) appointed by the Board.
- g) Addressing internal disputes and conflicts of interest concerning individual Board members, and the possible resignation or removal of such members as a result.

- h) Steering the development, review and oversight of the Bank's Strategic Plan and Annual Budget.
- i) Leading review of the Bank's policies submitted to the Board for review and approval.
- j) Leading review of the Bank's Integrated Annual Report, inclusive of audited financial statements.

### NOTES:

- i. Applicants must reside in the British Virgin Islands.
- ii. Selected candidates are subject to review by the Approved Persons Regime of the BVI Financial Services Commission ("FSC" or the "Commission"). (See below extracts from FSC's Guidelines for the Approved Persons Regime.)

### PART III QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF A SENIOR OFFICER

#### Minimum required qualifications

8. In an effort to ensure consistency in the Commission's decision-making processes regarding the approval of senior officers of regulated persons, these Guidelines set forth the minimum requirements (unless otherwise specified) that a candidate should meet in order to be approved as a senior officer. Accordingly, the following comprise minimum qualifications for the appointment of senior officers:

- a) **Fit and Proper:** The Commission exercises judgement and discretion in assessing fitness and propriety and takes into account all relevant matters, in accordance with the fit and proper criteria established under Division 2 of Part II of the Regulatory Code, 2009. Specifically, the Commission assesses the proposed senior officer's
  - i. honesty, integrity and reputation;
  - ii. competence and capability; and
  - iii. likely soundness of judgment in the discharge of duties and responsibilities assigned to him or her.
- b) **Education:** The level of academic achievement should, at the minimum, be the possession of a diploma in a field considered relevant by the Commission in addition to the other requirements outlined in sub-paragraphs (c) and (d). However, where the Commission is satisfied that, although the person does not possess the requisite academic achievement, his or her experience in a relevant field (not being less than seven years) affords him or her with the necessary skill and competence to be approved for the position of senior officer. In circumstances where the Commission does not consider a qualification

sufficient, it may (if it so considers appropriate in any particular case) require the person to undertake additional training in order to be better prepared to perform the duties of a senior officer. Such a decision, where taken, will be communicated to the relevant regulated person.

- c) **Experience:** A candidate for approval as a senior officer must, subject to sub-paragraph (b), have at least five years experience working in a relevant field.
- d) **General Managerial Experience and Skills:** A candidate should have the following general skills:
  - i. effective verbal and written communication;
  - ii. strong organizational skills and attention to detail;
  - iii. familiarity with human resources policies and practices;
  - iv. ability to adapt to and perform in stressful or emergency situations; and
  - v. ability to comprehend a variety of informational documents.

#### Copies of academic qualifications

- 9.1 Every application submitted to the Commission for the approval of a senior officer must, subject to paragraph 9.2, be accompanied by copies of the proposed senior officer's academic and other relevant qualifications, including such other supporting evidence that the regulated person considers essential in the due consideration of the application.
- 9.2 The Commission reserves the right to request certified copies of a proposed senior officer's academic and other relevant qualifications before processing any application relating to the proposed senior officer, notwithstanding that copies of such academic and other relevant qualifications had previously been submitted.

#### Providing a police report

- 11.1 The onus is on every regulated person that submits an application for the approval of a senior officer to ensure that:
  - a) the necessary background check has been made in respect of the person to whom the application relates for purposes of satisfying the requirements of these Guidelines; and
  - b) there is full and complete disclosure of any criminal record or other record relating to dishonesty, bankruptcy or arrangement with creditors, whether

relating to or arising from a civil suit or otherwise.

- 11.2 With respect to conducting a background check to establish whether or not a person proposed as a senior officer has a criminal record, the regulated person shall obtain a written police report in respect of such record or the absence thereof and transmit it along with the application for approval. The written police report shall be treated as satisfying any background check and disclosure of criminal record required under paragraph 11.1.
- 11.3 If pursuant to paragraph 11.2 a written police report could not be obtained after a formal request and the taking of other necessary steps, the regulated person shall,
  - a) where it has not been able to identify the existence of a criminal record, notify that fact in the application; or
  - b) to the extent possible and where it is aware of the existence (whether currently or in the past) of a criminal record, provide the nature, description or proceedings, date, circumstances and related matters pertaining to the criminal record.

#### Providing report on dishonesty, bankruptcy, etc. of proposed senior officer

- 12.1 Every regulated person that wishes to submit an application pursuant to these Guidelines must, prior to submitting the application, conduct diligent inquiry as to whether or not a proposed senior officer has any record relating to dishonesty, bankruptcy or arrangement with creditors, whether relating to or arising from a civil suit or otherwise.
- 12.2 Where a diligent inquiry elicits any record referred to in paragraph 12.1, the regulated person shall provide written information on the subject and transmit it along with the application for the approval of a senior officer. The written information must outline the nature of the record and the date, description or proceedings, circumstances and related matters pertaining to the record.
- 12.3 Where a diligent inquiry pursuant to paragraph 12.1 does not reveal any record of dishonesty, bankruptcy or arrangement with creditors in respect of a proposed senior officer, the regulated person shall indicate that fact in its application to the Commission for the approval of the proposed senior officer.

# REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Subject: **ENGAGEMENT OF A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT COMPREHENSIVE PHYSICAL SECURITY ASSESSMENT AUDIT FOR BVI SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD**



**Date of this EOI:**

**April 9, 2021**

**Closing date of this EOI:**

**May 10, 2021**

**Reference Number:**

**SSB ref. EOI2021/0001**

**Address: EOI for the attention of:**

**Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe Boynes**

**Contact No.:**

**(284) 852-7821**

**E-mail address:**

**eoisecurity@vissb.vg**



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## 2) **REQUIREMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **A. Content**

Respondents seeking consideration must submit a completed Expression of Interest Form to the address given below no later than May 10, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

### **B. Submission and Deadline**

Three (3) hard copies of your completed form are due no later than May 10, 2021.

### **C. Questions**

Respondents may request clarification to the intent of the EOI by submitting written questions by e-mail (see address above) to Jeanette Scatliffe Boynes, postmarked no later than April 23, 2021.

Send or deliver your response to:  
 Jeanette Scatliffe Boynes  
 Acting Director  
 BVI Social Security Board  
 P.O. Box 698  
 Road Town, Tortola VG1110  
 British Virgin Islands

**All questions received by the April 23, 2021, due date and responses thereto will be sent by April 30, 2021.**

## 3) **DEADLINE:**

***Completed responses must be submitted no later than May 10, 2021.***

Please note that during this evaluation process, SSB staff will not answer any questions related to the EOI until after the May 10, 2021 deadline.

## 4) **EOI ATTACHMENT(S)**

The Request for Proposal will be sent to the individuals or firms who respond to this EOI. Interested parties should forward their Expression of Interest by e-mail to the attention of Mrs. Jeanette Scatliffe Boynes [jboynes@vissb.vg](mailto:jboynes@vissb.vg). Additionally, please complete the attached form.

**(Please visit our website @ [www.vissb.vg](http://www.vissb.vg) for a copy of the Expression of Interest Form)**

# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

**ST. VINCENT** - There has been a massive power outage on the Caribbean island of St. Vincent where La Soufrière volcano began erupting Friday, St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Emergency Management Organization (NEMO) reported Sunday.

"Day no 3 and everything looks like a battle zone. Dreary morning with the ash beginning to harden on the ground due to overnight showers. Many homes still without water and electricity," NEMO said in one of a series of tweets.

'Extremely heavy ash fall' as authorities report third explosion

Volcanic ash has been continuing to fall and there are warnings of more danger ahead.

"Pyroclastic flows" at La Soufriere could possibly cause destruction and devastation of areas close to the volcano, according to NEMO. [CNN]

**ST. VINCENT** - Caribbean Airlines cancelled its Friday flights between Guyana and Barbados as well as Saturday services to and from St. Vincent, following explosive eruptions at the La Soufriere volcano that caused ash falls, which scientists said "pose a significant threat to flight safety".

The Trinidad-based airline said that due to the volcanic activity, it would not be operating flight BW 200 scheduled for Barbados-St Vincent-

Grenada and flight BW 201 from Grenada to Barbados on Saturday.

That announcement came after the first volcanic eruption at 8:41 a.m., which sent ash plumes as high as 29,000 feet.

A team from the University of the West Indies Seismic Research Centre (UWI-SRC), which is monitoring the volcano in St Vincent, cautioned that "regional aviation interests can also expect to be impacted by volcanic ash. The volcanic ash poses a significant threat to flight safety". [CNW]

**SANTO DOMINGO - DR** - Yesterday the Permanent Attention Court of Villa Altagracia issued one year of preventive detention as a measure of coercion against the police agents responsible for causing the death of Joel Diaz and Elisa Muñoz.

After approximately four hours of hearing and two attempts of rulings between this and last week, Judge Sugeldi Rosario Mena emphasized that the evidence presented by the Public Prosecutor's Office is robust and compromises the responsibility of the six uniformed officers for the shooting of the innocent Christian couple. [SXM Island Time]

**ROME** - Italy's COVID-19 Rt reproduction number has fallen to 0.92, down from 0.98 last week, sources said Friday ahead of the publication of the weekly coronavirus

monitoring report of the health ministry and the Higher Health Institute (ISS).

The nationwide incidence has fallen to 185 cases for every 100,000 inhabitants, down from 232 last week, the sources said. A draft of the weekly report said that eight regions/autonomous provinces have a Rt over 1.

A Rt number of over 1 indicates that the virus is in expansion. The draft of the report said there had been a decrease in the general risk level. But it also said that risk level remained high in four regions - Liguria, Puglia, Tuscany and Valle d'Aosta. It said 15 regions/autonomous provinces had a moderate risk level while the risk level was low in Veneto and the autonomous province of Bolzano. The report said the nation's health system was still under stress. [ANSA]

**CANARY ISLANDS** - "I've been working here for over 25 years and I'd never seen anything like it," says Alejandra Torres, managing director of a children's hospital in Spain's Canary Islands, to describe the dramatic situation of irregular migrants arriving in the archipelago over the past week.

In recent days, a two-year-old child from Mali has died in the hospital after being rescued in critical condition from a migrant boat that departed from Dakhla in Western Sahara, on Africa's northwestern coast. An adult woman remains in the intensive care unit, and another 11 minors and seven adults are still receiving medical care.

It is not common for boats to show up with so many minors and so many women

The police have opened an investigation into the case of the boat that carried the two-year-old child and 51 other people. "It's not normal for people making such a short journey, between two and four days, to arrive in such poor condition," says a source at the Canaries Healthcare Service. One theory is that a few adults may have hoarded all the food and water on board. "Passengers have been threatened, so it is hard to get them to explain the detail of their trip," says one police source. [El Pais]

**DUBLIN** - A woman in mandatory hotel quarantine has described the cleanliness of a bedroom she was assigned in the second hotel opened to new arrivals as "pretty shocking".

Luanna Spillane, a dual Irish-Brazilian citizen who is in quarantine after visiting a sick relative in Brazil, said she found hair on the bedsheets and dirty stains and leftover food in her bedroom at the Holiday Inn Express near Dublin Airport after flying in last Tuesday.

The 28-year-old said she understood the necessity of having to quarantine given her travel from Brazil - a country with high levels of coronavirus variants of concern. However, she pointed to the "irony" of being given an unhygienic room and the risk of contracting Covid-19 in the hotel when she had tested negative before departing for Ireland.

"We are kept in here because we are potential risks but what about us? I have no idea who was in the room before me," she said. "They bring us in here as a potential risk to others but then you come in and see the hygiene of the place which is not as it should be." [Irish Times]

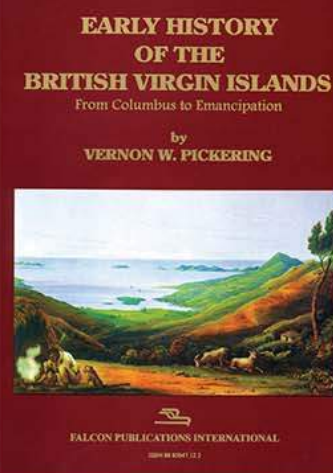
**RUSSIA** - Russian President Vladimir Putin has expressed condolences to Queen Elizabeth II following the death of her husband, Prince Philip, the Kremlin said Friday. The Duke of Edinburgh, the longest serving royal consort in British history, died Friday at age 99. He was discharged from hospital in March a month after treatment for an infection and a pre-existing heart condition.

"The name of His Royal Highness is associated with many important events in your country's recent history," Putin said in a telegram to Queen Elizabeth. "He rightfully enjoyed respect among the British and internationally," Putin said.

The Kremlin said Russia's president wished the 94-year-old monarch "courage and spiritual fortitude in the face of a heavy and irreparable loss."

Russia's Embassy in London linked Prince Philip to Russia's last imperial family in a tweet sending

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condolences on his passing. "The Duke of Edinburgh, great-great-grandson of Russian Emperor Nicholas I, was admired and will be mourned by many Russians," it said. [Moscow Times]

**BEIJING, (Xinhua)** - Chinese President Xi Jinping has called for acting on the people-centered philosophy and fully implementing crackdown, prevention, regulation and control measures to resolutely curb telecom and online fraud.

Xi, also general secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in his recent instruction on the work of fighting telecom and online fraud.

Recognizing preliminary results that have been achieved in the area, Xi urged the regulators of sectors including finance, telecom, and internet to shoulder primary responsibilities. Xi stressed improvement in the system of laws, public awareness and international cooperation.

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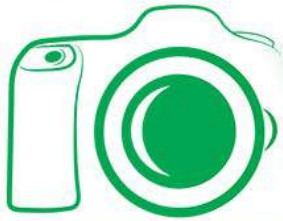
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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Red Cross volunteers with Dr. John Franklin, 4th left, and Dr. Elson Vanterpool at the 21st Health Fair and Prostate Cancer screening at Cedar School Photo by Dean "the Sportsman" Greenaway

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# The 2021 Prostate Screening/ Men's Health Fair was a success



The 2021 Prostate Screening/ Men's Health Fair was a success with 580 men from across Tortola and Virgin Gorda participating in the annual event.

