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TRAGIC PLIGHT: 23 CONFIRMED COVID DEATHS

With 23 confirmed COVID deaths as of 21 July and 151 new infections reported on average each day — with the highest daily average reported on 15 July, the BVI's COVID situation is at an all-time high. This worrying trend has caused the Government to consider all options relevant to curbing the situation.

Speaking on the 20 July broadcast of VIP radio Minister for Health Hon. Carvin Malone explained that he sees the effects of the coronavirus on the Territory. He said the Ministry of Health is keeping an eye on the numbers and the statistics: "What we will never be able to measure is where we are mentally in this fight. We as a people cannot go without hope, but since July we have had some remarkable changes in terms of what we had to do. Some of them positive and some of them very disheartening."

While noting that the current COVID numbers are very high, the Health Minister stated: "In



Some of the volunteers who gave of their time to vaccinate hundreds during the weekend two-day inoculation drive titled "Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive Thru."
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July [so far] we have had 13,541 tests that were run. For our adult population...that is half of the adult population that has been tested in the Territory at this particular time. We have 1,604 positive cases that exist at this time."

Hon. Malone said that the situation was under control from the time the pandemic started in March 2020. However, things seem to have taken a sudden drastic turn, and the community feels the effects.

"We had one death that occurred early in the pandemic, and it was not until July 2021 that we started to... have a total of 23 deaths.

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These are persons that we know, persons that we love...I have had to speak to crying mothers, dads, and sisters and brothers... The sad part of this is that whatever we feel as to who did, who did not it doesn't count anymore. What is [important] is that you have a lost son, daughter, mother, uncle, aunt; so our condolences go out to all of these families."

The rise in cases and the increase in COVID deaths has ignited calls within the community to explore all options. The Minister noted that all reasonable and safe options were on the table: "You can rest assured that your government is doing all that is required in order to see us through this period."

This conversation is coupled with the debate among pro-vaxxers and anti-vaxxers that continues to rage on social media. One of the common complaints in this line of conversation is the opinion that the Government has not been open to alternative medicine. While the Minister did not reference this concern directly, his comment did touch on the areas of complaints. Hon. Malone said: "There are persons who have herbal remedies, persons who have new medicine that they would like to see introduced,

tried. The Health Services Authority has engaged in the best practices after consultation with the CDC after consultation with Public Health England, with CARPHA, WHO, and all of what is possible. There are emerging technologies, emerging drugs that we would seek to get...This is not a magic pill but it is something that if it can save one life we would make sure that it is here."

Hon. Malone further said that as persons become concerned about the current tragic juncture, they should also consider that the treatment options currently being used are working. "We have looked in terms of the persons who have had to use our particular facilities and the Special Care Unit. You will hear of the stories of the deaths but you will not hear much about the recoveries."

"Everything is being done to keep everyone off of the ventilators that we have. Ventilators are not the best remedy, when it comes to saving a life we have to try everything and we try our very best to keep everyone away from ventilators. We have the 12 facilities that are fulltime in terms of all of the pieces necessary because a ventilator by itself is not a full system so the unit that we have built have additional ventilators

that will come on stream. We have the 12, we are currently using two. Four persons in ICU about 13 in the special ward. We have a number of people that have been checked into emergency wards," Hon. Malone further stated.

The Minister said that some of the extreme situations are avoidable as persons should get medical help once they notice COVID like symptoms. Hon. Malone said that there are instances where persons seem to ignore the signs of the virus: "Of critical importance is the number of persons who are feeling ill, but simply refuse to get help for whatever the reason. The fact is that there are some who have been introduced to natural remedies, herbal remedies and it has worked. We have asked that you do not wait until you are in an advanced stage of illness before you present yourself. You may have your herbal remedies, it is best to call the hotline and speak with the qualifying physician who can then help you to assess."

With the numbers being at an all time high, the Health Minister said that the Government is seeking medical assistance to help curb the situation. "I have been in meetings all day with agencies around the world. We have had conversations

with the United States Virgin Islands, with FEMA and a number of voluntary health organizations who have put forward a number of ideas and concepts and ready to deploy the help that we need. We have been in consultation with doctors that have been referred to us by religious institutions. They have looked in terms of providing the respiratory therapist that we need, the lab technicians that we need, the emergency techs that we need, the EMS," he mentioned.

Hon. Malone said that a shipment of additional PPEs is due to arrive in the Territory next week, Monday. He also spoke about the concerns of residents who wish to take the other types of vaccines. Hon. Malone disclosed that the plans to facilitate the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are at an advance stage: "We would be making announcements as to how you can get access to the Pfizer and Moderna [vaccines]. This could only be accessed in St Thomas but the agencies are working with us here in the Virgin Islands. We are putting a team together so that you can call a central desk and we are trying to get the rapid test so that when you enter the portal for the United States Virgin Islands you can have it entered there. You will

have to pay your way down and we have the particular buses. Once you get down, transportation would be there arranged...to take you to the R Schneider Hospital second floor and you are administered either the Pfizer or the Moderna."

"You will be brought directly back to the ferry. Return, take a rapid test and then we will announce what protocol we will follow. The Chief Medical Officer is finishing his write up of protocols for this. We know that some of you will be concerned about whether or not you will have to be quarantined for an additional four days. We will be guided by the Acting Chief Medical Officer as it relates to that," he added.



Medicare Lab Responds to Ministry of Health Press Releases

Private medical service provider Medicare Laboratory, which is an extension of the Eureka Medical Clinic, has lashed out at the Ministry of Health for what it claims were indirect efforts to discredit Medicare Lab PCR testing capabilities and an attempt to make the public think that by offering PCR testing Medicare Laboratory was acting irresponsibly.

In the press release issued on 18 July, Dr. Heskith Vanterpool, the Medical Director of both Medicare Lab and Eureka Medical Clinic said that he felt compelled to respond to two press releases from the Ministry of Health. He explained that the press releases in question were issued on 15 and 16 July and related to the status of PCR and Rapid antigen testing in BVI.

The first of the press releases issued by the Ministry of Health aimed at advising the public that the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital is the only facility authorized and recognized by the Ministry of Health and Social Development to conduct PCR testing and antigen testing in the Virgin Islands at this time. While the second stated that the Ministry was working with the Management of Eureka Medical Clinic to bring their

PCR testing capacity online in a safe and effective manner. In fact, Acting Chief Medical Office (CMO) Dr. Ronald Georges said the Ministry had an initial discussion with Eureka Medical Clinic to have additional PCR capability available in the Territory. "We have reached out to the Pan-American Health Organization to provide the necessary support to ensure that the necessary biosafety and quality aspects are independently verified and are in place prior to start of testing," Dr. Georges explained.

However, Dr. Vanterpool criticized the announcement stating, "Medicare Lab now has PCR and Rapid antigen capabilities and contrary to the suggestion in the press release, we are acting very responsibly in the rollout of these services."

While rubbishing the Ministry of Health's mention of authorization, Dr. Vanterpool stated: "The Ministry of Health (MOH) has never been known to approve or disapprove any laboratory test in BVI and has no publicly known mechanism in place for authorizing or recognizing any lab for doing PCR or any other form of test. Prior to Medicare starting PCR testing, only the hospital lab did this test. It did not need

approval or authorization from Government. We respect the responsibility that the MOH has to ensure the health of the public and recognize that in a pandemic could act to control irresponsible and dangerous behaviour, if necessary. Not the case here! While there is a need to ensure accuracy of PCR test results there is no need to undergo the prolonged and complex process that was said to be necessary in the press release. Medicare lab already has the essential requirements in place to qualify at level 2 biosafety standards (same as hospital) and has in the past been advised by a representative from PAHO on this matter. There is no need for PAHOs involvement at this time."

Dr. Vanterpool said that the Ministry rushed to issue its press release after noting that Medicare Laboratory has been carrying out state-of-the-art COVID 19 testing. "Within the last two weeks Medicare laboratory started doing PCR testing for the Covid 19 virus and two days ago we added Rapid Antigen (Lateral Flow) testing as well. Eureka Medical Clinic built a Specimen collection center in the parking lot area, to ensure safe and efficient sample collection for patients. These developments apparently prompted the two press releases by the Ministry of Health claiming in the first

one that "Dr. D Orlando Smith Hospital is the only facility authorized and recognized by the Ministry of Health and Social Development to conduct PCR testing and antigen testing in the Virgin Islands at this time."

The Director of Medicare Laboratory further added: "These press releases made a number of statements that put the Medicare Laboratory and Eureka Medical Clinic in a bad light and strongly suggested that both institutions are acting in a cavalier and irresponsible manner as they both try to improve the public's access to PCR and Rapid antigen testing during this deadly surge of Covid virus infection in the Territory. Thus, the management of both institutions have thought carefully about how to respond to these indirect allegations, with a view to defending the hard earned good reputation of both institutions, at the same time educating the public on the reality of Covid testing in BVI and importantly to respect the authority and oversight that the Ministry of Health has for healthcare in the Territory. I, Dr. Heskith Vanterpool, am the medical director of both Medicare Lab and of Eureka Medical Clinic. I have provided medical services through Eureka Medical Clinic for the last 36 years and Medicare Laboratory has provided



Dr. Heskith Vanterpool

excellent state of the art laboratory services for 31 years."

The Director further stated: "The owners and directors (Dr. Hubert and Mrs. Jennifer O'Neal and Dr. Heskith and Mrs. Jean Vanterpool) have invested heavily in this Lab, continuously advancing the testing capability that can be offered to the public. Medicare lab has undoubtedly performed as well as the hospital lab has over the years. Our laboratory technologists are as well trained and exercise as much care in the performance of their work as those at the public hospital. Our lab is not cavalier in doing its work, and the establishment of PCR testing at Medicare is not being done without attention to factors that affect accuracy of our results. Covid 19 is a serious illness, and we take the necessary steps to ensure that the results are accurate."



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BVI Ministers Criticize Commission of Inquiry

In a joint statement issued on Monday, 20 July, Ministers of Government have reprimanded the Commission of Inquiry (COI) for overworking public servants by making overwhelming requests for information. In the statement, which allegedly represented the views of all portfolio holding members of Government the COI team were criticized for being unreasonable in their information quest.

In the statement the Ministers said that they had to speak out against the many requests that were made by the Commission of Inquiry team in their probe on corruption reports. The Government members alluded to the current pandemic and opined that the constant requests were distracting from important public service tasks.

This complaint from the Government seemed to have been triggered by the 14 July

Extension of Commission of Inquiry announcement by His Excellency Governor John Rankin. While noting this announcement the Government members said: "Ministers have been increasingly concerned by the large and growing diversion of the resources of the Government to the Commission of Inquiry, and more so after the six-month extension announced by His Excellency the Governor."

Now that the COI hearings have been extended, the Ministers said that they would like to see a clear structure and timetable for the hearings. The Ministers said that they would also like to see notice of the subject matter for those hearings set out well in advance, so that the Government can plan its resources and the time of public servants accordingly.

In disapproving the current format of the Inquiry the Government members said that

although the Inquiry, thus far, has indicated six general areas of interest, it has generally given only a week's notice to the witnesses it would call. The Ministers cited this process as burdensome for public servants: "The accumulated strains on the public service of dealing with the COI's requests for evidence and further demands for documents, often at very short notice, is untenable at a time when the Government is grappling with the most dangerous COVID-19 outbreak since the beginning of the pandemic. It is for these reasons, Ministers believe, that the COI has been extended," the statement explained.

It was mentioned that since February 2021, the Government has provided over 100,000 documents to the COI. The Ministers said that the COI has also requested that Ministers and public servants make over 30 lengthy affidavits, each with many

pages of documentary exhibits, explaining in detail matters such as procurement systems, legislation in the British Virgin Islands, the working of statutory bodies, the system of granting Crown lands and the financing of the public service, going back many years.

"Ministers believe it to be essential to recognize that the limited human resources of the public service are supposed to serve the people of the Virgin Islands and have many other vital priorities with which they have to deal daily. For the Inquiry to continue with legitimacy and to manage both the limited capacity and time of public officers, it is hoped the COI will provide both a schedule for the hearings and details on the subjects and areas for investigation," the Ministers stated.

PRO-VAXXERS Vs ANTI-VAXXERS: Opposition Leader is Concerned

Leader of the Opposition Hon. Marlon Penn is concerned over what seems to be a constant clash between vaccinated and unvaccinated members of the community. In an address to the Territory on 12 July Hon. Penn said that this division is thwarting COVID response which is dangerous at this time.

The Opposition Leader bemoaned the current increase of COVID 19 Cases in the Territory and said that the pointing of fingers is not making the dramatic situation better. "Fellow Virgin Islanders, friends and family, one of the unintended consequences of the

current COVID outbreak is the clash between business expectations and the burden placed on unvaccinated workers. We need not be totally divided on this issue, because in all of this we all desire the same outcome – the preservation of lives and livelihoods."

The rift between those who took the vaccine and the others who have not is being compounded by the decision of some companies to send home their unvaccinated workers. This decision which is being adopted by major European countries resulted in calls for boycott of such local businesses by other antivaxxer residents; which

resulted in an escalation of the debate.

Hon. Penn called on employers to use reason. He said, "To the employer with unvaccinated staff, we ask you to change the conversation and help your staff navigate through the difficult issues that are preventing them from vaccinating."

The position of whether to vaccinate or not has erupted in a massive public debate and Hon. Penn said that the time has come for a brainstorming on the matter in order to find a reasonable solution. He also noted that the

Government should also be part of the conversation.

"We must also expand our education campaign, and with a strong focus on the individual, if we are to make greater progress in defeating COVID-19. Every citizen needs to be engaged so that we can express, learn and understand each other's views, fears and concerns, reservations, and truths. We must answer each other truthfully, clearly and fully, supported by credible information and the best actions to halt the spread of the virus," the Opposition Leader added.



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Contract Signed For Fencing Of Anegada Recreation Ground

The Government of the Virgin Islands through the Recovery and Development Agency (RDA) has signed a contract with Sunleaf Construction to repair the perimeter fence at the Anegada Recreation Ground.

The contract for the sum

of US\$83,491.95 will allow for restoration works to be carried out on the facility to prevent further deterioration and protect any future investment.

Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture,

Dr. the Honourable Natalio Wheatley said that he is pleased to see that works will commence on the grounds as it shows progress in the Territory's continued recovery efforts.

Acting Chief Executive Officer of the RDA,

Mr. Anthony McMaster said, "This project is very significant to the people of Anegada as it continues to enhance the sporting facilities and provide a safe recreation space... It is a pleasure to work with Sunleaf Construction who was successful in the RDA's competitive bidding process."

According to the RDA, Sunleaf Construction emerged as the successful tenderer from a total of seven

submissions received by the agency acting on behalf of the lead ministry for the project, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs, Fisheries and Agriculture. Unite BVI provided the funding source for the project

The works are expected to fulfill the RDA's mission to support the Government of the Virgin Islands in repairing critical infrastructure following the devastating effects of the 2017 disasters.



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Contract Signing - Oswyne Wilson, Manager at Sunleaf Construction and Acting Chief Executive Officer of the RDA, Anthony McMaster



Anegada Recreation Grounds

BVI's Online Work Permit System Activated

Employers and employees across the Territory are being encouraged to familiarise themselves with the user manual to allow for efficient and effective use of the recently launched Online Work Permit System.



Department of Labour and Workforce Development Logo
(Photo credit: GIS)

Deputy Labour Commissioner at the Department of Labour and Workforce Development Mrs. Michelle McLean said that it is important that persons get acquainted with the user manual for the system to submit their applications via the portal as the department is no longer accepting hard copy applications for any type of work permits.

Mrs. McLean said, "We are working on processing the hard copy applications that were previously submitted before the launching of the system with the aim of going fully digital. Therefore, to avoid negating this process, it is particularly important that no further hard copies be submitted to the department."

The user manual for the Online Work Permit System can be found on the Government's website by clicking the banner that says "Online Work Permit System User Manual" or by clicking the following link: <https://bvi.gov.vg/content/work-permit-application-system-employers-user-guide>

The system can be accessed by inputting the following link into your web browser: <https://services.gov.vg/> and persons needing assistance on how to use the system can email wpportalhelp@gov.vg.

The Department of Labour and Workforce Development continues to implement technology to aid in the enforcement of the British Virgin Islands Labour Laws, which will aid in effectively promoting good labour and management practices at workplaces to ensure stable and harmonious labour relations between employers and employees.

Existing Curfew Passes Will Be Renewed

Persons who were issued curfew passes under the curfew order published on July 9 are advised that they will be issued new passes effective July 24 and do not need to make new applications.

Persons requiring curfew passes should make their applications to the Office of the Deputy Governor at dgo@gov.vg.

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Dr. Tres-Ann Kremer is new Director of The UWI Institute of Criminal Justice & Security

The UWI Regional Headquarters, Jamaica. W.I. Tuesday, July 20, 2021. — The Office of Administration at The University of the West Indies (The UWI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Tres-Ann Kremer as the new Director

degree in Criminology from the University of Kent in the UK (2010).

Dr. Kremer comes to The UWI from the Commonwealth Secretariat where she served as Head of the Commonwealth Secretary-General's Good Offices for Peace. She was

Dr Kremer also has significant high impact civil society engagement experience. She served as International Capacity Building and Accountability Coordinator for Amnesty International Secretariat (UK); Principal Consultant at The Point Research and Consulting, overseeing social cohesion capacity building with women and youth civil society organisations in Israel and Bosnia and Herzegovina; Policy and Research Manager - Female Prisoners Welfare Project at Hibiscus Initiatives in the UK and as a former lecturer at University of Kent and University of Greenwich.

