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# BEEF ISLAND AIRPORT EXPANSION GENERATES NEW CONCERNS

More than ten years ago a group of Virgin Islanders referred to the court to halt a development that threatened to destroy the area of Hans Creek; unfortunately Leader of the Opposition and Representative for the Eighth District Hon. Marlon Penn disclosed that the actions might have been in vain. Mr. Penn said that based on the schematics of the new airport development the Government is considering destroying Hans Creek stands.

Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie during the presentation of the 2021 budget estimates on 12 November disclosed that the government is considering a Capital Improvement Programme (CIP) that will facilitate nonstop flight from the US, Canada, and Europe.

Hon. Fahie pointed out that the British Virgin Islands Airports Authority (BVIAA) will be



National Parks Trust Director Dr. Cassander Titley-O'Neal, Deputy Director Nancy Woodfield Pascoe, and His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert are seen at the launch of the Virgin Islands Environmental Atlas. (Credit: Franklyn Skerritt/GIS)(more on page 4)

spearheading the programme and is currently working on a business plan for what is expected to be a \$158 million CIP that will include runway, taxiway, aircraft parking,

terminal, car park, and roadway improvements. He also explained that after the Plan of Finance is put in place, designs of the projects are expected to commence by

October next year. He also pointed out that the completion of the improvements is scheduled to be concluded by the end of 2025.

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# Beef Island Airport Expansion Generates New Concerns

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However, during the budget debate on 14 December Hon. Penn raised red flags about the project. He told the House of Assembly that the development requires public consultation, "There is an outline in the Airport Authority's plans to expand the airport. Mr. Speaker, I looked at the image of what is being proposed and I am hopeful that we would have proper consultation, public consultation as someone who is from that community. I think it is important for us to have proper consultation in terms of what is being done or being proposed in terms of the expansion of the Beef Island Airport."

In announcing that he foresees an environmental issue the Leader of the Opposition said, "Mr. Speaker the image runs the strip directly

through the right side of the current airstrip. Based on the schematics if this project is done it would wipe out all the properties towards the west, all the properties on the east side of this proposed development, and Hans Creek will be no more. I hope that this is just wishful thinking and we would have a proper conversation or consultation in terms of what is being proposed there because I recall very vividly that there was a series of marching led by some of us in this very house concerning a development that was proposed in the same Hans Creek vicinity, near Hans Creek national park."

"Are we saying that we are ok now with something that could potentially wipe out Hans Creek and all the adjacent businesses in that area? It's okay now? Are we saying that we are not going to have the level of consultation necessary for a project of this magnitude that is

being proposed?" Hon. Penn further questioned.

### Past Expansion Concerns

The past contention did not have to do with the airport but rather the development of Beef Island. The concerns stemmed from the fact that a proposal was made by Hong Kong-registered company Quorum Island Developers to build a five-star resort, mega-yacht marina, and golf course. Residents felt that the project would destroy the ecosystem of the area.

The matter was highly contested during the NDP's 2003-2007 administration and amidst numerous heated public meetings, the situation was taken to court.

At the heart of the controversial matter were plans for the development of a resort that included: inner and outer marinas; a marina village; a 200 room hotel and spa; residential

lots and villas, Trellis Bay Commercial Centre, and an 18 hole, 180-acre golf course. Residents protested claiming that if commenced the project would have adverse effects on Hans Creek and the surrounding area

The matter made its way to court after the Virgin Islands Environmental Council made a case against the proposal. The case was finalized in 2009 under a VIP administration when Justice Indra Hariprashad-Charles quashed the Project's Planning Approval Letter.

However, Quorum alleged that the proposal for the golf course was part of a development commitment that was presented in 1995 to then Chief Minister H. Lavity Stoutt. The developers have also always maintained that they sought expert advice as it relates to the environmental impact of the project.

## Water & Sewerage Dept: Overworked & Underpaid – Director Says

Following years of complaints and allegations of inaccurate billing Director of Water & Sewerage Perline Scatliffe-Leonard publicly admitted that there are sometimes issues with the meter readings recorded by her Department.

During her guest appearance on the Honestly Speaking With Claude Skelton Cline Talk Show on 10 December the Director admitted that there are sometimes erroneous bill recordings. She noted that this was because the meters need changing.

"We are failing miserably in providing accurate readings for our customers and this is because those meters are 25-plus years old and we are replacing those with Kamstrup ultrasonic meters ... We have issues where persons tamper with the meter, so this particular meter helps us with that as well because once we

install them, we actually put a tag on them so if they are removed or they're tampered with, we get an alert."

Scatliffe-Leonard said that the government has recognised the issue and has already spent approximately \$900,000 to overhaul the metering systems: "We are basically replacing those on Tortola first, we haven't gone to the western end of the island as yet because you know we have the Carrot Bay reservoir, the Zion Hill reservoir, and we do have issues in Cane Garden Bay, so we haven't gone to the western end of the island yet, but we have from Sea Cows Bay up to East End installed meters, including Greenland, Lambert, Josiah's Bay, those areas," the WSD Head said.

"We are changing from our half-inch meter as well because I know some persons for instance in Purcell, have been saying they didn't get a new meter and what has been happening is they have half-inch lines. The meters

that we ordered in which are for better pressure as well have three quarter inch meters, so we have to upgrade," she added.

In addition to metering issues, Scatliffe-Leonard also advocated for her staff. She noted that the employees that deal with the breakage and other issues in the fields are not being fairly compensated. "Personally, I think the field workers are underpaid and overworked and let me just explain that because persons may say, 'well, you always have leaks and so forth,' and may not understand where we are going," she said.

"We are adding new customers every year, we are adding new customers both on the sewerage side and the waterside every year. — 2,000-plus; probably sometimes and that's how we grow. And the same workers are expanding in responsibility but we're not expanding in staff. You expect the same staff to deal with

all this expansion, bearing the same salaries. That's an issue," she explained.

In lamenting on the issue further the Director said: "Water & Sewerage Department is not like any other department because you must have 24/7 service. You are talking about a service where you must have water. It is not a Monday-to-Friday job. It is a Sunday-to-Saturday job. We must have people and to have people you have to ensure that they are properly compensated and that is an issue for us at the Water & Sewerage Department."

She said, "We are in a structure with the entire service and as a former HR Manager I understand that. But it is certainly time that we review that whole salary structure and having that for the water guys. I think once they are compensated appropriately, I mean, if I send them somewhere and ask them to do something, they will do it but not happily do it. If they are feeling valued, then we won't have a problem."

# BVI Parliamentarians Resent Crude UK Bullying

Bullying was the term Deputy Premier and Minister for Education Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley used to describe the United Kingdom Government's Draft Order in Council on Beneficial Ownership.

The UK's issuing of the document seemed to have peeved Members of the House of Assembly; as various legislators made comments on the matter during the 14 December Budget Debate sitting.

The news of the UK's Order comes against a backdrop of resistance from the BVI and its sister Overseas Territories. The OTs repeatedly explained that they are reluctant to establish such a register because it could affect the financial services industries in the respective countries.

Nonetheless, the BVI made some concessions and in October it was reported that Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie signed on to the controversial registry for beneficial ownership.

The Premier while speaking in the House of Assembly at the time explained that the acceptance is not for public registers but rather publicly accessible registers. The Premier said: "I came to this House and I stated that we are moving towards publicly accessible registers Mr. Speaker but they were subject to certain things Mr. Speaker."

Hon. Fahie explained that this route is the better option for the BVI as it allows the Territory to sit in the driver's seat of such a vital matter. "The formation of the framework which we are now saying that we have to be the ones to help put this framework in place... We have to now shape the framework of how this will be able to function... Any framework must adhere and protect the rule of law."

Following the announcement of the Order in Council Minister Wheatley spoke passionately against the decisions saying that the decision does not speak well for the modern partnership the UK always boasts of

having with its Territories.

The Deputy Premier said, "Now I am seeing a draft order in council. Is this what partners do? You are just going to impose a draft order in council on the United States of America, can you impose it on the Republic of China? The only reason you can impose it on us is because we are a small colony of the United Kingdom."

While declaring that the BVI was being bullied, Hon. Wheatley said, "When the OECD came with the common reporting standards the United States rejected it, even though the United States had just imposed on the entire world a FATCA... because the United States is big... but little BVI you can do whatever you want to. Is that a partnership? I would say no Mr. Speaker. I would say we are being bullied"

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"They changed the goal post on you, we do whatever is required of us.

And now we have this issue of open registers. This issue was not pushed by any international agency like the OECD or the Financial Action Task Force, any of these IMF. It was pushed by some backbenchers in the United Kingdom parliament who wanted to justify to their constituents in the United Kingdom why the UK had some financial challenges as a result of global economic crisis," he stated. USA will in the end get all the BVI financial sector customers – but it may not be as easy as that.

The Minister explained that the systems the BVI already had in place are sufficient. "We have a system called Beneficial Ownership Secure Search System (BOSS) and law enforcement agencies have the ability to find out the beneficial owners of any of the companies that are registered here in the Virgin Islands, and they have been making requests and those requests are being fulfilled within 24 to 48 hours."

# Constitutional review to focus on Governor's Powers Reduction

The government appears to be more determined than ever to complete the Constitutional Review. The announcement of the intent to push the process forward was made by Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie during the Budget debate sitting of the House of Assembly this week.

Hon. Fahie's declaration came on the heels of the UK's Order in Council on Beneficial Ownership and obvious tension with United Kingdom Representative His Excellency Governor Augustus Jaspert.

Hon. Fahie in stating that the process to review the 2007 Constitution is moving forwards told the House of Assembly:

"Mr. Speaker, we will be moving forward with this budget to proceed very quickly and aggressively with the constitutional review, not because we want more power."

"We want to make sure that we secure the authority that we do have and make sure that there are perimeters put in place so that any government that decides to go rogue will have to answer to them," he added.

In recent months as the government announced and made the necessary preparations for the process to commence; legislators have been quite vocal about the changes, they would like to see. The Members of the House of Assembly echoed some of these wishes during the passing

of the resolution to commence the constitutional review process.

One of the repeated calls over the last five years and even more now as the review process gets on the way is the request for the powers of the Governor to be scaled down. Legislators who are making this call argued that certain responsibilities of the Governor should be vested in the Government.

While previous conversations centered around the scaling of the Governor's powers the Premier said that he wishes to see more done. The Premier told the House of Assembly on 26 June that he would like to see a code of conduct for the Governor of the Territory.

Hon. Fahie in making the calling for that addition to the Constitution

said: "I still believe in the Governor's Code. As far as I heard they are trying to explain that they are bound by the public service code in England – but in England, you are a public servant, when you come down here you are a Governor. There is a difference – get a Code for the Governor in the new Constitution."

The BVI Leader said that he is making that suggestion even though it is an unpopular call to make, "There are those who don't want you to touch that topic at all because it seems that the only football you could have round here is the politicians but nobody else. Nobody else action could be evaluated. I said well look ... I have never seen this in my all eternal life."

# National Parks Trust Launches First Environmental Atlas

The National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands (NPTVI) launched its first Environmental Atlas which is expected to bring greater awareness of the Territory's natural landscape and biodiversity.

His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert said at the launch of the publication yesterday that he was thrilled to see the atlas come to life after much work by the Trust.

Governor Jaspert said, "I hope this publication will be a valuable resource for schools across the Territory, and will inspire the next generation to protect and preserve BVI's beautiful natural environment. I am grateful to the UK for providing funds to support this important project."

The development of this atlas began in 2002, through an initial grant from the UK Overseas Territories Environment Programme (OTEP) and was completed in 2006. The Governor's Office provided a \$5,000 grant to update and finish the printed version.

Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Honourable Vincent Wheatley lauded the dedication and effort that went into producing the atlas, saying, "I am so happy to see that after 15 years of trying, the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands, under the Ministry of Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, is finally able to launch its environmental atlas."

Director of the NPTVI, Dr. Cassander Titley-O'Neal expressed gratitude on behalf of the Chairman of the NPTVI Board, Board members and staff to His Excellency, Governor Jaspert for assisting with this initiative and seeing it through to completion. "This initiative will help us to preserve and manage designated natural areas and bring greater awareness of the Virgin Island's natural landscape and biodiversity," she said.

Dr. O'Neal stated that the NPTVI collaborated with 39 local, regional and international experts to create

this resource for schools and the public.

"It is anticipated that the Virgin Islands Environmental Atlas will foster research on Territory-specific topics. The atlas unites an array of technical information which was previously dispersed throughout many different Government Departments and unpublished reports," the Director added.

Up until this point, the teaching of geography and the environment in BVI schools has relied upon the use of regional and international atlases. This new Environmental Atlas is anticipated to become a critical resource for teachers and students throughout the Territory.

Two hundred copies have been printed with the funding from the Governor's Office, which will be freely distributed to schools. NPTVI is seeking additional funding to print more copies that will be sold in bookstores around the Territory.

For more information regarding the VI Environmental Atlas, please

contact the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands at (284) 345-3650 or [deputydirector\\_nwp@bvintpt.org](mailto:deputydirector_nwp@bvintpt.org).



*His Excellency the Governor Augustus Jaspert speaks during a small launch ceremony for the Virgin Islands Environmental Atlas, a publication by the National Parks Trust of the Virgin Islands. (Credit: Franklyn Skerritt/GIS)*

## BVI Reports 3 More Cases Of COVID-19; Totalling 6 Active Cases

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone has confirmed three (3) new imported positive cases of COVID-19 in the British Virgin Islands.

This brings the total number of active cases of COVID-19 to six (6) and one new recovery bringing the total recoveries to 73.

During the sitting of the House of Assembly this evening, Health Minister Honourable Malone stated that the three (3) new cases were discovered between Sunday and Monday.

Honourable Malone further explained the effectiveness of the mandatory testing protocols stating that of the six active cases,

four of them yielded positive results from tests done on arrival (day 0); while the other two positives were detected on day four.

The newly imported cases are residents and visitors alike who entered the Territory and are currently in quarantine. Contact tracing is on-going.

Honourable Malone emphasised, "One of them had a breach and we are going to make sure that persons understand that if they see something that they have to say something because we cannot afford for any of these persons who are deemed positive at the end of 4 [days to be] out partying. It [health protocols] works if everyone will do their part."

As of December 13, the total number of samples tested by the Dr. D. Orlando Smith laboratory of the BVI Health Services Authority is now 9,921; the total number of persons tested is 9,867; the total number of positive cases detected is 80; the total number of active COVID-19 cases is 6; the total recoveries 73; and 1 death.

