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COVID VACCINATIONS: OFF TO A SMOOTH START

A week has passed since the group that made up the first ten to be vaccinated publicly received their Astra Zeneca vaccine shot and curiosity as to whether there have been any side effects from the jab was answered. Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone who was the first person to get a dose announced that he has not experienced any side effects. He did however mention that there were few reports of side effects but did not state if it was amongst the first ten or the frontline workers that followed.

The grand vaccination roll-out commenced last Thursday 11 February at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith hospital and saw the inoculation of the group that included: His Excellency Governor John Rankin, Hon. Malone, Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Hon. Vincent Wheatley, Speaker of the House, Hon. Julian Willock, Leader of the



Lions Club of Tortola Donates School Bus to Special Needs School (More on page 18)
(Photo Provided)

Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn, Fourth District Representative Hon. Mark Vanterpool, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Irad Potter, Acting Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Ronald Georges, Media personality Cathy Richards; and the spouse of the Minister of Health Mrs. Pernis A. Malone.

The media questioned why Premier and Minister for Finance

Hon. Andrew Fahie was not one of the first ten and he announced that he was going to be vaccinated this week. The Premier said, "I have made a decision to allow our front line to as many as possible, especially in the healthcare section to get ahead and next week I will be taking the vaccine. It's as simple as that."

"Next week I'm going to be vaccinated, allowing with due respect the Governor who has worked hard with the United Kingdom to bring the 8,000 dosages and the Minister of Health and the rest of the front line, and some other members said they want to go ahead," the Premier added.

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Soon it will be mandatory to be vaccinated if you travel

Days after being vaccinated on camera the Health Minister reported that he was still feeling fine. While speaking on the VIP Let's Talk programme on 16 February Hon. Malone said, "While a few persons have reportedly had side effects from taking the COVID 19 vaccine myself and members of my household that have been vaccinated are doing well."

The Minister in response to a question about side

effects from a caller on the programme that was aired on ZBVI and Facebook stated that he did not experience any. "What we have is that there are a few persons who did have slight fevers, chills, they have... and this is why they give you some paracetamol."

Nonetheless, the Minister noted that he is grateful that there is nothing unpleasant about the vaccine. "I have been fortunate, me and my household have been fortunate that we didn't have any of the side effects of this, but there are those

persons. Just very few. It is not unlike every other vaccine that you take. With the...team that we have, they have all of the eventualities. They were calling me every day to make sure that I was not experiencing any of these symptoms...I was able to tell them I am fine," he stated.

Meanwhile, the government's vaccine rollout plan is moving along and the Minister explained that frontline workers are getting their shots. "Most of the Healthcare workers on Tortola have been

vaccinated, those who indicated," Hon. Malone mentioned.

The Health Minister said that the inoculation campaign is continuing across the Territory and he made another appeal for persons to get vaccinated. "We are asking everyone to come and be vaccinated. When we do this we look in terms of preserving lives preserving livelihood and it is the way in which we will be able to reopen our borders even faster."

As it relates to persons who remain skeptical

about the vaccine or its side effects the Minister alluded to the fact that vaccination is voluntary. However, he noted that not being vaccinated might soon hinder travel. Hon. Malone said, "We know we have a series of persons who are hesitant in terms of taking the vaccine. So all those who wish to take it we will go ahead and administer first. Those persons who don't take it if you want to travel soon it will be a requirement for travel so at the end of the day."

Popular Virgin Gorda Restaurant closes the doors until Better times

The continued closure of the seaports where the majority of the Territory's tourists arrive is affecting businesses. This was illustrated through the announced closure of popular Virgin Gorda cosmopolitan trattoria Top of The Baths Restaurant and Bar.

The announced closure of Top of The Baths restaurant was remarked as a sad day for many as that is one of the most beloved tourist stops on the island. The restaurant which is close to the iconic Baths is a trendy tourist spot.

Unfortunately, it seems that business in these COVID 19 days has not been the best for the

property and as such the owners announced that they have no choice but to close the door. In a Facebook announcement, the management of the trattoria said that they were sad to make the decision.

While noting that the decline in tourists and visitors was the cause, the management wrote, "It is with a very heavy heart and tremendous concern for each and everyone that we regrettably have to make the following decision. A decision which comes out of the factual reality of COVID-19, resulting in a negative market for our tourism industry."

"The negative result has manifested itself in a

manner which makes it financially impossible for us to continue to be open at this time. Therefore, we are giving notice that Top of The Baths Restaurant and coffee bar will be temporarily closed until such time as the economical conditions return to a point where the business can meet its daily obligations. We truly hope that this period of business interruption will be short-lived," they added.

Prior to the decision to close the management of Top of The Baths Bar and Restaurant had tried to salvage things by changing their hours. In early February the hours of the restaurant were altered, and the management noted that they were hoping to see



Top of The Baths

more persons patronising the property for break and lunch.

The restaurant has earned impressive reviews on Tripadvisor, and according to travel platforms on the internet, the restaurant was opened in 1994, and has maintained the premises in tip-top shape to this day. Since then, they have welcomed thousands upon thousands

of visitors. "The menu is surprisingly diverse with everything from chocolate chip pancakes to chicken roti, jerk pork chops, grilled lobster tail, stewed oxtail, or pasta primavera. I guess the menu could be described as North American & Caribbean fusion with a little Italian and Japanese thrown in for good measure."

Contract Signing RDA Projects

REMARKS BY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF FINANCE HONOURABLE ANDREW A FAHIE, 16th February, 2021

God's blessings to each and every one - whether present with us physically or joining in virtually.

The recovery of our Territory from the ravages of Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017 continues, and so does our mission of transformation and development.

On behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands, I am very pleased to see that the schedule of projects in the revised Recovery and Development Plan continues to move forward.

As stated before Irma and Maria were real because we continue to live with reality of their destruction.

Upon taking office, it was clear that many recovery projects had to be started. We made it a priority to get the ball moving to start the recovery projects, especially in a time where there are limited resources, but high demands.

Today, we continue to move forward with four of those recovery projects.

1. We have the repairs to the Anegada Administration Building which will be a six-month project starting on March 1, 2021 to No Limit Construction in the amount of \$209,653.86. This building was severely damaged in the hurricanes of 2017. There were some repairs and I am glad the major repairs will be done. Clearly our public officers deserve to be in a better working condition. Through this Government making this project a high priority, it shows our commitment to the wellbeing and safety of our public officers and the public who are customers of our facility. We thank the Deputy Governor's Office for the work that they have done for joining in partnering with us to get things done. And for sure shows that this is a Government that cares.

2. Then we have the Rubberised Resurfacing of the Multipurpose Court at the Jeffery A. Caines Sports Arena, Virgin Gorda, a three-month contract that is being awarded to Alternative Concrete Solutions Ltd with works to begin on 25th February 2021 in the amount of \$72,308.00. This facility was also destroyed during the hurricanes of 2017. Our athletes, especially our young people, deserve proper sporting facilities. Since taking office this Government continue to improve the sporting facilities throughout the Virgin Islands in places such as Carrot Bay, Cappaon's Bay, Belle Vue, Diamond Estate, West End, just to name a few. So it is clear that is a Government that cares.

3. And, we have the Rubberised Resurfacing of the Anegada Recreation Ground also a three-month contract to Alternative

Concrete Solutions Ltd in the amount of \$94,423.00 to begin February 2021 very shortly. This court and grounds have also been in need of repairs since the passage of the 2017 hurricanes and I must say that it devastated all our islands, yes.

4. But basketball overall on Virgin Gorda is immensely important especially to the economy of the Territory but mainly in Virgin Gorda. The basketball season in Virgin Gorda is also a great economic boost during the off season of tourism when the summer jam happens. Many persons come from the other islands stay in hotels, support the restaurants, and car rentals. But, here we are today with hope as works will now begin to fix the recreational areas so that families in Anegada and Virgin Gorda, especially our young people can enjoy. Clearly, this is a Government that cares.

5. Additionally, we have a contract being awarded to ATEC BVI Ltd. in the amount of \$53,380 for Ivan Dawson Primary School. This is important as Government has been stressing renewable energy. In short order in a few weeks, we will be carrying legislation to the House of Assembly in order to amend the Customs Act to allow all renewable energy materials and hybrid cars to be duty-free for a certain period so that we can encourage the transition of renewable energy in this Territory. Because it's not just about talking the talk but about walking the walk so this continues to fall in line with the mandate that we have already placed as a Government on the need for renewable energy, so we welcome this.

And it is important to ensure that our children are learning in a quality environment, and that our teachers are sharing with our students and working in a quality environment. So, we really welcome this because projects like these do a lot for our teachers, students and the electricity bill. But it does a lot for the environment and that is key especially in this error of Climate Change.

So, let me pause here and say that I congratulate the contractors for being proactive in all of these ventures, even those that were not successful because it takes a lot to tender and a lot of funds, but they will continue to persevere and be successful.

I also know that the RDA, Mr. Macmaster and myself are planning a renewed sense of energy and purpose in making sure that we get to each and every single district so that each and every single contractor can have an opportunity to come and listen

and join the workshops and also we have the online session that we are going to do with the RDA so that more contractors can come and register through the RDA and also register with the programme for central Government because it is important that we continue to point them in this direction to sharpen their skills.

And also, in central Government with the Ministry of Finance, we have through the Acting Financial Secretary, Mr. Frett and Dr. Drexel Glasgow who are working feverishly on getting the new procurement legislation to be brought forward so that we can continue to further strengthen our areas of accountability and strengthen our resolve to do even more as a people of the Territory.

So I want to congratulate them all and congratulate the contractors, especially Mr. Smith who has hired Anegadians on his project without being prompted; that is very important that when we as the people of the Virgin Islands get an opportunity that we bring our people along because it would not be right to be working in an environment especially where they have suffered so much with COVID-19 and the economy and see people come and work among them and not participate and benefit from the economic spin off. So, let's give the contractor a round of applause.

I am pleased that the Recovery and Development Agency, which is an extension of the Premier's Office continues to play its role in the execution of projects under the loan from the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB); projects which will contribute to supporting and simulating the Territory's economy in these crucial times of COVID-19. Sometimes when we look at our success through COVID-19 we take for granted that we are still in the middle of COVID-19. But the challenges are real, and every Territory is facing them.

Since the week of 7th May 2020, following a mandatory curfew for the Territory, your Government has signed several construction contracts through the Recovery and Development Agency and the Ministry of Finance to boost the economy. So, the construction industry in the BVI is doing extremely well because of the conscious decision made by this Government to ensure that we focused on that area and get it going and I know because I heard that from both of the main concrete plant suppliers and they have concluded that it is indeed going pretty well with both of them and this is a testament to show that your Government cares.

We saw this as a way to reboot and reawaken our economy following a

pause that was precipitated by the COVID-19.

For example, contracts were signed by the RDA for work to rehabilitate and reconstruct public buildings like the Bregado Flax School in Virgin Gorda, the Flax Building in Virgin Gorda, the Vanterpool Administration Building in Virgin Gorda, and the North Sound Administration Building now officially renamed the John E. George Senior, MBE Administration Building.

As you can clearly see, Virgin Gorda is getting some T-L-C, and your Government will continue to ensure that this T-L-C is shared and felt throughout each district in the Virgin Islands.

We have also signed contracts for the start of works to get water to different reservoirs and to repair them in order to solve some of the many long outstanding water woes. This truly is a Government that cares.

I must say to my team at the Recovery and Development Agency, led by Virgin Islander Mr. Anthony McMaster congratulations for pushing the projects forward and not allowing the perfect to become the enemy of the greater good.

Today continues more TLC for Virgin Gorda and Anegada, and Ivan Dawson Primary School in Cane Garden Bay so that the entire BVI can move forward together.

I want to remind all of us about something important.

When your Government took office in 2019, we were faced with a compromised situation where the people of the Virgin Islands were paying a hefty interest on a CDB loan that was not being used.

That loan, based on how its mechanisms were designed, could not ensure that Virgin Islanders would meaningfully access opportunities to hold a stake in the development of their own economy, nor could they fully benefit from the economic activity this funding would create on our shores.

This meant that the vast majority of this money would not have passed through the BVI's economy, and the BVI businesses and workers would have been pushed to the side and disadvantaged from being able to access the benefits of this cash flow.

Your Government felt that this was unfair and a disservice to the people of the Virgin Islands, especially given that these were loan funds that the BVI taxpayers would be obligated to pay back.

Your Government felt that there were ways to be explored that would allow the BVI and the BVI people to gain a greater benefit from these loans.

You see, development is not just about building infrastructure. Development is also about people, and developing their skills and their capabilities. It is about building the



HON. ANDREW A FAHIE

human capital of the Virgin Islands. It is about giving local sectors the opportunity to grow and develop when this is possible.

Your Government also saw this as an opportunity to allow for more persons to participate in this economic spin off than usual than was accustomed to. Your Government saw the recovery and development agenda as an opportunity for of the people of the Virgin Islands, the local economy and local sectors, to develop and to grow.

We also saw these projects as having opportunities that could benefit the local private sector. As you have heard also that it allows for great partnerships to be forged especially with Unite BVI, and I single them out because there have been many projects that they have partnered with the Government of the Virgin Islands that we are immensely grateful to Unite BVI. So, your Government sat down with CDB upon taking office and we renegotiated some of the terms of the loan in the best interest of the people and the Virgin Islands, and we agreed on a clear plan forward with the help of Dr. Drexel Glasgow and the Ministry of Finance that will allow for priority areas to now be addressed in a transparent and accountable manner.

Your Government is happy to see that the CDB Loan Funding is actively being used to assist with jumpstarting the construction industry at this time.

As a leader, and as a Government, we have to have faith in our Virgin Islands people, especially as we mature in our journey towards self-determination.

We maintain - our people can do the work.

Our people can build this economy. Our fore-parents did it before, and we can do it again.

We just have to make sure that we prepare our people, because the future belongs to the prepared. Nothing is more important than having your own Virgin Islands people, Belongers, driving the prosperity of this Territory, for their heart must be in it. And we welcome the help of others

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because as rightfully said, we need help as we move forward, because we have to move forward together. But every country that moves forward that is worth their salt moves forward in a way they build their people up and they give them a hand up and not a handout.

I thank the RDA for implementing the projects on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands and our team at the RDA. When I look at this Territory and I see what our people are doing with the assistance of others of course with those who continue to help us. When I look and I see how our people have handled COVID-19. I'm indeed proud. When I look and see how our people continue to handle disasters through Disaster Management I am indeed proud. When I look and I see the increased ratio of our people that continue to better themselves through technical fields, Master's, Bachelor's, Associates

and even Doctorates, I'm indeed proud and it shows that the Territory is continuing to mature. And I'm indeed proud if anytime such as now I am proud to be a Virgin Islander.

And I thank the RDA again for implementing the projects on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

I cannot underscore enough how pleased your Government is to see the RDA pushing forward so that our infrastructure can be built and re-engineered with the appropriate technology, reliable procurement systems, operational capacity, inbound and outbound logistics, marketing and sales, and supporting services.

Your Government's objective is to make the BVI a financially and economically sustainable Territory; to make our people secure physically, emotionally and economically; and to

develop all-round resilience and competitiveness.

We aim to transform the Virgin Islands into a leading regional economy through entrepreneurship, innovation and local and foreign investment. And as we see our contractors continue to develop to the point where they will soon be able to bid on projects abroad and be successful. We can now export talent rather than just importing talent.

Our people must be equipped for this task so that they can actively participate in the process. We must give them a fair chance to participate, to demonstrate their abilities, and to acquire experience and grow.

Your Government prides itself on making conscious decisions to move things forward. I did not say popular but conscious decisions, and wise and calculated decisions, to move things forward so that all can benefit whether they support the Government or not.

Once they're people of the Virgin Islands the opportunity must be given to them.

We are all in this together and we are indeed moving forward in BVILOVE; because this is not about supporting a Government but this is about supporting a BVI that we all love.

I know that the RDA has a lot of work still to do with no district to be left behind. And this Government will continue with its pledge not to make sure that we can dictate who get the contract but that we can ensure that a Virgin Islander gets the contract through the policies that we have implemented; and through the policies that we have agreed; and through the policies that we will continue to agree.

I want to thank my Government members because I cannot do this alone. So today, indeed with the signing of the contracts, it has

signaled yet another victory for the BVI as we steadily move forward with our hurricane recovery efforts as we continue to move forward doing more with less. It is also an indication that Anegada and Virgin Gorda will have their basketball facilities up and running, their administration buildings up and running and the DG's Office and all of us who are working together to make sure that those public structures where the public has to do their business, like the administration buildings, will be up to par.

May God bless these projects and bless as our Virgin Islands and all those who have come to support in the effort of our building of these Virgin Islands. We can build our Territory; we have built our Territory; and we continue to do so even with the help that we receive whether it be from United BVI, the FCO, private partners, we welcome it. And our Territory will continue to move from strength to strength because our best days as Virgin Islands are not our yesterdays but rather our tomorrows.

I thank you and God's blessings.

Commission of Inquiry Seeking Information from Public Sector Employees.

The public has been giving information to the Commissioner of the Inquiry that is currently underway in the Territory. The COI which is to determine whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonest activities may have taken place amongst the public, elected and statutory officials in recent years is said to be moving along well and the Commission said that it is ready to hear confidentially from persons in the public service.

Secretary to the Commission, Steven Chandler, in an update to the media on 15 February mentioned that

the Inquiry is proceeding well. The Secretary stated: "The Commissioner is extremely grateful for the information that has been shared to date, and for the constructive engagement he received during his visit to the Islands in January/February; and for the information which continues to flow in."

Mr. Chandler said that at this point of the Inquiry the Commissioner Sir Gary Hickinbottom is ready to gather information from public sector workers. "The next stage of the Inquiry, expected to last several months, will involve seeking further information

and documentation predominantly from public officials, including elected and statutory officials," Chandler said.