As a researcher, her publications include over a dozen technical papers and equally as many presentations. Her PhD research focussed on the experiences of the disproportionately high percentage of black, foreign women in prisons in England. It impacted the sentencing regime for foreign nationals in the United Kingdom and influenced prison reforms relating to the experience of foreign nationals in the UK.

She has a strong background in organisational development, building strategic partnerships, and project monitoring and evaluation. This is coupled with expertise in mediation and negotiation; crime and violence prevention, restorative and transitional justice; political engagement, elections, coalition governance; and gender equality.

Dr. Kremer's appointment took effect on June 1, 2021. On behalf of the University community, the Office of Administration extends a warm welcome to Dr Kremer and best wishes in her new role.



Dr. Tres-Ann Kremer

of the University's Institute of Criminal Justice & Security.

A senior democratic governance and political specialist, Dr. Kremer possesses over two decades of expertise in high-level multilateral and bilateral relations. She is a returning, proud UWI alumna, having earned her Bachelor of Science (double major) in both Sociology and International Relations from the Mona Campus (1999). She is also the holder of Master of Arts, in Diplomatic Studies (with distinction) from the University of Westminster in the UK (2001) and a Doctor of Philosophy

also Lead Political Adviser for the Caribbean region. She served as Assistant Conference Secretary for the bi-annual Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) (2017-2021), and also as Assistant Conference Secretary for Commonwealth Foreign Affairs Ministers Meetings (CFAMM) and the Commonwealth Ministerial Meetings on Belize and Guyana. She also previously served as Head of Office for the Commonwealth Deputy Secretary-General (Political). She was elected as the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Staff Association (2019 to 2021).

International Literacy Day To Feature Video As Part Of Activities

Secretary General of the BVI National Commission of UNESCO Dr. Allison Flax-Archer has said the commission will be accepting videos as part of the visual piece in observance of International Literacy Day. Dr. Allison Flax-Archer said the COVID-19 pandemic has forced a new way of learning at an extraordinary degree and is a stark reminder of the significant importance of literacy for all.

The Secretary General said, "As we look forward and implement recovery, my hope is that we embrace the positive that has been developed because of our initial discomfort to change and that we renew our educational plans personally and professionally."

Dr. Archer added, "Narrowing the digital divide at this time can only be positive as it affords the brilliant opportunity of strengthening links in the Virgin Islands and throughout the world to educational opportunities. I am simply thrilled."

Persons desirous of being a part of the International Literacy video should submit a 30 second or less video on the theme: Literacy for a human-centered recovery: Narrowing the digital divide." Videos should also be taped horizontally and in a properly lit area.

Submissions should be sent to aflax-archer@gov.vg by August 25. The final video will be posted on the Government's Facebook page on International Literacy Day, September 8.



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- **Taped horizontally in a properly lit area**

Deadline for submission is 25 August 2021

Submissions should be sent to aflax-archer@gov.vg
World Literacy Day is celebrated on 8 September, 2021



BVI Reports Six More COVID Fatalities

The Ministry of Health and Social Development is confirming six more COVID related fatalities over the last two days bringing the total number of deaths in the Virgin Islands to 23.

The deceased are a 50-year-old female who died on July 18, a 71-year-old male, a 66-year-old female a 41-year-old female and a 74-year-old female who died on July 19, and a 67-year-old male who died today. Five persons died at the Dr. D. Orlando Smith Hospital and one person died at home.

Minister for Health and Social Development Honourable Carvin Malone expressed condolences to the families and friends of those who are hurting and mourning the loss of their loved ones on behalf of the Government of the Virgin Islands. "This is a difficult time for all of us here in the Territory. We have never seen a situation like this unfold. I pray that God continues to grant us favour and mercy to see us through this very troubling time," he said.

Honourable Malone further stated, "We met with a team of over 45 doctors, who have pledged their support and we are calling on the nurses active, retired, at home or abroad to lend their services and support at this very important moment."

As of July 18, confirmed active cases had fallen to 1,604 in the Territory with a reduction in daily increase in new cases.

Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ronald Georges said, "Persons who test positive for COVID-19 need to disclose their positive status especially if they live in a household with other people. We are seeing a number of occurrences of persons not disclosing and therefore endangering persons around them."

Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive-Thru which was launched last weekend remains in effect. Persons seeking their first or second jab of the AstraZeneca vaccine can do so from July 20 to 24 on the Festival Grounds between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Reduce your risk of contracting COVID-19 by washing and/or sanitising your hands (~20 seconds), wearing masks properly, physically distancing (>3ft) and covering coughs and sneezes regardless of your vaccination status.

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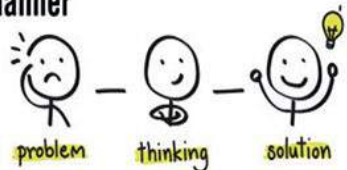
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**BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS COMMISSION
OF INQUIRY
PRESS NOTICE
COMMISSION OF INQUIRY: UPDATE**

The Commission of Inquiry (“the COI”) was issued on 19 January 2021 to look into whether corruption, abuse of office or other serious dishonesty may have taken place amongst public, elected and statutory officials in recent years; and to make appropriate recommendations as to governance and the operation of the law enforcement and justice systems in the BVI. The Rt Hon Sir Gary Hickinbottom is the sole Commissioner.

As the Commissioner has confirmed, the COI will not hold hearings in August; and, as it is not possible to arrange hearings in respect of Statutory Boards and Crown Land prior to the August break as the Commissioner had hoped, the hearings earlier this week will be the last this month.

In his statement on 2 June 2021, the Commissioner explained that, given the history of inadequate and incomplete disclosure of documents and to ensure properly focused hearings, he was making requests for corporate witness statements in relation to these topics. These requests were largely addressed to Ministers, but the Commissioner was content for a Minister to decide if a public officer should provide the statement in his or her stead. The Commissioner expected the Inquiry Response Unit (IRU) to assist in the preparation of these statements. Despite requests having been made weeks before the recent rise in Covid 19 cases and multiple extensions of deadlines, in substantial part these statements are still awaited. Whilst the Commissioner is sensitive to the fact that the current Covid 19 situation in the BVI now makes it more difficult for some Government departments, it is vital that the material outstanding be provided as soon as possible to enable focused hearings to resume.

The Commissioner and his team will be returning to the UK to continue the task of preparing for the forthcoming hearings. They will return to the BVI in late August to complete the hearings. It is hoped that it will be possible by then for witnesses to appear in person at our hearing room at the International Arbitration Centre. The COI however has arrangements in place to allow for remote hearings should these become necessary. The COI will continue to keep the BVI public informed through its website.

The Commissioner reiterates his gratitude to the people of the BVI for their continuing help and support, and to the public officers upon whom the main burden has fallen to provide the documentation and evidence that is vital to enable the COI to carry out its work and fulfil its Terms of Reference.

Steven Chandler
Secretary to the Commission
21 July 2021

**ONEMART SUPERMARKET WILL NOT
RELEASE UNVACCINATED WORKERS**

President and CEO of the One Mart Supermarket group, Mark Vanterpool, says unvaccinated staff will keep their jobs respecting their decisions not to accept the COVID-19 vaccine at this time. Vanterpool commented:

“Several weeks ago, our Supermarket group adopted a policy of not scheduling unvaccinated employees to work physically at any of our company’s properties. We did so in the interest of our customers, our employees, and our business; however, we have no plans to release those workers on account of non-vaccinations at this time. Instead, our executive team is exploring options for those persons to be assigned other duties or to work remotely within the company.” He further added:

“Our staff members have always been devoted to our company and customers, and we too are devoted to them. Thankfully over 90% (125 persons) of

One Mart’s staff is already fully vaccinated or partially vaccinated. Approximately 10% (15 persons) remain unvaccinated for various reasons. I strongly believe that COVID-19 vaccines are the only option to give our business, our people, and our community a fighting chance at defeating this deadly pandemic. However, we fully intend to treat all staff with respect and dignity. We respect their positions, but we still strongly encourage them to be vaccinated unless they have extenuating medical or religious reasons. In the meantime, we will pivot our operations slightly and deploy available technology to allow them to work remotely.”

On June 28th, 2021, after having two staff members test positive for COVID-19, One Mart Supermarket instructed the affected workers to remain quarantined at home until advised otherwise by the British Virgin Islands Public Health Unit. Then, on June 30th,

2021, One Mart supermarket further advised all employees that persons who did not take their first COVID-19 shots by July 3rd and their second shots by July 31st, would not be scheduled to work until further notice. Since that time, all such employees have continued to receive full pay and a weekly \$100 food voucher for a two-week period with home-delivery grocery service.

One Mart values all its team members and respects the personal decisions of unvaccinated staff.

The supermarket continues to operate with enhanced safety measures in place and vaccinated workers only at this time.

We strongly encourage all in the BVI to vaccinate for all of our safety!

Our prayers are with all in the BVI especially those who have lost loved ones and those who are suffering in the hospital or at home.

Reduce your risk of coronavirus infection:



Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub

Cover nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing with tissue or flexed elbow

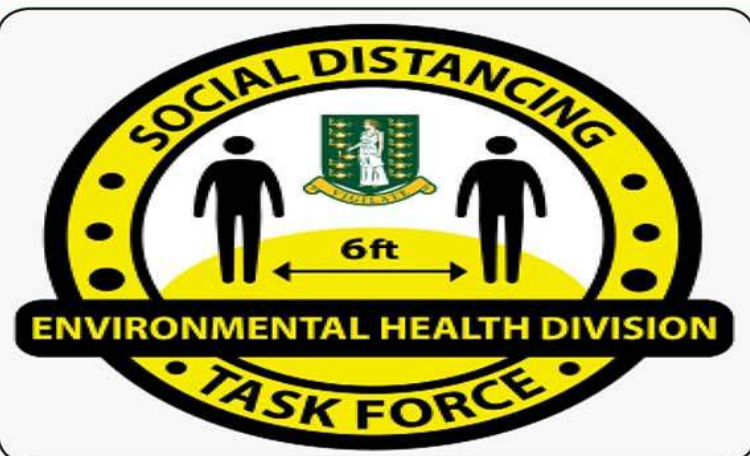


Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms

Thoroughly cook meat and eggs



Avoid unprotected contact with live wild or farm animals



PURPOSE STATEMENT (CNSP RESOLUTION No. 330/2015)

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GLOBAL NEWS BRIEF

STORIES SELECTED BY GIORGIO MIGLIAVACCA

TRINIDAD - Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Keith Rowley has raised the possibility of the COVID-19 vaccine becoming mandatory should the virus mutate to the point of posing a serious threat to the country.

"This is an international conversation which is very much a local conversation. What the government has done is to respect that right to choose what you do with your body. That is reasonable, under the circumstances," Rowley said on a television program here hosted by a former government minister Dr. Bhowe Tewarie.

"But suppose it becomes a situation where there is a variant of this virus that becomes even more virulent, is more deadly and spreads more rapidly and we know, through scientific information, that there's a vaccine that could prevent that from happening, then the Government will have to take a decision on behalf of those persons who have the right to protect themselves from this virus. So a decision will have to be made," he added.

Rowley told television viewers that if the voluntary situation gives Trinidad and Tobago the result that it can live with, "then we live with being voluntary." [CNW]

JAMAICA - In a move to seek "justice from injustices", Jamaica is readying

to demand reparations from Great Britain for the centuries-old slave trade in the former British colony.

The island was seized by the British, from the Spanish, in 1655 and profited off the labour of African slaves who worked on plantations of sugar cane, bananas and other crops. An estimated 600,000 Africans were shipped to toil in Jamaica, according to the National Library of Jamaica.

Although Britain prohibited trade in slaves in its empire in 1807, slavery wasn't abolished in the Caribbean until 1834. And Jamaica remained a British colony until its independence in 1962.

Leading the push for reparations in Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports, Olivia "Babsy" Grange, who said it is time that Jamaica get justice from injustices. [CNW]

CARIBBEAN - Mastercard has released its report Recovery Insights: Ready for Takeoff?, a global look at key trends in air and land travel. Although the global travel recovery remains uneven in pace, one-fifth of the countries surveyed have returned to at least 90% of pre-pandemic levels in domestic flight bookings.

The report, produced by the Mastercard Economics Institute, draws on anonymous, aggregated sales activity from across the Mastercard global network to better

understand the next phase of travel, its drivers, and its challenges. This includes the balance between business and leisure, local and long-distance travel, and also between savings and spending. In addition, the report looks at the spending categories that are experiencing a rebound and what this indicates in terms of travel recovery. [CaribbeanNewsDigital]

PUERTO RICO - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reduced the risk of contracting COVID-19 in Puerto Rico to Level 2, or "moderate."

Therefore, fully vaccinated people can travel to the Island without restrictions.

According to Discover Puerto Rico, the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) of Puerto Rico, "the news is a positive sign for the tourism industry in Puerto Rico, which is already experiencing a solid recovery from the effects of the pandemic. As reported in the July Industry Update, the island's recovery is advancing at a pace that exceeds that of other states and territories in the United States - the number of visitors so far this year continues to increase, the rates occupancy reaches unprecedented levels and income and taxes derived from visitor consumption have reached historical levels compared to 2019, the best year in the history of the Island."

Brad Dean, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Discover Puerto Rico, the Island's Destination Marketing Organization (DMO), noted that "the organization's marketing efforts to keeping Puerto Rico on the minds of

consumers and travel agents - even during the most difficult point of the pandemic - are paying off."

"I am proud of the work our team does, their marketing, sales and promotional strategies and tactics that have contributed significantly to revitalizing the tourism industry," said Dean. "Now, with fewer travel restrictions, we will redouble our efforts to encourage travelers to safely enjoy their vacations in one of the most incredible and accessible destinations in the world," he added. [Caribbean Business]

ROME - A Rome court on Friday released the explanation of its May decision to give two young American men, Finnegan Lee Elder and Christian Gabriel Natale Hjorth, life in prison for the homicide of Carabinieri police officer Mario Cerciello Rega in July 2019.

Elder killed Cerciello Rega with 11 stab wounds inflicted by a combat knife he had brought over from the US while Natale Hjorth assaulted the slain officer's partner at the end of a chain of events sparked by a drugs deal that went wrong.

Cerciello Rega, 35, had recently returned from his honeymoon when he was killed.

The judges said the personality of the defendants was "alarming, despite their young age".

The explanation talked of the "disconcerting perpetration of serious criminal acts in an disturbing escalation of illegality".

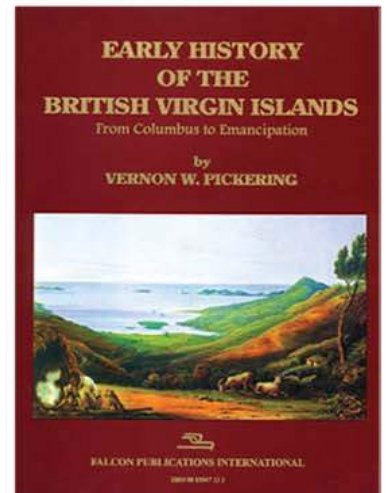
It said they upheld "deviant models of behaviour" with the "glorification of drugs, the ostentation of weapons and money as symbols of success, as documented by the photos found on mobile telephones" and said this highlighted "the clear criminal capacity of both". [ANSA]

MALTA - The new controversial Hungarian law, according to MEP Alfred Sant, is purposely vague and will create a context in which LGBTIQ people will feel threatened, unprotected and where homophobic attacks could be allowed. "This way," Sant warns, 'fascism beckons'

MEP Alfred Sant has taken a harsh stance against Hungary's new and controversial anti-LGBTIQ legislation, insisting that, "One cannot tolerate public discrimination and hate speech in the EU against LGBTIQ citizens and other minorities and it is even more unacceptable that such discrimination and injustice is being set into a national law, as in Hungary."

While voting in favour of a European Parliament resolution on 'Breaches of EU law and of the rights of LGBTIQ citizens in Hungary as a result of the adopted legal changes in

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the Hungarian Parliament, Sant told the EP's plenary session this that the new law blatantly restricts the rights and freedoms of LGBTIQ persons, as well as children's rights.

"The issues at stake go beyond considerations and legal procedures related to Article 7, which have in the past been subject to partisan manipulation. They relate to human rights values as enshrined in Article 2 of the Treaty of the EU. About these, there can be no compromise."

On 15 June, the Hungarian Parliament adopted a law originally intended to fight paedophilia, which, following amendments proposed by members of Victor Orbán's ruling Fidesz party, contains clauses prohibiting the portrayal of homosexuality and gender-reassignment to minors.

The law also prohibits homosexuality and gender reassignment from being featured in sex education classes and stipulates that such classes can now only be taught by registered organisations. [Maltatoday]

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The Sunny Side Up



Through the Lens of The Sunny Side



Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie was on site to encourage and thank those who turned up for vaccination "Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive Thru."

Saturday July 17 at the Festival Grounds

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Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive Thru



The increase in COVID 19 deaths in the Territory influenced community response to the pandemic. One of these great gestures was the two-day inoculation drive titled "Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive Thru."

This initiative which was held by the BVI Red Cross in conjunction with the Government of the Virgin Islands and UNICEF. The event also had support from other non-government organizations such as the Rotary and Lions Clubs; as well as independent volunteers. The result of the joint effort was a final tally of over 800 residents vaccinated.

The drive was held on Saturday 17 July and Sunday 18 July from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Festival Grounds. The total number of persons vaccinated on Saturday and Sunday during this vaccination drive thru event was: 753 Overall First Dose for the weekend; and 134 Overall Second Dose for the weekend. The total number vaccinated was 887.