Healthier lifestyles through diet and exercise have proven to be positive methods of defense against the COVID-19 virus. As such, persons are encouraged to enroll in the upcoming cohort of the Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) that will start in 2021 or any healthy lifestyle programme offered in the Territory.

The public is reminded to continue to comply with all health and safety measures that include hand washing, wearing of face masks in public spaces, maintaining six feet from others outside of your households, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, avoid touching your face and limiting large gatherings, especially during the upcoming holiday season.

Persons who are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 are encouraged to contact the Medical Hotline at 852-7650 for medical advice and testing. Common symptoms include fever, cough, headache, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, muscle aches, or difficulty breathing.



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# Additional Mooring Sites Approved For Persons In Quarantine On Boats

Premier and Minister of Finance, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie has said the additional approved mooring sites of Little Harbour, Great Harbour and Deadman's Bay have been added to the marine protocol for those

quarantining on approved vessels for the mandatory four complete days upon entry in to the Territory.

Premier Fahie said this decision was made with the intention of minimising risks.

The Premier said, "The

value of increasing the number of mooring sites for 'Days 0-4' is the subsequent decrease in the risk of interaction and contact between persons quarantining on their vessels, thus effectively helping to minimise the

spread of COVID-19."

Per the amendment to the Marine Protocol, guests will commence quarantine on their boats on Day 0 having completed all required inspections and entry requirements, including their Day 0 PCR test.

Other approved mooring sites include Benures Bay, Soldier Bay, South Bay, Spring Bay, White Bay, Hallovers Bay, Valley

Trunk Bay, Long Bay, Malone Bay, George Dog, Lee Bay, Muskmelon Bay, Pamato Point (West) and Manchioneel Bay.

The list and accompanying map of approved mooring sites can be found at [bvitourism.com/reopening](http://bvitourism.com/reopening). Any questions can be emailed to [reopening@bvitourism.com](mailto:reopening@bvitourism.com) or asked via WhatsApp at 284-496-6129.



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## 2021-2022 Academic School Year Registration

The public is informed that the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture is open to receive registration for the 2021-2022 academic school year.

Persons seeking to have students placed in the Virgin Islands education system are notified that the registration process begins on January 4 until April 30.

Application forms can be collected from early childhood centres and the ministry on the third floor of Ward's Building.

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## Premier Fahie Comments on UK's Beneficial Ownership Draft Order

Monday, 14 December 2020

Today the United Kingdom Government (UKG) has published the draft Overseas Territories (Publicly Accessible Registers of Beneficial Ownership of Companies) Order (Draft Order) and accompanying explanatory note.

The Premier and Minister of Finance of the Virgin Islands, Honourable Andrew A. Fahie, has communicated to the UKG that while the Virgin Islands remains committed to the global efforts aimed at tackling illicit financial flows, and will continue to cooperate with international-standard setting bodies on matters related to information exchange, beneficial ownership and economic substance, the Government of the Virgin Islands has significant reservations regarding the Draft Order.



*Hon. Andrew Fahie*

Premier said, "In particular, the Draft Order mandates the creation of publicly accessible registers permitting general public access to a range of data of a personal and private nature. In so doing, the Draft Order may pose a threat to those privacy rights secured to individuals under the Constitution of the Virgin Islands."

He added, "This is, however, subject to ongoing proceedings before the Virgin Islands High Court and so the Premier will not comment further except to say that this is a matter for the Court to consider and decide in the usual way."

The Government of the Virgin Islands remains committed to monitoring, contributing to and following any global standard on the implementation of publicly accessible registers of beneficial ownership, including through its work with standard-setting bodies such as Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

Current regulation of financial services in the Virgin Islands is compliant with global best practice. Indeed, the Beneficial Ownership Secure Search system ("BOSSs") was established by Virgin Islands legislation in 2017 as part of the BVI's commitment to ensure effective cooperation between relevant law enforcement agencies to prevent financial crime.

Premier said that any modification of the BOSS system could only be done taking into account the concerns raised by the Government of the Virgin Islands, global best practice and obligations under the Constitution of the Virgin Islands.

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## CIBC FIRSTCARIBBEAN ANNOUNCES CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS ART COMPETITION

*Open to regional primary and secondary school students*

Bridgetown, Barbados, 14 December 2020 --Young aspiring artists and those more advanced with the paintbrush or pencil all have an opportunity to show case their talents over the Yuletide Season.

CIBC FirstCaribbean has announced its Caribbean Christmas Art competition for primary and secondary school students resident in territories across its 16-member corporate footprint. Students will

be able to use traditional watercolors or mixed media to render their interpretation of selected topics.

“This year has been an extraordinary one for our region’s youth as they have been forced to navigate a whole new approach to learning and living as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We believe that artistic expression can be a vent of sorts for some of this year’s challenges,” said

Mrs. Debra King, Director of Corporate Communications at CIBC FirstCaribbean.

She said the competition which runs from December 15, 2020 to January 15, 2021 would allow the entrants to explore and express their creative talents along two main themes, “Save Your Money – Why Do We Need to Save” for primary school students and “The Bank of the Future”, for secondary school students.

The primary school entrants will be divided into two categories – 4 -7 and 8 – 11 while those from the secondary schools will be divided into 11 – 14 and 15 – 18 categories. Primary school students can use watercolour, crayon or paint for their entries while secondary students have a choice of digital, mixed media, paint – water colour or acrylic. Photos of all entries showing clear details of the work of art should be emailed to :

ChristmasArtCompetition@cibfcib.com on or before 15th January 2021. The subject line of the email should read – CIBC FirstCaribbean Christmas Art Competition – Name of Country. Entrants should include their full name, age and address in the body of the email.

The winners will be announced in early February and their prizes awarded. Prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

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**The Jahleel Cameron  
Foundation  
bring 2020 to a close with acts  
of generosity and kindness**

The Territory's young Philanthropist is planning to bring Christmas cheer to many in need.

Jahleel, who has been doing charitable work since he was ten years old has been busy recently trying to raise funds for persons in need. He and members of his Foundation have been hosting a series of flea markets around Tortola in the hopes of getting money to buy food vouchers for persons across the BVI.

The Foundation held its recent flea market in Sea Cows on 12 December and the Island Sun newspaper stopped by to chat with the JCF Committee. During the brief interview we were informed that despite 2020 being a pandemic year, the organization was still able to keep track of its charitable commitments.

Jahleel explained that in consideration of what some persons are going through this Christmas season the Foundation felt compelled to try to bring a little cheer. "For the past two weeks we have been having Flea Markets up by my school Cedar International. We are now down in Sea Cows Bay. We collected clothes that are still good and a bunch of toys and dishes; a variety of items. My cause for the holiday season is to donate food vouchers for people in need," he said.

Looking ahead to 2021 Jahleel said that the Foundation will dig its heels into works surrounding its signature projects. "We're going to continue to support the Rainbow Home and Healthcare... Our biggest goal, we've had for the longest while is to raise money to send someone away to train to work the ECG machine. That cause is something that we've known since we brought the machine after my problems. That's a goal that we want to work hard towards and we really want to look for help from the corporate community," he disclosed.

Meanwhile, President of the Jahleel Cameron Foundation Mayfield Mair-Daniels explained that the organization is trying to push old projects while adding a few new goals to the roster. She said that there were goals that the organization set since 2017 following the hurricane, that they are trying to complete. "We try to maintain our community initiatives given the constraints," she said.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES  
AT**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Anglican Church**

**Monday, December 21st: 6:00 p.m. - Blue Christmas Service**  
(This is a service especially for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, relationships, employment, etc. or who simply need some quiet space in the business of the season.)

**Thursday, December 24th: 6:00 p.m. - Outdoor Festival of Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist**

**Friday, December 25th: 8:00 a.m. - Feast of the Nativity/ Christmas Day - Holy Eucharist**

**Sunday, December 27th: 9:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer**

**Thursday, December 31st: 10:30 p.m. - Old Year's Service/ Feast of the Holy Name - Holy Eucharist**

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for this Season and always*



# GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC** - Remittances were again up to a new record in November, bringing the January to November 2020 total to US\$7.34 billion, a 14.3% increase over the previous year and a new record. The increase is especially welcome in a year in which tourism receipts have collapsed.

The Central Bank reports that remittances receipts were up 27% in November. The country received US\$707.5 million, up from US\$557.1 million in the same month in 2019.

The total for January to November 2020 is at US\$7,346.9 million, a net increase of US\$916.6 million compared to US\$6,430.4 million received for the first 11 months of 2019.

The Central Bank reports that the economy's foreign exchange flow continues to recover. In addition to the increase in remittances, the free zone export manufacturing sector is also doing well, and gold exports have been a plus. There is also a gradual recovery of the tourism industry, as more international tourists are traveling to Dominican resorts.

"This improvement in the flow of foreign currency, together with the participation of the Central Bank in the exchange market, has allowed us to maintain the relative stability of the exchange rate in recent months and the accumulation of international reserves, which

amount to US\$10 billion, equivalent to 12.6% of the gross domestic product and six months of imports, above the thresholds recommended by the International Monetary Fund," reports the Central Bank.

Tourism is gradually picking up. recovered to 21% of what it was in November 2019. Central Bank reports 101,834 foreign tourist arrivals in November, compared to 473,175 in November 2019. [DR1]

**ANTIGUA** - The Antigua and Barbuda government says it will not be paying bonuses or making salary advances to public sector workers this Christmas Season and blamed the situation this year on the impact caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

In a statement, the Gaston Browne administration said that the Cabinet meeting on Thursday had reviewed the fiscal position of the government, and the revenue intake of the Treasury, the Statutory Corporations, and the several Government Authorities.

"The fiscal state of the government is severely challenged as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and its impact on economic activity since March 2020. The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda has therefore determined that the Treasury, the Statutory Corporations, and the state's several Authorities are not now in a position to pay bonuses or to make advances to staff.

"The difficult position in which the government bodies find themselves, commenced nearly nine months ago when borders were closed, and those conditions will not dissipate for a few months yet," the statement said.

It said that the Cabinet determined that the conditions in the major markets with which Antigua and Barbuda carries on trade, whether in goods or services, "are not likely to improve until after the first quarter of 2021. Consequently, no bonus payments will be paid in 2020.

"The Cabinet of Antigua and Barbuda regrets this set of circumstances. Nevertheless, the government has ensured that all workers employed by the Statutory Corporations, the several government authorities, and by the Central Government have received their wages and salaries in full and on-time."

The statement said that the government appreciates the forbearance and patience of all workers who may have counted on the bonuses and the advances which would normally have been paid. [CaribbeanNationalWeekly]

**BERMUDA** - A total of 40 new coronavirus cases were recorded over the last weekend, it was revealed.

The number of cases with no history of travel or links to known cases is 36 and all are under investigation.

The infections were among 2,181 test results since Friday.

One was a visitor who arrived on a private jet last week Thursday from

the United States and tested positive on their arrival test.

Three cases were said to be on-island transmissions with identified contacts associated with known cases or clusters of the infection.

The news brought the total number of confirmed positive cases to 431.

Bermuda has 184 active cases with 182 of them monitored by public health officials.

Two are in hospital - one in critical care. The mean age of all confirmed positive cases is 45, and the mean age of all active cases is 35.

A total of 209 cases are classed as on-island transmissions with known contacts and 130 came in from overseas.

The number of on-island transmissions with an unknown contact is 21 and 71 cases are under investigation

The seven-day average of the real-time reproduction number is 1.92 and Bermuda's country status remained at "clusters of cases".

Kim Wilson, the health minister, appealed to the public to "please be patient about the receipt of test results" because of the high volume of tests. [Royal Gazette]

**BEIJING, (Xinhua)** -- Health authorities in the Chinese capital on Sunday issued guidelines on the self-protection of workers in the cold-chain food industry after a number of new COVID-19 cases were related to exposure to imported frozen foods.

The guidelines asked workers to wear facial masks and disposable gloves when handling frozen foods and to disinfect their uniforms when necessary, Beijing's center for disease control and prevention said at a press conference.

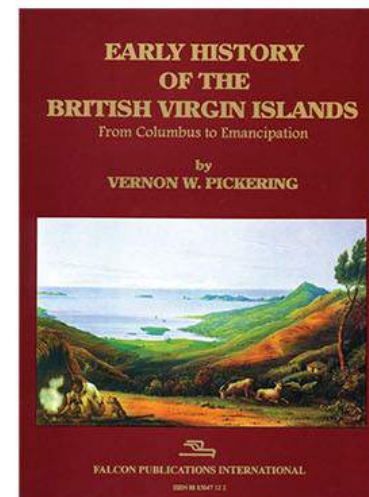
Workers loading and unloading such goods are also advised to wear goggles and face shields if needs arise, and avoid frequent contact between their skin and goods, according to the guidelines.

Pang Xinghuo, deputy director of the center, said at the conference that new COVID-19 cases were reported from employees of the cold-chain industry in many places in China, as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to rage overseas.

China has stepped up efforts to block COVID-19 through imported food. The Ministry of Transport released a guideline in mid-November to prevent the transmission of the novel coronavirus through cold-chain foods imported via road and waterways.

**LONDON** - A London borough has defied the Education Secretary and told its schools to shut from Monday

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night over figures suggesting Covid-19 is doubling every four days.

The Royal Borough of Greenwich wrote to parents and head teachers on Sunday evening, requesting that all schools be closed by the end of Monday and switch to online learning. The request affects about 90 schools and tens of thousands of pupils.

In an emergency letter to schools, Danny Thorpe, the council's leader and a qualified teacher, said: "It has become clear in the last few days that rates of Covid-19 are rising extremely rapidly, both within Greenwich and across London. The latest data seems to suggest the rate of infection is doubling in the city every four days.

"Indeed, colleagues from public health have advised that Greenwich, with many other boroughs, is now in a period of exponential growth that demands immediate action."

He went on: "For these reasons, I am asking all schools in Greenwich need [sic] to close their premises at the end of the day tomorrow." [Yahoo News]

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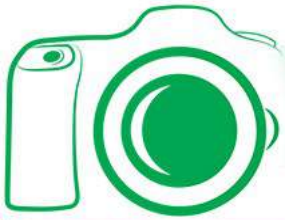
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# The Sunny Side Up



## Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



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# Premier's Christmas Extravaganza

On Saturday 12 December the Festival Grounds were filled with persons who wanted an old merged with new holiday event. The merry residents found what they were looking for at the Premier's Christmas Extravaganza.

The event, which boasted a cultural twist was a wonderful holiday Saturday delight; as the gathering was treated to the serenade of the olden days and the comradery of a modern holiday soiree.