It was pointed out that the Government has put together a special policy to deal with information gathering from the public sector. In disclosing this the Commission Secretary said: "The Commissioner has been informed and welcomes that it is BVI Government policy that all ministries, departments, statutory bodies, and Government-owned entities provide appropriate and timely cooperation with the Inquiry. He also understands that the Attorney

General, assisted by Withers Solicitors, will coordinate the implementation of that policy."

However, the Secretary of the Commission announced that public officers on their own can choose to share information with the Commission and that such information would be confidential. "The Commissioner wants to reassure the population of the BVI, and its public officers in particular, that whatever mechanisms government adopts to assist the Commission there is nothing to prevent those in public office who have concerns

from coming forward directly to the Commission. They have every right to do so, and if they do their information and input into the Inquiry will be kept strictly confidential."

"The Commission encourages anyone who would like to submit information relating to the Inquiry to do so as soon as possible via the secure website portal (www.bvi.public-inquiry.uk). As well as the website portal, the Commission has provided a number of different and secure ways for individuals to share information with the Inquiry Team... all information will be received and held in strict confidence," Mr. Chandler added.



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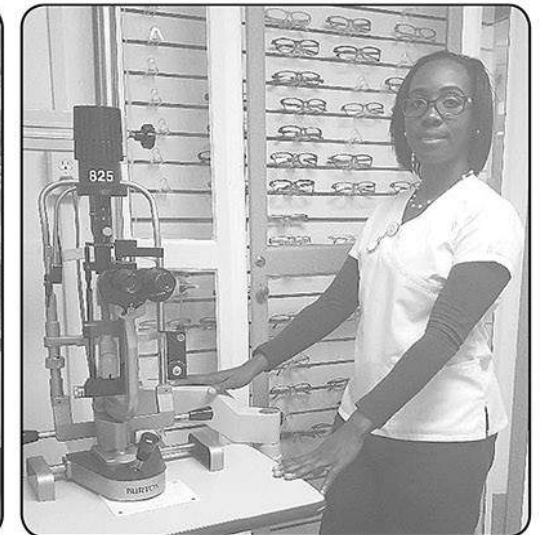
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FRIDAYS	BODY & SOUL	7-8PM
	THREE D SHOW	8-9:30PM
SATURDAYS	CARIBBEAN GOLD feat MORE TALK, LESS MUSIC	7:45-9AM
	KNOWLEDGE IS POWER HOUR	10-11AM
	LET'S BE REAL	2-3PM
	SPORTS TALK	5-6:30PM
	A LOOK AT THE COMMUNITY	7-8PM
SUNDAYS	OLDIE GOLDIE SHOW	3-7PM
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CONTRACTS SIGNING GENERATES WHISPERS

As the various announcements of contracts being issued and persons being successful in bids on government projects are announced there are whispers in the Territory. The whispers have been coming from contractors who have not been able to get such contracts. Such whispers seemed to have caught the Premier's ears and on Monday he rebuked the complaining contractors.

Hon. Andrew Fahie while speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new NEOC building said that contractors on the sidelines who are complaining should prepare themselves to take advantage of project opportunities.

The Premier who is also the Minister for Finance said: "I

challenge the rest of the people in our community, especially the contractors and all those people on the sideline to get in the game. Go to the courses in the Ministry of Finance, register to be able to get a job with the government's registry to make sure that you are registered."

The Premier said that there are training opportunities and invited the contractors to take advantage: "You can get the training from the RDA. The game has changed and you cannot use the same rules, but if you want to be in the game you have to get on the field."

While hinting that he has heard the complaints the BVI Leader said: "I am encouraging our people that

are on the side grumbling like mumbling to stop grumbling and get on the field; so that you get your fair chance. I played softball and basketball for years and I am still the champion in many of those areas although retired. One of the things I have learned is that while the game is going only the members of the team can be subbed in; so if you do not get on the field and be part of the team that is developing skills you cannot be called in when the time comes and they need someone to go in do a specialised job."

While further rebuking the complainers Hon. Fahie noted that those who are successful in their bids should be congratulated. "I encourage my people to

develop. I encourage people to stop looking to see who got two contracts when they bid. It takes a lot to bid, it takes a lot of money. A lot of sacrifices there's a lot of things you need to put up homes - different things; so you

cannot sit back and watch those who are taking a chance to develop themselves and then you sit on the side and complain. I want you to get in the game. The more you get in this life of construction the Premier can help you," he added.

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BVI Tourist Board Inspires Travelers Virtually - Travel Advisors to Experience North America Golden Virtual Roadshow

The BVI Tourist Board & Film Commission's North America Promotions Marketing Office continues to promote destination BVI through innovative campaigns. From 16 February thru 18 February, Travel Advisors in the North American region will experience the BVI by participating in the educational "Golden Virtual Roadshow".

The "Golden Virtual Roadshow" provides the opportunity for attendees to engage and view samples of all the intriguing characteristics that make the BVI so unique. Guests will participate in lively presentations from tourism industry partners who have collaborated with the Tourist Board on this initiative. Participating partners are:

Bitter End Yacht Club
 BVI Sotheby's International Realty
 Necker Island
 Oil Nut Bay
 Rosewood Little Dix Bay Resort
 Saba Rock Resort
 Scrub Island Resort, Spa & Marina
 The Moorings
 Virgin Gorda Villa Rentals
 Wyndham Lambert Beach Resort
 The series of presentations aim to create indelible memories of the BVI that will keep the destination at the forefront of the minds of the

Territory's highly valued travel advisors. The presentations are another demonstration of BVILOVE, as the British Virgin Islands shares its amazing tourism product, and

"This virtual event is an ideal way for us to network in the North American region and showcase our beautiful destination".

Viewers will participate in a cocktail making class with



extraordinary experiences, with trusted travel advisors in the United States and Canada. "In response to the challenges currently being experienced with face-to-face promotions, our dedicated team is proud to offer this opportunity to our travel advisors", said Director of Tourism, Clive McCoy.

Mixologist Robert Swain Jr. owner of On the Rox Bartending; a yoga session with Amanda Georges owner of Frangipani Dance Studio; a cultural music extravaganza with the Heritage Dancers and the Razor Blades [i]fungi band; and a Happy Hour jam with DJ Lady Mix VI (Ayana Phillips).

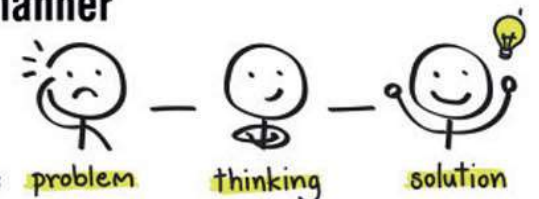
Before you discipline a child

S - stop! Calm yourself and your child

T - take a few deep breaths

O - observe the needs of your child

P - proceed in a kind but firm manner



problem

thinking

solution

This message was produced by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture in collaboration with UNICEF and funded by the UK Government.

Schools To Debate Topical Issues Including COVID-19 Pandemic

Four schools will go head to head and debate topics that are relevant to the Territory's current affairs surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic next week.

Ciboney Centre for Excellence and Claudia Creque Educational Centre will debate the moot, "The reopening of the Virgin Islands borders would lead to greater economic disruptions," while Elmore Stouff High School and Bregado Flax Educational Centre will debate the moot, "The economic and social consequences of lockdown (stay-at-home) orders could cause more harm than the COVID-19 virus."

The semifinals are slated for Wednesday, February 17.

"The two are very topical issues that are happening right now," Co-Curricular Education Officer, Mrs. Heida Selwood said, adding, "So we look forward to the debates to hear what they all have to say."

The debates will be streamed live on Facebook @ BVIGovernment. Residents are urged to support the students, as they debate the current issues existing in the Virgin Island's community. The finals will be held on Wednesday, March 10.

Persons can contact Mrs. Heida Selwood at 468 – 2752 for further information.

Work Permit Application Update

The public is notified that effective February 1, persons who are out of the Territory for six months or more with expired work permits will be required to submit new applications, as their expired permits will no longer be renewable.

For more information, please contact the Department of Labour and Workforce Development at 468-4707/4708 or by email at labour@gov.vg, or the Immigration Department at 468-4705 or by email at immigrationinfo@gov.vg

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Defining The Vision: “Empowering My People” – H. Lavity Stoutt



The late H. Lavity Stoutt

The Territory will focus on defining the vision of the Territory’s greatest visionary leader, Hamilton Lavity Stoutt for the 26th Memorial celebration.

Director of Culture, Dr. Katherine Smith said, "Through the constitutional advances of 1950 and 1967, the Territory was able to progress with greater self-

determination. In 1967, we were able to have for the first time a "Chief Minister" who was also the Minister for Education - the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt. With these accomplishments, we were able to truly establish a trajectory for development. Examining the broader legacy of H. Lavity Stoutt especially as it relates to the empowerment of his people indeed allows us to appreciate the importance of charting our own destiny."

This year’s celebration is being held under the

theme, “Defining the Vision: ‘Empowering My People’” and will take place at the Cappoon’s Bay field on Monday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. immediately after the Laying of the Wreath at 9:30 a.m. at the Cappoon’s Bay Burial Grounds.

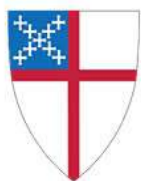
Hamilton Lavity Stoutt served in many capacities during his time. His favorite quote was said to be “Where there is no vision the people perish”. It is from his vision for the people of the Virgin Islands that the Territory’s first tertiary institute, the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College, was founded as well as other major capital developments that are still beneficial to residents today.

During this year’s celebration, the committee will be sharing information on his vision and efforts for developing

the human resources of the Virgin Islands through education.

H. Lavity Stoutt Memorial Celebration is a traditional event hosted by the Government of the Virgin Islands in collaboration with the H. Lavity Stoutt Commemorative Committee.

The Government of the Virgin Islands through the Department of Culture celebrates the life of the late Honourable H. Lavity Stoutt as a person of historic significance to the Territory every year on the first Monday in March. The day is declared a public holiday in celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the Territory’s first Chief Minister. The late H. Lavity Stoutt was born on March 7, 1929 and died on May 14, 1995.



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Consideration will also be given to the candidate who is energetic, a team player and who is willing to support the continuing development of the St. George’s Schools.

Further details for each post are available on request from stgeorges@stgedotvi.org.

Applications must include a cover letter, complete academic records, including a transcript and copies of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, as well as two (2) character references.

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The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, St. George’s Secondary Schools, P. O. Box 28, Road Town, Tortola VG 1110
Or emailed to:
stgeorges@stgedotvi.org no later March 16, 2021.

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

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BARBADOS - The COVID-19 pandemic is causing a deep recession in Barbados, but implementation of the Barbados Economic Recovery and Transformation (BERT) program remains strong and targets are still being met, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) staff mission reported last week.

The comments came at the end of an IMF staff visit, via videoconferencing, between February 2 and 5, to discuss the implementation of the BERT plan, supported by the IMF under the Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

"The prolonged COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a major impact on Barbados. The economy is estimated to have contracted by about 18 percent in 2020, with a gradual recovery projected to start in 2021," said team leader Bert van Selm in a statement.

"Tourism arrivals remain at a fraction of normal levels, and recent increases in COVID-19 cases in key source markets, including the US and the UK, will likely delay the recovery. In addition, a recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Barbados led to an ongoing lockdown that will reduce economic activity in the first quarter of this year." [Caribbean News Weekly]

SANTO DOMINGO - The secretary of organization of the Social

Christian Reformist Party (PRSC), José Balaguer, said on Thursday, 11 February 2021 that the party disassociates itself from the disorders that have been staged in front of the National Congress. PRSC deputy Pedro Botello led a crowd of protesters who resorted to vandalism to press for the passing of a bill by the Senate to allow workers to access 30% of their savings in pension funds. The bill had already passed in the Chamber of Deputies. The spokesperson for the PRSC party says it disapproves of the violent actions. "The PRSC disapproves of the vandalism that the claims of 30% of the AFP have turned into, even going so far as to destroy windows of offices of several senators," the secretary of organization of the party wrote in his Twitter account. Balaguer said that these unacceptable actions have been condemned by all of society. [DR1]

BERMUDA - Hurricane wind speeds around Bermuda have more than doubled because of a rise in sea temperatures, new research has revealed.

The study by the University of Southampton and the UK National Oceanic Centre found the average wind speed of storms near Bermuda increased from 35 to 73mph - an increase of more than 6mph every decade - between 1955 and 2019.

The sea surface and sub-surface

water temperature in the region increased by up to 1.1°C over the same time - which could add strength to storms.

Mark Guishard, the director of the Bermuda Weather Service and a co-author of the paper, said the research highlighted the major role that "upper ocean heat" - the temperature of the water in the top 50m - played.

He added: "Near-surface ocean heat provides the fuel for hurricane strength and the potential for storms near Bermuda to be more intense has accordingly been gradually increasing, as our study demonstrates."

Dr Guishard emphasised: "This research does not represent a prediction of the likelihood of storm impacts in any given year, but it reveals a trend in the intensity of those storms that do come through our area."

He said that there were "peaks and troughs" that explained variability in hurricane numbers year-to-year, but rising water temperatures had been a longer-term trend. [Royal Gazette]

USA - Federal health officials Wednesday urged Americans to keep their masks on and take steps to make them fit more snugly — or even to layer a cloth covering over a surgical mask — saying that new research had shown that masks greatly reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

Recent laboratory experiments found that viral transmission could be reduced by 96.5% if Americans wore snug surgical masks or a cloth-and-surgical-mask combination.

In announcing the findings, Dr. Rochelle P. Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, pleaded with Americans to wear a "well-fitting mask."

"With cases, hospitalizations and deaths still very high, now is not the time to roll back mask requirements," she said. "The bottom line is this: Masks work, and they work when they have a good fit and are worn correctly."

Masking is now mandatory on federal property and on domestic and international transportation. Studies conducted in households in Beijing, hair salons in Missouri and aboard an aircraft carrier in Guam have proved that "any mask is better than none," said Dr. John T. Brooks, the chief medical officer for COVID response at the CDC and lead author of the agency's new research on masking.

"Wearing a mask reduces spread, and in communities that adopt mask-wearing, new infections go down," Brooks said.

But while masks reduce the respiratory droplets and aerosols exhaled by infected wearers, and protect uninfected wearers, air leaking around the edges of a mask can reduce its effectiveness. The agency's new laboratory experiments showed how to fix the problem.

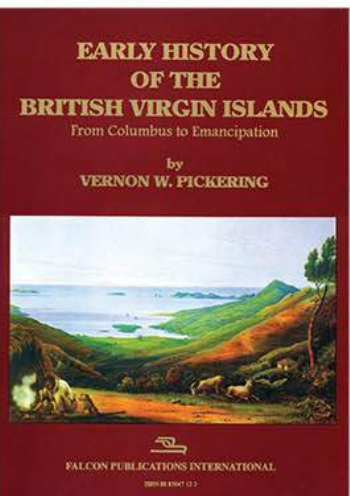
One option is to wear a cloth mask over a surgical mask, the agency said. The alternative is to fit the surgical mask more tightly on the face by "knotting and tucking" — that is, knotting the two strands of the ear loops together where they attach to the edge of the mask, then folding and flattening the extra fabric at the mask's edge and tucking it in for a tighter seal. [San Juan Star]

ROME - The new, more contagious British variant of COVID-19 currently accounts for almost one in five of the new cases of the coronavirus in Italy, 17.8%, according to the preliminary results of a 'flash survey' by the health ministry and the Higher Health Institute (ISS) along with regional laboratories.

That compares to a prevalence of 20-25% in France and 30% in Germany. It said the variant is likely to become the prevalent form of COVID in the coming months. It stressed that the COVID vaccines "remain effective against the mutated virus". (ANSA).

SPAIN - The fall in rent prices is no longer a big-city phenomenon in Spain. For the first time in years, the average cost of rent in the country is either on a downward trend or stagnating. This January,

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the coronavirus pandemic ended a growth streak that had been uninterrupted since July 2015, according to real estate website Fotocasa, and since June 2014, according to property website Idealista. This makes it the first drop recorded since the 2008-2014 financial crisis in Spain. Meanwhile, in the big cities, rental prices continue to fall.

The real estate portals Fotocasa, Idealista and Pisos.com began to record a drop in the cost of rent in Spain's main cities in the early stages of the pandemic. Each month, rent became cheaper, and this began to be reflected in the national average. But in year-on-year terms, the cost of rent in any given month was still higher than it was in the same month of the previous year. Now, in 2021, this no longer holds true: the Spanish average of €11 per square meter that Idealista recorded as the asking price last January is 0.1% less than 12 months earlier. It is not a big drop, but it is significant as it is the first time this has happened since June, 2014, according to Idealista. [El País]

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The BVI National Commission for UNESCO will be hosting a week of activities in March in observance of World Poetry Day.

Secretary General for the BVI National Commission for UNESCO, Dr. Allison Flax-Archer shared that activities including a poetry competition will be held under the theme, "Perspectives of Our Past: The Unsung Heroes" and is open for submission until World Poetry Day on Sunday, March 21.

Dr. Flax-Archer said that this year's theme is a collaborative effort with the Department of Culture to invoke pride in the community towards persons who have paved the way for the future.

She said, "As poetry continues to bring our people together, it is hoped that persons will write about our heroes but also consider looking beyond the obvious and share perspectives about many of the unsung ones inclusive of our doctors, midwives and names of persons who schools have been named after, just to name a few."

The Secretary General added, "It is expected that poets will use their cultural memory or do research to learn about our unsung heroes because poetry also lies at the heart of who we are as women and men, as a Territory and; we should all be held accountable to draw on the heritage of past generations because we are custodians of the British Virgin Islands, the world and for our children and grandchildren."