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Ladyburd Talks

Dear Readers: Everyone has feelings of anxiety, nervousness, tension, and stress from time to time. Here are 5 ways to help manage them: (2 of 2)

Connect with nature. Heading out for a walk in the park or a hike in the woods can help anyone feel peaceful and grounded. (Choose somewhere you feel safe so you can relax and enjoy your surroundings.) Walking, hiking, trail biking, or snowshoeing offer the additional benefit of exercise. Invite a friend or two — or a family member — along and enjoy feeling connected to people as well.

Pay attention to the good things. A great way to keep our minds off the worry track is to focus our thoughts on things that are good, beautiful, and positive. Appreciate the small, everyday blessings. Allow yourself to dream, wish, and imagine the best that could happen.

Note: When anxiety or worry feels extreme, it may be a sign of an anxiety disorder. For someone who has an anxiety disorder, getting proper care from a health professional is important. These tips can help too, of course. But professional treatment is the only way to shake an anxiety disorder.

Source: <https://kidshealth.org/en/teens/anxiety-tips.html>

Reviewed by: D'Arcy Lyness, PhD



Ladyburd's Mail Box

delseitaliburd@msn.com

Dear Ladyburd: Greetings! I have a problem that I am grappling with, I got pregnant on two occasions and I had abortions on both occasions. Now I am a grown woman and I have a boyfriend whom I love dearly and I know the sentiments are reciprocated. Now Ladyburd, we are planning to get married in the not too distant future, my fiancé does not have a child and I am worried that I might not be able to give him one when the time is right, and because of that, I get very sad and withdrawn at times. Do you have any suggestions for me to ease the doubts that I am now facing. May God continue to Bless you, I value your suggestions. **Doubtful**

Ladyburd...Dear Doubtful: My first suggestion to you is to consider yourself Blessed, you have someone whom you love and who is in love with you, that in itself is a Blessing. You cannot go back and undo what you have done some years ago, so you will have to make a conscious decision to ask for forgiveness and move on with your life. If you continue to dwell on the past, it will be an hindrance in your happiness. A good idea would be for you to get some counseling and that should help the situation. If you are to have children, it will happen, do not ruin this beautiful thing that you have going for you right now. Just be happy, and Give Thanks. All the best for a happy life. Remember adoption is always an option.

Just a footnote to the young ladies, there are a lot of contraceptives out there, if you do not want to get pregnant use them, so that you do not have unplanned pregnancies, that will end up in abortions, that will help you to wait until you are ready to have children.



Light Bulb Moments

"Creativity Is Intelligence Having Fun."

— Albert Einstein

"Do What You Can With All You Have, Wherever You Are."

— Theodore Roosevelt

"You Are Never Too Old To Set Another Goal Or To Dream A New Dream."

— C.S. Lewis

Poetry Corner

Never give up (2)

*Did anyone tell you
That life would be easy
Did you hear from someone
That getting success,
would be breezy
If you think this way
You are completely wrong
Life is mean, life is tough
It is not a sweet song
For every little goal
For every little dream
You must keep fighting
And never lose steam
Work hard, be focused
and concentrate
Are the things you
must do
But apart from doing
all that
You must never give up.*

Source: <https://wishesmessages.com/never-give-up-poems-dont-give-up-poems/>

Tickle My Funny Bones

By Delseita



Three Drunks and a Taxi Driver

Three drunks hailed a taxi. The taxi driver seeing that they were so wasted when they got in, he just switched on the engine and switched it off, and said we are here. The 1st guy gave him money, 2nd guy said thanks, but the 3rd guy slapped him. The taxi driver was stunned because he was hoping that none of them would have realized the car didn't move an inch. **"So what was that for,"** he asked. **"Control your speed next time, you almost killed us."**

Your Mom said You would Pay

A young man was walking through a supermarket to pick up a few things when he noticed an old lady following him around. Thinking nothing of it, he ignored her and continued on. Finally he went to the checkout line, but she got in front of him. **"Pardon me,"** she said, **"I'm sorry if my staring at you has made you feel uncomfortable. It's just that you look just like my son, who just died recently."**

"I'm very sorry," replied the young man, **"is there anything I can do for you?"** **"Yes,"** she said, **"As I'm leaving, can you say Good bye?"** **"Sure,"** answered the young man.

As the old woman was leaving, he called out, **"Goodbye, Mother!"** As he stepped up to the checkout counter, he saw that his total was \$127.50.

"How can that be?" he asked, **"I only purchased a few things!"** **"Your mother said that you would pay for her,"** said the clerk.

PUN INTENDED

"Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap."

Source: <https://parade.com/1040121/marynliles/one->

Operation Protect Each Other Vaccination Drive Thru

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Premier and Minister for Finance Hon. Andrew Fahie was on site to encourage and thank those who turned up for vaccination. At the end of the second day the BVI Leader said, "Hang in there BVI! GOD is with us! Let's keep doing it BVI. Today with the help of our caring, hardworking, professional and dedicated Healthcare Team and all the volunteers and donors of water, food, etc., day two of Operation Protect Each Other was encouraging. More progress was made to save lives."

The two-day activity was also attended by Minister for Health Hon. Carvin Malone and His Excellency Governor John Rankin. Hon. Malone at the end of the vaccine drive stated, "We can do this BVI - thanks for coming out - thanks for doing it for you."

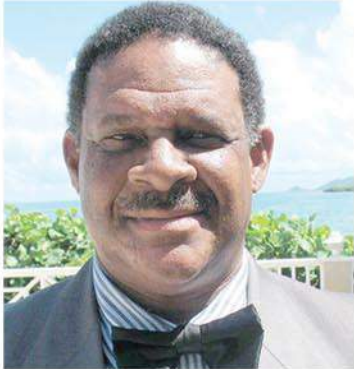
Support was shown to the many volunteers who gave of their time to vaccinate hundreds during the weekend by Hon. Alvera Maduro-Caines and her husband Emmet; as well as Roadtown Wholesale Trading Limited. Both the Caines and RTW provided lunch and drinks to the team working the festival ground during the two days.



COMMENTARY

THE ROAD TO GIBRALTAR

By Dickson Igwe



Dickson Igwe

July 16 2021

The road to Gibraltar is through the land of vaccination

Now the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar experienced the horrors the British Virgin Islands is presently experiencing with the Pandemic.

Gibraltar recorded 4724 cases and 94 deaths due to Covid 19, and a surge in infections that led to a second lockdown.

Like the BVI, the population of Gibraltar is

just over 34, 000 residents. However, the reception to vaccination was different to what has been the BVI experience.

Three months after Gibraltar went into a second lockdown, more than 90% of residents received a first dose of vaccine. Most are now receiving the second dose. The result of the Gibraltar vaccine effort has been simply "astonishing."

The Territory is reopening. The result of the vaccination effort is that Gibraltar is the most vaccinated place in the world. Gibraltar is also the safest place on earth that went through the various stages of the pandemic from surge to lockdown.

The territory known as The Rock has come out

the other side vaccinated, with a huge drop in infections and deaths.

Gibraltar is a tiny place and densely populated. Had there been no vaccine effort, the death rate would have been astronomical.

When Gibraltar was in a bad place like the BVI is today vaccines, a receptive attitude to vaccine, and a ramped up vaccination effort saved the Territory from disaster.

Gibraltar is back to normal. Its hospital is free of Covid patients,

Hopefully the BVI will learn something from Gibraltar.

Connect with Dickson Igwe on Facebook and Twitter

Online Work Permit System Ready For Use

Employers and employees are asked to familiarise themselves with the user manual of the Online Work Permit System as the Department of Labour and Workforce Development is no longer accepting hard copy applications for any type of work permits.

The user manual can be found on the Government's website by clicking the banner, "Online Work Permit System User Manual".

The system can be accessed by inputting the link <https://services.gov.vg/> in your web browser.

Persons can also email wpportalhelp@gov.vg for assistance with the Online Work Permit System.

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The British Virgin Islands Health Services Authority (BVIHSA) Primary Health Care is informing the general public of the following changes in community services, due to the rise in confirmed COVID-19 cases in the territory.

The public is advised to:

- Call the clinic for authorization before going to the clinic. Please note that persons will be triaged and appointments made.
- Continue to observe COVID-19 protocols. Please note that all public health protocols will continue to be enforced.
- Please note that persons with appointments will be contacted.
- Call for an appointment if you are desirous to have a first dose or your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Kindly note that all emergencies will be seen.

Emergency contact numbers are listed below:

Nurse Iris O'Neal Clinic and North Sound Clinic

852-7730

440-1661

345-2613

Theresa Smith Blyden Clinic (Capeon's Bay)

852-6950

440-1641

440-1728

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POLICE NEWS

RVIPF WARNS AGAINST OUTDOOR GATHERINGS

Tuesday, July 20 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force continues to see persons within the community violating the COVID Suppression Orders.

Acting Deputy Commissioner Jacqueline Vanterpool notes that gatherings of any kind,

at their favorite watering holes and outdoor spots. The present COVID Suppression Orders prohibits these types of gatherings since it does not allow enough social distance between persons to prevent transmission. It is very difficult

The individuals disbanded temporarily but returned an hour later to continue their game. Establishments are also being penalised.

“We are also seeing persons travelling by boat during the curfew hours of 7pm to 5am. The restrictions of movement around the Territory applies to both vehicle and boat traffic. If you are out and about after 7pm without a new July 2021 police-issued pass, you will be arrested for violation of the Curfew Order. Those who possess the new passes must have them in hand along with identification. One person’s failure to act according to the law affects all of us,” she noted.

RVIPF is ensuring that persons do not contravene any of the other COVID suppression measures as laid out in Public Health Order, 2021 and the COVID Control and Suppression Regulations that establish prescribe social distancing requirements



even outdoors, are still in breach of the Public Health Orders and must cease if the Territory is to reduce the rapid transmission of the COVID virus.

“Despite the present public health warnings, persons around the Territory are still gathering around domino

not to take part in these daily practices, but we must in order to save lives,” she noted.

The Acting Deputy noted, one officer had to discharge pepper spray in the vicinity to disperse well over a dozen individuals that had gathered around a domino game in East End after his direct order was not obeyed.

RVIPF RETURNING TO FULL COMPLEMENT

Friday, July 16 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force continues to do its part to aid in the Territory’s return to a place of relative safety after close to four dozen of its officers had been on self-isolation.

Commissioner of Police Mark Collins says he is happy to note that of 45 officers on self-isolation since the recent outbreak, 26 have tested negative and have returned to work. With the curfew passes now in place, he says the Force can now adequately ensure that persons are abiding by the Curfew Order in force since July 6th.

“We are returning to the

complement we had prior to this recent COVID outbreak so we are able to play a full part in restoring the Territory to relative safety. We are prayerfully monitoring the condition of the nine that tested positive and the additional ten on isolation for COVID in hopes that they make a speedy recovery.

Commissioner Collins noted that while the community is largely abiding by the curfew, there are still a small number of individuals who are resistant. To those who choose to violate the orders he says, “If you are on the roadways

after 7pm without a new July 2021 police-issued pass, you will be arrested for violation of the Curfew Order. Those who possess the new passes must have them in hand along with identification.”

Officers are also ensuring that persons do not contravene any the other COVID suppression measures as laid out in Public Health Order, 2021 and the COVID Control and Suppression Regulations that establish prescribe social distancing requirements.

The Public Health Order requires persons to continually wear face masks when in public establishments and on public transportation.

ARREST BLOTTER

UTTERING FORGED DOCUMENT

On 30-06-2021 at 1610hrs, Police arrested and charged John Kalphat, 46, for Uttering Forged Document. He appeared before the Magistrate’s Court and was placed on remand.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG WITH INTENT TO SUPPLY

On 14-07-2021 at 0930hrs, Police arrested and charged Shaun Massicott, 28, of East End for Possession of a Controlled Drug with Intent to Supply and Being Concerned with the Supply of a Controlled Drug. He appeared before the Magistrate’s Court and was granted bail.

IMPORTATION OF A CONTROLLED DRUG

On 16-07-2021 at 1430hrs, Police arrested and charged Zawdie Daniel, a native of St. Vincent, residing in Parham Town for Importation of a Controlled Drug and Overstaying Landing Permit. He plead guilty before the Magistrate’s Court and was remanded until sentencing in August.

NEW RVIPF ADMINISTRATION OFFICE SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

In keeping with heightened COVID restrictions, the Administration Office within Royal Virgin Islands Police Force will change the process for accepting police certificates, police reports and visa waivers.

Persons requiring a police certificate can place a completed application along with supporting documents,

i.e., **two passport-size photos for one single application and copy of passport profile page, in a sealed envelope and place that envelope in the drop box provided in the reception area of the Road Town Police Station. The name and email address or contact number of the applicant must be placed on the front of the envelope. Similarly, persons requiring a Police Report can place a completed application in a sealed envelope with the name and contact information of the applicant.**

Payment for these services will be on collection of the requested document at an appointed date and time.

Cash is NOT to be placed in the envelope of any applications.

Applications for visa waivers will be accepted from 9am to 1pm daily by appointment only.

Contact for appointments is 468-5331. For medical emergencies for visa waivers, contacts can be made to 468-5305 or 368-9451.

All applications can be accessed online through the Government website www.bvi.gov.vg.

RVIPF CHARGED SECOND MAN IN JANUARY’S COCAINE FIND

Thursday, July 22 – The Royal Virgin Islands Police Force charged a second male in relation to an operation in January that resulted in the seizure of over 200 kilos of cocaine.

Shaun Massicott, 28, of East End was charged for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply and being concerned with the supply of a controlled drug. He appeared before the Magistrate’s Court on Friday and was offered bail. Devon Bedford had been previously charged in the matter.

During an operation on January 19 in the Brandywine area, officers of the Force intercepted a rental vehicle. A search of that vehicle uncovered a large quantity of cocaine. A subsequent search of a second vehicle uncovered a smaller quantity of cocaine. A boat was seized as part of that operation.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

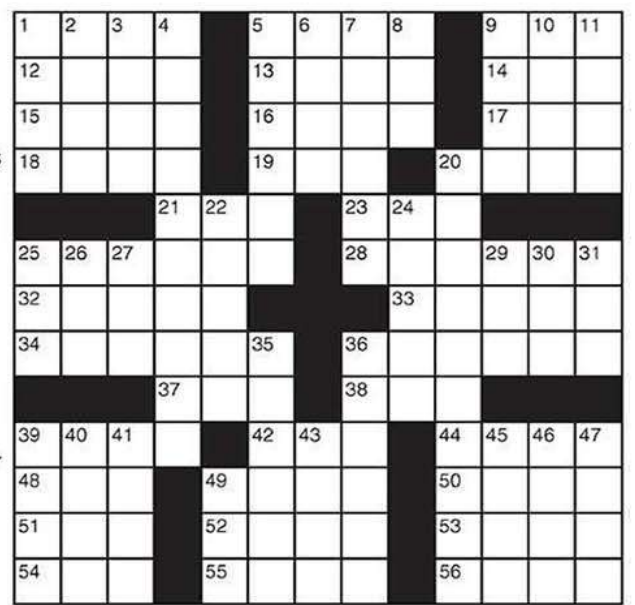
Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Music stand is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Curtain is narrower. 4. Picture is different. 5. Lampshade is longer. 6. Sleeve is longer.

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King Crossword

- ACROSS**
- Circulate
 - Jolly laugh
 - Lustrous black
 - Zero, in tennis
 - Scent
 - glance
 - Border on
 - Reply to "Shall we?"
 - Rug cleaner, briefly
 - Gestation location
 - Goat's plaint
 - Roman censor
 - Fib
 - Medit. nation
 - Cellist Pablo
 - Keep perusing
 - Muscat resident
 - Sky blue
 - Lively dances
 - "Be that as it may ..."
 - Sch. URL ender
 - Atty.'s title
 - Libretto
 - Plead
 - "Oops!"
 - Priestly garment
 - Competent
 - Tiny bit
 - 2016



- Olympics city
- Classic theaters
- Empty talk
- Hosp. areas
- Coffee
- Coup d'—
- Mexican entree
- Hodgepodge
- Homer classic
- Penn and Connery
- Police officer
- "I love," to Livy
- Bando of baseball
- "Gee, ya think?"
- Spanish gold
- Just out
- Filled in
- Sea off Greece
- Old salts
- Author Wiesel
- PlayStation alternative
- Vogue rival
- 60 minutes
- "Beetle Bailey" dog
- Vague
- Lawyers' org.

DOWN

- Imperfection
- Timber wolf
- Egg
- Stick-in-the-mud
- Baker Street sleuth

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Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

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Answers
King Crossword

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

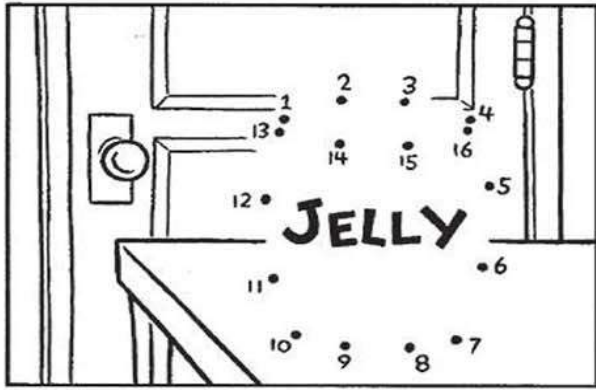
- TELEVISION: What were the first names of the "Golden Girls" characters on the 1980s sitcom?
- MOVIES: What was the name of the dance song in the movie "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the newest internationally recognized nation in the world?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How big is an Olympic swimming pool?
- U.S. STATES: What is the state animal of Nevada?
- ASTRONOMY: What color is the sunset on Mars?
- HISTORY: When was the Emancipation Proclamation issued?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are the offspring of cicadas called?
- AD SLOGANS: Which auto is advertised as "the ultimate driving machine"?
- LITERATURE: What is the setting for the novel "Anne of Green Gables"?