The best part was the vision of the event's host Premier Hon. Andrew Fahie dressed as Santa and First Lady Mrs. Fahie dressed as Mrs. Clause.

The evening was filled with eats and treats as well as musical renditions from groups such as Zion Sounds, The Joyous Singers, Jost Van Dyke community singers, Leon And The Hot Shot, Band Of Faith, and Foggy Mountain Boys.



## Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers:  
Dear Readers Significant Health  
Benefits of Ginger Beer (Part 2 of 2)

### Good for Heart

Research has shown the beneficial impact of ginger on heart health, namely by lowering cholesterol and lowering blood pressure; although ginger beer has lower levels of active ingredients, it can still give you a cardiovascular boost.



### Lowers the Risk of Cancer

The effectiveness of ginger beer in preventing cancer is not yet definitive, and further experimental research needs to be carried out. Early signs, however, are that the active compounds in ginger beer possess anti-cancer properties.

Findings from numerous studies such as the one conducted in 2013 by the Cancer Prevention Research stated that ginger destroyed human colorectal cancer cells and also stopped cancer from rising again.

Including gingerol and shogaol, Other active compounds such as zingerone and paradol work in combination to combat cancer cells. In addition, these compounds possess chemo-preventive properties that relieve the signalling molecules that induce inflammation and stop the cancer cells in our bodies to perform other destructive activities.

### Anti-bacterial Properties

The anti-bacterial properties of Ginger help explain why it works as one of the key ingredients in many culinary recipes and traditional medicines available in the world today. Active compounds present in ginger make it an antibacterial agent that is very strong.

The Department of Life Sciences at the University of Bureau in Cameroon conducted a study on the antibacterial properties of ginger, and extracts were found to effectively suppress four distinct pathogens of the respiratory tract.

The research was also performed in Nigeria to see which among the ginger extract and several antibiotics was better at suppressing microbial activity, and results showed that the ginger extracts were superior to the antibiotics.

Making this drink a part of your health routine can help your body get rid of bacteria and fungi, and also save you from costly and potentially harmful antibiotics.

### Reduces Inflammation

Body inflammation occurs when the white blood cells of the body are put into motion to defend our body against foreign substances. This sudden release of chemicals increases the flow of blood to the area affected, resulting in inflammation. Ginger contains active compounds that can inhibit inflammation efficiently and help alleviate pain as well.

Sources: <https://www.livestrong.com/article/274028-benefits-of-ginger-beer/>  
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## Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com

**Dear Ladyburd:** I have a nagging problem, it bothers me a lot, especially when another year is coming to a close. I do not get along with my parents. I do not communicate with them at all. It is really stressing me out. **Help!**

**Ladyburd: Dear Help:** The word is forgiveness. If you think something went wrong between yourself and your parents. You will have to meet with them and get it out in the open. It is not good for your health to have grudges especially with your parents. They might be upset about it too, but someone has to make the first move and bury the hatchet, I think that person should be you.

Remember there would be no You without them, so meet with them this Christmas, share a meal and remember your presence is what's important not the presents, so even if you do not have a gift to give should not be a problem.

**Good luck!**

(Repeat)



## Light Bulb Moments

*The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.*

— Burton Hills

*Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.*

— Peg Bracken

*Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day.*

— Helen Steiner Rice

## Poetry Corner

### It's Christmas Time Again

*Put your problems on probation  
Run your troubles off the track,  
Throw your worries out the window  
Get the monkeys off your back.*

*Silence all your inner critics  
With your conscience make amends,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!*

*Call a truce with those who bother you  
Let all the fighting cease,  
Give your differences a breather  
And declare a time of peace,*

*Don't let angry feelings taint  
The precious time you have to spend,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!*

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## Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



## Looking For The Biggest Turkey

It was Christmas Eve at the meat counter and a woman was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys in the hope of finding a large one. In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, "Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?" "No, madam", he replied, "they're all dead!"

## In The Field For The Lord

On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services.

When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them.

She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and before they could say anything more, she slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open. Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson.

Just then, one of them said quietly:

**"Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."**

## PUN INTENDED

"I'd ask my teddy bear I got for Christmas if he's hungry, but he was already stuffed...."

# POLICE NEWS

## FRANKLYN MALONE'S WHEREABOUT PRIOR TO DEATH BEING SOUGHT



Friday, December 11 – As investigations continue into the circumstances which led to the death of Franklyn Malone, Police are seeking the public's assistance in tracing his movements after he left the Magistrate's Court on Thursday, 19 November at around 12:15pm. On that day, Malone was wearing a blue jeans pants, white t-shirt, a pair of grey and white shoes and green baseball cap. This is the last day he was reportedly seen alive.

The body believed to be that of Malone, resident of the Valley, Virgin Gorda, was found wash ashore in the Fat Hog's Bay area just after midday on 24 November. Forensic tests are to be completed to make a positive identification. Investigations continue to determine the manner of death.

Persons who may have seen Malone or have any information about his activities after he left the Magistrate's Court on 19 November are asked to contact Inspector Louis Buckley directly on 368-9588.

## MAN CHARGED FOR RAPE OF A MINOR

Wednesday, December 16 – Police yesterday charged a 52-year-old male BVI resident, a native of St. Vincent, for raping a minor. He is scheduled to appear in a closed court sitting of the Magistrate's Court.

Head of the Family and Juvenile Unit Detective Inspector John Antoine is asking the public not to generate any undue exposure to the family whether via social media or commentary in public, and to exercise sensitivity particularly since victim of this tragic incident is unaged.

“The circumstance surrounding this incident is so sensitive that the name of perpetrator and all parties involved in this incident are being withheld. We are asking that the individual names and circumstances surrounding this incident be kept out of the public arena,” the Inspector noted.



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# COMMENTARY

## A New Economy for a Post pandemic World

By Dickson Igwe

November 23, 2020



Dickson Igwe

December 7, 2020

*Austerity and Trickle-down have failed the world*

The 2008 financial crisis showed the Milton Friedman Economic Model of a Laissez Faire, Production Oriented, Trickle-down, Austere, and financially driven Economy, a

paper tiger.

The idea that the economy is the tool of the 1% at the top of the wealth pyramid has led to anger in blue collar communities in western societies, and ultimately to today's populist and fascist resurgence, with authoritarian types at helm of the western world.

Unfettered deregulation, far from generating strong economic growth has led to lower economic growth, greater inequality, and social disruption.

The COVID 19 pandemic has been the nail in the coffin for austerity and trickle-down. Big Government is back. And Big Government and community cohesion alone will take world to the place of sustainable

economic and social prosperity.

A better future for mankind after this pandemic is one of deeper cooperation between nations, especially in combatting the environmental and ecological challenges facing humanity.

The swift and vast spread of the Covid 19 pandemic was the direct result of a world that saw various governments sitting in silos and fox holes unable to cooperate. The age of the statesman had given way to the era of the populist and authoritarian seeking national glory.

Statesmanship and thoughtful and painstaking global policy is great for safety and security, and especially good for economics.

On the other hand the world over the past four years with Trump, Brexit, and the creed of the populist strongman, has driven uncertainty and instability.

President Elect Joe Biden promises a return to balanced statesmanship, thoughtful leadership, rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, and the World Health Organization.

The world may need to restructure global debt which is becoming unsustainable. Debt restructuring will offer confidence to investors and consumers and will lead to more sustainable economic growth.

The world remains deep in recession. And it will take strong economic statesmanship to introduce and drive the policies that will allow a return

to economic growth.

But that will further mean international cooperation and understanding that only statesmanship provides.

Economist Joseph Stiglitz states that "with multiple vaccines in sight, the task is to build a bridge from the pandemic to the post-pandemic economy."

There will be no V shaped recovery. Businesses have gone bankrupt. Home budgets have been destroyed. The pandemic has increased inequality and it has taken a massive toll on the bottom of the wealth pyramid.

It will take strong and technocratic type leadership to rescue the world economy.

*Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter*

## HELPING GOVERNOR AND PREMIER FIND & FIGHT CORRUPTION (2 of 2)

*ACFrett - Truth for the Youth-BVP... Sat - 6pm - 7pm on CBN 90.9 FM;*

*Open Borders and the Question of Corruption:*

**Trump's Lame Duck Madness and Trickle Down:**

We may have no Stock Market or monster brands like Amazon, Apple or Tesla but we are all Pawns in their game and must play by their rules... While, January 21st 2021, will begin the rapid decline of Trump's power & influence, December 1st, may mark the beginning of the importation of our own Covid-19's, as we remain trapped in the universal pastime of chasing the US Dollar.

America has already passed a quarter of a million deaths because their Government failed to face reality and harness the Private Sector in the Fight against Covid-19... Our West Indian Neighbours

are already in Crisis and we asked the question as to whether we are prepared for an infestation and the likely response will suggest faith in God and a Trumpish Yes! when the real answer is simply No!

Like others we have chosen Capital over Medical and our Government's monopoly of Resources, their failure to train and equip the Private Sector to perform Tests and Treatment and their continuing acceptance of corrupt practices like those mentioned before will place our People in the direct path of Trickle-down Virus effects that all the Money in the World will be unable to prevent.

**Needing the Governor and Premier:**

We should learn from UK

and US Reports that attribute their Covid related Economic Failures to the failure to reason that the Financial Crisis actually resulted from the Health Care Crisis and the effects would be long lasting and terminal in some cases... We should not make that same mistake because Death is permanent and there is no GDP after the Grave for, dead Persons do not buy, sell or trade.

Furthermore, without People there is no need for Governments and without Governments there is no need for Governors... The destructive power of Corruption is on full display as we witness the failure and possible collapse of Great America as a result of the State Corruption

that took place under Trump's Governance... We can choose to find and destroy Corruption before it destroys us.

This may not be easy for, like a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, it starts off innocently - Along the way it feeds on itself and Grifters are always waiting to benefit so it is hard to die and ignoring it, is like supplying it with Life Water... Just like Covid-19, the more we delay, the stronger it gets until a point where all hope is lost and we become grim statistics of another line up of Body Bags.

Our People need help and although Prevention may be better than Cure, Vaccination doesn't follow Infection... In times like these we need solutions and serving the



A.C. Frett

Public is not a Spectator Sport... Let us assume that the Governor and Premier would truly like to help, so, they can look for common objectives and pool their resources into solving the many present and potential Problems facing us.

*PS: Will continue addressing some of your Questions & Comments on Live BVP Radio Programs*

# Christmas Serenade through District Six

On Sunday evening (13 December) residents of the Sixth District were treated to a Christmas serenade as Premier Hon. Andrew Fahie and Sixth District Representative Hon. Alvera Maduro Caines rolled through singing Christmas carols.



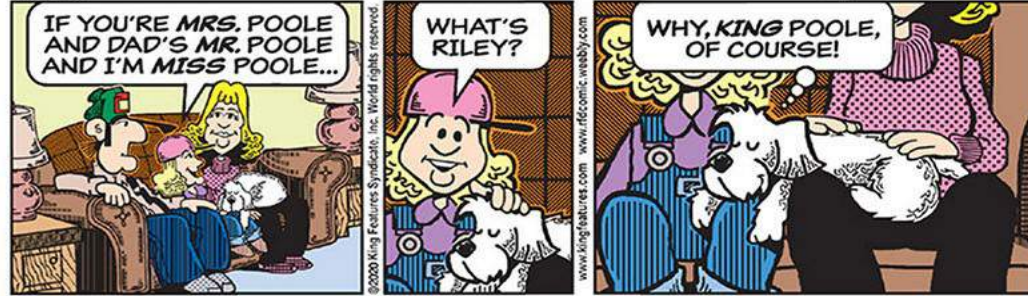
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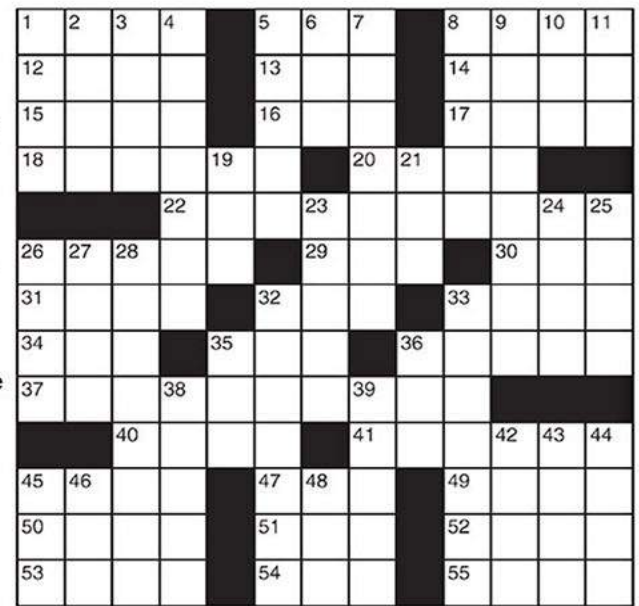
by Jeff Pickering



## King Crossword

#### ACROSS

- 1 Porter's burdens
- 5 Before
- 8 Dull sound of impact
- 12 Enticement
- 13 Blend
- 14 Abundant
- 15 Opera show-stopper
- 16 U.K. broadcaster
- 17 Black, in verse
- 18 Fight
- 20 Like a lot
- 22 Solid ground
- 26 Entire
- 29 Smack
- 30 Zilch
- 31 Bees' home
- 32 Parsons or Gaffigan
- 33 Slangy negative
- 34 — out a living
- 35 One of the Brady Bunch
- 36 Grown-up bug
- 37 Brownish orange
- 40 Warmonger
- 41 Barbershop tools
- 45 First victim
- 47 Luau bowlful
- 49 "American —"
- 50 Ring out



- 7 Cry out
- 8 Italian fountain site
- 9 Ireland
- 10 Venusian vessel?
- 11 Lair
- 19 Appomattox surrenderer
- 21 Frequently
- 23 Serengeti beast
- 24 Chinese dynasty
- 25 Fireplace bit
- 26 Sharpen
- 27 Raise
- 28 Above
- 32 Lotto win
- 33 Incredible
- 35 Mandible
- 36 Call — day
- 38 Make a comeback
- 39 Warble
- 42 Bloodhound's clue
- 43 Quarterback Tony
- 44 Dispatched
- 45 Mimic
- 46 Foundation
- 48 Didn't pay yet

#### DOWN

- 1 Spill the beans
- 2 Emanation
- 3 Determination
- 4 Birthplace of Starbucks
- 5 Fire
- 6 Cage component

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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 BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mom's hair is different. 2. Doll on left has ruffie. 3. "Sale" sign is added. 4. Girl's skirt has been moved. 5. Doll ad is different. 6. Girl has hair bow.