The Poetry Competition guidelines are as follows:

COMMENCEMENT DATE:
February 15

COMPLETION DATE:
March 21 (World Poetry Day)

THEME:
'Perspectives of Our Past:
The Unsung Heroes'

CATEGORIES:
Ages 5-7 • Ages 8-10
Ages 11-13 • Ages 14-17

Poems should be sent to:
aflax-archer@gov.vg

During the week, there will be school visitations and the culmination of the poetry competition at a Poetry Reading session to be held at the Sushi Bar on Wednesday, March 22. Other local poets including the Poet Laureate, Dr. Richard Georges will be featured.

The week of activities will conclude with a Writing Workshop organised in collaboration with the Department of Culture. For more information on the workshop contact the department by email, viculture@gov.vg.

UNESCO first adopted the poetry competition on March 21 as part of World Poetry Day during its 30th General Conference in Paris in 1999. The BVI National Commission observes the day annually by highlighting its importance.





Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Are you thinking about **What to Give up for Lent?** If you are looking for things to give up for Lent, you've come to the right place. During the 40 days of lent, while making our preparations for Easter, you can do something to better yourself and the world around you.

A Lenten fast doesn't have to consist of just fasting and abstinence from the things we love, but it can be adding things during this season of lent that will make our lives more meaningful.

Lent is the season leading up to Easter. Many Christians celebrate Lent,

What should you give up for Lent? We can decide what to give up for Lent this year because it is such a great time to really better ourselves and spread love, goodness, and kindness to the world. It can go beyond "not eating ice cream" or "not having candy," "not eating meat" but we often overlook these things. There are many things that you can give up for Lent.

What is Lent? "Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism.

Why do we give up things for Lent? Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or volunteering and giving of themselves for others. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan." (source: umc.org)

It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. This is when most people ask themselves "What should I give up for Lent?" or when people find themselves asking others... "What are some good things to give up for Lent?"

(more next week)

Source: <https://www.yourmodernfamily.com/10-lent-ideas/>



Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: I like your column a lot, I did not think I would have to write to you, however, never say never, because I would like your help on this situation. My boyfriend does not appeal to me anymore, not because I have lost interest, but because of his attitude towards me, he uses abusive words to me and not only that, but even when we are among friend he behaves that way and it is very embarrassing. I am also torn, because I am wondering if I am still in love with my ex-boyfriend, whom I saw lately and who told me he is still in love with me. I am so confused right now, my brain is on over-drive. I don't know if I am to stay or I am to go. *..Merle*

Ladyburd: *Dear Merle:* You say your boyfriend all of a sudden do not appeal to you anymore. Are you sure it's not because you saw your ex-boyfriend and you rekindle the flame and you are looking for some excuse to leave your present boyfriend? if not, then we can move on:

I am totally against abuse of any kind whether it be physical, mental or verbal. So you need to speak with your boyfriend and let him know how you feel about the way he speaks to you. Let him know whether or not you want this relationship to continue, let him know if his behavior does not change you may have no other alternative but to move on



Light Bulb Moments

"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."

—Mister Rogers

"I never dreamed about success. I worked for it."

—Estée Lauder

"Success is getting what you want, happiness is wanting what you get."

—W. P. Kinsella

Poetry Corner

God's Gift

To Keep a True Lent

Is this a Fast, to keep

The Larder lean?

And clean

From fat of veals and sheep?

Is it to quit the dish

Of flesh, yet still

To fill

The platter high with fish?

Is it to fast an hour,

Or ragg'd go,

Or show

A down-cast look and sour?

No: 'tis a Fast to dole

Thy sheaf of wheat

And meat

Unto the hungry soul.

It is to fast from strife

And old debate,

And hate;

To circumcise thy life.

To show a heart

grief-rent;

To starve thy sin,

Not bin;

And that's to keep thy Lent

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Source:

<http://www.trinitysj.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Poems-for-Lent-and-Holy-Week.pdf>

Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Send Help!!

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean and he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "**Do you need help, sir?**" The preacher calmly said "**No, God will save me.**" A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "**Hey, do you need help?**" The preacher replied again, "**No God will save me.**" Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "**Why didn't you save me?**" God replied, "**Fool, I sent you two boats!**"

The Timing A man is talking to God. "**God, how long is a million years?**" God answers, "**To me, it's about a minute.**" "**God, how much is a million dollars?**" "**To me, it's a penny.**" "**God, may I have a penny?**" "**Wait a minute.**"

Where is God?

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church.

One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "**Where is God?**" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "**Where is God?**" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "**What's wrong?**"

The crying boy replied, "**We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!**"

Acts 2:38:

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "**Acts 2:38: Repent & be baptized & your sins will be forgiven.**" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "**Gee mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?**" The robber said, "**She said she had an axe and two 38's!**"

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"If a child refuses to sleep during nap time, are they guilty of resisting a rest? "
source: <https://onlinefun.com/puns/6/>

POLICE NEWS

VACCINE ADMINISTERED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Thursday, February 18 – Commissioner of Police Michael Matthews says the vaccine ‘jab’ was quick, virtually painless and has provided for him a sense of protection and confidence moving forward.

The Commissioner sat this morning next to Head of Customs Mr. Wade Smith downstairs of the Police Headquarters as they both received the first of two shots of the COVID-19 vaccine. Outside headquarters was a line of other officers from the law enforcement sector waiting to receive the vaccine.

“I happily took the vaccine this morning. We are on the

frontline and just as we put on our protective vests and gear before dealing with potentially deadly situations, we must also readily put on our immunisation arsenal. It is that simple. The COVID outbreaks in the Force place several shifts out of commission. We were scrambling to maintain sufficient coverage during those days. While it is absolutely optional, I am happy there is an option for keeping continuity of service. “For the wider community, there is reluctance by many to take the vaccine. Truth is if the COVID deaths were higher here, we would see a lot more coming forward

for vaccinations. Government worked tremendously to keep the community safe, but the price is we essentially are isolated from the experiences of the world. Those I found in the line this morning were family members of individuals overseas who either died or almost died from the virus.

“Make no mistake - this virus is not selective. In the absence of any alternatives for keeping us safe and restoring our economies, I am happy there is an option,” the Commissioner said.

Vaccinations are now being delivered today and tomorrow at Police Headquarters strictly for law enforcement officers.



COMMENTARY

A VACCINE PASSPORT: FRIEND OR FOE?

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

February 12, 2021

A second critical travel document- a vaccine passport- is looking inevitable. Issues are mounting on the why, what, where, how, and when, of

a vaccination passport.

Then, will a vaccine passport begin a new level of social, economic, and travel, discrimination?

The technology has long been in existence for the introduction of a vaccine passport.

And vaccine passports are rolling off the conveyor belts in a number of countries already.

In the USA a number of businesses are looking to capitalize on a business opportunity to make money by identifying who is protected from the ubiquitous virus, and who is not.

Possessing a vaccine passport will not be compulsory.

But travelers may not be able to visit a number of countries without a document that shows that they have been vaccinated against Covid 19.

That is looking like the future of travel in the age of Covid.

In the UK businesses are already developing biometric vaccine passports that are being tested by the National Health Service. This project is being funded by the Government.

The vaccine passport- expectedly- is welcomed

by investors in travel, leisure, and entertainment who have experienced huge losses, the result of social distancing requirements and lockdowns.

Investors and governments will want a protocol that makes sea and air travel, and visiting leisure facilities, hotels, resorts, shows, cinemas, and so on and so forth, easier and simpler.

Simply show your vaccine passport and walk into an airplane or cruise liner, or attend a Broadway Show with no further hassle.

A vaccine passport will pose issues with human rights.

Those who refuse to get vaccinated will face consequences. They may be excluded from travel, and a whole number of activities that require social participation.

Governments, investors, and businesses around the world understand that reopening the global economy to the fullest extent and driving a return to social and economic normal, means identifying consumers who are protected against the virus, and even more importantly, those who are not.

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BVILOVE Poetry Contest Winners Announced



With the theme, "What BVILOVE means to you", which included a multimedia component, it is no wonder the 2020 BVILOVE Poetry Contest invited such amazingly creative submissions.

The BVI Tourist Board is pleased to announce A'Nia Turnbull and Nilani Scatliffe

of the Century House Montessori School BVI as winners of Category 1 and Nicklous Kanhai of H. Lavity Stoult Community College as the winner of Category 2 of the 2020 BVILOVE Poetry Competition. Samuel Penn and Zaed Chalwell, both of Century House Montessori School BVI

tied with Ajanaè L. Estridge of the Althea Scatliffe Primary School as second-place winners in Category 1. Olivia Freeman of H. Lavity Stoult Community College is the second-place winner in Category 2.

The contest launched in November as part of BVI Culture and Tourism Month, required contestants to submit their written innovative poems along with a multimedia aspect such as a video, photograph, artwork, or performance.

A'Nia and Nilani's poem entitled, "We Were Wondering" is a spoken word with imagery that details highlights, including sights and sounds of what guests will experience in the BVI.

Nicklous' poem "BVILOVE, A Shining Love", personifies BVILOVE by explaining to readers that it is unescapable and is everywhere you go and in everything you do.

Junior Minister for Tourism

and Territorial At Large Representative, Honourable Sharie de Castro said, "As a poet, it is so inspiring and encouraging to see young people using the written and spoken word via poetry to promote BVILOVE. These courageous and talented young people demonstrated the ability to express themselves with amazing depth and clarity through the arts. Well done to all the participants and congratulations to the winners."

Meanwhile, Director of Tourism, Clive McCoy says reading the entries was a refreshing experience. "This competition comes at the right time. Not only do they emphasize the remarkable talent of our youth, but all entries were inspiring. They forced us to take time to refresh and connect with the poets who gave their unique perspectives of what the BVI offers our guests and residents alike."

First place winners in Category 1 received an Apple iPad Air



with accessories and an iTunes gift card. The first-place winner in Category 2 received an iPad Pro with accessories and an iTunes gift card. The entries were judged by a panel of local professors, multimedia specialist and aesthetes

The BVI Tourist Board thanks all entrants for their hard work.

Lions Club of Tortola Donates School Bus to Special Needs School

9 February 2021, Tortola, BVI: The Lions Club of Tortola, in partnership with the West Indian Association of Bermuda, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture (MECYFA) and the Ministry of Health and Social Development (MHSD) donated a brand new 13 seater 2020 Toyota Hiace School Bus to the Eshlyn Henley Richiez Learning Centre (EHRLC), the Territory's school catering to children with special needs.

Speaking at the Handover Ceremony this morning, President of the Lions Club of Tortola, Kedrick Malone, said "the handover of this School Bus shows what is possible when voluntary organisations, the private sector, Government and the community work together to address needs". EHRLC lost its home to Hurricane Irma in September 2017 and it is yet to be reconstructed. The school was relocated to a room at the Althea Scatliffe Primary School where they remain to this day.

The donation was initiated by Lions Club of Tortola member Nichola Dunkley who reached out to the principal of EHRLC in September 2019 to see how she could assist one of the school's students. She discovered that the school had many needs and got the Lions Club to assist. By March 2020, the Club and corporate sponsors Infinite Solutions and Mourants had donated three Ipads and a 65 inch Smart TV to the EHRLC. The Club then turned its attention to the School Bus.

The majority funding for the School Bus came in the form of a grant from the West Indian Association of Bermuda who had previously raised funds for hurricane relief and were desirous of partnering with a local organization to put the funds towards a project. Through its representative Anil Chatergoon, the Association agreed to work with the Lions Club of Tortola and contributed \$20,000 towards the purchase of the School Bus for EHRLC. The funds were later supplemented by donations of \$9,000 and \$5,000 from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture and the Ministry of Health and Social Development, respectively.

In a statement from the Association read by Lion Nichola Dunkley, the Association expressed its pleasure in partnering with the Lions Club of Tortola in procuring the bus for EHRLC and said, "WIA (Bermuda) is especially grateful for the warmth and generosity of the Bermudian public that made our Give from the Heart Telethon in 2017 a success. We at the WIA believe that rebuilding the minds and hearts of children represents the indomitable spirit of the future".

Speaking at the Ceremony, Minister of MECYFA Dr. the Hon. Natalio Wheatley thanked the Club, the West Indian Association of Bermuda and all who played a part in the donation. He said he was "glad to be a part of the donation

as the MECYFA is a strong supporter of serving the needs of children with special needs". He confirmed that plans for the new school are being completed and it will be relocated next to its current temporary home, the Alther Scatliffe Primary School, to allow the newly formed bond between the two schools to continue.

In a statement read by his Ministry, Minister for Health and Social Development Hon. Carvin Malone extended apologies for not being present due to a conflicting commitment and thanked the Lions Club, West Indian Association of Bermuda and all others responsible for making the bus a reality. He said, "we thank you for being team players. We are grateful for your ability to make a difference while positively changing the livelihood of others".

Accepting the keys to the new school bus, the Principal, Mrs. Vansittart Huggins thanked the donors for the new School Bus and pointed out that a bus has always been a part of the school since 1972 and it has been difficult not having one. She said that "most learning takes place outside the walls of the school and the bus will help the students to explore and have more meaningful learning".

Representative for the district and Minister for Transportation, Works and Utilities, Hon. Kye Rymer, was also on hand to welcome the donation. He said

it was "a good enhancement to the school, particularly for field trips" and commended the partners for coming together to help the community.

Local business owners were also on hand and thanked for their role in the donation. Terence Gumbs, owner of Legacy Auto sales was credited with offering the best deal for the bus by providing a discount and Cleteist Mathavious, owner of Cre8tive Arts branded the bus with the school's logo as well as those of the Lions Club of Tortola, the West Indian Association of Bermuda, the MECYFA and MHSD.

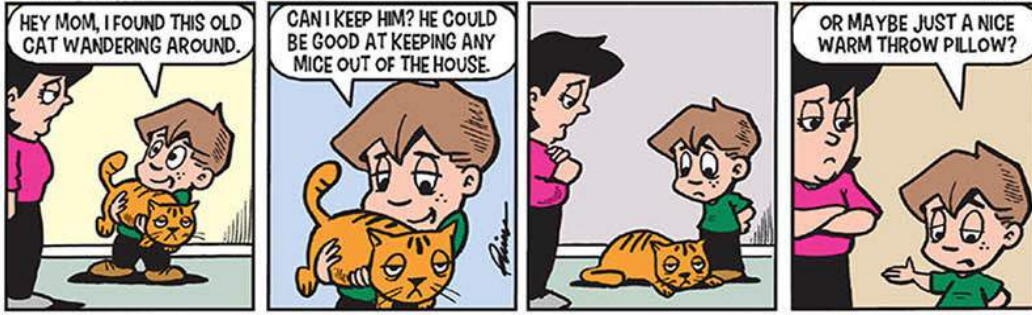
The President, on behalf of all of the members of the Lions Club of Tortola thanked all of the donors and supporters for making the donation possible and pledge to continue to support EHRLC.

The Lions Club of Tortola is a member of Lions Clubs International (www.lionsclubs.org), a worldwide service organization in 200+ countries with over 47,000 Lions Clubs and a membership of 1.4 million Lions. Our motto is "WE SERVE" and we empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding. You can contact the Lions Club of Tortola at email: tortolalions@gmail.com or visit the Lions Club of Tortola Facebook Page.



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



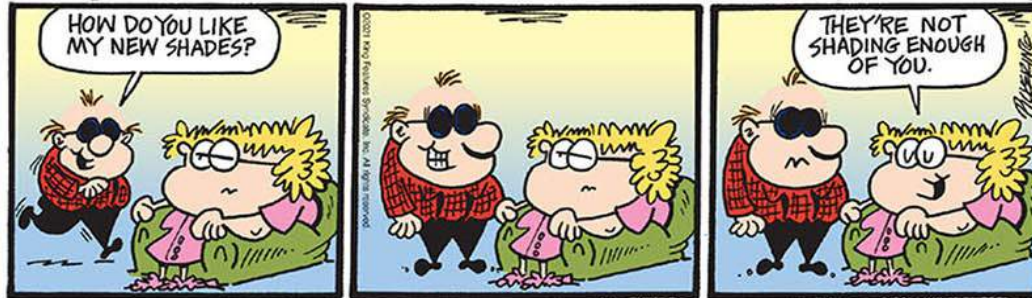
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by Mike Marland



The Spats

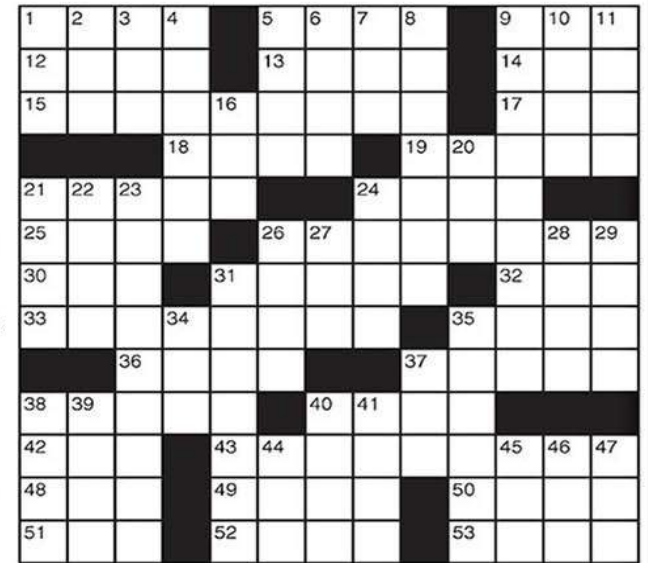
by Jeff Pickering



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Seize
- 5 Butte's kin
- 9 Cardinal cap letters
- 12 "Othello" villain
- 13 In — (lined up)
- 14 Weeding tool
- 15 Reality show for aspiring entrepreneurs
- 17 PC key
- 18 Minor quibbles
- 19 Hospital sections
- 21 Type of beam
- 24 Pack (down)
- 25 Reverberate
- 26 Rubber wedge, say
- 30 Small battery
- 31 All better
- 32 Actress Thurman
- 33 Hoedown musicians
- 35 Author Harte
- 36 Seeing things
- 37 Tubular pasta
- 38 Tribal emblem
- 40 Coffee, slangily
- 42 Mess up
- 43 Temporary
- 48 GPS suggestion
- 49 Last write-up
- 50 Despot
- 51 British verb



- 10 Snitched
- 11 Reply to "Shall we?"
- 16 White wine cocktail
- 20 Mornings (Abbr.)
- 21 Piece of lettuce
- 22 Exotic berry
- 23 Elm, for one
- 24 Low digits
- 26 Union payment
- 27 Bruins legend
- 28 Portent
- 29 Canape spread
- 31 South Carolina uni-
- 34 Decorate Easter eggs
- 35 Actor Warren
- 37 Beetle
- 38 Garr of "Tootsie"
- 39 Scraps
- 40 Unite
- 41 Museo display
- 44 Showtime rival
- 45 Jargon suffix
- 46 Squealer
- 47 Hosp. scan

DOWN

- 1 USO audience
- 2 Fan's cry
- 3 Khan title
- 4 Third-largest island
- 5 "The Martian" actor Damon
- 6 Historic periods
- 7 Junior
- 8 Clumsy
- 9 Mountain road feature

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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. Sale sign is added. 2. Button missing from woman's jacket. 3. Ceiling light is added. 4. Bowtie is missing. 5. Man's tie is white. 6. Row of rings is missing.