His Excellency Governor John Rankin who is the Patron of the BVI Red Cross was one of the men in the BVI community that took time to visit last weekend's Prostate Screening/ Men's Health Fair.

In addition to the Governor, this year's Health Fair was also attended by: Deputy Premier Honorable Natalio Wheatley, Honorable Carvin Malone, Deputy Governor David D Archer Jr, Honorable Kye Rymer, Honorable Marlon Penn, Ag Director BVI DDM Jasen Penn; and Chief Fire Officer Zebalon McLean

The 2021 BVI Red Cross Men's Health Fair and Prostate Cancer Screening was held in partnership with Nagico Insurance. The activities took place on March 27 on Virgin Gorda, and April 9 and 10 on Tortola.

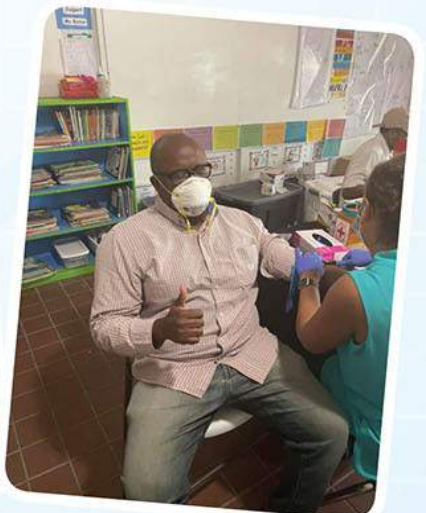


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## Ladyburd Talks

Here are some Tips For Spending Time Alone and Actually Enjoy It ( Part 1 of 2)

### Don't Check Your Phone :

If you've made the commitment to spend some time with yourself, then make a point to leave your phone out of it. Checking it not only defeats the purpose of alone time,

### Realize It's Time To Be Your Truest Self:

I used to hate spending time alone until I realized, with absolute glee, that an evening by myself meant I could do anything. Isn't that an exciting prospect? Alone time is your chance to be your truest self, so dance around in your underwear, marathon that embarrassing cartoon, and snack away on whatever you want. It's really what "me" time is all about.

### Use The Time To Your Advantage :

OK, so chores might not be at the top of your "fun things to do" list, but a weekend alone is an excellent opportunity to get stuff done. Turn on some music, put our hair in a ponytail, and get to cleaning. In a few hours, your apartment will look amazing and you'll have successfully passed the time

### Tell Yourself "This Is Good For Me:

"By spending time with yourself and gaining a better understanding of who you are and what you desire in life, you're more likely to make better choices about who you want to be around," said Sherrie Bourg Carter, Ph.D., on Psychology Today. Keep that in mind when if you start to feel lonely, or like you're missing out.



(Source CAROLYN STEBER...Bustle)



## Ladyburd's Mail Box

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**Dear Ladyburd:** I am a married woman of three years and my husband and I are just not getting along at all. I love my husband very much, but I don't know what it is, but things are not jelling the way I am expecting it to, we quarrel for the simplest of things and I am just not happy in our relationship. Is there anything you could suggest that we do to make our lives happier. **Not Contented**

**Ladyburd: Dear Not Contented:** Firstly, you have to realize that, both of you are now one; and you have to communicate with each other, and spend quality time with each other; you cannot go into your own little cocoon and live separate lives in the same home; and expect to be happy. Remember what brought you together in the first place. If you are quarreling with each other for the simplest things, that won't work. There will be disagreements; we know that; but you should try to be able to discuss things rationally. Discuss this matter and try to get along with each other. It's worth it.

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## Light Bulb Moments

*"A word of encouragement during a failure is worth more than an hour of praise after success."*  
— Unknown

*"Press on – nothing can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Perseverance and determination alone are omnipotent."*  
— Calvin Coolidge

*"The best revenge is massive success."*  
— Frank Sinatra

*"Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work."*  
— Stephen King

## Poetry Corner

### New Perspective

*An amazing thing happens when you get honest with yourself and start doing what you love, what makes you happy.*

*You stop wishing for the weekend. You stop merely looking forward to special events.*

*You begin to live in each moment and you start feeling like a human being.*

*You just ride the wave that is life, with this feeling of contentment and joy.*

*You move fluidly, steadily, calm and grateful.*

*A veil is lifted, and a whole new perspective is born.*

—Author Unknown

## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



## The Belch

A drunk staggers out of a bar and lets go of a loud belch just as a couple are walking in the door. The man yells at the drunk, "**How dare you belch before this woman!**"

The drunk says, "**I'm sorry! I didn't know she wanted to go first.**"

## Funny One-Liner

- Can February March? – No, but April May!
  - Why is everyone so tired on April 1? They just finished a 31 day March!
  - What falls but never gets hurt? – The rain!
- Q:** What's the difference between Thanksgiving and April Fool's Day?
- A:** On one you're thankful and on the other you're prankful!

## The last one was a duck

A man who's wife was pregnant couldn't bear to be in the delivery room at the time of the birth. So he thought he'd ring up later to see if it had come yet. He called and the nurse said

**"it's a girl but there's another one on the way"**

he telephoned again later and the nurse said **"it's another girl but there's another coming"** he telephoned **once more and the nurse said "it's a boy but there's another coming"**

He couldn't stand it any more so he went to the pub and got drunk. An hour later he was really nervous. He was dialling the hospital, hands shaking, and accidentally dialled the sports line where you could get the cricket scores, he asked

**"how many did we get mate"** the person said **"198 all out.... and the last one was a duck"**

## PUN INTENDED

**"Did you hear about the little girl who went upstairs to get some medicine? I think she's coming down with something...."**

# POLICE NEWS

## OFFICERS BID FAREWELL TO COP MATTHEWS

Wednesday, April 12 – The Police Welfare Association (PWA) hosted a farewell cocktail for Mr. Michael Matthews last night, (Tuesday)

Officers and police staff took to the microphone to give their personal tributes to Matthews including the Deputy Governor Mr. David Archer, who

Soon-to-be Commissioner of Police Mark Collins also addressed the gathering with words of commendation for Matthews for ensuring his smooth transition and for his work in bringing the Force through very difficult times.

Chairperson for the evening PWA head Sergeant Oneal Bakker detailed the ways that the Commissioner had impacted his life as did other members of the PWA. Acting Deputy Commissioner St. Clair Amory, Chief Inspector Paula Alleyne and his Staff Officer Carlton Saunders and many officers of RVIPF gave tributes in words and in song.

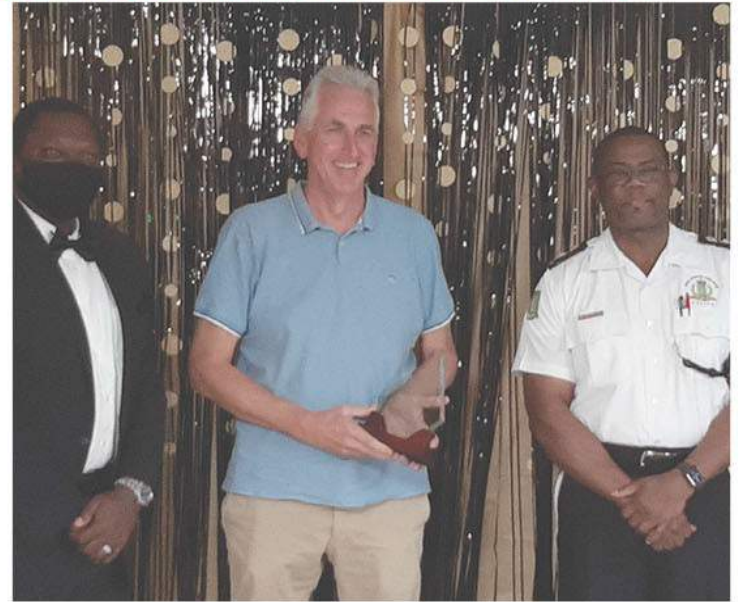
Commissioner Matthews noted his gratitude for the tributes but expressed that his achievements were largely as a result of the talents, gifts and brilliance of men and women that already existed within RVIPF.

At the end, all were invited to the unveiling of the Police Commissioner's Commemorative Plate at the front of the Road Town Police Station where Matthews name is now engraved along with other former police commissioners from 1967.



as he completes his final week in the post as Commissioner of Police.

opened with brief reminders of their pleasurable working relationship.



## POLICE CHARGE ONE MAN IN DRUG SEIZURE

Monday, April 12 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force charged one man in relation to yesterday's boat chase and subsequent drug recovery in the waters in the western end of Tortola.

Olicity Lans, 24, of Hannah Estate has since been charged with importation of drugs, being concerned in the supply of drugs and possession of a control drug.

He will appear in Magistrate's Court at the next available sitting.

The joint operation yesterday afternoon led U.S. and local authorities in pursuit of a go-fast boat which ultimately was beached in the area of Fort Recovery. A significant quantity of suspected cocaine was recovered from the waters nearby





# COMMENTARY

## COUNTRIES THAT PREVAILED EARLY AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

What was the common denominator for countries that kept the pandemic to a minimum?

Unlike in the USA, Brazil, and UK, draconian action and effective governance appeared to be the key components in keeping the COVID 19 virus from spreading in specific countries.

In some places the wearing of a face mask is mandatory and anyone venturing out without a mask is arrested swiftly. In those countries there is no halfway house: wearing a face mask is compulsory.

Even in countries where masks are not compulsory, populations that are actively mindful of the importance of masks in combatting Covid 19 wear their masks when necessary. This has probably stemmed the tide of infections in those countries.

Early in the pandemic there was mixed messaging on masks especially in the USA and UK. Then countries that took the pandemic seriously in December 2019 were better prepared for action when the worst happened, unlike countries that refused to take the pandemic seriously and that failed to lockdown early.

There may have been a belief that the pandemic was an Asian issue. The pandemic would not reach the west. However science stated that with global aviation and international shipping, it would only be a matter of time before the pandemic reached western shores. In Africa, in early January 2020, Kenya, which has a robust manufacturing base, converted that base into a machine for

building ventilators and health care equipment. That effort apparently paid off in minimizing the spread of COVID in Kenya.

Countries where populations obeyed government protocols did well. The Caribbean- British Virgin Islands is one example- possessed residents who did not disobey directives and rules set by health ministers. The result may have been a minimization of infection rates and deaths in most of the Caribbean islands.

West Indians and residents of the Caribbean stayed indoors, obeyed quarantine rules, and social distancing requirements. The result was a far less spread of the pandemic in the region.

Limiting personal contact was a disaster for these economies. However lockdowns and social distancing achieved the desired result of controlling the spread of the virus.

In Africa, the poster boy for prevailing against the virus is Rwanda.

Rwanda is a highly digitized African state capable of going cashless at very short notice. When lockdown was initiated very early on, Rwanda went cashless and all transactions were done online. The country fully locked down for months. The preceding kept social distancing to a maximum. And that helped keep control of the pandemic in Rwanda. Effective digitization meant that over 50% of Rwandans could work from home. Online schooling was empowered, and most businesses were able to operate online.

Rwanda has a population of 12 million with just 2200 cases and 8 deaths.

Compare that with the USA and UK where hundreds of thousands have died and millions are infected, then there is no doubt Rwanda is an example of early action saving lives. And it appears that so with countries that obeyed science with early action on COVID, so it will be with countries that bow to science with the vaccine.

The countries that first get the majority of their populations

inoculated from COVID 19 achieving herd immunity

will be the first to return to normal and see full economic and social recovery.

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British Virgin Islands

**ELECTRICITY CORPORATION**

### TENDERS FOR CLEANING SERVICE

The B.V.I. Electricity Corporation is inviting tenders for cleaning of its offices at Long Bush and Pockwood Pond as follows:-

July 9, 2021 – July 8, 2022

#### Duties:

- a) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of the Corporation's Administration, Transmission and Distribution and Information Technology Offices at Long Bush;
- b) Daily cleaning, mopping and dusting of all rooms offices and general floor areas at the Henry Wilfred Smith Power Station and Inventory Management Unit at Pockwood Pond;
- c) Vacuuming of carpets, cleaning of blinds, desks, ceiling fixtures and upholstery;
- d) Washing of all windows on a monthly basis;
- e) Responsible for supplying all cleaning materials and products;

The Corporation has the right to accept or reject any tender and to annul the tendering process and reject tenders at anytime prior to the award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected tenderer or tenderers and is under no obligation to give any reason for such action.

The tenderers must submit the following:

- 1) A copy of a valid trade licence.
- 2) A copy of certificate of good standing from the Social Security Board, National Health Insurance and the Inland Revenue Department.
- 3) Two (2) references.

The tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope with a return address and clearly marked "Tender for Cleaning Services 2021" addressed to:-

The General Manager  
B.V.I. Electricity Corporation  
P.O. Box 268  
Road Town, Tortola VG 1110  
British Virgin Islands

CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021.

# The 2021 Prostate Screening/ Men's Health Fair was a success

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Director of the BVI Red Cross Ms. Stacy Lloyd said, "What started due to the concern of the growing cases of prostate cancer in men in the Territory has now continued for over 20 years and has morphed into a full health fair. Essentially it's a clinic for men."

"To date, the BVI Red Cross has screened over 8000 men. The number of men who visit the fair has declined which is a great thing because it's accomplishing what our former Director Edris O'Neal wanted, for men to start paying closer attention to their health and to visit their health care practitioners regularly," she added.

The fair took place on Virgin Gorda at the Catholic Community Centre; and on Tortola at Cedar International School. This year, participants benefited from glucose testing, prostate screenings, general health checks, in addition to presentations on chronic disease, Alzheimer's Disease, nutrition and exercise demonstrations.