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Answer

#### Weekly SUDOKU

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Solution time: 25 mins.

Answers

#### King Crossword

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1 fluid ounce?
- LITERATURE: Which famous gothic novel features the beginning sentence, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- BUSINESS: When was the first iPhone released?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Norm Peterson's unseen wife in the sitcom "Cheers"?
- PERSONALITIES: Which former pro football player earned the nickname "Broadway Joe"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
- MEDICAL: A deficiency of vitamin A causes what condition?
- MUSIC: Which 1980s pop hit starts with the line, "Dearly beloved, we have gathered here today to get through this thing called life"?
- MOVIES: What was the name of Charles Foster Kane's estate in "Citizen Kane"?

Trivia Test Answerst  
1. 2 tablespoons; 2. "Rebecca"; 3. Wellington; 4. 2007; 5. Vera; 6. Joe Namath; 7. A jenny; 8. Night blindness; 9. "Let's Go Crazy" by Prince; 10. Xanadu

**PUZZLE:** Place a half-dollar and a finger ring on the table and bet your friends that they can't push the coin through the ring without bending the coin.



**A TIGHT SQUEEZE!** Hold the ring on edge and shove a pencil through it. Using the end of the pencil, you "push" on the coin and win another bet.

Illustrated by David Coulson

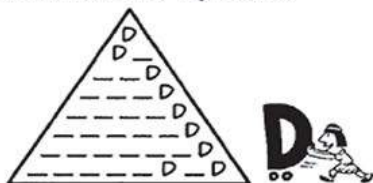
**A POSTAL WORD RIDDLE!** Where, and to whom, should our postman deliver this letter?

Answer: To John Underwood, Andover, Mass.



**THE 'D' PYRAMID!** Each word, as you go down the pyramid on the right, contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all of the D's. Here are some hints from the top down.

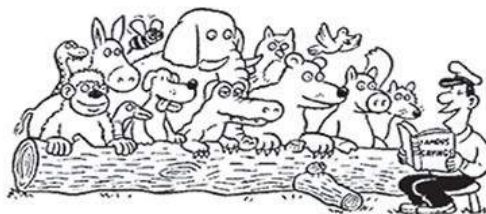
1. Lowest passing grade (given).
2. To perform.
3. Seed home.
4. To walk heavily.
5. Rode with an easy gait.
6. Slanted downward.
7. What a brat is.
8. Leaning to one side.



The words are D, do, pod, plod, loped, sloped, spoiled, lopsided.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



**ZOO WHO?** Fred, the local zookeeper, is telling his friends about the different "sayings" that they have inspired. Below is a list of 14 sayings that contain the names of various animals and insects. See if you can complete at least 12 of them before feeding time.

1. Snug as a \_\_\_\_\_ in a rug.
2. It's a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
3. See you later, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In a \_\_\_\_\_ eye.
5. I'll be a \_\_\_\_\_ uncle.
6. Crazy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ for punishment.
8. Busy as a \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Crooked as a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Sly as a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Wise as an \_\_\_\_\_.
12. He's sitting in the \_\_\_\_\_ seat.
13. An \_\_\_\_\_ never forgets.
14. Stubborn as a \_\_\_\_\_.

Answers: 1. Bug, 2. Dog, 3. Alligator, 4. Pig, 5. Monkey's, 6. Loon, 7. Bear, 8. Bee, 9. Snake, 10. Fox, 11. Owl, 12. Catbird, 13. Elephant, 14. Mule.

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# top ten

## Least Trust in Media

1. Russia
2. Turkey
3. Ireland
4. Japan
5. France
6. Spain
7. U.K.
8. Argentina
9. Australia
10. Brazil



Source: Edelman Trust Barometer

## Salome's Stars

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Although taking advice isn't always easy for the headstrong Sheep, you might want to consider what someone you respect says about an upcoming decision.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A new offer is tempting, but don't be bullied into a quick decision. Rely on your keen Bovine business sense to alert you to anything that might be questionable.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your Gemini Twin nature rallies to help you deal with this week's hectic schedules, both in your personal and professional lives. One caution: Watch your diet.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Avoid rushing to make up for time lost on a stalled workplace operation. Best to set up a schedule and pace yourself. Welcome the help of colleagues.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Despite those glittering holiday distractions you love so well, be sure to keep your feline senses set on high to alert you to anything that might require fast action.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Making an effort to restore fraying relationships proves to be more successful than you dared hope. The holidays also bring new friends into your life.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Private and professional matters compete for your attention. Be honest in your assessment of which should get more of it, and for how long.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A seemingly endless list of must-do tasks is best handled by tackling them one by one, and taking energy-restoring timeouts between each job.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A vexing relationship seems destined to deteriorate no matter what each side tries to do. A third party's advice just might prove helpful.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Reach out to ease any tensions caused by home or workplace pressures before they threaten the relationship-building progress you've made.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You often go out of your way to show kindness to others. So, don't be surprised if other people want to do something nice for you this week.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) People in your life respect your Piscean wisdom, so don't hesitate to speak up about a matter that you feel isn't being handled quite the way it should be.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your personal warmth helps you make friendships, and your sense of fair play helps you keep them.

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...and on earth  
Peace, Goodwill  
to men.

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# The Kitchen Diva!

by Angela Shelf Medearis



## Christmas Tradition Gets a Modern Twist

It seems like I was just planning and preparing our Thanksgiving dinner and now Christmas is upon us. If you want to change things up a little for your Christmas dinner, try modernizing an old traditional recipe.

Recently, I've been reading about Christmas customs and holiday meals in Europe. I discovered a tradition called The Feast of the Seven Fishes, along with several delicious recipes for preparing fish. The fish is often used as a symbol of Christianity. Because of the persecution faced by the early church, when a Christian met a stranger in the road, the Christian sometimes drew one arc of the simple fish outline in the dirt. If the stranger drew the other arc, both believers knew they were in good company.

Preparing and eating seafood on Christmas Eve in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ is an old European tradition with Italian roots. Many families abstain from eating meat and serve only fish or other types of seafood on Christmas Eve. This traditional holiday meal is called The Feast of the Seven Fishes. A typical feast features cod, eel, octopus, calamari, mussels, clams, shrimp and lobster.

This year, you might want to create a holiday dinner menu based on a variation of the Feast of the Seven Fishes. These recipes are budget-friendly ways to incorporate an ancient

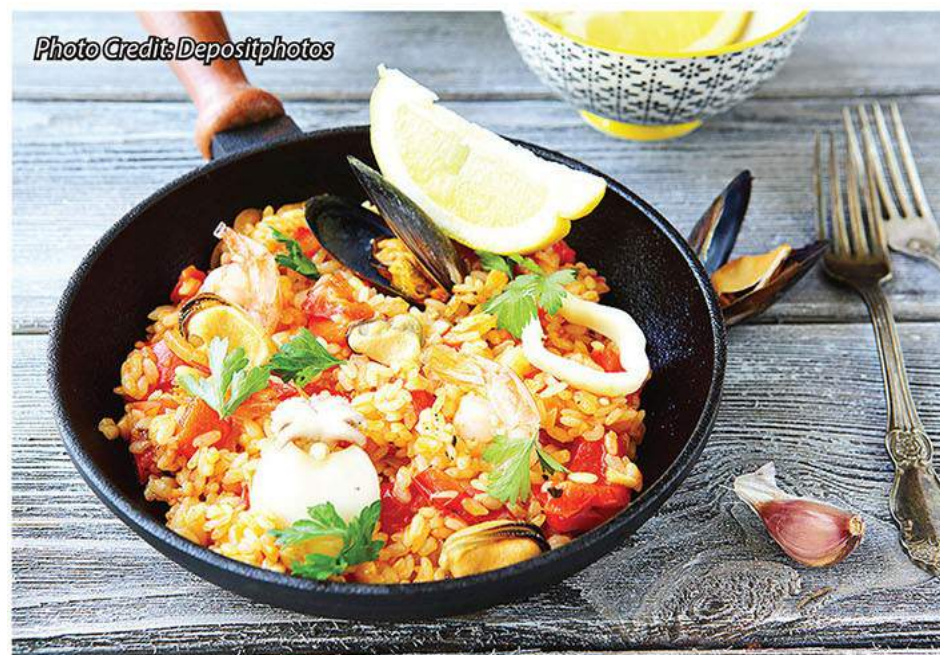


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holiday tradition into a simplified, modern Christmas Eve dinner using just one pot or pan. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, ya'll!

## CHRISTMAS EVE SEAFOOD PAELLA

- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil • 8 ounces (16 to 20) shelled, deveined shrimp
  - 8 ounces squid (bodies), rinsed, patted dry and sliced into rounds
  - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt • 1 teaspoon turmeric
  - 1 teaspoon paprika • 1 medium onion, finely chopped
  - 1 can (14 ounces) fire-roasted diced tomatoes, drained
  - 1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes or cayenne pepper
  - 3 cloves garlic, chopped • 1 1/2 cups Arborio rice
  - 3 1/2 cups seafood, chicken or vegetable broth
  - 1 bottle (8 ounces) clam juice • 12 littleneck clams, scrubbed
  - Parsley and lemon wedges, for garnish
1. In a deep 12-inch cast iron skillet, heat oil on medium-high until hot but not smoking. Add shrimp, squid, 1/2 teaspoon of the salt, 1/2 teaspoon of the turmeric and 1/2 teaspoon of the paprika. Cook 2 minutes or until shrimp start to brown, stirring once. With slotted spoon, transfer the shrimp and squid to medium bowl.
  2. Reduce heat to medium. Add the onion, tomatoes and the remaining salt, turmeric, paprika and the chili flakes or cayenne pepper. Cook 8 minutes, stirring often. Add garlic; cook 2 minutes. Add rice; cook 2 minutes, stirring.
  3. To skillet, add broth and clam juice, stirring to distribute rice evenly in pan. Heat to boiling on medium-high. Boil, without stirring, 15 minutes.
  4. Gently press the shrimp, squid and clams on top of the rice. Cover skillet with lid or foil; cook another 10 to 16 minutes or until the clams open and rice is just tender. Remove from heat. Let stand, covered, 10 minutes before serving. Garnish with parsley and lemons. Makes 6 servings.

## SPICY SEAFOOD STEW

- 2 pounds potatoes, peeled and diced (new potatoes, fingerling potatoes, red bliss or Yukon Gold)
  - 1 pound carrots, sliced • 1 small yellow onion, chopped
  - 3 stalks celery, sliced • 2 teaspoons minced garlic
  - Juice and zest of 1/2 lemon • 2 cups frozen corn kernels
  - 1 jar (24 ounces) pasta sauce • 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
  - 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper • 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
  - 1 1/2 cups seafood stock or clam juice, or chicken or vegetable broth, or water
  - 1 pound sea scallops, dry-packed or bay type, or 1 pound thin white fish filets (sole or flounder), fresh or frozen and thawed
  - 1 pound uncooked shrimp (31-40 per pound); thawed, peeled and deveined
  - 1 cup chopped parsley leaves • 2 large lemons cut into wedges
1. In a 5 quart slow cooker, combine the potatoes, carrots, onion, celery, garlic, lemon juice and zest, corn, pasta sauce, turmeric, cayenne pepper, salt and black pepper. Stir to combine. Cook, covered, on low until potatoes are tender, 4 1/2 to 5 hours.
  2. Stir in stock, broth or water, and the scallops or fish, and shrimp. Cook, covered, until scallops are opaque, and shrimp turn pink, about 4-6 minutes longer.
  3. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges and warm crusty bread. Make 9 servings (about 2 quarts).
- TIP:** If you're peeling and deveining your shrimp, use the shells to make shrimp stock. Place the rinsed shrimp shells, 1 chopped carrot and stalk of celery, the onion skin and parsley stems in a large saucepan. Cover with 2 cups of cold water. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 30 minutes while preparing the recipe. Use the shrimp stock according to directions above.

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# Caribbean News / Regional News



## International travel can safely restart, without waiting for vaccines, says WTTC and industry bodies

***Vaccines will help in the long-term, but they must not be a requirement for travel***

International travel can already restart at minimal risk with a combination of effective testing regimes and robust hygiene protocols.

WTTC, ACI, WEF and ICC call for immediate action to save the sector and restore ubiquitous and equal freedom to travel to the citizens of the world.

London, UK: The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) and major international industry bodies have joined forces to call for the immediate restoration of international travel using proven processes and without waiting for or requiring vaccinations.

WTTC, which represents the global Travel & Tourism private sector, along with Airports Council International (ACI), the World Economic Forum (WEF), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), say the world cannot wait for the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines.

WTTC recognises that public health is paramount and welcomes the recent roll out of the game changing vaccines, which in the long-term will play a major role in combating coronavirus and restoring international travel.

However, they must not be a requirement to travel as this will further delay the revival of the already ailing Travel & Tourism sector, which needs to restart now to save itself, millions of jobs in the sector and beyond, and the global economy. Getting people back to work will also provide enormous health benefits to those around the world, whose livelihoods have been affected by the devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

Recent research from WTTC shows a staggering 174 million global Travel & Tourism jobs are now threatened.

The safe opening of existing travel corridors such as London Heathrow – Dubai, with appropriate testing and hygiene protocols, demonstrates that international travel can already take place at minimal and acceptable risk.

Together with ACI, WEF, and ICC, WTTC has identified four key measures which need to be implemented to restore

international travel safely, including globally recognised testing regimes before departure, common health and hygiene protocols that are aligned with globally-established standards set out by ICAO (and the WTTC Safe Travels protocols and Airport Health Accreditation), a risk management regime, and internationally consistent and recognised travel passes.

WTTC and the industry bodies warn against the introduction of so-called 'health passports' – as opposed to internationally-recognised travel passes currently being considered - which would only further delay the recovery.

Gloria Guevara, WTTC President & CEO, said: "WTTC welcomes the incredible developments and hugely encouraging medical advances on COVID-19 vaccines which has seen the beginning of coronavirus vaccinations.

"The vaccines currently being rolled out are truly game-changers, and hopefully just the first of many which could transform the world, mark the beginning of our return to a more normal way of life and see the return of safe and confident international travel.

"Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines will be critical to combatting COVID-19 and restoring confidence for people to interact with one another. However, it will take considerable time to vaccinate the world and for the vaccines to have a significant effect on the global population, and the global Travel & Tourism sector simply cannot wait. Vaccination must not be a requirement to travel but should co-exist with testing regimes and be considered as a progressive enhancement to already safe travel.

"Governments must now demonstrate leadership by opening bilateral travel corridors on key international routes with countries that apply the same robust risk management processes."