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Answer
Weekly SUDOKU

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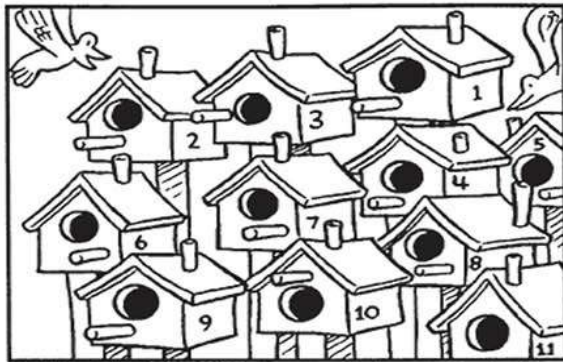
Solution time: 23 mins.
Answers

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical "Cabaret"?
2. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
3. TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
4. ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
5. HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
7. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
8. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
9. U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
10. GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

Trivia Test Answers
1. Berlin, Germany; 2. The truth shall set you free; 3. Dino; 4. When the sun is directly overhead and objects cast no shadow; 5. Eight; 6. A dazzle or zeal; 7. Charles Dickens; 8. Meow Mix; 9. Connecticut; 10. England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland



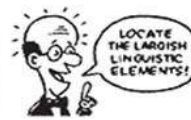
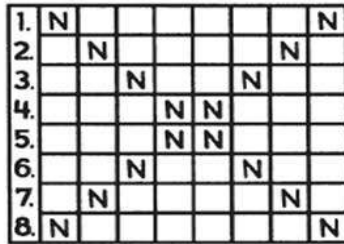
HOUSE HUNTERS! These two birds want to find two houses that are exactly alike. Can you spot them?

Answer: Houses 1 and 9

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

FIND THE BIG WORDS!



LOCATE THE LARGISH LINGUISTIC ELEMENTS!
Using the definitions and the anagrams below, find the eight eight-letter words that fit into the framework pictured on the left. For each definition, the letters in the two anagram words must be unscrambled and used to form the word asked for.

DEFINITIONS:

1. A brief, informal letter.
2. Grinding your teeth.
3. To formally accuse.
4. What the horse did.
5. Little old ladies.
6. A string of words.
7. What a baker does.
8. Fierce medieval fighter.

ANAGRAMS:

- anti + toon
- sing + hang
- cede + noun
- hind + wine
- rein + snag
- cent + seen
- king + dean
- sane + morn

Answers: 1. Notation, 2. Gnashing, 3. Denounce, 4. Whinnied, 5. Grannies, 6. Sentence, 7. Kneading, 8. Norseman.

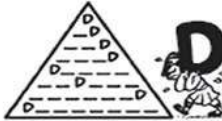
ONE, TWO, BUCKLE MY SHOE! In our AlphaMath puzzle, you must replace the letters with the digits 0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.



Our answer J=5, U=2, M=7, P=0, R=4, O=6, E=3, G=9, A=8 (5270 + 4603 = 9873).

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

1. Roman numeral 500 (in place).
2. State abbr.
3. To free from.
4. Dry climate.
5. N. African currency.
6. Confer holy orders on.
7. Type of motor.
8. One who is suave.



Answers: The words are: D, ID (Idaho), rd, and, dina, ordain, inboard, deboard.

Top Ten

Most Peaceful Dogs

1. Japanese Chin
2. Bolognese
3. English Toy Spaniel
4. Shih Tzu
5. Pug
6. Sussex Spaniel
7. Clumber Spaniel
8. Basset Hound
9. English Bulldog
10. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

Source: BrainSharper

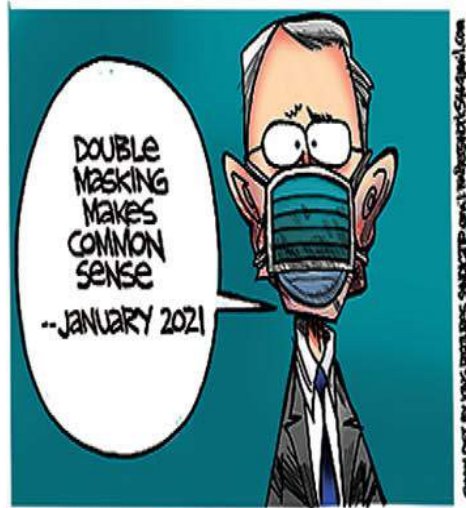
ORIGINAL DIAGNOSIS



2nd OPINION



3rd OPINION



4th OPINION



TO BE CONTINUED



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Time is on your side in the early part of the week. But anything left undone by midweek will need to be put into rush mode. The weekend offers choices for you and someone special.

TAURUS (April 30 to May 20) Finally getting credit for a contribution is nice for all you idea-generating Ferdinands and Fernandas. But don't sit on your laurels under the cork tree. Use it as a first step to a bigger opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Despite the progress made, a hint of doubt might set in. That's OK. You need to stop and consider not only what you're doing but also how you are doing. Make adjustments where needed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The dreamer is dominant in the Moon Child's aspect, but a dollop of hard-headed practicality is coming up fast and jockeying for space. The challenge is to make room for both modes.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) It's a good week for Leos and Leonas to start assessing what they've done and what they plan to do. Moving to a new environment — home or job-related — is a possibility for some Cats.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week calls for Virgos to make tough decisions, but in a way that leaves the door open for changes. Ask for advice from someone who has been in the position you're in now.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Disappointments are never easy to take, but you have the ability to learn from them and go on to success. Meanwhile, continue to build up your contacts. You'll need them soon.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Things might still be going much too slowly to suit you. But you need the time to make sure they're going in the right direction. It's easier to make a course correction now rather than later.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Showing some temperament at the way things are going is one way of getting your point across. Just don't overdo it, or you risk turning away more-moderate supporters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things could change more quickly this week than you like. But don't fret; you'll most likely find that you're up to the challenges. The weekend offers much-needed relaxation.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big challenge coming up? Uncross those fingers and believe that you're going to do well. And keep in mind that so many people have faith in your ability to succeed.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Testing the waters is a good way of learning about an opportunity before plunging right in. Ask more questions and be alert to any attempts to avoid giving complete answers.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making people — and animals, too — feel special and loved.



Casseroles are One-Dish Wonders

I was looking for a baking pan in the back of a cupboard and inadvertently discovered I have quite a collection of casserole dishes. I started thinking about all the casserole recipes I've collected over the years. When I was a newlywed and novice cook almost 46 years ago, preparing a casserole was my "go-to" dinner recipe.

I decided to do some research on the origin of the casserole, and I discovered a photo of an ancient casserole dish in a museum in Athens, Greece. Casseroles, both the dish and various recipes, have had a long and interesting culinary history.

There's some debate about the origin of the term "casserole" but most culinary historians think it's from the French word for "saucepan." Casseroles come in a variety of styles, but what they all have in common is that they are typically a large, deep dish used both in the oven and as a serving vessel. The word casserole also is used for the food cooked and served in the dish. The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America provides detailed information about casseroles:

"Casserole cookery has been around since prehistoric times, when it was discovered that cooking food slowly in a tightly covered clay vessel softened fibrous meats and blended succulent juices. With the addition or subtractions of leftovers or inexpensive cuts of meat, the casserole is flexible and economical in terms of both

ingredients and effort. The classic casserole, a French dish, was originally made with a mound of cooked rice. Fannie Meritt Farmer's Boston Cooking School Cook Book (1896) had one casserole recipe, for Casserole of Rice and Meat, to be steamed for 45 minutes and served with tomato sauce.

"In the 20th century, casseroles took on a distinctive American identity. During the depression of the 1890s, the economic casserole provided a welcome way to stretch meat, fish and poultry. Certain items also were scarce during World War I, and leftovers were turned into casserole meals. The same was true during the Great Depression of the 1930s."

The casseroles we know today became popular in the 1930s during the Great Depression. Typically, casseroles are composed of a meat, starch, creamy sauce (after 1934, it was usually a creamed soup from a can) and a vegetable. Casseroles are an economical, one-pot meal, and can be prepared in advance for breakfast, lunch or dinner. During the 1950s-'70s, casseroles became an easy way for a busy cook, and a modern workforce composed of women, to prepare the family meal ahead of time.

Today, casseroles have been updated to include a variety of ingredients from lobster and tofu to made-from-scratch sauces and locally grown vegetables. The shape, size and construction materials of casserole dishes have also changed over its centuries-old history. However, the purpose of the casserole is still the same, to bring a familiar container of comfort food to the ones we love.

Bring a little comfort to your family and friends with this Sausage and Gumbo Casserole With Garlic Toast Topping, and enjoy a little history with each bite!

SAUSAGE AND GUMBO CASSEROLE WITH GARLIC TOAST TOPPING

- 1 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium-size green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup instant roux mix, like Tony Chachere's Creole Instant Roux Mix
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes and green chiles, like Rotel's
- 1 (32-ounce) container chicken broth
- 1 (16-ounce) package frozen okra
- 1 cup quick-cooking rice, uncooked
- 1/2 teaspoon Cajun seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 (12-ounce) French baguette, cut into 1/2-inch-thick slices

Fresh parsley, finely chopped for garnish

1. Heat the oil in a Dutch oven over high heat, 1-2 minutes. Add the sausage, green bell pepper and onion. Saute the sausage mixture for 8 minutes or until browned; stir in roux mix. Cook, stirring constantly, 2 minutes.
2. Stir in tomatoes, chicken broth, okra, rice, Cajun seasoning and thyme. Bring mixture to a boil. Remove from heat. Pour into a 13- by 9-inch baking dish.
3. Stir together butter and garlic; brush on one side of bread slices. Top sausage mixture evenly with bread slices, buttered side up.
4. Bake, covered, at 425 F for 10 minutes. Then, uncover casserole dish and bake 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with parsley, if desired. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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Caribbean News / Regional News

The Guyana Tourism Authority (Gta) rolls out "Safe for Travel" plan to open up Tourism and ensure communities and travellers remain protected

Georgetown, Guyana (February 4, 2021): The Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) has launched a new marketing messaging tied to its revamped inspection process due to COVID-19 titled "Safe for Travel" that sees the tourism body, given the authority by the National COVID-19 Task Force, to assess tourism businesses to ensure they are operating within the National COVID-19 Gazetted Safety Measures and in a position to welcome the return of domestic and international travel. The objective of the scheme is to protect the areas most affected and vulnerable to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as ensure that the health and safety of the traveller is always front-of-mind as the destination reopens to tourism.

In response to coronavirus, the Government of Guyana cancelled all international passenger flights beginning 18 March 2020, however the Guyana Civil Aviation Authority has since launched a phased re-opening approach. Details of which are as follows:

Phase 1 – 18 March – 11 October 2020: Repatriation flights.

Phase 2 – 12 October 2020: Limited incoming commercial flights for Guyanese citizens, permanent residents, international travellers, international workers and diplomats.

Phase 3 – November 2020 (in place as of January 2021): Expansion of incoming commercial flights that allow foreign nationals and international travellers to enter Guyana.

Phase 4 – TBC: Expansion of inbound and outbound flights to provide more service for inbound and outbound tourists.

As of January 2021, this reopening is currently in phase three which has seen the expansion of commercial flights that now allow foreign nationals and international travellers to enter Guyana. With this comes risk that the virus could spread from visitors to some of Guyana's most vulnerable communities in a country that has seen relatively low case rates throughout the pandemic.

To protect these communities and the general population, travellers to Guyana are required to present a negative PCR test from an accredited lab. Negative tests from within 72 hours of arrival will be allowed to pass through the airport. However, if the PCR test is done within four to seven days of travel, the passenger will be required to do another PCR test upon arrival in Guyana and present a negative test. It should be noted that if a passenger is required to take a test in Guyana, it will come at their expense at a cost of GY\$16,000 (approx. £56). More information on travelling to Guyana is available at www.guyanatravel.gy.

The 'Safe For Travel' scheme has been put in place as a further measure to protect the Guyanese population, including vulnerable communities, and travellers alike. Tourism businesses are assessed in a two-step procedure.

First, they must submit their Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) detailing how the business has adjusted its practices and adopted new measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Once the SOP has been submitted, the GTA will carry out an inspection on the business to ensure they are meeting the criteria as follows:

1. Signage (hand wash, mask wearing and social distancing)
2. Temperature Monitoring (calibrated thermometer temperature checks)
3. Sanitisation - practices and products in use
4. Staff Safety
5. Guest Safety
6. Monitoring - how the business plans to monitor the effectiveness of its SOP

Once a tourism business has been assessed and deemed to be COVID-19 compliant by the GTA and National COVID-19 Task Force, approval

is granted for the business to begin operating once again

In addition to these newer measures, the GTA was able to provide COVID-19 Support Packages to indigenous communities tied to the tourism value chain earlier in the pandemic. Communities that are actively in the tourism licensing process and working with the GTA benefited from a package that included recommended Ecolab cleaning and sanitation products, infrared thermometers, cloth and sewing supplies for creating masks, knapsack sprayers to disinfect buildings and luggage etc, and signage on COVID-19. For communities not actively involved in tourism, the packages included sanitation products, cloth and sewing supplies for creating masks and signage on COVID-19. The support packages were delivered with a training session done by Ecolab and Ministry of Health representatives as well as the GTA.

CARICOM extends condolences on passing of former Grenada Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Elvin Nimrod

(CARICOM Secretariat, Turkeyen, Greater Georgetown, Guyana - Monday, 15 February 2021) - The Caribbean Community (CARICOM) says it notes with regret the death of the former Deputy Prime Minister of Grenada Mr. Elvin Nimrod, whom it described as a committed Integrationist.

Mr. Nimrod, who also served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, International Trade, Legal Affairs, Labour, Local Government, Carriacou and Petite Martinique Affairs, and Attorney General, died on 7 February in the United States.

"Mr. Nimrod was a man of varied experience and a committed Integrationist who brought these qualities to bear through his active participation in the various Ministerial Councils of the Community during his tenure in the Cabinet of Grenada," CARICOM Secretary-

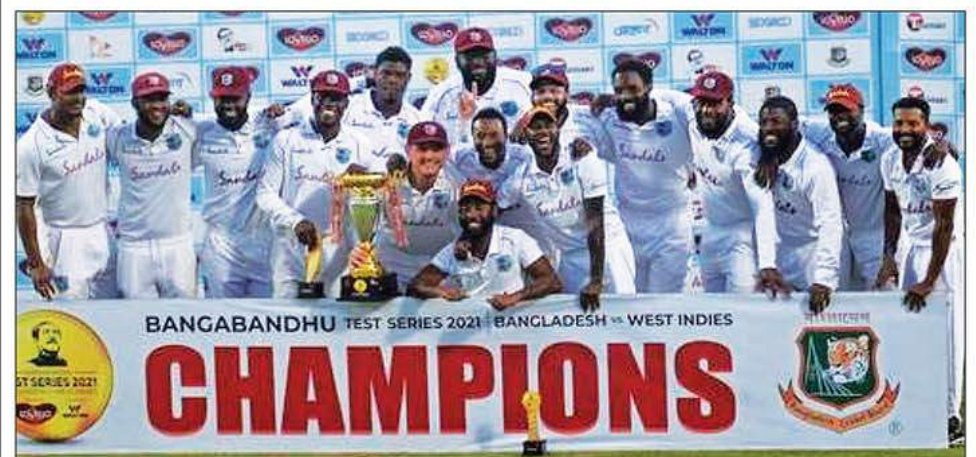


Former Deputy Prime Minister of Grenada, Mr. Elvin Nimrod.

General Ambassador Irwin LaRocque said in a message to Prime Minister Dr. Keith Mitchell of Grenada.

"The Community extends its condolences to the family of Mr. Nimrod and to the Government and People of Grenada on their loss," the Secretary-General added.

West Indies sweep Bangladesh Test series 2-0



West Indies' players pose with the Test tournament trophy after winning the second Test cricket match against Bangladesh at the Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium in Dhaka on February 14, 2021. (Photo: AFP)

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AFP)—Rahkeem Cornwall took centre stage as spinners picked up all 10 wickets in the West Indies's 17-run victory over Bangladesh in the second and final Test on Sunday to complete a series whitewash.