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# Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



# R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



# The Spats

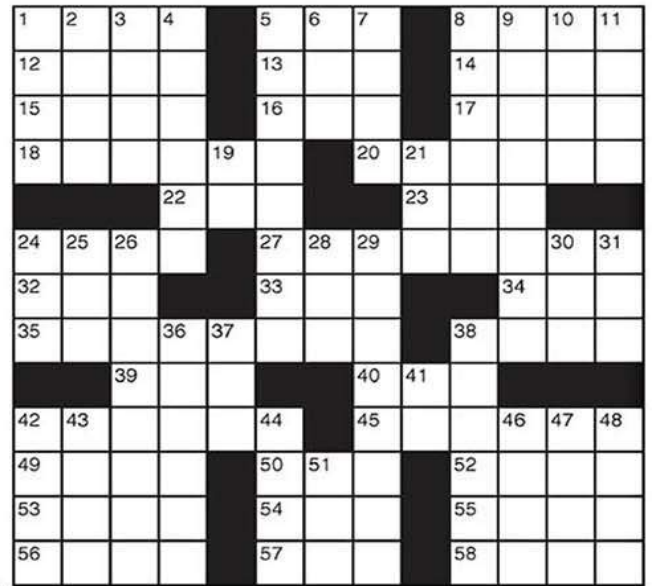
by Jeff Pickering



# King Crossword

## ACROSS

- 1 Repast
- 5 "Ben- —"
- 8 Lawman Wyatt
- 12 "Frozen" snow queen
- 13 "Right you —!"
- 14 Computer brand
- 15 Slightly
- 16 Actress Long
- 17 Hindu royal
- 18 Tidy up
- 20 Toto, to Dorothy
- 22 Peyton's brother
- 23 Commonest English word
- 24 Easter entrees
- 27 Vinegar variety
- 32 X-ray's cousin
- 33 Chopper
- 34 Hostel
- 35 "Becoming" author Obama
- 38 Read quickly
- 39 Knock
- 40 Wildebeest
- 42 "Yippeel!"
- 45 Held up
- 49 "Mamma Mia" group
- 50 Gardner of Hollywood
- 52 Actress Kate



- 53 Fibs
- 54 Diarist Anais
- 55 Footnote abbr.
- 56 Minus
- 57 Young fox
- 58 Till bills
- 6 Swiss canton
- 7 Harvest
- 8 Sultry singer Kitt
- 9 Campus figure
- 10 Gambling mecca
- 11 Bluenose
- 19 Chicago transport
- 21 UFO crew
- 24 "Let me think ..."
- 25 "Exodus" hero
- 26 Germs
- 28 Rocker Rose
- 29 "Shampoo" Oscar winner
- 30 — pickle
- 31 Blitzer's channel
- 36 Badger
- 37 Clean-air org.
- 38 Hand in
- 41 "Forget it!"
- 42 Corridor
- 43 Theater award
- 44 Tug
- 46 Innocent one
- 47 Ms.
- Brockovich
- 48 June honorees
- 51 Half of XIV

## DOWN

- 1 Intend
- 2 North Sea feeder
- 3 Largest continent
- 4 Coffee bar orders
- 5 Carthaginian general

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

## DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

- ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
- ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Curtain is wider. 2. Flower is missing. 3. Frame is smaller. 4. Fleckles are missing. 5. 2004 is different. 6. Flowerpot is different.

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Answer

## Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

## King Crossword



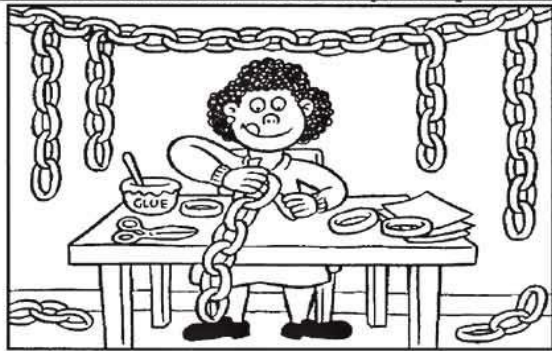
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the deepest point in Earth's oceans?
2. COMICS: What is the name of the newspaper in the "Shoe" comic strip?
3. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel features the characters Catherine and Heathcliff?
4. MOVIES: What was the name of Yoda's home planet in the "Star Wars" movie series?
5. BUSINESS: When did the social media service Facebook launch?
6. MUSIC: How many strings does a cello have?
7. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of alcohol is distilled from juniper berries?
8. HISTORY: In what year did the first human heart transplant take place?
9. SCIENCE: Which plant can be processed to make linseed oil?
10. LANGUAGE: What is the scientific study of diseases and their effects on population called?

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**MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN**

Trivia Test Answers  
 1. The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean; 2. The Treeps Tatter; 3. "Wuthering Heights"; 4. Dagobah; 5. 2004; 6. Four; 7. Gin; 8. 1967; 9. Flax; 10. Epidemiology



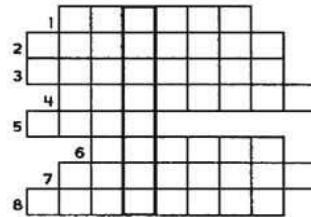
**MAVIS LOVES TO MAKE PAPER CHAIN DECORATIONS.** See how many paper links you can count in the above drawing.

Answer: We found 58. How about you?

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

DON'T THROW AN AIR BALL SOLVING THIS ONE



Sink the following eight words and win the game. In the grid there is room to enter eight words or terms pertaining to basketball. The following hints should help you dribble to victory.

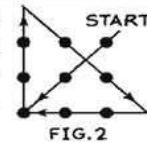
1. A credit for scoring.
2. For some, a sure point maker.
3. You can't play without them.
4. Shooting while in the air.
5. To pass the ball.
6. What teams need to win.
7. To score off the backboard.
8. To shoot over your head.

There is a dark frame around one of the columns in our grid. If you correctly solve the puzzle, the letters in the frame, top to bottom, will spell out the name of a spectacular shot.

Answers: 1. Assist; 2. Foul shot; 3. Sneakers; 4. Jump shot; 5. Feed; 6. Hustle; 7. Bank shot; 8. Hook shot. The dark framed column spells "Slam dunk."

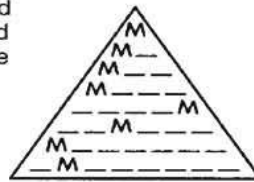
Illustrated by David Coulson

**A NEAT WAGER!** Draw nine dots on a sheet of paper (Fig. 1). Challenge your friends to connect them up by drawing four straight lines through them without lifting the pencil from the paper. (See Fig. 2 for solution.)

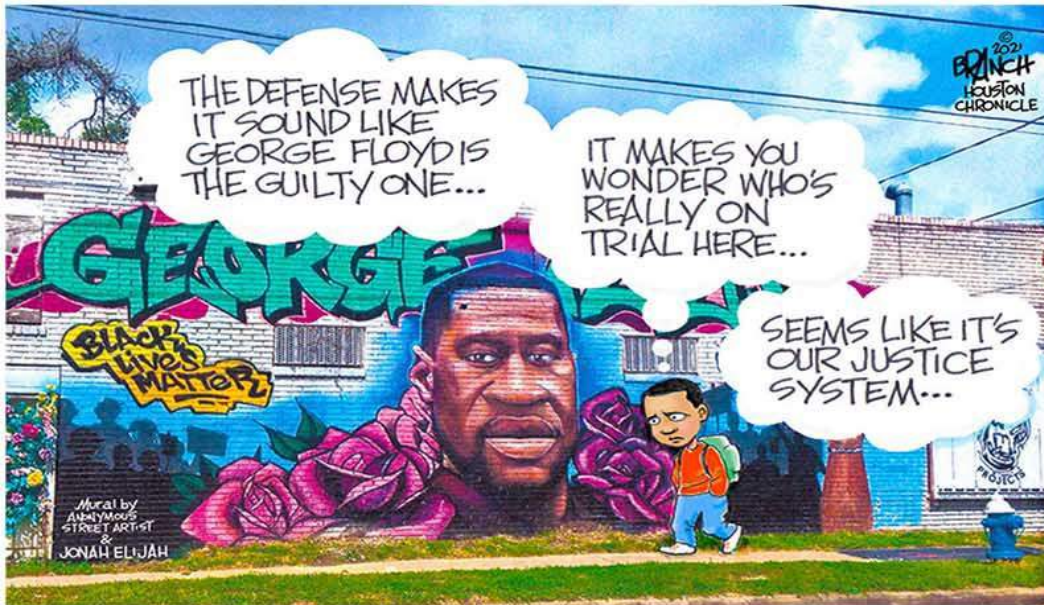


**THE "M" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the M's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Roman numeral for 1000.
2. Rebus for "none left."
3. Found in a wrestling ring.
4. A radio antenna.
5. A source of power.
6. Poorest excuse.
7. Short-handled hammers.
8. Baby Bear's bed.



Answers: The words are: M, MT (empty), mat, mast, steam, jarnest, mallets, smallest.



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, like the latter and former rain to the earth.

HOSEA 6:3



# top ten

## Recycling No-Nos

1. Plastic bags
2. Pizza boxes
3. Gift wrap
4. Small bits of metal
5. Receipts
6. Food residue/containers
7. Broken crockery
8. Diapers
9. Shredded paper
10. To-go coffee cups

Source: Wild Minimalist

## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Whether a waiting period is taking longer than expected, or just seems that way, the anxious Lamb would do well to create a center of calm within her- or himself, and not do anything rash.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Practical matters dominate the week, but cultural activities also are favored, especially those that can be shared with someone special in the Bovine's life. Some important news might be forthcoming.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You need to know more about a possible career move in order to see if it offers a real opportunity or just a change. You're sure to get lots of advice — some of it good — but the decision must be yours.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The arrival of hoped-for good news about a loved one dominates most of the week and provides a great excuse for the party-loving Moon Child to plan a special event to celebrate.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Leos and Leonas rushing to finalize their plans might want to think about slowing down the pace, or risk overlooking an important consideration that could become a sore point down the line.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The week's challenges call for logical approaches. But sentiment also has its place. Sharing memories with a special someone, for example, strengthens the bond between you.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A brand-new approach to a problem could have a good chance of succeeding if it's based on a solid foundation of fact to strengthen its potential for standing up to scrutiny.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A favorable report should give your optimism an important boost as you confront another phase of a challenge. Don't be timid about accepting advice from someone you trust.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might want to target another goal if your current aim is continually being deflected. But stay with it until you find that first sign of an opening, and then follow through.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Although offers of advice might not always please the usually sure-footed Goat, good counsel is always worth considering, especially from those whose experience can be invaluable.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Don't rush to make up for lost time. Your productivity can be measured not only by what you do, but how you do it. Move carefully until the job is done the way you like it.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Emerging facts about someone you know might cause you to rethink your relationship. But remember to make judgments in context of a full situation, not just on scraps of data.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You are known both for your love of acquiring beautiful things as well as for your generosity to others.



## The Radish Remedy

I was looking for a new spring vegetable to explore (move over asparagus and spring peas) and discovered a wealth of information about radishes. I should have titled this article "Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Radishes but Were Afraid to Ask."

**The red and white Cherry Belle and French Breakfast** European varieties are available in the spring and are the most familiar type of radishes to many shoppers. The large, white Japanese Daikon radish has been a part of a variety of Asian dishes for hundreds of years. It's a vegetable that can be prepared in a number of ways, from raw slices to pickled to roasted until slightly crisp, giving it a texture like a roasted potato.

**You can find a vast array of radishes throughout the year**, and best of all, you can eat a radish from the leaves to the bulb, so there's no waste. When selecting radishes, make sure that they are firm to the touch, and the tops are fresh without any signs of wilting.

**They are a root vegetable and a tuber in the Brassicaceae family**, along with bok choy, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collard, rutabaga and turnips. Radishes come in numerous shapes, colors, sizes and varieties, including the beautiful watermelon radish with its pink and white swirls, and the spicy black Spanish radish.



Photo Credit: Depositphotos

**Radishes are a nutritional powerhouse.** They're an important source of anthocyanins and flavonoids, and are extremely rich in vitamin C and folic acid, which medical studies have found to be positively linked to the decrease of some cardiovascular diseases. They're also strong allies in the fight against cancer cell reproduction, particular colon cancer, kidney cancer, intestinal cancer, stomach cancer and mouth cancers.

**Radishes are packed with fiber, have a low glycemic index**, are high in potassium and help with the treatment and prevention of disorders of the liver, stomach, gall bladder, kidneys and urinary tract. Radishes also function as a diuretic and a type of detergent and disinfectant for the body by washing away toxins gathered in the kidneys, purifying the blood and stimulating bile production to relieve constipation.

**This is particularly important for the treatment of jaundice.** Radishes, especially the leaves and bulbs of the black radish, reduce red blood cell distribution, which occurs in people who suffer from jaundice, by increasing the fresh oxygen supply to the blood.

**Another way to reap the health benefits of radishes is to pass** the leaves and bulb through a juicer and drink the juice. Radish juice is a natural way to reduce fevers and help prevent inflammation and burning sensations in the digestive and urinary tract, and infections of the kidney and immune system by removing excess toxins.

**If you're only using spring radishes as part of a salad or a decorative garnish**, and you've never tried the wide varieties and flavors that radishes impart to everything from pesto to stir fries and roasting, you're missing out on indulging in both the nutritional benefits and the flavors of this overlooked tuber.

## RADISH GREENS AND MUSHROOM TOAST WITH FETA CHEESE

Move over, avocado toast! This flavorful recipe is the perfect showcase for radishes and can be served for breakfast, brunch, lunch or a light supper. You can experiment with any type of radish that is in season with delicious results.