WTTC, ACI, WEF, and ICC warn against the introduction of so-called 'health passports' – as opposed to internationally-recognised travel passes currently being

considered - which would only further delay the recovery. The sector has suffered enormous pressure since the outbreak began and recent WTTC research shows a staggering 174 million global Travel & Tourism jobs are now at risk.

The four measures identified by WTTC and its international partners are as follows:

**Globally recognised testing regime on departure** - It is essential that quick and cost-effective testing to international standards are introduced on departure for all passengers to minimise the risk of transmission.

**Common health and hygiene protocols** - Heightened health and hygiene protocols, such as the WTTC Safe Travels Protocols, can ensure the risk of transmission during travelling is actually lower than in the community at large.

**Risk management regime** - All governments should adopt a clear policy of risk management in accordance with the recent recommendations of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), Council Aviation Recovery Taskforce (CART), and the guidelines from the European Union Aviation Safety Agency and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (EASA/ECDC). This is in stark contrast to the present risk avoidance approach, reflected in 14-day quarantines, which is crushing both business and leisure travel

**Travel passes** - Vaccines can work alongside digital travel passes, such as CommonPass, AOK Pass and IATA Travel Pass to ensure the common certification of test results to revive travel, without the need for restrictive and unnecessary travel barriers and counterproductive quarantines. By contrast, attempting to introduce so-called "health passports" would only further delay the urgently needed recovery.

Luis Felipe de Oliveira, Airports Council International (ACI) World Director General said: "While we welcome the rapid development and deployment of

vaccines, there will be a considerable period before they are widely available so, during the transition period, tests and vaccines together will play a key role on the industry recovery.

"As they become more available for travellers, there must be a proportionate approach to vaccination before travel balanced with a risk-based approach to testing. Just as quarantine effectively halted the industry, a universal requirement for vaccines could do the same and a coordinated and risk-based approach to testing and vaccination going forward will provide passengers with a safe travel environment and foster confidence in air travel."

Christoph Wolff, Head of Mobility at the World Economic Forum said: "Given the enormous challenge of achieving widespread vaccine distribution and availability, diagnostics will remain paramount for the foreseeable future. It is imperative that governments and industry collaborate to enable a hybrid regime of risk management interventions which may include testing, vaccines, and other measures as part of a broader hierarchy of controls."

John Denton, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) said: "Global mobility is a powerful economic driver – one that supports many businesses and livelihoods currently facing deeply uncertain futures. Hinging the revival of international travel on an extended global vaccine roll out would continue to jeopardise the futures of these businesses as well as those who rely on travel to safeguard their livelihoods. As a better approach, rapid and reliable systematic testing can effectively stem the spread of the virus today, allow travel to resume safely and enable an effective reboot of the global economy."

According to WTTC's 2020 Economic Impact Report, in 2019 Travel & Tourism was responsible for one in 10 jobs (330 million in total), making a 10.3% contribution to global GDP and generating one in four of all new jobs.

# VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

## Biden Pledges to Work with Senate GOP Leader on Some Issues

ATLANTA - U.S. President-elect Joe Biden said Tuesday he told Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell during a phone call that although they disagree on "a lot of things, there are things we can work together on."

McConnell, who had refrained from declaring Biden the winner, said in a Senate speech Tuesday that Biden's 306-232 victory the previous day in the Electoral College made his claim to a four-year term in the White House a reality.

"As of this morning, our country has officially a president-elect and a vice president-elect," McConnell said. "Many millions of us had hoped the presidential election would yield a different result. But our system of government has processes to determine who will be sworn in on January 20. The Electoral College has spoken."

Trump, who has continued to make unfounded claims that he was cheated out of re-election, responded in an early Wednesday tweet to McConnell's acknowledgment that Biden would become the country's 46th president.

"Mitch, 75,000,000 VOTES, a record for a sitting President (by a lot)," Trump said. "Too soon to give up. Republican Party must finally learn to fight. People are angry!"

White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany on Tuesday deflected questions about the McConnell statement. She said Trump

was "still involved in litigation" over the outcome of the election, although he and his allies have lost more than 50 lawsuits claiming vote and vote-counting irregularities. Trump has refused to concede his defeat to Biden.

After McConnell spoke, Biden, speaking to reporters on a Delaware airport tarmac before boarding a flight to Georgia, said he called the Senate leader and they had "a good conversation. I called him to thank him for the congratulations."

"We've always been straight with one another," said Biden, who has worked with McConnell for three decades during his days as vice president under former President Barack Obama and as a senator from Delaware. "We agreed we'd get together sooner than later. I'm looking forward to working with him."

### In Georgia

Later during a campaign appearance in Atlanta for two U.S. Senate candidates, the president-elect made note of the post-election claims of vote count irregularities in Georgia by Trump and his allies.

"Thank you for standing strong and making sure your votes were counted and counted and counted again," Biden said. "I'm starting to feel like I won Georgia three times."

He knocked incumbent Senators David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler for embracing a failed Texas-led lawsuit against the election outcome.

"I'll try to be generous here, in the spirit of the season. Maybe your senators were just confused. Maybe they think they represent Texas," Biden said.

Biden is supporting two Democrats in the runoff — Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock — who appeared on stage with the president-elect at the conclusion of his remarks at a historic railyard.

"I think Georgia is going to shock the nation with the number of people who are going to vote on January 5," predicted Biden.

"I need two senators from this state who want to get something done, not two senators who are just going to get in the way," he said.

The day after the Georgia runoff election, the Senate and House of Representatives are set to review and certify the Electoral College outcome.

### Trump efforts

Trump is holding out one last hope of retaining the presidency, expressing Twitter support for a protest led by Alabama Congressman Mo Brooks contesting Biden's victories in five states.

But Brooks needs a senator to join his protest and so far, no senator has agreed to sign on to his claim that Trump was victorious.

Since the November 3 national election, only a small group of Republican lawmakers has acknowledged Biden's victory. Many Republicans have either stayed mum or voiced

By Steve Herman Updated December 16, 2020



President-elect Joe Biden speaks at a drive-in rally for Georgia Democratic candidates for U.S. Senate Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, in Atlanta, Dec. 15, 2020

support for Trump's long-shot efforts to upend Biden's win.

But after the Electoral College outcome, several more key Republicans in Washington said Monday that Biden had won the presidency, making Trump the fifth U.S. president in the country's 244-year history to lose a bid for reelection after a single term in office.

In the country's indirect form of democracy, the Electoral College, with electors from throughout the U.S., determines the outcome of presidential elections, not the national popular vote, although Biden won it, too, by more than 7 million votes over Trump.

In 48 of the 50 states, electors pledged to either Biden or Trump cast all their votes in the

Electoral College based on the popular vote outcome in their individual states, while the vote in two small states, Maine and Nebraska, was split by congressional districts and their statewide outcomes.

Biden addressed the Electoral College verdict in a nationwide address Monday night, saying, "If anyone didn't know it before, we know it now. What beats deep in the hearts of the American people is this: Democracy."

But Biden also attacked Trump's post-election quest to delegitimize the process, saying "not even an abuse of power" and an "unprecedented assault on our democracy" could derail a peaceful political transition in American leadership.

VOA's Ken Bredemeier in Washington contributed to this report.

## US FDA Announces New, Prescription-free At-home COVID Test

A new, over-the-counter, at-home COVID test has been approved in the United States.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration made the announcement about the emergency use authorization of the "rapid" test on Tuesday.

"Today's authorization is a major milestone in diagnostic testing for COVID-19. By authorizing a test for over-the-counter use, the FDA allows it to be sold in places like drug stores,

where a patient can buy it, swab their nose, run the test and find out their results in as little as 20 minutes," said FDA Commissioner Stephen M. Hahn, M.D., in a news release.

Last month, the FDA approved a prescription at-home test.

The FDA said it has approved more than 225 COVID-19 tests since the start of the pandemic.

The newly approved test uses a nasal swab, much like many other tests, but the FDA said it is not as

invasive as some of the tests seen in the media. It added that the test correctly identifies 96% of cases in which people have symptoms. For those with no symptoms, it does give a "small percentage" of false positives, much as other tests do, the FDA said.

The test "uses an analyzer that connects with a software application on a smartphone to help users perform the test and interpret results," according to the FDA. The results come "in as little as 20 minutes," it added.

By VOA News December 15, 2020



FILE - A saliva-based COVID-19 test is seen in this undated photo. The FDA on Tuesday approved a new, over-the-counter, at-home COVID test.

# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL

### Jost Van Dyke debuts in Youth Football League

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Jost Van Dyke's Old Madrid squad debuted in the BVI Football Association's Youth and Jr. League in Greenland on Saturday against the Virgin Gorda Sugar Boys and they picked up their first goal in the process.

"This team is basically comprised of 9-14 year old and we're taking part in the U13 and U17 Divisions," Coach Darren Jones told Island Sun Sports. "We're very proud to be part of this tournament for the very first time and first time being off island. The kids were a bit nervous, but we represented 100%. We also had our first goal by Mario (LaTouche) and I'm pretty sure we're gonna be back."

Jones described it as being "phenomenal" being able to play in the BVIFA tournament.

"This is a life changing moment for us," he noted. "I saw some really good plays from the guys and a lot of room for improvement as well."

Hugo Hlavacek scored his first goal in the first minute of the game as the Wolues FC went on to beat Old Madrid, 9-1. Hlavacek also scored in the second minute before going on to complete his hatrick in the 16th minute. Further goals came from Quinn Woodfield (2), William Sanders, Ethan Mohamed and Charlie

Potgeiter. LaTouche scored a consolation for Old Madrid.

Also, in U13 action, One Caribbean beat the Sugar Boys, 2-0 with Devonte Smith scoring twice.

Meanwhile in the U17 Division, Old Madrid came up against a firing on all cylinders One Love outfit, who duly romped to a 5-0 victory as Jalen Prentice scored a hat trick, including one dazzling virtuoso effort that saw him dribble past four opposition players before firing home. Shajahni Duporte and Felix Walters also found the net to round out the scoring.

Adrian Padilla scored direct from a corner kick, to lead One Caribbean to a 1-0 win over the Rebels.

#### Women's Futsal League

The Wolues kicked off the second round of action by improving to 4-0, following a 2-0 victory over Virgin Gorda United. Gabi Jermyn, Tola Broderick and Darci Reich each had opportunities to put the Wolues up in the first 10 minutes, but the shots were either saved or went wide. However, Broderick finally broke the deadlock, latching on to a pass from Reich and making the net ripple for a 1 nil lead.

With the game 1 nil, Coach Peter Van Zoost would make some strategic changes by bringing on both Zolita Bamford and Jhaniqua Collymore, who despite bringing some fresh energy to the team were unable to add to the score line and the first half ended 1-0.

Within seconds of the restart Tinia Van Zoost pulled off a smart save, diving low to her right to keep the Wolues ahead and seemingly gaining more confidence or shocked into a reaction, the Wolues started to turn on the style. Reich's curling attempt heading towards the upper right corner of the goal could only be blocked by a defender's hand and Reich then stepped up to send the keeper the wrong way from the penalty spot to make it 2-0.

#### Men's League

League champs Islanders won their 15th game of the season, with a 2-1 victory over the third place Sugar Boys, 11-2-6. The Islanders, 15-2-2, had given themselves a 2-goal cushion after Knru Charles opened the score in the 33rd minute and Anfernee Johnson had doubled the advantage in the 64th. The Sugar Boys got a 74th minute strike from Akeem Hendrickson.

Noel Maxwell had the only goal as the second placed Wolues, 13-3-3, blanked the 6-7-6 sixth placed Lion Heart, 1-0.



One Love's Felix Walters, left and Jost Van Dyke Old Madrid's Kareem Bailey, going after the ball

The Panthers had one of their highest ever league finish, ending in fourth place, level on points with One Caribbean, as both compiled 9-2-8 records, but with a better goal difference even though One Caribbean concluded their season with an 8-1 thumping of Old Madrid. Jean Charles and Kelvin Glasgow both scored hat tricks while Martino Rosser and Romano Peters were also on the scoresheet.

Defending Champions, One Love, 6-3-10, finished 7th, VG United were 8th at 5-5-9. The 6-1-12 Rebels finished ninth 9th while the 5-3-13 Old Madrid were 10th and winless FC Sea Argo, ended the season at 0-0-10.

## SOFTBALL

### After dumping Storm, hot Pirates facing Power Outage for Borrows title

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

On the brink of elimination during the first round before beating the Hot Shots 11-10, to stay alive, the #4 seeded Pirates used homers by Rico Penn and Shaheed Collins to win their third successive game, beating #2 seed Storm, 15-6, on Saturday, advancing to face Power Outage for the George "Shawala" Borrows Memorial Softball Tournament title on December 19.

The Pirates blew the game open in the third inning, when pitcher Rico Penn triggered a five-run effort off four hits with a leadoff homer, to lead 8-1, when their innings closed. Storm, in their at bat in the bottom of the third, countered with three runs to trail, 8-4. Rico was relieved by Nicos Penn in the bottom of the fourth as they led 9-4, then added six more runs including Shaheed Collins' homer, for the blowout elimination victory.

"We came to conquer," Pirates Captain and Catcher Devon Bedford told Island Sun

Sports. "Once our back is against the wall, we're gonna come and play ball. Woodrow (Allen Smith) was our old pitcher. We already got the best of him and he has no more. When knew when we saw him come on the mound tonight, it was food—food alone—and when you get food, you have to eat it."

Player/manager Smith who formed Storm after playing with the Pirates, said his team was flat, they weren't together and held their heads down too quickly.

"It isn't what we didn't do, it's what they did—they used my old strategies to beat me—I must give them credit for that. They took my game and beat me with it," Smith told Island Sun Sports, admittedly surprised. "They took what I used to do to beat other teams, they used it on me and I must commend them for that—it worked."

The Pirates are scheduled to face Power Outage at 7 p.m. on Saturday, after Synergy

and That's Ya Problem play for the women's title.

Bedford said Rico Penn who had a double and long single off Smith, his bat was quiet all season, but it's finally coming around when they really need it.

"Once our big hitters do what they're supposed to do, at the time when they're supposed to do it, the game will be easy," he said, noting that all they have to come and do is to play ball between the white lines against Power Outage to take the title. "That's where the game is played—not outside—don't mind the talk, don't mind the noise, just come and play ball. They're a good team, they have good bats, we have the same. We want to score early and put it away after the jump. They can't handle pressure. Put a little pressure on them, they'll crumble."

Power Outage Captain and pitcher Jamal "Lefty" Allen, told Island Sun Sports that both

teams know each other well and it won't be a 10-2 blow out game, but it will be a good game.