Cornwall took 4-105 while Kraigg Brathwaite (3-25) and Jomel Warrican (3-47) grabbed the remaining wickets as Bangladesh were bowled out for 213 on the fourth day.

Mehidy Hasan hit two sixes and three fours late in the day to add drama after the hosts lost their ninth wicket but the West Indies kept their cool to deny them a come-from-behind win.

The tourists, missing most of their top stars who feared travelling during the coronavirus pandemic, jumped with joy after Cornwall took a catch at slip off Warrican to dismiss Mehidy for 31 and end the innings.

Set a target of 231 runs, opener Tamim Iqbal hit a quickfire 50 and put on 59 with Soumya Sarkar (13).

Brathwaite removed both openers before Cornwall and Warrican put the West Indies in control.

"I would say this is a team effort. The one-day team didn't do well. But we had some plans and came on top," said Brathwaite.

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Independent Commission to Examine Capitol Riot, Pelosi Says

By Associated Press, February 15, 2021

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Monday that Congress will establish an independent, September 11-style commission to look into the deadly insurrection that took place at the U.S. Capitol.

Pelosi said the commission will "investigate and report on the facts and causes relating to the January 6, 2021, domestic terrorist attack upon the United States Capitol Complex ... and relating to the interference with the peaceful transfer of power."

In a letter to Democratic colleagues, Pelosi said the House will also put forth supplemental spending to boost security at the Capitol.

After former President Donald Trump's acquittal at his second Senate impeachment trial, bipartisan support appeared to be growing for an independent commission to examine the deadly insurrection.

Investigations into the riot were already planned, with Senate hearings scheduled later this month in the Senate Rules Committee. Pelosi of California asked retired Army Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré to lead an immediate review of the Capitol's security process.

In her letter Monday, Pelosi said, "It is clear from his findings and from the impeachment trial that we must get to the truth of how this happened."

She added, "As we prepare for the Commission, it is also clear from General Honoré's interim reporting that we must put forth a supplemental appropriation to provide for the safety of Members and the security of the Capitol."

Lawmakers from both parties, speaking on Sunday's news shows, signaled that even more inquiries were likely. The Senate



FILE - House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California speaks during a news conference at the Capitol, Feb. 11, 2021.



FILE - In this image from video, House impeachment manager Delegate Stacey Plaskett, D-Virgin Islands, answers a question in the Senate at the U.S. Capitol, Feb. 12, 2021.

verdict Saturday, with its 57-43 majority falling 10 votes short of the two-thirds needed to convict Trump, hardly put to rest the debate about the Republican former president's culpability for the January 6 assault.

"There should be a complete investigation about what happened," said Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy, one of seven Republicans who voted to convict Trump. "What was known, who knew it and when they knew, all that, because that builds the basis so this never happens again."

Cassidy said he was "attempting to hold President Trump accountable," and added that as Americans hear all the facts, "more folks will move to where I was." He was censured by his state's party after the vote.

An independent commission along the lines of the one that investigated the September 11 attacks would probably require legislation to create. That would elevate the investigation a step higher, offering a definitive government-backed accounting of events. Still, such a panel would pose risks of sharpening partisan divisions or overshadowing President Joe Biden's legislative agenda.

"There's still more evidence that the American people need and deserve to hear, and a 9/11 commission is a way to make sure that we secure the Capitol going forward," said Democratic Sen. Chris Coons of Delaware, a Biden ally. "And that we lay bare the record of just how responsible and how abjectly violating of his constitutional oath President Trump really was."

House prosecutors who argued for Trump's conviction of inciting the riot said Sunday they had proved their case. They also railed against the Senate's Republican leader, Mitch McConnell, and others who they said were "trying to have it both ways" in finding the former president not guilty but criticizing him at the same time.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, a close Trump ally, voted for acquittal but acknowledged that Trump had some culpability for the siege at the Capitol that killed five people, including a police officer, and disrupted lawmakers' certification of Biden's White House victory.

Graham said he looked forward to campaigning with Trump in the 2022 election, when Republicans hope to regain the congressional majority.

"His behavior after the election was over the top," Graham said. "We need a 9/11 commission to find out what happened and make sure it never happens again."

The Senate acquitted Trump of a charge of "incitement of insurrection" after House prosecutors laid out a case that he was an "inciter in chief" who unleashed a mob by stoking a months-long campaign of spreading debunked conspiracy theories and false violent rhetoric that the 2020 election was stolen from him.

Trump's lawyers countered that Trump's words were not intended to incite the violence and that impeachment was nothing but a "witch hunt" designed to prevent him from serving in office again.

The conviction tally was the most bipartisan in American history but left Trump to declare victory and signal a political revival while a bitterly divided Republican party bickered over its direction and his place in the party.

The Republicans who joined Cassidy in voting to convict were Sens. Richard Burr of North Carolina, Susan Collins of Maine,

Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, Mitt Romney of Utah, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania.

"It's frustrating, but the founders knew what they were doing, and so we live with the system that we have," Democratic Delegate Stacey Plaskett, a House prosecutor who represents the Virgin Islands, said of the verdict, describing it as "heartbreaking." She added: "But listen, we didn't need more witnesses. We needed more senators with spines."

McConnell told Republican senators shortly before the vote that he would vote to acquit Trump. In a blistering speech after the vote, the Kentucky Republican said the president was "practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of that day" but that the Senate's hands were tied to do anything about it because Trump was out of office. The Senate, in an earlier vote, had deemed the trial constitutional.

"It was powerful to hear the 57 guilty. And then it was puzzling to hear and see Mitch McConnell stand and say, 'Not guilty' and then minutes later, stand again and say (Trump) was guilty of everything," said Democratic Congresswoman Madeleine Dean of Pennsylvania. "History will remember that statement of speaking out of two sides of his mouth."

Dean also backed the idea of an impartial investigative commission "not guided by politics but filled with people who would stand up to the courage of their conviction."

Cassidy and Dean spoke on ABC's "This Week," Graham appeared on "Fox News Sunday," and Plaskett appeared on CNN's "State of the Union."

SPORTS



BADMINTON

Glenn claims Biosafe tournament title with straight set win over Brewley

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Carri "Strong" Glenn changed his strategy and went on the attack instead of relying on his powerful serve, to defeat Creighton "CJ" Brewley in straight sets, 4-0, 4-0, to win the inaugural Bio Safe Tennis Mixer on Sunday.

"To win this tournament means a lot to me. I pushed on the mock play (last week) and today, I went out running a lot, pushing a lot more ready to attack the ball, it was a much better match today," Glenn told Island Sun sports. "I hustled more, I was attacking the ball more, came for the shorter shots they normally give me, so I was really attacking more."

Brewley said the match was "pretty one sided. "Nevertheless I tried to change it somehow to no avail," Brewley noted. "Give credit where credit is due, he's a very good player and very consistent. So I just need to work on what I have to work on in order to win if I enter another tournament."

He said he's inconsistent in showing up to practices so it shows in the results.

Glenn advanced to meet Brewley with a 4-0, 4-1 win over Yucari Brewley and a 4-1, 4-0 triumph over Martha Bowens, to claim the Bio Group. Brewley stopped Keziah "Jade" Bolton, 4-3 and 4-1 and Pat Lettsome, 4-1, 4-3, to win the Safe Group, earning the right to meet Glenn.

In the Bio Group, Yucari Brewley needed three sets to defeat Martha Bowens, 4-1, 1-4 and 4-1.

Brewley told Island Sun Sports that the game was very competitive and she fell apart in the second set and wondered what was happening.

"Nevertheless, I kept fighting, I kept motivating myself, because I learned that from my husband to motivate yourself during the match, in order to keep yourself up, keep focused and a positive vibe flowing," she said. "I kept fighting, didn't drop my shoulders and came back and won the third set."

Against Glenn, she said she had him on his toes despite the loss.

Competing in the Safe Group, Pat Lettsome overcame Keziah "Jade" Bolton, 3-4, 4-3, 4-3.

Lettsome said she played a little timid because of a knee problem.

"I kind of played with caution," Lettsome told Island Sun Sports. "I was kind of scared that something might happen. I tried some of the strokes, but on some of them, I just had to take my time"

Bolton said she tried different strategies and ran to the ball faster and got a lot of balls in compared to last week's mock tournament. "I was more aggressive than last week," she said.

Bowens said she played a better game than in the mock tournament and many of her balls weren't going into the net and her backhand wasn't too bad. "I guess today just wasn't my day,"

she said, noting that after the 4-1 second set to Brewley, she was hoping to carry the momentum and stay in the game. "In the third set she came back and ultimately won the game."

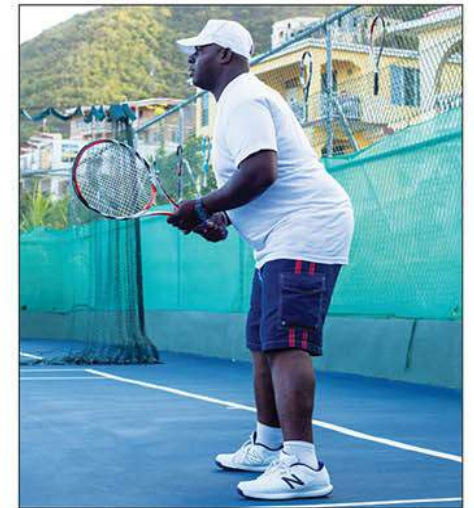
Coach and tournament director Carol Matthew, told Island Sun Sports that it was a good tournament and she's proud of all the players.

"All of them came out and they really put it all out there," she noted. "They played hard. They did their best and they had fun. That was the objective of the tournament—not about the win. As a matter of fact, they're all winners."

Mitchell noted that the Safe Group matches were the longest as both went three sets. "They were like Marathons," she said. "This (tournament) was a trial for us. In the future, we'll have a women's and a men's tournament with the juniors coming back, so we will have some really good competition."

Biosafe CEO Patrick Mitchell said he has seen a lot of progress in the players from where they began at ground zero, eight months ago to where they are now. Along with spectators, he said they were able to look at some good matches.

"They showed a lot of skills and techniques taught by the coach so it was really nice to see they have reached that point," he said, noting that they have to work on skills improvement.



Carri "Strong" Glenn, awaits a serve.
PHOTO: Sylvester Smith

"Decision making isn't the best so we have to get them in tuned but that will come around. It calls for more focus, more training, practicing by themselves doing more serves and forehand; putting cones in one area and in the next area try the cross court. Ask yourself, 'am I doing the right thing.' Decision making is very important."

VOLLEYBALL

Five new members elected to BVI Volleyball Association Executive

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

Rockel Woods, Kiah Walters, Valissa Brathwaite, Caldon "Reno" Morton and Canis Marquis, were elected as five new Virgin Island Volleyball Association Executive Committee members on Monday night, during the body's quadrennial elections at the Multipurpose Sports Complex, which also saw Stephen Payne as the new president taking the helm. He was nominated unopposed as well as Vice President, Marquis.

Woods garnered 13 votes to Henrietta Alexander's 5, for the post of Assistant Secretary. Kisheba Sprauve-Callwood was returned as General Secretary unopposed. Walters amassed 11 votes to Curtis Davis' 7, to become the Public Relations Officer. Brathwaite tallied 15 votes and Morton 13, for the posts of Player Representatives. Tylia "Tweety" Nibbs received 6 votes and Arianna Forbes, 2. Anabelle Skelton-Malone—the former Assistant Secretary—was unopposed as Treasurer. Maria Drigo retained her post as Assistant Treasurer.

"My vision is to put volleyball back where it was when I came here," Payne told Island Sun Sports. "Volleyball was a vibrant sport. There was youth involvement in it from the schools and that's where I want to see it go. The motto for volleyball is keep

the ball flying. We want the ball to be flying in the near future."

In order for youth development to take place, Payne said coaches need to be developed and given the knowledge and transfer it through the schools. While there are PE Teachers with certain core knowledge, youth development goes beyond knowing the basics.

"It's a whole program that you have to incorporate, after school programs, making sure volleyball is played on a consistent basis," he pointed out. "Youth development is something that caters to senior development. If you don't have a youth segment, there's no future for the sport. I've realized we don't have a senior national team because we don't have any youth programs to develop the senior national team. We must invest first and foremost and that's one of the things I'll be trying to implement, to ensure we get the requisite training for coaches, the officiating side of things. Even if we have to bring in persons to work along with the association, to make sure focus can be given to youth development."

Payne said there are naturally gifted persons within the schools. They might have the height or be able to jump. However, he said the game must be introduced in the Primary Schools.

"Introducing certain skills in the game—it might not be volleyball per say—but it might be motor skills, skills that are necessary for the development of the sport," he said. "Lateral movement, jumping, all of those kinds of things, then bringing them up introducing balls at tennis net height level, make the game interesting. And if you can develop a love for the game, then you'll stick with it."

Payne, who's almost 60, began playing volleyball with a ball made from goat skin in primary school in Barbados at 11 and said his love for the sport hasn't waned because of his early exposure. He envisages the same here, once youngsters are exposed early.

"In order for you to get that kind of advancement, you must have persons in the trenches to coach; you must have the support of the government; you must have the support of the schools," he explained. "From primary school, we need to do a better job with the PE Teachers working alongside of the Volleyball Association and sport disciplined coaches, for instance Volleyball coaches will go in a work alongside the normal PE Teachers, develop a curriculum, develop a program and we can make it happen."



VI Volleyball Association President,
Stephen Payne

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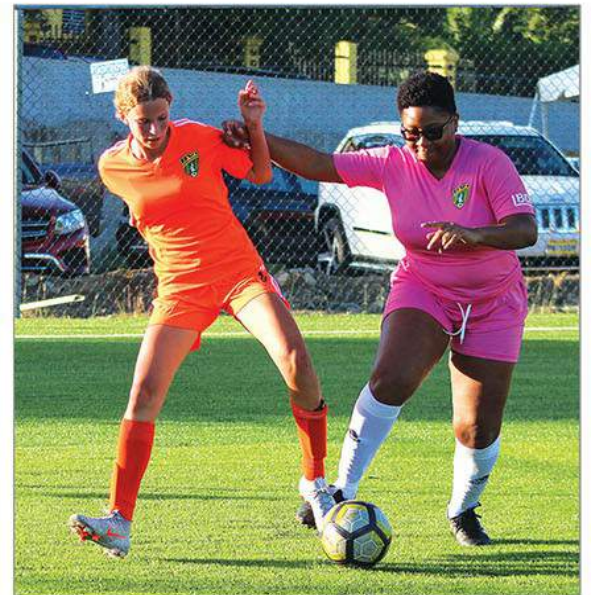
VI Volleyball Association Executive Committee, 2021-2025. L-R: Rockel Woods, Canis Marquis, Stephen Payne, (President) Kisheba Sprauve-Callwood, Annabelle Skelton-Malone, Maria Drigo, Kiah Walters and Caldon "Reno" Morton . PHOTO: Cleave M. Farrington



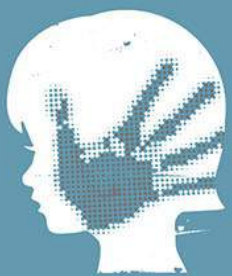
Martha Bowens working her forehand against Yucari Brewley in the Bio group of the Biosafe Tournament



Kezian "Jade" Bolton working her backhand in the Biosafe Tournament against Pat Lettsome



Tortola's Darci Reich, left battling Virgin Gorda's Dervina, during their 1-0 All Stars victory Albert
PHOTO: Nia Davies



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PUBLIC NOTICES

RED ORCHID DEVELOPMENT LIMITED

Company No. 155478
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **RED ORCHID DEVELOPMENT LIMITED**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th February, 2021 and Mrs. **QUERUBE C. DE NUNEZ**, of Paseo del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Panama City, Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 11th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Mrs. QUERUBE C. DE NUNEZ
Voluntary Liquidator
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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004

DELCON HOLDINGS LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1581042

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 10th day of February, 2021. The liquidator is **VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS** of Ethnikis Antistaseos, 48, ZEPIROS COURT, 2nd floor, Flat/Office 201, Agia Zoni, 3027, Limassol, Cyprus. Dated: 11th day of February, 2021.
(Sgd.) VIKTOR ARAMPANTZIS
Liquidator
[88/2]

DERBY MANAGE CORP.

Company No. 631559
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **DERBY MANAGE CORP.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th February, 2021 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 12th February, 2021.
Sgd. RAMÓN ORTÍZ DE TARANCO
Voluntary Liquidator
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RED CYCLE VENTURES LTD.

Company No. 1782213
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **RED CYCLE VENTURES LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th February, 2021 and **Sandra Perez** of 5A. Avenida 6-39 Zona 14 Condominio Las Plazas Edificio III, Guatemala, Ciudad de Guatemala 01014, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 12th February, 2021.
Sgd. SANDRA PEREZ
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/4]

CAPSICUM INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Company No. 615164
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CAPSICUM INTERNATIONAL LTD.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 11th February, 2021 and **Mag. Maria Christina Pucher**, of Gagoz 75, 9496 Balzers, Principality of Liechtenstein been appointed as the Sole Liquidator. Dated this 12th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Mag. Maria Christina Pucher
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/5]

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

Gemini Ventures Business, Inc.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204, subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15 February 2021. The Liquidator is **Mr. Enivaldo Medeiros** with address at 33-61 10th street, Astoria, New York 11106, United States of America. Dated: 15th February 2021.
(Sgd.) Mr. Enivaldo Medeiros
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/6]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

RIHO TRADING LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1965619
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 February 15th 2021.
Dated: February 15th, 2021
(Sgd.) Elena Gabriel
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/7]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

NINA GOLD INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1545686
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 February 12th 2021.
Dated: February 15th, 2021
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act

Bermudiana Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1499222

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204(1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on January, 14, 2021. The liquidator is **Chiara Nannini** of Clarendon House, 2 Church Street, Hamilton HM 11, Bermuda. Dated: January 14, 2021
(Sgd.) Chiara Nannini
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/9]

APPOINTMENT LADYR, INC.