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MORE READERS: THE ISLAND SUN

1. Rose, Blanche, Dorothy and Sophia; 2. "Time Warp"; 3. South Sudan (2011); 4. Fifty meters long, 25 meters wide and at least 2 meters deep; 5. Desert bighorn sheep; 6. Blue; 7. Jan. 1, 1863; 8. Nymphs; 9. BMW; 10. Prince Edward Island, Canada

Trivia Test Answers



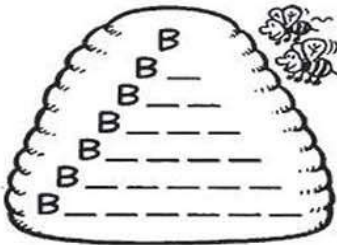
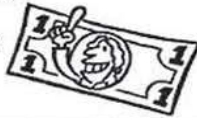
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CONNECT THE DOTS and find out when a door is not a door.

(When it is ajar ("a jar").)

A MONEY MATTER! Take out an American one-dollar bill and see if you can count how many times the numeral "1" and the word "one" appear on both sides of it. (The numeral "1" does not count when it appears in a date or a serial number.)

The numeral "1" and the word "one" each appear eight times.



BUSY BEE WORD HIVE! Each word, as you go down the hive, contains the same letters as the word above it plus a new letter. We've given you all of the B's. Here are some hints from the top down:

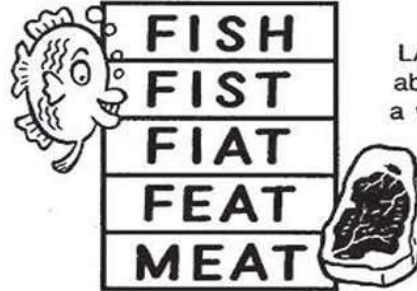
- 1) Second letter of alphabet (given).
- 2) To exist.
- 3) A place to sleep.
- 4) Ran, as color.
- 5) Part of an ice skate.
- 6) Removed water from boat.
- 7) Having two feet.

B, be, bed, bed, blade, balled, bipedal.

Illustrated by David Coulson

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



UP THE LADDER!

LADDER puzzles test your ability to look ahead. You are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move you must change one letter in the previous word so as to form a new word. In our example we changed FISH into MEAT in four moves. See if you can change the following five words in four moves:

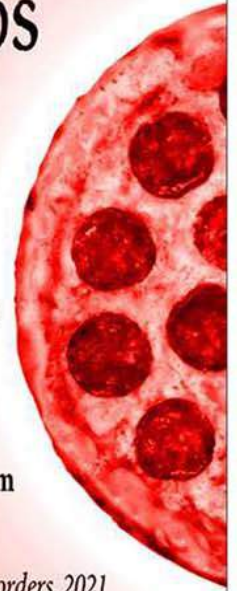
1. COIN to BILL.
2. STAR to FEET.
3. BELL to SIFT.
4. CALL to MUTE.
5. RAFT to WING.

Answers:
 1. Coin, coil, boll, bill.
 2. Star, seat, feat, feet.
 3. Bell, sell, sill, sift.
 4. Call, mall, male, mute.
 5. Raft, rant, rang, ring, wing.

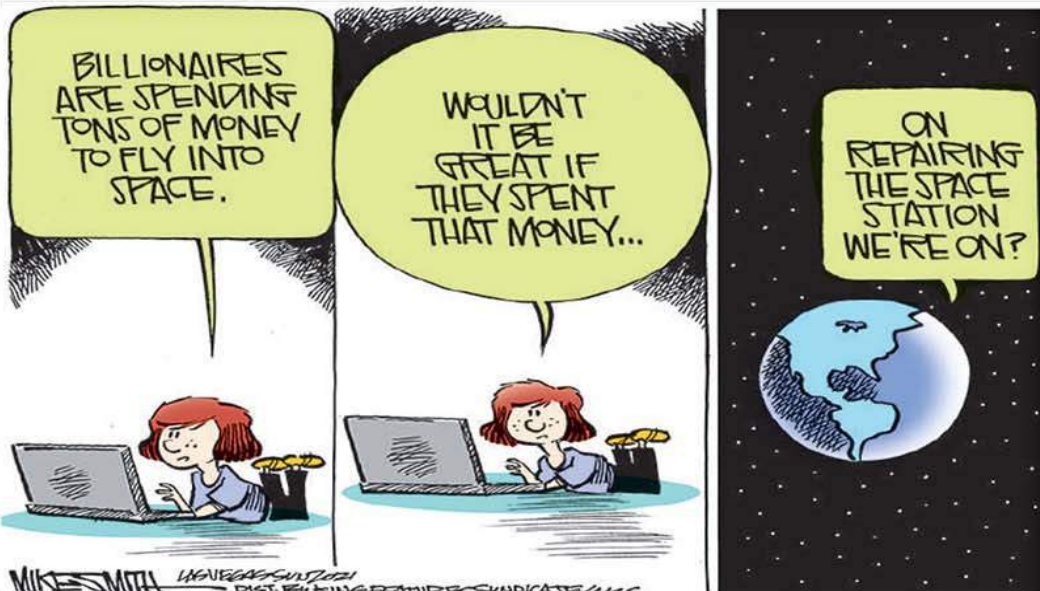
Top Ten

FOOD DELIVERY BRANDS

1. DoorDash
2. Domino's
3. GrubHub
4. Uber Eats
5. Pizza Hut
6. Papa John's
Pizza
7. Postmates
8. KFC
9. delivery.com
10. Seamless



*online orders, 2021
 Source: Statista Consumer Survey



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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you're not sure you're ready.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your usual conservative approach to family situations might not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles — the harder, the better.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE



Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.

ACTS 17: 30-31



Recipes for Life

Dear Readers:

Over a decade ago, I was given the wonderful opportunity to work King Features Weekly Service to create The Kitchen Diva! food and lifestyle column. Editor Jim Clarke helped me to craft 800 words, including a recipe, into a user-friendly and, hopefully, entertaining format each week, year in and year out. This is my last column for King Features, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Jim for being such an extraordinary editor, the King Features Weekly Service staff and all of you for your interest and support of my work.

I've enjoyed reading your emails, searching for recipes that you loved and lost, and answering questions about your cooking dilemmas. I feel like I've made thousands of new friends over the years. I can't thank you all enough for the privilege of doing what I love, and the honor of being able to share my thoughts and new discoveries with you each week.

When I started The Kitchen Diva column, I was transitioning into the culinary world after writing more than 100 children's books and visiting schools and presenting speeches at literacy conferences all over the U.S. and Europe. My love affair with studying culinary history, writing about food, creating recipes, publishing cookbooks and doing



Angela Shelf Medearis with her mother, Angeline

cooking demos as The Kitchen Diva! is an odd turn of events considering I was never a great cook.

My mother, Angeline, is a wonderful cook, among her many other artistic talents, so I never felt the need to try to cook anything when I was growing up. My mother's decision to supplement her income by baking and selling her fabulous pies was the impetus of my career change. But instead of baking and selling pies, my sister Sandra suggested that I write a cookbook containing her recipes.

I taught myself how to cook and to write a recipe as part of the educational process of creating my first cookbook, "The African American Kitchen," with lots of help from my mother and my sister Marcia. I had no idea how labor-intensive, expensive (we bought all of the ingredients and tested over 150 recipes) and challenging this cookbook would be. I spent two years studying culinary history and heritage recipes from Africa, South America, the Caribbean, old Southern "receipts and scripts" and the African-influenced melting pot of cuisines that make up the foundation of the way that we eat in America today.

Over the past two decades, I've also observed the impact of recipes, handed down from generation to generation and prepared for the people you love, to bond together a family or to welcome new friends. It's those recipes for life that have held me in good stead through the horrible and heartbreaking national and personal events during the pandemic last year. Jim, my editor at King Features, took over my column in order to allow me to take the time that I needed to run The Kitchen Diva's Health Outreach, a division of Book Boosters, our families' non-profit education, health and social-service agency.

We were able to distribute hundreds of prepared meals, and to purchase canned and packaged foods to establish onsite pantries for families living in apartments in underserved communities here in Austin, Texas, during the pandemic and the horrible winter storm last year. I want to devote more time to operating our non-profit health outreach division and focus on educating and empowering people all over the world about ways to combat diabetes and diet-related illnesses using every form of media.

So, dear readers, as a tribute to my mother, Angeline, who LOVES collard greens, I'm sharing one of her favorite recipes with you. Enjoy, and "see" you soon!

ANGELINE'S EASY COLLARD GREENS

- 1 large bunch (about 10 ounces) collard greens
 - 3 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
 - 1 red bell pepper, seeded, ribs removed and thinly sliced
 - 1 yellow onion, peeled and thinly sliced
 - 1 tablespoon garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 1 teaspoon sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 - 2 tablespoons balsamic or red wine vinegar
1. Wash the greens in cool water to remove any dirt. Cut the thick central ribs out of the collard greens. Stack the leaves on top of one another. Starting at one end, roll them up into a cigar-like shape, then slice across the roll to make the greens into thin strips about 1/8-inch wide, and cut again lengthwise.
 2. Place a large, heavy bottomed skillet over medium-high heat. Add the olive oil and heat for a minute. Then add the greens and all of the rest of the ingredients except for the vinegar. Cook the greens, stirring every 30-seconds to combine the ingredients and cook them through, about 8 to 10 minutes.
 3. Transfer the collards to a serving bowl, sprinkle them with the vinegar, stir and serve immediately. Serves 4.

Angela Shelf Medearis is an award-winning children's author, culinary historian and the author of seven cookbooks. Her latest cookbook is "The Kitchen Diva's Diabetic Cookbook." Her website is www.divapro.com. Recipes may not be reprinted without permission from Angela Shelf Medearis.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is Angela's final column. We'll be debuting a new cooking column next week



Caribbean News / Regional News

On Assassination Of Haitian President Jovenel Moise By Heads Of Government Of The Caribbean Community

The Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) met in a Special Emergency Session on Wednesday, 7 July, in the wake of the assassination of the President of Haiti.

The Heads of Government are shocked and saddened by the assassination of a member of the CARICOM family, His Excellency Jovenel Moise, during the early hours of 7 July 2021.

They are concerned by the condition of his wife, the First Lady, Her Excellency Martine Moise, who

was gravely wounded in the attack, and wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Heads of Government strongly condemn this abhorrent and reprehensible act that comes at a time of deep turmoil and institutional weakness in the country. They called for the perpetrators to be apprehended and brought to justice, and for law and order to prevail.

In accordance with its values, as expressed in its Charter of Civil Society, the Caribbean Community does not settle its differences

by violence which undermines democracy and the rule of law, but peacefully through dialogue and recourse to democratic institutions.

In light of Haiti's Membership of CARICOM and the family ties that bind the people of Haiti and CARICOM together, CARICOM expresses its willingness to play a lead role in facilitating a process of national dialogue and negotiation to help the Haitian people and their institutions to craft an indigenous solution to the crisis.

They call on the people of Haiti to remain calm, and to overcome their differences and unite at this moment of national peril.

Heads of Government extend condolences to the family of President Moise, and the Government and People of Haiti.

As a mark of respect, the Member States of the Community and the CARICOM Secretariat will fly their national flags and the CARICOM Standard at half-mast for three days beginning immediately, as well as on the day of the funeral.

Antigua And Barbuda Releases New Adverts For 'Your Space In The Sun' Tourism Campaign

(ST. JOHN'S, ANTIGUA) July 14, 2021 - The Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority has intensified marketing efforts with the rollout of the next phase of Antigua and Barbuda's 'Your Space In The Sun' campaign.

From July through to September, consumers in the United States and the United Kingdom will see Antigua and Barbuda advertising in-stadia, on radio – traditional, digital and streaming, in print – with advertising in major publications, through online

programmatic and retargeting adverts and via strategic influencer social media campaigns.

Building on the concept of the 'Your Space In the Sun' campaign launched in July 2020, new creatives have been designed to entice persons to book Antigua and Barbuda. The 2021 'Your Space In The Sun' thirty and sixty second campaign videos feature stunning imagery and invitations to visitors to lose track of time, broaden their horizons and

enjoy all the space they need in the destination.

This latest advertising push by the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, comes immediately following the relaxing of Covid-19 travel restrictions in the United States and United Kingdom, that have opened up travel to Antigua and Barbuda.

"We have seen a rapid increase in demand for Antigua and Barbuda

from these regions and expect to have a busy summer season. Our focus now is to build on this momentum with enhanced marketing activity that will take us through to the Fall", said CEO of the Antigua and Barbuda Tourism Authority, Colin C. James.

As more tourism markets for Antigua and Barbuda re-open with flights available to the destination, 'Your Space In The Sun' advertising will roll out in these locations.

CARICOM mounts Elections Observation Mission to Saint Lucia

At the invitation of the Government of Saint Lucia, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) will be fielding a CARICOM Election Observation Mission to monitor

the General Elections which will be held in that country on Monday, 26 July 2021.

The ten-member Mission will be headed by Ms. Fern Narcis-Scope, Chief Elections Officer of Trinidad and Tobago.

The CARICOM Election Observation Mission proposes to meet with the electoral officials, leaders of political parties and other stakeholders of Saint Lucia. It will also monitor the election campaign environment and the voting process including the opening of the

poll, the casting of votes, the closing of the poll and the counting of the ballots.

The members of the Observation Mission will arrive in Saint Lucia over the period 20 and 22 July 2021 and will depart on 28 and 29 July 2021.

VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS VOA NEWS

US Considering Ways to Aid Cubans

By VOA News, July 20, 2021

The United States is examining potential ways to aid the people of Cuba following anti-government protests this month that were the biggest on the island nation in decades.

Senior administration officials who spoke to news agencies on the condition of anonymity said the steps under consideration include changes to remittances that would allow people in the United States to send money to their family in Cuba without the Cuban government taking a portion.

Other potential actions include ways to make it easier to access the internet, working with international organizations to provide more humanitarian aid, and increasing U.S. Embassy staff in Havana.

The State Department reduced the number of staff at the embassy by more than half in 2017 after more than 40 American diplomats serving in Cuba said they suffered persistent ear pain, headaches, and problems with memory, concentration, balance and sleeping in 2016. The Trump administration said the injuries resulted from what it termed a "sonic attack."

The Biden administration has not publicly announced any intended actions, but it has been conducting an ongoing review of U.S.-Cuba policies. The White House said Monday several officials met with a group of Cuban American leaders "to listen to their policy recommendations and concern."

A White House statement stressed that addressing the current situation in Cuba "is a top priority."

State Department spokesman Ned Price told reporters Monday that the administration is concerned about human rights, democracy and civil rights.

"That's precisely what you're seeing and what we have said in the mechanisms of support over the years that the United States has provided to the Cuban people, and it is precisely what we mean when we say that we will consider additional forms of support, including any humanitarian support for the Cuban people," Price said.

Some information for this report came from the Associated Press and Reuters.



Demonstrators gather outside The White House on July 17, 2021 protesting against the Cuban government - demanding assistance from the Biden administration to help free Cuban citizens from oppression.

Storm Threat Prompts Calls for Outside Help Fighting Oregon Fires

By Associated Press, July 20, 2021

PORTLAND, ORE - The threat of thunderstorms and lightning has prompted officials in fire-ravaged Oregon to ask for help from outside the Pacific Northwest to prepare for additional blazes as many resources are already devoted to a massive fire in the state that has grown to a third the size of Rhode Island.

The 1,391-square-kilometer (537-square-mile) Bootleg Fire is burning 483 kilometers (300 miles) southeast of Portland in and around the Fremont-Winema National Forest, a vast expanse of old-growth forest, lakes and wildlife refuges. Evacuations and property losses have been minimal compared with much smaller blazes in densely populated areas of California.

But given how the Bootleg Fire — fueled by extreme weather — keeps growing by miles each day, officials with the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southwest Oregon are asking for more outside crews to be ready should there be a surge in fire activity there.

"Although the lightning activity predicted for early this week is expected to occur east of us, we are prepared for the worst, and hoping for the best," Mike McCann, an assistant fire staff, said Monday in a statement released by the national forest.

The worry is that dry conditions, a drought and the recent record-breaking heat wave in the region have created tinderbox conditions, so resources like fire engines are

being recruited from places like Arkansas, Nevada and Alaska.

A rural state

Meanwhile, the Bootleg Fire's jaw-dropping size contrasted with its relatively small impact on people underscores the vastness of the American West and offers a reminder that Oregon, which is larger than Britain, is still a largely rural state, despite being known mostly for its largest city, Portland.

If the fire were in densely populated parts of California, "it would have destroyed thousands of homes by now," said James Johnston, a researcher with Oregon State University's College of Forestry who studies historical wildfires. "But it is burning in one of the more remote areas of the lower 48 states. It's not the Bay Area out there."

At least 2,000 homes have been evacuated at some point during the fire and another 5,000 threatened. At least 70 homes and more than 100 outbuildings have gone up in flames. Thick smoke chokes the area where residents and wildlife alike have been dealing with months of drought and extreme heat. No one has died.

Pushed by strong winds from the southwest, the fire is spreading rapidly to the north and east, advancing toward an area that's increasingly remote.