- 1 tablespoon butter • 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced • 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 2 button or crimini mushroom caps, sliced thinly
  - 1 teaspoon soy sauce • 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
  - 1/4 cup radishes, chopped finely, divided
  - 2 cups radish greens, chopped finely
  - 1/2 teaspoon apple cider or rice wine vinegar
  - 4 thick slices of country or French bread
  - 3/4 cup crumbled feta cheese, plain or with herbs, if desired
1. Preheat the broiler to 400 F.
  2. Place a large skillet over medium heat and melt the butter. Add the olive oil, garlic and salt, cook, stirring occasionally, until garlic is tender, about 1 minute. Add in mushrooms, soy sauce, pepper and 1/2 of the radishes, and cook until soft, about 3-4 minutes. Add in the radish greens and the vinegar, and cook until greens are soft, about 3-4 minutes.
  3. Place the mushroom and greens mixture evenly on the slices of bread. Sprinkle the remaining radishes and then the feta cheese on top of the greens mixture. Place bread slices under the broiler; broil for 2-3 minutes until the cheese is melted and slightly brown. Serves 2 to 4.

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## Caribbean News / Regional News

# St. Vincent and the Grenadines Relief Drive

## A Collaboration between NPOs, Government, Business and the Community

BVI NPOs and Business Community Collaborate to help St. Vincent & the Grenadines

13 April 2021, Tortola, BVI: In response to the devastation caused by the eruption of the La Soufriere volcano which started on April 9th, the BVI Non Profit Organisations (NPOs), Government, businesses and the wider community are collaborating to bring urgently needed relief to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) Relief Drive includes the collection of enough food and supplies to fill a barge and is being led by the Lions Clubs of the BVI. The Government of the Virgin Islands has organised a barge which is scheduled to set sail on Thursday, April 22nd from Tortola and April 23rd from Virgin Gorda and is expected to arrive in St. Vincent on Monday, April 26th. The voyage will be preceded by a community-wide collection effort from Wednesday, April 14th to Tuesday, April 20th on Tortola and Wednesday April 14th to Thursday, April 22nd on Virgin Gorda. A Telethon which is being spearheaded by the Rotary Family of the BVI will take place on Thursday, April 15th and is hoping to raise at least \$50,000 in cash.

The overall initiative is a collaborative effort between organising partners Rotary Family of the BVI, the Lions Clubs of the BVI, the St. Vincent and the Grenadine Association (SVGA), the BVI Red Cross, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) and the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Premier of the BVI, Hon. Andrew Fahie commented that "this initiative is a perfect example of BVI Love where the community

comes together to help those in need, whether at home in the Virgin Islands or abroad". For its part, the Government, through Minister for Health and Social Development, Hon. Carvin Malone, was able to secure the services of EZ Shipping who provided a barge to transport the donations to St. Vincent at no cost except for fuel which is envisaged to be covered through donations.

Members of the public will have plenty of opportunities to make donations to the Relief Drive beginning on Wednesday, April 14 when collection bins will be set up at the following locations on Tortola: New Testament Church of God (Baughers Bay), BVI Red Cross, Bobby's Supermarket, Road Town Wholesale Cash & Carry, RiteWay Food Markets Pasea, RiteWay Food Markets Flemming Street, Fine Foods East End, RiteBreeze East End, Tortola General Services (Sea Cows Bay and Road Town), Clarence Thomas Ltd, Caribbean Cellars, J&C Department Store and One Mart. Collection points on Virgin Gorda will open on Wednesday, April 14th at Pinch-a-Penny Mart, Rock Café, Joy's Mini-Mart, Buck's Food Market, Rosy's Supermarket, North Sound Post Office and Riteway.

The Collection effort is being coordinated by the Lions Clubs of the BVI in collaboration with the other organising partners, and is designed to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate. "We are coordinating our efforts directly with Lions Clubs of St. Vincent who are collaborating with Rotary Clubs there to target the needs of the 8,000 households sharing their space with friends and families" said President of the Lions Club of Tortola Kedrick Malone. A special request was made by the Lions Clubs in St. Vincent for toys and games for the

children who were already enduring difficult conditions during the pandemic.

The collected items will be consolidated at a warehouse made available by JOMA Properties in Port Purcell where an army of volunteers from Lions, Rotary, SVGA, Red Cross, ADRA and the community will be sorting and packaging donations to prepare them for shipment under the guidance of a DDM logistic expert, Cecil Jeffrey.

DDM Director, Jasen Penn, said "We have learned much from the pandemic and past disasters about managing the collection of donations and are prepared to run a very efficient operation." He explained and stressed that the National Emergency Management Operations (NEMO) of St. Vincent has issued specific guidelines which includes not accepting personal effects addressed to individual citizens. All items received will be inventoried and bulk packaged for delivery to facilities operated by NEMO and then distributed to various shelters and organisations based on NEMO protocols.

On Thursday, April 15th, the Rotary Family of the BVI will be coordinating a Telethon and a "Bucket Brigade" in collaboration with the other organising partners, with the goal of raising \$50,000. The funds will be sent through Rotary Club of St. Vincent who are working with NEMO. These funds will be used to purchase food and other urgently needed supplies on the island and at the same time provide a bit of a stimulus for the ravaged economy. Ryan Geluk, Assistant Governor of the Rotary Clubs of the BVI said "Rotary's control and transparent channels to get relief to where they need to go will provide a quick and efficient way of targeting assistance and

allows those affected to get the specific items they need".

According to Stacy Lloyd, Director of BVI Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross has already allocated \$288,000 to St. Vincent and the Grenadines from their Disaster Relief Emergency Fund to cover 700 families in the area of shelter, health and livelihoods. The BVI Red Cross is already collecting items for donation and will also be accepting local cash donations. Director Lloyd said "the Red Cross is a global brand and we are always prepared to respond locally and anywhere where help is needed."

The SVGA is also collaborating in the community to collect donations for its homeland. They will be partnering with owner of Pancake Paradise, Eustace "Boss" Freeman and the Entertainment Fraternity, to perform at a Donation Drive on Saturday, April 17th from 3:00pm to midnight at Pancake Paradise on Wickhams Cay by the RTO'Neal Administration Complex. Members of the SVGA will be on hand to collect donations. They are also partnering with Pastor of the New Testament Church of God and St. Vincent Consul in the Virgin Islands, Bishop Ishmael Charles, to collect donations at the church in Baughers Bay.

All of these efforts are expected to bring some much needed relief to the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadine during a very difficult time. The organisations ask persons to be as generous as they are able to as the situation was reversed in 2017 when the BVI was devastated by Hurricane Irma and the Government and people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines provided strong support for the BVI. It is now our time to return the favour.

## Jamaica finalising relief support for St. Vincent

Minister of Local Government Desmond McKenzie says Jamaica is organising support for St. Vincent and the Grenadines, which is being impacted by the erupting La Soufrière volcano.

McKenzie says Jamaica has been in contact with the Government of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and that the Holness administration is organising logistical and other forms of support to assist the island.

He added that the Government is working closely with the Ministry of Agriculture and private sector partners, including the Jamaica Manufacturers and Exporters Association, to finalise relief efforts.

At the same time, McKenzie indicated that a bank account has been opened to receive donations from the public.

Banking information:  
Bank: NCB  
Branch: Oxford Place  
Account number: 212387304

McKenzie noted that Jamaica stands with the people of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in this difficult period.

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## Women Must Have Decision-Making Power for Their Bodies, UN Says

By Margaret Besheer, April 14, 2021 01:19 AM

The U.N. Population Fund called on nations Wednesday to respect bodily autonomy as a universal right, saying too many women and girls are denied this basic power over their own bodies.

"The right to autonomy over our bodies means that we must have the power and agency to make choices without fear of violence or having someone else decide for us," UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem told reporters.

Those other decision-makers include partners, family members, society and government.

In a new report, "My Body is My Own," UNFPA reviewed data from nearly 60 countries, representing about a quarter of the world's population. It found that nearly half of the women lack the power to make their own decisions about their health care, whether or not to use contraception, or to have sexual intercourse with a partner.

"A woman who has control over her body is more likely to have power in other spheres of her life," Kanem said.

But when they are denied this power, she said it reinforces inequalities and perpetuates violence arising from gender discrimination, which is at the root of the problem.

"When control rests elsewhere, autonomy remains perpetually out of reach," the report notes.

Crimes and practices that violate a woman's bodily autonomy include "honor" killings, forced and early marriage, "virginity" tests and female genital mutilation. Forced pregnancy or abortion also violate a woman's power to make decisions concerning her body.

"Some violations, such as rape, may be criminalized, but then not always prosecuted and punished," Kanem said. "Other violations go unchallenged altogether because they are



Protesters chant slogans during a demonstration in Istanbul, March 27, 2021 against Turkey's withdrawal from Istanbul Convention, an international accord designed to protect women from violence.

reinforced by community norms, practices and laws."

Despite constitutional guarantees of gender equality in many countries, the report says on average, women globally enjoy only 75% of the legal rights of men.

Kanem said COVID-19 has worsened the situation for millions of women, increasing sexual violence, especially during lockdowns, creating new barriers

to access to health care, and job and education losses.

The report notes that bodily autonomy is an issue for other often marginalized groups, including unmarried women, LGBTI communities and persons with disabilities.

No country has achieved total gender equality, but among those with the best track record are Sweden, Uruguay, Cambodia, Finland and Netherlands.

"A diversity that shows you that this aspirational value doesn't really depend on culture or location," Kanem said, noting that the same is true at the bottom of the scale.

She said governments have a lead role to play by fulfilling obligations under human rights treaties and altering social, political, institutional and economic structures that reinforce gender inequalities.

## German Chancellor Seeks Nationwide COVID-19 Restrictions

By VOA News, April 13, 2021

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Tuesday she is asking Parliament for temporary powers that would allow her federal government to implement nationwide coronavirus lockdowns to curb a third wave of the pandemic in the country.

Merkel spoke to reporters after her Cabinet approved a draft of legislation that would give her government the power to impose pandemic-related restrictions, including curfews and school and business closings in areas with high infection rates.

The chancellor said the measures are needed to "break the third wave of the pandemic and stop the rapid rise in infections" in those areas where infection rates are more than 100 per 100,000 residents for three consecutive days within a week.

Earlier this year, when laying out a plan for reopening the nation and lifting restrictions, Merkel mentioned the need for what she called "an emergency brake" should infections rise.

Merkel said it is clear that

emergency brake is overdue. Citing daily figures from the Robert Koch Institute for Infectious Diseases, she said the latest daily infection rate is at nearly 11,000 new cases, and nearly all the nation's intensive care unit beds are in use. Merkel said she hoped Parliament would swiftly debate and pass the bill.

She again asked for Germans to show patience and noted the vaccine program has been "building momentum every day," with the recent start of vaccinations in doctors' offices.



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# SPORTS



## SOFTBALL

## 2 Softball leaders knocked from the ranks of the unbeaten

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

After his unbeaten Synergy women's team suffered their first loss of the season to the Lady Hawks on Saturday, Neville "Sheep" Smith returned to the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park on Sunday, fired a 3-hit shutout and Storm disrupted Power Outage following an earlier setback, as both league leaders fell in VI Softball Baseball Association Atoms-Astros Softball League.

"Well, it's a well deserved win for the team. I must commend Sheep, he pitched a master game there," player Coach Allen "Woodrow" Smith told Island Sun Sports following his team's 5-0 victory over Power Outage. "We know we have it in us, we just have to stay consistent, stay with the hitting, the hitting is key for our team right now, because that used to be our weakest point, we're finding ourselves now and we're in contention."

Smith said they put up early runs, something they had not been doing and it puts their opponent under extra pressure and they have to play from behind. "Once you're in front, you're more relaxed," he noted. "This victory showed our team that we can beat any team any time, but most importantly, it showed the other team they can be beaten."

Power Outage Coach Roy Barry told Island Sun Sports that his team wasn't consistent on Sunday, so the best team won.

"We made some mental mistakes and a lot of times I put the bunts on and somehow, the players seemed to have missed the sign," he said. "So, with the pitcher getting that confidence, we're not pulling him off the mound to move and get tired, he got relaxed—that was the end of the game."

Barry said his squad needs to play as a team as they have been undefeated for so long, they've gotten a lot of self-confidence and felt that they could just go out and win. "Now, we realize we have to play as a team and try to move the runner ahead, hit behind the runners and those little things we need to do to execute what need to be executed."

Power Outage's Jeremey "Chicken" Penn, took the loss. K.J. Thompson was Storm's top hitter, going 2-for-3.

Lady Hawks avenged two losses against Synergy, holding them off 9-7, while handing them their first loss of the season. Lady Hawks' Javlyn Frett struck out four in the victory and Debbie Ridgeway took the loss. Lady Hawks' Catcher Annecha Graham finished 2-for-2 with a run batted in as their top hitter while Kim Takeuchi was Synergy's leading hitter with a 2-for-4 night and 4 RBIs.

"This is super motivation. I like the camaraderie I've seen tonight. We had no arguments and that's

the way we're supposed to play the game—trust one another," Lady Hawks Coach Bryon "Chucky" Hodge told Island Sun Sports. "I always tell my pitcher don't try to do too much with the ball, I know my defense could play defense and once they hit the ball, they'll be able to compete with anybody."

Synergy's Coach Neville "Sheep" Smith said his team missed key players because of other engagements, but his team also made some mistakes that led to errors. He said they have to stay in the game and not learn to give up so many errors. "If you don't have, you can't give and I think that's one of the problems tonight," he said. "We played well for what we had, they were just better than us tonight."

In other games, Los Macarrecios whipped the Hot Shots, 17-7. They had 17 runs, 6 hist, committed 1 error. Renold "Bushman" Corum was the winning pitcher. The Hot Shots 7 runs came off 5 hits, 1 error and 2 left of base. Andrew Stoutt was tagged with the loss. Alphonso Tejada was the Los Macarrecios' top hitter with a 2-for-4 game and a run batted in. Willie Morla, Cesar Candelario and Francis Vasquez, all homered. Morla drove in a run, Candelario batted in two and Vasquez had 3 RBIs.