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1466448

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **LadyR, Inc.** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 12th February 2021. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 15th February 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/10]

APPOINTMENT

CONWAY INVESTMENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED

("the Company")

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1456794

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Conway Investments Management Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 12th February 2021. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey** of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Dated 15th February 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [88/11]

MARCAJENA INVESTMENTS LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1694487

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 February 2021 and **Mr. Francois WATCHI** of 11 Avenue de Picardie, 06000 Nice, France has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 12th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Mr. Francois WATCHI
Voluntary Liquidator [88/12]

DANTA SECURITIES S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 57805

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 9th February, 2021 and **LINETH PONCE** of MMG Tower, 23rd Floor, Avenida del Pacifico with Avenida Paseo de Mar, Costa del Este, Panama, Republic of Panama has been appointed as Sole Liquidator. Dated this 12th day of January, 2021
Sgd. LINETH PONCE
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/13]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

JESENA LTD

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1688866

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 February 11, 2021.
Dated: February 15, 2021
(Sgd.) Yiota Demetriou
Voluntary Liquidator [88/14]

Final Notice of Dissolution under the BVI Business Company Act.

TELFOR INTERVEST LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 683375

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 February 11, 2021.
Dated: February 15, 2021
(Sgd.) Kristina Ermakova
Voluntary Liquidator [88/15]

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

CAPSICUM SERVICES INC.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1406040

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 February 12, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama. Dated: February 15, 2021.
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [88/16]

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

AMLANI DEVELOPMENT LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1467383

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 February 12, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela** with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama. Dated: February 15, 2021.
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator [88/17]

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

High Gable Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 594730

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(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/18]

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

ACTIV PRO FIN LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1863121

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 February 11, 2021. The Liquidator is **Phani Schiza Antoniou** with address at 16, Krinon Street, 3110, Limassol, Cyprus. Dated: February 15, 2021.
(Sgd.) Phani Schiza Antoniou
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/19]

ANGSANA EQUITIES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 421151

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Dated 12th February, 2021
Sgd. Dr. Michael Grabher
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/20]

Oriental Pacific Enterprises S.A.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1993596

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th February, 2021
Dated 12th February, 2021
Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/21]



PUBLIC NOTICES

MARMELADE COMPANY S.A.

Company No. 1485618
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **MARMELADE COMPANY S.A.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th February, 2021 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 15th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Querube C. De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/22]

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

Lilyworth Holdings Corp.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 1st day of July, 2020, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346
Singapore
521145
[88/23]

CALVER BUSINESS CORP.

Company No. 1863841
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **CALVER BUSINESS CORP.** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th February, 2021 and **Alejandro Young of 26 de marzo 1306, apto 503, Montevideo, Uruguay,** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 16th February, 2021.
Sgd. ALEJANDRO YOUNG
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/24]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1894745
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 February 15th 2021.
Dated: February 16th, 2021
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/25]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1064577
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 February 15th 2021.
Dated: February 16th, 2021
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/26]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1913586
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 February 15th 2021.
Dated: February 16th, 2021
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/27]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act; 2004
JWIPC Technology
Development Co., Ltd.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1686799
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 15th February, 2021.
Dated: 16th February, 2021
(Sgd.) GUO Xuhui
Liquidator
[88/28]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1639759
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 15th February, 2021.
Dated: 16th February, 2021
(Sgd.) GUO Xiaohui
Liquidator
[88/29]

**LINDEN COMMERCE
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 298742
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th February, 2021
Dated 12th February, 2021
Sgd. Tan Hwa Lian
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/30]

**Alderbury Investments Inc
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1514557**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 12th February, 2021
Dated 12th February, 2021
Sgd. Dr. Michael Grabher
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/31]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1483281
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 February 15, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**
Dated: February 16, 2021.
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/32]

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1864129
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 February 16, 2021. The Liquidator is **Delio Jose De Leon Mela with address at Bloc Office Hub, Fifth Floor, Santa Maria Business District, Panama, Republic of Panama.**
Dated: February 16, 2021.
(Sgd.) Delio Jose De Leon Mela
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/33]

**MING ZHOU
INTERNATIONAL
TRADING COMPANY
LIMITED**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1869706
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1), subsection (b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company **MING ZHOU INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LIMITED** is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 12th February, 2021 and **SHANG YUE No. 602, Door 4, Floor 2, No. 55, Xizongbu Lane, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China** has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.
Dated this 16th day of February, 2021
Sgd. SHANG YUE
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/34]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Smartwin Global Opportunity
WH Co., Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
SUN Daichan of
Room 201, No. 24, Lane 759,
Wulian Road, Pudong New District,
Shanghai,
China
[88/35]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
(NO. 16 OF 2004)
Smartwin Global Opportunity
LAX Co., Ltd**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 11th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
SUN Daichan of
Room 201, No. 24, Lane 759,
Wulian Road, Pudong New District,
Shanghai,
China
[88/36]

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

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 12th day of February 2021 under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has been dissolved and struck off from the Register.
The Liquidator is:-
CHEN Tingting of
Group 10, Guanju Village,
Guanju Town, Shashi District,
Jingzhou City, Hubei Province,
China
[88/37]

**Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act. 2004
GROWINVEST LTD.**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No 689426
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 February 16, 2021.
Dated: February 16, 2021
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/38]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
Alverstone Capital Limited
("the Company")**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 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:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346
Singapore
521145
[88/39]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
ALUN UNITED S.A.
("the Company")**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 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:-
Susan Hug
of Oberfeld 38,
9495 Triesen
Principality of Liechtenstein
[88/40]

**NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES
ACT
Burning Lights Events
International Limited
("the Company")**

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of November, 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:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346Singapore
521145
[88/41]

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Twenty Two Ventures Limited
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company Number 1928360

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 16th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is **Brian Jackson of Mandar House, 3rd Floor, Johnson's Ghut, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 16th day of February, 2021
Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/42]

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

ACVPF LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1614735
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 28th January 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 17th day of February, 2021
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/43]

Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/43]

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

OCEANICA LOGISTICS LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1702588
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 February 16, 2021. The Liquidator is **Mrs. Anna Grigorieva with address at 3, Spyridonos Lamprou Street, Vashiotis Themis Court, office/flat 103, 3106 Limassol, Cyprus.** Dated: February 17, 2021.
(Sgd.) Mrs. Anna Grigorieva
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/44]

(Sgd.) Mrs. Anna Grigorieva
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/44]

**APPOINTMENT
DURVAL INVESTMENTS
LIMITED**

("the Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 412508
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that: **Durval Investments Limited** is in voluntary liquidation. The date of commencement of liquidation is 16th February 2021. The liquidator is **Carmine Bailey of Kendall Corporate Services Limited, 2nd Floor Abbott Building, 87 Main Street, Waterfront Drive, P.O. Box 3169; PMB198, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated 16th February 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/45]

Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/45]

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

Jax II Partners Inc.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1823392
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 1st February 2021. The Liquidator is **Maria Laura Dambolena, of 7910 SW, 53rd Ave., Miami, FL 33143, United States of America.** Dated this 17th day of February, 2021
Maria Laura Dambolena
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/46]

Maria Laura Dambolena
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/46]

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

Volantis Finance Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1921264
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 February 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 17th day of February 2021.
By: Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/47]

By: Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/47]

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

BOULDER OVERSEAS HOLDINGS INC.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 524695
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 February 2021. The Liquidator is **Ray A. George, of Long Trench, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.** Dated this 17th day of February, 2021
Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
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Ray A. George
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/48]

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

Silo Investments Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1779020
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 February 2021. The Liquidator is **João Paulo Rocha Badaro, of Almeda Gregório Bogossian Sobrinho 80, Tamboré, Santana de Parnaíba - SP, Brazil 06543-903.** Dated this 17th day of February, 2021
João Paulo Rocha Badaro
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/49]

João Paulo Rocha Badaro
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/49]

COTTON BROOK ASSOCIATES LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1031916
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)-(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that COTTON BROOK ASSOCIATES LTD. is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 11th day of February, 2021. The Liquidator is **Miss Nicola Gillespie c/o Citeo B.V.I. Limited, Flemming House, Wickhams Cay, P.O. Box 662, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands, VG1110.** Dated 12th day of February, 2021.
(Sgd.) Nicola Gillespie
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/50]

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

VALUABLE TWIN LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1838629

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 17th February, 2021.

Dated: 18th day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) Ms. Choy Kwai Fan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/51]

(Sgd.) Ms. Choy Kwai Fan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/51]

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

GOLDEN AFFAIR LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1752666

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 17th February, 2021.

Dated: 18th day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) Ms. Choy Kwai Fan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/52]

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

BLONDEST WEALTH LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1758586

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 17th February, 2021.

Dated: 18th day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) Ms. Choy Kwai Fan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/53]

(Sgd.) Ms. Choy Kwai Fan
Voluntary Liquidator
[88/53]

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF LUIZ DIEDERICHSEN VILLARES,
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **MARCELO RATTO VILLARES of Rua Carlos Baptista de Magalhães, 140, casa 13, São Paulo - SP, 04648-260, Brazil,** the intended Administrator of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 12th day of March 2020, domiciled in Brazil, has applied to the **Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration in the Estate of the said LUIZ DIEDERICHSEN VILLARES, deceased.**

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said **MARCELO RATTO VILLARES** 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 the 18th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN HENRY ALVAREZ CORREA,
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by **JEANETTE AURELIA ALVARES-CORREA** also known as **JEANETTE AURELIA ALVAREZ-CORREA** also known as **JEANETTE AURELIA SMITH** also known as **VICKI CORREA** of 721 Fifth Avenue, Apt 32G, New York, NY 10022, USA, and **DAVID ALEXANDER ALVAREZ-CORREA** of 12 White Street, Apt. 5, New York, NY 10013, USA, the intended Administrators of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 26th day of March 2019, domiciled in Aruba, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed in the Estate of the said **JOHN HENRY ALVAREZ CORREA, deceased.**

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said **JEANETTE AURELIA ALVARES-CORREA** also known as **JEANETTE AURELIA ALVAREZ-CORREA** also known as **JEANETTE AURELIA SMITH** also known as **VICKI CORREA** and **DAVID ALEXANDER ALVAREZ-CORREA** 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 the 18th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator

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Final Notice of Dissolution under 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 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 17th February, 2021.

Dated: 18th day of February, 2021
(Sgd.) CHEUNG Ling Kit Ricky
 Voluntary Liquidator

[88/54]

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

Techno-Ventures Hong Kong Holdings Limited
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation. The Liquidators is:-

Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12

#09-346
 Singapore
 521145

[88/55]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
JESSMON OVERSEAS LTD.
 (the "Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2021; 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:-

Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12

#09-346
 Singapore
 521145

[88/56]

NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT
ROSSIMINE INVESTMENTS LIMITED
 (the "Company")
 (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of February, 2021; 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:-
Inka Farhana Binte Jeffery
 of Blk 145 Tampines Street 12

#09-346
 Singapore
 521145

[88/57]

MARE OVERSEAS INC.

Company No. 1676984

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that MARE OVERSEAS INC., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. VALERIO MORABITO
 Voluntary Liquidator

[88/58]

BISBI OVERSEAS INC.

Company No. 1882511

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that BISBI OVERSEAS INC., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. ERNESTO LEWIN OBIOLS
 Voluntary Liquidator

[88/59]

ALDENAN SECURITIES LTD.

Company No. 601191

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that ALDENAN SECURITIES LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. MARIA CHRISTODOULOU
 Voluntary Liquidator

[88/60]

WALLSEND HOLDING INC.

Company No. 675419

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that WALLSEND HOLDING INC., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ
 Voluntary Liquidator

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SWAN PARTICIPATIONS LTD.

Company No. 159798

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SWAN PARTICIPATIONS LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 17th February, 2021.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ
 Voluntary Liquidator

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Live Launch Of The Virgin Islands Trade Commission

The public is invited to view the official launch of the Virgin Islands Trade Commission on Tuesday, February 23 at 3:00 p.m. live on the Government of the Virgin Islands' Facebook page, @BVIGovernment.

The ceremony will be simulcast via radio on ZBVI 780 AM and CBN 90.9 FM and via television on Flow Channel 101.

All are encouraged to tune in to learn more about the Trade Commission.

SAFETY FIRST

**BE CAREFUL
 BE AWARE
 BE SAFE**

Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE (PROBATE)

Probate: BVINP2021/001

IN THE ESTATE OF NED PHILLIPS of Tortola, British Virgin Islands deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that CLAUDETTE M. RYMER of Tortola British Virgin Islands, friend of the deceased, who died on the 29th day of August in the year of 2020 intends to apply to the High Court of Justice in the Probate Division for a Grant of Deed of ownership of 2017 Toyota Hiace – Taxi -76 4 from the estate of the said NED PHILLIPS, deceased.

ANY PERSON or persons who has or have objections to the Grant of Deed of ownership to the said CLAUDETTE M. RYMER of Tortola, British Virgin Islands shall within fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of the notice lodge with the Registry of the High Court of Justice in the British Virgin Islands the proper documents explaining objections.

Dated this 9th day of February 2021

Unified Events Services
 Legal Assistant for Application

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

Probate no. 0014 of 2021

In the Estate of DAVID MERCER SKINNER, late of Elder Care Home Services, Loyal Crescent, Devonshire, Bermuda, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by DAVID FIELDEN SKINNER of 7 Hungry Bay Lane, Paget DV 04, Bermuda for Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 29th day of April 2019 wherein the applicant is the second named executor in the said last will of the said deceased, the first named executor, JOAN RUTH SKINNER, the wife of the deceased having renounced probate.

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 9th day of February 2021.

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

171 Main Street
 Road Town, Tortola
 British Virgin Islands
 VG 1110

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

**IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN HENRY ALVAREZ CORREA,
DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by JEANETTE AURELIA ALVARES-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA ALVAREZ-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA SMITH also known as VICKI CORREA of 721 Fifth Avenue, Apt 32G, New York, NY 10022, USA, and DAVID ALEXANDER ALVAREZ-CORREA of 12 White Street, Apt. 5, New York, NY 10013, USA, the intended Administrators of the Estate of the deceased who died on the 26th day of March 2019, domiciled in Aruba, has applied to the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters of Administration with the Will Annexed in the Estate of the said JOHN HENRY ALVAREZ CORREA, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of Administration to the said JEANETTE AURELIA ALVARES-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA ALVAREZ-CORREA also known as JEANETTE AURELIA SMITH also known as VICKI CORREA and DAVID ALEXANDER ALVAREZ-CORREA 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 the 18th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
VIRGIN ISLANDS**

PROBATE NO.OF 2021

**In the Estate of EDWARD ERIK VONNA-MICHELL late of 8
Mount Avenue, Westcliff-on-the-Sea, Essex, England, deceased**

FORM P16: ADVERTISEMENT (RESEALING)

Notice is given that after the expiration of 8 days application will be made to the Registrar of the Supreme Court for the re-sealing of the grant of letters of administration of the estate of EDWARD ERIK VONNA-MICHELL late of 8 Mount Avenue, Westcliff-on-the-Sea, Essex, England, deceased, granted by the High Court of Justice England and Wales at Harlow, England on 3 February 2021.

Filed by: Conyers Dill & Pearman
Attorneys-at-Law for the Administrator
Whose address for service is: Commerce House,
Wickhams Cay 1,
PO Box 3140, Road Town,
Tortola VG1110, British Virgin Islands

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

BVIHPB No. 2021/0021

**IN THE ESTATE OF LAM CHOON SEN DAVID @ LAM KWOK
KWONG (NRIC No. S0625917J), LATE OF 118, ENG NEO
AVENUE, SINGAPORE, DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by,
1. Liew Yat Fang (NRIC No. S1333348C), of 118, Eng Neo Avenue,
Singapore

2. Lam Zhi Loong (Lin Zhilong) (NRIC No. S8420448Z) of 118, Eng
Neo Avenue, Singapore

3. Lam Zhiqun (Lin Zhiqun) (NRIC No. S8908229C) of 118, Eng Neo
Avenue, Singapore

4. Lam Zhixiu (Lin Zhixiu) (NRIC No. S9047041H) of 118, Eng Neo
Avenue, Singapore

for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who
died on 20th June, 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of
20th March, 2020 wherein the applicants are named executors.

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

Dated this 8th day of February, 2021

Filed by:
Stuart Bruce
Dentons Delany
Legal Practitioner for the Applicants

Whose address for services is:

Dentons Delany
3rd Floor, Palm Grove House
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands
Phone: 1-284-541-2260
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**THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**IN THE ESTATE OF NIGEL HOWARD
HUTCHINGS DECEASED**

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by A N N E -
FRANÇOISE HUTCHINGS of Avenue de Béthusy

42, 1012 Lausanne, Switzerland the intended Administrator of the
Estate of the deceased who died on the 15th day of September 2020,
domiciled in Switzerland has applied to the Eastern Caribbean
Supreme Court in the Probate Division for a Grant of Letters
of Administration in the Estate of the said NIGEL HOWARD
HUTCHINGS, deceased.

ANY PERSONS having any objections to the Grant of Letters of
Administration to the said ANNE- FRANÇOISE HUTCHINGS
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 the 11th day of February, 2021

HARNEY WESTWOOD & RIEGELS LP
Solicitors for the Intended Administrator
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Haiti – on the edge of disaster again

By Sir Ronald Sanders

Haiti – a country to which all other countries that suffered slavery are deeply indebted – is once again in turmoil. Therefore, no Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country should stand aside, silently, while Haiti is sliding into further catastrophe, retarding its already impoverished economy and depriving the Haitian people of hope for an improved future.