Evacuation orders on the fire's southern edge, closer to more populous areas like Klamath Falls and Bly, have been lifted or relaxed as crews gain control. Now it's small, unincorporated communities like Paisley and Long Creek — both

with fewer than 250 people — and scattered homesteads that are in the crosshairs.

But as big as the Bootleg Fire is, it's not the biggest Oregon has seen. The fire's size so far puts it fourth on the list of the state's largest blazes in modern times, including rangeland fires, and second on the list of infernos specifically burning in forest.

These mega fires usually burn until the late fall or even early winter, when rain finally puts them out.

The largest forest fire in modern history was the Biscuit Fire, which torched nearly 2,000 square kilometers (780 square miles) in 2002 in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest in southern Oregon and northern California.

SPORTS

OLYMPICS

Road to Tokyo Olympics began at Youth Olympics for Phillip, McMaster

By Dean Greenaway

When 50m Free Swimmer Elinah Phillip and 400m Hurdler Kyron McMaster walk into the Tokyo Olympic Games stadium as flag bearers on Friday, they will make history as the territory's first Youth Olympic Games participants making it to the Olympic Games.

Seven years ago, McMaster participated in the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. Phillip was there to see her sister Amarah swim. She went on to compete in the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in 2018, after debuting in the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Now, both will simultaneously walk into the Tokyo Olympic Games Stadium on Friday—Phillip as a 2-times Olympian at the tender age of 21—McMaster as an Olympic Games debutant.

"I think it's incredible to reflect on, really," Phillip told Island Sun Sports before departing for Tokyo. "I don't think very often you get an opportunity to reflect on something like that so I think it's incredible, because it might seem like the paths have been similar but they haven't and both of us definitely overcame a lot between 2014-2018 and then now. We've both done a lot and to get to this point, it is something that we should definitely be proud of."

Phillip added: "It takes a lot of growth and determination and recognition for how difficult it is to be an athlete and the mental and physical strength it takes to persevere."

McMaster did not respond to a July 11 request to provide reflections for this article as he promised he would.

Already with an Olympic Games experience under her belt, Phillip who at 16 became the territory's youngest Olympian since the territory debuted in Los Angeles in 1984, said competing in Rio 2016 has definitely prepared her for Tokyo.

"One thing I'm grateful for is my background going to different international competitions, so I'm used to the caliber of athletes that are going to be there," she pointed out. "But, it definitely doesn't take away the nerves, because it's going to be the Olympics at the end of the day."

The idea of an Olympic dream began at 12, while watching the 2012 London Olympic Games when she saw the swimming. Phillip, whose father Elsworth taught her to swim at Long Bay Beach, Beef Island, remembers turning to her uncle Ozzie Bradsha: "I'm going to be there in 2016 and I'm going to swim."

"He said okay and I remember seeing him just before I left for the Olympics and he told me how proud he was, that I actually made it happen for myself," she fondly reflected.

When asked about her 2016 Olympic Games debut and being in surroundings where it's not just her sport but a multiple of sports in the same place and seeing people she saw on television and read about, Phillip said being in such an environment with athletes you idolize, is definitely a surreal feeling.

"I remember seeing Venus and Serena (Williams) in the dining hall in 2016 in Rio and I just thought to myself, they're really here like that—that's them," she noted. "It feels great because you know everybody

there, including you, have worked very, very hard for their spot to be there."

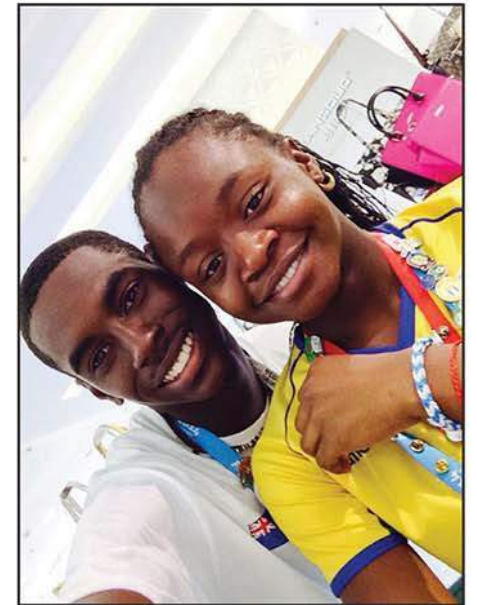
The two times Olympian said she's looking forward to having fun in Tokyo—something she forgot to do in past competitions when she gets nervous. She said she's looking forward to that and really enjoying herself, especially when she swims.

"That's something I've noticed over the past few months, I swim my fastest when I'm having fun and I'm happy," she noted. "I'm most relaxed and when you look back, you realize it wasn't too bad actually."

While she's preparing to face the starters gun in the 50m Free on July 30, the Florida International Student who did a six weeks course at her school, is also taking a six weeks summer course in dentistry at Columbia University, that ends the same day she competes.

"I'm making everything work. Luckily my coaches and everyone at the summer program are working with me, to make things easier to manage," she said. "There's a lot happening in the background, but I'm in a position where my coaches have been working with me—whether it means I swim at slightly different times and the people at FIU academics and also at Columbia are working with me, especially in traveling when it comes to the time difference (Japan is 13 hrs ahead of Eastern time), they're very, very supportive which makes me happy."

Phillip said it makes things easier to manage and with their support. "They do things like recording lectures so I can watch it at a reasonable time while



Olympic Games flag bearers Kyron McMaster & Elinah Phillip, at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games

I'm in Tokyo, and instead of staying late or waking up early to watch it at the same time it's happening, it makes it easier for me to manage and helps with my competition overall."

BASEBALL

Dawson to play with British team in European U23 Baseball Tournament

By Dean "The Sportsman" Greenaway

When East Georgia State University Catcher Kennard Dawson got correspondence from a British Coach about making the team to play in the European U23 Baseball Tournament in Italy in August, he was first skeptical and thought it was a scam.

"The letterhead in the initial email said 'Mets Organization,'" Dawson told Island Sun Sports. "I was like wait, hold on. Then my coach started talking to me and said it was legit. When Shadow (Nateshon Thomas) messaged me and I actually got on the phone with the guy, I was like wow, this is actually what could really help me out in my career and it could boost me. Then I called my parents."

As the excitement built, he was told to take it easy because he needed to have all the proper documentation. He said it was a driving point for him because after his collegiate season, it was something else to focus on in preparation for next season. This was something to look forward to, to try and reach another level with his game.

"I felt like this was the perfect opportunity for me," he said.

The chain of events began in May, during his team's baseball playoffs, when his head coach received

a message from the British pitching coach saying he was going through a list of players eligible to play for the British team, who were playing collegiate baseball.

"He said he liked my stats and what I brought to the table," Dawson said of the conversation with his coach. "He contacted me, then he contacted Shadow, who messaged me to get in contact with the coaches so I did and we spoke for a little while and they expressed interest in me playing."

Dawson is in the process of obtaining his British passport.

"I was granted a sport on the team, so I'll be heading to Italy to play in the preliminaries of the U23 European Baseball Tournament," he said. "If we win that tournament, we'll be in New York the following year."

Demoi "Ben Up" Hodge and Moliq Malone were working with Dawson on Friday at the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park, as he's preparing for this journey. Other baseball players Reyondre Mercer and KJ Thompson have also been part of the group working out with Dawson.

"That's my brother for a long time, so I'm happy for him," Hodge told Island Sun Sports. "I feel I had a shot on the team but seeing that school and I weren't

getting along, I didn't get the exposure this season, but in the future, he and I will be representing the BVI well. We have the talent to do it and we're going to work hard."

Hodge said they're motivated by family and friends and it's not a hard sport but it takes dedication to learn the sport.

Malone said Dawson deserves the opportunity because from day one, he has been working hard, working out, practicing, doing school work—everything.

"He really deserves it," Malone stated.

Despite the absence of a facility, Malone encourages youngsters to get out and 'try to make things happen.' "Come out and do something," he said. "Workout, go gym. If you have to run to keep your stamina, run. We have a softball field here. You can try a little something—run, hit and throw."

Malone said his mother has been his motivator and encourages him to practice. Friends also play a part with their support. "We motivate each other to try harder and do better, instead of being out on the streets doing nothing."



Kennard Dawson working out at the E. Walwyn Brewley Softball Park

Dawson said his fellow players help him with hitting, throwing and getting whatever work they need to do.

Before heading to Italy, Dawson will return to school, get some conditioning work, familiarize with his new teammates, new plays being introduced and whatever needs to get done, before heading out.

SPORTS



Molique Malone, left, Kennard Dawson and Demoi "Ben Up" Hodge, as Dawson prepares for the European U23 Baseball Tournament



BVI's Tokyo Olympic Games Chef de Mission, Tahesia Harrigan-Scott, after arriving at the Tokyo Olympic Games Village



Elinah Phillip and Coach Brien Moffitt, on their way to the Tokyo Olympic Games



Kennard Dawson working on throwing with Demoi "Ben Up" Hodge



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PUBLIC NOTICES

*The BVI Business Companies Act
Advertisement of Liquidator's
Appointment
Section 204(1)(b)*
**Ophir Malaysia (Block 2A)
Limited**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
BC No. 1877759
(the "Company")
NOTICE is hereby given in
accordance with Section 204(1) (b)
of the BVI Business Companies
Act, 2004 that the above mentioned
company has commenced liquidation
and dissolution as of July 15, 2021.
Mr. Ryan Geluk of **BDO Limited,
Sea Meadow House, Tobacco
Wharf, Road Town, Tortola,
British Virgin Islands**, has been
appointed liquidator.
Ryan Geluk
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/1]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
**BARNBETH INVESTMENTS
LTD.**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1760103
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
section (208) (3) of the BVI Business
Companies Act, 2004 that the Com-
pany was dissolved and struck off the
Register of Companies with effect from
22nd April 2021.
Dated 26th April 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/2]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
**RATHEN CONSULTANCY
LIMITED**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
13th day of July, 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
Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346
Singapore
521145 [10/3]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
ACEFRONT LIMITED
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
13th day of July, 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
Blk 145 Tampines Street 12
#09-346
Singapore
521145 [10/4]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
**Ningbo Meishan Highbury
Investment Holdings
Limited**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
14th July, 2021; under the terms of Part
XII of the BVI Business Companies
Act the Company has commenced the
process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806, No. 1699
Gubei Road, Minhang District
Shanghai, China
[10/5]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
Delectation Co., LTD
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
14th July, 2021; under the terms
of Part XII of the BVI Business
Companies Act the Company
has commenced the process of
liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
GU Yizhe
of Room 1806, No. 1699
Gubei Road, Minhang District
Shanghai, China
[10/6]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
**Intelligent International
Education Ltd.**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
15th July, 2021; under the terms of Part
XII of the BVI Business Companies
Act the Company has commenced the
process of liquidation.
The Liquidator is:-
SHU Ting
of Room 703, Unit 3, Building 3
No. 2 Yard Xierqi West Road
Haidian District, Beijing,
China
[10/7]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
SMART TAG LIMITED
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
15th July, 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:-
TIAN Weiyi of
No. 27, Lane 106,
Fuxing Road(M), Huangpu District,
Shanghai City,
China
[10/8]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
**Cluster Investment
Management Co. Ltd**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the
15th July, 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:-
SUN Liqiang of
57 Daozhuang Village,
Township, Xiping County,
Henan Province
China
[10/9]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
BRAVO MIND LIMITED
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th
July, 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:-
HO Man Ho of
Room 757, Sun Yee Hse,
Sun Chui Est, Tai Wai,
New Territories,
Hong Kong
[10/10]

*NOTICE
BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT*
**Unicell Biotherapeutics
Limited**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given that on the 15th
July, 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:-
Tingting CAO of
No. 421 Niudun Road,
Zhangjiang, Pudong New Area,
Shanghai,
China [10/11]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 203 of the BVI Business
Company Act.*
**SINGSONG
INVESTMENTS LTD.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1681172
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
Section 203, subsection 3 of the BVI
Business Companies Act, 2004 that the
Company is in voluntary liquidation.
The voluntary liquidation commenced
on 7 July, 2021. The Liquidator is
Nicolas Gerkotis of Stylianou Lena,
7, Lakatamia, 2310 Nicosia, Cyprus.
Dated 8th day of July, 2021
(Sgd.) **Nicolas Gerkotis**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [10/12]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
Kang's Holdings Limited
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(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1969067
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 7 July, 2021. The
Liquidator is **YANG ZHILIN** of
**No.401, Gate 5, Floor A6, Zone
5, Hepingli, Dongcheng District,
Beijing, China.**
Dated 8th day of July, 2021
(Sgd.) **YANG ZHILIN**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [10/13]

*Notice of Appointment of a
Liquidator under Section 204 of the
BVI Business Company Act.*
**YangFan Investment
Limited**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1926874
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 7 July, 2021. The
Liquidator is **WANG, HUIBO** of
**No. 31, Wangjiali, Xiaqiu Village,
Qinggang Town, Yuhuan City,
Zhejiang Province, China.**
Dated 8th day of July, 2021
(Sgd.) **WANG, HUIBO**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [10/14]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 203 of the BVI Business
Company Act.*
B.A. PATON LIMITED
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 591876
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant
to Section 203, subsection 3 of the
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
that the Company is in voluntary
liquidation. The voluntary liquidation
commenced on 14 July, 2021. The
Liquidator is **Harry J. Thompson**
of **Harbour House, P.O. Box 4428,
Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin
Islands.**
Dated 15th day of July, 2021
(Sgd.) **Harry J. Thompson**
Voluntary Liquidator(s) [10/15]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI Business
Company Act.*
**TELKA
INVESTMENTS LTD**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 487674
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 July 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: July 19, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator [10/16]

*Notice of Appointment of a Liquidator
under Section 204 of the BVI Business
Company Act.*
**CONCORDIUS
INVESTORS CORP.**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1470609
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 July 16, 2021. The Liquidator is
Mr. Delio Jose De Leon Mela, with
address at **Bloc Office Hub, Fifth
Floor, Santa Maria Business District,
Panama, Republic of Panama.**
Dated: July 19, 2021.
(Sgd.) **Mr. Delio Jose De Leon Mela**
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/17]

**SOLLACE
ENTERPRISES CORP.**
Company No. 1758955
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to
Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business
Companies Act, 2004 that **SOLLACE
ENTERPRISES CORP.** is in voluntary
liquidation. The voluntary liquidation
commenced on July 12th, 2021 and
Querube Castillo De Nuñez of **Paseo
del Mar and Pacific Avenues, Costa
del Este, MMG Tower, 23rd Floor,
Panama City, Republic of Panama**
has been appointed as the Sole
Liquidator.
Dated this July 12th, 2021
Sgd. Querube Castillo De Nuñez
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/18]

STRUCK OFF
Liquidator's Final Notice
**MAECENAS FINE ART
(BVI) LIMITED**
(the "Company")
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1967940
NOTICE is hereby given
pursuant to section (208) (3) of the
BVI Business Companies
Act, 2004 that the Company
was dissolved and struck off
the Register of Companies with
effect from 13th July 2021.
Dated 19th July 2021
Carmine Bailey
Voluntary Liquidator [10/19]

Final Notice of Dissolution under The
BVI Business Companies Act, 2004
**SPORTS ALLIANCE
LIMITED**
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1018543
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 14 July 2021.
Dated: 16 July 2021
(Sgd.) **PHILIPPA V O'SULLIVAN**
Voluntary Liquidator
[10/20]

PUBLIC NOTICES

EAGLE CAPITAL LTD.

Company No. 9695

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **EAGLE CAPITAL LTD.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th July 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/21]

SILVER LAND COMPANY S.A.

Company No. 19761

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **SILVER LAND COMPANY S.A.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th July 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/22]

HAYS ALLIANCE INC.

Company No. 19761

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **HAYS ALLIANCE INC.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th July 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. JORGE GUTFRAIND

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/23]

Meridional Investments Ltd.

Company No. 1739775

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Meridional Investments Ltd.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 15th July 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. RAMON ORTIZ DE TARANCO

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/24]

Westinc Services Inc.

Company No. 1759506

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Westinc Services Inc.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th July, 2021 and **GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH** of CL Galarza, TTE. GRAL. PABLO 3565 A802, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/25]

Mancorp Ventures Inc.

Company No. 1759519

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Mancorp Ventures Inc.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th July, 2021 and **GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH** of CL Galarza, TTE. GRAL. PABLO 3565 A802, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/26]

Candycorp Inc.

Company No. 1759512

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Candycorp Inc.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th July, 2021 and **GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH** of CL Galarza, TTE. GRAL. PABLO 3565 A802, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH

Voluntary Liquidator

[20/27]

Fastcorp Ventures Inc.

Company No. 1759558

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **Fastcorp Ventures Inc.**, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 15th July, 2021 and **GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH** of CL Galarza, TTE. GRAL. PABLO 3565 A802, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY, has been appointed as Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021.

Sgd. GUSTAVO ANGEL VEIGA DOBRICH

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/28]

SUNPLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1727330

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 19th day of July, 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021

Sgd. ZHENG WEI

ZHENG WEI

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/29]

POLY LINK LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 525732

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208, Subsection 3 of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, that the Company was dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from the 19th day of July, 2021.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2021

Sgd. Brian Jackson

Brian Jackson

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/30]

XIJIAJIE (HONGKONG) LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1451897

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 20th day of July, 2021. The Liquidator is **Xu Shuang** of 2-1-2, No. 60, Zhiren Street, Zhongshan District, Dalian, Liaoning Province.

Dated this 20th day of July, 2021

Sgd. Xu Shuang

Xu Shuang

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/31]

HARUMI TRADING LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 53980

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 19th day of July, 2021. The liquidator is Mr. HO Man Kit and Ms. YAU Wing Man both of Units 1405-1406, Dominion Centre, 43-59 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong.