West End Warriors' Denesha Penn, retreats safely to 2nd base as That's Ya Problem's Donniesha George fumbles the ball

That's Ya Problem sent 16 batters to the plate in the fourth inning, batted around, scored 12 runs and went on to whip the West End Warriors, 18-6. Shakia Jeffers got the win and Kimesha Adams was saddled with the loss. That's Ya Problem's Valissa Brathwaite finished 2-for-3 with 3 RBIs. Tylia Nibbs was 2-for-3 with a run batted in and Ericca Frederick singled and doubled in three at bats and had two runs batted in.

## RUNNING

## Struiken, Lindsay shatters Hautville 5K records in Carrot Bay

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Clif Struiken and Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, shattered the Hautville 5K Series course records in Carrot Bay on Saturday, in the series' second tour stop around Tortola.

With the aim of breaking Samuel Goldstein's 2016 mark of 16 minutes and 50 seconds, Struiken took the lead from the start and pressed the pace. When he completed his last stride, he had shattered Goldstein's mark, when he stopped the clock at 16:29.8.

"Today's race was basically an all-out effort to finally get that 2016 course record off the books, when some visitor came and showed us how to run and I think I did a quite a good effort," a satisfied Struiken told Island Sun Sports. "I got under by about 20 seconds so, I'm very, very happy. It was a hard race. The hill in Carrot Bay is always very difficult, but I gave it my all and the result is there."

Struiken who's skipping the weekend KPMG Tortola Torture, said it's good to have the record in the hands of a BVI resident Lindsay, sixth overall, chopped her own year-old mark of 20:20, to 20:01.2, said it was a good run for her.

"Took it steady-ish on the way out as I'm not a fan of these big hills and I wasn't sure I was going to be ready for them, so I just tried to pace myself for the hills and I felt good on the way back," Lindsay explained. "I was trying to pick it up but those boys were gone so I was on my own, but I enjoyed it and it was a big improvement. I would have liked to keep pace with Derek (Rawlins) and Reuben (Stoby), but they had a really good run today, but I was keeping them in my sights."

Lindsay said she has been feeling good about the series and hopefully, she'll build up towards faster times towards the end of the series.

Race Director Kay Reddy, told Island Sun that the race in Carrot Bay is her favorite and the north shore of Tortola, is probably one of the most beautiful races in the world.

"If you're going to run a 5K, this is the place in the world to run a 5K and today was even better, not only that it is flat, it was fast," she noted. "In the front for the men, Clifton Struiken set a new course record of 16:29 in the ladies,

Katrina absolutely smashed the ladies course record in 20:01. As for the turnout, we had to adhere to the Ministry of Health guidelines and we had to cap the race at 70, so we had 68 finishers. It was very competitive as well as in the walking division, so just all in all, things couldn't have been better."

**Final results. Men:** 1. Clif Struiken, 16 minutes 29.8 seconds. (New Record. Old Record, Samuel Goldstein, 16:50.2, 2016). 2. Jermaine Rickets, 17:58.2. 3. Julius Farley, 18:31.3. 4. Derek Rawlings, 18:41.1. 5. Reuben Stoby, 19:27.8. 6. Iain Tucker, 20:43.0. 7. Sergio Dantas, 21:33.2. 8. 21:46.0. 9. Lennon Dabreo, 21:50.1. 10. Toni Bonzon, 22:05.0. 11. Meshach Stoby, 22:43.6. 12. Claudius Rymer, 22:48.3. 13. Greg O'Keefe-Davis, 23:18.1. 14. Adrian Dale, 23:44.8. 15. Aaron Gardner, 24:00.0. 16. Zebalon McLean, 25:10.8. 17. Rupert Johnson, 25:16.4. 18. John Ayres, 25:23.2. 19. Kazim Thomas, 25:50.1. 20. Nicholas Clark, 26:55.1.

**Women:** 1. Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, 20 minutes 01.2 seconds. (New Record. Old Record, Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, 2020, 20:20) 2. Lia Claxton,



Katrina "Kat" Lindsay, No 48, 3rd left and Clif Struiken, No 76, shattered the Women and Men's course records

22:33.4. 3. Cate Armstrong, 23:50.1. 4. Debbie Bell, 25:34.0. 5. Ksenia Shvalova, 25:40.8. 6. Vicki Francis, 25:55.0. 7. Sarah Latham, 26:05.0. 8. Saungie Liburd, 26:53.1. 9. Haley White, 27:04.6. 10. Kay Reddy, 27:12.4. 11. Rosmond Johnson, 27:14.7. 12. Tuneisha Johnson, 27:27.6. 13. Nicole Parker, 28:13.8. 14. Elizabeth Buratti, 29:57.2. 15. Yegane Guley, 30:56.5. 16. Kate Carey, 31:19.7. 17. Clare Chiltern, 32:56.0. 18. Olga Danilova, 33:12.3. 19. Rebecca Clark, 33:14.6. 20. Kate Chleriza Robledo, 33:39.3.



# SPORTS



Runners take off at the start of the Hauteville 5K Series in Carrot Bay



Wanye Bell passes off to anchor leg Malik John, in the 4x400m Relay



Synergy's Dareia Malone slides home under the tag of Lady Hawks' Annecha Graham tag



One Caribbean's Carlos Septus, prepares to kick the ball ahead of the Panthers' Sheldon Harry



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## SUN AND SEA HOLIDAYS INTERNATIONAL INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 150654

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th April, 2021  
Dated 12th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Rahel Ruth Kieber*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/1]

## Novation Inc.

Company No. 2008886  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Novation Inc. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th April, 2021 and **Zhong Jue of Room 401, Building 19, Fengming Community, Wutong Street, Tongxiang City, Zhejiang Province, China** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this: 12th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. Zhong Jue*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/2]

## LATIN INVESTING CORP.

Company No. 1707870  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LATIN INVESTING CORP.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th April, 2021 and **Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 12th day April 2021.  
*Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUNEZ*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/3]

## MORASTOWN UNITED S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 304234

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Dated 12th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Markus Ducrey*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/4]

## BRIOCREEK INVESTMENTS LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1722978

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Dated 12th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Engelbert Schreiber Jun.*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/5]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### Aurora Private Equity Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 24th day of March 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*XIA Donglin* of  
No. 2, Jinba Road, Tianmu Town, Beichen District, Tianjin City, China  
[96/6]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### ShengTang Tongcheng Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*FEI Yanyu* of  
No. 12, Unit 3, Building 2, No. 1, Ziwei East Road, High-tech Zone, Chengdu, China  
[96/7]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### HUMILITY MOUNTAIN LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*ZHAN Yaxi* of  
Room 201, No. 53, Lane 3899, Shangnan Road, Pudong New Area, Shanghai, China  
[86/8]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### Info-Tech Financial Holding Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
*WU Kening* of  
No. 15, Lu Chang Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China  
[96/9]

## Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act

### PERFECTWOOD HOLDING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1795713

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*Sgd. Mr. Elias Neocleous*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/10]

## Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act

### SAMUEL CONDE AND ASSOCIATES (BVI) LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 709253

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9th April, 2021. The Liquidator is **John Richard Knight, of Jose Andres Aybar Castellanos Street No.151, Apt.6A, Edificio Don Carlos VI, La Esperilla, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.**  
Dated this 9th April, 2021  
*Sgd. John Richard Knight*  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/11]

### UPSILON CAPITAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 615603

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company **UPSILON CAPITAL LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 9th April 2021 and **LISLEYDY ISABEL BROCE CASTILLO of Calle Punta Colon, Oceania Business Plaza, 2000 Tower, 37F** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 12th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. LISLEYDY ISABEL BROCE CASTILLO*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/12]

### FANGYUAN INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CO., LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1648649

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Dated this 12th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. LIN XIUSHUANG*

*LIN XIUSHUANG*  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/13]

## GAINBO INVESTMENT LIMITED

Company No. 1975774  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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Dated this: 12th day of April, 2021.  
*Sgd. CHU You Kwong*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/14]

## Think2Max Limited

Company No. 1903125  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Think2Max Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th April, 2021 and **LU YU of No 102, GATE 4, FLOOR 1, LUO ZHUANG DONG LI, HAI DIAN, BEIJING, CHINA**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this: 9th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. LU YU*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[86/15]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### Young Shine Global Enterprise Co., Ltd.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 8th day of April, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is: -  
*YEN, San Chuan*  
Of No.3, Ln 136, 136 Junfu 19th Rd. Beitun Dist. Taichung City Taiwan  
[96/16]

## NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

### Wembley Assets Holdings Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

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*Yeung Dao Tsun*  
Of 20/F, 88 Gloucester Road, Wanchai Hong Kong  
[96/17]

## HARVEST SUCCESS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1753146

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Dated this 9th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. LAI Chak Leung*

*LAI Chak Leung*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/18]

## RICHCOME WORLDWIDE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1753154

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Dated this 9th day of April, 2021  
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*LAI Chak Leung*  
Voluntary Liquidator

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## XIN KINGSWAY HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1814829

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 9th day of April, 2021.  
Dated this 9th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. LAI Chak Leung*

*LAI Chak Leung*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/20]

## Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.

### DokgoGourd Network Technology Co., Ltd

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1893387

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th April, 2021. The liquidator is **XU Liling of Group 7, Gongdian Village, Jiangdong Street, Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province, China.**  
Dated: 9th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) XU Liling*

Liquidator  
[96/21]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**

**LXH Co., Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1893391

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th of April, 2021. The liquidator is LU Shuilin of Room 201, No. 7, Lane 700, Yanchang Middle Road, Zhabei District, Shanghai, China. Dated: 9th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) LU Shuilin*  
Liquidator

[96/22]

**PERIBIOL MANAGEMENT LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1507937

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 7th April, 2021  
Dated 9th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/23]

**KALABO INVESTMENT INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 212311

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 6th April, 2021  
Dated 9th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Luzia Büchel*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/24]

**KLYCE INTERNATIONAL INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1861951

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 7th April, 2021  
Dated 9th April, 2021  
*Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/25]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004**

**West Valley Group Corporation**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No 475350

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 08, 2021.

Dated: April 09, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Claudia David*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/26]

**EDEN STAR PROPERTIES LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 171934

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 1st April, 2021  
Dated 13th April, 2021

*Sgd. Dr. Oliver Nesensohn*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/27]

**NOTICE**

**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
ROSTAN GAMMA LIMITED**

("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th April, 2021; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidator is:-  
*Elad Shasha*  
of 2 Itzhak Sadeh  
St. Raanana  
Israel  
96/28

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**

**Hengshan Hill. Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2050995

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April, 2021.

Dated: 13th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) WANG Qian*  
Liquidator

[96/29]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**

**MMG GROUP LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2005217

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April, 2021.

Dated: 13th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) WU Changqiang* (□□□)  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/30]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**

**MOLI EIGHT LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2009739

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April, 2021.

Dated: 13th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) WU Changqiang* (□□□)  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/31]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004**

**MOLI SEVEN LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 2003682

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th April, 2021.

Dated: 13th April, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) WU Changqiang* (□□□)  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/32]

**Unique Perception Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1973799

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 13th day of April, 2021.

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. TSANG Siu Cheong*

*TSANG Siu Cheong*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/33]

**SILVER POINT INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 234090

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 13th day of April, 2021.  
Dated this 13th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. Kwok Wai Ming*

*Kwok Wai Ming*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[96/34]

**BEST WISDOM GROUP LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1925718

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, Subsection (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 13th day of April, 2021. The Liquidator is **WONG Ka Wai Vivian of 18/F Argenta, 63 Seymour Road, Mid Levels, Hong Kong.**

Dated this 13th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. WONG Ka Wai Vivian*

*WONG Ka Wai Vivian*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/35]

**WOLPERTON INTERNATIONAL LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 276919

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company **WOLPERTON INTERNATIONAL LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th April 2021 and **Mr. VIACHESLAV ZARUBIN of Bld, 14, ter. DNT Kolos-1, Aprelevka Town, Naro-Forminsky Municipality, Moscow Oblast, 143362, Russian Federation** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 12th day of April, 2021  
*Sgd. Mr. VIACHESLAV ZARUBIN*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/36]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**

**LECRAE MANAGEMENT LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1856870

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 7, 2021.

Dated: April 13, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Alon Shine*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/37]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**

**PRO FUTURE ENTERPRISES INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1965560

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 8, 2021.

Dated: April 13, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/38]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**

**FREIVEN INT'L LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1881978

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 8, 2021.

Dated: April 13, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/39]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.**

**ODELLIS COMPANY LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1694641

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 9, 2021.

Dated: April 13, 2021  
*(Sgd.) Phani Schiza Antoniou*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/40]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**

**DRAWSTORM CORPORATION LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 620192

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 7, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**

Dated: April 13, 2021.  
*(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/41]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**GOWER ADVISORS LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1926688

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 8, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: April 13, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/42]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**ESPIARNOS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1791712

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 8, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.

Dated: April 13, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/43]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*

**BRADLON HOLDINGS LTD**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1936222

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th day of April, 2021. The liquidator is **VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS** of Ethnikis Antistaseos, 48, ZEIROPOI COURT, 2nd floor, Flat/Office 201, Agia Zoni, 3027, Limassol, Cyprus.

Dated: 12th day of April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS**  
Liquidator [96/44]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*

**Brown Advisory Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1970141

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 8th day of April, 2021. The liquidator is **LAM KIN LOK** of RM 3512, 35/F YAN YUET HOUSE, YAN ON ESTATE, MA ON SHAN, NT., HONG KONG SAR.

Dated: 12th day of April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **LAM KIN LOK**  
Voluntary Liquidators [96/45]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*

**VIRTUOUS KING HOLDINGS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1986568

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th April, 2021.

Dated: 12th April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Li Mingfang**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/46]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*

**BIO-TECH INVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1986818

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th April, 2021.

Dated: 12th April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Li Mingfang**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/47]

*Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*

**TAM Business Aviation International Corp.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1508239

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 6th day of April 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George**, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 13th day of April 2021.