"We don't lay down for anything," he said. "If you're going to beat us, you better come good—come good. We don't lay down just so. If you give us one inning, we can do it in one inning so it will be a movie."



Pirates First Baseman, Dwight Brookes, right, tags out Storm's Sherwin Fahie



# SPORTS



*Vincy, All Stars and One Love Netball Clubs*



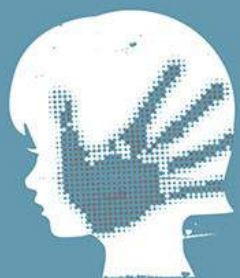
*Gumpton and friends race 30 miles to raise \$30,000 for Anegada and Virgin Gorda schools. L-R: Charlie Smith, Nick Hull, Mark Doing, Allington "Gumpton" Creque, Kenton Jones, Elaine Couper and Jhon George*



*Jost Van Dyke's Old Madrid squad, made their BVFA Youth 7 Jr. League debut on Saturday*



*A Wolues player splits the Virgin Gorda United defencers*



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**WEST JORDAN LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of December, 2020 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:-  
**Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery**  
Blk 145 Tampines Street 12  
#09-346 Singapore  
521145  
[80/1]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**(NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**WILKINSON FINANCE BUSINESS LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 7th day of December, 2020 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:-  
**Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery**  
Blk 145 Tampines Street 12  
#09-346 Singapore  
521145  
[80/2]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**Axel Global Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1807813  
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 December 10, 2020. The Liquidator is **Delio José De León Mela** with an address at **Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**  
Dated: December 10, 2020  
**(Sgd.) Delio José De León Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/3]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Company Act.**  
**FERRO COMMODITIES LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 626107  
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 December 10, 2020. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with an address at **Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**  
Dated: December 10, 2020  
**(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/4]

**TINGU MANAGEMENT INC.**  
Company No. 1710426  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **TINGU MANAGEMENT INC.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 10th December, 2020 and **Querube C. De Nuñez** of MMG Tower, Ave. Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Rep. of Panama, been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 10th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/5]

**Totaltrip Limited**  
Company No. 1816744  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Totaltrip Limited is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 10th December, 2020 and **Querube C. De Nuñez** of MMG Tower, Ave. Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama City, Rep. of Panama, been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 10th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/6]

**Nogelii Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1997761  
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 December, 2020.  
Dated this 11th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/7]

**Liamuiga Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1964277  
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 December, 2020.  
Dated this 11th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/8]

**Oualichi Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1960124  
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 December, 2020.  
Dated this 11th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/9]

**Rubidus Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1997768  
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 December, 2020.  
Dated this 11th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/10]

**Lorquini Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1997759  
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 December, 2020.  
Dated this 11th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Brian Jackson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/11]

**ZANDINA CONSULTING INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1493994  
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 10th December, 2020  
Dated 11th December, 2020  
**Sgd. Nasira Edris Hafejee**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/12]

**Jarnabell Invest & Trade Inc.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1986213  
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 10th December, 2020  
Dated 11th December, 2020  
**Sgd. Stelios Jeronymides**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/13]

**BROOKLIME S.A.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1676654  
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 10th December, 2020  
Dated 11th December, 2020  
**Sgd. Senta Frick**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/14]

**SERAFINA INVEST & TRADE LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1457047  
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 10th December, 2020  
Dated 11th December, 2020  
**Sgd. Rahel Ruth Kieber**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/15]

**DELVAN FINANCE LTD.**  
Company No. 27001  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DELVAN FINANCE LTD.** has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 9th December, 2020  
Dated this 10th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/16]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**FOREST STAR INVESTMENTS LIMITED**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 9th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
**Stefanie Boshat**  
of 44 Esplanade  
St Helier  
Jersey, JE1 3FG  
[80/17]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**Wenkins Jستنرا Melodies Limited**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
**Robin Walsler**  
c/o 600 North Bridge Road  
#12-09/10 Parkview Square  
Singapore, 188778  
[80/18]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**East Trade International Limited**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
**Mak Yin Ping**  
of Room C4, 15/F.  
Fu Lee Loy Mansion, King Wah Road  
North Point, Hong Kong  
[80/19]

**NOTICE**  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT**  
**SALICON TRADING LIMITED**  
("the Company")  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th December, 2020; under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck from the Register. The Liquidator is:-  
**Mak Yin Ping**  
of Room C4, 15/F.  
Fu Lee Loy Mansion, King Wah Road  
North Point, Hong Kong  
[80/20]

**SKYIELD LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 425076  
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 14th day of December, 2020.  
Dated this 14th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. Lee Yuet Wan**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/21]

**CANOY CO., LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1608684  
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 14th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **ZHAO HUA** of Building 33, No. 5135 South Yanggao Road, Pudong Area, Shanghai, China  
Dated this 14th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. ZHAO HUA**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/22]

**Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act. 2004**  
**HONG KONG HVAC DISTRIBUTION CO., LTD.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1714247  
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 2nd day of December, 2020. The liquidator is **CHEUNG Ling Kit Ricky** OF Rooms 1318-20, Hollywood Plaza, 610 Nathan Road, Mongkok, Kowloon, Hong Kong.  
Dated: 11th day of December 2020  
**(Sgd.) CHEUNG Ling Kit Ricky**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/23]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**STRUCK OFF  
Liquidator's Final Notice  
PELERIN GLOBAL  
HOLDINGS LTD.**  
("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1513670  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 19th November 2020.  
Dated 14th December 2020  
*Carmine Bailey*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/24]

**KENTSTEAD FINANCE  
LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 656886  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 10th December, 2020 and Mrs. LINETH PONCE of MMG Tower 23rd Floor Avenida del Pacifico and Avenida Paseo del Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. Mrs. LINETH PONCE*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/25]

**DELITA GLOBAL LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company Number 1720211

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 14th day of December, 2020.  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. Brian Jackson*  
  
*Brian Jackson*  
[80/26]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1897806  
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 December 2020. The Liquidator is *Carlos Pagano Botana Portugal Gouvea, of Avenida Nove de Julho 3452, CJ 132, AND. 13, Jardim Paulista, São Paulo - SP, Brazil 01406-000.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Carlos Pagano Botana Portugal Gouvea*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/27]

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

**Digao Inc.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1897807  
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 December 2020. The Liquidator is *Carlos Pagano Botana Portugal Gouvea, of Avenida Nove de Julho 3452, CJ 132, AND. 13, Jardim Paulista, São Paulo - SP, Brazil 01406-000.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Carlos Pagano Botana Portugal Gouvea*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/28]

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

**St. Marcus Corporation**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1032348  
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 December 2020. The Liquidator is *Edward Jorge Christianini, of Rua Massacá 231, Apt. 51, Bloco B, Edificio Dijon, São Paulo - SP, Brazil 05465-050.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Edward Jorge Christianini*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/29]

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

**Lucky Chang Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*WEN Xianhua* of  
8-2-1502, Weilan Qun,  
Liangzhu Street, Yuhang District,  
Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province,  
China  
[80/30]

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

**ETERNEW GROUP LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*ZHOU Jin* of  
Room 103, No. 5,  
Lane 184, Fuxin Road,  
Yangpu District, Shanghai,  
China  
[80/31]

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

**TAJJ Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*ZHANG Tao* of  
Suit C, 13F., No. 918,  
Middle Huaihai Road,  
Huangpu District, Shanghai,  
China  
[80/32]

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

**Skyslimit Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*GU Yizhe* of  
Room 1806, No. 1699,  
Gubei Road, Minhang District,  
Shanghai,  
China  
[80/33]

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

**Honray CMT Investment Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 14th day of December 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidator is:-  
*LIU Bo* of  
No. 6, 3/F, Unit 1,  
Building 13, No. 88, Xingye South Street,  
Xipu Town, Pi County, Sichuan,  
China  
[80/34]

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

**RETRO ADVISORS INC.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 374833  
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 10th day of December 2020. The Liquidator is *Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/35]

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

**DAAT Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1382248  
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 9th day of December 2020. The Liquidator is *Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/36]

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

**The Giant Holding International Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1473548  
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 11th day of December 2020. The Liquidator is *Raiko Bikelis, of 1610 SW 87th Pl., Miami, FL 33165, United States of America.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Raiko Bikelis*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/37]

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

**Witch Enterprise Ltd.**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1474053  
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 11th day of December 2020. The Liquidator is *Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Ray A. George*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/38]

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

**Hot Summer Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1696521  
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 11th day of December 2020. The Liquidator is *Humberto Leon Baranek, of Rua Caminhoa 12, Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Brazil 22460-230.*  
Dated this 15th day of December 2020.  
*Humberto Leon Baranek*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/39]

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

**MASTRIDE HOLDINGS LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 1509226  
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 December 15, 2020. The Liquidator is *Angelos Paphitis with address at 13, Andrea Kalvou, Petrou & Pavlou, 3085 Limassol, Cyprus.*  
Dated: December 15, 2020.  
*(Sgd.) Angelos Paphitis*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/40]

**Mobile Representation International Corporation**

Company No. 1743006  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Mobile Representation International Corporation is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th December, 2020 and *Eduardo Ruggiero Fucci of Rua Francisco Leitão, n° 678, Apto. 33, Pinheiros, Sao Paulo - SP Brasil, CEP 05414-020,* has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. EDUARDO RUGGIERO FUCCI*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/41]

**Arcofisa International Holding Corporation**

Company No. 1954758  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Arcofisa International Holding Corporation is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th December, 2020 and *RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO of Ruta 8 km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay,* has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/42]

**Schrager Capital Corporation**

Company No. 1954749  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Schrager Capital Corporation is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th December, 2020 and *RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO of Ruta 8 km. 17500, Zonamerica, Local 115 A, 91600 Montevideo, Uruguay,* has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.  
Dated this 15th day of December, 2020  
*Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO*  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/43]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

**Yebo International 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 December 14, 2020. The Liquidator is **Kevin Ackerman** with address at Seestrasse 37, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

Dated: December 14, 2020.  
(Sgd.) **Kevin Ackerman**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/44]

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

**Tugela Services 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 December 14, 2020. The Liquidator is **Kevin Ackerman** with address at Seestrasse 37, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland.

Dated: December 14, 2020.  
(Sgd.) **Kevin Ackerman**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/45]

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

**CHUTA LIMITED**  
(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 December 15, 2020. The Liquidator is **Rahel Ruth Kieber** with address at Dorfstrasse 7a, FL-9495 Triesen, Liechtenstein

Dated: December 15, 2020. (Sgd.) **Rahel Ruth Kieber**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/46]

**Best Free Games Ltd**

Company No. 1767955  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that Best Free Games Ltd is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th December, 2020 and **Eduardo Ruggiero Fucci** of Rua Francisco Leitão, n° 678, Apto. 33, Pinheiros, Sao Paulo – SP Brasil, CEP 05414-020, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. EDUARDO RUGGIERO FUCCI**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/47]

**ARMANDO GUILLERMO PRIETO LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)  
Company No. 650233

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ARMANDO GUILLERMO PRIETO LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 8th day of December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Claire Thomson** c/o Citco B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.

Dated 9th day of December, 2020.  
(Sgd.) **Claire Thomson**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/48]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator Pursuant to Section 204(1)(b) of the BVI Business Company Act, 204 (as amended) for*

**Frush Financial Ltd**  
(the "Company")

BVI Business Company No. 1801825  
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 15th December, 2020. The Liquidator is **Charalambos Charalambous of Akropoleos 170, 5282 Paralimni, Cyprus.**

Dated 15th December, 2020  
(Sgd.) **Charalambos Charalambous**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/49]

*Liquidator's Final Notice*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004**  
**TJGL INVESTMENTS LTD**  
("the Company")

Company No: 1979405  
A BVI Business Company  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the winding-up and dissolution of the above-mentioned company has been completed and the name has been struck off the Register of Companies.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.  
**Sgd. Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/50]

*Liquidator's Final Notice*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT, 2004**  
**DANNESKJOLD INVESTMENTS LTD**  
("the Company")

Company No: 1979308  
A BVI Business Company  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to section (208) (1) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the winding-up and dissolution of the above-mentioned company has been completed and the name has been struck off the Register of Companies.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2020.  
**Sgd. Philippa O'Sullivan**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/51]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.*  
**BLUEMARINE RESOURCES HOLDINGS LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1847834  
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 December 15th, 2020.  
Dated: 16th December, 2020  
(Sgd.) **Michalis Eleftheriou**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/52]

*Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act*  
**BLUE MARINE DEVELOPMENT HOLDING LTD**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1847891  
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 December 15th, 2020.  
Dated: 16th December, 2020  
(Sgd.) **Michalis Eleftheriou**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/53]

**DINGWALL MANAGEMENT LTD.**

Company No. 504969  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DINGWALL MANAGEMENT LTD.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th December, 2020.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/54]

**GRAZALEMA HOLDINGS CORP**

Company No. 1954544  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **GRAZALEMA HOLDINGS CORP**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th December, 2020.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020

**Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/55]

**NESTOM CORPORATION**  
Company No. 1954544  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **NESTOM CORPORATION**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 11th December, 2020.  
Dated this 17th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. ANA INEZ MONTALDO**  
Voluntary Liquidator  
[80/56]

*NOTICE*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**Jindayuan Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2020, 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:-  
**MA Hong** of  
No. 316, No. 11,  
Nanma Road, Heping District,  
Tianjin,  
China  
[80/57]

*NOTICE*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**MYL Holdings Limited**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2020, 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  
Suite C, 13F, No. 918,  
Middle Huaihai Road,  
Huangpu District, Shanghai,  
China  
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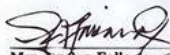
**Pisces International Holdings Ltd. (IBC No. 038885) ASHBY LTD. (IBC No. 126426)**  
**Chatsworth Limited (IBC No. 130926)**  
**DU XFORD LTD. (IBC No. 126427)**  
**KEMPLEY LTD. (IBC No. 126428)**

(In Voluntary Winding Up)

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance with Section 286 of the International Business Companies Act, 2016:

- **Pisces International Holdings Ltd., ASHBY LTD., Chatsworth Limited, DUXFORD LTD. and KEMPLEY LTD.**, are in the Voluntary Winding Up;
- The date of commencement of Voluntary Winding Up is 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.
- **Mrs. Evelyn Fallaria** with address at Purok 11 Sitio Masagana, Alabang, Muntinlupa City, 1770 Philippines, is the Liquidator.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2020.