Dated: 20th day of July 2021

(Sgd.) Mr. HO Man Kit and Ms. YAU Wing Man

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/32]

WEIXING CLOUD MOMENT HOLDING LIMITED

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

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1923912

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 20th July, 2021.

Dated: 20th July, 2021

(Sgd.) ZHANG Jianan

ZHANG Jianan

Liquidator

[10/33]

Kerfuffle Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1864578

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 16th July, 2021. The Liquidator is: **Sergey Shashkin**

Grossmeister Capital AG

Bahnhofstrasse 37, 8001

Zurich, Switzerland

[10/34]

Kerfuffle Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1939110

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 16th July, 2021.

The Liquidator is:

Sergey Shashkin

Grossmeister Capital AG

Bahnhofstrasse 37, 8001

Zurich, Switzerland

Dated: 20th July, 2021

Sergey Shashkin

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/35]

Wickermere Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company Number 1864540

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 16th July, 2021. The Liquidator is: **Sergey Shashkin**

Grossmeister Capital AG

Bahnhofstrasse 37, 8001

Zurich, Switzerland

Dated: 20th July, 2021

Sergey Shashkin

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/36]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

MORICH INDUSTRIAL LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of July, 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

Blk 145 Tampines Street 12

#09-346

Singapore

521145

[10/37]

NOTICE

BVI BUSINESS COMPANIES ACT (NO. 16 OF 2004)

Amarrin Holdings Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that on the 20th day of July, 2021, under the terms of Part XII of the BVI Business Companies Act the Company has commenced the process of liquidation.

The Liquidators is:-

Susanne Hug

of Oberfeld 38,

9495 Triesen,

Liechtenstein

[10/38]

BETTER PROVE LIMITED

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

Company No. 1971536

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 20th July, 2021.

Dated: 21st day of July 2021

(Sgd.) Choi Oi Mei

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/39]

LALBROCH CORP.

Company No. 1892791

(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that **LALBROCH CORP.**, has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 20th July 2021.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/40]

PUBLIC NOTICES

JOSAR BUSINESS CORP.

Company No. 118835
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that JOSAR BUSINESS CORP., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 20th July 2021.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2021.

Sgd. QUERUBE CASTILLO DE NUÑEZ

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/41]

AAPC Limited

Company No. 1990169
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that AAPC Limited, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21st July, 2021 and Andrew Choo, of 168 Robinson Road, Capital Tower #20-01/04, Singapore 068912 has been

appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 21st day of July, 2021

Sgd. Andrew Choo

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/42]

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

Cirrus Chartering Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 1737024

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (a) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that the Company is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on the 21st day of July, 2021. The Liquidator is Michael Ian Alvin Rodgers of Apt 1 Kings Court, Ramsey, Isle of Man, IM8 1LJ.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2021

Sgd. Michael Ian Alvin Rodgers

(Liquidator)

[10/43]

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

FIRSTAREN CORP.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 604803

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 19th day of July 2021. The Liquidator is Eduardo Jose Martinez, of Caracas 313, 7 B, Flores, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2021.

Eduardo Jose Martinez

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/44]

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

IN THE ESTATE OF MARIO LUCIO PRADO VAZ, DECEASED

In the estate of MARIO LUCIO PRADO VAZ, late of Rua Jerônimo Mesquita, no 61, Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, CEP: 22640-100, Brazil, deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by Rodrigo Rocha Vaz of Rua Engenheiro Amaro Lanari, 37, apto 601, Anchieta, Belo Horizonte - MG, CEP: 30310-580, Brazil, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on the 21st day of July 2019 without revoking a Will bearing the date of the 28th day of October 2014 wherein the aforesaid Rodrigo Rocha Vaz is named the sole executor.

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

Dated the 20th day of July, 2021

Filed by Rodrigo Rocha Vaz whose address for service is

c/o Harney Westwood & Riegels LP,

Craigmuir Chambers,

PO Box 71, Road Town Tortola VG1110,

British Virgin Islands

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SRS Capital F-3 Limited

Company No. 1969340
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 204 (1)(b) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that SRS Capital F-3 Limited, is in voluntary liquidation. The voluntary liquidation commenced on 21st July, 2021 and ZHAO QING of No. 57-31, Qiaoxi Street, Lintongguan Town, Fengyang County, Anhui Province, China has been appointed as the Sole Liquidator.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2021

Sgd. ZHAO QING

Voluntary Liquidator

[10/45]

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

TCL COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY (BVI) CO., LTD.

(In Voluntary Liquidation)
Company No. 565596

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 28th day of May, 2021. The liquidator is CHIU WAI ON of Room 2502, 25/F, 148 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong.

Dated: 22nd day of June 2021

(Sgd.) CHIU WAI ON

Voluntary Liquidator

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GLENEL INVEST & TRADE LTD.

Company No. 1911008
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 208 (3) of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004 that GLENEL INVEST & TRADE LTD., has been dissolved and struck off the Register of Companies with effect from 20th July 2021.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2021.

Sgd. RAMON ORTIZ DE TARANCO

Voluntary Liquidator

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Cabinet Decisions - Meetings of 5th July and 8th July, 2021

Special Cabinet Meeting - 5th July, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the online Special Meeting held on 5 th July, 2021.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Premier Hon. Andrew A. Fahie and the Attorney General Hon. Dawn Smith, who were away on personal leave.

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

PROBATE NO 0131 OF 2021

In the Estate of ANTOON GERARD MARIA DERKS late of Sint Odillienberg (the Netherlands), 6077 AG Sint Odillienberg, Sint Odiliastraat 8a, deceased

FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PROBATE

TAKE NOTICE that an Application is hereby made to the Registrar by JOHANNA SCHOLTEN, of Sint Odillienberg (the Netherlands), 6077 AG Sint Odillienberg, Sint Odiliastraat 8a retired, for a Grant of Probate of the Will of the above named deceased who died on 21 September 2020 without revoking a will bearing the date of 9 May, 2018 wherein the applicant is named sole executor.

ANY PERSON having any objection to the Grant of Probate to the JOHANNA SCHOLTEN shall file an objection within fourteen (14) days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 19th day of July 2021.

Filed by Conyers Dill and Pearman,

Solicitors for the Applicant,

Commerce House,

Wickhams Cay 1,

P.O. Box 3140, Road Town,

Tortola, British Virgin Islands VG1110.

Tel: 1 (284) 852 1000

Fax: 1 (284) 1001

Email: Allana-Joseph@conyers.com

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FORM P7: ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

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

ADMINISTRATION NO. 0132 OF 2021

In the Estate MOHAN RAJWANI, late of Villa 438a Sheikh Butti Villa, Al Wasl Road, Jumeirah 2, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, deceased

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by KAPIL MOHAN RAJWANI, DOCTOR, of 23 Ravenscroft Avenue, Goldersgreen, London NW11 8BH for a Grant of Letters of Administration who is the son of MOHAN RAJWANI, late of Villa 438a Sheikh Butti Villa, Al Wasl Road, Jumeirah 2, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, deceased who died intestate on 3rd of November 2020, domiciled in United Arab Emirates.

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

Filed by Attorneys-at Law AMS LAW whose address for service is Sea Meadow House

PO Box 116 Road Town,

Tortola,

British Virgin Islands

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OECS strategy to guide engagement of civil society and private sector insustainable development

Castries, July 20, 2021 – The OECS Commission is developing a strategy to enhance engagement of civil society and private sector across the Eastern Caribbean in environmental management and related sustainable development initiatives.

The Caribbean Natural Resources Institute (CANARI) is providing technical assistance

Sustainability (COMES). It is being supported by the European Union as part of the OECS Commission’s BioSPACE project.

The Strategy will provide guidelines for engagement of civil society (including national and community-based groups) and private sector-stakeholders (including resource users, user associations and nature-based

and Barbuda, the British Virgin Islands, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

The process to develop the Strategy will include review of key policies, strategies, plans, and initiatives in the OECS as well as consultations with stakeholders from key target



Photo Credit Natalie Boodram

to the OECS Commission to develop this Stakeholder Engagement Strategy as part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the two organisations. This initiative will fulfil a mandate from the OECS Council of Ministers for Environmental

microenterprises). It will be used by public sector agencies in the OECS, the OECS Commission, and their partners working on biodiversity and ecosystems management in the OECS region. It will cover all members of the OECS: Anguilla, Antigua

groups through interviews, focus groups and webinars over August and

September 2021. It will draw on previous experiences, lessons learned, best practices and recommendations of stakeholders to provide a practical guide on mechanisms and tools to reach different target groups so that they can effectively engage in environmental management in the OECS.

Ultimately, this will protect ecosystems and biodiversity, ensure food and water security, enhance climate resilience, while supporting economic development, livelihoods and well-being of OECS people.

Can I Still Donate Blood If I Took The Covid-19 Vaccine?

The public is advised that COVID-19 vaccinated persons are still able to donate blood once they are qualified.

Persons can donate blood if they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 and feel well when they are about to donate.

Portion Of Pickering Road Temporarily Closed July 22- August 2

The public is notified that a portion of Pickering Road, (opposite the Sol Gas station on the side of the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds) from the Tamarind Tree on Botanic Station to UP’s Cineplex, will be temporarily closed from today, Thursday July 22 to Monday, August 2.

The purpose for the road closure is to facilitate construction works to the sidewalk alongside the A.O. Shirley Recreation Grounds. Motorists are asked to adhere to all road signs.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.



FIRE SAFETY TIP

WHAT A CARETAKER SHOULD KNOW IN CASE OF FIRE!

Be sure your babysitter/caretaker knows what to do in case of a fire.

They should know:



A Where fire extinguishers can be found



B Emergency numbers for Fire, Police and Ambulance



C Emergency numbers for family members



D The exits from every room



E The exits from the home



F How to open doors and windows from the inside



WE CARE ABOUT YOU!

A message from the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service
For more information telephone the Virgin Islands Fire and Rescue Service at 468-4268 or 468-4182

PUBLIC NOTICES

INTENTION TO DEVELOP

I, Latoya Cotton have applied to the Planning Authority for approval to construct a Refreshment Lookout with a Single Residential Rental on land in the vicinity Belle Vue Methodist Church at Manchester Block # 3039B Parcel # 209.

Copies of the plans are available for public inspection at the offices of the Town and Country Planning Department, to whom any written comments should be sent.

Comment should be received within 2 weeks after final publication of this notice.

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Be SMART

when using Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
most commonly used for cooking.

DO's

- Before using your LPG cylinder, check the valve and other joints to make sure there is no leakage
- Keep your cylinder in a vertical position with the valve on top
- Install cylinder at ground level on flat surface
- Replace rusty cylinders
- Keep cylinder away from electrical sources, air conditioners and switch boxes
- Ensure regulators to be used on cylinder are the same diameter as the cylinder valve
- Check your lines once a year, many leaks are due to corrosion



DON'TS

- **DO NOT** ever install your cylinder near any heat source or exposed to sun, rain, dust and heat.
- **DO NOT** place cylinder inside a closed compartment.
- **DO NOT** fill up above the 85% fill mark. You must leave 'dead space' to allow for the expansion of LPG from liquid state to gaseous.



IMPORTANT NOTE IN CASE OF LEAKAGE

- Open all doors and windows.
- Turn OFF the regulator.
- Call a qualified inspector.
- **DO NOT** switch ON/OFF any electrical equipment inside the house.
- **DO NOT** light matches, lighter or stove.



A message from the Department of Disaster Management and Sol

Caribbean Electric Utility Services Corporation

CARILEC's Membership Body to Focus on Reformulating the Regional Energy Future at This Year's Engineering & Procurement Conference Castries, Saint Lucia, July 21, 2021: CARILEC's focus for this year's Engineering & Procurement Conference & Exhibition is simple yet effectual: Reformulate the Energy Future by Rethinking, Refocusing, and Reshaping. The electric energy Association has elected to concentrate on the transformation of the regional energy sector at this year's conference, a multi-layered but worthy task in which engineers and procurement specialists play a pivotal role. This technically driven virtual event will be hosted over a three (3) day period from July 26th to 28th, 2021, which will showcase a theme-centred panel discussion consisting of leading Utility engineers, exhibitor booths displaying superior engineering and procurement products and services, and a comprehensive training workshop on Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Inverters Troubleshooting, among other captivating agenda items.

As the region's premier technical forum for reporting on the latest trends, challenges, and best practices in engineering and procurement, anticipation is always high among engineering, procurement, and supply chain personnel for CARILEC's annual Engineering and Procurement Conference and Exhibition. This year's conference, although virtual, will not disappoint as it will foster a deeper understanding on global technological developments and scientific advancements while simultaneously expounding on the pace of science, technology, and business areas in the fields of energy, engineering, and procurement.

The Managing Director of St. Lucia Electricity Services Limited (LUCELEC), Mr. Trevor Louisy, who, in addition to his leadership role at the highly regarded regional utility is also an engineer by profession, reaffirms his utility's commitment to supporting this year's Engineering & Procurement Conference: "The work of CARILEC in the electric energy sector is incomparable. The Association has long advocated for the advancement of sustainable energy, reliable generation, efficient and effective procurement, and grid resilience solutions, among other industry imperatives. Such advocacy and capacity building in these foundational areas are critical to ensure engineers and procurement managers continue to achieve success in their respective fields. LUCELEC fully endorses this year's Engineering & Procurement Conference and commends all utility engineers and procurement managers for their hard work, dedication and commitment to their respective organisations and the people of the region who they diligently serve."

CARILEC's 2021 Engineering & Procurement Conference & Exhibition's Platinum Sponsor is Aggreko, a long-standing and highly valued Associate Member of CARILEC. For more information on this upcoming conference, visit <http://www.carilec.org/event/engineering-procurement-conference/>.

Need A Vaccination Authorisation Letter To Travel?

Persons requiring vaccination authorisation letters to travel can contact the Ministry of Health and Social Development via email at ministryofhealth@gov.vg.

Include a clear photo of the picture page of your passport, local vaccination card and the centre where vaccination was received for verification purposes.

Cuba could help US normalize relations

By Sir Ronald Sanders

(The writer is Antigua and Barbuda's Ambassador to the United States and the Organization of American States. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London and Massey College in the University of Toronto. The views expressed are entirely his own)



All may not be lost in the efforts to improve relations between the government of Cuba and the Biden Administration in the US, despite the rhetoric - most of it emanating from the Cuban government in the wake of protests by thousands across the island.

The protests were occasioned by grievances over high prices, food shortages and power outages - due in part to the US trade embargo whose impact has been worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic that crippled Cuba's tourism industry, its biggest foreign exchange earner.

Unlike the former Trump administration, President Biden has not taken a hard line on Cuba. If anything, his administration has been seeking ways to revitalize the eased relationship that the Barack Obama administration promoted in 2015 and 2016.

Finding those ways has not been easy due to internal politics in the US and to insufficient movement by the Cuban government to manage dissent peacefully, rather than clamp down on it by military force. The Cuban government's harsh response to protestors on 11 and 12 July, fed the desire by influential members from both parties in the US Congress to continue Donald Trump's tough measures against Cuba, including its designation as a sponsor of terrorism that triggered additional financial and other sanctions.

The Biden administration has been navigating a thin line between wanting to improve relations with Cuba and not dismissing political and human rights concerns.

The most notable advocate of maintaining the Trump Administration's hardline policy on Cuba is the Republican Senator from Florida, Marco Rubio, who wrote to Biden on July 12, saying: "The

current protests in Cuba are not just about current economic shortages. They are about the longstanding and deliberate actions taken by the dictatorship to stymie the economic prosperity and political freedom of the Cuban people".

The Biden administration could be better helped by the Cuban government to resist Rubio and others, and to return to the easing

of strained relations between the US and Cuba of which he was a part as Vice President in the Obama administration. It has always been well-known, including by the Cubans, that Biden is deeply committed to political and human rights, including the right to protest and dissent. Had the Cuban government responded in a spirit of tolerance and willingness to listen to the protesting voices of 11 and 12 July, it would have aided Biden in being stronger in his efforts to combat hardliners such as Rubio.

The US government regards freedom of expression of artists and freedom of speech by media to be fundamental rights everywhere, including in Cuba. US support for these freedoms are not efforts to subvert Cuba.

Most Caribbean governments also uphold these rights in their own countries. In the almost 60 years of experience of the 13 English-Speaking Caribbean countries as sovereign states, governments have learned to manage dissent and protests and to encourage media freedom as part of their democracies. Had they not done so, the economic progress of these countries, with considerable foreign investment, would not have been accomplished.

The experience in Cuba has been different. Over the last 61 years, trapped by a trade embargo, which causes economic hardship and deprivation, and threatened by repeated attempts to overthrow the government, the Cuban authorities have employed harsh measures to stop dissent and protests. They have not had the room to nurture a culture of tolerance and persuasion.

Ending the trade embargo against Cuba has always been the right thing to do. As Barack Obama famously said in December



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2014, "an outdated approach has failed for over 50 years to advance our interests". In announcing efforts to normalize the relations between the two countries, he stated, "Today, America chooses to cut loose the shackles of the past so as to reach for a better future -- for the Cuban people, for the American people, for our entire hemisphere, and for the world". Those shackles were quickly fastened again by Trump.

Yet, a Cuba, that is released from the chains of the trade embargo and the threats to its security, could quickly become an economic powerhouse, attracting foreign investment, and unleashing the creativity and entrepreneurship of its people that comes from greater freedoms.