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/48]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*

**TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY INVESTMENT LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 113190

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 13th April, 2021. The liquidator is **Philippa V. O'Sullivan** of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated: 13th April, 2021

(Sgd.) **Philippa V. O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/49]

*Notice of Appointment of a Voluntary Liquidator under Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004.*

**Pure Aura Capital Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1906268

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1) (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 7th day of April 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George**, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Dated this 13th day of April 2021.

**Ray A. George**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/50]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**Heartwood Holdings Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 7, 2021. The Liquidator is **Mr. Kevin Ackerman**, with address at Seestrasse 37, 8002 Zürich, Switzerland.

Dated: April 7, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Kevin Ackerman**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/51]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**MAGESTIC TOWER INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 7, 2021. The Liquidator is **OFELIA MARIA VOLONTERIO CROCE**, with address at RUTA 8, KM 17,500 EDIFICIO ARROBA 2, OFICINA 402, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY.

Dated: April 7, 2021.

(Sgd.) **OFELIA MARIA VOLONTERIO CROCE**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/52]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act*

**Elystine Holding Limited**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 682057

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 12th day of April, 2021. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn** of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1120.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021

(Signed) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
(Liquidator) [96/53]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act*

**ALMOAYYED INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1755555

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of April, 2021. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn** of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1120.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021

(Signed) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
(Liquidator) [96/54]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act*

**MFA Investments Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1673357

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of April, 2021. The Liquidator is **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn** of Chapel Hill, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG 1120.

Dated this 14th day of April, 2021

(Signed) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
(Liquidator) [96/55]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**ABCEE LIMITED**

Company No. 1825940  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th day of April, 2021.

Dated 14th day of April, 2021

(Sgd.) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [96/56]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**ZENTURA LIMITED**

Company No. 1822370  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th day of April, 2021.

Dated 14th day of April, 2021

(Sgd.) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [96/57]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Companies Act.*

**LORANGE LTD.**

Company No. 634158  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 13th day of April, 2021.

Dated 14th day of April, 2021

(Sgd.) **Cassandra Glassgow-Penn**  
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [96/58]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*

**OCEAN SPRING TRADING LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1574168

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021.

Dated: 14th April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **CHEUNG Ling Kit Ricky**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/59]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*

**CHINA HONEST GLOBAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1833392

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021.

Dated: 14th April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **Ping Jun**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/60]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act; 2004*

**Silver Brocade Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1794381

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021.

Dated: 14th April, 2021.

(Sgd.) **SU Chujun**  
Voluntary Liquidator [96/61]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*  
**SYSMEDIC LIMITED**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 2019883  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021.  
 Dated: 14th April, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Leung Wing Fai*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/62]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act.*  
**Kaltchuga Ltd.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company Number 98592  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 7th day of April, 2021. The Liquidator is **Audrey Robertson, Commerce House, Wickhams Cay 1, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**  
 Dated: April 7th, 2021  
 (Sgd.) *Audrey Robertson*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/63]

**GARNES INVESTMENTS LIMITED**  
 Company No. 1508323  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GARNES INVESTMENTS LIMITED has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th April, 2021  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Charoulla Lesta*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/64]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**AIM ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD.**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 Company No. 308721  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on April 13, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**  
 Dated: April 15, 2021.  
 (Sgd.) *Delio Jose De Leon Mela*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/65]

**SOMERSET INVEST & TRADE LIMITED**  
 Company No. 1411243  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SOMERSET INVEST & TRADE LIMITED.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th April, 2021 and **Querube Castillo de Nuñez of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama,** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
 Dated this 15th day April 2021.  
 Sgd. *QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/66]

**KAY INVESTMENTS LTD.**  
 Company No. 1976991  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **KAY INVESTMENTS LTD.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mrs. NESRIN SOFUOGLU*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/67]

**LENTEL ENTERPRISES LTD.**  
 Company No. 1454570  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LENTEL ENTERPRISES LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mr. SOCRATES ELLINAS*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/68]

**MOINES LIMITED**  
 Company No. 628401  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MOINES LIMITED** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 14th April, 2021  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021  
 Sgd. *Mrs. LINETH PONCE*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/69]

**FITON BUSINESS S.A.**  
 Company No. 78191  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **FITON BUSINESS S.A.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th April, 2021.  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.  
 Sgd. *QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/70]

**NEW VISION SERVICES S.A.**  
 Company No. 1992086  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **NEW VISION SERVICES S.A.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th April, 2021.  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.  
 Sgd. *RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/71]

**GLEXO CORPORATION**  
 Company No. 26804  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GLEXO CORPORATION**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th April, 2021.  
 Dated this 15th day of April, 2021.  
 Sgd. *QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ*  
 Voluntary Liquidator  
 [96/72]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Wiz Family Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/73]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Grandfly Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/74]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**B&O Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/75]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Jacques Capital Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/76]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Dong Fang FeiXiang Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/77]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Sengwin Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/78]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**RongKe Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/79]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**Grandreal Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
 [96/80]

*NOTICE BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)*  
**GTIG Holdings Limited**  
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.  
 The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
 Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road, Minhang District, Shanghai, China  
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Virgin Islands

PROBATE NO. 0068 OF 2021

In the Estate of SWEI SHENG TE aka SWEI, SHENG-TE aka SUI SHENG-TE aka SHENG-TE SWEI late of 73, Yamate-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa-Pref., Japan, deceased, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MA SAM of Tachi Building Nakano 401, 6-2, Arai 1-chome, Nakano-ku, Tokyo, who is the wife of the deceased for Grant of Letters of Administration of the above name deceased who died intestate on the 6th day of June 2018.

Any person having an objection to the application to the Grant of Letters of Administration shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 12th April 2021.

Filed by Walkers Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is

171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands

## THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE VIRGIN ISLANDS

In the estate of RODNEY SIMMONDS, late of Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that DEAN SIMMONDS of Lower Estate, Road Town, Tortola, Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of RODNEY SIMMONDS, who died on the 5th day of February, 2021, domiciled in the Virgin Islands (the Deceased), has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Probate of the said Last Will and Testament of the Deceased.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the Grant of Probate to the said DEAN SIMMONDS, shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.



Filed by O'Neal Webster, Attorneys-at-Law for the Executor, whose address for service is 2nd Floor Commerce House, 181 Main Street, P.O. Box 961, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG 1110.

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## The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Virgin Islands

In the Estate of WONG PHILIP KIN HANG also known as WONG, PHILIP KIN HANG also known as PHILIP KIN HANG WONG also known as WONG KIN HANG also known as PHILIP WONG also known as PHILIP K.H. WONG also known as PHILIP WONG KIN HANG also known as WONG KIN HANG PHILIP also known as PHILIP K H WONG, late of House A2, 14 Mount Kellett Road, The Peak, Hong Kong, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by WONG CHENG GERTRUDE KWOK CHEUNG also known as WONG CHENG KWOK CHEUNG GERTRUDE also known as WONG CHENG, GERTRUDE KWOK CHEUNG also known as CHENG KWOK CHEUNG also known as GERTRUDE WONG also known as GERTRUDE WONG CHENG KWOK CHEUNG also known as MADAM CHENG KWOK CHEUNG of House A2, 14 Mount Kellett Road, The Peak, Hong Kong, Housewife, and WONG YING KIT, DAVID of Flat I, 7th Floor, Block IJ, Grenville House, 1 Magazine Gap Road, Hong Kong, for an Application for Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 28th day of May 2020 wherein the applicants are the named executors and the wife and son, respectively, of the deceased.

Any person having an objection to the application to the Grant of Probate of the Will; shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 15th day of March 2021.

Filed by *Walkers Attorneys-at Law* whose address for service is 171 Main Street  
Road Town, Tortola  
British Virgin Islands, VG 1110

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### THIRD SCHEDULE

#### The Land Surveyors Ordinance, 1970 Notice of Intention to Survey

To:

Cecil Rhymer - Parcel 13, Block 5344B  
Reeial George - Parcel 14, Block 5344B  
Joanne George - Parcel 67, Block 5344B  
Crown - Parcel 167, Block 5344B

I hereby give you Notice that I am employed by Virgin Island Surveying Services Limited, to survey Parcels 79, Block 5344B, Virgin Gorda East & Northern Cays Registration Section, situate on the island of Tortola which adjoin lands, said to belong to you or to be in your possession. I shall commence the survey at 9:00 am on Tuesday, the 20th day of April 2021, at which time you are requested to attend by yourself or your agent as you may think fit at the survey site. In the meantime, I shall make such traverses, as I may deem requisite. You must bring any Surveys and other papers referring to your land in order to protect your interest therein.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2021

Marc Downing  
Marc Downing  
Licensed Surveyor

Tel. 346-1137 Email: vissltd@gmail.com

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### NOTICE

*BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT  
(NO. 16 OF 2004)*

**Lednew Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.

The Liquidator is:-

*GU Yizhe* of  
Room 1806, No. 1699, Gubei Road,  
Minhang District, Shanghai,  
China

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*Final Notice of Dissolution under The  
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*

**HILLSIDE PROPERTY  
HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No 1013845

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 13, 2021.

Dated: April 14, 2021

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[96/83]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under The  
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004*

**CW Enterprises, Inc.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No 1912115

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from April 13, 2021.

Dated: April 14, 2021

(Sgd.) *Philippa O'Sullivan*

Voluntary Liquidator

[96/84]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator  
under Section 204 of the BVI Business  
Company Act.*

**SILVER SHORE  
DEVELOPMENT INC.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 14 April 2021. The Liquidator is Ms. Giselle Carolina Velez Pozo with address at Francisco Richiez #17, Edificio Andrea I, La Romana, Dominican Republic.

Dated: 14 April 2021.

(Sgd.) *Ms. Giselle Carolina Velez Pozo*  
Voluntary Liquidator

[96/85]

# Proposed global minimum tax rate would be crippling

By Sir Ronald Sanders



Developing countries, including those in the Caribbean, need to monitor this development closely. Their already suffering economies could end up being hurt by it even more.

Tax rates are a sovereign matter. Governments set tax rates in the context of several factors including their domestic financial demands; a judgement on the ability to pay; and the need to attract foreign investment to drive economic and social development.

The U.S. government is exercising its sovereign right to raise its domestic corporate tax to 28 per cent, particularly as it wants to spend \$2 trillion over the next eight years on building expensive infrastructure in a range of areas. There should be every appreciation of this ambition.

However, conscious that this high tax rate might push U.S. companies to migrate to lower tax countries, the U.S. government wants a global minimum tax rate of 21 per cent. Its belief is that a sufficiently high minimum global tax rate would discourage U.S. companies from leaving.

The U.S. proposal has been welcomed by the OECD and the European Union nations, France and Germany, that have always been the 'hawks' on setting and enforcing global tax rates. Pascal Saint-Amans, head of tax administration at the OECD, welcomed the U.S. proposals, saying "This reboots the negotiations and is very positive."

If this proposition is accepted, it will be enforced on all countries. Experience with the OECD, the European Union (EU) and the U.S. demonstrates that by various methods, Caribbean countries have been coerced into compliance with rules or demands to their disadvantage.

Once the OECD member states agree it amongst themselves, they will enforce it. The method in the past on matters such as what they called "harmful tax competition", has been to identify countries they pejoratively list as 'uncooperative jurisdictions'. The mere naming of countries injures the standing of their financial services sectors, causing loss of business and the capacity to participate effectively in the world's trading and financial systems. To avoid these consequences, countries have complied, eroding sovereignty over their tax policies and, importantly, jobs and income.

Remarkably, the OECD has described its efforts for 'tax harmonisation' and an end to 'tax competition' as "levelling the playing field". In other words, the playing field for competition in taxation, is levelled by forcing developing countries to meet high taxation levels needed by the rich. Other areas, in which level playing fields are necessary, are conveniently ignored. A current example is the

purchase and hoarding of COVID-19 vaccines by many OECD countries. At the time of writing, of the 674 million vaccines that have been administered globally, 77 per cent are in the 10 richest nations.

The U.S. has reportedly sent documents, proposing the new tax, to 135 countries negotiating international taxation at the behest of the OECD. The tax would apply to global profits of large companies, including big U.S. technology groups, regardless of their physical presence in any country. Agreement on the tax would allow the U.S. administration to increase corporate taxes on U.S. companies without fear of competition from other countries.

Alarming, a senior representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already endorsed the U.S. government proposal. IMF Chief Economist, Gita Gopinath, said that "We're very much in support of having this kind of global minimum corporate tax." It is unclear if she was speaking for the Board of the Fund or for her division. Fortunately, the Head of the World Bank, David Malpass, has taken a more balanced position on the matter. He has warned against setting a global minimum tax rate that is too high, adding that he did not want to see new rules "that would hinder poor countries' ability to attract investment".

And, this really will be the crux of the issue. Every country has the right to set its own domestic tax rates, but not to impose rates on others – which is what the OECD has been trying to do since 1998.

Small countries, including those in the Caribbean, have lower corporate tax rates because they need investment not only to compete with larger countries but also to survive. A mandated tax rate of 21 per cent would cripple many of them and retard their growth.

An example of this currently exists in the OECD and the EU. Ireland, one of the smallest of their member countries, has a corporate tax rate of 12.5 per cent and has been one of the biggest beneficiaries of foreign investment. A few decades ago, Ireland was much poorer than Britain, but its implementation of a low corporate tax rate has helped its growth and raised its living standards.

No doubt, Ireland will face considerable pressure from other OECD and EU countries to accept the proposed new corporate tax rate, but it has resisted bullying in the past, and it is likely to do so again. If that is the case, other smaller countries, including Caribbean ones, should join it in arguing for a sensible minimum corporate tax rate that is agreed and not imposed.

The World Bank's David Malpass has set a reasonable tone stating that any new minimum tax should not be too high. Hitherto, the OECD itself has been working on a rate of 12.5 per cent.

On this matter, Caribbean and other small countries should stand up in unison for their rights by strong representation and informed argument.