Of course, no country should interfere in the internal affairs of any other state. CARICOM has never done that. In the times, when the organization has played a role in resolving political, electoral, and constitutional issues in a CARICOM member-state, it has done so at the invitation of the Government and other political parties. This occurred most recently in Guyana, where CARICOM played a pivotal role in upholding democracy and ensuring the credible result of elections.

Non-interference in the internal affairs of a state should not be construed as approval. And, when conditions reach the point of loss of lives, the least that friendly states should do is to offer to help to bring about peace and to assist in resolving the issues that are causing violence and destruction. While the Haitian government might not agree, the present circumstances of the country are crying out for remedial action.

Hence, CARICOM was right, on February 11, to issue a public statement “encouraging all parties to engage in meaningful dialogue in the interest of peace and stability” and “strongly urging that action be taken to foster a safe environment, a return to normal life and the building of sustainable democratic institutions”.

Since October 2019, when President Jovenel Moïse postponed parliamentary and local elections, there has been no legislature in Haiti. The President has ruled the country by decree, contrary to its Constitution. Even at the municipal level, when the terms of elected Mayors end, Moïse has appointed persons of his own choosing.

Further, in the absence of a legislature which, under the Constitution, is required to approve appointments to independent institutions and law enforcement agencies, including the Police, President Moïse has unilaterally installed favoured persons. For over a year, these circumstances have infuriated opposition parties as would be expected, but they also caused alarm among human rights groups within the country and internationally.

More recent events in Haiti, however, have attracted strong criticism of Moïse. The most compelling condemnation has come from seven members of the House of Representatives of the United States of America (U.S.). In early February, they wrote to the Secretary of State, Anthony Blinken, demanding the departure of Moïse “in accordance with the Haitian Constitution”.

For several months, the contention has been made by political and civil rights groups in Haiti, that in conformity with the Constitution, the President’s term ended on February 7 – five years after the last elections in November 2016. He has contended that, notwithstanding the position stated in the Constitution about the life of the President’s term, he is entitled to remain in office for another year, since he did not assume office until February

2017.

In a situation in which a President’s stewardship has brought peace, economic development and social progress, the Haitian society may have gone along with Moïse’s view. Unfortunately, the situation on the ground in Haiti has been very different. Moïse was not a popularly elected President. The 2016 elections had a low turnout of voters. His actions, since then, especially his ruling by decree, weakened his approval still further.



In this atmosphere, the country slipped into lawlessness – some of it allegedly engendered by Moïse’s ruling party. Kidnappings and killings haunted rich and poor alike, and marauding gangs ruled districts driving fear into communities. Massacres occurred in neighbourhoods where opposition to Moïse is strong.

All this led to street protests which the government met with an iron fist. In recent weeks, Police have fired live ammunition into crowds, killing and wounding people including two journalists, one of whom is in a critical condition.

During this, on February 7, Moïse alleged that there was a plot to overthrow him. Police arrested and detained 23 persons, including a former presidential candidate, a high-ranking police inspector and a judge on the country’s highest court. Additionally, Moïse, arbitrarily sent three judges of the Court of Justice on retirement. One of these judges was named jointly by the Opposition parties as the “Interim President” of Haiti – much as happened with Venezuela’s Juan Guaidó. The U.S. Embassy in Haiti issued a statement questioning the merits of the action to unseat the judges.

Several non-CARICOM countries, looking for a solution to the current problem, are doing what they usually do – focussing on Presidential elections to end the conflict.

The problem is that there is no credible election machinery in Haiti, including no up-to-date and verifiable electoral list. What is more, Moïse appointed a Committee of his associates to make recommendations on institutional and political reform, including of the provisional electoral council (CEP) which administers elections.

The much greater problem is that he plans to hold a referendum on April 25 on a draft constitution that his Committee has drafted. Amongst other things, the draft constitution, will set the stage for Presidential and other elections. The process has no credibility and no support from opposition political parties and civil rights groups and, therefore, will continue to rouse protests and crowd demonstrations.

Haiti, including President Moïse, and all the other actors – political and civil – need the help of honest brokers and mediators to help create agreed conditions to remedy the institutional issues, including the election machinery. Without it, the situation in Haiti will worsen.

No country or organisation can impose itself to assist Haiti. The Haitian players must invite such help. Until they do so, all organisations, including CARICOM and the Organisation of American States should express their concerns and stand ready to be helpful to the people of Haiti who deserve the chance for a better life.



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APOCALYPTIC GREED

Climate change is here to stay causing wars, starvation, disease, migration and misery on an unprecedented global scale. In fact patterns keep changing all the time and what was unthinkable two years ago is now becoming a new and disquieting norm, just look at the extreme winds affecting Europe, Ireland, the British Virgin Islands and the United Kingdom, look at the late summer heath-wave in the BVI, and tropical storms and hurricanes moving in new directions.

If this madness were not enough, climate change comes with many problems and complications attached. We live on a planet whose population is growing beyond control and beyond nutritional viability, all in the name of religions or philosophies sermonising the populace to continue to happily multiply their specie: after all it’s good for all types of business - including funeral homes. Caveat, though: mass graves as we are seeing have become the norm!

In recent years some countries freed themselves from hunger or at least curbed it, but in 2018 analysts saw this pattern reverse and return to the dramatic levels of malnutrition and starvation that killed and kill million after million: we have reached a breaking point beyond which people will turn to methods of survival whereby the Latin motto “Mors tua Vita mea” [the law of the jungle: your death is my life] will be on flags and coat of arms of many nations engaged in the battle for survival. This motto was used by gladiators before entering the Coliseum in Rome: unless something drastic is done we may all turn into gladiators.


Produce is increasingly becoming insufficient; seas and oceans no longer abound with fish but with plastic, pollution and... nuclear waste; furthermore, extreme weather has set the world on fire, literally, and a lot of critical crops are constantly lost. The global prevalence of undernourishment has been rising. Africa has the highest prevalence of undernourishment, but as the most populous region in the world, Asia has the highest number of undernourished people. The remedy is no remedy: putting the prices of staple food higher and higher. Beware, when people face death they will not hesitate to kill for their own survival.

Why did we get to this point? GREED, yes, greed of that 1% who keeps getting richer and gets tax cuts all the time while the others pay 24% VAT and face fiscal pressure of unprecedented proportions as well as salary deductions and pensions cut-back.

Mike Rowse says that mass migration, driven by war and politics, has already fuelled social discontent in Europe and America. But things may get much worse if climate change continues unchecked.

The USA is no example: the decision by Trump to rescind the Paris agreement is the most irresponsible thing perpetrated by a head of state at this point in history. The damage has been done, but it will be difficult to patch it over and forget, even with all of President Biden’s goodwill. Corrupt leaders, money grabbing politicians and greedy zillionaires are taking us to an Apocalyptic end of the world FULL SPEED.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Lands and Survey Department
P.O. Box 142
Road Town, TORTOLA VG1110
VIRGIN ISLANDS

BVILR/PRE/02/2021

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION BY PRESCRIPTION
SECTION 135 OF THE REGISTERED LAND ACT
CAP 229 OF THE 1991 EDITION OF THE REVISED LAWS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Long Look	3237B	75

The Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that MAXIMEA & CO., PO Box 4696, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners, on the behalf of CURTIS SMITH of Brandywine Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as proprietor by Prescription for Parcel 75 Block 3237B, Long Look Registration Section; and have filed an affidavit in support of his application.

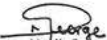
Parcel 75 is registered to:

- Rose Hedrington, as Executor of the Will of Edmund Hedrington (deceased)

The relevant documents may be inspected at the Lands and Survey Department (Lands Unit) upon request. Copies will be provided by the applicants' Legal Practitioners.

Anyone who has just caused to object to CURTIS SMITH being registered as proprietor of the aforementioned parcel should submit proper document to the Registrar of Lands no later than 23rd day of March, 2021.


Dated this 15th day of February 2021.


Natalie Stevens-George
Administrative Officer
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands (Ag)

To: Rose Hedrington
Executor of the Will of Edmund Hedrington (deceased)
Hope Estate, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

cc: Maximea & Co.
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Road Town, Tortola, VG1110
Virgin Islands

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REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Sea Cows Bay	2736B	377

The Registrar of Lands hereby gives NOTICE that THORNTON SMITH, PO Box 3534, Road Town, Tortola, Virgin Islands, Legal Practitioners, on the behalf of EVETT TODMAN of Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, Virgin Islands have applied to be registered as proprietor by Prescription for the 1/7th Share of Martha Thomas for Parcel 377 Block 2736B, Sea Cows Bay Registration Section; and have filed an affidavit in support of her application.

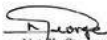
Parcel 377 is registered to:

- DANIEL COX, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola, As Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Thomas (dec'd) 1/7th Share
- ISAAC THOMAS and ARTHUR THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of John Thomas 1/7th Share
- HENRY THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola 1/7th Share
- CHRISTOPHENA THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola 1/7th Share
- ISAAC THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola 1/7th Share
- ARTHUR THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola 1/7th Share
- JOSEPH THOMAS, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola 1/7th Share
- As Proprietors in Common

The relevant documents may be inspected at the Lands and Survey Department (Lands Unit) upon request. Copies will be provided by the applicants' Legal Practitioners.

Anyone who has just caused to object to EVETT TODMAN being registered as proprietor of the aforementioned parcel should submit proper document to the Registrar of Lands no later than 17th day of March, 2021.

Dated this 9th day of February 2021.


Natalie Stevens-George
Administrative Officer
(for) Chief Registrar of Lands (Ag)

To: Daniel Cox, Sea Cows Bay, Personal Representative of the Estate of Martha Thomas (deceased)
Isaac Thomas and Arthur Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, as Personal Representatives of the Estate of John Thomas
Henry Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
Christophena Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
Isaac Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
Arthur Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola
Joseph Thomas, Sea Cows Bay, Tortola

cc: THORNTON SMITH
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Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator under Section 204 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004

Oman World Investment Holdings Ltd.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. – 1836025

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 17th February, 2021. The liquidator is **Philippa O'Sullivan, of Sea Meadow House, P.O. Box 116, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.**

Dated: 17th day of February, 2021.
(Sgd.) Philippa O'Sullivan

Philippa O'Sullivan
Liquidator
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ROLOGE CORP.
Company No. 1846701
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **ROLOGE CORP.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 18th February, 2021 and **Angel Miguel Ayestaran of Canelones 83 AP. 102, Montevideo, Uruguay**, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 18th February, 2021.
Sgd. ANGEL MIGUEL AYESTARAN
Voluntary Liquidator
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BVI Courts Welcome Justice Darshan Ramdhani

Constitutional, public and criminal law expert Justice Darshan Ramdhani has joined the Virgin Islands' bench as High Court Judge. Justice Ramdhani has more than 20 years of professional legal experience and was first appointed as the Organisation for Eastern Caribbean States Supreme Court High Court Judge (Ag.) in 2013. Since then, he has served as Acting High Court Judge on various appointments in St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, Antigua, Anguilla and the BVI, presiding over major constitutional, public law and criminal trials.

Governor John J. Rankin, CMG said that having experienced Criminal Justices is one important component of a strong legal system in the Territory.



Justice Darshan Ramdhani

“Justice Ramdhani comes to the Territory with a strong record of experience in criminal matters, and also with experience in training and development of prosecuting attorneys,” Mr. Rankin said. “I look forward to his skills and talent strengthening and improving the Territory’s criminal courts.”

Justice Ramdhani held the post of Attorney General for Grenada from January 2019-2020, guiding the country’s COVID-19 regulations and laws facilitating an E-Litigation platform for courts. He has also served as Solicitor General in the Attorney General’s Chambers, Grenada; and as Senior Crown Counsel in the Grenada Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

He was a lecturer/tutor at the University of Guyana from 1998-2001, and is the author of the textbook on criminal procedure Confession Evidence.

Ramdhani has also served as a legal expert on such initiatives as the Organisation for American States’ training programme on Human Trafficking laws in the Caribbean; the World Bank’s World Justice Rule of Law Project and The Inter-American Anti-Corruption Body.

Immigration Department Implements A Newly Designed Uniform



On Monday, February 15 the customers who conducted business with the Department of Immigration had their first look at the officers wearing the newly designed uniform.

Chief Immigration Officer, Mr. Ian Penn expressed his approval of the new uniform and believes that his officers share the same sentiment. Mr. Penn said that Immigration Officers demonstrate a level of authority and respect in their daily duties as law enforcement officers. He further stated, “The change of uniform is just one part of the Department’s ongoing initiatives, and I am very

happy and proud to see the new image being portrayed at our Ports of Entry. It is also important to note that Senior Officers will continue to wear a white shirt which serves to distinguish seniority from other officers at the Ports.”

Minister for Natural Resources, Labour and Immigration, Honourable Vincent Wheatley stated, “I am quite pleased to see another positive change within the Immigration Department as it continues to build upon its service to the public. The new uniform is one of many changes being

made in the department with many more to come.”

The Department of Immigration continues to play a vital role in maintaining security and prosperity in building a stronger and better B.V.I. The Department utilises fair but firm immigration control measures which serves to regulate and facilitate the movement of people throughout the Territory’s borders, while exercising sound judgment in a courteous manner in accordance with B.V.I. Immigration laws.

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British Virgin Islands Invites Visitors to “Find Yourself” in the BVI - Competition open for Visitors for best story of finding themselves in the BVI



Find yourself in the British Virgin Islands! On Thursday, 18th February, the British Virgin Islands Tourist Board & Film Commission launched an exciting new destination video and digital marketing promotion inviting guests to do just that.

After experiencing the rigors of COVID-19 including spending time in quarantine, isolation and getting adjusted to the new normal, many persons have lost their sense of self. The British Virgin Islands presents itself as the ideal vacation destination for guests to unwind and, once again, find themselves in this Sailing Capital of the World.

The new destination video, shot by local resident and social media influencer Alton Bertie, invites guests to, “Find Yourself” engaging in different activities in the BVI and directly asks guests to: Find Your Hidden Treasure; Find Your Freedom; Find Your Palate; Find Your Sense of Adventure; Find Your Enlightenment and finally, Find Yourself. Additionally, each week for the duration

of the promotion, two video clips showcasing persons “finding themselves” in the Territory will be released to entice participation in the competition.

According to Director of Tourism Clive McCoy, “Finding Yourself speaks to wellness of body, mind and spirit, as we reconnect with ourselves through various experiences, including relaxation, adventure activities, culinary immersion and wellness treatments.”

Between 18th February and 18th March 2021, both prospective guests and guests already in the destination will have the opportunity to win prizes in a competition inspired by the video. Travelers not yet in the destination will have an opportunity to win a grand prize of 2 roundtrip airline ticket between St. Thomas, USVI and Tortola, BVI, or San Juan, Puerto Rico, and Tortola BVI; and a 5-night complimentary stay at a local villa; an estimated overall

value of approximately \$2,500. Meanwhile, each week for the duration of the competition, one lucky guest already in the BVI will win a branded British Virgin Islands luxury executive gift bag replete with exciting BVI gift items.

To enter the competition, both groups of travelers will be required to submit creative presentations in digital video or photo format, on Facebook and Instagram, showing how or where they have “found themselves” or will “find themselves” in the British Virgin Islands. A winner for the competition between guests already in the Territory will be announced weekly, while the grand prize for the prospective guests will be announced the week following the end of the competition on 18th March. The grand prize winner will be required to complete travel between 1st April and 31st December 2021. For competition rules, terms and conditions visit: www.bvitourism.com/findyourself.

Government Seeks New Registrar Of Interests

The deadline has been extended to March 3, 2021, for applications to the post of Registrar of Interests.

Established by the Register of Interests Act of 2006, the Registrar is tasked with documenting the financial interests and liabilities of elected members of the House of Assembly, along with serving as Clerk to the Standing Select Committee of the House of Assembly.

This important post is a key component of the Territory’s system to ensure good governance and administration. It is part time but with the potential to expand to a full-time post.

Qualified candidates will hold at least a bachelor’s degree in Public Administration or a related field and be familiar with Government structure, policies and procedures. Interested candidates may view the full post responsibilities and qualifications at <http://www.bvi.gov.vg/jobs/registrar-interests>.

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Construction On National Emergency Operations Centre Begins

With heavy machinery and ceremonial shovels, demolition of the former home of the Department of Disaster Management (DDM) and construction of a state-of-the-art new

offices for the Department of Disaster Management. During emergency activations, Territory leaders and others with responsibilities within the National Disaster Management Plan will

building will strengthen the Territory's capacity to respond to emergencies, which is a key component of protecting lives in the Virgin Islands.

"Effective disaster management is vital for the safety and

advantage of the opportunity presented by extensive rebuilding needed after the impacts of 2017.

"The hurricanes offered an opportunity to build back better and the National Emergency Operations Centre embodies that. This robust new building, once complete, will support work to further improve the safety and security of all of our communities, as well as contributing to the further resilience of the dedicated public servants who, when the worst happens, will work tirelessly to manage and respond to disaster."

Director of Projects in the Ministry of Finance Dr. Drexel Glasgow, whose team has overseen the tender and procurement process for the new building, said that the building will serve as a model for resilient and environmentally friendly critical facilities.

"This building is expected to be the first of its kind in the region, combining resilience, sustainability, and smart concepts in a facility that is expected to allow the core

of Government to continue to function during and immediately after the passage of an event," Dr. Glasgow said.