  
**Mrs. Evelyn Fallaria**  
Liquidator

*NOTICE*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**FUYI INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2020, 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:  
**ZHENG Jie** of  
Room 405, Building 7, No. 13,  
Nonglin Road, Shenzhen,  
Guangdong,  
China  
[80/59]

*NOTICE*  
**BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)**  
**FUYA INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of December 2020, 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:-  
**ZHENG Jie** of  
Room 405, Building 7, No. 13,  
Nonglin Road, Shenzhen,  
Guangdong,  
China  
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**YOVOY GROUP INC.**

Company No. 1916130  
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **YOVOY GROUP INC.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th December, 2020.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020  
**Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ**  
Voluntary Liquidator

[80/61]

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)**

**PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 2020**

**IN THE ESTATE OF HENRIQUE BRENNER  
Late of Sao Paulo, Brazil, deceased**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Eduardo Brenner of Sao Paulo, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the estate of Henrique Brenner, late of Alameda Itú, No. 885, 13° andar, Jardine Paulista, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, who died intestate on the 12th day of April, 2019.

The applicant is the son of the deceased and the person entrusted with the administration of the estate in Brazil where the deceased died domiciled.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated the day of -, 2020.

*Filed by Simonette Lewis, Attorneys and Notaries whose address for service is #22 Mill Mall, Wickhams Cay I, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*

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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)**

**CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/**

**IN THE ESTATE OF THOMAS ALFRED FRETT LATE OF 14-  
P.E. EST. THOMAS, ST. THOMAS, UNITED STATES VIRGIN  
ISLANDS, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Jedwyn Derrille Frett of St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of de Bonis Non-Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands on 11 February 2000.

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

Dated this 16th day of December 2020

*Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is:  
McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com*

[81]

**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLAND  
PROBATE NO. OF**

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN SMITH, LATE OF JOSIAH'S  
BAY, EAST END,  
TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, DECEASED**

**ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF  
PROBATE**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS of 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands for a Probate of the Will of JOHN SMITH who died on the 20th day of November, 2017 without revoking a Will bearing the date of 9th day of January 2015 wherein Ruthilia Maximea is named

sole Executrix.

ANY PERSON having any objections to the Grant of Probate to the application shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

DATED this 10th day of December, 2020.

Filed by HUNTE & CO. LAW CHAMBERS, Attorneys-at Law whose address for service is 123 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

[81]

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

**PROBATE No. 0184 of 2020**

In the Estate of WONG, SUET PING also known as WONG, SHE BING, late of House No.134, Hong Lok Road West, Hong Lok Yuen, Tai Po, New Territories, Hong Kong, the Deceased

Application is hereby made to the Registrar by TIN, LAM PIN of 5 Brooks Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B72 1HP, United Kingdom for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 4th April 2018 without revoking a will bearing the date of the 3rd day of December 2009 wherein the applicant is one of named executors, with power being reserved to WONG, KUI MAN ANDREW, the other named executor.

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 19th day of December 2020.

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

[81]

**RHAMPA S.A.**

Company No. 1513516

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that RHAMPA S.A., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 16th December, 2020.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020

*Sgd. RAMON ORTIZ DE TARANCO*

Voluntary Liquidator

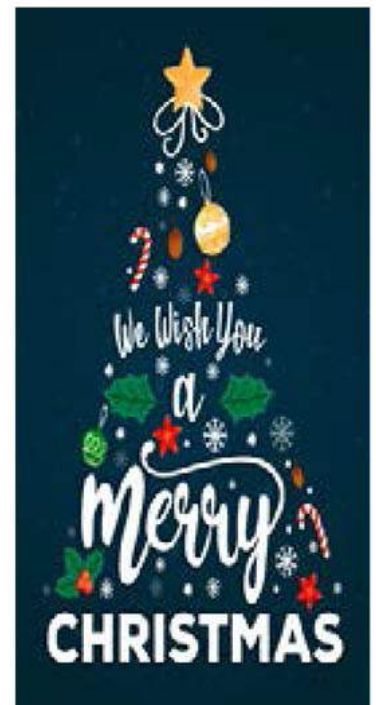
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
THE VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)

PROBATE NO. BVIHPB 0182 of 2020

IN THE ESTATE OF RICARDO COIMBRA DE  
ALMEIDA BRENNAND  
Late of Pernambuco, Brazil, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARIA DE LOURDES MONTEIRO BRENNAND of Recife, Pernambuco, Varzea, Brazil for a Grant of Letters of Administration who is the person entitled to administer the estate of RICARDO COIMBRA DE ALMEIDA BRENNAND, the deceased having died intestate on the 24 April, 2020.

ANY PERSON having an objection to the grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice with the Registrar of the High Court in the Territory of The Virgin Islands.

Dated 14 December, 2020.

Filed by Travers Thorp Alberga, whose address for service is 2nd Floor, Jayla Place, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

[81]

THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

IN THE ESTATE OF VITALII YURIEVICH KIRILLOV LATE OF  
APT 178, BUILDING 401, 4 CHERTANOVO SEVERNOE MICRO-  
DISTRICT, MOSCOW, RUSSIA, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Elena Nikolaevna Kirillova of Apt 915, 1A Chertanovo Severnoe Micro-District, Moscow, Russia for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the widow of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in Moscow Russia on 6 August 2019.

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

Dated this 15th day of December 2020

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
(PROBATE)

CLAIM NO. BVIHPB2020/

IN THE ESTATE OF MAHASSEN CHAMI LATE OF  
VILLA 251-77A AL MARDAF AREA DM.5, P.O. BOX  
7594, DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, DECEASED

ADVERTISEMENT

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Habib Salhi of Umm Suqeim 3, Al Hiyab St., Villa 2, P.O. Box 7594, Dubai, United Arab Emirates for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate in Latakia, Syria on 17 August 2016.

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

Dated this 10th day of December 2020

Filed by McW. Todman & Co, Attorneys-at Law for the Administrator whose address for service is: McNamara Chambers, 116 Main Street, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands; email: nstjean@mctodman.com

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)

BVIHPB 2020/0122

In the Estate of: HSIEH, CHIN-YUNG Deceased

TAKE NOTICE that HSIEH, TSUNG-YEN of No.1, LN 214, Chin-Lung St., Neighborhood No. 4, East District, Chiayi City, Taiwan, the intended administrator of the estate of the late HSIEH, CHIN-YUNG, late of Chiayi City, Taiwan, domiciled in Taiwan as aforesaid, have applied to the High Court in the Probate Division for the Grant of Letters of Administration to the Estate of the said HSIEH, CHIN-YUNG, deceased.

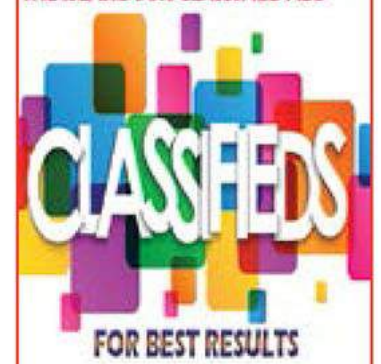
Any persons having any objection to the Grant of Letters of Administration as aforesaid to HSIEH, TSUNG-YEN shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court in the Territory of the Virgin Islands a proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated this 17th day of December 2020.

GRANT & Co  
Solicitors for the Intended Administrators

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EMCs Caribbean Ltd. Is looking for 2 Electricians with at least 5 years experience in a construction industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300.[s81]

GoodFellas Clothing Store is seeking a Full Time Bilingual Sales Representative preferable (Spanish/English) Only. For any information, please send your Resume to: goodfellasbvi@yahoo.com[s81]

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# Upholding human rights against arbitrary arrest

By Sir Ronald Sanders

The Government of Canada has taken an initiative to promote a Declaration by like-minded countries against the use of arbitrary detention in state-to-state relations.

The objective of the Declaration is to achieve an end to the practice by some states of arbitrarily arresting, detaining, and sentencing foreign nationals and then bargaining with their release to influence policies or positions of their governments.

Arbitrary arrests and detentions of foreign nationals by a government is a form of institutionalised kidnapping. Using the release of such persons to influence governments amounts to demanding a ransom. It is a troubling development in international relations, one which is contrary to international law and which seeks to replace legal and diplomatic norms with a form of inter-state blackmail.

Apart from severely injuring the process of peaceful international relations, this kind of behaviour directly affects innocent persons who could be arrested, detained and sentenced simply to be used as pawns by governments that cannot get their way through international law and norms. In such conditions, persons are exposed to extreme forms of suffering while their rights are completely ignored, including their right to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent, and impartial tribunal in instances where a state-controlled judiciary sentences them.

Fear of being arbitrarily arrested would have a deleterious effect on tourism, business travel and eventually on trade and commerce. Instead of advancing to a world of freedom, underpinned by respect for human rights and international law, the global community would recede to an age of lawlessness and conflict.

The peoples of small states would be the most vulnerable and the most 'at risk' if the practice of arbitrary arrest, detention and sentencing prevails. The governments of small countries do not have the military might or economic clout to confront the authorities of powerful countries that employ these practices. Further, small countries do not have the plethora of Embassies and Consulates around the world that could try to protect their nationals. The only tool available to governments of small states is respect for international law by all states.

That is why this Declaration proposed by Canada has already won the endorsement of the governments of Antigua and Barbuda, Guyana and St Lucia. As the foreign minister of Antigua and Barbuda, E. Paul Chet Greene, put it in a message to his colleague foreign ministers of Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries: "the Declaration is as much a further layer in the structure of protection for small countries, as it is for the strengthening of international cooperation by all States to end arbitrary arrest, detention or



sentencing as means to exercise leverage over other governments".

International human rights law and instruments, particularly article 9 of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), assert that "No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest or detention". They also set out obligations of states to safeguard these rights. However, the rights for which provision is made in the ICCPR apply to individuals who are within the territory of the country and subject to its jurisdiction.

The problem with all these laws and instruments is that the persons who framed them did not envisage circumstances where governments would abrogate them. Therefore, they provide for no sanctions or international measures against offending governments which use state-controlled machinery to achieve political ends, in this fashion.

The laws certainly did not contemplate circumstances in which any state would arbitrarily arrest, detain and sentence foreign nationals so as to compel actions by other states.

Canada and the countries that endorse the proposed Declaration, including the United States of America, the 28-nation European Union and nations in Africa and the Caribbean, plan to launch the Declaration on December 17. By then, other countries are expected to join.

The question arises as to why the Declaration is not being presented and pursued within the United Nations framework. Sadly, the answer is that despite the efforts of a progressive Secretary-General in António Guterres, there are members of the UN that are guilty of these unwholesome practices. They would emasculate the Declaration, stifling it in their own interest.

It is noteworthy that, in 1991, the UN Commission on Human Rights set up a Working Group on Arbitrary Detention that has been automatically renewed every three years, with a mandate to grapple with the issue. But after all this time, the essential question of dealing with states that deliberately use arbitrary arrest, detention and sentencing as a means of coercing other states, has failed to be addressed adequately.

For those governments that resolutely stand for the human, civil and political rights of peoples, including their own, the Declaration is a strong display of their collective denunciation of those states that violate them.

The majority of Caribbean countries exist and thrive as open economies that encourage and promote tourism, travel, trade and commerce, guaranteeing the rights of foreign nationals in their countries by adherence to international law.

These Caribbean countries are entitled to expect the same regard and protections for the rights of their people in foreign countries.

That's why the Declaration Against the Use of Arbitrary Detention in State-to-State Relations is in the interest of the Caribbean's people.



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## FEW WORDS TO THE WISE

After 233 years of uninterrupted BVI Postal Service, it is quite clear that the last 25 years have witnessed a steady decline of such an essential service. The twice promised new Post Office Building never materialised, the Express mail service was promised quite a few times, but nothing has happened. The transit time of incoming and outgoing mail is unfathomable and unpredictable; the Philatelic Bureau has been virtually dismantled compared to what it used to be; stamp issues have gone from six each year to hardly one, the stamp marketing agent contracted in recent years is a small operation when compared to Crown Agents and that does not help.

During conversations with Chief Ministers and Premiers of the last three decades, we have learned that when compared to Tourism and the Financial Services Sector the Post Office revenue is pocket change not worth investing in.

Indeed two deadly hurricanes and 10 months - and counting - of COVID lockdown is not very conducive to fixing old problems. But from small seeds big trees grow and as the first BVI Chief Minister always said: "Where there is no vision the people perish". Right now it is small businesses who have depleted their hard-earned savings to keep the BVI economy resilient. But if the government thinks that's pocket change, then there is no hope. We have made similar mistakes when Air BVI was liquidated long ago: and so far the air-link problem has not been solved. The narrow mindedness of looking at turnover and revenue is the same that generated the "stinking" and yet not completely resolved sewage problem.

In good times and in bad times the BVI Postal Service has unremittingly contributed to the growth of the BVI, its people, its economy and progress. In these days of internet, the new generation may think that sending mail the old-fashioned way is quite a joke; yet, the internet does not deliver parcels and packets and does not service postal money orders and registered mail.

If BVI leaders continue to neglect the postal service they should keep in mind that history will not be too kind to them because if you remove a can from a pile of them, they may all fall.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

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

IN THE ESTATE OF ANTHONY BOBB, LATE  
OF HORSEPATH, TORTOLA, BRITISH VIRGIN  
ISLANDS, DECEASED

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Symarj Anthony Bobb and Nakyah Bobb for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicants, two of the children of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 25th day of October 2020.

Any person or persons who has or have any objections to the Grant of Probate to the said Symarj Anthony Bobb and Nakyah Bobb shall within fourteen days from the date of publication of this Notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper document setting out the said objections.

Dated the 9th day of December 2020

*Sabals Law, Solicitors for the Administrators whose address for service is 87 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Abbott Building, Waterfront Drive, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.*

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB

In The Estate of VINEY NERESIA NELSON also known as NERESIA NELSON Late of Little Dix Hill, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by LYNFORD EMANUEL COOPER of Little, Dix Hill, Tortola British Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the Applicant who is the son of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 10th day of September, 2020.

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

Dated this 7th day of December, 2020.

*Filed by Maximea & Co. Law Chambers Legal Practitioners for the Applicant, 2nd Floor, Glancina George Building Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands Tel: 1 284 494 6623, 494 2366 whose address for service is the same.*

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THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
(PROBATE)

BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS  
CLAIM NUMBER BVIHPB

In The Estate of FONSTER VERONICA NIBBS Late of  
Tortola, British Virgin Islands

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by STANY FRANCIS of Tortola British Virgin Islands and IRIS NIBBS of Saint Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands for a Grant of Letters of Administration for the use and benefit of a minor, the only child of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on the 15th day of September, 2019.

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

Dated this 7th day of December, 2020.