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LOCAL, CARIBBEAN, & WORLD NEWS

## The Royals and the Media

It can be said that the High School years are or have been an eye-opener for most of us. Among the many things we learn is a better appreciation of human flaws: no one is perfect and we all make mistakes - big and small - during our lives, no hero is a saint, and few saints are heroes, our teachers too make mistakes.

However, if you are a public figure you are constantly scrutinised by the media whose main target is increasing the number of viewers and readers. Good news does not sell newspapers and magazines: gossips, scandals, bribery, and the like are the center of attention of many journalists which explains why quite a few of them get into trouble. That is not to say that investigative journalism is bad, but there is a limit.

Paris paparazzi trying to catch pictures of Princess Diana were one of the complications leading to her tragic death. A portion of the media was reckless in its reporting of the royal family. Not much has changed, and more recently Prince Harry and his wife Meghan Markle have become the media's next focal point. Members of the public are divided: some enjoy all the distortions of the media while others see a tinge of prejudice and even racism perpetrated by the media, which is not difficult to believe since most media owners are politically leaning towards the far-right political agenda. One needs only to switch to Fox News to get a clear view of what we are saying. Last week, most journalists were not taken by surprise by the sad news of the death of Prince Philip as many had a biographical piece on their personal computer for months, perhaps years. Due to the type of readership or tv audience that their media attract they decided to spice up their articles announcing the death of the devout Consort of the vastly loved Queen Elizabeth II with his reactions to world events as well as royal family problems and decisions, including the occasional not so politically correct comment or disagreement. Yet, a good portion of the public viewed him as a barometer of the public mood. And even on a lighter note, some readers may not be amused by a question he "reportedly" asked vocalist Tom Jones in 1969 "what do you gargle with, pebbles?". Whether or not he posed such a question we may never know. Nevertheless we believe he didn't.



## NOTICE OF DORMANT ACCOUNTS BY NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED

Pursuant to the Dormant Account Act 2011 ("the Act"), No. 12 of 2011 which came into force on 1st February 2012 the National Bank of the Virgin Islands Limited of Wickham's Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, BVI ("the National Bank") hereby publish the following list and particulars of accounts which have been declared Dormant under the Act and are being held by this institution. Customers whose names appear on the list below are hereby notified that:

- (i) the National Bank hold dormant accounts in respect of the listed persons in its books;
- (ii) if a transaction or activity is not effected in respect of a dormant account by the account holder not later than sixty (60) days from the date of the notice, the moneys in the account shall be transferred to the Dormant Account Fund established pursuant to section 13 (1) of the Act, without further notice to the account holder;
- (iii) an interested person should contact the National Bank to prove ownership of the account, and
- (iv) an Account holder is entitled, subject to the Act, to claim repayment of the moneys in the dormant account from the National Bank, subject to any lawful charges agreed to by the dormant account holder and the National Bank.

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Karen Pitt	General Delivery, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG111	604.85





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BY NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED**

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Marie Stoutt-Henry	General Delivery, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110	172.12
The BVI Beacon	P.O. Box 3030, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110	1544.59
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Elcina Frett	P.O. Box 2804, East End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1120	2144.73
First Impressions	P.O. Box 3122, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110	2779.24
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Salvadol E. Callwood	General Delivery, West End, Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1130	4166.31
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Dated 16th of February, 2021

**NATIONAL BANK OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS LIMITED**

# INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPEDITED WORK PERMIT FEE

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY  
 MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, LABOUR & IMMIGRATION  
 SEVENTH SITTING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
 THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2021

Mister Speaker, during the Sixth Sitting of the Third Session of the Fourth meeting of this Honourable House, held on the March 4th of this year, I brought before you a motion in the form of Statutory Instrument No. 14 of 2021 which introduced the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2021. Mister Speaker, this allowed for Part 45 – Work Permit Fees of the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act, 2005 to be amended, thus resulting in the introduction of an expedited work permit fee of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150.00).

Mister Speaker, in 2018 the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration introduced the Executive Work Permit programme, which is commonly known as the EWP programme, that allows for workers yielding an annual salary of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or over, from any industry within our Territory, to benefit from a specialized service when processing their work permits. Since then, a wider category of workers have been introduced to utilize the programme, and this started in October of 2020. This new category was allowed for following Government's decision to introduce an "Ease of Doing Business" initiative

that allows Government to redefine services across all areas allowing for more seamless processes. Mister Speaker, as the Minister for Labour it is my aim to introduce areas that allow for ease of doing business across all sectors for work permit processing. However, it was agreed that it would be most feasible to start with the Financial Services Industry, which also includes legal, insurance and accounting companies.

Mister Speaker, under both programmes applicants are able to have direct contact with members of the EWP team, on the status of their application, they have access to expedited processing of certificates, with the Social Security Board and National Health Insurance, and they benefit from processing times as quick as three (3) business days, but no more than twelve business (12) days which varies depending on the type of application. Since the inception of the programmes the Ministry has processed a total of Seven Hundred and Nine (709) Executive Work Permit applications and Fifty-One (51) applications, within the wider Financial Services Industry, all within the allotted expedited timeline. Mister Speaker, these numbers signify Seven Hundred and Sixty (760) clients who have received

exceptional and specialized services at no additional cost. Mister Speaker, we should not carry on in this way.

Mister Speaker, with the implementation of these programmes, it was felt that a reasonable fee should be introduced to alleviate the costs associated with these services, which resulted in the amendment to Part 45 of the Statutory Rates, Fees and Charges Act. Mister Speaker it is important to note that the introduction of this new expedited fee will be firstly utilized by the Executive Work Permit and Financial

Services Industry Work Permit programmes, whose work permit applications are currently processed by the team at the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration. Mister Speaker, that expedited fee, took effect on Monday, 12th April, 2021 and will be administered as a mandatory fee for utilizing these services within the Ministry. Mister Speaker, often times when new fees are introduced, it can be seen as burdensome, to the individuals utilizing the applicable services. However, most times government fees, for services are below standard and do not, compare

to the services rendered.

Mister Speaker, the Ministry and the Department of Labour and Workforce Development intends to offer a variety of more efficient, streamlined, and expeditious services to the public as we continue to reform, thus allowing us to better meet the needs of the great array of clients we service daily. With this evolution of labour related services Mister Speaker, the public will be hearing more in the coming weeks about our enhanced services and the long-awaited introduction of technology to our work permit processing services. Mister Speaker, I thank you

**EVERY CHILD MATTERS**

**Parents! Teach your child the PANTS RULE!**  
 Talk Pants and you've got it covered!

**P** Private parts are private.  
 Nobody is permitted to touch it

**A** Always remember  
 your body is yours and yours only.

**N** No means no.  
 Never yield to pressure.

**T** Talk about secrets that upset you.

**S** Say something and speak up!  
 Someone can help.

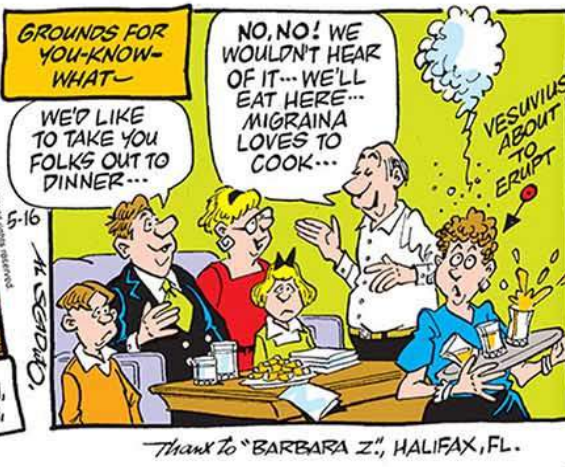
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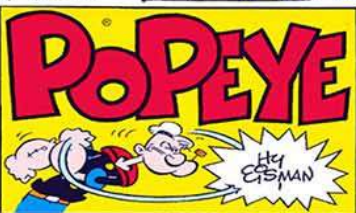
BY AL SCADUTO

SCHOOL DAZE-



EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? THE PHONE IN THE TV SHOW RINGS AND...

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



Can shoes spread the COVID-19 virus?



The likelihood of COVID-19 being spread on shoes and infecting individuals is very low.

As a precautionary measure, particularly in homes where infants and small children crawl or play on floors, consider leaving your shoes at the entrance of your home. This will help prevent contact with dirt or any waste that could be carried on the soles of shoes.

11 June 2020

#Coronavirus

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# JOE'S HILL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

STATEMENT BY THE HONOURABLE VINCENT WHEATLEY  
 MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES, LABOUR & IMMIGRATION  
 SEVENTH SITTING OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FOURTH HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
 THURSDAY, 15TH APRIL, 2021

Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to share with this Honourable House and the people of the Virgin Islands an update on the Joe's Hill Housing Development being carried out by the Social Security Board.

Mr. Speaker, the Joe's Hill Housing Development (the Development) is a housing community designed on the hillside under Joe's Hill, Tortola facing the Long Bush and wider Road Town area. The property encompasses scenic views of Road Town, Salt Island and Peter Island. The Development is expected to be a gated community that includes twenty-five buildings, comprising a collection of fifty-two (52) residential units targeting first-time homeowners, plus a commercial rental space. The units will range from one to three-bedroom styled condos, single family homes and townhouses.

Mr. Speaker, the Development, recognized as the inaugural phase of the BVI Social Security Board's (SSB) First-time Homeowner's Programme, is a Design/Build model. In this arrangement, the Contractor, James Todman Construction Ltd. is responsible for all design aspects and the construction project. The property development component is the SSB's responsibility, with the project management

component assigned to a third-party agency, STO Enterprises Limited.

On April 20, 2017, the Territory celebrated with the SSB on the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Development, a momentous accomplishment for our islands. However Mr. Speaker, it was only five months later that our Territory was devastated by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Due to the impact of these hurricanes, the SSB suspended all works on the Development. On May 28, 2020 Mr. Speaker, steps were taken to restart and a contract was executed between the SSB and the Contractor for the commencement of constructions works, and on July 1, 2020, site mobilisation works were underway.

The SSB, took on this initiative Mr. Speaker, with the aim to: enable individuals to obtain affordable homes, enable individuals to create wealth, and stimulate the BVI's Economy through the multiplier effect from investments in the economy, with structures that reinforce and ensure the circulation of money in the Virgin Islands.

The Development's contracted time Mr. Speaker is roughly 3.5 years to complete in its

entirety, with an estimated completion date of June 30, 2023. However, the progress to date, impacts previously forecasted data, by giving us a new estimated completion date of May 31, 2022 – thirteen months ahead of schedule.

Mr. Speaker, as of March 3, 2021, the Project Manager confirmed in the February Report, that simultaneous construction works are underway on nineteen (19) buildings – which is evidenced by the physical structures that can be seen from various areas of central Road Town and beyond.

As of March 31, 2021, Eight million, four hundred thirty-three thousand, six hundred and seventy nine dollars and thirty-one cents (\$8,433,679.31) has been expended on construction works, with Nine million, four hundred, ninety-five thousand, four hundred and twenty five dollars and one cent (\$9,495,425.01) remaining to complete the project. The Development continues to progress within estimated financial projections, with little to no expectation of incurring cost overruns.

Mr. Speaker, eligibility for the First-time Homeowner's Programme, requires the buyer(s) to be a BVI Islander, Belonger or Resident of the Territory for the last 20 years, and that first-time homeowners, must

occupy the property as their primary residence. The buyer(s) must attend a Home Buyers Educational Program and earn a Certificate of Completion. Once selected as a successful candidate, buyers must secure a mortgage loan from a local bank.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, an "upon completion" appraisal of the property was completed in March 2021. At present, the SSB is finalizing the award of the tender for a Surveyor in assisting with its

finalization of the pricing of the homes. Once that exercise is completed, information on the pricing options, for the homes will be communicated to the public.


Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank the Board and staff of the Social Security for pushing ahead and making this project a reality. This is a project we are proud of, as this Government has made home ownership by our young people a priority.

I thank you Mr. Speaker.

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A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

# The Truth about BBQ Sauce

Barbecue sauces have a uniquely Southern and Western U.S. history. Most experts agree that the practice of adding sauce and spices to meat and fish began early in our history, with Native Americans teaching the art to early European settlers. The natives probably developed the process as part of an attempt to keep meats and fish from spoiling quickly. Salt played a major role in those early barbecue sauces,



and salt is a well-known preservative in the meat curing process.

Because the nations first European arrivals lived on the East Coast of America, that part of the country is credited with spawning the original barbecue sauce styles. First and foremost, there are the various Carolina barbecue sauces.

The most widely known are East Carolina, Piedmont, and South Carolina varieties. East Carolina barbecue sauce consists of vinegar, salt, black pepper, and crushed or ground cayenne peppers.

It's a very simple sauce that penetrates the meat nicely for a deep flavor. Piedmont barbecue sauce only varies from East Carolina in that it often includes molasses or Worcestershire sauce and thus clings to the meat more. South Carolina sauce is entirely different, using a mustard base instead, producing a much tangier and sharp flavor.

Then there is Memphis or Southern style barbecue sauce. This popular variety is typically more complicated (flavor-wise) and is built around mustard, tomato, and vinegar.

Fans often point to the boldness of these flavor combinations as the hallmark of Memphis barbecue sauce. A saying often heard among hungry connoisseurs is no two bites alike.

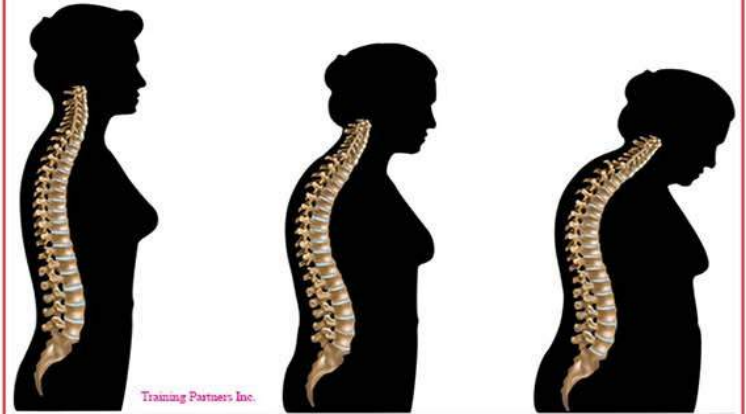
Continuing our trek westward, we come to the acknowledged center of the barbecue universe Kansas City! Kansas City barbecue sauce is distinguished by its noticeably thicker consistency and emphasis on sweetness. That's because this style of sauce is built upon thick tomato sauce, chunks of vegetables, and lots of sugar.