There is clearly a need for the US and Cuban administrations to return to the sensible negotiations about their future that started under the Obama-Biden administration. The Cuban government can help that process by changing from a culture of repression to one of tolerance and constructive management of dissent. Such a change would help empower Biden to continue what he helped to start with Obama.

Eyes are already on the US midterm Senate elections to be held in November 2022. Marco Rubio won his Senate seat in 2016 by less than 10 per cent of the vote. He relies heavily on the Cuban-exile vote to return to the Senate. Both he and the Republican Party will be heightening the anti-Cuba rhetoric to maintain that seat in a Senate now equally divided between the Republicans and Democrats.

Cuba should be mindful of that reality and ease up on the rhetoric that blames America for all Cuban discontent. The Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel, may have started that process. On July 14 in a televised address, he offered some self-criticism, for the first time, by saying that the government's shortcomings in handling shortages and other problems played a role in the recent protests.

That's an important step. It should be followed by a more open dialogue with those who have ideas about how the country should be governed. Thus, Biden would be emboldened to normalise relations, including ending the repressive trade embargo.

celebrity extra

by Dana Jackson

Q. I really miss the original "Sopranos" series on HBO, and I'm very excited there's going to be a new one — a prequel, they say. Who is going to be in it, and when will it air? — *B.V.*

A. "The Many Saints of Newark" is a prequel to the critically acclaimed mob series "The Sopranos," but it's not a new series, it's a movie. It's produced and co-written by the original series creator, David Chase, who was widely criticized for his vague, anticlimactic series finale to such an acclaimed drama. Hopefully this motion picture will appease fans since a real sequel isn't possible due to the untimely death of the show's star, James Gandolfini.

The cast of "Many Saints" is stellar with such talent as Ray Liotta ("Goodfellas"), Leslie Odom Jr. ("Hamilton") and Vera Farmiga ("Bates Motel"). According to Deadline.com, the film is "set in the era of the Newark riots in the 1960s, and focuses on Dickie Moltisanti (played by Alessandro Nivola), the father of Michael Imperioli's original-series Christopher Moltisanti and a mentor to young Tony (Michael Gandolfini) as his own father, Johnny Boy, was grooming his son for organized crime prominence." Michael Gandolfini was only 14 when his father, James, died of a heart attack, and now he's paying tribute to him as the young Tony Soprano.

It'll be hard to top the original classic of "The Sopranos," which won armfuls of Emmys during its reign on HBO, but perhaps it will be another classic film up there with Martin Scorsese's epics. It's set to premiere Oct. 1.

Q. I saw a red-carpet photo of Sean Penn and his daughter. She looks so much like her mother, Robin Wright. Is she an actor like her parents? — *P.H.*

A. At 5-feet-7-inches tall, 30-year-old Dylan Frances Penn is indeed a clone of her mother, Robin Wright, especially when Robin played Buttercup in the classic Rob Reiner film "The Princess Bride." Like her mom, Dylan started out modeling

before transitioning into acting. She currently stars in dad Sean Penn's new film "Flag Day," along with her brother Hopper Penn, who resembles his dad. Sean directs and stars in the movie, which according to Yahoo! News, is about "a real-life wheeler-dealer who lurches from one failed business venture to another, causing heartbreak for daughter Jennifer, who reveres him."

Dylan accompanied her dad to the movie at the Cannes Film Festival, which earned them a standing ovation at the conclusion of their film.



Depositphotos

Sean Penn and daughter Dylan

Q. I was sorry to see that Yaya DaCosta's character nurse April won't be on "Chicago Med" anymore. I've been watching her on TV since she was on "America's Next Top Model." What's next for her? — *C.K.*

A. While the "Chicago" shows "Chicago Med," "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D." — are big hits and will be back this fall, DaCosta was ready to vacate her supporting role after six years. A meatier role was quickly offered in the upcoming Lee Daniels' Fox drama "Our Kind of People." Daniels previously directed DaCosta in the film "The Butler" and also is the creative force behind the hit Fox series "Empire."

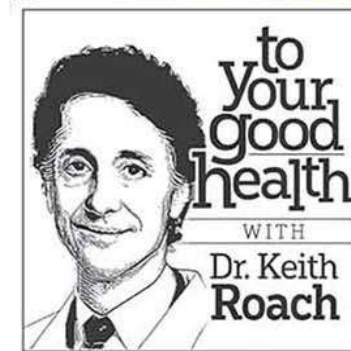
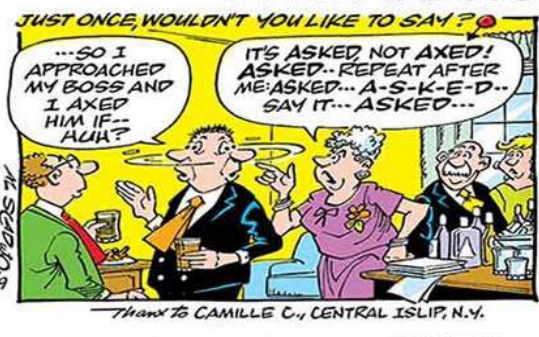
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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



BY AL SCADUTO



Paraplegic Battles UTIs

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a paraplegic due to a spinal cord injury back in 1979. I battle one UTI after another, and I am becoming immune to most antibiotics. Why the constant infections? My urologist just ordered a CT scan, but seems uninterested in me as a patient. I am sick of being sick. I straight catheterize four times a day usually. It's getting very hard for them to match the antibiotic to the culture. At times the infections are so bad I get "foggy headed." These times I am in misery. The last time I went to the ER hoping it wasn't sepsis. They gave me antibiotics. I can't keep running to the ER. My copays are too much. Maybe I need a doctor who specializes in working with people who have a spinal cord injury. — *Anon.*

ANSWER: Regular drainage of the bladder with a "straight catheter" is the most effective way to reduce the risk of urine infections in a person with a spinal cord injury, but it is not perfect. People may still get bacteria in the bladder. Although it may be worthwhile to review your catheterization technique with an expert, it's possible to get infections even with perfect technique.

You haven't become immune to antibiotics, but the frequent use of powerful antibiotics will make you colonized with resistant bacteria, so that if you do get an infection, it's likely to be with a difficult-to-treat organism.

The CT scan is a good idea to see whether there is an anatomic reason for recurrent (or persistent) infections. I am disappointed to hear your urologist does not seem to be doing his or

her best for you.

Recurrent infections are dangerous. Becoming foggy headed is a sign of serious systemic infection, and sepsis (a dysfunctional body response to infection) is life-threatening. Some people take antibiotics to prevent infection. Often, these are rotated to reduce resistance.

A urologist experienced in spinal cord injury, perhaps in consultation with an infectious disease doctor, would be ideal.

DEAR DR. ROACH: When is the best time of day to take things like fish oil, vitamin D3 and calcium supplements? — *M.W.R.*

ANSWER: There is moderately strong evidence that fish, or fish oils, may reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease. One or two servings a week of oily fish provides about as much benefit as more. For people who don't want to eat fish but want the benefit, a fish oil supplement daily (of about 1 gram) provides some of the benefit. I recommend taking it with meals to minimize the side effect of "fish burp" and to maximize absorption.

Vitamin D, given to people at risk for deficiency or with proven deficiency, also should be given with meals to improve absorption. Vitamin D is also needed for some people with inability to absorb vitamins properly. I recommend once-daily dosing with the largest meal of the day.

I seldom prescribe calcium supplements anymore. Recent data suggest that vitamin D and calcium together actually increased stroke risk. While vitamin D is important for bone health and is very difficult to get through food, calcium should be consumed as food, not as supplements. In addition to dairy products, many seeds, legumes, almonds and sardines are excellent calcium sources.

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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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- In the 1880s, businessman LaMarcus Thompson was so upset over the temptations presented by saloons and brothels that he decided to clean up what he viewed as one of America's most immoral places—New York's Coney Island. To that end he built the country's first roller coaster in a bid to give folks some good, clean fun well away from sleazier pursuits.

- Flamingos bend their legs at the ankle, not the knee. Their knees are closer to the body and covered by feathers.

- Those apples you buy at your local market aren't all that fresh. They're typically plucked between August and November, then covered in wax, hot-air dried, and sent to cold storage before landing in stores six to 12 months later.


- The world's largest waterfall, in the Denmark Strait between Iceland and Greenland, is underwater.

- Dunce caps used to be a sign of intelligence! Thirteenth-century philosopher John Duns Scotus believed that a pointed cap helped spread knowledge from the tip to the brain, and his followers proudly wore them as badges of honor. A few hundred years later, when his ideas became less popular, the meaning of the Duns cap was turned on its, er, head, becoming a joke that led to its less flattering association.

- About a month after its dedication, the Statue of Liberty became a working lighthouse for 16 years.

- When Benjamin Franklin designed the first U.S. penny in 1787, it was emblazoned not with E Pluribus Unum, but "Mind Your Business."

- The tongue of a blue whale can weigh as much as an elephant.



United States Botanic Garden

The Botanic Garden is the oldest continuously operating public garden in the United States. George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison helped establish it on the National Mall in 1820; George Washington's letter written in support of it is on display in the Library of Congress. Its displays include rainforest plants, succulents, grasses, shrubs, orchids, medicinals, endangered species, butterfly gardens, a children's garden, water gardens and seasonal exhibits. — *Brenda Weaver*

Source: www.usbg.gov

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LET'S GET VACCINATED



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WARNING SIGNS OF A HEART ATTACK

Many individuals who experience signs of a heart attack allow them to go unnoticed. Ignoring the tell-tale signs of a heart attack can cause the problem to be much more serious than necessary, potentially leading to heart failure and even death.

If you think you are experiencing a heart attack, seek medical attention immediately. This is especially true for individuals who have previously had a heart attack or at a greater risk for a heart attack due to medical conditions or current prescriptions.

Remember the old adage, better safe than sorry and immediately seek medical help if you can identify a single sign that the pain or discomfort you are experiencing may be a heart attack.

There are a great many myths when it comes to dealing with heart attacks and the symptoms of individuals who are having a heart attack. Many people

believe the pain has to be extreme or intense before they should seek medical attention. This is a common myth and completely false, as some sufferers say their heart attack was simply discomforting or mildly painful.

When an individual is having a heart attack, they will probably not look like sufferers in movies or on television. The mental association of heart attacks with individuals clutching their chests and falling to the ground is usually incorrect, as many heart attack victims say their attack began very slowly with an unusual feeling. If left undetected, a heart attack can significantly magnify in scale, but usually heart attacks are not a sudden burst of pain.

Women are prone to having heart attacks without knowing it, putting them at a greater risk for complications or



problems. Most women think they are not at risk for a heart attack, but may actually be at a high risk for one. Discuss with your doctor about any potential problems with heart attack in your family history or as a result to a current medical issue before dismissing the threat.

There are four main warning signs when it comes to determining

whether or not the symptoms you are experiencing may be a heart attack. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, seek medical attention for potential heart attack immediately.

1. Chest pain or discomfort. The chest pain associated with a heart attack may not be overwhelming, but rather an uncomfortable

feeling. This discomfort has been said to come and go, feeling like a pressure on the sufferers chest or an uncomfortable squeezing feeling. Usually, during a heart attack, any pain or discomfort originates in the center of the victims chest.

2. Upper body discomfort. Many heart attack victims relate that they experienced discomfort in their upper body, especially their shoulder, back, jaw, or arms, before the sensation affected their chest. This can also include an unusual sensation in the stomach. For this reason, a heart attack can be easily mistaken for heartburn or a simple stomach ache.

3. Shortness of breath. Usually occurring simultaneously with pain or discomfort in the chest, shortness of breath can be anything from the

inability to catch ones breath to being unable to properly breathe. Many heart attack victims dismissed this symptom as a side effect of whatever activity in which they were participating when the heart attack occurred.

4. Nausea. The feeling of being sick to one's stomach is commonly associated with early warning symptoms of a heart attack. This symptom coupled with discomfort in the stomach can lead the heart attack victim to dismiss the symptoms as a simple stomach ache or stomach flu.

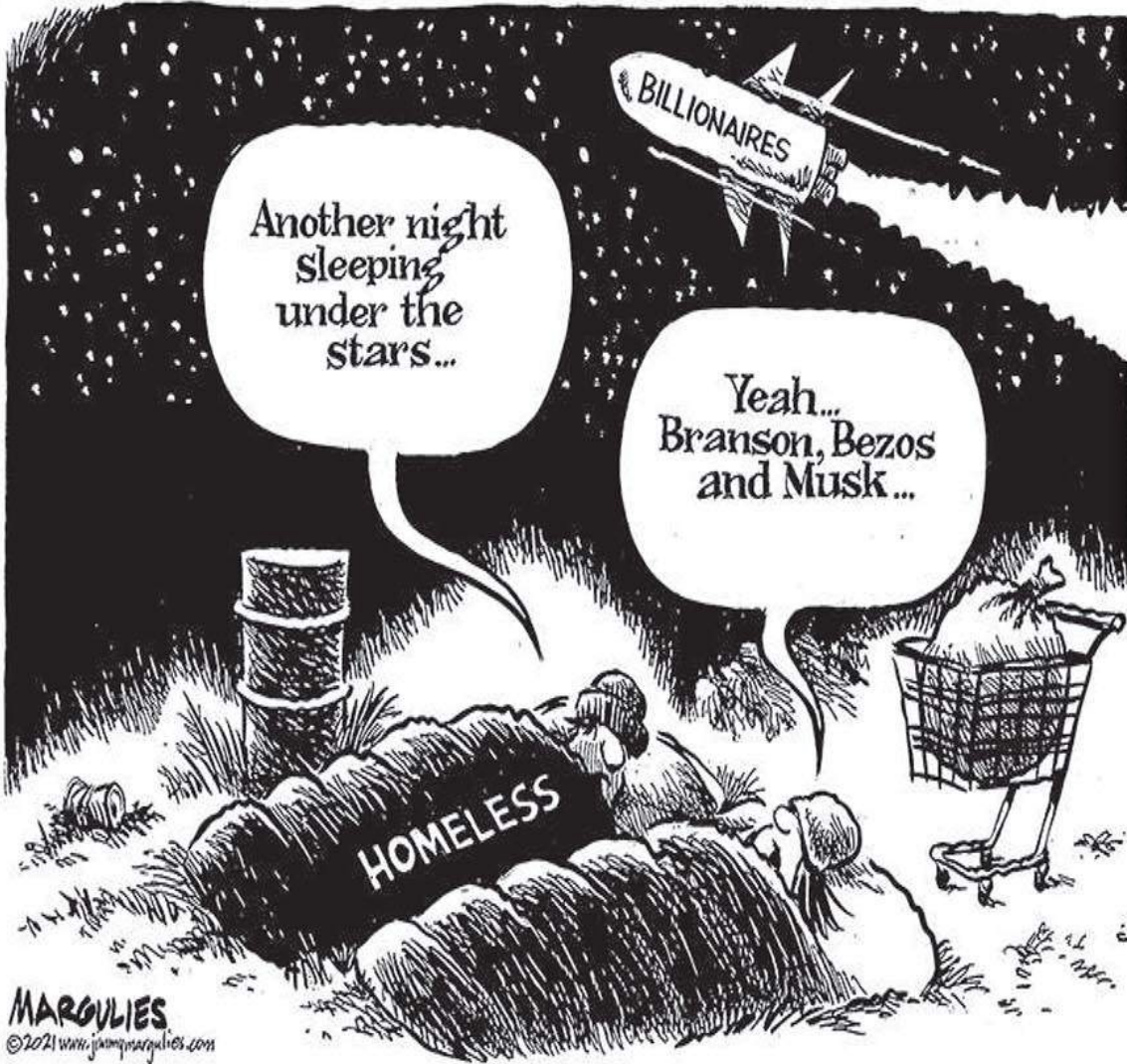
Other symptoms can include a general feeling of lightheadedness or dizziness. Many heart attack victims relate they received an overall feeling of unease and had an idea that something was out of order. Also, many victims have been known to break out in a cold sweat, which can also lead to a misdiagnosis of a flu bug or a less serious problem.

Since heart attacks are quite common in both men and women, you should make it a point to speak to your primary health care provider about your risk for a heart attack. Many individuals are unaware of any potential risk or heart problems until it is too late as they have already experienced a heart attack. By treating any problems before it is too late, you will be more likely to experience the least damage to your heart as possible.



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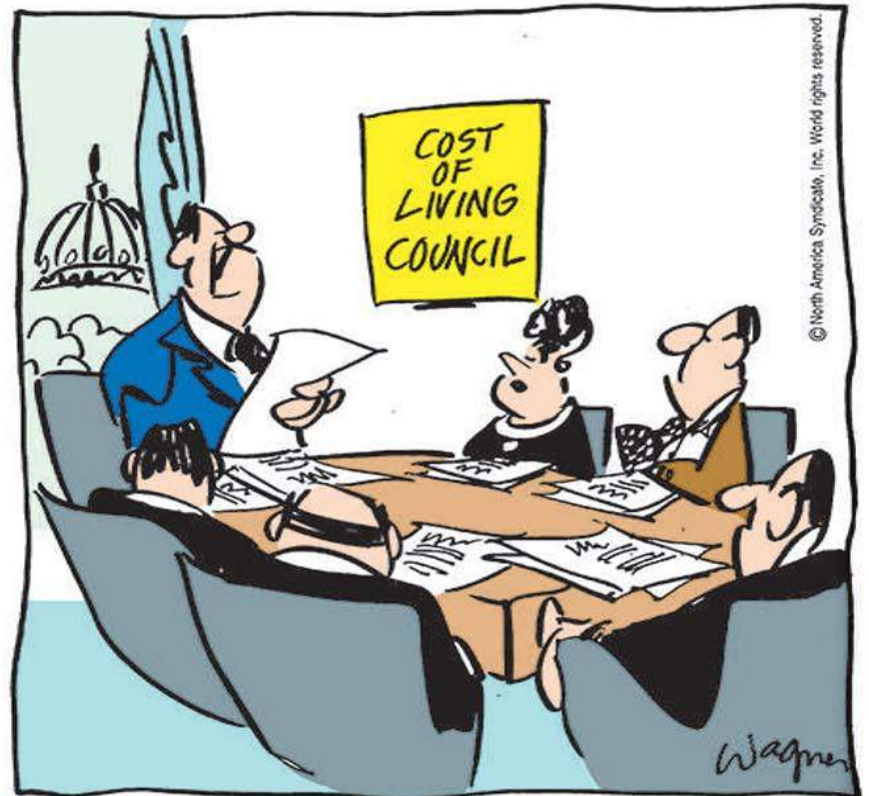
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"My financial manager tells me things are getting expensive!"