DDM Acting Director Mr. Jasen Penn thanked all those who have contributed to the building's development so far, adding that while the previous building allowed the DDM to carry out their work during the hurricanes of the 1990s and the floods that followed, he is grateful that the Territory will face future emergencies with the support of a safe new structure.

"We will soon have a New National Emergency Operations Centre that is resilient, meets international building and safety standards, and is capable of serving the people of the BVI in a period when we face multiple hazards; and possibly even hazards we don't yet know about. We wait for the day when it is complete and it can once again be a model for the region and beyond to see," Mr. Penn said.

The three-level, 18,028-square-foot structure is expected to be completed in 24-months. Construction of the building is being carried out by a joint venture between local firms Tandem Development and D & B Heavy Equipment Services Limited. The building was designed by Virella Crespo and Associates, who will also provide construction supervision throughout the development phase of the building. Funding for the \$9.8 million-facility comes from the Territory's Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Loan, facilitated by the Caribbean Development Bank.



National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) began with a groundbreaking ceremony this week in McNamara.

The resilient and high-technology building will serve as the hub for disaster and emergency response in the Territory and the

coordinate response activities from the NEOC, ensuring that residents continue to receive critical Government services during and immediately after a hazard impact.

His Excellency the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, said at the ceremony that the new

security of all the people in this Territory. I pledge as Governor to prioritise my responsibilities in this area, and always do what is best for the safety of all of the men, women and children living here," Governor Rankin said.

He added that it's encouraging to see the Territory take



The Government of the Virgin Islands broke ground on the new National Emergency Operations Centre on February 16, 2021. (Credit: GIS/Dorian Hodge)

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Things To Keep In Mind When Starting A Home Business

There are a lot of reasons to start your own business from home. The freedom from the corporate world, the ability to make your own schedule, the opportunity to do something that you love for a living are all lures to start up your own business.

starting up and the learning curve. You will inevitably make mistakes, and you will likely have to cut into your market through competition by offering lower rates than you could otherwise expect to gain. It is important that you keep some kind of income flow in order to succeed, so you should not quit a regular

hourly rate you are making worth the amount of work you are putting in? Some home business owners will find that a job at minimum wage pays more than they are receiving from their own business. Unless you really enjoy what you are doing, this type of business is probably not worth it. Secondly, have a two week amount in mind.

This is the standard paycheck period for most people, so you will want to set your amount at whatever you would be earning at your regular job. You can also substitute this with a monthly goal, as some weeks will inevitably be better than others. Finally, consider your yearly goal. Do not count your first year when considering whether your business is worth pursuing—as stated above, most businesses will lose money in their first year. Instead, start your yearly analysis in the second year.

TAXES!!!: A lot of home business operators neglect to consider their tax burden, whether purposely or not. It is best to always set aside a portion of the month's business income for tax purposes—always operate under the assumption that you will be caught if you try to cheat. This will save you a lot of grief and money in the end. A good way to put aside money on the taxes that you will owe is to invest in a safe area such as mutual funds or GICs; this way, your money is safe and you will make a small amount in the year before your taxes are due. In effect, your taxes will actually make you money!



Do not be fooled into thinking that because of all the appeal, starting a home business is an easy prospect. There are many considerations in starting up your own business, and many areas that people will not realize when they start out. Having a heads-up about some of these areas can help you avoid some of the pitfalls of the new business owner, and may help to save money and keep the funds coming in the future.

Don't Quit Your Day Job Yet: This is the cardinal rule in starting up a home business. The advantage of this business is that you can run it on your spare time, when you are away from your regular job. Most businesses can expect to lose money in their first year of operation, this is just part of the cost of

job until you are absolutely positive about your new business' potential.

Assess your situation after you have been operating for a year; do you have an established base of clients? Is there a potential for more growth? Will the time you gain from leaving your regular job and concentrating on the home business allow you to make greater profits? If the answer to all of these questions is yes, then it might indeed be the time to concentrate solely on your business as your only source of income.

Set Realistic Targets: When you start your business, you should have an idea of how much money you would like to make. It is best to make these targets on several levels, in terms of time. Start out with the most basic— is the



LOVE QUIZ

Are Your Values Same As Your Partner?

We all have many faults. All of us are also striving to live by our values. Values such as honesty, loving, compassion, mercy, and others that have been taught to us since our childhood and that we respect drive many of our actions. Unfortunately with the degradation in social values, personal values are also falling. That apart, the discussion is about the values that you respect and the values that your partner respects—are they common?

This question and the answer to this question may well decide the future of your relationship.

Let me give you an example. Suppose you believe that small lying or cheating to further your cause is not bad and is acceptable to you. Your partner strongly believes that nothing wrong should be ever done. Will this conflict in values not produce a conflict in relationship, because we live by our values? Those who believe in talking liberty with values may not get that hurt, but those who believe in living by their values at every step can not dream of braking their values for anyone. This produces a value conflict.

Before entering into any relationship do not get blinded by romantic love. Compare your values with those of your prospective partner. If you find a conflict in major values, do not proceed with the relationship. If the major values are matching and conflict is about small parts, you can discuss that with your partner. Values are valuable. They give direction to our life and mould it respect them before you go into a relationship. Otherwise, you will face big problems ahead.

Those who share common values live a wonderful life together.

True love is not the number of kisses, or how often you get them, true love is the feeling that still lingers long after the kiss is over.

In the COVID-19 vaccine race, we either win together or lose together

Joint statement by UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore and WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus

Of the 128 million vaccine doses administered so far, more than three quarters of those vaccinations are in just 10 countries that account for 60% of global GDP.

As of today, almost 130 countries, with 2.5 billion people, are yet to administer a single dose. This self-defeating strategy will cost lives and livelihoods, give the virus further opportunity to mutate and evade vaccines and will undermine a global economic recovery.

Today, UNICEF and WHO - partners for more than 70 years - call on leaders to look beyond their borders and employ a vaccine strategy that can actually end the pandemic and limit variants.

Health workers have been on the frontlines of the pandemic in lower- and middle-income settings and should be protected first so they can protect us.

COVAX participating countries are preparing to receive and use vaccines. Health workers have been trained, cold chain systems primed. What's missing

is the equitable supply of vaccines.

To ensure that vaccine rollouts begin in all countries in the first 100 days of 2021, it is imperative that:

Governments that have vaccinated their own health workers and populations at highest risk of severe disease share vaccines through COVAX so other countries can do the same.

The Access to COVID-19 Tools (ACT) Accelerator, and its vaccines pillar COVAX, is fully funded so that financing and technical support is available to lower- and middle-income countries for deploying and administering vaccines. If fully funded, the ACT Accelerator could return up to US\$ 166 for every dollar invested.

Vaccine manufacturers allocate the limited vaccine supply equitably; share safety, efficacy and manufacturing data as a priority with WHO for regulatory and policy review; step up and maximize production; and transfer technology to other manufacturers who can help scale the global supply.

We need global leadership to scale up vaccine production and achieve vaccine equity.

COVID-19 has shown that our fates are inextricably linked. Whether we win or lose, we will do so together."



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Post-COVID Symptoms Will Have Profound Impact on Global Health

The World Health Organization says debilitating post-COVID-19 symptoms in patients will have an impact on global health because of the magnitude of the pandemic.

The World Health Organization is conducting research into why many people who are infected with COVID-19 continue to suffer from various disabling conditions for up to six months after they have had the illness.

The team lead of WHO's Health Care Readiness Division, Janet Diaz, says some people with post-COVID-19 conditions, also known as "long COVID" have not been able to go back to work. She says their incapacitating symptoms prolong their recovery period.

"Some of the more common symptoms of the post-COVID-19 condition can be fatigue, exertional malaise, and cognitive dysfunction. Sometimes you may be hearing patients describing that as 'brain fog.' These are real," she said.

Other complications include shortness of breath, cough, and mental health and neurological complications. Diaz says it is not clear which patients are most at risk of long COVID. She says they range from patients who have been hospitalized and required intensive care treatment to those with mild illnesses who were treated in ambulatory outpatient settings.

She says researchers do not know why this is happening and are working hard to get the answers to the many questions surrounding this disease, caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

"We are concerned, obviously, with the numbers of patients infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus. ... We do not know how common it is or how uncommon it is. But the numbers, just by the magnitude of the pandemic will impact health systems. Again, the main message from us is prevent infection with SARS-CoV-2. So, the public health measures are the No. 1 intervention right now that we know will prevent this," she said.

These measures include observing physical distancing, wearing a mask and handwashing.

WHO is calling for a coordinated global research response and the collection of as much standardized clinical data as possible to better understand the condition and learn how to better treat those afflicted with this complication. [VOA]





C-SPAN Former President Trump's Legal Team
IMPEACHMENT 2 Explaining how it's "unconstitutional" to hold an impeachment trial AFTER Mr. Trump has left office

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Childhood Vaccinations Still Mostly Effective

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am in my mid-50s and in good health (I don't take any medications). I rarely get sick with colds or flu. I have been vaccinated with all the common vaccinations for our childhood. With all the immigrants coming into our country, I am wondering if any have been given childhood vaccinations in their countries. I fear that chickenpox, measles, etc., could re-enter this country. If so, do our childhood vaccinations still protect us from these diseases? Should seniors be re-vaccinated or is that harmful at our age? — C.S.

ANSWER: Legal immigrants into the U.S. are required to have all vaccinations as recommended by the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices.

Undocumented immigrants are more difficult to study, but what data there is suggests that vaccination rates are roughly the same in the countries of origin of many undocumented immigrants as in the United States. In fact, several Central American countries have higher vaccination rates than the U.S. currently.

Analysis of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases have suggested that most of these outbreaks have come from visitors (Americans or foreign visitors) from countries with high levels of ongoing transmission who spread the disease to others during their infectious period. Because there are some communities where there are enough unvaccinated people due to medical reasons, personal choice or ineffective vaccination to allow spread of the disease, there continues to be ongoing infection in the U.S. This is especially true of measles.

People born before 1957 are generally considered to be immune to measles, and the vast majority have had chickenpox. People born between 1963 and 1967 (that might be you) are at risk for having had ineffective measles vaccination, and those at risk should check their immunization status and may need revaccination, especially those in an area near an outbreak.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on vaginal estrogen. Based on plants such as soy, bioidentical hormones are a safe solution for older people that provide sexual rejuvenation. You should spread the word! — P.F.

ANSWER: I appreciate your passion, but there are several problems with your statement.

First, the bioidentical female hormone in humans is estradiol, which is available only by a prescription. It remains my choice for women who need hormone replacement, such as women with severe symptoms of menopause (replacement is given by mouth or patch), or for women with atrophic vaginitis (given vaginally, by cream, tablets or ring). It is certainly the most natural option.

Second, phytoestrogens (the soy-based hormones, such as isoflavones and lignans) have chemical structures similar to estradiol, but absolutely are not bioidentical. They have both estrogen and anti-estrogen properties. They may slightly reduce breast cancer risk, probably have no effect on endometrial cancer risk and probably do not increase clotting risk. However, for women with a history of breast cancer, many oncologists recommend against soy protein due to its estrogen activity. Some hematologists warn against these in people with history of abnormal blood clots.

The effect of phytoestrogens on sexual function has been studied, and a 2018 review showed that soy "had no promising effect" on sexual function. Of course, some women will have better effects than others.

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.

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celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. Is there going to be a continuation of the series "Virgin River" on Netflix? I texted Netflix but did not get an answer. The show had a lot of people hooked and ended at such a terrible time! Please let me know ASAP. — G.H.

A. Good news! The Netflix drama "Virgin River," based on the Harlequin romance book series, has been given the greenlight for a 10-episode third season. Set in gorgeous Northern California (but filmed in British Columbia), it stars Alexandra Breckenridge ("American Horror Story," "The Walking Dead") as a nurse-practitioner who relocates to a small town. The second season ended in a tragic cliffhanger, so it would have been extremely disappointing if viewers were left without a resolution.

I don't know how long you'll have to wait, but I do know that Zibby Allen ("Nancy Drew") has joined the cast as Jack's (Martin Henderson) sister. In the meantime, if you'd like to read the novels, there are 22 of them, all written by author Robyn Carr.

Oscar nominations will be announced Monday, March 15.

Also in doubt is whether the Oscars will ever have a host again. For the past two years, the show featured presenters and not a singular emcee. Even Jimmy Kimmel, the last individual to host, admitted it's a "no-win, very difficult job."



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Alexandra Breckenridge

Q. Is there going to be a normal Academy Awards ceremony this year? Will there be enough movies to fill all the categories? — G.S.

A. The Academy is giving it their best shot to have as traditional a ceremony as possible despite the limited pool of movies released due to the pandemic. The telecast has been postponed to Sunday, April 25, and whether there will be a live audience inside the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles remains to be seen.

The Golden Globe Awards will be broadcast Feb. 28 on ABC. The Oscars traditionally award dramas in its Best Picture category, so if the Golden Globes nominees are any indication, the top contenders include "The Father" (Anthony Hopkins), "Mank" (Gary Oldman), "Nomadland" (Frances McDormand), "Promising Young Woman" (Carey Mulligan) and "The Trial of the Chicago 7" (Eddie Redmayne). Although some theaters are open, most of the nominees will likely be viewed from home through streaming platforms or via pay-per-view.

Q. Is the TV show "Project Blue Book" coming back? — F.B.

A. "Project Blue Book" is a historical sci-fi drama about UFOs that debuted on the History channel two years ago and starred Michael Malarky. The title is from the same name that the real-life U.S. Air Force termed its series of studies of the mysterious objects from the 1950s until 1970.

Alas, the TV show was canceled after just two seasons. Fans were so upset that they started an online petition hoping another network or streaming service would renew the series. If you'd like to add your name to the list, visit Change.org and search for "Project Blue Book."

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

MATTHEW 6:34

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Tips On Pulling A Fabulous Fashion Act Together

Girl, are you intelligent, funny with a fab personality and an eye for the newest fashion trends but need a little help pulling it all together? Look no further, here are some tips on pulling together the right look.

Your personal style speaks volumes about who you are so let's not blow it after you've spent your hard earned money on the latest new trends!

The key to putting together a great outfit is risky and simple. The rule of thumb is balance and "less is more."

Choose one "wow" item and build around it. For example, if you have this absolutely fabulous piece of jewelry that you must show off, try wearing it with a simple black dress. Black flatters just about all figures without overwhelming the look of your jewelry.

Want to show off your new elaborately stitched jeans? A solid shirt paired with heels works well with decorated jeans. If the design on the jeans is too busy the shirt will tone it down some.

How about those new bright pink pumps? You can't go wrong by complimenting the shoes with a pair of solid black jeans and white shirt. Black jeans and solid colored shirt matches well with any brightly

colored pumps.

And what about those gold sequin flats that you just couldn't pass up? Petal-pushers and a simple shirt are ideal compliments for your golden feet.



The key is to pick one item and build around it. Don't just stick with one look. Be glamour one day and urban the next.

Take the time to educate yourself on different styles. Learn how to draw inspiration from your favorite looks of past eras.

Fashion is about confidence. If you feel great in an outfit, others will feel your vibes. And if you don't feel confident, fake it! Whether you are 18 or 50, take pride in your appearance and it's important to feel comfortable in your style.

How to Update Your Hairstyle

Change is good, but it's even better when it takes only moments to make one. If you like your hair do but it's looking a little dated, there's no reason to agonize over making major change. Hairstyles for the year 2021 come after a year where shorter hairstyles ruled, longer hairstyles still flourished, and everyone just loved the bob. Some celebrities went for medium and shorter lengths and the fashion runaways brought in many unique trends like the pony-loop and the high ballerina bun. Instead of opting for a complete hair reinvention, small changes to your current look can modernize your style. Without appearing too trendy. Fortunately, some of today's hottest styles are easily adaptable and require little commitment for those wary of a dramatic change.

If your hair is chin-length or longer, comb it straight up, twist a few times, then coil up and pin high on your head. Use bobby pins to clip up shorter strays at the nape or iron curl them for a softening effect. If you're good at working your mane, you can leave some strands out for a freedom feeling.

Poker Straight Curls and waves will be transformed into straight and smooth flowing hair. Even if you love to keep those waves, make sure they just gather at the ends of your hair and the rest of the hair is absolutely straight. Sleek and smooth texture is the keyword for 2008. So, get prepared to straighten out those curled locks for a sleeker and newer you!

Long hair is ensuring that it's lean, as opposed to thick and out of control (basically, you should avoid the thickness often seen).

Don't worry about making your hair look its best while trying to grow it out – I have tips on dealing with that awkward stage, on the next page.

Temporary colors are great for reflecting moods of the moment - just remember that the lighter your hair and the brighter the artificial shade, the less likely it will be truly temporary.

Enhancing your natural shade or going for a totally different color are great ways to update your look. Choose the right hair color and hair treatment so you can create an exciting new look for every occasion.

Another hot hair style trend for 2021 is the soft wedge haircut. This short hairstyle adds much sparkle to your face and shows the playful side of your personality. Since a lot of texturing and layering is used, your hairstyle looks soft and very smooth, in case of cut-style. Even people with thin hair can go in for this short cut, as it adds volume. It is suitable for almost every face cut and adds charm and confidence to the personality.

For those who want a slightly more dramatic update, bangs are excellent options. The style can be altered depending on your face shape or lifestyle. Long wispy bangs are a good choice if you want a style that is low-maintenance and easy to grow out. A more daring option is to try the newest variation on the mod look, with long blunt bangs that fall just above the eyelashes.

Micronutrients, such as vitamins D and C and zinc, are critical for a well-functioning immune system and play a vital role in promoting health and nutritional well-being.

There is currently no guidance on the use of micronutrient supplements as a treatment of COVID-19.

WHO is coordinating efforts to develop and evaluate medicines to treat COVID-19.

FACT:
Vitamin and mineral supplements cannot cure COVID-19



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