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FORM P7:  
ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT  
The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
Virgin Islands

ADMINISTRATION NO. 0103 OF 2020

In the Estate of Claudio Mourad late of Dr. Guilherme Bannitz Street, 55 Apartment #401, Itaim Bibi, Sao Paulo, SP, deceased

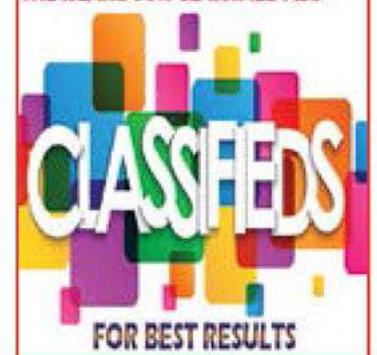
TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by MARIA EUGENIA MENDES DE ALMEIDA MOURAD of Rua Guihei Vatanabe 175 Unit 22, Sao Paulo, SP, for a Grant of Letters of Administration to the applicant who is of daughter of the deceased, the deceased having died intestate on 21 April 2020.

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

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# UK Health Ministry Says New COVID-19 Variant Discovered in Britain



British Health Minister Matt Hancock said Monday that a new variant of COVID-19 has been identified in southern Britain, which could explain why infection levels in that area have increased faster than in other areas of the country.

Speaking to Parliament, Hancock said the variant was identified in more than a thousand cases of the virus, mostly in the south of the country, but in a total of about 60 different areas. He said similar variants have been identified in other countries, and the British government has alerted the World Health Organization.

The health minister was quick to add there was nothing to suggest this new variant is more virulent or would be resistant to the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine that is being distributed in Britain. But he said it was even more reason for people

to remain vigilant and follow COVID-19 guidelines to make sure the virus does not spread.

Hancock made the announcement as he introduced new COVID-19 restrictions imposed on London and the immediate surrounding area where new infections have been rising “exponentially.”

He said London was moving into the “Tier 3: Very High Alert level.” Under these restrictions, people can only see friends and family who live outside their household in outdoor public places and “in line with the rule of six,” meaning groups must be six people or fewer.

Hancock said restaurants and other hospitality businesses can be open for take-out and deliver only, and residents are advised to avoid unnecessary travel outside their immediate area. [VOA NEWS]

# Sweden’s King Says His Country ‘Has Failed’ Handling COVID

Sweden’s King Carl XVI Gustaf says his country has “failed” in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Swedish people have suffered “enormously” as a result.

In pre-recorded comments released Thursday, the king said many people have died in Sweden from the virus, and “that is horrible.”

The 74-old king, whose son and daughter-in-law tested positive for the virus last month, was asked if he was fearful of getting COVID-19 himself.

“Lately, it has felt more obvious,” he said. “It has crept closer and closer. That is not what you want.”

The king made the comments as part of a year-end holiday broadcast scheduled to air Monday on Swedish television. The monarch plays a ceremonial role and holds no political power.

Sweden initially took a different approach to the pandemic than its Nordic neighbors, Norway and Denmark, as well as other nations in Europe. The government never imposed lockdowns or mandated face masks, allowed restaurants and businesses to remain open, and relied mainly on voluntary social distancing and hygiene recommendations to slow the spread.

But the nation saw a rising death toll, particularly among elderly residents of care facilities, and its per capita death rate far exceeded that of Norway and Denmark.

In a preliminary report released Tuesday, an independent commission appointed by the Swedish government said the government failed to sufficiently protect the elderly in care homes from the virus.

In recent weeks, the government has imposed tighter COVID-19 restrictions, mandating remote learning for schools, limiting the size of public gatherings and banning the sale of alcohol after 10 p.m. in bars and restaurants.

Sweden’s total COVID-19-related deaths stand at 7,667, much higher than its regional neighbors, but still lower than other European nations such as Britain, Spain, Italy and France, all of whom imposed lockdowns.

[VOA NEWS]



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**Hot peppers in your food, though very tasty, cannot prevent or cure COVID-19.**  
The best way to protect yourself against the new coronavirus is to keep at least 1 metre away from others and to wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. It is also beneficial for your general health to maintain a balanced diet, stay well hydrated, exercise regularly and sleep well.

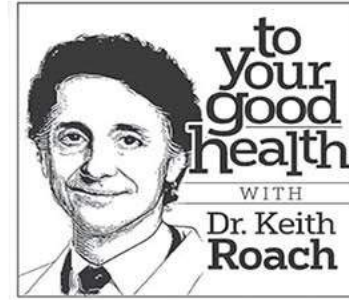
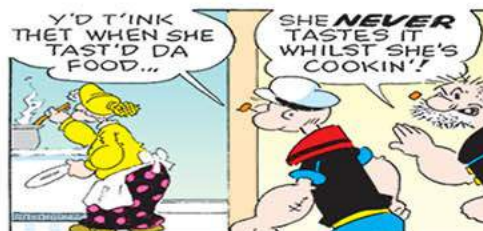
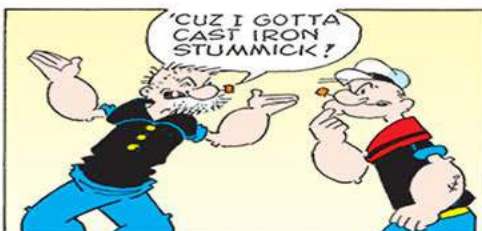
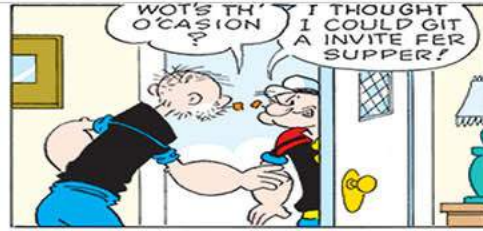
**FACT:**  
**Adding pepper to your soup or other meals DOES NOT prevent or cure COVID-19.**



#Coronavirus #COVID19

27 April 2020

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ANSWER: Anastrozole is an inhibitor of the enzyme aromatase, which converts androgens made in the adrenal gland to estrogens. Anastrozole thus has the effect of dramatically reducing estrogen levels in the blood. For women with estrogen-sensitive tumors, this means less stimulus for the tumors to grow. Aromatase inhibitors like anastrozole have had a significant effect on improving cure rates and survival in women with estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer.

Prostate-Shrinking Medicines and Cancer

DEAR DR. ROACH: I've had low-grade prostate cancer for several years and am presently on "active surveillance." My PSAs have been high but steady, running around 7.8 to 9.2. I have a greatly enlarged prostate, which I believe contributes to the high PSA numbers.

Aromatase inhibitors have been used for over 20 years; however, that's still not long enough for a comprehensive understanding of long-term effects. There are short-term effects, and these limit the ability of some women to tolerate their use for the five years they are usually prescribed. About a third of women do not complete the course.

I would like your opinion regarding finasteride (Proscar), as I am considering taking it. I see one of its side effects is that it increases the risk of developing a very serious form of prostate cancer. Since I already have this cancer, am I at an increased risk of mine growing more aggressive? — D.N.W.

The most common reason I see for women stopping anastrozole is the musculoskeletal pain that often accompanies it. Symptoms can be severe in up to a third of women, but regular exercise and anti-inflammatory drugs are effective in reducing these symptoms.

ANSWER: A 2013 study showed that although finasteride reduced the overall risk of prostate cancer from 15% to 10% in men followed up to 18 years on finasteride, there was a small increase in high-grade, aggressive prostate cancer, from 3% to 3.5%. However, there was no increased risk of prostate cancer death among treated men.

There are sexual side effects for many women. The loss of estrogen due to anastrozole can cause vaginal dryness, which may lead to painful intercourse. This can be treated with lubricants, and most data suggests that low-dose vaginal estrogen is both safe and effective, although I recommend an individualized discussion with her oncologist before a woman takes that.

Several follow-up studies have suggested that the apparent small increase in aggressive prostate cancers reflected an easier ability to find these cancers, since finasteride shrinks prostate tissue, making it easier to both biopsy and read the results. My view is that the apparent increase in aggressive prostate cancer is unlikely to represent a real danger in taking finasteride. There is no evidence to suggest that finasteride would change the behavior of an existing tumor.

Fatigue, forgetfulness and poor sleep are often reported by women on anastrozole. Bone loss (osteopenia and osteoporosis) is more common in women on anastrozole. Nonpharmacologic strategies include regular exercise, calcium and vitamin D, and smoking cessation. However, many women need medical therapy if the bone density becomes dangerously low despite this.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have breast cancer and am being recommended anastrozole. Can you tell me the side effects, both short term and long term? — Anon.

While there are certainly downsides to taking anastrozole, they need to be balanced against the improved survival rates in women who take them compared with other treatments.

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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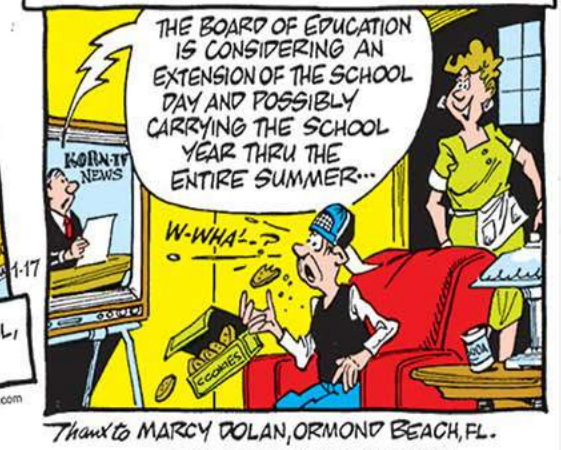
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THINGS THAT OUGHTA BE SAID...



BY AL SCADUTO

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Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

— ISAIAH 7:14

"Heilige Nacht" (15th-century woodcut)



# HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo

HOLLYWOOD— 'Tis the season of giving, unless you are "America's Got Talent" or "American Idol" or "The Voice"! When **Howie Mandel** says repeatedly, "I don't know if this is a \$1,000,000 act," he's absolutely right. In fact, the winning prize is nothing near \$1 million!

You may have read the disclaimer that appears with every show that says the \$1 million prize will be paid to the winner over a 40, yes, 40-year period. That means autistic and blind season 14-winner **Kodi Lee**, 24 when he won, would not receive his last payment until he is 64. According to Forbes Magazine, "The million-dollar lump sum would certainly be less than half a million dollars ... before taxes are even deducted. If a winner wants 40 payments over four decades, they could receive \$25,000 yearly ... before taxes."

In "America's Got Talent's" defense, it makes all this completely clear to contestants prior to the competition. The winner and some of the top contenders do get to play a special engagement in Las Vegas at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casino. Ventriloquists **Terry Fator** and **Grace VanderWaal** have been the most successful winners.

"American Idol" is not innocent either. In 2019, winner **Laine Hardy** won a record deal with Hollywood Records, a \$125,000 prize for winning and another \$125,000 on completing an album within four months. The deal may include as many as six albums, and while recording they allegedly receive \$1,000 a week to cover living expenses and an additional \$1,000 for every master completed and turned in. The contestant also receives a \$300,000 advance for recording their album, which they are expected to pay back with album sales in addition to 50% of marketing costs, after the album's release. In some cases, the artists were allegedly unhappy about the way they were handled or that they were unable to exit their contract



Trae Patton/NBC

Howie Mandel

to accept much more lucrative offers. **Carrie Underwood**, **Kelly Clarkson**, **Chris Daughtry** and **Clay Aiken** have been by far the most successful "American Idol" winners.

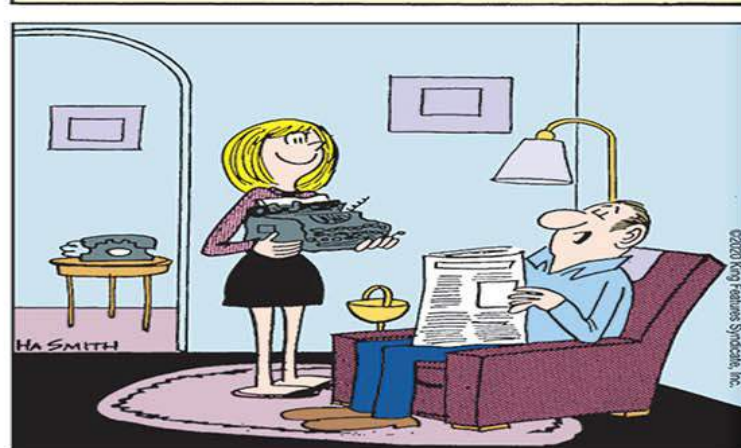
The winner of "The Voice" is awarded \$100,000 and a record deal with Republic Records (a division of Universal Music Group) or the Nashville-based Big Machine Records. Of the 18 winners so far, only **Cassadee Pope** has achieved even a moderate amount of success.

A horse of a totally different color is the Nobel Peace Prize. The winner receives a medal, the title of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and 10 million Swedish crowns, which equals about \$1.2 million in U.S. dollars. Obviously, winning a Nobel Prize is far better, but when you're a singer or talent looking for your big break, all of the above doesn't sound so un-Nobel. Merry Christmas!

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## LAFF - A - DAY



"Okay, what other valuable antiques did you pick up besides William Shakespeare's typewriter?"

# Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- Doc Martens come in all different colors and sizes now, but the first pair was created using old tires.

- There actually aren't "57 varieties" of Heinz ketchup, and never were. Company founder H.J. Heinz thought his product should have a number, and he just happened to like 57.

- March 3 is known as "What if Cats and Dogs Had Opposable Thumbs Day."

- The number of permutations within a deck of cards is mind-bogglingly large: an 8 with 67 zeroes after it. That means there are more card combinations than stars in the Milky Way, which amount to as many as 400 billion!

- Cataract surgery was possible as early as the 6th century B.C.

- Barbie's physical appearance was inspired by a German doll named Bild Lilli, created in 1952 and based on a high-end call girl named Lilli who was featured in the comic strip "Bild-Zeitung." She was sold as an adult novelty in bars and tobacco shops — definitely not as a children's toy. Barbie inventor Ruth Handler saw the doll while vacationing in Europe and brought it home.

- Sunsets on Mars are blue.

- The Gate Tower Building in Osaka, Japan, has a highway that passes through the building, between the fifth and seventh floors.

- A Paris morgue needed help identifying bodies in the 1860s, so decided to open its doors to the public. They probably underestimated people's morbid curiosity, though, as soon 40,000 people a day were coming to look at corpses.

- Mob boss Vincent Gigante would wander around New York in his bathrobe to convince the police he was insane, and thus avoid capture.

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**Thought for the Day:** "Life is mostly froth and bubble. Two things stand like stone. Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own." — Adam Lindsay Gordon

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## Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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