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Mercury Content Of Fish

We all know that adding fish to our diets can help increase our body's ability to repair itself, as well as its ability to burn body fat and keep our energy up, but it is important to choose fish that is also going to improve your health as opposed to silently poisoning you.

The good news is that our most recent studies indicate that the human body naturally rids itself of mercury over time assuming we stop ingesting it long enough for our body to do what it was made to do, and to help the process here is a list of fish that naturally have a low, medium and high level of mercury:



High mercury: Mercury levels differ from one species of fish to the next. This is due to factors such as type of fish, size, location, habitat, diet and age. Fish that are predatory (eat other fish) are large and at the top of the food chain, and so tend to contain more mercury.

Being exposed to too much mercury can cause memory loss, tremors, neurological difficulties, advanced aging, decreased immune functions, and death.

But how is all this mercury getting into our body?

Well here are the top three places that contribute to the levels of mercury in our body (not in any specific order):

- Dental fillings
- The environment
- And Fish

We are going to focus on fish right now because that's the prime source of mercury in our diets.

When coal is burned, inorganic mercury is released into the air and eventually ends up in our lakes, rivers and oceans. There, bacteria mixes with it and transforms it into methylmercury which is easily absorbed by fish (especially large or fatty fish), and is also easily absorbed by us when we eat those fish.

Fish that contain higher levels of mercury include:

- Shark
- Ray
- Swordfish
- Barramundi
- Gemfish
- Orange roughy
- Ling
- Canned or fresh tuna
- Mackerel
- Grouper
- Tilefish
- Chilean sea bass

Moderate mercury: Alaskan halibut, black cod, blue (Gulf Coast) crab, dungeness crab, Eastern oysters, mahimahi, blue mussels, pollack.

Low mercury: Anchovies, Arctic char, crawfish, Pacific flounder, herring, king crab, sanddabs, scallops, Pacific sole; tilapia, wild Alaska and Pacific salmon; farmed catfish, clams, striped bass, and sturgeon.

Silver Salmon Creek Lodge

When you visit Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, you will be experiencing nature's artwork at its best. The Alaskan wilderness is truly here and can be seen all around in the wildlife and landscape. The coastline here offers a wide variety of picturesque moments. From the mountains to the salt-water bays, from the streams to the marshes comes a sense of Alaska.



This is an experienced Alaska Fishing Lodge, with the same management for twenty-four years. Its Fly In Fishing at Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, which is located in Lake Clark National Park. This is on the western shore of Cook Inlet, which is known for some spectacular fishing. This is a full service Alaska Fishing Vacation, with many features that will have you planning many return trips.

You have your choice of housekeeping cabins or tent camping if you prefer an outdoor experience. Fully catered fishing trips let you focus on the fish, not the meal. Speaking of meals, there is plenty of local seafood on the menu that includes halibut, salmon, clams, and mussels. Silver Salmon Creek Lodge also grow their own fresh greens and herbs, so you can count on a fresh meal from start to finish.

When fishing, you will find an abundance of fish species to choose from. Salmon, of course, is the word, with five species available in the area. There are also Halibut, Dolly Varden, and even Rainbow Trout in the streams, marshes, and bay. It is not uncommon to see bears when visiting, so also keep a camera handy.

There is so much to see here, that you will want to plan on one of the three, five, and seven-day packages. This way you can fit in some or all of the other things to do, like sea kayaking, fossil exploring, Puffin viewing, and clam digging. These side adventures help to round out a wonderful trip. If you have never kayaked before, Silver Salmon Creek Lodge offers instructions, so you can get on the water and see Alaska from a perfect vantage point.

It is easy to see why this is a full service lodge. So many things to do that will please the fisherman and non-fisherman alike. So if you are considering a Fishing Trip to Alaska, to a great Alaska Fishing Lodge, then this is a great place to start. At Silver Salmon Creek Lodge, you will find plenty to do while you relax. Dean Carl has many family members that travel to Alaska to vacation in the beautiful scenery and enjoy a wonderful variety of fishing. His wish is that everyone would experience the thrill of a fishing trip at an Alaska Fishing Lodge.

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WISDOM

What is wisdom? But first, what are the conditions that render it desirable, if not necessary, and what is its essential purpose?

Life is a desire to live, and better still a desire to live happily. As we strive to satisfy this desire, we encounter obstacles that complicate or frustrate our efforts. This complication or frustration amounts to suffering because it stands in the way of satisfaction.



Wisdom is designed to help us cope with this suffering. It is an adaptive product of reason in the face of tough circumstances. Thanks to it, happiness is conceivable and achievable in spite of everything. It is therefore the supreme good.

Actually, religion is a good that many rank equally high, since it serves the same purpose as wisdom, if differently. The difference lies in the way religion and wisdom portray suffering and define the meaning of life.

From the perspective of religion, suffering betrays a state of worldly imperfection that is in contradiction with the human desire for perfect happiness. Consequently, life here below where humans are doomed to suffer is absurd in itself. Or rather, life is meaningful strictly in terms of means to a heavenly end in the great beyond: A life of virtue prepares the way for an afterlife of bliss. The religious believe this in accordance with the teachings of an inspired spiritual leader, who claims to know the transcendental nature of the hereafter.

While personally I cast a skeptical eye on these teachings, I keep my mind open. They are highly suspicious, but the transcendental nature of their object puts them beyond the reach of any discredit based on conclusive evidence.

Anyway, as I see it, wisdom is independent of religion, though it can complement the latter. According to it, life in itself has meaning, despite its imperfection that people can learn to accept. Better still, they can learn to value this imperfection as they realize that perfection, contrary to popular belief, is not infinitely desirable.

Indeed, perfect happiness leaves something to be desired. By definition, it excludes suffering and hence all forms of complication or frustration. It supposes that circumstances are absolutely favorable that is, not tough in any way. Therefore, no effort is necessary while every dream is possible. At first glance, this sounds like the most wonderful situation imaginable, and yet taking another look at it will dispel this illusion.

What strange whim, in the history of humankind, has compelled people from every walk of life to leave their cozy home and embark on risky ventures? Perhaps this whim is not so strange after all. A multitude of conquests have been made for the sheer joy of conquering against great odds. The operative word is pride, accompanied by excitement. To conquest-minded people the infinite ease of heaven entails infinite boredom. To them life together with the struggle that is integral to it is the very thing that perfect happiness leaves to be desired. It is an opportunity to prove courageous and victorious, though it is also a risk of failing painfully.

Happiness is about grasping this opportunity with courage and gaining a victory over the obstacles that stand between us and success in all the activities that most matter to us.

This victory is often strenuous and always limited, precarious, and transitory, and we are bound to lose the battle in the end; but that makes the victory all the more precious and worthy of savoring.

When trying to define the activities in

which we most care to succeed, we are forced to study our nature to know our purpose. Our growing wise depends on this study and this knowledge, leading to this definition. It begins with an awareness of our animal will to survive, as survival is the foundation on which life, in the truly human sense, is built. The awareness of life in this sense follows. It takes into account both our humanity and our individuality, as members of society with particular tastes and abilities to which a wide range of activities are suited.

The clearer we are about our purpose, the more we can live our lives with determination and passion, and so with a greater chance of succeeding and achieving happiness. The reverse is equally true. It therefore stands to reason that in striving after wisdom we lay the groundwork for success and happiness.

“It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it.”

— Maurice Switzer, Mrs. Goose, Her Book

“The fool doth think he is wise, but the wise man knows himself to be a fool.”

— William Shakespeare, As You Like It

“Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom.”

— Aristotle

“The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.”

— Isaac Asimov

“The secret of life, though, is to fall seven times and to get up eight times.”

— Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

“There is neither happiness nor misery in the world; there is only the comparison of one state with another, nothing more. He who has felt the deepest grief is best able to experience supreme happiness. We must have felt what it is to die, Morrel, that we may appreciate the enjoyments of life.

“Live, then, and be happy, beloved children of my heart, and never forget, that until the day God will deign to reveal the future to man, all human wisdom is contained in these two words, ‘Wait and Hope.’”

— Alexandre Dumas

CHTA EDUCATION FOUNDATION AND LES ROCHES LAUNCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

MIAMI (July 22, 2021) – The Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Education Foundation (CHTAEF) and Les Roches Global Hospitality Education are launching a new professional development program for Caribbean hospitality professionals.

The program builds on the two organizations' existing partnership, which began in 2019, and is designed to accelerate the trajectory of participants' hospitality careers.

The initiative targets today's hospitality supervisors and managers and aims to propel them to hotel manager or general manager positions over the next two to three years.

The rigorous yet flexible academic program is designed to be pursued alongside students' current job commitments, allowing them to accelerate their careers without interrupting them.

CHTAEF and Les Roches are committed to helping Caribbean nationals reach the highest levels of the industry and become the future faces of the Caribbean hospitality sector.

CHTAEF trustee Omar Robinson, who attended a similar program, said: "These programs bring together hoteliers from around the world and expose them to hotel administration at the highest level. The knowledge broadens their expertise in hospitality and prepares them to tackle the role of general manager."

Carlos Diez de la Lastra Buigues, managing director, Les Roches Marbella, added that Les Roches was honored to confirm the educational partnership with the Caribbean Hotel and Tourism Association Education Foundation and develop, for the first time in the Caribbean, its recognized

institutional collaboration. "Our executive postgraduate program has been tailored to support leadership and professional development for supervisors and managers specialized in tourist services and luxury hotels in the Caribbean. As a top world-ranked hospitality school, Les Roches is committed to preparing the future leaders of Caribbean hospitality. This partnership will allow us to raise the standards of hotel excellence in destinations with the greatest potential worldwide and we are delighted to be part of this initiative," he said.

CHTAEF chair Karolin Troubetzkoy believes the initiative fits perfectly with the foundation's mission of supporting Caribbean hospitality workers through their careers, and provides an excellent opportunity to "level up" skills and expertise: "We're so grateful for this partnership with Les Roches, and truly excited about what this new program means for the Caribbean hospitality professionals of today and the future."

The program comprises nine subjects in five study units, each lasting approximately one month, and requires a weekly commitment of 10-12 hours to complete. Subjects include A Practical Approach to Protocol & Etiquette; Innovative, Alternative and Sustainable Trends In Tourism; Advanced Hospitality Operations; Leadership and Organizational Behavior; Advanced Finance and Budgeting; Marketing Strategies for Hotel Management; Entrepreneurship and Business Modelling; Revenue Management; and Data Analytics (digital) for Decision Making.

Caribbean candidates must

have a minimum of four years' hospitality experience, including one year in a supervisory position, and have the endorsement of their hotel to participate in the program.

The deadline for applications is August 15, 2021, and the program will begin on September 19, 2021.

Financial assistance in the form of scholarships is available.

Interested candidates can get more information and apply at: <http://www.chtaef.com/caribbean-hospitality-professional-development-program/> or <https://learn.lesroches.edu/caribbean-executive-scholarship.html>.

About CHTA Education Foundation
CHTAEF was established in 1986 as an independent nonprofit offering tax-exempt status for donations. As part of its mission, CHTAEF provides people throughout the Caribbean region with an awareness of the varied career opportunities in the industry, as well as technical and professional development through scholarships, special assistance initiatives and other training programs. The Education Foundation has awarded more than US\$2 million in scholarships and grants to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to the hotel and tourism industry.

CHTAEF volunteer trustees administer one of the largest scholarship programs available in the Caribbean hospitality and tourism industry. Funds for these scholarships and grants are generated from corporate sponsorships, benefit auctions and special events.

For more information, visit chtaef.com or email foundation@caribbeanhotelandtourism.com.

Ms Althea Gordon Appointed Open Campus Registrar

The UWI, Open Campus Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Principal. Tuesday, July 13, 2021—Ms. Althea Gordon has been appointed Campus Registrar of The University of the West Indies (The UWI) Open Campus. Ms Gordon's appointment takes effect on August 1, 2021. She replaces Mrs Karen Ford-Warner who retires at the end of July 2021.

A national of Jamaica, Ms Gordon holds a Master's in International Law and Politics from Hull University, a BSc in International Relations with a minor in Sociology and a Certificate in Business Administration from The UWI Mona Campus.



Ms. Althea Gordon

Ms Gordon has a long history with The UWI, having joined the Mona Campus in 1987 in the Bursary. She subsequently worked in Examinations, Outreach and Awards and the Faculty of Humanities. Ms Gordon is Senior Assistant Registrar in the International Students Office, Office of the Campus Registrar at The UWI Mona Campus.

She brings to the Open Campus many years of experience in international education having attended several international conferences, and served on various committees dealing with international education including NAFSA, European Association for International Education and Institute for International Education.

"We warmly welcome Ms Althea Gordon to the Open Campus family in the critical role of Campus Registrar," stated Principal and Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Open Campus, Dr Luz Longworth. "We look forward to her bringing her wide experience to us and to contribute to the growth of the Campus particularly in the key areas of excellent student services and care, and in expanding our student population within the region and beyond. Her qualifications in International Relations and Law are a particular beneficial at this point in time, as we move relentlessly towards the Global Campus reality."

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O’Neal Webster advised Fredonia Management Limited on the listing of its gold and silver exploration business on the Toronto Venture Exchange by way of a three-cornered BVI statutory merger.

O’Neal Webster advised Fredonia Management Limited on the listing of its gold and silver exploration business on the Toronto Venture Exchange by way of a three-cornered BVI statutory merger. O’Neal Webster acted as British Virgin Islands counsel to Fredonia Management Limited (Fredonia Management) in its three-cornered statutory merger with Fredonia Mining Corp., a BVI incorporated



Christopher Simpson

subsidiary of Fredonia Mining Inc. (formerly Richmond Road Capital Corp), under BVI law in a Qualifying Transaction in accordance with Toronto Venture Exchange guidelines. As a result of the three-cornered merger, Fredonia Management shareholders are now shareholders of the listed entity, Fredonia Mining Inc., of which Fredonia Management is now a wholly-owned subsidiary.

Fredonia Management directly or indirectly, owns 100% interest in certain license areas within the Deseado Massif geological region in the Province of Santa Cruz, Argentina, totaling approximately 18,300 ha and including the principal areas of El Aguila, approx. 9,100 ha; Petrificados, approx. 3,000 ha; and the flagship, El Dorado-Monserrat covering approx. 6,200 ha.

The O’Neal Webster team was led by BVI-based Partner Christopher Simpson. The merger was undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, the flexibility of which facilitated the transaction.

Simpson stated, “We are delighted to have assisted Fredonia Management in achieving this noteworthy milestone. Our team worked seamlessly with their teams in Latin America and Canada, working across time zones, to bring the transaction to a close. Again, the BVI Business Companies Act, 2004, demonstrates its flexibility in facilitating cross-border deals in an ever-evolving corporate environment.”

O’Neal Webster is a leading British Virgin Islands law firm with offices in Tortola, London, and New York. Over the years, the firm has assisted a wide range of global clients in high-value corporate transactions, including private equity and M&A deals. For more information please contact Christopher Simpson at csimpson@onealwebster.com.

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 Applications must be submitted to:
 Managing Director, P.O. Box 2293, Road Town, Tortola or emailto: **accounts@caribbeansecurity.com** no later than July 31, 2021
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Stone Haven Restaurant is looking for a Chef. Candidate must be able to have 5 years experience minimum in the hospitality industry, and have basic knowledge of local cuisine. He or She must be able to work under pressure, train new staff, great communication skills, Team oriented and knowledge of how create new menus. Also, must be flexible with work hours from Monday to Saturday (holidays not include). candidates must be very detail oriented and creative with presentation of food.
 Interested applicants can email their resume and cover letter to **damita_hamm@yahoo.com**.
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Seeking one (1) Full Time Famer to work at Abbey's Fresh Poultry Josiah's Bay, East End. BVI islanders or Belonger preferred. Please call 344-3925 or 341-6096/495-2874.
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EMCs Caribbean Ltd. Is looking a Truck Driver with at least 5 years experience in a construction industry. Interested applicants can submit their CV/Resume with cover letter at P.O Box 386 Road Town, Tortola, BVI or call 284-494-1300. [s10]

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 Must have at least 5 years experience in running major resort development projects. The successful candidate must have the ability to provide onsite supervision/management of all work and crew and will have primary responsibility for monitoring and ensuring the project's efficient progress. Remuneration commensurate with experience. All suitable candidates should submit their resume to **dobrien@rockfordconstruction.com**.
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A retail and service business seeks to fill the position of :

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The candidate should possess:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
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- Sound financial reporting standards and accounting principles
- Minimum of five years accounting experience and a minimum of two years' experience directly preparing financial statements
- Professional accounting designation

The application letter and resume should be sent to **profacctrecruit@gmail.com** no later than August 6, 2021.
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