Many popular commercial brands are based on this Kansas City recipe. It's most popular among amateur backyard grillers because of the availability in grocery stores (Kraft, Heinz, K.C.s Masterpiece, etc.). And also because the thick sauce can be applied only once and enough will remain in place to please the happy recipients of the grilled meat.

Finally, there are the 'Texas' barbecue sauce styles. Now, Texas is one big state, and there are several regional varieties within it. The most common include thick and spicy sauces that are essentially spicier variations on the Kansas City sauces. These are found mostly in the north and east sections of the state (Dallas).

In western Texas, thinner sauces that feature hot peppers can be found. These sauces are often added only at the very end of the barbecuing or grilling process. And then, in southern Texas, the barbecue sauce of choice features an emphasis on Mexican spices and, of course, jalapeno peppers! Make sure to have a cold beverage handy to put out the fire!

## WOMEN'S HEALTH AND WEIGHT LOSS TIP #1: LOSE WEIGHT TO FIGHT OSTEOPOROSIS



It is a well known fact that exercise and weight loss make you both look and feel better. Another bit of common knowledge is that to lose weight, control your diet, and exercise regularly gives you a healthier heart.

In addition to the previously mentioned benefits of proper diet and exercise are several other very specific health benefits of having a regular exercise and weight loss program.

One additional health benefits of exercise and weight loss activities is guarding against osteoporosis, the disease that makes the bones weak and brittle with age.

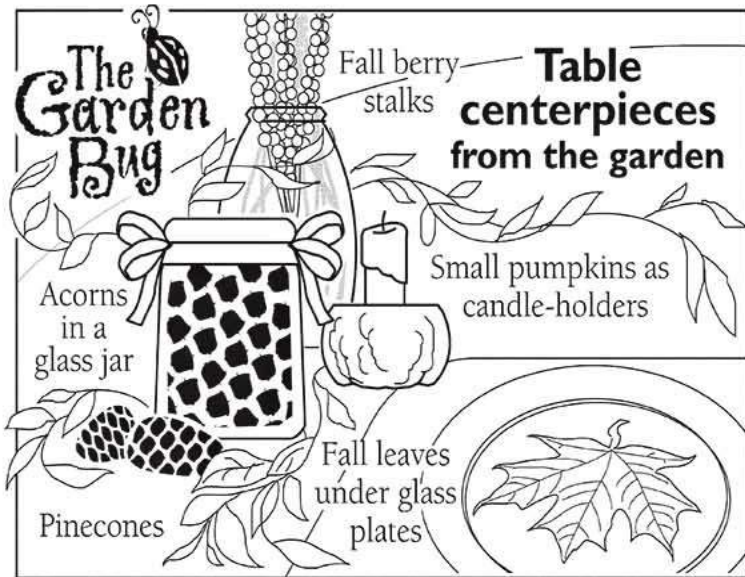
Weight-bearing activities like walking, elliptical machine, and jogging, have been shown to strengthen the skeletal system and lower the risk of the development of this very debilitating disease.

The primary reason for this is that exercises that force the body to bear weight make the bones more dense over time as opposed to a sedentary lifestyle, in which the bones get weaker and more brittle due to a lack of force placed against them.

In women in particular, the low estrogen levels that often accompany menopause and/or very sporadic menstruation make the problem even worse as the bones lose a lot of their mineral content and weaken accordingly.

In addition, such activities that many take part in to either lose weight or maintain an already healthy body composition have also been shown to aid in preventing further development of the disease for those who have already been diagnosed and have received clearance from their doctor.

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### Heart Attack vs. Stroke: Balancing the Risks

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** Your recent article on statins/strokes piqued my interest since you mentioned that statins might cause hemorrhagic strokes. My husband had a hemorrhagic stroke in 2014, cause unknown. The stroke caused aphasia and seizures. He was prescribed Crestor 10mg and then increased it to 20mg. His calcium score is very high.

He also had an ischemic stroke in February 2019 and was prescribed aspirin and 40 mg of atorvastatin. I am more concerned now as to whether he should be taking statins. His LDL is 63 and HDL is 47. Your comments on this would be appreciated. — F.D.

**ANSWER:** Before I comment on your husband's situation, let me make a few of the terms clear. An intracranial hemorrhage is a bleed inside the brain. The resultant pressure inside the head can cause permanent damage to nearby brain structures: a hemorrhagic stroke. Risk factors for a hemorrhagic stroke include anticoagulants — aspirin has a very small risk, but other agents, especially warfarin (Coumadin) and to a lesser extent, newer agents such as dabigatran (Pradaxa), have a more significant risk.

Poorly controlled high blood pressure is a risk, as is consumption of large amounts of alcohol. Some people have no identifiable risk.

Your husband's case is a situation that requires clinical judgment and more knowledge than I possess to give the most informed answer. However, for most people, the risk of an ischemic stroke and of a heart attack

is significantly higher than the risk of hemorrhagic stroke. Further, the benefit in statins helping with heart attack and ischemic stroke is well-studied and moderate in magnitude.

By contrast, the increase in hemorrhagic stroke risk, if any, is likely to be small. The balance of risks would be in favor of treating. His high calcium score indicates a higher risk for heart attack, making a statin more important for him. If he had a risk factor for his previous hemorrhagic stroke that can be modified, then I would be more confident of the net benefit of a statin.

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** What is the safest and most effective way to clean wax from ears? I have worn hearing aids for roughly 40 years, but with a new set of high-tech hearing aids, ear wax has become a problem. How can I best remove it without using a sharp tool to dig it out? — M.L.W.

**ANSWER:** Most people do NOT need to do anything about ear wax, and many traditional home remedies are unsafe. The old advice to never put anything smaller than your elbow in your ear is a good one for most people. Candling is unsafe and ineffective. Anything sharp is very dangerous.

For someone with recurrent ear wax, especially with a hearing aid, one approach is to use a cotton ball dipped in mineral oil and place in the external ear canal for 10-20 minutes once a week. This can be followed by a gentle rinse with warm water using a rubber bulb syringe. The cotton ball treatment can be used to prevent symptoms as well as to treat mild cases.

Another option is the use of an ear wax removing agent, such as carbamide peroxide. These can be irritating and should not be used routinely — only for symptoms.

If you don't get relief after a few days of home treatment, you'll need to have your clinician look into your ears.

*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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## celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

**Q:** I really enjoyed the period piece "Bridgerton" on Netflix. I was excited that there will be a second season, but now I'm disappointed to learn that Rege-Jean Page won't be in it. What will the new season focus on if not the chemistry between Daphne and Simon? — Anon.

**A:** Netflix's "Bridgerton" saga is based on a series of books by author Julia Quinn, with each season based on a different book. Even though star Rege-Jean Page went from a relative unknown to a household name practically overnight, he won't be reprising his role of Simon in the next season because it was presented as a one and done.

The next installment is based on the book "The Viscount Who Loved Me" and will focus on Lord Anthony Bridgerton, played by Jonathan Bailey, and his search for a wife. According to "People" magazine, Simone Ashley will play Kate Sharma, the "smart headstrong young woman who suffers no fools." Phoebe Dynevor reportedly will be returning to the show as Daphne and "will remain a devoted wife and sister, helping her brother (Lord Anthony) navigate the upcoming social season."

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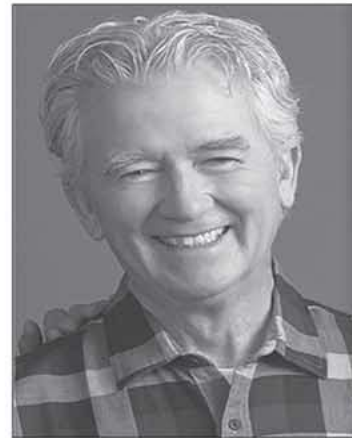
**Q:** One of my favorite characters on "Schitt's Creek" was Ronnie, the sarcastic one with the beautiful huge eyes. Can I see the actress in anything else yet? — S.I.

**A:** Karen Robinson is a British-Canadian actress who was part of the award-winning cast of "Schitt's Creek." She can be seen as a widow on the current season of the ABC drama "A Million Little Things," about a group of friends who vow to not take life for granted after losing a beloved member of their group.

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**Q:** I'm on the ninth season of "Dallas" when Bobby Ewing (Patrick Duffy) was killed off. Has Duffy played any other roles since "Dallas"? — N.E.

**A:** Patrick Duffy's first regular TV role in a series actually wasn't on the legendary prime-time soap "Dallas." A year before, he played the lead



Patrick Duffy

Lifetime

in the short-lived sci-fi series "The Man From Atlantis." He's been acting steadily ever since. He played the dad in the hit sitcom "Step by Step" from 1991-98 opposite another '70s sensation, Suzanne Somers. After a few years in guest-starring roles, he returned to the soap genre, this time as Stephen Logan on "The Bold and the Beautiful."

The next generation of the Ewings was introduced in 2012 in a new version of "Dallas" on the TNT network. It starred Josh Henderson as John Ross (JR and Sue Ellen Ewing's offspring) and Jesse Metcalfe as Christopher Ewing (Bobby and Pam's adopted son). The show didn't forget its roots, as it included Duffy and Linda Gray (Sue Ellen) as part of its regular cast, and even Larry Hagman (the original JR) appeared in numerous episodes.

Duffy has recently done several Lifetime Christmas movies and will next star alongside his real-life flame, Linda Purl, in the Lifetime movie "Doomsday Mom," which premieres June 26. It's one of six Lifetime movies in the network's "Summer of Secrets" programming slate.

Send me your questions at [NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com](mailto:NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com), or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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# 7 EASY SECRETS TO UNDERSTANDING WEB STATISTICS

Understanding what your visitors do on your site is crucial information. If your visitors proceed to purchase a product but then a large majority leaves the site when they get to a specific page in the order process, you need to know about it. It could be that this page is confusing or hard to use. Fixing it could increase your sales by 200%. This is just an example; there are many reasons why you want a detailed analysis of your site visitors.

Most website hosting services offer a stats package that you can study. If you're not sure where this is, call up your hosting service and ask them. Statistics are a vital part of tracking your marketing progress. If you don't have access to website statistics get a package that can help you in this area. Do not get a counter that simply shows how many visitors you've had. You'll be missing out on vital information that can help strengthen weaknesses in your site.

A good website hosting service offers traffic logs that provide an invaluable insight into the traffic being referred to a web site from various sources such as search engines, directories and other links.

Unfortunately traffic tracking provided by web hosting services is often in the form of raw traffic log files or other difficult to understand cryptic formats. These log files are basically text files that describe actions on the site. It is literally impossible to use the raw log files to understand what your visitors are doing. If you do not have the patience to go through these huge traffic logs, opting for a traffic-logging package would be a good idea.

Basically, two options are available to you and these are: using a log analysis package or subscribing to a remotely

hosted traffic logging service. A remotely hosted traffic logging service may be easy to use and is generally the cheaper option of the two. WebTrends Live and HitsLink are two good, remotely hosted, traffic-monitoring services worth considering. However, WebTrends Live is a more complicated system and is suitable for larger ecommerce websites. "SuperStats" is another recommended traffic logging service.

These services do not use your log files. Typically a small section of code is placed on any page you want to track. When the page is viewed, information is stored on the remote server and available in real time to view in charts and tables form.

Log analysis packages are typically expensive to buy and complex to set up. Apart from commercial packages there are also some free log analysis packages available, such as Analog.

A good traffic logging service would provide statistics pertaining to the following:

- 1 How many people visit your site?
- 2 Where are they from?
- 3 How are visitors finding your site?
- 4 What traffic is coming from search engines, links from other sites, and other sources?
- 5 What keyword search phrases are they using to find your site?
- 6 What pages are frequented the most - what information are visitors most interested in?
- 7 How do visitors navigate within your web site?

Knowing the answers to these and other fundamental questions is essential for making informed decisions that maximize the return on investment (ROI) of your

web site investment.

The most important aspect of tracking visitors to your website is analyzing all the statistics you get from your tracking software. The three main statistics that will show your overall progress are hits, visitors and page views. Hits

an overall barometer of how your site design is going and if your marketing campaigns are taking hold.

Also, a good stat to look for is unique visitors. Once a person visits your site they will not be added to the unique visitors'



are tracked when any picture or page loads from your server on to a visitor's browser. Hits, however, can be very misleading. It is quite an irrelevant statistic for your website.

The statistic that is probably the most important for a website is Page Views/Visitors. This gives you a good indication of two things. First, how many people are coming to your site, and secondly how long are they staying on your site. If you have 250 visitors and 300 page views you can figure that most visitors view one page on your site and then leave. Generally, if you're not getting 2 page views per visitor then you should consider upgrading your site's content so your visitors will stay around longer.

If you see the number of visitors you have increasing as well as the number of page views per visitor increasing then keep up the good work! Always look for this stat as

category if they visit again. This is a good way to track new visitors to your website.

Page views are a good indication of how "sticky" your website is. A good statistic to keep is Page Views divided by the number of Visitors you have. This statistic will give you a good idea if your content is interesting and if your visitors are staying on your site for a long time and surfing.

Some people are intimidated by web traffic statistics (mostly because of the sheer volume of data available), but they shouldn't be. While there are many highly specialized statistics that can be used for more in-depth web traffic analysis, the above areas alone can provide invaluable information on your visitors and your website performance. Remember- this data is available for a reason. It's up to you to use it.

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